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death toll soars to 54

PNS/PTI ■ IMPHAL

With five hill-based militants being killed in two separate encounters in Churachandpur district late on Friday night, the death toll in ethnic violence in Manipur has shot to 54, police said. However, unofficially sources placed the death toll at over a

However, on Saturday life returned to a wary normalcy in Imphal Valley with shops and markets reopening and cars plying on the roads.

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Saturday said peace committees will be formed in every Assembly constituency to ensure peace initiatives are implemented at the grassroots level. He said, "Held an all-political party meeting to discuss the current situation in Manipur and to collectively work towards bringing peace and stability in the State

Union Minister Kiren Rijuju added his voice to the appeals for calm in the Northeastern State as well as a dialogue between ethnic communities. "Many lives have been lost and there is damage to property. Whether Meiteis or Kukis both belong to the same

state and need to live together.. Society can progress only when there is peace," Rijiju said and called for a dialogue, on the sidelines of an event in Delhi.

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New Delhi: The Enforcement

Directorate (ED) on Saturday

arrested Raipur Mayor Aijaz

to the liquor 'scam' in

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Jammu: The Army as a

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Security presence which has been bolstered in Manipur shift camps set up by ordinary people, while many others have 53 per cent of the population **CAPSULE**

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh holds a meeting with the representatives of Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity in the light of the prevailing situation in Manipur, in Imphal on Saturday

by flying in more Army troops and Central police forces, was clearly visible at all major roads and areas. Nearly 500 people, including students, were seen camping at Imphal airport trying to make getaway by air out of the strife-torn State.

Several make-shift camps at various government buildings have been set up for refugees from the riots which broke out both in the Imphal valley and in the hill districts

surrounding it.
Over 13,000 people have taken refuge in various shelters within the State set up by the Army and the State Government as well as make-

fled to neighbouring states of Mizoram, Meghalaya and Nagaland. Security forces have set up

roadblocks and cordons in areas where various militant groups who seem to have joined the ethnic rioting, had engaged security forces in gunfire on Friday night. Nearly 10,000 Army, para-

military and Central police forces have been deployed in the State where rioting broke out after demonstrations were organised by tribals, including Kukis and Nagas, Wednesday against a move to give the majority Meitei community, scheduled tribe status.

Meiteis account for about

NEET-UG put off in State

New Delhi: Medical entrance exam NEET-UG scheduled on May 7 has been postponed in Manipur in view of the lawand-order situation there, the National Testing Agency announced on Saturday.

"On the request of the state government of Manipur and in the wake of the law and order situation, NEET (UG)-2023 has been postponed only for candidates who have exam centre in Manipur until further notice," said Sadhna Parashar, Senior Director (Exams), NTA

and live mostly in the Imphal Valley. Tribals, who include Nagas and Kukis, account for another 40 per cent of the population and live mostly in the hill districts which surround the Valley.

Meanwhile, an Assam Rifles column has been instructed to pick up all Naga students in Imphal from pick up points on Sunday for a trip back to Kohima.

Of the 54 officially declared dead, 16 bodies were kept in the morgue of Churachandpur district hospital while 15 bodies were in Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal East district, officials said.

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Edgy calm in Manipur, People fighting K'taka polls on BJP's behalf, says Modi

'Garibi Hatao' **Cong's biggest** fraud for fifty years, says PM

PNS NEW DELHI/BENGALURU/ BADAMI/HAVERI

autioning people of Congress' "hollow guarantees" against ahead of Assembly polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the overwhelming response he received in Bengaluru made him believe that it is the people who are contesting the 2023 Assembly elections in Karnataka on behalf of the BJP.

"What I saw in Bengaluru, I say with confidence that this election is neither Modi contesting, nor BJP leaders or our candidates, it is the election the people of Karnataka are fighting on behalf of the BJP. I see the total control of the election in the hands of people," he said.

Modi called the promise of "Garibi Hatao" announced by



Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves at supporters during a roadshow in Bengaluru on Saturday

the Congress 50 years ago as its "biggest fraud in the history", which is still going on.

He also said people across different communities in Karnataka are angry about Congress' "abuses and lies" during the poll campaign, and would respond to it during vot-

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited an Army base and

took stock of the overall secu-

the Pakistan-based terrorist

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Army, including five para com-

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bordering districts south of Pir Panchal have been wit-

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with a renewed focus on tar-

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men were "killed in action", the

Compared to Kashmir val-

geting Indian army jawans.

since April 20.

hunted down.

recent terror strikes.

ing on May 10. The PM held a massive

roadshow in Bengaluru on Saturday and addressed two public rallies at Badami in Bagalkote district and Haveri. "Congress people in

Karnataka are spreading lies. All their lies have flown away

Ultra shot, Rajnath vows to

in BJP's storm. Those who feel that Congress still has something left, please come and see here (in Karnataka). Every citizen of Karnataka is aware of the Congress' appeasement and 'taalabandi' (ban) policies," Modi said.

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EC notice to K'taka Cong on corruption rate card

PNS NEW DELHI

The Election Commission has issued a notice to the Karnataka Congress over its "corruption rate card" advertisements published in newspapers targeting the BJP, and sought "empirical evidence" to prove its allegations by Sunday

Saturday following a complaint lodged by the BJP.

rity situation, officials said on The notice was issued on Saturday. Rajnath landed in Rajouri Continued on Page 2 Manoj Pande and top brass of the Northern Command headquarters to take stock of the VHP slaps ₹100 cr operational preparedness" of the Indian Army and the secunotice on Kharge rity situation along the border following two back to back "provocative" terror strikes by

PTI NEW DELHI

The Vishva Hindu Parishad has issued a legal notice to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, accusing him of making defamatory remarks against the Bajrang Dal in his party's Karnataka poll manifesto and demanding a compensation of more than ₹100 crore.

The notice was issued by the Chandigarh unit of the VHP and its youth wing Bajrang Dal on May 4, demanding the compensation within 14 days

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hunt down Rajouri butchers **MOHIT KANDHARI** JAMMU terrorist said to be part of Athe group that attacked civilians at Dhangri village earlier this year was killed during an operation on Saturday in Jammu & Kashmir's Rajouri as

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addresses soldiers during his visit to the Army Base Camp in Rajouri in Jammu & Kashmir on Saturday

Rajouri and Poonch districts witnessed 8 attacks in which 26 soldiers sacrificed their lives, while nine civilians were killed

during the same period.

On his arrival in Rajouri. the Defence Minister was briefed by the senior Army offi-

cers about the ongoing

"Operation Trinetra".

The Defence spokesman said that during his visit to a base camp in Rajouri, Rajnath took stock of the operational preparedness of the Indian Army and the security situation

along the border. Continued on Page 2

Boy shot dead at illegal hookah bar in Capital

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A¹⁷-year-old boy was allegedly shot dead and another wounded at a hookah bar in South-east Delhi's Govindpuri area on Saturday, police said.

A PCR call regarding the incident was received at Kalkaji police station at 3.15 pm. The police reached the spot at Govindpuri Extension where a hookah bar was clandestinely running on the first floor of a building. The establishment was shut down on April 1 but continued to function illegally, they said.

Upon reaching the spot, the police found blood and tissues on the floor, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southeast) Rajesh Deo said.

reached the hospital, it was

found that he had been

declared brought dead, Deo

The victim, identified as Kunal, had suffered a gunshot wound in the head and was taken to AIIMS Trauma Centre. When the police

said. One Rahul was also brought to hospital with a injury to his leg, he added. Preliminary investigations revealed that a birthday party

was being hosted at the hookah

bar and most of the people involved were juveniles, the police said. Local and technical probes revealed the involvement of

local ruffians in the incident. One juvenile suspect has

been identified. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the sequence of events and the reason behind the murder, the police added.

Gaze at wife of cricketer, bang on her car land 2 teens in jail

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

T wo teenagers, who allegedly stalked and harassed the wife of IPL team Kolkata Knight Rider's captain Nitish Rana in West Delhi, were arrested on Saturday.

On Friday, a complaint was received at Kirti Nagar police station through email in which the complainant alleged that on Thursday around 8.30 pm, she was going back to her home from Chhatarpur in her car with her driver. While waiting at the red light in Kirti Nagar area, two bike-borne persons crossed her (Saachi Marwah) car at a high speed and stopped their motorcycle in front of her car. They started staring at her and banged their hands on her car, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (west) Ghanshyam Bansal said.

She also accused the Delhi Police of asking her to let go of the incident.

Wanted Khalistani terrorist Paramjit Singh Panjwar gunned down in Lahore

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH/LAHORE

Wanted Khalistani terrorist Paramjit Singh Panjwar was shot dead by unidentified assailants in Pakistan's Lahore on Saturday, sources said.

Hailing from Punjab's Tarn Taran district, Panjwar, 63, was heading the banned Khalistan Commando Force-Panjwar group (KCF) and was involved in drug and weapons smuggling and other terror activities when he was designated as a terrorist under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in July 2020.

He was gunned down on Saturday morning by two motorcycle-borne men when he was taking a walk in his housing society in Lahore, the

sources said. He joined the KCF in 1986. He later headed this outfit and crossed over to Pakistan.

Though he was inactive for the last couple of years, Singh Continued on Page 2 | had been operating from



geting VIPs and economic installations.

He was also involved in broadcasting highly seditious and separatist programmes on Radio Pakistan, intended to incite minorities against the Indian government.

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for bid to malign Bajrang Dal's name

Lahore and was involved in arranging arms training for youths in Pakistan. He was engaged in supplying arms and ammunition and subsequent infiltration into India for tar-

Charles-III brings yoga-Ayurveda to kingdom

PTI ■ LONDON

on Saturday

ブing Charles III on Saturday King Charles III on became the 40th British monarch to be crowned at Westminster Abbey here at a spectacular ceremony rich in religious significance, history, pageantry and displaying a multi-faith outlook and his love for India and the wider Commonwealth.

While he ascended to the throne immediately after the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II last September, the 74-year-old was formally crowned King of the United Kingdom when the Archbishop of Canterbury concluded the religious ceremony by inviting the 2,200-strong congregation and millions watching worldwide to swear allegiance to the new British Sovereign.

Faith leaders and represen-

Muslim, Buddhist and Jewish communities processed through the Abbey ahead of the service and House of Lords peers of Indian heritage handed over key regalia to the monarch during the ceremony.

"We have had many discussions, having met frequently over the years when he was the Prince of Wales and now as King, and he is adamant that the essence of different beliefs is one and the same," said Lord Indarjit Singh, the Indian-origin House of Lords peer who represented the Sikh faith at the Coronation ceremony 'The aim of religion as I see

it, and I believe as he sees it, is to move society towards the good, the better end of the spectrum. In all the discussions I've had with him, he totally agrees with that concept," he said.

This multi-faith outlook also tatives of the Hindu, Sikh, resonates with his strong con-

nection with India and its ageold traditions of Yoga and Avurveda. As the heir to the throne,

Charles made several visits to India and focussed many of his charitable efforts on India through the British Asian Trust founded by him in 2007 to tackle poverty and hardship in South Asia. The royal spoke of his "great love for India" when he launched an emergency COVID appeal in 2021 and helped raise millions during India's severe pandemic wave.

"Like many others, I have a great love for India and have enjoyed many wonderful visits to the country. Indian aid and ingenuity have been a support to other countries throughout this immensely difficult time. As India has helped others, so now must we help India," Charles said at the time.

It was in the wake of

COVID that he reflected upon the healing and therapeutic power of Yoga, which he described as an "accessible practice" that helps manage stress.

"By its very nature, Yoga is an accessible practice which provides practitioners with ways to manage stress, build resilience and promote healing," he said, in a recorded video message for a virtual healthcare event called "Wellness After Covid" in May Back in April 2018, he host-ed Prime Minister Narendra

Modi at the Science Museum in London to launch a new Ayurvedic Centre of Excellence, aimed at creating a first-of-itskind global network for evidence-based research on Yoga and Ayurveda. His wife Camilla, the new Queen, is also believed to prac-

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King Charles III is crowned with the St Edward's Crown by The Archbishop Charles III and Camilla, the Queen Consort, on Saturday

of Canterbury Justin Welby during the ceremony of the coronation of King

HC grants interim bail to woman TV journalist

Punjab Police draw flak for arresting her

PTI CHANDIGARH

Punjab & Haryana High Court on Saturday granted interim bail to journalist Bhawana Kishore, a day after she and two others were arrested by Puniab Police when their vehicle allegedly hit a woman, injuring her hand.

Several journalist bodies condemned the police action after the TV reporter was booked under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, besides charges for rash dri-

ving, and "detained". The Editors Guild said the FIR registered against the reporter at a Ludhiana police station "appears excessive and with undue haste"

In a statement, Times Now Navbharat claimed its journalist Kishore, cameraman



Mrityunjay and a driver were arrested by the Ludhiana Police on charges of "rash driving and insulting Dalits" after a series "orchestrated events".

The media organisation also alleged that Kishore was held without the presence of any woman police personnel in the car and that she was denied legal and telephone access and was arrested post-sunset.

The journalist had moved the high court seeking quashing of the FIR.

Kishore's counsel Chetan Mittal said the court has granted interim bail to her and fixed May 8 as the next date of hearing in the matter.

The Punjab police had said the television journalist along with two others was arrested in Ludhiana on Friday after their vehicle allegedly hit a woman resulting in an injury to her hand. They were also accused of using derogatory language against the complainant.

In its statement, the TV

channel said it had been invited to cover an AAP political programme hosted by Delhi Chief MInister Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwat Mann in Ludhiana.

It alleged that a group of women in an e-rickshaw rammed their vehicle into the journalist's car and got into a brawl, adding that it has reasons to believe that the women were "motivated AAP workers".

It claimed that it has been subjected to harassment over the coverage of the story on the expenditure incurred in the renovation of Kejriwal's official residence. However, AAP leader Atishi said that no one is above the law and Punjab Police must take the strongest possible action. She said that the matter should be left to the

PROTEST AGAINST RRPL PROJECT IN MAHA

'Won't let Govt proceed untill villagers consent to projects'

Maha ex-CM **Uddhav Thackeray** throws weight behind protesters

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Maharashtra's former chief minister and Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday threw his weight behind the villagers opposing the proposed Ratnagiri Refinery Petrochemicals Project (RRPL), by saying that his party would not allow the Shinde-Fadnavis Government to undertake the project till the affected vilagers give a go-ahead for it. Addressing a massive rally

at Mahad in Raigad district after meeting the affected villagers at Barsu in the adjoining Ratnagiri district, Uddhav said:



"The RRPL is being thrust on the villagers against their will. Let's all fight against the state government's efforts to locate the project at Barsu. If need be, we will ensure that the entire Maharashtra will stand by you in your fight against the refinery project. I assure you that in the absence of a go-ahead from you, we will see to it that the project will not happen at

Uddhav -- who chose to hold a public rally at Mahad after he denied permission by the state government to hold a meeting at Barsu in Rajapur taluka of Ratnagiri - met the people from the six projectaffected villagers and assured his party's support to their ongoing agitation.

Uddhay slams Modi for invoking 'Jai Bajrangbali'

PNS MUMBAI

Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray once again slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's move to invoke "Jai Bajrangbali" to woo the voters in the Karnataka State Assembly polls.

Addressing a public rally at Mahad in Raigad district in coastal Konkan region, Uddhav spoke about the desperation to retain power in Karnataka and said, "Îf the Prime Minister has felt the need for invoking Lord Hanuman, where's the BJP's power gone?"

SC order on MLAs disqualification **Maha Govt: Pawar**

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

won't affect

Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar caused ripples in the State political circles on Saturday, when he said the Eknath Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government would not fall even if the ongoing Shiv Sena MLAs disqualification case went against it in the Supreme Court.

Talking to media persons in his home town of Baramati in Pune district, Pawar said: "There would not be a change in the government in Maharashtra even if the Supreme Court disqualifies 16 Shiv Sena MLAs supporting the ruling alliance. The Shindeled government will not fall in the state because the ruling alliance has adequate numbers with it".

Pawar's statement has come as a boost to the Chief Minister Eknath Shinde who is apprehending that either his government would go or survive after the apex court order.

Even top stars addicted to narcotics, says Malayalam actor

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

 $\Gamma^{
m ini}$ Tom, a leading character actor in Malayalam films, disclosed on Saturday that there is rampant misuse of narcotics among film artists including prominent actors.

"The issue has assumed alarming proportions and this made me refuse permission to my son's desire to act in movies. There was an offer from a leading movie house to cast my son as the son of a leading Malayalam star who himself is addicted to narcotics. I said a blatant no to this offer," said Tini Tom, while inaugurating the Kerala University Youth Festival at Alappuzha on

Tini Tom, known for his oluntness in questioning injustice, said that he was not claiming to be a saint. "I myself had suffered a lot due to drugs but was saved from the disaster. I do not want to lose my lone son to narcotics," he said.

The actor said there was rampant misuse of drugs by film artists. "A leading star's tooth has started decaying and the chances of him coming out of the drugs look bleak. The students themselves should take the initiative and say no to drugs at the first instances," said

Charles-III brings...

He last visited India in November 2019 and also celebrated his 71st birthday with the environment and has been an ardent voice against the ravages of climate change. He has spoken regularly about India's important role in meeting the global climate action targets. As the Head of the of 56 independent countries

VHP slaps ₹100 cr suit...

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There was no immediate response from Congress on the queries sent to the party in this regard.

In its poll manifesto for May 10 Assembly polls in Karnataka, the Congress said it is committed to take firm and decisive action against individuals and organisations such as the Bajrang Dal and the Popular Front of India (PFI) "spreading hatred" among communities on grounds of caste and religion.

The action will include a "ban" against such organisations, the party promised.

"That in the manifesto at page 10, you made defamatory statements against the Bajrang Dal, associate body of the Vishva Hindu Parishad by declaring to ban the organisation and comparing it to outlawed terrorist organisations like the Popular Front of India and similar terrorist organisations like Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) which are outlawed under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act by the Government of India," VHP's lawyer and co-head of its legal cell Sahil

Bansal charged in the legal

"The PFI and SIMI are terrorist organisations associated with Al Qaeda and ISIS and other global terrorist organisations proscribed by the United Nations General Assembly and by more than 100 nations as well as proscribed under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act," he

Bansal claimed the Bajrang Dal "believes in universalism, tolerance, dharmic unity, national integrity and service towards Bharat Mata and in doing so seeks inspiration from the reverential example of Lord Ram and Lord Hanuman who are the ideal embodiment of Dharma and Service".

The Bajrang Dal is "total-devoted to the service of dharma and in doing so devoted to the service of mankind", the VHP's counsel said, adding, "Unto that end the credentials of the Bajrang Dal are unassailable and unimpeachable."

"That the defamatory statement which you made in the election manifesto and it's subsequent release in general public is having a tendency to injure the reputation of my client, lower them in the estimation of others and bring them in obliquity contempt and ridicule," he charged Kharge in the legal notice.

Wanted...

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He was active in the smuggling of drugs and was a major conduit between smugglers and terrorists, the Ministry of Home Affairs had said in a notification that designated him a terrorist under

"Panjwar's complicity in promoting drug trade and Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) operation in Punjab are well documented. Efforts are being made by his organisation KCF to reactive former militants, sleeper cells and also those on bail and it has been in favour of forming nexus with other forces hostile to India," the ministry had

KCF came into existence in February 1986 and the modus-operandi of this organisation was to commit bank robberies and kidnappings for ransom for use to purchase sophisticated weapons for terrorist activities.

The banned outfit under the patronage of Paramjit Singh Panjwar was involved in various terrorist attacks in India, which include the following a bomb attack in October 1988, killig 10 Rai Sikhs at Firozpur and the killing of Major Gen. B. N. Kumar, according to the min-

Gaze at cricketer's wife lands...

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A case was registered on Saturday under sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354D (stalking), 427 (mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees) and 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code at Kirti Nagar police station, Bansal

During the investigation, CCTV footage of the area was analysed and the accused were identified as Chaitnaya Shivam (18), a resident of Pandav Nager, and Vivek (18), a resident of Patel Nagar, he said.

The accused were arrested from their residences and further investigation is in progress, the DCP said. A purported video of the incident is surfacing on social media where two persons are seen on a motorcycle following the victim's car.

The cricketer's wife managed to capture the act on her phone and posted pictures of the two men on her social media handle.

When she tried to get a complaint registered, she was told that she should let it go since she had already "reached home safely". The police further advised her who was in touch

with them on call, to note down the vehicle numbers of the miscreants if such incident occurs next time. Expressing her frustration and anger, Saachi took to Instagram to share her experience. "Just a casual day in Delhi, on my way back home

from work! These guys randomly started hitting my car! Just no reason, stalked and chased and the police told me on the phone when I complained, 'so now that you've reached home safe, let it go! Next time, number note kar lena' (note the number next time), ave aye captain, next time, I'll take their phone numbers also!" she wrote on her Instagram story.

Saachi is an architectural designer by profession

Edgy calm in Manipur, death toll soars... From Page 1

The Regional Institute of Medical Sciences at Lamphel in Imphal West district reported 23 dead, the official said Meanwhile, five hill-based mil-

itants were killed and two India Reserve Battalion jawans were injured in two separate encounters in Churachandpur district late on Friday night, police said. An encounter took place at

Saiton in Churachandpur district between the security forces and the militants in which four militants were gunned down, the police said. Militants opened fire at securi-

ty forces at Torbung forcing them to return the fire. In the exchange of fire one militant was killed and two IRB jawans were injured, the police

A Defence spokesperson said the Army brought Churachandpur, Moreh, Kakching and Kangpokpi districts under its "firm control".

"Prompt response by Security Forces led to rescuing of civilians of all communities from various minority pockets of areas affected by violence. As a result, Churachandpur, Kangpokpi, Moreh and Kakching are now under firm

reported since yesterday night," the PRO said. "Total of approximately 13,000 civilians have been rescued and are

currently staying in various ad-hoc boarding facilities specifically created for the purpose within Company Operating Bases & Military Garrisons," the defence official said. Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed the situation in Manipur with Chief Minister N

Biren Singh and top officials on Friday, even as the Centre dispatched additional security forces and anti-riot vehicles to maintain Trains to Manipur have been

cancelled with immediate effect from Friday due to the prevailing in the state, a Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) spokesperson said. Violence first erupted in

Torbung area in Churachandpur district during the 'Tribal Solidarity March' organised by the All Tribal Student Union Manipur (ATSUM) on Wednesday to protest the demand of Meiteis for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

The march was organised by tribals after the Manipur High Court asked the State Government last month to send a recommendation to the Centre within four weeks on the demand for ST status by the Metei community.

During the march in Torbung, an armed mob allegedly attacked people of the Meitei community, leading to retaliatory attacks in the valley districts, which escalated the violence throughout the state, police

schoolchildren in Mumbai and earlier this week he told British Indian peer Lord Karan Bilimoria at a pre-Coronation reception that he looks forward to making a State Visit to India soon. As the Prince of Wales, Charles was also a very vocal supporter of causes related to

Commonwealth, an association including India and 2.4 billion people, he has to contend with moves by some of the remaining member nations straining to replace him as their Head of

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FORM URC-2 Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part of Chapter XXI

[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act. 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 20141 1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that in pursuance of subsection (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at Kanpur, UP. That MACH1 DIGITAL PRIVATE LIMITED a company may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares. 2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:

To take over the business o M/s MACH1 DIGITAL LLP

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at E 60, Sector 6, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201301

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Name(s) of Applicant

I. Priyamvada Gattani 2. Keshav Gattani

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To be known to all that I, Deepa, W/o Late Shri Anup Kumar, Cont. 9868383914, Email: deepa411960@ Nulliar, Cult. 300503314; Elliani. deeper110006 gmail.com, R/o. House No. 133, Block-F, Pocket-17, Sector-08 Rohini Delhi-110085, has applied for the conversion of aforesaid property. The documents like original Unregistered Conveyance Deed Papers alongwith Covering Letter executed by DDA in favour of my husband Late Shir Anup Kumar, issued by DDA, of aforesaid property have been lost. An FI.R to this effect has been lodged in police station on dated 23/03/2023. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice & can personally contact- Deputy Director (LAB Rohini) C-block, 3rd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi. gmail.com, R/o. House No 133, Block-F. Pocket-17

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That our client Jagdish Prasad, proposes to purchas the above said property from Mange Ram Bansal s/o late Ram Chander Bansal, who has assured our client that he is absolute owner in possession of the abov dated 28.04.23, executed by Pawan Bansal, Rai Bala and Kamlesh Garg in his favour. The said property previously allotted by DDA to Ram Chander Bansal vide Conveyance deed vide No.1572 dated 23.02.22 who died intestate on 15.06.22 and left behind Mange Ram Bansal, Pawan Bansal, Raj Bala and Kamlesh Garg as only legal heirs.

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J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande and General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi were present during the review meet-

Singh also interacted with the soldiers and commended their valour and zeal while operating in challenging situations. He asserted that the nation feels secure because of the unmatched courage, commitment and constant vigil of the soldiers of the Indian Army in difficult areas. He motivated them to continue the Armed forces always.

working with the same dedication and bravery, stating that the Government and the people of the country are with

Singh also paid homage to the brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the service to the nation in Rajouri on May 5, 2023. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten, he said. In Akhnoor area of Jammu, the last rites of Para commando Neelam Singh were performed with full military honours. Earlier in the day, Lt Gen Dwivedi visited the encounter site and was briefed on the developments in the ongoing 'Operation Trinetra' by ground commanders. The security forces have recovered 1 ÅK56, 4 Mags of AK, 56 rounds of AK, 1 x 9mm Pistol with Mag, 3 grenades & 1 ammunition Pouch.

EC notice to

Citing provisions of the model code of conduct (MCC), Representation of the People Act and the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the panel said it appears "prima facie" that the Congress has "violated" provision of the model code by publishing the advertisement.

Ahead of the May 10 Assembly polls in Karnataka, the Congress released a set of posters and advertisements listing "corruption rates" in the State, between 2019 and 2023, while terming the BJP Government a "trouble engine".

"It is a fair assumption that INC possesses the material/empirical/verifiable evi-

specific/explicit 'facts' have been published, an action which can fairly be assessed to embed knowledge, motive and intent to do so by the author," the Election Commission (EC)

notice read. It asked the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president to "convey the empirical evidence of the same, for example, the evidences for rates for kinds of appointments and transfers, kinds of jobs and kinds of commission mentioned in the advertisement given by you along with if any explanation, by 19.00 hrs on 7th May 2023, and also put that in public

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People...

From Page 1 Addressing a public meeting in Haveri, he said OBCs, Lingayats and all other communities are angry about abuses of Congress' top leaders, and their anger has now turned into a resolve and a decision to bring BJP back to power with full majority in the State.

Noting that after Independence, the Congress ruled both the country and State for decades, the Prime Minister said the BJP's "doubleengine" Government under former Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's and incumbent Basavaraj Bommai's leadership has been here for only threeand-half years. He complimented the

"double-engine" Government's efforts for the development that happened in such a short span, especially in Haveri district. The Congress could have done developmental work during its tenure, but accomplished nothing, Modi said, adding the Congress means total corruption, scam, 85 per cent commission, a party that surrenders before terror, that prioritises appeasement, and that believes in "divide and

rule" policy. "Development cannot take place under Congress' rule because it loots money," he opined. He claimed that for long the Congress' practice has been to make false commitments and when people

ask about fulfilling them on coming to power, they say a committee has been formed to look into it, adding the party has been making several false guarantees in Karnataka.

domain".

"Have a look at their track record and find out how false their guarantees are and how they have crossed the level of dishonesty," he said, as he listed out Congress' false guarantees in the party-ruled states like Himachal Pradesh. Further cautioning that the

Congress will repeat the same thing in Karnataka, the Prime Minister said, "Fifty years ago, the Congress had given its biggest guarantee of 'garibi hatao' (getting rid of poverty), the entire election was fought on it, and it is their biggest fraud in the history still on.

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Churches back clean Yamuna drive

Appeal Delhiites to take part in Yamuna rejuvenation campaign

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI national Capital.

fter Hindu's priests and Amuslim clerics, the Churches across the national Capital have decided to join hands to aid the efforts towards rejuvenation of the Yamuna river, following an appeal by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.

They have issued an appeal asking their parishners and people of Delhi not to throw and dispose of waste in the river Yamuna

In a circular to all Presbyters, Deacons, Evangelist and Ordinands, Diocese of Delhi, Church of North India, the Church of North India (CNI) diocese of Delhi on Saturday issued an appeal asking all the presbyters, deacons, evangelists and ordinands to proactively participate in and support the efforts being undertaken in rejuvenating the Yamuna and flattening the shameful mountains of waste situated in the

"Committed and concerted goal-oriented efforts made by Lt Governor of Delhi, VK Saxena show positive results. He has appealed to the people of Delhi as indeed the Church to support the efforts being undertaken in rejuvenating the Yamuna and flattening the shameful mountains of waste situated in the Capital," read the appeal issued by the bishop of the diocese of Delhi Paul

The Churches will appeal to people during Sunday prayers not to throw and dispose waste in the Yamuna, not to throw waste and garbage in open drains and open main holes. They also suggested to segregate the dry and wet waste in homes and to recycle and reuse as far as possible.

After Friday's namaz, Muslim clerics from several masjid across Delhi reminded their community members that Islam gives primacy to cleanliness — of the mind, soul,



body, house, neighbourhood and water bodies like rivers and canals. "If the Yamuna river is clean, it is good for Muslims as they perform ablution in the river itself and offer namaz (prayers)," they said. Around a dozen prominent mosques across Delhi, including Jama Masjid, Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin Shahi Kalan Masjid and Mufti Nisar Badwali Masjid, Daryaganj,

were part of the initiative.

After Saxena's initiatives,

do his bit to make efforts towards the rejuvenation of the river. Earlier, over 500 Hindu's

several Imams volunteered to

purohits and pujaris of temples located on the Yamuna banks have been trained to deter people from throwing religious waste in the Yamuna.

Following concerted and tartgetted efforts by Delhi LG, VK Saxena to rejuvenate the Yamuna and flatten the 3 mountains of waste, as

ed HLC for these purposes and subsequent appeal by Saxena to the people of Delhi to proactively participate in the same, varied groups and organisations have begun to rise up to the occasion.

Saxena had launched the Yamuna cleanliness drive on February 16 and after inspecting cleaning work at the Qudsiya Ghat, he had said that the target is to rejuvenate the Delhi stretch of the river by June 30.

Saxena has directed officials to ensure treatment of 95 per cent of sewage water flowing into the Yamuna and tangible improvements in the river's pollution level by Juneend. Currently, Delhi generates 768 million gallons per day (MGD) of sewage, of which 75.5 per cent (580 MGD) is

The committee is monitoring processes that will ensure treatment of 727 MGD (95 per cent) of sewage by June. It also aims at achieving total treatment capacity of 814 MGD by December 2023 and 964.5 MGD by June 2024, the state-

Rahul's unauthorised visit to hostel raises security concerns, says DU

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi University on Saturday said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's "sudden and unauthorised" visit to one of the men's hostels raised serious security concerns and the DU authorities will ensure that such incidents do not happen

The DU said in a statement the visit disrupted the lunch of many inmates and raised serious security concerns for them. It said the hostel administration and guards informed the university authorities about it.

"Rahul Gandhi, along with many outsiders, made a sudden and unauthorised entry into the PG Men's hostel in the lunch hour on 05/05/2023 without any prior intimation," the university said. "It disrupted the lunch of many inmates, who got annoyed due to the chaos created by his entry along with the mob accompanying him. This entry raises serious security concerns for the hostel inmates and the leader. University authorities will take necessary steps to avoid such incidents of this trespassing and will ensure that this does not happen in future again, the university

DU Proctor Rajni Abbi alleged that the former MP had not taken any permission for the visit, and his visit led to trouble for the students and they were not able to get food. Abbi said, "Our objection is that Rahul Gandhi visited Delhi University unauthorizedly. This is not a public place that you have reached while roaming

You reached at lunchtime, during which food is prepared for only 75 people, sometimes 5-7 people reach more but you come and hijack the whole situation with a mob coming there who are not even students. They are outsiders". 'This is not right that the students of hostel get into trouble because of this. Students have given written complaints that they did not get food," Abbi

Dressed in a white T-shirt and trousers, Rahul visited the Post Graduate Men's Hostel on the north campus of Delhi University (DU) on Friday. Rahul had arrived at the hostel to interact with the students. Sources said he sought to know about issues faced by the students and their career plans. Around 20-25 students had gathered during interaction, which occured during

BJP launches 'Jhootha Kahin Wrestlers hope Khap mahapanchayat Ka' drive against Kejriwal

The Delhi BJP flagged off 14 special vans on Saturday under its "Jhootha Kahin Ka' campaign against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and said these vehicles will travel across the city and show a 27minute video on the "lies and U-turns" of the AAP chief in the last eight years.

The party also plans to organize chetna sabha, in all 70 assembly seats in the national capital to expose the Kejriwal government.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said the vans will visit 4,200 places over the next four weeks.

On Saturday, senior Delhi BJP leaders including Sachdeva, Baijayant Panda, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri and Harsh Vardhan jointly launched the "Jhootha Kahin Ka" (What a liar) campaign by flagging off the yellow video vans at the party unit office.

The BJP has renewed its attack on the AAP, alleging a



Kejriwal's official residence — 6, Flagstaff Road, Civil Lines at a cost of Rs 45 crore.

It has alleged that expenditure under various heads was deliberately kept below Rs 10 crore to bypass the lieutenant governor's scrutiny. It has demanded Kejriwal's resignation and asked him to open his residence to people to let them see what lied inside.

Delhi BJP General Secretary Harsh Malhotra will be the convenor of this cam-He told that we will start

the Jan Chetna Abhiyan on Sunday, with a meeting organized in Sarojini Nagar of New

"scam" in the renovation of Delhi Vidhansabha, the electoral constituency of CM Arvind Kejriwal.

Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva and Union Minister of State Meenakshi Lekhi along with senior party officials will be present in this Jan Chetna Sabha. Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri has said that this video will expose Arvind Kejriwal not only through these vans but also by making a big impact on social

Bidhuri said that the Aam Aadmi Party is expert in making allegations without evidence. "That is why it has now been alleged that the Chief Minister is being spied on. This baseless allegation cannot stand even for a moment as the party could not produce a single proof for it. This allegation is being made to avoid public questions on Rajmahal issue," he added. Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that we have launched this video which is an attempt to expose the lies of Kejriwal and we will take it to every home and every mobile.

Apart from this on Sunday MP Manoj Tiwari will address a Jan Chetna Sabha in Burari of his constituency. Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Ramveer Singh Bidhuri will address Sabhas at Deoli and Mehrauli Assembly and Union Minister of State Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi at Rajouri Garden.

The AAP has accused the BJP of raising this matter to divert attention from key issues. It has also cited the expenses on residences of the prime minister and the chief ministers of the BJP-ruled states to defend the party.

at Jantar Mantar to help their cause

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The protesting wrestlers are The protesting with the khap that the khap the scheduled at mahapanchayat scheduled at Jantar Mantar on Sunday will be of huge success and will help in getting more support for them in their fight against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Meanwhile, the Delhi Police

are yet to interrogate BJP MP Singh, in connection with the two FIRs registered against him on April 21, pertaining to serious allegations. As per sources, the police are yet to summon Singh, despite the FIRs filed 14 days ago. 'Today is the 14th day of

our sit-in protest at Jantar Mantar. The fact is you guys (supporters) are here and we are here too. We would like to thank all who are sitting with us here and supporting us. We would like to thank the entire country for standing with us in this fight for justice," said Vinesh Phogat on



that truth prevails." Vinesh urged the supporters to be peaceful on Sunday so that bad elements do not hijack the protest. "Tomorrow, a lot of people are expected to join us from villages... Khap panchayats, kisan and mazdoor unions, student organisations to support us. We appeal to everyone to be peaceful.

Our success depends on a peaceful demonstration. We also request all who will come tomorrow to cooperate with authorities and police," said the

Asian Games gold medallist. "We also request the police not to stop our supporters tomorrow." Bajrang Punia, an Olympic medallist, has appealed to the countrymen to observe a candlelight march on Sunday to show solidarity with

the protesting grapplers.
"We request all Indians to come out with a candlelight march at 7 pm on May 7," he said. Another Olympic medallist wrestler Sakshi Malik said they are yet to decide the future course of action as their lawyers are still working on it. She said the decision to approach a lower court as directed by the Supreme Court can be taken only after the Delhi Police expedites the inquiry and records statements of all the complainants.

"We have discussed with our lawyers. Our statements are yet to be recorded, we have been waiting for that. The police has been given a deadline to complete recording of statements within a time frame. Once the statement is recorded, only then the case can proceed further. We request the police to record our statements as soon as possible," she said.

Asked whether Sports Minister Anurag Thakur had approached them, she said: There is no approach from his

He already knows our demands, so it doesn't make sense to meet him again. If he wants to talk to us, we will definitely talk." Bajrang said, the two committees formed on Saturday have the full authority to decide their future course

officers upset with release of **Anand Mohan**

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Agroup representing Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, and Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre civil services officers has expressed "deep concern and anguish" over the release of for-mer MP Anand Mohan, convicted for killing an IAS officer, following a change in the Bihar government's prison manual. This tantamounts to a

"denial of justice" to G Krishnaiah, who was Gopalganj district magistrate in 1994, and his family, the association said in a statement issued on May 4.

Mohan was released by amending the classification rules of prisoners, the AGMUT Cadre IAS Officers' Association said in a statement.

The AGMUT Cadre IAS Officers Association expresses its deep concern and anguish over the release of convicts responsible for lynching the then District Magistrate, Gopalganj, Bihar Late G Krishnaiah, IAS.

The release has been done by amending classification rules of prisoners. It tantamounts to denial of justice to the departed soul and his bereaved family.

The Association expresses solidarity with the Indian Civil and Administrative Service (Central) Association in demanding justice to the family of Late G Krislanaiah, IAS. The Association stands firmly by the family of the deceased officer in its fight for justice," it

AGMUT cadre | Woman among six held, ₹85 cr drugs recovered

The Special Cell of Delhi Police has arrested six people, including a woman, in two separate operations and recovered drugs worth over Rs 85 crore in international market. The accused have been identified as Lakhpat Singh (43), Suresh (24), Prakash Puri (39), all residents of Uttar Pradesh; Dal Chand (36), a resident of Uttrakhand; Taslima Begum (38), a resident of Assam; and Ravi Prakash (34), a resident of Delhi.

According to police, a total of 101.62 kg opium and 2 kg heroin, worth more than Rs 85 crore in international market, and Rs 7.5 lakh hawala money,

In the first operation con-



ducted on April 23, police got a tip-off that Lakhpat and Suresh would go to Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar around 10 am in their truck to supply opium to one of the contacts of Chand, a senior police officer said.

"A raid was conducted and the duo was apprehended. A total of 5.31 kg opium was recovered from the possession of Lakhpat and 96.31 kg opium, which was concealed between

coconuts, was recovered from truck," Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) H G S Dhaliwal said. On the disclosure statements of the accused, a team went to Kichha in Uttrakhand and arrested Chand, the key member of the cartel, police

Later, another key member of the syndicate Puri was arrested from Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh, and Rs 7.5 lakh was seized from his house, they

"Lakhpat told police that he was into drug trafficking since the last five to six years. He had procured the recovered opium from Jharkhand-based suppliers on the directions of

Malcha Mahal first destination covered in Haunted Heritage Walk

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Shrouded in mystery, the Tughlaq-era Malcha Mahal in a forested area here on Saturday became the first destination covered by the Delhi Tourism's 'Haunted Heritage Walk', putting the 14th century hunting lodge on the national Capital's must visit sites.

Conducted in the evening, a group of visitors on the guided tour listened to stories about

the mahal in Chanakyapuri, which was built by Sultan Firoz Shah Tughlaq, and its last occupant Begum Wilayat

"The story of this place and that of Begum Wilayat Mahal, who claimed to be a member of the royal family of Oudh, is

fascinating," said 27-year-old Komal Saraswati, who was part of the tour held from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Begum Wilayat died in the Mahal and stories around her death add to the mysteries surrounding the monument, Saraswati said and added that she was told that the Mahal was allotted to Wilayat by the government in 1985.

The 'Haunted Heritage Walk', an extension of the 'Heritage Walk', will conducted at a different "haunted" destination every weekend from 5.30 pm to 7 pm. Bhooli Bhatiyari ka Mahal, Feroze Shah Kotla and Tughlaqabad Fort are among the sites to be covered by the walk, and officials said more sites will be

I paid for Kejriwal's furniture, bedding, claims jailed Sukesh

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Jailed conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar has penned another missive to Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, seeking an investigation into alleged purchases made by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to beautify his official residence.

Sukesh claimed that he paid for high-end furniture and bedding for the AAP chief's house, whose renovation is now under scrutiny.

He has also alleged that

home decor items worth lakhs of rupees from Ralph Lauren and Visionaire brands were purchased by CM Kejriwal for the CM house. According to Sukesh's letter, he had purchased several items, including a Visionaire 12-seater dining table made of onyx stone in an

lakh, a Visionaire dressing table for his bedroom and the children's bedroom worth Rs 34 lakh, seven Visionaire mirrors worth Rs 18 Lakh, D. Rugs, bedspreads, and pillows totaling 30 pieces from Ralph Lauren worth approximately Rs 28 lakh, and Panerai wall clocks worth Rs 45 lakh.

"These furniture mentioned were purchased by me on billing from Mumbai and Delhi, as all the above furniture were imported from Italy and France. The payments were made by me from my firm's News Express Post and LS Fisheries and the statement of records will be tendered to the investigation agency along with the whatsapp chats between me, Kejriwal and Satyender Jain, confirming it," the letter

Bharti inspects Wazirabad water treatment plant

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Jal Board (DJB) Vice Chairman Somnath Bharti inspected the Wazirabad Water Treatment Plant (WTP) on Saturday. Bharti took stock of the treatment area of the plant, barrage and laboratory in the presence of senior officials of

The DJB Vice Chairman said a decision has been taken to set up an ammonia control plant at the Wazirabad WTP and in-principle approval has been given for the same.

The DJB Vice Chairman

said that after completing all the necessary formalities, the construction work of the ammonia control plant will start in September. He also directed the officials to replace



Wazirabad Water Treatment Plant. Upgrading the filters is expected to increase the production capacity of the Wazirabad Water Treatment Plant by up to 25%. The Wazirabad WTP will play an advantable with the Wazirabad WTP will play and the wazirabad wto water with the wazirabad will be important role in realizing the Chief Minister's dream of round the clock supply of clean drinking water to every household of Delhi. Bharti stated that

ammonia is the biggest prob-

amount of ammonia in the waters of Yamuna at Wazirabad barrage increases due to industrial waste from Panipat and Sonipat in Haryana which is being dumped into Yamuna without treatment. It is not possible to clean such high content of ammonia in a water treatment plant. Bharti said this plant would be constructed in Yamuna near Wazirabad Barrage at a cost of Rs 35 crore.

The capacity of the Ammonia per day. After the installation of the Ammonia Control Plant, Yamuna water can be treated and purified in the WTP even if the ammonia level in Yamuna

water is found to be high.

He said that water production in the WTPs of Delhi is affected as repeated rise in ammonia level in Yamuna impacts the plants that are not able to function at full capaci-ty. Ammonia control plant will prove to be a permanent solution to this challenge.

Bharti also inspected the laboratory of Delhi Jal Board which is located within the Wazirabad WTP. He said that the latest technology is being used in the DJB lab to test the

Prepare plan for restoration of monuments, officials told

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday visited the Mehrauli archaeological park and directed officials to prepare a plan for the restoration of monu-

ments such as the Balban tomb, the Jamali-Kamali mosque and the Rajaon ki Baoli. The plan, he said, should be made at the earliest with fixed timelines for the works to be done under it, according to officials.

Saxena, who was accompanied by Union Minister of State for Culture Meenakshi Lekhi and Delhi Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, also issued directions to sort out scattered carved stones and relics at the park to be displayed at a museum, they said.

The park in Mehrauli also houses the iconic Qutub Minar, besides the Balban tomb, the



Jamali-Kamali mosque and the Rajaon ki Baoli. "The restoration and beautification of these places has to be done in coordination by the ASI (Archeological Survey of India), the DDA (Delhi Development Authority) and other authorities concerned in a time-bound manner," Saxena

Some parts of the archaeological park come under the jurisdiction of the DDA and

some under the ASI. The Lieutenant Governor (LG) said depart-

ments and agencies involved in preservation and upkeep of the archaeological park should sort out their differences, if any, and take assistance of experts in case a need arises. "All differences have to be sorted out between departments, and restoration and development works have to be completed in time," he emphasised.

Report to nearest base, Army grounds Dhruv ALH

Order issued for Manipur-origin personnel on leave in State

PNS NEW DELHI

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has directed its personnel hailing from Manipur and on leave in their home State to "immediately' report to their nearest security base with family members in the wake of a CoBRA commando being killed in the ongoing violence in the violence-hit State.

The commando of the Central Reserve Police Force's CoBRA, who was on leave, was shot dead by armed assailants in his village in Churachandpur district of Manipur on Friday noon. The headquarters of the 3.25-lakh personnel strong



force here directed all its field commanders to "promptly" contact their off-duty personnel hailing from Manipur and convey the message.

The directive asks all personnel hailing from Manipur and on leave in their home State to "report immediately" to their nearest security force base along with their family if they feel "unsafe or insecure". The paramilitary has asked

its Manipur and Nagaland Sector Office, headquartered in Imphal, to extend "all possible assistance to such personnel

CRPF men on leave told | fleet following Kishtwar crash

The Army as a precautionary I measure has temporarily grounded its entire fleet of Dhruv advanced light helicopter (ALH) after one of them crashed in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday killed one of three crew on board.

With flying halted for the time being, sources said here on Saturday the helicopters may go through thorough technical examination by experts. The flying may resume after ten to 15 days, they said.

The ill-fated Dhruv with three persons on board crashed following a "hard landing" in Kishtwar in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday.

A technician was killed

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday arrested Raipur Mayor Aijaz Dhebar's elder

brother Anwar in a money

laundering case linked to the

liquor 'scam' in Chhattisgarh.

ing party mayor in the

Congress-ruled State. His elder

brother Anwar, who runs a

liquor business, was taken into

custody under the Prevention

of Money Laundering Act

(PMLA) from a Raipur hotel

early on Saturday, sources said.

CRPF, he was produced before

a court in Raipur for seeking his further custody, they

In a security escort of the

Aijaz Dhebar, 47, is a rul-

Liquor scam: Raipur

Mayor's elder brother

incident.

The Navy and the Coast Guard along with the Army had grounded their respective ALH Dhruy fleets in March following two similar incidents involving the platform.

Sources said the ALH Dhruv helicopters with the Navy and the Coast Guard are undergoing technical checks. This is for the second time in less than two months that the ALH fleet was grounded.

India has a total of 300 indigenously made Dhruv advanced light helicopters used by the Services.

The Indian Air Force operates around 70 ALH Dhruv while the Army has 96 and remaining with the Navy and Coast Guard. The three services

ALH in March for safety checks after an Indian Navy ALH ditched into the Arabian Sea on March 8 following unexplained loss of power.

Ditching is a hazardous manoeuvre and refers to an aircraft making an emergency landing in water after the loss of control. The navy helicopters are reportedly still grounded, while the Indian Air Force (IAF) is clearing its ALHs for flying in batches after the mandatory checks, said another official.

The armed forces grounded their ALH fleets last year too after an army Rudra ALH crashed in Arunachal Pradesh in October killing all five personnel on board. Rudras are weaponised ALHs.

Tarini to return to India after 6-month intercontinental expedition

New Delhi: The countdown has begun for return of Indian naval sailing vessel Tarini to India after a six-month long transoceanic intercontinental expedition. It commenced at Goa on November 17 last year and is scheduled to complete at the same venue on May 24, navy officials said here on Saturday.

During the expedition, Tarini sailed to Rio de Janerio, Brazil via Cape Town, South Africa, participating in Cape to Rio Race 2023, and will complete an arduous 17,000 nautical passage as it touches the Indian shores again. During the expedition, the vessel braved storms, rough seas, strong winds and heavy weather that battered her hull, but could not dent the spirit, grit and determination of her crew of six officers, includsurveillance system System will provide sive validation carried out in multiple terrains over a pro-tracted period, they said. The integrated surveillance trials were conducted in the plains, desert areas and in picture to commanders mountainous terrain from and staffers at all levels

Indian Army working

on creating battlefield

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In an effort to fight day mod-**⊥**ern day warfare with focus on speed and accuracy, the Army is working on creating a battlefield surveillance system to provide a composite operational picture to commanders and staffers at all levels for swifter decision-making.

The Army's Battlefield Surveillance System is being built under 'Project Sanjay'. It seeks to create multiple surveillance centres for the field formations and enable the integration of a large number of sensors, defence sources said

here on Saturday.

The Army is observing 2023 as the 'Year of Transformation' to set itself on a course to become a "future-ready, technology-driven, lethal and agile force" and establishes itself as an "iron cast pillar of national power". 'Project Sanjay' and a host

of other tech-driven projects, including one that will bring in multi-domain spatial awareness on a single GIS platform, are aimed at making the force more potent, they said.

The Battle Surveillance System will provide an integrated surveillance picture to commanders and staffers at all levels besides completing the sensor-shooter grid by integrating it with the Artillery Čombat Command and Control and Communication System (ACCCS), sources said.

The ambitious project has "come of age" following extenAugust to October last year, a source said.

Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad, is the project's system integrator. They have succeeded in meeting the Army's aspiration in full. The contract with the supplier is now being progressed further for delivery of these surveillance centres for field formations by December

These projects aim to reshape and re-engineer the functional processes and bring in a quantum jump in Army's capabilities, they said. The Battle Surveillance System will give a fillip to the Army formations along the northern and western borders. It will allow commanders and others to make decisions more swiftly, boosting the Army's overall operational preparedness.

Another project the Army is working on is SAMA (Situational Awareness Module for the Army). The Combat Information Decision Support System has been re-designed as Army Information and Decision Support System which will integrate inputs from all operational and mangerial information systems.

The SAMA, the in-house decision support system, has been developed in conjunction with BISAG-N and has successfully integrated inputs from ACCCS and three other plat-

The application has been designed to present a "comprehensive battlefield picture" to commanders at all levels based on authorisation and roles. SAMA is being fielded this month for field validation in a corps zone, sources said.

Fishermen rescued from Maldivian waters return home

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Ten Indian fishermen, who were rescued from Maldivian waters, have been brought Visakhapatnam by the Indian Coast Guard on Saturday, defence officials said here.

These fishermen had ventured into sea Thengapatnam Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu on April 16. However, their boat developed engine failure and they were adrift to Maldivian region without any help for five days. The fishermen were rescued by MV Furious from Maldives search and rescue

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region in coordination with Indian Coast Guard on April Based on information received at Coast Guard Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC), Coast Guard ship Vigraha was dispatched to embark these rescued fishermen from the merchant vessel transiting off Campbell Bay in

Andaman and Nicobar islands. Out of the ten fishermen, eight belong to Vizhinjam in Kerala while two are from Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. Preliminary medical examination of all ten rescued fishermen was carried out onboard the Coast Guard ship and all were found to be in healthy state, officials said.

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The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained

by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcemen of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are

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Flat No 508, 6th Floor, Narmada

CBI arrests Health Ministry official for ₹1.5L bribery demand

New Delhi: The CBI has arrest Union Health Ministry for allegedly seeking a bribe for issuing Statement of Need' to a medical professional, officials said on Saturday. The Statement of Need' is issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to Indian doctors to enable them to pursue higher medical studies in the US.

The agency arrested Sonu Kumar, the accused Under Secretary, on the complaint of an Indian doctor who stays in the US. He had applied for a Statement of Need with the Health Mnistry. Kumar allegedly demanded Rs 1.5 lakh for giving the original hard copy of the Statement, they

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said. The money laundering case stems from an Income Tax department chargesheet filed earlier in connection with alleged tax evasion and irregularities in liquor trade in Chhattisgarh and some other States. Earlier, the agency had conducted searches in this case in Chhattisgarh and some other

Strengthening conservation efforts for migratory birds

strengthen conservation efforts for migratory birds and their habitats at a meeting organized by the Union Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme/ Convention on Migratory Species (UNEP/CMS) held last

Union Minister of State for Environment Ashwini Kumar Choubey who inaugurated the meeting in his speech echoed the Prime Minister's call to adopt LIFE (Lifestyle for environment for environmental protection) made at COP-26 in Glasgow. "We have taken concrete steps to frame an action plan for the conservation of the migratory birds. Additionally, adopting a sustainable lifestyle that allows for the co-existence of all life forms, including migratory birds, is critical

to ensure their continued existence in the years to come. This aligns with the Prime Minister's Range countries of the LiFE movement, which calls for a Lifestyle for Environment and serves as a reminder of our responsibility towards the plan-

The meeting was attended by the eleven countries of CAF region including Armenia, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Mongolia, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, besides the Secretariats of CMS, AEWA and Raptors MOU, and representatives of Chief Wildlife Wardens of States, scientific institutions in India, international and national non governmental organizations, and subject experts.

The delegates deliberated and agreed on an institutional framework for the Central Asian Flyway, discussed priority areas for implementation. and agreed on a draft roadmap for updating the CMS CAF Action Plan.

Experimental drug offers ray of hope for Alzheimer's patients

Offering a ray of hope to the patients in their earlystage of Alzheimer's disease, an made by Eli Lilly has been found to be effective in helping slow cognitive decline in the people with the neurodegenerative disease.

The drug was used in a Phase 3 trial with over 1,100 individuals with early symptomatic Alzheimer's disease. It was found that donanemab slowed cognitive and functional decline by 35% compared to the placebo.

Officials at Eli Lilly said the drug was able to help people with mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's dis-

They said that they will be seeking the FDA approval for the drug as an Alzheimer's disease treatment this year.

The pharmaceutical company plans to submit its application for drug approval to the Food and Drug Administration



(FDA) within the next few months

Dr. Leah Croll, an assistant professor of clinical neurology at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University and a neurologist at Temple University Hospital, said, "For many years, the Alzheimer's drug development pipeline has been met with disappointment after disappointment, and I'm hopeful that we are now entering a new era. Any development is potentially meaning-

Of those who took the drug 47% experienced no cog-

tool that measures disease severity, compared to 29% of those who took the placebo. Those who took the drug

also had 40% less decline than were better able to do daily activities like driving, hobbies, and talking about current events. Participants who took donanemab had a 39% lower risk of progressing to the next stage of the disease.

The drug also found to reduce abnormal plaque in the brain. In people with Alzheimer's, the amyloid protein builds up and turns into plaque. Clumps of plaque can block brain synapses and lead to inflammation. Over time, the plaque can spread throughout the brain as Alzheimer's disease progresses.

But Eli Lilly's preliminary donanemab results also reveal a sobering risk of brain swelling and hemorrhaging, side effects that the company disclosed may be linked to two—perhaps three—deaths in the clinical trial, as per reports.

'Please come back, papa', pleads 10-yr-old daughter of soldier martyred in Rajouri blast

PTI ■ DALPAT (J-K)

Why are you not getting up? I don't want anything, papa. Please come back," 10year-old Pawana Chib cried as she stretched out her hand to touch the face of her father, paratrooper Neelam Singh, who lay in a coffin before her on Saturday.

Standing next to her, Chib's mother Vandana is staring in disbelief at her husband's lifeless face held between her hands before she breaks down.

The paratrooper's sevenyear-old son Ankit is also inconsolable. Singh was among the five soldiers who died in an explosion triggered by terrorists on Friday in the thickly forested Kandi area in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district where an operation is underway to flush out terrorists. As Singh's



at his residence, in Akhnoor, on Saturday. Singh was martyred during an encounter with terrorists in J&K's Rajouri

mortal remains reached his Dalpat-Chak Kripalpur village here in a Tricolour-wrapped coffin, some wept and others tried to make their way through a crowd of hundreds who had

gathered to catch one last glimpse of the "brave son of soil". The mortal remains were

brought in a cavalcade from the

Indian Air Force station in

Jammu, where Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha and Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, among other top Army, police and administration officials, paid homage to the slain soldier at a wreath-laying ceremony. Chants of "Neelam Singh

Amar Rahe" echoed through the village as Vandana saluted her husband one last time. Singh was cremated with full military honours.

His brother and CISF jawan Angad Singh lit his pyre amid chants of "Jai Shaheed, Jai Army, Jai Hind". Recalling the last time Singh visited home, his father Hurdev Singh Chib said he is proud of his son. "I am proud of my son. He was a brave commando who laid down his life fighting terrorists. He was born a warrior. As a child, he always wanted to join the

a while, the distraught father recalled, adding, "He was so dutiful that he just had tea and left." According to Hurdev, Singh was inducted into the Army in 2003. Singh's father-inlaw Captain Raghvir Singh Bhau (retd) echoed Hurdev's sentiments. "He was brave and never feared anything. He was part of dozens of successful operations in various parts of Jammu and Kashmir. He brought laurels to the para unit and the Army," he said. Singh's cousin Suresh, however, was angry.
"There is an attack every six

Army," Hurdev told PTI. A few

days ago, he had come home for

months. How many homes will be destroyed? The forces retaliate and there will be a lull but then there will be another attack and another family will lose its son," he said. Villagers described Singh as a helpful man.

Pranch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Notice U/s. 13(2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) who have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of loans facility obtained by them from secured creditor and loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them on their last known addresses

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as

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2.	Rahul, Manju,16/738, Street No.9, H Block, Bapa Nagar, Karol Bagh, Milatry Road, Delhi Delhi A/c No:- QZJNK00004999579	Gali No.7, Village Bindapur, Vishwas Park, Delhi- 121007	08-04-2023 Rs. 15,24,724/-	08/08 2022
3.	Shankar Saha, Ganga Devi, 61/2 B, Anarkali Garden, Jagat Puri, Delhi A/c No:- QZGRN00005003379	Property Bearing- B-44, First Floor, Village Khureji Khas, Jagat Puri, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi- 121007	08-04-2023 Rs. 14,07,897/-	08/11 2022
4.	Hari Kishan Rai, Binu Rai, S/o Rajender Prasad Rai, W65/195, Indra Camp No.3, Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar, Delhi A/c No:- QZDEL00004997807	Kh. No.904 To 911, Vill. Nawada, Block- Anana, Delhi- 110059	08-04-2023 Rs. 12,06,587/-	09/01 2023
5.	Sukhendu Pal, Munmun Pal, 64, D Block, Gali No.9, Mahavir Enclave 3, Delhi A/c No:- QZGRN00005002524	Property Bearing- F-383, Gali No.87, Plot No.383, kasara 111/1, Phase 3/1, Village Palam, Mahavir Enclave Part- 111, Delhi- 100023	08-04-2023 Rs. 9,29,157/-	08/08 2022
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Date: May 06, 2023 Place: Delhi/ NCR **Authorized Officer** ICICI Bank Limited

Rishi: Multi-faith Coronation, | Biden appoints Neera Tanden a 'moment of national pride'

 $B^{\text{ritish Prime Minister Rishi}}_{\text{Sunak has a special message}}$ in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III, highlighting the central role to be played by all faiths in a religious ceremony over a thousand years old.

The Indian-origin leader and the first-ever Hindu incumbent of 10 Downing Street will himself play an active role in the ceremony at Westminster Abbey on Saturday, when he reads from the biblical book of Colossians in keeping with the recent tradition of UK Prime Ministers giving readings at State occa-

He and wife Akshata Murty, the daughter of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy, will also be at the head of a pro-

UK's flag is carried into the Abbey by a high-ranking Royal Air Force (RAF) cadet.

"In the Abbey where monarchs have been crowned for almost a thousand years, representatives of every faith will play a central role for the first time," said Sunak, in a statement on the eve of the historic "The Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla will be a moment of extraordinary national pride. Together with friends from across the Commonwealth and beyond, we will celebrate the enduring nature of our great monarchy: its constancy, devotion to duty, and service to others. No other country could put on such a dazzling display – the processions, the pageantry, the ceremonies, and street parties," he said. However, he first in 70 years since Queen Elizabeth II was crowned in June 1953 - is not just a spectacle but a proud expression of history, culture, and traditions.

He noted: "A vivid demonstration of the modern character of our country. And a cherished ritual through which a new era is born... And in a fitting tribute to the spirit of service that will define the Carolean Age, people across our country will help their communities with thousands of acts of kindness.

"So let's celebrate this weekend with pride in who we are and what we stand for. Let's look to the future with hope and optimism. And let's make new memories, so we can tell our grandchildren of the day we came together to sing: 'God



Britain's King Charles III and Queen Camilla wave to the crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace after the coronation

as Domestic Policy Adviser

Indian-American public policy expert Neera Tanden has been named by US President Joe Biden as his Domestic Policy Adviser to help him craft and implement his domestic policy agenda, making her the first Asian-American to lead any of the three major White House policy councils in histo-

Tanden, 52, replaces Susan Rice as Biden's Domestic Policy Advisor.

"I am pleased to announce that Neera Tanden will continue to drive the formulation and implementation of my domestic policy, from economic mobility and racial equity to health care, immigration and education," Biden said as his domestic agenda faced obstacles in a divided Congress ahead of elections in 2024.

"Tanden will be the first Asian-American to lead any of the three major White House policy councils in history," Biden said.

"As Senior Advisor and Staff Secretary, Neera oversaw decision-making processes across my domestic, economic and national security teams. She has 25 years of experience in public policy, has served three Presidents, and led one of the largest think tanks in the country for nearly a decade," Biden said.

"She was a key architect of the Affordable Care Act and helped drive key domestic policies that became part of my agenda, including clean energy subsidies and sensible gun reform. While growing up, Neera relied on some of the critical programs that she will oversee as Domestic Policy Advisor, and I know those insights will serve my Administration and the American people well. I look forward to continuing to work

Swadesh joins North Carolina Univ board

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

ndian-American and Padma Bhushan awardee Swadesh Chatterjee has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the prestigious University of North Carolina.

Chatterjee, who for the past several decades has played an important role in strengthening the India-US relation-ship, including the lifting of sanctions post Pokhran-II, was appointed to the position by the North Carolina Assembly this week.

A resolution appointing six eminent individuals to the university's board of governors was passed unanimously by the State Assembly on May 3. The term commences on

Tanden, a Democrat, currently serves as Senior Advisor to President Biden and Staff

Secretary.
She served in both the Obama and Clinton administrations, as well as presidential campaigns and think tanks. Most recently, she was the President and CEO of the Center for American Progress and the Center for American Progress Action Fund.

Tanden previously served as senior advisor for health reform at the Department of Health and Human Services, working on President Obama's health reform team in the White House.

Tanden joined the administration in 2021 as a senior adviser after withdrawing her Cabinet nomination to run the Office of Management and Budget, which failed to garner sufficient support in the Senate. She faced strong opposition

July 1, 2023, ending June 30,

Last October North Carolina's Governor Ray Cooper presented the State's highest award, Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Chatterjee,

Cooper described Chatterjee as a "spark plug among us" as he applauded his contribution not only to the development of North Carolina but also to the India-US relationship and enriching the cultural milieu of the United States.

Rich Verma, who is now the Deputy Secretary of State, said Chatterjee has been at the centre of the key moments that have brought the Indian and US governments closer.

from key Republican and Democratic senators over the tone and language she used in some of her tweets.

Prior to that, she was the director of domestic policy for the Obama-Biden presidential campaign and served as policy director for the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign. Tanden served as senior advisor to the Chancellor of the New York City Schools as well as Associate Director for Domestic Policy in the Clinton White House and Senior Policy Advisor to the First Lady.

She received her Bachelor of Science from UCLA and her Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School.

The President also announced that Stefanie Feldman will serve as Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary. Additionally, Zayn Siddique will be promoted to Principal Deputy of the

WORLD BRIEFS

OVER 2,000 MIGRANTS KIDNAPPED IN MEXICO LAST YR MEXICO CITY: Mexico's government said Friday over 2,000 migrants were kidnapped by smuggling gangs and drug cartels last year, as authorities mounted a successful search for 10 Colombians abducted in northern Mexico this week. Mexico's national immigration agency said authorities had freed 2,115 migrants of all nationalities kidnapped by gangs in 2022. Gangs and cartels appear to be increasingly charging migrants fees to cross Mexico, and then kidnapping them for ransom. There have been a string of such mass migrant abductions in Mexico in recent months. Prosecutors in the northern border state of Sonora said late Friday they had found 10 Colombians who went missing Tuesday in the border city of San Luis Rio Colorado, across the border from Arizona. The Colombians were found in good shape at a gasoline station, officials said. A relative of one of the missing Colombians said kidnappers had called to demand thousands of dollars from relatives in the United States.

TRUMP'S VIDEO DEPOSITION MADE PUBLIC

NEW YORK: A video recording of former President Donald Trump being questioned about the rape allegations against him was made public for the first time on Friday, providing a glimpse of the Republican's emphatic, often colourful denials. Jurors got to see the video of Trump's October 2022 deposition over the past few days at the trial over a lawsuit filed against him by advice columnist E Jean Carroll. Written transcripts of Trump's testimony had also previously been made public, but not the recording itself. The video was made available on Friday to news organisations covering the proceedings. The video shows Trump answering questions in his trademark navy suit and a bright blue tie. He called Carroll's claim that he raped her in a luxury Manhattan department store "a false, disgusting lie." "It's a disgrace. Frankly it's a disgrace that something like this can be brought," Trump said.

IRAN HANGS IRANIAN-SWEDISH MAN OVER '18 ATTACK

DUBAI: Iran executed an Iranian-Swedish dual national on Saturday accused of masterminding a 2018 attack on a military parade that killed at least 25 people, one of several enemies of Tehran seized abroad in recent years amid tensions with the West. Farajollah Cha'ab, also known as Habib Asyoud, had been a leader of the Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahwaz, an Arab separatist movement that has conducted oil pipeline bombings and other attacks in Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan province. That group had claimed the 2018 attack in its immediate aftermath. Cha'ab's execution comes as a Swedish court last year sentenced an Iranian to life in prison over his part in the 1988 mass executions in Iran at the end of its war with Iraq. Tehran, which has used prisoners as bargaining chips in negotiations with the West, reacted angrily to that sentence.

PRO-KREMLIN NOVELIST INJURED IN CAR EXPLOSION

TALLINN: The car of a prominent pro-Kremlin novelist exploded in Russia on Saturday, injuring him and killing his driver, Russia's state news agency Tass reported, citing emergency and law enforcement officials. The incident involving the car of Zakhar Prilepin, a well-known nationalist writer and an ardent supporter of what the Kremlin calls a "special military operation" in Ukraine, took place in the region of Nizhny Novgorod, about 400 kilometres (250 miles) east of Moscow. It is the third explosion involving prominent pro-Kremlin figures since the start of the war in Ukraine. In August 2022, a car bombing on the outskirts of Moscow killed Daria Dugina, the daughter of an influential Russian political theorist often referred to as "Putin's brain." The authorities alleged that Ukraine was behind the blast.

176 dead in Congo floods

Kinshasa (AP): The death toll from flash floods and landslides in eastern Congo has risen to 176, with some 100 people still missing, according to a provisional assessment given by the governor and authorities in the country's South Kivu province.

Rivers broke their banks in villages in the territory of Kalehe close to the shores of Lake Kivu. Authorities also reported scores of people injured.

South Kivu Gov. Théo Ngwabidje visited the area to see the destruction for himself, and posted on his Twitter account that the provincial government had dispatched medical, shelter and food supplies.

Several main roads to the affected area have been been made impassable by the rains, hampering the

President Felix Tshisekedi has declared a nationand the central government is sending a crisis management team to South Kivu to support the provin-

Heavy rains in recent days have brought misery to thousands in East Africa, with parts of Uganda and Kenya also seeing heavy rainfall.

1 dead, 6 injured in Mississippi shooting

six other people were shot during a Cinco de Mayo party at a Mississippi restaurant late on Friday night, police said.

Ocean Springs Police Capt. Ryan LeMaire, in a news release, confirmed that seven people were shot at The Scratch Kitchen on Government Street. The surviving victims were transported to area hospitals for treatment, LeMaire said. The extent of their injuries was not immediately released.

He identified the man killed as Chase Harmon, 19 of Pascagoula. No arrests had been made as of Saturday morning, but Lemaire said the investigation is ongoing. "We urge anyone with any information to call the Ocean Springs Police Department," he said.

The Scratch Kitchen's owner told the Sun Herald there were about 200 people at the restaurant when the shooter ran past employees who were doing security checks at the entrance to the patio.

IMF negates Pak govt's claim of meeting loan conditions

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

The IMF has rejected the cashstrapped Pakistan government's claim that it has met all the conditions to reach an agreement with the global financial body to release funds under an already agreed loan facility, according to a media report.

The International Monetary Fund signed a deal in 2019 to profilment of certain conditions.

The plan was derailed several times and the full reimbursement is still pending due to insistence by the donor that Pakistan should complete all formalities.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Finance Minister Ishaq Dar have repeatedly claimed that Pakistan met all the prior conditions agreed for reaching a staff-level agreement and there was no reason for holding back the agreement. The Express Tribune newspaper reported that it got a statement from the fund on Friday, negating the claim made by the government with respect to meeting all prior actions necessary to complete the 9th review.

"The IMF continues to work with the Pakistani authorities to bring the 9th review to a conclusion once the necessary financing is in place and the agreement is finalised. the newspaper quoted Nathan Porter, the IMF Mission Chief to Pakistan,

Porter's statement negated what the Pakistani authorities have been claiming since February 9, when the face-to-face talks ended inconclusively, the newspaper said. Nathan did not explain the

quantum of the necessary financing that Pakistan has to put in place to conclude the 9th review for the USD 1.2 billion loan tranche that has been delayed by seven months now.

The finance minister had said that Pakistan needed USD 6 billion to bridge the financing gap by June this year. Saudi Arabia and the Pakistan of providing USD 3 billion but there are no firm assurances for the rest of the loans.

Pakistan's gross official foreign exchange reserves remain at USD 4.5 billion. The country needs to pay nearly USD 4 billion to the world on account of principal and interest on debt till June this year.

Since the government does not have a credible financing plan for the July-December period of the next fiscal year, the sources said, Pakistan also needs to arrange funds to repay the loans during the first half of the next fiscal year. The external debt repayments, including interest, for the July-December period amount to USD 11 billion, said the Finance Ministry sources.

Even if China and Saudi Arabia roll over their short-term debts, Pakistan will still need over USD 4 billion to repay the international creditors during the first half of the next fiscal year.

These include payments to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, Saudi Fund for Development, Islamic Development Bank and Chinese commercial banks

UN team: Taliban restrictions can lead to femicide

PTI ISLAMABAD

Taliban restrictions on Afghan women and girls may amount to femicide if they are not reversed, a team of UN experts warned on Friday.

Since they seized power in Afghanistan in August 2021, the Taliban have barred women from most jobs and workplaces, and girls can't go to Woman are also banned from public spaces and must cover themselves from head to toe outside the home.

In a statement released Friday, the UN experts accused Afghanistan's Taliban authorities of the "most extreme forms of misogyny" and said there could be multiple preventable deaths that may amount to femicide if the restrictions are not reversed.

The restrictive measures and bans imposed by the Taliban have caused international condemnation and outrage, but the Taliban have shown no sign of willingness to lift them.

The UN experts also said the Taliban are imposing their interpretation of Islam, which appear not to be shared by the vast majority of Afghans.

They expressed alarm about widespread mental health issues and accounts of escalating suicides among women and girls.

Ukraine's air force claimed on Saturday to have downed a Russian hyperson-

ic missile over Kyiv using newly acquired

American Patriot defense systems, the first

known time the country has been able to

intercept one of Moscow's most modern

Oleshchuk said in a Telegram post that the

Kinzhal-type ballistic missile had been

intercepted in an overnight attack on the

Ukrainian capital earlier in the week.

Air Force commander Mykola

Pak, China reaffirm CPEC cooperation



Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang meets with Pakistani President Arif Alvi

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day after India criticised Athe China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the foreign ministers of Pakistan and China on Saturday expressed their firm commitment to continue their cooperation on the multi-billion dollar infrastructure pro-

This came at the 4th edition of the Pakistan-China Strategic Dialogue in Islamabad co-chaired by Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and his Chinese counterpart Qin Gang here.

Pakistan and China have reiterated their abiding commitment to the high-quality development of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project," state-run Radio Pakistan reported.

Earlier, speaking at a press conference after the SCO Foreign Ministers' meeting in

Goa, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said: "On the so-China-Pakistan called Economic Corridor, I think it was made very clear, not once but twice in the SCO meeting, that connectivity is good for progress, but connectivity cannot violate the sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Later, Bilawal addressing a joint press conference with Qin said this year marked the completion of a decade of CPEC, which has accelerated socio-economic development, iob creation, and improvement of people's livelihoods in Pakistan. The CPEC Corridor is a USD 60 billion corridor being laid through Pakistanoccupied Kashmir (PoK) with China's assistance.

India is opposed to the CPEC as it passes through the PoK, giving China access to the Arabian Sea through the Gwadar port in Pakistan's Balochistan province.

retire on September 16 this uled to be succeeded by Justice Qazi Faez Isa, who is the second senior-most judge in the apex court. The ruling coalition has been preparing for an election date any time after September 16, The News quoted an

Pak's ruling

elections till

alliance to delay

CJ Umar retires

Islamabad (PTI): Despite pres-

sure from the opposition to hold early general elections in Pakistan, the ruling alliance is not ready to go to polls before the retirement of the current

chief justice Umar Ata Bandial,

a media report said on

Justice Bandial, 64, is set to

Chief Justice of Pakistan

Saturday.

informed source within the ruling Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) as saying.

CJP Bandial is said to be close to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chief and former prime minister Imran

Khan. Hence, the ruling alliance wants to delay the election until his retirement.

The source also ruled out extending the term of Parliament as has been indicated in the past by certain ruling coalition leaders. "We will not go beyond August 13," the source said.

The present National Assembly will complete its term on August 13. Going beyond this date, it is said, will badly damage the ruling coalition politically.

1 dead, over 20 injured as quake hits Japan

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Aearthquake hit central Japan on Friday afternoon, killing at least one person and injuring more than 20 others and disrupting plans for holidaymakers.

The magnitude 6.2 quake struck Ishikawa prefecture on the west coast of Japan's main island of Honshu, the US Geological Survey said. The Japan Meteorological Agency measured the quake at 6.5 and said it was centred at a depth of about 12 kilometres (7.5 miles).

More than 50 aftershocks strong enough to be felt have been recorded since, including one at 5.8 magnitude on Friday

Most injuries and damages were reported in Suzu city at the northern tip of Noto Management Agency. Peninsula in Ishikawa prefecture. One person died after falling from a ladder, and 22 others were injured in the prefecture, two of them seriously. The rest were mild injuries.

Some 100 residents took refuge at evacuation centres Friday night, according to the prefectural crisis management department. One injury was reported in the neighbouring prefecture of Toyama, according to the Fire and Disaster

Several homes were also damaged. On Saturday morning, some residents placed blue plastic tarps over damaged parts of their houses ahead of rain forecasted to begin in the A video broadcast by NHK

public television showed a section of a hill that had crumbled and fallen on a house. It also broadcast a video taken by a staff member visiting a relative in Ishikawa prefecture that

showed a room shaking for nearly half a minute, with picture frames rattling on the walls. Japan is celebrating several national holidays this week.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who returned from a multinational trip to Africa and Singapore on Friday night, expressed condolences to quake victims and urged residents to "use ample caution" amid possible strong aftershocks and secondary mud-

said bullet trains connecting Tokyo and Kanazawa in Ishikawa prefecture were temporarily halted for safety checks but resumed normal operations, with some delays. There were no abnormal-

It was also the first time Ukraine is East Japan Railway Co. known to have used the Patriot defense systems. "Yes, we shot down the unique' Kinzhal," Oleshchuk wrote. "It happened during the night time attack on May 4 in

missiles.

the skies of the Kyiv region." Oleshchuk said the Kh-47 missile was launched by a MiG-31K aircraft from ities at nuclear power plants in the Russian territory and was shot down the area, according to the with a Patriot missile. Nuclear Regulation Authority.

The Kinzhal is one of the latest and

Ukraine downs Russian hypersonic missile most advanced Russian weapons. The Russian military says the air-launched ballistic missile has a range of up to 2,000 kilometers (about 1,250 miles) and flies at 10 times the speed of sound, making it hard

to intercept. A combination of hypersonic speed and a heavy warhead allows the Kinzhal to destroy heavily fortified targets, like underground bunkers or mountain tun-

The Ukrainian military has previousy admitted lacking assets to intercept the Kinzhals.

"They were saying that the Patriot is an outdated American weapon, and Russian weapons are the best in the world," Air Force spokesman Yurii Ihnat said on Ukraine's Channel 24 tele-

"Well, there is confirmation that it effectively works against even a super hypersonic missile." Ihnat said.

He said successfully intercepting the Kinzhal is "a slap in the face for Russia." Ukraine took its first delivery of the Patriot missiles in late April. It has not specified how many of the systems it has or where they have been deployed, but they are known to have been provided by the United States, Germany and the Netherlands. Germany and the US have acknowl-

edged each sending at least one system and the Netherlands has said it has provided two though it is not clear how many are currently in operation. Ukrainian troops have received the

extensive training needed to be able to effectively locate a target with the systems, lock on with radar and fire. Each battery requires up to 90 personnel to operate and maintain.

visiting the US in August 2021, months before Russia's full-scale invasion but seven years after Russia illegally annexed Ukraine's Crimea peninsula.

said he first asked for Patriot systems when

Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov

He has described possessing the system as "a dream" but said he was told in the US at the time that it was impossible.

IBBI looks to

crowd source

public feedback

The Insolvency and Bank-ruptcy Board of India

(IBBI) has sought public com-

ments on the regulations noti-

fied till date under the insol-

vency law as it looks to crowd

source ideas for the regulatory

ideas, seeks

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framework.

Go First's NCLT move for loan write-offs? AIBEA to oppose

IANS CHENNA

⊣he All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) will oppose banks writing off a part of their loans to Wadia group's Go Airlines (India) Ltd if the latter has filed a voluntary insolvency petition for that purpose,

said a top official.

"If the airline has filed a voluntary insolvency petition to get loan write-offs, then it is unethical and immoral. The AIBEA will oppose the move, C.H. Venkatachalam, General Secretary, told IANS.

"Other companies will also go for voluntary insolvency petition for loan write offs. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Indian government should not allow this," Venkatachalam added. He said the Go Airlines loan account is not a non-performing asset (NPA) for the banks as on 30.4.2023

"With the company filing an insolvency petition, the banks will be forced to declare the account as NPA and provide for the same in their books of accounts. This will be



reflected in the first quarter results," Venkatachalam said.

On May 2, Go Air, while voluntarily landing in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) with an insolvency petition blaming the engine supplier Pratt & Whitney for its woes. The question that immediately popped up was, whether it is a strategy to get loan write-offs.

The airline's decision to apply for insolvency, blaming the engine supplier, has taken its lenders, creditors, staff,

Two days later, credit rating agency, Brickwork Ratings said it has downgraded the ratings for Go Airlines' bank loan facilities aggregating Rs 2,918.33 crore at 'BWR D' based on best available information, as the issuer did not cooperate. "As per initial reports, the lenders have opposed any moratorium on the debt repayment obliga-tions," Brickwork Ratings said

Union Bank of India on Saturday

March quarter net profit at Rs 2,811 crore

helped by a huge jump in recoveries from

in entire 2022-23 was Rs 8,512 crore as

against Rs 5,265 crore a year ago.

per cent in the year-ago period.

on the recoveries front.

written-off accounts

reported 80.57 per cent jump in

The state-owned lender's net profit

In March quarter, its core net inter-

est income increased 21.88 per cent to Rs

8,251 crore on the back of 13 per cent

growth in advances and widening of net

interest margin to 2.98 per cent from 2.75

cent to Rs 5,269 crore in January-March

2023, helped by handsome performance

Non-interest income grew 62.48 per

Be that as it may, according to a report in a leading financial daily, the Go Airlines' promoters may withdraw their insolvency petition if the lenders accept a cut in their

However, bankers seem to be willing to lend more and extend the repayment duration instead of taking a cut in their receivables.

As per the news report, as Go Airlines' loan account is still a standard account, the promoters can submit a bid for the airline whereas promoters of companies whose loan account is declared as a NPA can't submit a bid and try to retain control. According to reports, the airline has a total liability dues to banks, other creditors, vendors etc. — of about Rs 11,463 crore.

The Indian government-owned Central Bank of India said its outstanding exposure to Go Air as on March 31, 2023 is Rs 1,305 crore and an additional amount of Rs 682 crore sanctioned under the Emergency line of credit guaranteed by the Government of

Over half of Twitter Blue's earliest subscribers not paying anymore

IANS NEW DELHI

In some shocking news for Elon Musk, more than half of the earliest subscribers of Twitter Blue who paid \$8 a month are no longer subscribed and have reportedly ditched the Blue check marks.

According to a Mashable report, Out of about 150,000 early Twitter Blue subscribers, "just around 68,157 have stuck around and maintained a paid subscription as of April 30°.

Citing data scraped by independent researcher Travis Brown, the report said that not many Twitter Blue subscribers are sticking around.

Musk or Twitter was yet to comment on the numbers cited in the report.

Reports last year showed that a total of 150,000 users originally signed up for Twitter Blue within just a few days of its launch in November.

The micro-blogging plat-form also temporarily disabled new signups for about a month "shortly after those users subscribed as a result of accounts signing up for Blue with the intent to impersonate major brands on the platform".

According to the report it means that about 81,843 users,

UBI Q4 profit zooms 81% on higher



or 54.5 per cent, of Twitter users who subscribed to Blue initially have cancelled the sub-

"That's an abnormally high churn rate for an online sub-

scription service," the report mentioned As Musk forced his way into

making every user pay on Twitter from April 20, an earlier report revealed that half of Blue service subscribers have less than 1,000 followers on the platform.

What's more, there were 2,270 paying Twitter Blue subscribers who have zero follow-

According to Brown, Twitter Blue currently has a total of 444,435 paying subscribers.

About half of all paid Twitter subscribers (about 220,132 users) have less than 1,000 fol-

On April 20, Chaos prevailed on Twitter when Musk finally removed all legacy verified accounts with Blue check marks but allowed some celebrities to retain it. In India, the Twitter users

have to shell out Rs 900 a month (or Rs 9,400 a year) to get Blue Verified status.

Noting that public consulation enables collective choice, IBBI said participation of the public, particularly the stakeholders in the insolvency ecosystem ensures that the regulations are informed by the legitimate needs of those interested in and affected by the reg-

IBBI is a key institution in mplementing the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), which came into force in late 2016. "In a dynamic environment, despite the best of efforts and intentions, a regulator in such novel and emerging regulatory regime may not always be able to address the ground realities. Further, the stakeholders may contemplate, at leisure, the important issues in the extant regulatory framework that hinder transactions and offer alternate solutions to address them. This is akin to crowdsourcing of ideas. This enables every idea to reach the regulator," it said on Friday.

IBC provides for a timebound and market-linked resolution of stressed assets.

Comments from the public, including the stakeholders, have been sought till May 31 on the regulations notified under the IBC till date. "The comments received between 4 th May, 2023 and 31st December, 2023 shall be processed together and following the due process, regulations will be modified to the extent consid-



Zoho introduces homegrown privacy-centered web browser — Ulaa

Global technology company Zoho Corporation has rolled out a web browser - Ulaa built specifically to secure personal data with pre-built capabilities, the company said on

The browser named in trip) is a step further in Zoho's long-standing commitment to

Citing a report, Zoho said 92 per cent domestic online users were concerned about online privacy of which 85 per cent felt internet companies were part of the problem.

"Not many browsers on the market today are built to protect user privacy. They were created to protect respective company's ad-based business models and surveillance companies that complement them, which runs counter to protecting users. This conflict between user's preferences and browser's business models means end users lose," Zoho Corporation CEO Sridhar Vembu said.

The browser has been built specifically to secure personal data that universally block tracking and website surveillance.

"With Ulaa, users do not have to compromise their privacy to browse the web. Zoho's commitment to privacy and our privacy-centric business model allows us to offer a conflict free, privacy-centric browser to those who value their own privacy," he added.

As of December 2022, India

As the internet user base tivity and user modes.

third-party intelligence with statement said.

greatly improves customer experience, adds considerable value and protects user privacy better," the company said.

users with a more intuitive, efficient and secure experience, reflecting Zoho's deep R&D first culture," Zoho Corporation, Director-AI Research, Ramprakash Ramamoorthy said.

internet users and by 2025, it is expected to touch 900 million, the report said.

erative artificial intelligence

"Generative AI is the latest step along with the company's innovation roadmap, blending Zia, Zoho's AI engine, which runs on Zoho's secure cloud," the

"...This integration model

generative AI with our homegrown AI features will provide

had over 700 million active

Meanwhile in another statement, Zoho said it integrates OpenAI with its artificial engine Zia thereby strengthening gen-

The fusion of ChatGPT's

Leveraging Zoho's decadelong investment in AI, this integration model greatly improves customer experience, adds considerable value and protects user privacy better, the compa-

increases, so will privacy threat vectors and concerns. Ulaa protects users against tracking and surveillance and is rooted in

biggest update to the virtual backgrounds in Teams since the original collection launched in 2020. "Featuring all-new images, the re-imagined visual library for Teams has been thoughtfully designed to represent the people that use them and how they work best," Microsoft

The tech giant has added six new categories to Teams backgrounds to cater to millions of different users.

"By mapping out a series of user needs and meeting types, the Teams crew applied a fresh lens to craft and organise the new backgrounds into six cate-

The new six categories of

',174 crore a year ago.

viding a boost to the bottomline. Managing Director and chief executive A Manimekhalai said the bank started FY23 with a recovery target of Rs 15,000 crore, but exceeded its own expectations by recovering over Rs

Recoveries from accounts written off

in the past zoomed to Rs 2,954 crore from

Rs 294 crore in the year-ago period, pro-

20,000 crore of advances. On the advances side, she said the bank is aiming for an overall loan book growth of 10-12 per cent in FY24, and added that it sees a healthy demand on the corporate advances front where the

loan pipeline is over Rs 35,000 crore. Hybrid annuity model-based road projects, renewables, steel and cement sectors are among those having the most healthy loan demand among the



corporates, she said, adding that in FY23, the overall corporate loanbook grew 11 per cent. The bank's fresh slippages reduced to Rs 2,687 crore during the quarter under review, and the gross non performing assets ratio improved to 7.53 per cent as against 11.11 per cent in the year-ago period and 7.93 per cent at the end of December 2022.

It set aside Rs 2,935 crore as provisions for the quarter as against Rs 3,618 crore in the year-ago period, which also

helped the profit growth.

The bank's overall capital adequacy stood at 16.04 per cent with the core tier-I buffers at 12.36 per cent as of March 31, 2023. Manimekhalai said the bank's board has approved a Rs 10,000 crore capital raising plan, which will include Rs 8,000 crore of fresh equity capital to bolster the core buffer, Rs 1,000 crore of additional tier-I capital and Rs 1,000 crore in

The bank will decide on the capital raising route and the timing based on the market conditions, she said, adding that the capital raise will also help bring down the state holding in the lender to under 75 per cent mandated by markets regulator Sebi by August 2024. At present, Government of India holds over 83 per



Microsoft

Microsoft adds animated backgrounds in Teams meeting

IANS SAN FRANCISCO

 $M_{
m that}$ it has created a new and large collection of animated backgrounds (or virtual backgrounds) for Teams that have started rolling out worldwide.

The company said this is the said in a blogpost on Friday.

gories," Microsoft said.

"Avatars for Teams gives you that much-needed camera break, while still allowing you to collaborate effectively."

Microsoft Teams backgrounds include — ones that focus on wood and light, others that have contemporary backgrounds, and some that are colourful clouds or mountains.

"We aim to drive progress for everyone, and we're excited to create more avenues for representation and allyship in our products,a said Director of Global Brand Marketing Aleksey Fedorov. Meanwhile, Microsoft has rolled out 'Avatars' in public preview for its proprietary business communication

or no video," the tech giant said in a blogpost.

platform Microsoft Teams. "Avatars for Microsoft Teams offers an alternative to the current binary option of video

Users can represent themselves the way they want with customisable avatars and reac-

Barring Orthodox leaf the total demand for all other categories of tea increased

Association (CTTA) official said here on Despite reduced offerings, the total demand increased marginally during the auction as compared to last week, the offi-

The auction (Sale-18) was held on May

According to CTTA data, the total offerings amounted to 91,768 packages (25,74,299 kg) comprising 28,707 packages of CTC leaf, 50,391 packages of orthodox, 959 packages of Darjeeling leaf and 11,711

packages of dust tea. CTC leaf met good demand and a total of 6,92,018 kg of different categories was sold at an average price of Rs 187.49 per kg.

Around 39.67 per cent of the total demand was witnessed for CTC leaf at below Rs 150 per kg level while 17.97 was marked above Rs.250 per kg. Western India supported well while ndustan Unilever remained

Hindustan selective.TCPL operated on plainer sorts and some enquiry was in evidence from exporters. Other internals registered good Orthodox offerings marked fair demand

at a higher price range and a total of 8,48,221

kg of different qualities were sold at an aver-

age price of Rs 223.92 per kg. Only 11.1 per cent of the total demand was marked at below Rs 150 per kg while 25.45 per cent was witnessed at a higher price level. Middle East operated at lower



levels while CIS marked good support. Local dealers and other internals also saw good

Darjeeling leaf met with strong demand at a higher price level and a total of 12,446 kg of different qualities were sold at an average price of Rs.856.91 per kg. About 74.04 per cent of total demand was witnessed at above Rs 500 per kg and only 4.53 per cent was in evidence at a lower price range. Exporters saw good support while TCPL and Hindustan Unilever remained quiet. Local dealers and other internals were active.

There was good demand for this week's

dust offerings and 2,87,641 kg of different quality was claimed at an average price of

Rs 193.73 per kg

demand was marked at a lower price level and 16.8 per cent was observed at above Rs 250 per kg, the data reflected. Western India operated well while TCPL remained quiet. Other internals reg-

Around 29.65 per cent of the total

istered fair support. The number of buyers for CTC, Orthodox, Darjeeling leaf and dust tea was

120, 73, 51 and 55 respectively during this session, the official data added

В **CFA INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES SIGNIFICANT**

ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CFA PROGRAM Mumbai: CFA Institute announced significant enhancements to the CFA Program. The changes address today's candidates learn and prepare them for successful careers as investment professionals, while also supplying the industry with the well-trained, ethical professionals it requires. Margaret Franklin, CFA, President and CEO, CFA Institute, commented "These enhancements represent an important milestone for our candidates and employers in the industry. In fact, they constitute the most significant changes we have ever made to the CFA Program since its inception in 1963. We conducted extensive research to get feedback directly from employers, candidates, prospective candidates, and the industry at large to inform how best to advance the knowledge and skills we provide to the investment professionals of the future.

RECORD IPR FILINGS BY KARNAVATI UNIVERSITY

Ahmedabad: Karnavati University was felicitated with a medal and certificate by Asia Book of Records and the India Book of Records for record number of intellectual property rights (IPR) filing at university's campus at Uvarsad near Gandhinagar. Its filings include record 151 design applications and 144 copyright applications — a record achieved by a university in a single day! PTI ■ NEW DELHI "PAT for FY23 higher by 118.4 per cent at Rs 10,727 crore vs Rs. 4,912 crore dani Power Ltd (APL) has posted for FY22 due to higher EBITDA, lower Adam rower Eta (112) 1 Aaround 13 per cent jump in confinance cost on account of debt presolidated net profit at Rs 5,242 crore for payment, as well as certain reversals March quarter 2022-23 consequent to the Scheme of The company had clocked Rs Amalgamation becoming effective,"

4,645 crore net profit in January-March 2021-22, it said in a statement the company said. The company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amor-"Consolidated PAT (profit after tax) for Q4 FY23 grows... On account of tization (EBITDA) for FY23 was higher at Rs 14,312 crore against Rs 13,789 lower finance cost as well as certain

crore in FY22.

reversals consequent to the scheme of In FY23, total revenue was also higher by 35.8 per cent at Rs 43,041 crore over Rs 31,686 crore in FY22. Last amalgamation(of six subsidiaries)," Total income however fell to Rs fiscal, APL achieved an average con-10,795 crore from Rs 13,307 crore in the solidated Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 47.9 per cent and sales of 53.39 billion year-ago quarter. Total expenses were higher at Rs 9,897 crore as against Rs units as compared to consolidated PLF of 51.5 per cent and sales volume



Adani Power Q4 profit grows 13% to ₹5,242 cr

of 52.27 BU a year ago. During Q4 FY23, APL achieved an average consolidated PLF of 52 per cent, and aggregate sales volumes of 14.25 BU as against an average consolidated PLF of 52.1 per cent and sales volume 13.15 BU in the year-ago period.

Power offtake under long term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)

prices, while the PLF of open capacities was affected by domestic coal related constraints. "Consequent to approval of the

was constrained by high import coal

Scheme of Amalgamation by NCLT and fulfilment of the conditions precedent thereto, six operating subsidiaries of APL, viz. Adani Power Maharashtra, Adani Power Rajasthan, Adani Power (Mundra), Udupi Power Corporation, Raipur Energen, and Raigarh Energy Generation have been amalgamated with it effective October 1, 2021," the statement said.

Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani said, India's growing demand for world-class infrastructure facilities is acting as the springboard for the next phase of its economic growth.

"As the nation's foremost infra-

structure conglomerate, Adani Group is fully committed to meeting it in a sustainable and dependable manner," he added. S B Khyalia, CEO, Adani Power

said, "We have also started a new chapter in cross-border cooperation with the commissioning of the first 800 MW unit of the Godda Ultra-supercritical thermal power project, which will provide Bangladesh with a reliable source of electricity, and help it achieve its long-term economic goals." APL is a part of diversified Adani

Group. The company has an installed thermal power capacity of 14,410 MW spread across eight power plants in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Jharkhand, apart from a 40 MW solar power plant in Gujarat.

NEERAJ WINS DOHA DIAMOND LEAGUE TITLE

lympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra began his Diamond League title defence with a comfortable win in the season-opening leg here on Friday, with a world leading and fourth career-best

The 25-year-old Chopra, who had pocketed the 2022 Diamond League Final trophy in Switzerland last September, beat a star-studded field with a best throw of 88.67m to begin his season in style.

Chopra hit his straps in his first attempt itself with a world-leading throw of 88.67m, which was his fourth career-best effort, to position himself on the top of the pile. He maintained the lead till the end to win the event in his second appearance at the Qatar Sports Club. The superstar Indian, who had won a sil-

ver in the 2022 World Championships, had finished fourth with a best throw of 87.43m in his first appearance here in 2018. Silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch of Czech

Republic went agonisingly close to Chopra's best mark with a second round throw of 88.63m, four centimeter short of the Indian's

Vadlejch had won silver in the Tokyo Olympics. He had also won a silver in the Doha Diamond League last year with a 90.88m throw.

Reigning world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada, who had won the event here last year with a monster throw of 93.07m, finished third with a modest best throw of 85.88m.

"It was a very hard win, but Im happy, It's a really good start for me. I hope to come in the first place in the next competitions and to keep consistency during this season," Chopra said after the win.

"It was challenging for all athletes, but I'm still satisfied with my result. It's a great atmosphere. Today was challenging, next time I'll do



I'll try to do my best in next competitions. I plan to stay fit and do more than I can.

"Lot of people came to support me and they are really happy. Sometimes it's really hard because we have a big country and people have hopes, and now more athletes from my country join me in the Diamond league and other competitions.

"I'm lucky people have faith in me, I feel really good. This Doha meeting is great, the first one every year."

Chopra, who has a personal best of 89.94m, could not sustain the tempo of his first attempt as he could only send the spear to 86.04m and then to 85.47m before fouling his throw in the fourth. He managed 84.37m and 85.62m in his fifth and sixth attempts.

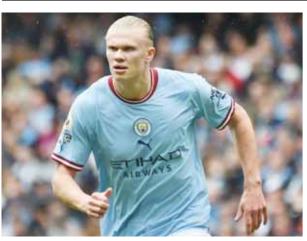
This was Chopra's second win in a Diamond League Meeting. He became the first Indian to win a Diamond League Meeting in Lausanne last year.

The Doha meet, however, did not see any 90m-plus mark, which was much different from last year when Peters and Vadlejch had crossed the coveted distance. Chopra had even acknowledged the reputation of Doha giving 90m-plus throws during the pre-event press conference on Thursday.

In men's triple jump, 2022 Commonwealth Games gold medallist Eldhose Paul finished 10th with a disappointing performance of 15.84m in his first Diamond League appearance. He has a personal best of 16.99m.

Tokyo Olympic champion Pedro Pichardo of Portugal won the event with a best jump of

The Diamond League is track and field's most prestigious series sitting in the top tier of World Athletics' one-day competitions. The 2023 Diamond League comprises 13 meetings, starting with the Doha event leading up to the two-day Diamond League Final in Eugene, USA, on September 16-17.



Man City edge closer to Premier League title

finals

AP MANCHESTER

Manchester City closed in on retaining the Premier League title as a 2-1 win over struggling Leeds on Saturday opened up a four-point lead at

Ilkay Gundogan struck twice before half-time and missed a penalty as City made it 14 consecutive wins at the Etihad in 2023.

But the home side were made to suffer a far more nervy finale than necessary after Rodrigo pulled a goal back five minutes from time.

Pep Guardiola was far from happy after Erling Haaland gave Gundogan the chance to seal his hat-trick from the spot rather than taking responsibility six minutes from time.

That rounded off a rare poor day for Haaland, who missed a number of chances to add to his 51 goals in all competitions this season.

City's far superior goal difference over Arsenal means Guardiola's men likely need a maximum of eight points from their last four games to claim a fifth league title in six seasons.

Sam Allardyce's return to the dugout had no immediate impact in reviving Leeds' fortunes as they remain outside the relegation zone only on goal dif-

Guardiola could even afford the luxury of making seven changes with one eye on Tuesday's trip to Real Madrid in the Champions League semi-

Gundogan was one of those John Stones, Ruben Dias, Rodri, Jack Grealish and Bernardo Silva were among those handed

Leeds were lucky to last until 19 minutes without conceding as Haaland fired his first big chance into the chest of goalkeeper Joel Robles, who was brought in by Allardyce to replace Illan Meslier.

Gundogan showed the star striker how it is done as twice the German midfielder received passes from Riyad Mahrez and picked out the bottom corner from the edge of the box. Kevin De Bruyne's return

from injury was another timely boost for City's quest for a treble of trophies and the Belgian's brilliant lay-off should have been buried by Haaland, who fired wide.

Haaland set a new Premier League record of 35 goals in a single season against West Ham

on Wednesday.

And the 22-year-old will think he should have had a seventh hat-trick of his first season in English football let alone walk away empty-handed.

state, had two failed lifts -- one each in snatch, and clean jerk. But a gold ndian weightlifter Bindyarani Devi medal would have been out of her grasp

was quick to make amends after an even if she had completed those two lifts underwhelming performance in snatch Chen Guan Ling of Chinese Taipei section as she clinched an overall silver won the gold with a 204kg in the women's 55kg competition at the (90kg+114kg) effort while Vietnam's Vo Asian Championships here on Saturday. Thi Quynh Nhu 192kg (88kg+104kg) The Commonwealth Games silver bagged the bronze in a depleted field.

medallist had a total effort of 194kg The top lifters in 55kg have either (83kg+111kg), as she opened India's medal tally in this edition of the chambulked up or moved down weight classes in order to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics next year. Bindyarani also won the silver in the

Bindyarani started off nicely, executing her first two snatch attempts of 80kg and 83kg with relative ease but her 85kg try was deemed a no lift. Her per-"I'm happy with my performance today. I had injured my left knee before the trials. Once that was okay I had sonal best in snatch is 86kg.

the Manipuri covered ground by lifting the second highest weight in clean and She, then, unsuccessfully, tried to

Placed fourth after the snatch event,

improve her total with a 115kg lift. She had lifted 116kg at the Birmingham CWG last year

The Manipuri was forced to switch back to her original 55kg weight division for this event due to an injury she



sustained ahead of the selection trials. She had moved to the 59kg weight class, that features in the Paris Olympics, during last year's World Championships where she finished 25th.

Her performance here was not her best but head coach Vijay Sharma had said before the tournament that the aim was to make Bindyarani just participate in the event, which is one of the qualifiers of the Paris Olympics, and peak during the Asian Games later this year.

"Before the injury, I had improved my personal best but the injury affected my training and we wanted to take it easy. At the Asian Games, I will win gold for sure," Bindyarani said.

Under the 2024 Olympic qualification rule, a lifter has to compulsorily compete in the 2023 World Championships and the 2024 World Cup.

Apart from the two above, a lifter also has to participate in three among the following additional events — the 2022 World Championships, the 2023 Continental Championships, the 2023 Grand Prix 1, the 2023 Grand Prix II and the 2024 Continental Champion-

Milan beat Lazio but lose Leao

C Milan recorded a confidence-Aboosting 2-0 win over Lazio in Serie A on Saturday but saw key forward Rafael Leão limp off with an injury just four days before its Champions League semifinal match. An Ismaël Bennacer strike and a

clean and jerk section. She was, how-

ever, competing in a non-Olympic

issues with my right one so my training was affected and I couldn't give my

"But today thanks to god my body was feeling good before the competi-

to speak to her family back home due

to the ongoing ethnic violence in the

The Manipuri, who hasn't been able

weight category.

best," she said.

tion," she added.

stunning Théo Hernandez goal helped Milan move back into the top four in It also closed the gap to second-

place Lazio to three points. Milan was one point ahead of Inter Milan, which plays at Roma later in another direct battle for a spot in next season's Champions League.

The two Milan clubs meet in the first leg of the Champions League semifinals on Wednesday. The return leg is the following Tuesday.

And Milan could be without Leão after the forward limped off in the 11th minute Saturday shortly after pulling up and clutching the top of his right

Milan nevertheless took the lead six minutes later. Lazio defender Nicolò Casale attempted to pass out from his



area to teammate Marcos Antônio but Bennacer stole the ball and played a onetwo with Olivier Giroud before firing past Ivan Provedel.

Milan doubled its lead in stunning fashion in the 29th minute as Hernández collected a pass inside his own area from goalkeeper Mike Maignan and raced almost the whole length of the field before unleashing a shot into the top right corner.

Ante Rebic had a goal disallowed for Milan for offside seven minutes from

A late goal from Kevin Kampl on Saturday gave RB Leipzig a second victory over Freiburg in a week and landed a significant blow in the race for the Bundesliga top four.
Kampl's dainty chip on 73 minutes

gave his side a 1-0 win in an otherwise stagnant game in Freiburg, just days after Leipzig had won a German Cup semifinal in the same stadium.

The win saw Marco Rose's side rise to third, leapfrogging both Union Berlin and Freiburg in the race for the Champions League.

avenged that loss in Friday's

semi-final. He came from a set

down to see off 121st-ranked

Karatsev 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 and

become the first 'lucky loser' to

go all the way to a Masters final.

final appearance resulted in a

runner-up finish in Munich in 2021, claimed victory on a fifth

Struff, whose only other



World champion Max Verstappen of Red Bull set the fastest time in Friday's practice for the Miami Grand Prix while Ferrari's Charles Leclerc suffered a crash into a barrier on a track which several drivers described as "slippery".

After Mercedes enjoyed a 1-2 effort in the opening session, with George Russell leading the way from Lewis Hamilton, Verstappen -- the current championship leader — responded emphatically with an impressive best lap time of 1:27.930.

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz was 0.385 seconds behind closely followed by his teammate Leclerc, whose session ended early after he went nose first into the bar-

rier at Turn eight.

Leclerc left the track on a moped and showed no signs of any side-effects from the incident, which caused a red flag

Miami track, was accompanied by regular complaints from the driver about his headrest but the

discomfort appeared to have lit-tle impact on his performance. "It was a good day. Initially

we were getting used to the track with the new tarmac, it was ramping up a lot throughout the day. It's still quite slippery off line but on the driving line it's OK," "Most importantly today

we had good balance in the car so I feel happy. There are still a few things we want to look at overnight, ideally we want to be faster on every corner, which isn't always possible. We'll have to see what the weather will do tomorrow, but overall it's been a positive day," he said.

The weather forecast for the weekend predicts rain but it is more likely to fall on Sunday rather than for Saturday's qual-

Verstappen's teammate Sergio Perez, who is just six points behind him in the standings after his win in Baku last week. was fourth fastest ahead of Aston Martin's Fernando

inated the opening four races of the season with Verstappen and teammate Sergio Perez claiming

lcaraz into Madrid final on 20th birthday

Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz celebrated his 20th birthday on Friday by reaching the Madrid Open final, likening himself to "a bull" in his straight sets win over Borna Coric.

The world number two was at his best to defeat the Croatian 6-4, 6-3. He will face Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff, the world number 65, who had originally been knocked out in qualifying before winning a reprieve, in Sunday's final.

Alcaraz said he called upon some of the inner motivation which helped him triumph at the US Open in New York last year when he captured his maiden Grand Slam crown.

"There was a moment when

US Open, that I'm a bull, and that I could do it, and it helped me," he explained.

Alcaraz, reaching his fourth Masters 1000 final, broke for a 3-2 lead in a tight first set and served it out.

He broke for 2-1 in the second set and after world number 20 Coric immediately hit back, did so again for a 3-2 lead, which he consolidated. Alcaraz sealed the match with another break when Coric went long, ensuring he reached the final only dropping one set en route, against Emil Ruusuvuori.

The top seed was able to celebrate with a birthday cake, offered to him by the tournament organisers after his victory. The only dampener for



Nadal hasn't played since the Australian Open in January due to a hip injury and is now a serious doubt for the French Open in three weeks' time and where the 36-year-old has been

compatriot and 22-time major

winner Rafael Nadal would miss

next week's Italian Open

through injury.

champion on 14 occasions. "I hope to see him at Roland Garros 100 percent. The world wants to see him at 100 percent," said Alcaraz.

Struff, 33, made only his second career final by defeating Russia's Aslan Karatsev who had beaten him in qualifying last

However, having been allocated a place in the main draw

quarter-finals, was the third lucky loser to reach the semifinals at a Masters 1000 event. oining Thomas Johansson in Toronto in 2004 and Lucas Pouille in Rome in 2016.

match point.

He fired 37 winners including 15 aces in his two-hour 19minute win.
Struff, who upset fifthranked Stefanos Tsitsipas in the

and five-minute delay, frustrating teams who were putting in some longer runs. Verstappen's second practice, on the newly resurfaced

Alonso. Red Bull drivers have dom-

two victories each.

CSK BREAK CHEPAUK JINX AGAINST I

Rohit Sharma's barren run with willow continued as Chennai Super Kings broke a 13-year-old home jinx against Mumbai Indians with an easy six-wicket victory in an IPL match, here on Saturday.

The Indian skipper's horrid run in IPL since last edition continued as he failed to trouble the scorer for the second match in succession with MI scoring a below par 139 for 8 against an inspired performance from the CSK pace and seam troika of Deepak Chahar (2/18 in 4 overs), Man of the match Matheesha Pathirana (3/15 in 4 overs) and Tushar Deshpande (2/25 in 4 overs).

The chase was a cakewalk as Devon Conway (44 off 42 balls) played the role of anchor to perfection after Ruturaj Gaikwad's whirlwind 16-ball-30. The win was completed in 17.5 overs and CSK leapfrogged to second place behind Gujarat Titans in the points table.

Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni scored the winning runs much to the delight of the adoring crowd at Chepauk. The last time CSK won against MI at Chepauk was in 2010, even before India had won the ODI World Cup under Dhoni.

For MI, it was a bad loss as they stay in sixth place with 10 points from as many games and very little margin for error after this match. But what will certainly both MI is their skipper's prolonged lean patch as 184 runs from 10 games with five scores of less than 10 and only two scores above 40 will set some panic in the ranks.

Not to forget, coming down the batting order at No. 3 didn't work as an indiscreet lap-scoop off Deepak Chahar didn't work at all for the skipper.

But no amount of praise will be enough for Pathirana, who literally bottled the MI batters during the death overs as he didn't concede a single boundary in his four-over spell.

In the MI innings, a maiden half-century in IPL by left-handed batter Nehal Wadhera (64, 51 balls, 8x4, 1x6) and his half-century partnerships with Suryakumar Yadav (26) and Tristan Stubbs (20) helped salvage things for MI, which lost three wickets by the third over and reach 139 for 8.

After opting to bowl, CSK bowlers left MI in disarray, reducing the opposition to



Chahar picked up the wickets of Ishan Kishan (7, 9 balls, 1x4) and MI skipper Rohit Sharma (0, 3 balls) while Tushar Deshpande provided the first breakthrough by removing the dangerous Cameron Green, getting him bowled for 6 (4 balls, 1 four).

MI lost three wickets in space of 7 deliveries whilst scoring only 1 run and looked in deep trouble before Surya (26, 22 balls, 3x4) and Wadhera began the res-

Surya and Wadhera added 55 runs in 7 overs and began to look more assured in the middle before Ravindra Jadeja fired a quicker one to dismiss the former.

Surya, who regained form in the previous game against Punjab Kings, held the key for MI after the early setbacks, and he looked to be guiding the team towards safety when Jadeja's faster one got the better of him.

Tim David, of whom much was expected, lasted just 4 balls, scoring two runs before being dismissed by

Pathirana, who seems to be getting better with every game, gave away 2 runs in the 18th over and 5 runs in the final over as CSK strangled Mumbai Indians with pace, for a change. The MI batters could not get away the slinger from Sri Lanka in a modest performance.

Rohit should take a break for time being: Gavaskar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Batting great Sunil Gavaskar feels the woefully out-of-form India and Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma should take a break from the IPL and instead prepare in earnest for the upcoming World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia.

Gavaskar believes the confidence of Rohit has been hurt after a prolonged run of poor scores in the T20 league.

Speaking on Star Sports, Gavaskar said, "I would say that Rohit should maybe take a break for the time being, and keep himself fit for the World Test Championship final.

"He can come back again for the last few matches, but right now, (he should) take a little bit of a breather himself."

The WTC final is scheduled to be held at the Oval in London

I feel he should not play red-ball cricket: Dhoni on Pathirana

Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni Con Saturday had a word of advice for young Sri Lankan pacer Matheesha Pathirana: don't even get close to red-ball cricket. Referred to as Baby Malinga, as he has modelled his bowling action on the Lankan great, the 20-year pacer with sling arm action won the man of the match award after returning excellent figures of 3/15 in CSK's six-wicket win over Mumbai Indians

Dhoni kept the bowler's sling action, which could be prone to injuries, in mind

Lankan cricket administrators against playing him in all formats of the game.

'People who don't have any clean action, batsmen have a difficult time picking it. But his consistency, pace makes him special," Dhoni said at the post-match presentation. "I feel he should not play red-ball cricket, not even get close to it, he can play only ICC tournaments. He is young and he would be a great asset for Sri Lankan cricket. Last time he came, he was lean but now he has put on muscle and is stronger."

Dhoni opted to bowl first after winning the toss. He revealed he had wanted to bat first, but was outnumbered in the team meeting. "I was doubtful with the decision



tank thought about the rain, I was slightly outnumbered and so we went with the "If there is some kind of a confusion

at the toss, I wanted to bat first but the think

then we sit and talk about it. I felt the wicket will slow down and that was the reason behind it, and even if rain comes then the majority of the game would have been done," he said. Dhoni said it was a crucial win as it gives them some cushion.

"It was a very crucial game for a simple reason if you see the points table there's a muddle. Last few games the results have not gone in our favour and so it is good to

Hardik's GT to take Salt keeps Delhi Capitals alive in IPL 2023 on Krunal-led LSG



PTI AHMEDABAD

It will be a test of wits between the Pandya brothers — Hardik and Krunal — when defending champions Gujarat Titans clash with Lucknow Super Giants in

the IPL here on Sunday.

While Hardik has captained the Indian team on multiple occasions and is leading GT for the second year, Krunal has led the Baroda team in domestic cricket and was elevated to the role of LSG captain in the absence of regular skipper KL Rahul. The two have become the

first brothers to captain teams in the IPL. Under Hardik, GT are perched on top of the leader board with 14 points. Krunal, on the other hand,

led LSG in the washed out match against Chennai Super Kings. He will be tasked with raising the morale of the side, which has lost its regular skipper and pacer Jaydev Unadkat.

LSG, who are second on the points table with 11 points, enter the fixture on the back of a loss to Royal Challengers Bangalore and a washed out

game against CSK> Rahul, who limped off the field against RCB, has ruled himself out of the remainder of the season, as he is set to undergo a thigh surgery.

Adding to their woes, pacer Unadkat will also play no part in this IPL after sustaining a shoul-In their previous two games

the batting unit has disappointed as the Lucknow side was unable to chase or put totals in excess of 130 on the board.

cold this season. While on the one hand, they have given commanding performances, they also have a self-destruct button, which goes off. LSG have no dearth of tal-

ent in their line up but the inconsistent form of their batters is hurting the team.

They have named the experienced Karun Nair as a replacement for Rahul.

Come Sunday, LSG will have to be at their best against a formidable GT bowling attack.

In the absence of pacer Mark Wood, Afghan quick Naveen-ul-Haq has picked wickets while Ravi Bishnoi and Amit Mishra have led the LSG spin department well.

The Titans, on the other hand, are coming off a morale boosting nine-wicket win against Rajasthan Royals, where all their departments fired in unison. The Gujarat bowlers have lived up to their top billing. Led by veteran pacer Mohammed Shami and the wily Rashid Khan, they have rarely faltered this season.

Irish medium pacer Josh Little and Afghan spinner Noor Ahmed have also been impactful in their debut season.

The batters, who had an off day against Delhi Capitals, came back with vengeance in the last game to decimate the 119-run target in 13.5 overs.

The aim will be to continue the good run in the business end of the tournament.

PTI ■ DELHI

Phil Salt came up with an out-rageous display of ball strik-ing as Delhi Capitals kept them-selves alive in the Indian Premier League with a thumping seven-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bangalore here on Saturday.

Virat Kohli (55 off 56) completed his 'homecoming' with a landmark fifty before Mahipal Lomror (54 not out off 29) came up with a career-best knock to take Royal Challengers Bangalore to 181 for four.

Needing to win every game play-off berth, Delhi's overseas batters played fearlessly to gun down the total in 16.4 overs. Besides Salt's sensational

87 off 45 balls, David Warner (22 off 14), Mitchell Marsh (26 off 17) and Rilee Rossouw (29 not out off 21) produced timely cameos.

It was Delhi's second consecutive win and they need to win their remaining four games while RCB suffered their fifth loss in 10 matches.

Salt and Warner came out all guns blazing as Delhi raced to 60 for no loss in five overs. The fifth over in which Mohammad Siraj conceded 19 runs gave Delhi the initial advantage and RCB could not fight back from there.

The premier India fast bowler could have avoided a heated exchange with Salt after the latter smashed him for couple of sixes and a four.

The flat six over extra cover off Siraj stood out in Salt's special innings.

Delhi's performance also the foreign players with the Indian batters under-perform-

Earlier, Kohli mania swep the Feroz Shah Kotla as Delĥi fans, on another day, were seen wearing the RCB jersey of their favourite player.

The star batter ensured they did not return home disappointed with a 55 off 46 balls, his sixth half century of the season, before Lomror played some breathtaking shots on way to his



highest score in the IPL. Kohli also became the first player to amass 7000 runs in the tournament history.

Both Kohli and Faf du
Plessis (45 off 32), who have done the bulk of the scoring for RCB this season, took their time to get going in the power-

play.
Khaleel Ahmed bowled one short and wide in the opening over and Kohli was happy to put it past David Warner at mid off

for his first boundary.

Among the highlights of Kohli's innings was a pull and Delhi mate Ishant Sharma.

Delhi Capitals were able to keep the high profile openers quiet till the fourth over.

Du Plessis, who hardly got balls in the first three overs, stepped out to Mukesh Kumar for a straight hit before unleashing a forehand. What followed was a mishit off a short ball, resulting in the third boundary of the over.

was even more productive for

RCB as du Plessis played an expansive straight drive off a full toss for the first six of the game. The two overs gave RCB a much needed move as they reached for 51 for no loss in the powerplay.

With du Plessis and Glenn Maxwell dismissed off successive deliveries in the 11th over bowled by Mitchell Marsh, a top heavy RĆB found themselves in a spot of bother.

However, the pressure was released by Lomror instantly as he played some bold strokes in his whirlwind effort. Anything the mid-wicket region as he collected sixes off Marsh and Kuldeep.

His down the ground six off a full ball from Kuldeep made it

The sixth over from Khaleel

clear that the southpaw was 'in the zone'. Kohli reached his 50 off 42 balls but it was Lomror who provided the momentum in the middle overs. The 23year-old reached his maiden fifty of the IPL with a crisp drive between extra cover and mid-off

RR look to avoid hat-trick of defeats

 $B^{\rm ruised\ and\ battered\ in\ their}_{\rm last\ game,\ Rajasthan\ Royals}$ would look for a much-improved effort from the batting unit against Sunrisers Hyderabad in order to avoid a hat-trick of defeats in the IPL here on Sunday.

RR dished out a shoddy batting display as they were bowled out for 118 by Gujarat Titans on

Despite back-to-back defeats against Mumbai Indians and GT, RR have managed to hold on to their spot in the top four of the standings with five wins and as many losses. In their last outing RR, which boasts of one of the potent opening duo of the in-form Yashasvi Jaiswal and Jos Buttler, put up a disastrous batting display.

But the duo failed to live up

to the expectations.

RR have always looked like a dominating side when Jaiswal and Buttler click but the team management would be concerned with the inconsistent run of its middle-orders as the likes of Devdutt Padikkal, Riyan Parag and Shimron Hetmyer are yet to fire in unison. RR coach Kumar Sangak-

kara didn't mince his words in criticising the effort of his batters, especially against the spin-

On the bowling front too, RR will have to pull up the socks with Trent Boult and Adam



has failed to provide quick starts,

Zampa going for runs.

team competition.

Having suffered a close fiverun defeat against Kolkata Knight Riders in their last game, The onus would be on Boult and Sandeep Sharma to provide a good start and the the spin duo SRH would look to return to of Ravichandran Ashwin and winning ways to keep their play-off hopes alive. Yuzvendra Chahal taking SRH have been hit hard by charge. SRH, on the other hand the poor show of the batters. The have registered just three wins from nine games to occupy the opening pair of Abhishek penultimate spot in the 10-Sharma and Mayank Agarwal

putting immense pressure on the likes of Rahul Tripathi, skipper Aiden Markram and Heinrich Klaasen to do the job. Harry Brook also seemed to

have lost his touch after his unbeaten 100 as he scored just 63 runs in the next eight games.

to deliver for the side.

Cricket Council officials. The source in PCB said that during his Dubai visit, Sethi is SRH's bowling unit led by Bhuvneshwar Kumar too needs

Pakistan will only come for WC if BCCI gives 'written guarantee' to PCB on 2025 CT participation

PTI KARACHI

Pakistan Cricket Board chair-man Najam Sethi will seek a "written guarantee" from BCCI supremo Jay Shah about Indian team's participation in 2025 ICC Champions Trophy in Pakistan before committing on their national team playing its ODI World Cup games in India, later this year.

The 2023 World Cup will be played from October 5 and BCCI have zeroed in on Ahmedabad (for India game), Chennai, Bengaluru and Kolkata as possible venues for Babar Azam's side. However with ACC under chairmanship of Jay Shah not confirming the proposed 'Hybrid Model' for the upcoming Asia Cup, where India played its matches in UAE and Pakistan play their games in their home country, Sethi apparently has been advised to play the hardball.

According to a reliable source, Sethi is scheduled to leave for Dubai on 8th May where he will hold meetings with ACC and International

also expected to start lobbying to garner support for Pakistan's

"principled stance that it will not play its World Cup matches in India unless the BCCI and ICC give written guarantees India will come to Pakistan to play in the 2025 Champions Trophy." "Sethi has recently met with

also obtained advice from them on whether Pakistan should play in the Asia Cup if it is not held in Lahore and Dubai as proposed by the PCB under its hybrid model plan to the ACC," the source said. He added that Sethi has got

some government officials and

tacit approval from the government quarters to convey a strong and blunt stance to the ACC members about hosting the Asia Cup in September. 'Sethi is expected to make it very clear to the ACC members

hybrid proposal or the PCB will not take part in the competition this year if it is moved from Pakistan.' The PC chairman is unwilling to accept more delays on

that either they accept Pakistan's

'Apparently, Sethi has now realized that it is time for some hard decisions and is not willing to accept any more delays from the ACC on finalization of venues and schedule for the Asia

scheduling of Asia Cup.

Talent scouting camp by Delhi Sports University New Delhi: The talent scouting camp organised by Delhi Sports University (DSU) at archery, athletics, badminton,

Thyagaraj Stadium in New Delhi has seen turnout of 2,400 young sports enthusiasts from Delhi-NCR. The event was open to students from Classes VI to IX. Participants showcased their skills in sports like

boxing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, weightlifting, wrestling, and lawn tennis. "Our university is committed to identifying and nurturing young talent in India," said Karnam Malleswari, Vice Chancellor of Delhi Sports New Delhi, May 7, 2023

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l've been so lucky to work with such great people: people that are such hard workers and have such a respect and appreciation for one another





ROYAL DRAMA

King's fractious family on stage at coronation, writes DANICA KIRKA

ing Charles III lives in a palace, travels in a chauffeur-driven Bentley and is one of Britain's richest men, but he's similar to many of his subjects in one very basic way: His family life is complicated — very complicated.

There's a second wife, an embarrassing brother, and an angry son and daughter-in-law, all with allies who aren't shy about whispering family secrets in the ears of friendly reporters.

The new king kept a lid on these tensions when his royally blended family joined as many as 2,800 guests for Charles'. All except Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, are attending.

How Charles manages his family drama over the coming weeks and years is crucial to the king's efforts to preserve and protect the 1,000-year-old hereditary monarchy he now embodies. Without the respect of the public, the House of Windsor risks being lumped together with pop stars, social media influencers and reality TV contestants as fodder for the British tabloids, undermining the cachet that underpins its role in public life.

Royal historian Hugo Vickers says people should look past the sensational headlines and focus on what Charles accomplishes now that he is king.

king.
"In a sense, he sort of becomes a new man when he becomes king," said Vickers, author of "Coronation: The Crowning of Elizabeth II."

"Look at him as he is now, look at him the way he is approaching everything, look at his positivity and look at how right he's been on so many issues," he added. "Unfortunately, he had those difficult times with his marriages and some of the other issues, but we live in a very tricky era."

The horror show came back to haunt Charles last week, when the king's estranged younger son, Prince Harry, dropped a new round of allegations Tuesday about the royal family into the middle of the coronation buildup.

In written evidence for his invasion of privacy claim against a British newspaper, Harry claimed his father prevented him from filing the lawsuit a decade ago. The prince said Charles didn't want to dredge up graphic testimony about his extramarital affair with the former Camilla Parker-Bowles when he was married to the late Princess Diana.

Diana was the mother of Harry and his elder brother and heir to the throne, William, the Prince of Wales. Camilla, now the queen consort, went on to marry Charles in 2005 and will be crowned alongside her husband at Westminster Abbey.

If the past is any indication, attention will now shift to body language, seating plans and even wardrobe choices during the coronation, as royal watchers look for any signs of a thaw in the family tensions.

But Joe Little, managing editor of Majesty magazine, doesn't expect Harry to have a lot of contact with the rest of his family. In any case, Harry won't be in the UK for long, so there's not much time for fence mending.

"The stuff that we discovered (Tuesday) is really not going to help his cause," Little said. "But, you know, will there be time to go over all that with the king and the Prince of Wales? Unlikely."

The royal soap opera didn't begin with the current generation of royals. After all, Edward VIII sparked a constitutional crisis in 1936 when he abdicated the throne to marry the twice-divorced American Wallis Simpson.

Charles' grandfather, George VI, is credited with saving the monarchy with a life of low-key public service after he replaced his flamboyant elder brother. The late Queen Elizabeth II burnished the family's reputation during a 70-year reign, in which she became a symbol of stability who cheered the nation's victories and

comforted it during darker times.

THE HORROR SHOW CAME BACK TO HAUNT **CHARLES LAST** WEEK, WHEN THE KING'S ESTRANGED YOUNGER SON, PRINCE HARRY, DROPPED A NEW ROUND OF **ALLEGATIONS TUESDAY ABOUT** THE ROYAL FAMILY INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE CORONATION **BUILDUP**



But Charles grew up in a different era, under the glare of media attention as deference to the monarchy faded.

He has been a controversial figure ever since the very public breakdown of his marriage to Diana, who was revered by many people for her looks and her compassion.

Diana alleged that there had been 'three people' in the marriage, pointing the finger at Charles' longtime love Camilla Parker-Bowles.

Camilla, initially reviled by Diana's fans, has worked hard to rehabilitate her image. Her ex-husband and their children are expected to attend the coronation, with her grandsons serving as pages of honor.

She supports a raft of causes, ranging from adult literacy to protecting the victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. But even that effort has sparked tensions.

Harry claimed in his memoir 'Spare' that the senior royals leaked unflattering stories about him to the news media in return for more favorable coverage, particularly to improve Camilla's image.

2018, Harry and Meghan were celebrated as the new face of the monarchy. Meghan, a biracial American actress, brought a touch of Hollywood glamour to the royal family and many observers hoped she would help the Windsors connect with younger people in an increasingly multicultural nation.

At the time of their marriage in

Those hopes quickly crumbled amid allegations that palace officials were insensitive to Meghan's mental health struggles as she adjusted to royal life.

Harry and Meghan walked away from frontline royal duties three years ago and moved to California, from which they have lobbed repeat-

ed critiques at the House of Windsor.
In a 2021 interview with Oprah
Winfrey they hinted at racism in the
palace, alleging that one unidentified
member of the royal family had
inquired about the color of their

unborn son's skin before his birth.

Harry, in a Netflix series broadcast last year, said the episode was an example of unconscious bias and that the royal family needed to "learn and

grow" so it could be "part of the solution rather than part of the prob-

The repeated attacks led to months of speculation about whether the couple would be invited to the coronation. The palace finally answered that question two weeks ago when it announced that Harry would attend but Meghan would remain in California with their two children.

And then there is Charles' brother Prince Andrew, who became a toxic time bomb inside the royal family when the world learned about his friendship with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and the financier's long-time girlfriend, Ghislaine Maxwell.

Epstein, who was convicted of sex crimes in 2008, died in a New York jail cell in 2019 while awaiting trial on a second set of charges.

Maxwell was convicted last year of helping procure young girls for Epstein and is serving a 20-year sentence at a federal prison in Florida.

Andrew gave up his royal duties in 2019 after a disastrous interview with the BBC in which he tried to explain away his links to Epstein and Maxwell. He was stripped of his honorary military titles and patronages as he prepared to defend a civil lawsuit filed by a woman who said she was forced to have sex with the prince when she was a teenager.

Andrew denied the allegations but settled the suit last year before it came to trial. While terms of the agreement weren't released, The Sun newspaper reported that Charles and the late queen paid the bulk of the estimated 7 million pound (\$8.7 million) settlement.

"I think it was inevitable that when Charles became king, a lot of the personal stuff would come back to haunt him," Little said. "I think as far as the king is concerned, he just has to shrug his shoulders and get on with the job in hand."

(AP)

LET'S TALK ABOUT MS

Former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia's wife Seema Sisodia is said to be suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS). It is an unpredictable neurodegenerative disease that impacts brain and spinal cord. In India, the actual prevalence is yet to be known as it is not much talked about and awareness is low. Yet, it is estimated that 20 out of 1 lakh people are affected, doctors tell THE HEALTH PIONEER

or the last few days, Sunita Verma (30) had been complaining of vision problems. She thought she needed a lens. Her doctor found that her eyes and her brain were not in sync. She was suggested further investigations. A Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) revealed that there were lesions in her brain that led to her diagnosed MS. She has optic neuritis (irreversible optic nerve damage) as a result of MS, said her doctor

Sunita was lucky that her doctor was alert enough to diagnose her disease that helped her start treatment early.

But many are not lucky like Sunita.

In fact, the invisible MS is the worst case. In such cases, the patients report the symptoms to doctors, and yet, the disease remains untraced. Some symptoms are very normal like fatigue and depression and doctors may think that the patient is exaggerating. That makes the disease difficult to trace, say the neurologists.

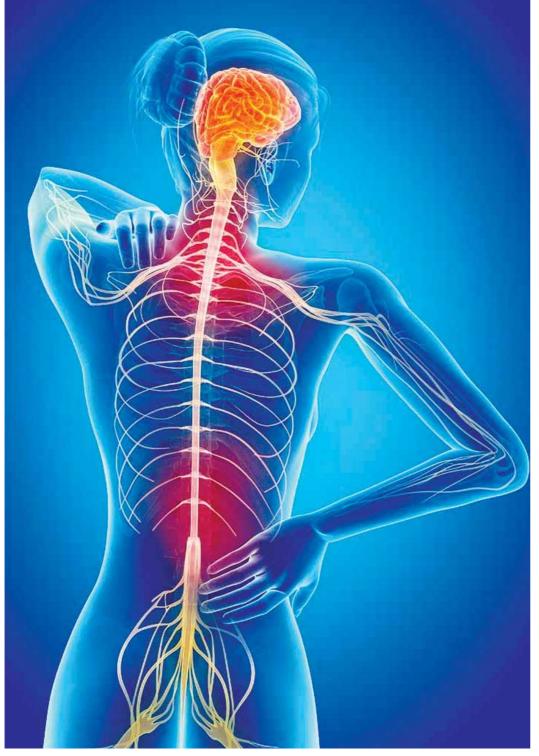
Also, in many cases, MS is diagnosed late as people are not much aware about this disease. A survey conducted by an MS associated organization revealed that while some of the patients got afflicted with the MS as early as 19 years of age, but officially diagnosed at 21. Another said, "Oh I started to have my suspicions when I was about 28. Doctors told me I just had to stress less and it all would Calm down. It just escalated more for each year so I Got my MS diagnose in august 2019."

Yet another said treatment started when he attained 32. "In hindsight symptoms from late teens/ early 20's. Number of lesions on MRI correlated with this. Too busy with work / life to get seen. Until leg stopped working and I couldn't get up the stairs."

MS is unpredictable and can cause symptoms such as extreme fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder problems, cognitive impairment and mood changes, causing physical, emotional and financial drain on the patients.

Dr Sunil K Narayan, Neurologist from JIPMER, Pondicherry said that "the symptoms are different from patient to patient across a lifetime but can include weakness, numbness, vision problems, tremors and even





paralysis. There's no cure for MS. It can afflict at any age but usually occurs around 20 and 40 years of age, considered to be the most productive period of any person's life."

"MS damages the myelin sheath, or protective covering, that surrounds nerve fibers in the brain and spinal cord, making it the most common demyelinating disease of the central nervous system. Most important investigation tool is MRI," added Dr RK Dhamija, Neurologist and Director of the Delhi-based IHBAS.

He stressed on the need for increasing awareness of MS so that diagnose is made early and disability is prevented.

More than 2.8 million people of all ages around the world are liv-

ing with MS. However, thankfully, more cases of MS are now being diagnoised throughout the country, said Dr Dhamija.

Most people with MS experience periods of new symptoms or relapses followed by quiet periods of disease remission. These relapses can take days or weeks to develop and the remission periods can last for months or even years.

"MS itself is not the cause of death because MS is not fatal. Rather, the symptoms caused by the progression of MS can lead to other conditions that are ultimately fatal. Pneumonia, infections, and falls are common causes of death directly connected to MS symptoms," said Dr SM Katrak, Neurologist, Jaslok Hospital, Mumbai.

There are very few studies done and no information is available on the MS cases in the rural population. However, increased awareness about the condition among patients and several new therapies that have come up can make treatment cost effective and efficient.

Signs and symptoms of MS can vary widely but may include:

- Numbness or weakness in one or more limbs that typically occurs on one side of your body at a time, or your legs and trunk
- Electric-shock sensations that occur with certain neck movements, especially bending the neck forward (Thermitte sign)
- (Lhermitte sign)
 Tremor, lack of coordination or unsteady gait
- Partial or complete loss of vision, usually in one eye at a time, often with pain during eye movement
- Prolonged double vision
- Blurry vision
- Slurred speech Fatigue
- Dizziness
- Tingling or pain in parts of your body
- Problems with sexual, bowel and bladder function



"MS is affecting the urban population majorly. But this disease is important due to various reasons as it typically involves young individuals; however, it also occurs in kids and adolescents. Females are more affected compared to males," said Prof MV Padma Srivastava, Head of Department, Neurology and Chief of Neurosciences Centre, AIIMS Delhi.



"If people face such conditions at an early age, their quality of life gets affected as they struggle to do even basic chores of daily routine. In this disease, people lose vision suddenly; lose balance and suffer weakness in one hand. Though they recover after the first attack generally, the disease relapses and attacks continue to occur due to which the patient does not recover and they even land onto a wheelchair."

NEW TREATMENTS

State of Tamil Nadu have been on Tysabri (natalizumab), that costs around USD1,152 per dose. While some patients are enrolled in the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme and get free medicines, others are on a weekly drug called Rebidoss (interferon beta 1a), which costs USD81 per dose. Avonex (interferon beta-1a) costs USD102 per dose. The cost of MS treatment varies from USD 4,064 per year to USD270,954 per year.

AIIMS, Delhi had conducted meta-analysis on the efficacy of the medicine and concluded that azathioprine is better than other US FDA approved medicines in the market for MS. Other medicines such as Interferons, prescribed by most doctors, cost \$4,067 per year, azathioprine costs only \$136 annually.

Azathioprine, sold under the brand name Imuran among several others, is a generic medicine and now available in the market.

Another treatment, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) or bone marrow transplant, allows clinicians to gain an upper hand in managing dreaded disease like leukaemia and lymphoma along with MS.

In April 2018, Natco Pharma launched a generic version of teriflunomide tablets

Several MS patients in the state of Tamil Nadu have been on Tysabri (natalizumab), in India.

Teriflunomide is sold by Sanofi (Euronext: SAN) under the brand name of Aubagio in the US market, Natco Pharma said. The generic product is priced much lower than other alternate options. In August 2018, Sanofi's specialty care global business unit Sanofi Genzyme launched its MS treatment drug Aubagio in India.

Dr Anuradha HK, from Aster CMI Hospital said many of these medicines are a boon since they cost half of what earlier medications cost, and also help improve the patient's condition and protect them from relapses. "Earlier, many would stop the medication midway due to the high cost. By taking affordable medicines they can get better sooner," she told a newspaper.

GLOBAL SCENARIO

Multiple studies are ongoing globally, including trials at the Tisch MS Research Center of New York, a trial in the United Kingdom and others. While mesenchymal stem cells offer exciting potential, other researchers are working on converting skin cells into myelin-repairing stem cells. These skin cells are easily obtained and have no potential for being rejected as they come from the person's own body.

Studies suggest that genetic risk factors increase the risk of developing MS, but there is no evidence that MS is directly inherited. Environmental factors, such as low Vitamin D and cigarette smoking have also been shown to increase the risk of MS, she added.

The doctors said that several new immunomodulator based therapies have come up over the past few years.

These drugs can stave off multiple sclerosis attacks and slow down the disease, they said,

medicines orally. Earlier, there were only injections given to patients on a frequent basis which were very expensive, but now there are medicines like teriflunomide (active metabolite of leflunomide) and bimethylflumorate which can be taken once a day and is much easier for patients."

But they agreed that the cost of some of the most effective medicines — which have undergone frequent price hikes over the years — can put added stress on the patients who find it difficult to bear as they are already struggling with the disease in the prime years of their life.

Dr (Prof) Rohit Bhatia at the Department of Neurology, AIIMS Delhi shared that MS doesn't require any surgical treatment



"The patient can now take medicines orally. Earlier, there were only injections given to patients on a frequent basis which and can be cured through drugs and medicines. In fact, the AIIMS Delhi has started MS related registry.

Dr Bhatia said, "This is India's first National Registry on MS and related demyelinating disorders. We have formed a collaborative team in twenty-seven centres for the registry. The AIIMS, Delhi have India's first dedicated center too for treatment of multiple sclerosis too since 2019.

"Our motive is that the disease should be diagnosed early and people get instant treatment so that they can live a good life. We aim to spread awareness so that people know about the disease and timely treatment. We have diagnoses and medicines to treat the disease. If patients come at the right time MS can be controlled."

HEALTH NEWS

EATING RAW GALLBLADDER OF FISH HARMFUL FOR KIDNEY, WARN DOCTORS

Doctors have warned that consumption of raw gallbladder of any fish can take a toll on the health of your kidney. The warning followed after they investigated Seta Devi, 48, a resident of Ranchi, who was having severe kidney damage. When questioned, she admitted to having consumed the raw gallbladder of a locally accessible "rohu" (Labeo rohita) for three days to cure her diabetes as prescribed by a local quack.

The doctors noted that raw fish

The doctors noted that raw fish gall bladder consumption is a common practice in certain regions of Asia including India, particularly eastern and southern India. It is traditionally believed to cure diabetes mellitus, bronchial asthma, arthritis and visual disturbances amongst others.

The most commonly implicated fish species are the Rohu (Labeo rohita) and the Catla (Catla catla), which are both commonly consumed in many parts of the country.

According to Dr (Prof) AK Bhalla, Chairman, Department of Nephrology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, "It is important to note that the risk of kidney injury is not limited to these two species of fish and can also occur with the consumption of gallbladder from other types of fish. Therefore, I recommend avoiding the consumption of raw fish gallbladder altogether to prevent potential health risks.

"These fish naturally produce

high levels of bile in their digestive systems, which can be harmful to humans when ingested in large quantities."

The bile contains a toxin called

cyprinol, which has been shown to cause kidney damage in humans. Symptoms of fish bile-associated kidney injury can include abdominal pain, vomiting, and decreased urine output. In severe cases, the condition can lead to kidney failure and even death.

Dr Vaibhav Tiwari, Consultant, Department of Nephrology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital said, "To prevent fish bile-associated kidney injury, we recommend avoiding consuming fish that are known to have high levels of bile. It is also important to ensure that fish is cooked thoroughly, as this can help

to reduce the levels of toxins present in the fish."

He added, "in addition to these precautions, individuals who experience symptoms of fish bile-associated kidney injury should seek medical attention immediately. Treatment may involve supportive care, such as hydration and pain management, as well as measures to protect the kidneys from further damage. In this particular case, timely diagnosis and initiation of appropriate therapy ensured optimal outcome."

Seta Devi after consuming the gallbladder of the fish hoping that her diabetes will be treated instead suffered severe nausea and vomiting after a few days. Her family brought her to the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital since her condition was deteriorating.

Her kidney biopsy revealed

Her kidney biopsy revealed significant inflammation. She was given high-dose steroids as well as supportive care. Her kidney function began to improve on the seventh day, and she was discharged two weeks later with normal kidney function, said the doctors at the hospital.



FREE HEPATITIS B, C VIRAL LOAD TESTING FOR PATIENTS AT PGICH NOIDA

From May 1, Department of Microbiology, PGICH Noida has started free of cost 'Hepatitis B & C Viral load testing for its patients from GB Nagar and adjoining districts of Uttar Pradesh under the National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP).

Head of Department, Microbiology, PGICH Noida, Professor (Dr.) Sumi Nandwani said that the molecular testing is being done for patients diagnosed with Hepatitis B & C viral infections which affect the liver and can be life threatening.

Viral load testing is useful for starting treatment and monitoring disease progress, she added.

Director, PGICH Noida, Professor (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh, mentioned that this facility was till now not available in the public sector in the GB Nagar, Ghaziabad and other adjoining districts. "Now availability of this Test free of cost in PGICH, Noida will be highly beneficial for all the patients of the institute and of Other districts in the State. Nandwani also extends thanks to

District public health expert and surveillance officer, GB Nagar – Dr Amit Kumar, CMO GB Nagar, Dr. Sunii Sharma, Joint Director and State Nodal Dr Vikasendu Agarwal & Director communicable diseases and NVHCP, UP State Dr Avinash Kumar Singh for their support.

GITAM DENTAL COLLEGE DOCTORS OPERATE COMPLEX LESION FROM ORAL CAVITY OF A CHILD

Doctors at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Visakhapatnam, have carried out the successful excision of a huge lesion from the oral cavity of an 11-year-old boy.

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There was a thin membrane separating the lesion from the lower part of the patient's eye. Not only was the surgery costly, but it was also difficult to attempt. The possibility of accidentally fracturing the patient's upper jaw during the procedure had to be taken into account, as well as the likelihood of loss of vision or bleeding into the eye, said Dr Satya Bhushan, the Head of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

"We opted for an intraoral procedure, which is a cosmetic approach to removing the lesion from inside the mouth, rather than an extraoral procedure, which would leave a scar on the face. Although it is difficult to get approach, this decision was taken keeping the age of the patient in mind," Dr Siva Kalyan elaborated. The initial diagnosis of the

access through the intraoral

rice initial diagnosis of the lesion was done through a procedure called Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology (FNAC) which identified the Central Giant Cell Granuloma (lesion). After the surgical excision of the lesion by the doctors, the pathological and microscopic examination of the growth of tissue showed that it was a schwannoma, a rare tumour of the nervous system.

Post-surgery, the patient was briefly admitted to the ICU. The young boy was fit for discharge just four days after the procedure was carried out. His recovery has been smooth.

;;The team of operating doctors also included postgraduate students Dr Sindhuja, Dr Raghu Ram and Dr Harshini.



India's moment in geopolitics at SCO meets

The SCO Council of Foreign Ministers meeting under the leadership of India concluded on May 5, 2023. Being considered an important milestone in the run up to the final Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit scheduled for July, the meeting not only upheld the larger theme of "SECURE SCO" (SECURE is an acronym for security, economy, connectivity, unity, respect and environment), but also showcased the value that India can bring to multilateral engagements.

Acronyms have emerged as a distinct diplomatic style under the Narendra Modi Government. While they crisply communicate and underline the importance of themes associated with the specific diplomatic event, they also have potential analytical value with regards to understanding India's vision vis-a-vis the emerging world order. For instance, the maritime policy of India was communicated through the SAGAR doctrine.

In fact, one of the dominant discourses which have come up in recent decades is India's role as a net security provider in the Indian Ocean which takes cognisance of both emergent non-traditional and traditional challenges.

Maintaining order which ensures security and growth for all in the region was the key message that India communicated. The manner in which this vision is playing out in India's engagement with multiple minilaterals and multilaterals merits some attention.

In the current meeting also, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar seems to have reiterated this spirit. His statement that India attaches great importance to development of multifaceted cooperation in SCO and to the promotion of peace and stability echoes this sensi-

While the extent to which India has been successful in securing a SECURE SCO can only be assessed post July 2023, when India hands over its current role to Uzbekistan. India's leadership in SCO helps shine light on some significant patterns which can indeed be termed as the "India way".

In order to highlight the India way, perhaps a journey would be helpful, when SCO was established. In fact, SCO was often framed as an anti-



(L-R) SCO Secretary-General Zhang Ming, Pakistani Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Uzbekistani Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov, Indian Foreign Minister S Jaishankar, Kazakhstan's Foreign Minister Murat Nurtleu, Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang, Kyrgyzstan's Foreign Minister Jeenbek Kulubaev, Tajikistan's Foreign Minister Sirodjidin Aslov and SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) Director Ruslan Mirzaev, pose for a group photograph prior to the SCO council of foreign ministers' meeting in Panaji on Friday

West platform, which is not surprising as this regional grouping was established as a bloc to counter the hegemony of Western ideas and practices.

In 2017, when India was accepted as a full-fledged member state of SCO, there was seething skepticism. Some prominent reasons were New the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, and its differences with both China and Pakistan -two other members of SCO. Questions were being asked whether Indian diplomacy could make itself relevant and balance these contradictions.

Arguments were also being made with regards to India's identity being reduced to a swing state of the West. However, India's leadership at the international level forces us to reframe the question, and ask whether India can offer views and perspectives that are reflective of the concerns of to the Foreign Ministers back to 2001 and beyond the Global South? India's jour- Meeting. Iran is a significant ney in SCO post 2017 could actor, and shall be the ninth partially answer some of these member of SCO in July. Trade in showcasing the cutting-edge

India's inaugural moment was in 2018, when in the Qingdao SCO summit it introduced the acronym SECURE. Further in 2020, it hosted the meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Governments and added three new pillars of cooperation: Startups and innovation, science and tech-Delhi's growing involvement in nology and traditional medicine. În September 2022, India donned the new role of the Chair of SCO Council of Heads of State. Since September 2022,

> The current meeting of Foreign Ministers takes this spirit forward which would finally culminate in the much anticipated July summit.

there have been a series of

Notably, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval met Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi to discuss issues regarding economic projects, connectivity and regional development prior has been an important coop-

eration node for both countries. India, on its part, has also engaged with Central Asian countries, and formulated a joint working group on Afghanistan in January 2022. Acting Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi

had expressed the desire to have a bilateral meeting with India. However, for the time being India has chosen to engage with Afghanistan through Iran and Central Asia. Though these developments are not specifically associated with the Foreign Ministers meeting, they do speak of India being sensitive to the larger geopolitical dynamics which can play out in Central

Coming back to India's leadership at SCO in 2022-23, there has been significant discussions regarding digitalising court systems, creating smart courts, and ensuring access to justice and trans parency among others.

India has been also active work being undertaken in the field of medical science. For instance, before the Foreign Ministers meeting there was a special virtual presentation for member States of SCO along with observers and dialogue partners on cost-effective diagnostics and therapeutics by Department Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of

Chemicals and Fertilisers. Also, among the many issue areas that are flagged for cooperation, the primary agenda has focused on startups, youth empowerment, traditional medicine, Buddhist heritage and science and technology. Themes revolving around entrepreneurship, technology, health and culture are the niche areas for representing Indian strengths, where other SCO members would benefit.

Significantly, expansion of SCO has emerged as a major theme. While Iran and Belarus will be inducted as full members in July 2023; inclusion of observers or dialogue part- are prerequisite for normalis- Asian University, New Delhi)

With the inclusion of countries belonging to region al groupings of SAARC and BIMSTEC, India comes across as a bridge builder. It would not be exaggeration to say that the future contours of SCO are being set. Needless to say, SCO is firming its identity as a trans-regional grouping where members are being brought together and the development aspects are being emphasised upon. Against the backdrop of an expanding SCO, India is also pushing to make English the third official language, a move that will be beneficial in the long term. At present only Russian and Mandarin are used as official languages.

While security issues were taken up earlier in the March Defence Ministers meeting, India did not shy away to reiterate its security concerns both with China and Pakistan. Thus using the platform offered by Kuwait, the UAE, Myanmar, SCO, on China, India empha-Nepal, Cambodia and Maldives sised that maintenance of peace is also in offing either as and tranquility on the borders International Relations, South

ing relations and without naming any specific country, Jaishankar slammed cross-border terrorism stating that there can be no justification for terrorism, and that it must be stopped in all forms, including cross-border terror and that the channels of finances for terrorist activities must be seized and blocked without distinc-

These statements are important because there was apprehension that the Summit could be hostage to bilateral issues. The message of "de-radicalising the region" is however loud and clear.

Promoting sustainable lifestyles to address climate change and achieving digital transformation are other areas which have found a prominent place in the New Delhi Declaration.

While all eyes are set on the final summit to be held in July 2023, the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting at SCO indeed offers a peep into the story, which India is communicating to the world. It is a narrative of an aspirational power wanting to carve a niche at the regional and global level.

While at the global level, India is presenting herself as a global power creating partnerships beyond the regional confines of South Asia; at the regional level, India is creating leverages by showcasing its growth story of innovation, partnership and entrepreneur-

While the Indian diplomatic practice does pass the test of optics, the real challenge remains in terms of translation and implementation. India has a well-established tradition of strategic and diplomatic thought.

However, a critical lesson which stems from multiple intellectual traditions in South Asia is a focus on self-reflection and starting from within to see the change without. This indeed is a key message from all classical texts. The optics and aspirations that India has set for itself will only fructify when such values are celebrated and internalised at the domestic level.

Only then, will India perhaps be an exemplar and move towards a SECURE Asia.

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PERSPECTIVE

Al regulation is key to free-rider problem

Effective regulation and enforcement of AI require global collective action and cooperation, just as with climate change, for free riding would not alleviate the AI threat anytime soon, writes Tim Juvshik of Clemson University

On March 22, 2023, thousands of researchers and tech leaders, including Elon Musk and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, published an open letter calling to slow down the artificial intelligence race. Specifically, the letter recommended that labs pause training for technologies stronger than OpenAI's GPT-4, the most sophisticated generation of today's languagegenerating AI systems, for at least six months.

Sounding the alarm on risks posed by AI is nothing new, academics have issued warnings about the risks of super intelligent machines for decades now. There is still no consensus about the likelihood of creating artificial general intelligence, autonomous AI systems that match or exceed humans at most economically valuable tasks. However, it is clear that current AI systems already pose plenty of dangers, from racial bias in facial recogincreased threat of misinformation and student cheating. While the letter calls for

industry and policymakers to cooperate, there is currently no mechanism to enforce such a pause. As a philosopher who studies technology ethics, I've noticed that AI research exemplifies the "free rider problem." I'd argue that this should guide how societies respond to its risks - and that good intentions won't be enough.

Riding for free

Free riding is a common consequence of what philosophers call "collective action problems." These are situations in which, as a group, everyone would benefit from a particular action, but as individuals, each member would benefit from not doing it.

Such problems most commonly involve public goods. For example, suppose a city's inhabitants have a collective

nition technology to the interest in funding a subway system, which would require that each of them pay a small amount through taxes or fares. Everyone would benefit, yet it's in each individual's best interest to save money and avoid paying their fair share. After all, they'll still be able to enjoy the subway if most others pay.

Hence the "free rider" issue: Some individuals won't contribute their fair share but will still get a "free ride" — literally, in the case of the subway. If every individual failed to pay, though, no one would benefit.

Philosophers tend to argue that it is unethical to "free ride," since free riders fail to reciprocate others' paying their fair share. Many philosophers also argue that free riders fail in their responsibilities as part of the social contract, the collectively agreed-upon cooperative principles that govern a society. In other words, they fail to uphold their duty to be contributing members of society.

Hit pause, or get ahead?

Like the subway, AI is a public good, given its potential to complete tasks far more efficiently than human operators: everything from diagnosing patients by analysing medical data to taking over high-risk jobs in the military or improving mining safety.

But both its benefits and dangers will affect everyone, even people who don't personally use AI. To reduce AI's risks, everyone has an interest in the industry's research being conducted carefully, safely and with proper oversight and transparency. For example, misinformation and fake news already pose serious threats to democracies, but AI has the potential to exacerbate the problem by spreading "fake news" faster and more effectively than people can.

Even if some tech companies voluntarily halted their experiments, however, other corporations would have a

monetary interest in continuing their own AI research, allowing them to get ahead in the AI arms race. What's more, voluntarily pausing AI experiments would allow other companies to get a free ride by eventually reaping the benefits of safer, more transparent AI development, along with the rest of society.

Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, has acknowledged that the company is scared of the risks posed by its chatbot system, ChatGPT.

"We've got to be careful here," he said in an interview with ABC News, mentioning the potential for AI to produce misinformation. "I think people should be happy that we are a little bit scared of this."

In a letter published April 5, 2023, OpenAI said that the company believes powerful AI systems need regulation to ensure thorough safety evaluations and that it would "actively engage with governments on

the best form such regulation a high-stakes interest in maincould take." Nevertheless, OpenAI is continuing with the gradual rollout of GPT-4, and the rest of the industry is also continuing to develop and train advanced AIs.

Ripe for regulation

Decades of social science research on collective action problems has shown that where trust and goodwill are insufficient to avoid free riders, regulation is often the only alternative. Voluntary compliance is the key factor that creates freerider scenarios, and government action is at times the way to nip it in the bud.

Further, such regulations must be enforceable. After all, would-be subway riders might be unlikely to pay the fare unless there were a threat of punishment.

Take one of the most dramatic free-rider problems in the world today: climate change. As a planet, we all have

taining a habitable environment. In a system that allows free riders, though, the incentives for any one country to actually follow greener guidelines are slim.

The Paris Agreement, the most encompassing global accord on climate change, is voluntary, and the United Nations has no recourse to enforce it. Even if the European Union and China voluntarily limited their emissions, for example, the United States and India could "free ride" on the reduction of carbon dioxide while continuing to emit.

Global challenge

Similarly, the free-rider problem grounds arguments to regulate AI development. In fact, climate change is a particularly close parallel, since neither the risks posed by AI nor greenhouse gas emissions are restricted to a program's country of origin.

Moreover, the race to develop more advanced AI is an international one. Even if the US introduced regulation of AI research and development, China and Japan could ride free and continue their own domestic AI programs.

Effective regulation and enforcement of AI would require global collective action and cooperation, just as with climate change. In the US, strict enforcement would require federal oversight of research and the ability to impose hefty fines or shut down noncompliant AI experiments to ensure responsible development — whether that be through regulatory oversight boards, whistleblower protections or, in extreme cases, laboratory or research lockdowns and criminal charges.

Without enforcement, though, there will be free riders — and free riders mean the AI threat won't abate anytime

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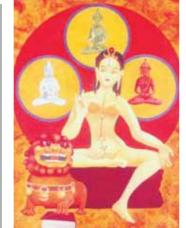




ARIES March 21-April 19

This is a great week to make your dreams come true. There is a lot of love, money, and happiness. God bestows all blessings. Other indications point to this being an excellent week for organising, mental inspiration, and intuition. Use this week's favourable energy to boost your mental abilities. This week has been financially, spiritually, and emotionally gratifying in every way. Relationship issues are undoubtedly more evident right now. Everything is coming into place as you anticipated. New career or business opportunities are also on the agenda. You have strong health, command, and power, as well as good communication and leadership abilities. Lady Luck is also on your side.

Lucky number 4 Lucky colour Navy Blue Lucky day Thuesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This is a time to experience different colours of life, such as love, adoration, compassion, emotional and spiritual satisfaction, anger, and, most importantly, an abundance of monetary fortune. The week begins with success in your financial endeavours. Your profits gradually increase as the week goes on. You, too, are concerned and live your life to the fullest. Your calm and generous demeanour at work will create a welcoming and harmonious workplace. You are preoccupied with domestic concerns throughout the middle of the week and effectively manage to strike a balance between your work and your family. The end of the week is a good time to savour the results of your labour. Good health, vigour, a creative spark, and happy vibrations may be found anywhere.

Lucky number 28 Lucky colour White Lucky day Friday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

The week begins with a hunt for solutions to complete the final ordeal successfully. You are standing right on the finish line. Expect difficulties, but you will find a way to overcome them. You are passionate and spend time with your spouse/partner during the week. The end of the week will be favourable for purchasing a new home/conveyance or for other property-related concerns. Most of you may have found yourself in an extraordinarily fortunate position, with several chances awaiting you. You feel healthy, vibrant, active, and in a good mood. Your confidence will be boosted by family support and collaboration. You will go out to celebrate with your loved ones.

Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Wednesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

Collaboration and teamwork will lead to success. Workplace understanding and harmony will improve. You breathe new life into your job and lifestyle, which is brimming with ideas and enthusiasm. Opportunities and prospects for the near future appear to be promising. There are signs that a newly launched firm is thriving You may soon receive an offer for a new position at work. Cooperation is a prominent subject right now, and discussions should go well. There is a divine creation as well as spirituality. Those in the family who are expecting a baby will be overjoyed to hear the wonderful news. You are brave in exploring new territory. By the end of the week, you will have settled all your concerns because you have the inner resources to tackle any challenge.

Lucky number 26 Lucky colour Golden **Lucky day** Sunday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Surprising lifestyle changes are on the horizon. Out of bloom, you find yourself in a position where you may feel proud, secure, and ready to face the world's difficulties. You are a winner in the sense that you will attain success in the area for which you had hoped. People are envious of your achievements since you are well-known and famous. Your good wishes, on the other hand, will earn you a pat on the back. You will be able to progress in the development of everything that is in your best interests. A battle has been conquered, goals have been met, and exposure has been recognised and appreciated. Happiness and enjoyment are derived from the past. By the conclusion of the week, you will have pleasant nostalgic recollections of youth, friends, and spending time with younger people.

Lucky number 5 Lucky colour Pastel Green Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, all the activities revolve around work. Risk is synonymous with opportunity. There are several possibilities to profit from your hard work. You can afford to consider chances this week since you have a lot of creative potential. You are in that stage where your daredevil mentality allows you to cross all barriers. An enormous assignment has been on your mind, and you have the power to complete it with elegance. Prepare to face the rigorous discipline of an elder lady in the family during the middle of the week. It will assist you to follow the thoughts and suggestions of your mother or a mother-like character. Sharpen your mind through reading good literature, solving riddles, and gaining an insight or a breakthrough in the spiritual realm.

Lucky number 28 Lucky colour Peach **Lucky day** Saturday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

If you have great expectations for this week, you will be disappointed since it is not a favourable week in financial issues. You are confused and unable to make any definite decisions at work. You are left with unfinished business and unorganized work papers. There will be some relief in the middle of the week, and you will discover a consistent attitude to your task. Your colleagues will anticipate more active engagement from you, and you will be able to contribute your best efforts. During this period, you will build confidence and mingle with others. However, the week concludes on an unfavourable note. As there will be family strife or someone in the family may suffer from a significant health condition that requires you to dedicate your time and money to care for.

Lucky number 2 Lucky colour Orange **Lucky day** Tuesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week you are headstrong, egoistic, and a bit violent. The theme of the week is work, work, and more work. You feel overburdened because a lot of job pressure is keeping you from having a good time. You perceive the horizon too far away and struggle to obtain goals. There is also a chance that you may become hasty and aggressive. You will make rash decisions when you are confused. Whenever you are anxious or unsure, simply meditate to boost your confidence and clarity. When faced with difficult decisions, your impartiality shines through, but you must be cautious not to act too quickly or the work will be wasted. You may use your intuitive nature to lead you through simple situations and your analytical tendency to make more difficult decisions.

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Tuesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week will be all about planning, discipline, and attention. There is a lot of uncertainty in the air. There are times when you could find an answer and realise the truth, but you choose not to. You purposefully avoid seeing the reality because you are afraid that your decision may worsen the issue. There is a chance that you may receive a court order in your favour in the middle of the week. Any legal issues or inquiries brought against you may leave you disappointed. It is time to take a break, reconsider, and analyse your job. Heal yourself and return with renewed vigour to tackle the difficulties. Have patience; everything will be fine; this is just a temporary phase in your life.

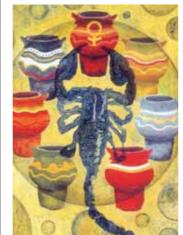
Lucky number 27 Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Friday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, God bestows all his blessings on you. Children will perform well in their exams, and whatever project you have been working on for a long time will be completed. There is a wonderful aura surrounding you that will give you the confidence to believe that you are a source of inspiration for many. Your communication abilities are effective, and because you have a fascinating personality, people will be drawn to you and expect a more honest and cooperative attitude from you. You are the leader of your group. Enjoy every minute of it. By the end of the week, you will also become spiritual. To connect with the divine, you perform pooja, meditation, and chanting, which will only enhance your creativity.

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Grey Laucky day Saturday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week gives you a lot of financial gain and enjoyment. You are an expert who puts all your knowledge to use in a more practical manner. You are trustworthy and fair in your interactions with others. You adhere to schedules, follow processes, and conduct yourself in accordance with rules and regulations. There is also a possibility that you may inherit a large sum of money or that you will receive a fortune. Raises and promotions are also on the agenda, which will only serve to boost your self-esteem. A new job, project, or task might also be anticipated. You gather your resources and make good use of them. You may use these fresh concepts in your profession. This week, your children may also be a source of joy for you.

Lucky number 21 Lucky colour Black Lucky day Tuesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Your good deeds will eventually pay off. The week begins with hard work and commitment in the material realm, with the goal of improving both your effort and you. You will pay attention to details, be persistent, concentrate, and work hard. ou will intensify your efforts because what you are attempting will be challenging. But it will provide you with excellent professional experience and expertise. Finally, your applied abilities and intellect committed to the assignment will result in achievement. The moment has come for substantial cosmic healing and reconnection with God. A lot of intense forces come together towards the end of the week, with a great possibility for some form of healing to occur. Some of you may find acceptance of their love partner or marriage proposals.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Thursday

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picking up threads from the previous issue, it comes out that mind and gross body are interactive. Mind, however, could also act independent of the gross body. Many of its functionalities do not need any support either from the sensory organs of perception or those of action. We can think, feel, will, imagine, rejoice, and regret without using any of the above instruments. Also, desire, resolve, faith or want of it, shame, intelligence, and fear, is the prerogative of the mind, where sensory organs have no direct role to play, they may though act as trigger. It, thus, implies that there exists an inner-instrument, distinct from the gross-body.

Mind, in fact, has an extra cerebral existence. It is a field by itself, different from the brain, but at the same time intricately connected to the brain. For, mind can't come into play without the support of brain. If we look at our Karmic cycle, all that we have gone through in one life, their impressions get carried over to the successive life. Had mind been just stuck to the physical domain of a particular gross-body, such transmigration from one body to

the other would not have been possi-

Here, it will be interesting to make mention of my personal interaction with somebody who had had out of body - near death experience. Once when 14 years by age, he suddenly realised that the 'seer' in him was hovering over his own motionless body lying on ground. He could clearly see his near and dear ones wailing and mourning over his untimely death, but by himself could not interact with them. He could see people making arrangement even for his funeral. Meanwhile, his family Guru arrived and touched the forehead, and his immobile body regained consciousness. When asked how he felt during his out of body experience: "I was just witnessing all that was happening on the ground," he responded.

Osho shared his own out of body experience in his "Autobiography of a Spiritually Incorrect Mystic". He used to meditate sitting on the branch of a tree in the campus during his university days. One day, he somehow lost his balance and his body fell on ground. The 'seer' in him, still perched on the

Mind not necessarily body-bound thanking the lady asked: "What made



tree branch could watch all the happenings, but despite its wish, could not re-enter his gross body. A woman who used to bring milk to the University campus from a nearby village saw his

body falling down the tree. She came and rubbed the forehead portion between his two eyes - the intelligence centre - and his body regained consciousness. He opened his eyes and

you rub the intelligence centre?" had heard from the elders in my village that by rubbing that point sometimes the dead gross body becomes live again", she responded in her rustic language.

These real time stories offer reasons to deduce that there is a 'Seer', which is independent of gross body. The 'Seer' however, would not be able to make its presence felt in visible terms without using the gross-body platform as a vehicle for its operation. And seeing is the prerogative of mind. Mind, thus, is not necessarily bodybound.

Here, a study conducted by Dr Dirk K. F. Meijer, professor at the Groningen University, Netherlands, deserves attention. Going by his study, "Mind" is a field that exists around the brain, which is altogether another dimension. He avers that mind and brain are connected, and yet separate.

It is again important to note that that mind does not really have an independent existence all by itself. There is no consciousness inherent in the mind. It is eternal element of con-

sciousness, which makes mind radiant. Though apparently mind seems to cognize, but it is not the real seer. It is rather only an instrument of cognition. Going by the perception of Indian philosophy, the eternal element of consciousness projects mind, as its operative instrument, through which it apprehends and responds to the external world. So, mind is just an instrument, which serves as an interface between the 'Self" (the real seer - the consciousness element) and the external world. Also, mind serving as a gateway of the element of consciousness to the gross body, empowers a being with all his/her dynamic functionalities, which includes the "the power of knowing." Once the consciousness element (the Self) becomes unavailable to the gross body of a being, mind is not able to lend its services to the gross body and its instruments. But for which, mind becomes dysfunctional.

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