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Quad stands for global good: Modi

PM also stresses
secure Indo-Pacific,
democratisation of
technology, and
global food security

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday assured that the Quad combine will continue to make efforts towards global good, welfare of the people, prosperity and peace. He also said India will be happy to host the next Quad summit next year.

Underlining the key features of the Quad grouping, he also said it has emerged as a key platform to ensure peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

"With united efforts, we are giving practical dimension to our vision for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific," he said.

He made these observations while participating in the Quad summit in Hiroshima. The Indo-Pacific region is an "engine" of global trade, innovation and development and its success and security are important for the whole world, Modi said.

Modi also said the Quad's "positive cooperation is growing" in key areas such as strategic technologies, reliable supply chains, health security, maritime security and counter-



US President Joe Biden, from left, Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi hold a Quad meeting on the sidelines of the G7 summit, at the Grand Prince Hotel in Hiroshima, western Japan on Saturday

terrorism.

In another event while addressing a session of the G-7 in Hiroshima, Modi on Saturday for building an inclusive food system. He also cautioned against the "expansionist mentality" occupying the fertiliser resources. He also backed democratisation of technology, saying it can become a bridge between development and democracy. There is a need to focus on the holistic use of natural resources and the development model inspired by consumerism has to be changed, Modi said.

US President Joe Biden said the Quad has always favours a free, open and secure Indo-Pacific region. These remarks came against the backdrop of China flexing its muscles in the strategically important Indo-Pacific.

Australia was scheduled to host the Quad summit on May 24 but had to cancel the high-profile event after Biden called off his visit to Australia. It was then decided to have the summit in Hiroshima as the four leaders, including Prime Minister Modi, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Biden arrived there to attend the G-7 meeting.

Incidentally, Australia will for the first time hold the Malabar series of maritime drills of the Quad nations in August. Moreover, India has been invited to take part in the

biennial tri-service multinational exercise 'Talisman Sabre' there.

Biden said people will look at this Quad 20-30 years from now and say change is dynamic not only in the region but the world. He also said the grouping has made enormous progress in the last two years.

Albanese said the Quad stood for an open, stable, secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.

"The global fertiliser supply chains have to be strengthened. Political obstacles in this have to be removed. And the expansionist mentality that is occupying the fertiliser resources has to be stopped. This should be the purpose of our cooperation," Modi said at the G7 summit. The prime minister, however, did not name any country.

The group of seven (G7), comprising the US, France, the UK, Italy, Germany, Canada and Japan, represent the world's richest democracies. Under its G7 presidency, Japan invited India and seven other countries to the summit.

Prime Minister Modi also noted that the model of development should pave the way for welfare and not become a hindrance to the progress of developing countries.

"I am confident that our discussions today will be useful in creating an important link between the agenda of the G20 and the G7. And will be successful in prioritising the hopes and expectations of the Global South," he said.

Will do our best to resolve conflict: PM to Zelenskyy

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during a meeting, at the G-7 Summit in Hiroshima, Japan on Saturday

It affected the world in several ways, but I don't consider it a political or economic issue. It is, for me, an issue of humanity, and human values. You know the suffering of war better than all of us. When our children returned from Ukraine last year and narrated the circumstances there, I could understand the anguish of your citizens very well. I assure you that India, and I personally, would definitely do whatever is in our capacity to resolve this situation," Modi told Zelenskyy.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday assured Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that India will do its best to find a peaceful solution to end the conflict which he described as "an issue of humanity and human values."

The two leaders met for the first time in person in Hiroshima on the sidelines of the G-7 summit.

"The war in Ukraine is a huge issue for the entire world.

Centre urges SC to review Delhi services verdict

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The bitter tussle between the Modi Government at the Centre and the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi Government has again reached the Supreme Court as the Centre sought a review of its judgment that gave the City Government absolute power over "services" matter.

The review petition was filed on Friday, the same day when an ordinance was passed by the Centre introducing a the National Capital Service Authority. The review petition, submitted by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the judgment "suffers from errors apparent on the face of the record and fails to consider the case submitted by the review petitioner."

"A Union Territory is a mere extension of the Union of India and persons working in Union Territories are working in services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union," it said. The Centre urged the apex court to permit it to place on record and address in open hearing, various grounds for review.

The review petition said the judgement ignores the fact that the functioning of the Government in the capital "affects the nation as a whole".

It said the judgment further proceeds without appreciating that the nominee of the President, the Lieutenant Governor or the Central Government, both are also "manifestations of democracy" when compared to the elected government of Delhi.

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Kejriwal: Ordinance a contempt of SC, will challenge it

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Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday claimed the Centre's ordinance on services matters is a direct contempt of the Supreme Court ruling, and said the Delhi Government will move the SC against the ordinance.

However, the BJP defended the move alleging the Kejriwal Government is "intimidating" officers and "misusing" its powers after the SC verdict.

Kejriwal also questioned the timing of the controversial ordinance, pointing out that it was promulgated by the President just hours after the apex court shut for vacation.

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BOOK CONG CO-INCHARGE FOR PM JIBE: KOTA COURT

Kota: A court here on Saturday directed the Superintendent of Police (City) to be present before it on May 23 with a copy of FIR against Rajasthan Congress co-incharge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa for his remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi or face contempt of court.

CBI CHARGESHEETS TYTLER IN 1984 CASE

New Delhi: The CBI on Saturday filed chargesheet against Congress's Jagdish Tytler in connection with Pul Bangash Gurdwara fire case, in 1984 anti-Sikh riots. Last month, Tytler moved the CBI court and gave samples of his voice, in connection with the Pul Bangash Gurdwara case.

INDIAN ARMY RESCUES 500 TOURISTS FROM SIKKIM

Gangtok: The Indian Army rescued 500 stranded tourists, including 54 children, from north Sikkim as torrential rain in parts of the Himalayan state caused landslides and roadblocks, a defence official said on Saturday. Heavy rain was witnessed in Lachen, Lachung and Chungthang on Friday.

4 PAKISTANI DRONES INTERCEPTED, 3 DOWNED

Jalandhar: The BSF intercepted four Pakistani drones and shot down three of them along the Border in Punjab in 4 different incidents in over 24 hours.

K'taka oath show of strength; dole OK'd in 1st Cabinet meet



Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhinder Sukhu during the oath ceremony of the Karnataka Government in Bengaluru on Saturday

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The Congress on Saturday turned its Karnataka swearing-in ceremony into a show of strength and Opposition unity with six Chief Ministers, top Opposition leaders attending the event where K Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar took oath as Chief Minister and Deputy CM, along with eight others in the presence of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Sonia Gandhi skipped the event due to health conditions.

The AAP, however, was not invited and so were K Chandrasekhar Rao's Bharat Rashtra Samithi, Jagan Mohan

Reddy's YSRCP and Naveen Patnaik's BJD.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar, tweeting, "Congratulations to Siddaramaiah Ji on taking oath as Karnataka CM and DK Shivakumar Ji on taking oath as Deputy CM. My best wishes for a fruitful tenure."

Karnataka Governor Thawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office and secrecy to the elected representatives at Bengaluru's Kanteerava Stadium.

Apart from Chief Ministers of three Congress-ruled States — Ashok Gehlot (Rajasthan), Bhupesh Baghel (Chhattisgarh)

and Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu (Himachal Pradesh) — Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, his Tamil Nadu counterpart MK Stalin and Jharkhand counterpart Hemant Soren attended the event.

In its maiden Cabinet meet, the Congress-led Government accorded "in-principle" approval to implement the Congress's five guarantees and initial estimates indicate it would cost the exchequer ₹50,000 crore a year.

"It's agreed upon. We will not go back (on the promises)," the Chief Minister said, adding, the assurances would be fulfilled notwithstanding financial implications, if any.

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Raj crash last nail in MiG-21 coffin

Entire fleet grounded till probe into May 8 accident concludes

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In a major development on Saturday, the IAF has grounded the entire fleet of ageing MiG-21 fighter jets till investigations into the causes behind the crash of a MiG-21 in Rajasthan on May 8 are completed. Three persons on ground were killed when the debris of the ill-fated aircraft fell on their home. At present, more than 70 to 80 MiG-21s are operational.



IAF in 1963 and till now nearly 400 accidents have taken place involving this aircraft. Around 200 pilots have been killed in these crashes.

In fact, the planes acquired the dubious nickname of "Flying Coffin" due to its alarming safety record. The IAF has over the years been phasing out MiG-21 which at one point of time numbered

874 and formed the mainstay of the country's air defence.

Incidentally, Russia and the erstwhile Soviet Union stopped flying the MiG-21s, besides Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

The IAF last year finalised a timeline of three years to phase out the remaining MiG-21 fighter squadrons. One squadron has 18-20 fighter jets.

In February 2021, the government sealed a ₹48,000 crore deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the procurement of 83 Tejas jets. The IAF has already procured 36 Rafale jets to enhance its combat capabilities.

The Air Force is also in the process of acquiring 114 Medium Role Fighter Aircraft.

Last year in September, the No. 51 squadron based in Srinagar was number plated, which in IAF parlance means that the squadron was retired from service. The squadron became a household name when one of its pilots, Wing Commander (now Gr Captain) Abhinandan Varthaman, who was awarded Vir Chakra, shot down a Pakistani F-16 during a dogfight over the LoC on February 27, 2019.

The aerial battle took place a day after IAF bombed a terror facility in Pakistan's Balakot. Three remaining squadrons will follow suit over the next three years.

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CBI grills TMC leader Abhishek in school jobs scam

CBI officers questioned TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee, who appeared before them Saturday as part of the agency's probe into the school jobs scam, for more than six hours.

Before reaching CBI offices at Nizam Place here, Banerjee wrote a letter to the CBI informing it of his decision to move the Supreme Court challenging the High Court order which allows investigative agencies CBI and ED to question him.

have stated that he he has no knowledge of the reasons behind Ghosh's statement. The TMC leader's name cropped up in a complaint filed by Kuntal Ghosh where he alleged that central investigating agencies were pressuring him to name Abhishek Banerjee in the school scam case.



with the people of West Bengal, he said that while he wished to cooperate with the agencies and hence was abiding with the summons, it should be noted that he had "preferred a Special Leave Petition before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, thereby challenging the order dated 18.05.2023 (passed by Calcutta High Court)."

The official said the raid which was still on, was carried out at the Behala house of 'Kalighat er Kaku' (Kalighat's uncle) as he is popularly known.

was on the campaign trail in Bankura in western Bengal, had rushed back to Kolkata Friday night to answer the summons sent by the central investigative agency.

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very onset, I state that I am rather shocked to find that the notice under reference was served upon me on 19.05.2023 in the afternoon, directing me to appear before your office at Kolkata at 11.00 am on 20.05.2023, providing me less than a day's time to comply."

4 Pak drones intercepted, 3 downed by BSF along Punjab border in 24 hrs

The Border Security Force (BSF) intercepted four Pakistani drones and shot down three of them along the International Border in Punjab in four different incidents in over 24 hours, a spokesperson of the force said on Saturday.



While three drones were intercepted by the BSF on Friday night, the fourth one was shot down on Saturday night. The first drone, a black quadcopter of "DJI Matrice 300 RTK" make, was recovered from Udhar Dhariwal village in Amritsar district, the spokesperson said.

Cholera coming back, kids at a risk, warns UN experts

After years of steady decline, cholera is making a devastating comeback and targeting the world's most vulnerable communities particularly kids under five, UN health experts have warned in a new alert stating that about 100 crore people, particularly children, in 43 countries are at risk of the contagious disease.

Henry Gray, WHO's Incident Manager for the global cholera response, said, "Despite advances in the control of the disease made in the previous decades we risk going backwards." Cholera's extraordinarily high mortality ratio is also alarming.

Data speaks: By May last year, 15 countries had reported cases, but by mid-May this year already 24 countries are reporting spike in cases and the UN estimates more with the seasonal shift in cholera cases. "The pandemic is killing the poor right in front of us," said Jérôme Pfaffmann

CBI chargesheets Tylter in 1984 anti-Sikh riots case

The CBI on Saturday filed a charge sheet against Congress leader Jagdish Tylter in the case related to anti-Sikh riots in 1984 following the assassination of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on 31 October 1984.



The incident relates to killing of three persons and torching of a mob that allegedly murdered the victims. However, the CBI filed three closure reports which were rejected by the special court. The agency had recently collected voice samples of Tylter, who was named in the Nanavati Commission report that probed the riots.

Centre urges SC...

The Prime Minister's Office shared photographs of the meeting, in which India's National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval was also present. Modi noted that he had spoken on the telephone with Zelenskyy over the past one-and-half years but that they were meeting in person after the COP26 conference in Glasgow in late 2021.

Tylter "incited, instigated and provoked the mob assembled at Pul Bangash Gurudwara Azad Market" on November 1, 1984 that resulted in burning down of the gurudwara and killing of three Sikhs -- Thakur Singh, Badal Singh and Gurcharan Singh -- the CBI alleged in its charge sheet filed before a special court here.

The agency has invoked charges under Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections 147 (rioting), 148, 149 (unlawful assembly), 153A (provocation), 109 (abetment) read with 302 (murder), 295 (defiling of religious places) among others.

K'taka oath a show...

Other dignitaries included AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, NCP supreme Sharad Pawar, former Jammu & Kashmir CMs Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav, RLD leader Jayant Singh, actor-turned-politician Kamal Haasan, CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury and CPI leader D Raja.

Arms dealer Abhishek Verma, who is facing a CBI probe in a number of cases, had claimed that Tylter had paid money to one of the witnesses of the riots and settled his son in Canada. It had taken nearly three years for the CBI to conduct a polygraph test of Verma on December 4, 2018, despite orders of the court issued in 2015.

Will do our best to...

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Now, I, therefore, hereby notify that the election to the above referred posts is to be held in General Body Meeting, which is being called on 11/06/2023 at 10:00 AM.

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4. Jt. Secretary -2
5. Treasurer -1
6. Executive Members -15

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Delhi, other Capital cities: Case study of power share

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Taking note of deliberate harassment into appointments and postings of senior civil servants by Arvind Kejriwal led AAP Government in Delhi within an hour after the constitutional bench of the top court order regarding services, the Modi Government was forced to promulgate the ordinance that created a special authority to look into appointments and postings of senior civil servants.



Capital is among the several capital cities including Paris, Washington DC, Berlin, Ottawa, and Canberra which controlled by the Federal Governments. Recent years have seen the Aam Aadmi Party-headed Delhi Government at loggerheads with the Central Government on almost all possible matters.

According to sources, the aggressive nature of the State Government's moves, most of which appeared primed to instigate the Central Government were contrary to earlier years when despite different parties ruling the Centre and the State of Delhi, there rarely ever were such acrimonious attacks on the Centre.

Delhi serves as the political, economic and cultural hub of India. The Central Government control ensures that policies and decisions taken for the city align with national objectives, leading to better economic growth, infrastructure development and cultural preservation, sources said. The Central Government has a broader perspective on governance and policy-making, considering the interests of the entire country. This wider outlook allows for comprehensive planning and decision-making that takes into account the diverse needs and aspirations of Delhi's residents. Reminding that Delhi hosts a large number of diplomatic missions and international organisations, sources

said the Central Government control ensures effective coordination with foreign governments and facilitates the smooth functioning of these diplomatic entities. The practice is the same the world over, sources said. Washington DC, which serves as the capital of the United States, is under the direct control of the federal government. The enclave has only a mayor and no elected government. The District of Columbia is governed by a unique arrangement where the central government has authority over the administration, including law enforcement, education, and public infrastructure. Australia's capital is located in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and is under the control

of the federal government. The ACT has its own government, but the central government maintains significant control over key areas such as governance, planning, and major infrastructure projects. Canada's capital Ottawa falls under the administration of the federal government. The Federal Government has jurisdiction over various aspects of the city's governance, including land use planning, major infrastructure development, and diplomatic relations. Berlin serves as the capital of Germany and is under the authority of the federal government. While Berlin has its own state government, the Central Government plays a significant role in matters such as security, foreign affairs,

and overall policy coordination. Paris, the capital of France, is governed by both the central government and the regional authority. The Central Government has authority over key areas such as security, transportation, and urban planning, while the regional government is responsible for local governance and cultural affairs. These case studies highlight different models of governance where the Capital city, being under the control of the Central Government, ensures coordination, national representation, and alignment with national priorities. The Central Government has the authority to implement national laws, regulations, and policies in Delhi. This ensures

uniformity in governance and avoids potential conflicts or discrepancies that could arise from differing regional rules, regulations and legislations, sources said. The Central Government can leverage its influence and diplomatic relations at the international level to attract foreign investment, promote tourism, and foster economic growth in Delhi, benefiting the city as well as the nation as a whole. Delhi is home to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and states. The central government control ensures that their interests and rights are protected, promoting inclusivity and harmony among the various communities residing in the city.

Ordinance shows Centre scared of Kejriwal: Atishi

AAP calls Centre's ordinance brazen assault on democracy

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The ruling AAP on Saturday termed the Centre's ordinance on transfer of bureaucrats in Delhi "unconstitutional" and a "brazen assault" on the democratic principles of the country.



Addressing a press conference, Delhi minister Atishi said the Centre deliberately chose to bring the ordinance at a time when the Supreme Court has closed for summer vacation. Atishi claimed the ordinance shows Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "scared" of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and the power of honest politics. "In a late-night move that reeks of an attack on democracy and the Indian Constitution, the central government hastily introduced an ordinance aimed at undermining the power of the elect-

highlight previous instances. In 2015, when the AAP government secured an overwhelming majority with public support, winning 68 out of 70 seats in Delhi, the BJP government issued a notification within three months in an endeavour to strip the elected Kejriwal government of its rightful power, she recalled. She added that the Centre, through a notification from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), declared that the Kejriwal government does not have control over crucial services matters such as the transfer and postings of bureaucrats, or to take action against inefficient officers. According to the government, these powers resided with the central government, contravening the established order. "After a gruelling eight-year legal battle in the high court and Supreme Court, on May 11, the Constitution bench of

the Supreme Court ruled against the Centre. The SC's decision unequivocally affirmed that the power to govern lies with the Delhi government," she said. "In line with the democratic principles enshrined in the Constitution, Article 239 AA outlines the responsibility of an elected government in Delhi's Legislative Assembly to implement the will of the people. "The accountability of bureaucrats towards the elected government is a fundamental constitutional principle," Atishi explained. Alleging that the Centre found it difficult to accept this reality, she said that this was done to halt the work of the Delhi government. "However, it is vital to note that the Delhi government will not have the power to appoint the Chief Secretary and Home Secretary; instead, these appointments will be made by the Centre government.

Kejriwal Govt was intimidating officers, misusing powers after SC verdict: BJP

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The BJP on Saturday welcomed the Centre's ordinance on transfer and postings of bureaucrats in Delhi, alleging that the Kejriwal Government was "intimidating" officers and "misusing" its powers under the cover of the recent Supreme Court verdict on services matters.



From second to left: Delhi Leader of Opposition (LoP) Ramveer Singh Bidhuri, Virendra Sachdeva, Member of Parliament Manoj Tiwari and Harish Khurana

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia launched a sharp attack on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal following his denouncement of the Centre for bringing the ordinance, which seeks to negate the apex court order giving the authority over officers to the elected government, saying his ideology is against the Constitution and is anarchic. Citing the verdict of the Constitution bench, Bhatia said it had said that if "Parliament enacts a law granting executive power on any subject", then the power of the Lieutenant Governor can be modified accordingly. "You read neither the Constitution nor the Supreme Court judgement. You think whatever the tyrant Arvind Kejriwal says is above the coun-

try's Constitution," Bhatia said at a press conference. Noting that Delhi is a Union Territory, he referred to Article 239AA to assert Parliament's power over the region. Delhi is not "Arvind Territory" and it will be run by the Constitution not his whims, the BJP leader, also a lawyer, said. Hitting back at the Aam Aadmi Party, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said Delhi is the national capital and whatever happens here has an impact all over the country and the world. Sachdeva said that the ordinance was necessary for

maintaining Delhi's dignity. "Will you (Delhi government) resort to hooliganism and intimidation of officers, and misuse power under the cover of the Supreme Court verdict," he asked. Sachdeva said that after this Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj, in a meeting with the officials on May 15 started snatching all the files related to Kejriwal government's scams, be it Feedback Unit scam, Sheeshmahal scam, Liquor scam or any other scam. The Delhi BJP President said that an attempt was made to execute all this under a well-planned conspiracy. Leader of Opposition in

Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said if Kejriwal had understood the working system of his predecessor Chief Ministers then perhaps he would not have clashed with the Central Government, the Lt. Governor and the opposition. Bidhuri shared his political experiences and said that when the government of Madan Lal Khurana was formed in 1993, at that time I was also in a MLA and there was Congress government at the Centre. At that time Khurana called me and Congress MLA Jagpravesh Chandra also in his chamber and said that I needed a new municipal commissioner and for that I had written to Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao & have asked for time in which both of you have to stay. In that meeting, the then Leader of Opposition in the Parliament Atal Bihari Vajpayee was also with us and after his suggestion, the Prime Minister, Narasimha Rao called the then Home Minister and at the same time in-principle approval was given to the appointment of the new Commissioner.

2 held for duping people with fake Govt appointment letters

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The Delhi Police has arrested two persons for allegedly duping people with fake appointment letters of government bodies, including Central Ministries. Khatri Iqbal Ahmad, 50, a resident of Narmada district in Gujarat, and Himanshu Pandey, 35, a resident of Kushi Nagar district in Uttar Pradesh, duped high-profile individuals on the pretext of appointing them to the board of the National Medical Commission.



Suresh K Patel, a member of Gujarat Medical Council, is appointed as the new chairman of NMC and he can take his charge from April 3 to 10, police said. Kumar told police that the file number mentioned in the above letter purported to have been issued from this ministry did not exist and no such order had been issued by the MoHFW. The letter was a fake, he said, according to a senior police officer. After an investigation, police nabbed Ahmad from Vadodara in Gujarat, Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) Ravindra Singh Yadav

said. Ahmad revealed that he worked for Pandey. A team, along with Ahmad, went to Lucknow and nabbed Pandey near Charbagh Railway Station, Yadav said. Pandey confessed he ran a fake government job racket with Ahmad and his other associates. In 2021, they were arrested by the district Crime Branch, Rajkot Police, Gujarat, in a case of cheating and forging appointment letters for government jobs, police said. Pandey was released from jail last year on bail, police said. Once out, he decided to go for bigger targets and made a plan with his associates to reel in high-profile individuals with the offers of appointing them to higher posts in various commissions, they said. Pandey, a law graduate, had come to Delhi to prepare for competitive exams. During his stay, he met a Kolkata man named Raju who told him that he ran a fake job racket and persuaded Pandey to work with him, police said.

Cop, pregnant wife on walk shot at; mobile phone, ₹7K snatched

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Head Constable (HC) and his wife were shot at by two people in the city's Burari area, an official said on Saturday. The incident occurred on Friday around 9.45 pm when the couple was walking on the road. According to police, approximately 150 metres away from Burari Chowk, two men approached the couple. "Without any warning, the assailants opened fire, injuring the man's wife first. When the husband attempted to intervene, the attackers turned their gun towards him and forcibly took his mobile phone, as well as Rs 7,000 from his pocket. After committing the crime, the culprits swiftly fled from the scene," said a senior police official. Despite the traumatic ordeal, the woman, who is seven months pregnant, is currently in stable condition, as

confirmed by the police. Prompt medical attention was provided to ensure her well-being. The HC received an injury on his stomach, while his wife received an injury near her chin. As per initial investigation, the victim was going on his brother's bike along with his wife. "He had stopped the bike near a bus stand at Burari Chowk floyver and was walking with his wife on road from Burari towards Jahangirpuri," the official said. A case under sections 394 (voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery), 397 (robbery, or dacoity, with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt), 307 (attempt to murder) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Arms Act has been registered by the police. "We are checking CCTV footage of the area and trying to identify the accused and nab them," the official added.

IRS officer held for molesting IAS officer gets bail

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer posted at Krishi Bhawan in the national Capital for allegedly molesting and stalking an IAS officer. The officer has been identified as Sohail Malik, a 2010 batch IRS officer. However, the accused IRS was later released on bail. According to the woman's statement to the police, in April 2020, while she was involved in a team working to address the challenges of Covid-19, the accused individual attempted to get close to her. She claimed that he persistently made unwelcome advances towards her, which she consistently rejected. After stopping his such activities for a few months, he resumed contacting her by phone and even delivering packages to her workplace. Feeling harassed and concerned, the woman took action and lodged a complaint on May 16.

Milkman kidnaps teen, takes turn with friend to rape her in G'gram

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

A 15-year-old girl was allegedly kidnapped and gang-raped by two people, including a milkman she was acquainted with, who also beat her up and threatened to kill her when she tried to resist, police said on Saturday. A case was registered against the accused, milkman Vinod and his friend Jasbir, under Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC at the Bhondsi police station on Friday based on a complaint by the minor's mother, they said. In her complaint, the woman said her daughter, a Class 8 student, went to get milk on Friday morning and met with Vinod near Maruti Kunj. She alleged that the milkman forcibly took the minor to a forested area near Bhondsi village on his motorcycle where



Jasbir was waiting. "Both of them then raped her. When my daughter resisted, they not only threatened to kill her but also brutally thrashed her with a stick and fled on their bike, leaving her there alone," the woman stated in her complaint. She said her daughter narrated the ordeal when the family was finally able to find her on the corner of a street in their colony. She looked nervous and had injury marks at many places on her body, the woman said. Police officials said the minor was rushed to the civil hospital, where doctors confirmed she was raped. "We are verifying the facts and are conducting raids to nab accused," SHO Madan Singh said.

AIIMS to establish dedicated outsourcing cell

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi has decided to establish a dedicated 'Outsourcing Cell' aimed at improving engagement and payment processes for the outsourced staff at the institute. According to officials, the initiative comes in response to challenges faced by the outsourced staff, including lack of transparency and timely payment from the agencies providing these services. The Outsourcing Cell will operate separately from the Recruitment Cell and will be headed by Dr Shah Alam, Professor of Orthopaedics, as



professor in-charge (outsourcing), with the assistance of Dr Anant Gupta, Assistant Professor of hospital administration, according to an office memorandum issued by AIIMS Director Dr M Srinivas on May 19. The cell will col-

laborate with the existing staff handling outsourcing in the recruitment cell and will share the same workspace. The Outsourcing Cell will be responsible for finalisation of standard terms and conditions to be included in all tenders for outsourced manpower at AIIMS, development of a transparent and corruption-free standard operating procedure (SOP) for engaging outsourced manpower and evaluation of requests for new outsourced manpower to rationalise the number of outsourced staff at AIIMS, as per the memorandum. It will also be responsible for the management of currently engaged outsourced

manpower through the recruitment cell, establishment of a grievance redressal system for outsourced staff, monitoring the functioning of all outsourcing service providers, including the engagement process, timely payment of wages, and fulfillment of statutory dues such as ESI, EPE, TDS, etc, it stated. It is important to note that the functioning of outsourced services such as sanitation and security will continue under the supervision of their respective in-charges, according to the memorandum. However, the welfare of the outsourced staff in these services will be supervised by the outsourcing cell, it said.

Najafgarh Lake rejuvenation work reviewed

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena visited the Najafgarh lake and connected drains on Saturday to review the ongoing cleaning work. Saxena is the chairman of a high-level committee set up by the National Green Tribunal on the Yamuna river rejuvenation. The LG, along with a team of senior officers from Delhi and Haryana, visited the Yamuna river and reviewed the measures being taken to rejuvenate it. He has set deadlines for micro-level works in the project, according to a statement from the LG office. It stated that out of the three



drains (L1, L2 and L3) which were polluting the Najafgarh lake from Gurugram side, the L1 drain has been trapped, reducing the flow of the polluting elements into the lake and the outflowing Najafgarh

drain. "In Najafgarh drain (which contributed about 70 per cent pollution in the Yamuna), 40 per cent of the untreated discharge came from L1, L2 and L3 drains flowing out of Gurugram in Haryana.

Also, a huge amount of industrial effluent from Haryana was directed towards Najafgarh drain," according to the statement. It further said that during the review, Saxena was informed that the work on trapping and cleaning of discharge from L2 and L3 drains was underway. The LG appreciated the cleaning of hyacinth in the Sahibi river and instructed officers to clear the sludge by dredging, if required. The LG has also asked the senior officers of Delhi and Haryana accompanying him to recognise work done by workers on site. "They are working hard and they should be appreciated and rewarded for their hard work," Saxena said.

India, Japan focus on green H, semiconductors ties

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/HIROSHIMA

India and Japan on Saturday reviewed the entire spectrum of their bilateral ties during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart Fumio Kishida in Hiroshima.

They two leaders also focussed on boosting bilateral cooperation in areas of green hydrogen, high technology, semiconductors and digital public infrastructure. Prime



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida during a meeting, in Hiroshima, Japan, on Saturday. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is also seen

Minister Modi also held bilateral meetings with several other global leaders on the side lines of the G-7 summit in Hiroshima. He met French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and US President Joe Biden.

In their nearly 50-minute talks, Modi and Fumio Kishida also deliberated on ways to synergise efforts to combat pressing global challenges under India's G20 presidency and Japan's leadership of the G7 advanced economies.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the two prime ministers exchanged views on a wide range of issues, including development finance, food security, climate change and energy among others.

"The leaders discussed ways to synergise efforts of their respective G-20 and G-7 presidencies. The prime minister stressed the need to highlight the concerns and priorities of the Global South," the MEA said.

The group of seven, comprising the US, France, the UK, Italy, Germany, Canada and Japan, represent the world's richest democracies. Under its G7 presidency, Japan invited India and seven other countries to the summit. In a tweet,

Modi described his meeting with Kishida as "excellent" "We reviewed the full range of India-Japan relations and also discussed the focus areas of India's G-20 Presidency and Japan's G-7 Presidency towards making our planet better," the prime minister said.

In a statement, the MEA said the two prime ministers also discussed deepening cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, ways to combat terrorism and the reform of the United Nations. "The two leaders exchanged views on contemporary regional developments. They also discussed deepening cooperation in the Indo-Pacific," it said.

"The leaders agreed on ways to further strengthen the bilateral Special Strategic and Global Partnership. Discussions focused on areas of education, skill development, tourism, Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE), green hydrogen, high technology, semiconductors and digital public infrastructure," it said.

It was the second meeting between Modi and Kishida this year following the visit of the Japanese prime minister to India in March this year. A Japanese readout said Modi and Kishida welcomed the increasingly active defence

Modi's three-nation visit aims at firming presence of Indian culture

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A part from summit meetings and other key interactions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-nation tour will be marked by engagements aimed at augmenting the presence of Indian culture in these countries.

After unveiling a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Hiroshima in Japan on Saturday, Modi is set to release "The Tirukkural", a classic Tamil text written by venerable poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar, in Tok Pisin language in Papua New

Guinea, the next country on his itinerary, officials said. Tok Pisin is one of the official languages of the Pacific nation. The prime minister will travel from Papua New Guinea to Australia on Monday.

Local authorities will be formally naming the Harris Park locality in Parramatta there as "Little India", in recognition of the presence and contribution of a large number of Indians there.

Official sources noted that Modi has made it a point to spread awareness about Indian culture and traditions during his visits abroad and

interactions with foreign dignitaries, including in the choice of gifts he gives away, and the ongoing trip continues with this objective.

Unveiling Gandhi's bust, Modi said the Gandhian ideals of peace and harmony reverberate globally and give strength to millions.

The location of the bust of Gandhi has been chosen as a mark of solidarity for peace and non-violence. The US conducted the world's first nuclear attack on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, destroying the city and killing some 1,40,000 people.

exchanges since the second Japan-India '2+2' defence and foreign ministerial dialogue held in September last year.

"The two leaders exchanged views on a wide range of issues, including development finance, food security, climate and energy, and confirmed their commitment to discuss and work together on various issues in the interna-

tional community in the lead-up to both the G7 and G20 summits," it said. The two leaders welcomed the steady progress made toward the 5-trillion-yen target of public and private investment and financing from Japan to India in the next five years, which was set in March last year. The readout said Modi and Kishida welcomed the signing of a

300-billion-yen loan for the project for the construction of high-speed rail and confirmed that they will continue cooperation in promoting the high-speed rail project. "The two leaders also confirmed that they would continue cooperation on the development of the North-eastern region of India, through the Japan-India East Forum," it said.

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NIA raids in J&K to uproot terror support system

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Continuing with its efforts to dismantle the terror support systems in Jammu & Kashmir, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday raided multiple locations in connection with various cases under investigation by the agency.

"Extensive searches were conducted in Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Awantipora, Anantnag, Handwara, Kupwara and Poonch districts relating to members of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami and over ground workers involved in conspiracies hatched by banned terrorist bodies and their affiliates. NIA's searches also focused on the J&K Terror Funding Case, registered suo moto by the agency on 5th February 2021," the NIA said.

A large number of incriminating documents and digital devices with incriminating contents have been seized during these searches and are being scrutinised to track further links of the suspects, the agency said.

The terror funding case relates to the collection of funds by JeI (J&K) ostensibly for charitable purposes but has been using them instead for promotion of terror activities by proscribed terrorist organisations like Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) among others. NIA had earlier chargesheeted four persons in the case, involving well-organised cadres of the terrorist outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir. The NIA had on June 21, 2022 registered another case against the various banned terrorist organisations

and their newly floated affiliates. This case relates to the conspiracies being hatched physically and in cyberspace by these outfits for carrying out violent terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir with sticky bombs, IEDs and small arms.

The banned organisations and their affiliates have been engaged in conspiring to commit acts of terror and violence by radicalizing local youth and mobilising over ground workers with the aim of disrupting the peace and communal harmony of Jammu and Kashmir. "Continuing with its probe in both these cases, NIA has been moving swiftly to take action against some of the recently launched affiliates of the banned terrorist organisations like LeT, HM, JeM, Al-Badr and Al-Qaeda among others," the agency said.

Jailed gangster Bishnoi aide held

New Delhi: The NIA arrested an absconding accused Yudhvir Singh alias Sadhu for his involvement in the terrorist-gangster-drug smuggler network.

A resident of Fatehabad, Haryana, he is an associate of notorious jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. Singh was evading arrest for the past several days. He was arrested for his involvement in the terrorist-gangster-drug smuggler network. "Investigations have revealed that Yudhvir used to smuggle weapons from across-the-border for use by dreaded gangsters and criminals in various parts of India. On directions of Lawrence Bishnoi and syndicate members, he also used to

harbour associates of criminal gang members and accused persons tasked with committing various kinds of crimes, including murder, extortion etc.," the NIA said in a statement. In the case in which Yudhvir has been arrested, NIA had earlier chargesheeted 14 accused on March 24, 2023 under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Arms Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The case relates to a conspiracy hatched by members of criminal syndicate/gangs based in India and abroad, to raise funds, and recruit youth to carry out terrorist acts in Delhi and other parts of the country.

ED raids 12 Guj locations in fraudster Kiran's case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said it has conducted search operations at a dozen locations in Gujarat against alleged conman Kiran Patel who is accused of cheating people by impersonating as a PMO official while taking the Jammu and Kashmir irrigation department on a ride.

The searches, carried out on May 19, resulted in seizure of documents related to immovable properties apart

from recovery of "highly incriminating" material. The ED conducted searches at 12 locations in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Morbi and Mehsana in Gujarat in the investigation relating to Patel and his associates Jay Savjibhai Sitapara, Hardik Kishorebhai Chandrana, Vitthalbhai Motibhai Patel, Amit Pandya and Piyush Kantibhai Vasita. The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Srinagar Zonal Office carried out the search operations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act

(PMLA). With criminal intention and by employing a high degree of forged means, impersonated himself as Senior Government Official serving in PMO as "Dr. Kiran Patel, Additional Director, PMO (Strategies & Campaigns)".

"The said individual, by resorting to cheating, forgery and impersonation, has duped gullible people and also intentionally induced people to do and also to omit to do activities, under a well-knit plan for securing monetary as well as material benefits, it alleged.

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Health Ministry clears cashless CGHS treatment at 6 AIIMS

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry on Saturday said that it has commenced cashless treatment facility for all Central Government Health Scheme or CGHS beneficiaries, serving

and pensioners, at six All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur and Rishikesh. A memorandum of agreement was signed in this regard on Saturday between the six AIIMS and CGHS under the Ministry in the presence of Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhusan.

In the near future, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research Chandigarh and Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry are likely to be incorporated in this agreement.

"Patient care facilities available at 6 fully functional AIIMS shall be extended to the CGHS beneficiaries on cashless basis. It will be particularly beneficial for the senior citizens (retired pensioner beneficiaries of CGHS) who find it difficult to submit individual reimbursement claims and follow up approvals. "The CGHS beneficiaries will have the advantage

of accessing treatment facilities available in these AIIMS, without the hassle of first making payments and then seeking reimbursements from CGHS," said a statement from the Ministry. This initiative will save time, reduce paperwork and also delays in settlement of individual claims. Till now, CGHS pensioner beneficiaries, availing treatment at AIIMS, are required to first make payment and claim reimbursement later from CGHS.

These six AIIMS shall raise credit bills of CGHS pensioners and other categories of eligible beneficiaries to CGHS and they shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of the bills. The statement said that admission of CGHS beneficiary shall be made only against production of valid CGHS Beneficiary ID Card for the treatment at AIIMS. Medicines prescribed by the doctors at AIIMS, for OPD treatment or at the time of discharge from AIIMS, will be collected by beneficiaries through CGHS.

G7 urges China to press Russia to end Ukraine war

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AP ■ HIROSHIMA

The Group of Seven wealthy democracies united on Saturday in urging China to pressure its strategic partner Russia to end its war on Ukraine.

In a joint statement issued on Saturday, the G7 leaders emphasised they did not want to harm China and were seeking "constructive and stable relations" with Beijing, "recognising the importance of engaging candidly with and expressing our concerns directly to China."

"We call on China to press Russia to stop its military aggression, and immediately, completely and unconditionally withdraw its troops from Ukraine," it said.

"We encourage China to support a comprehensive, just and lasting peace based on territorial integrity and the principles and purposes of the UN Charter," including in direct talks with Ukraine.

Cooperation with China is needed given its global role and economic size, the group said, in appealing for working together on challenges such as climate change, biodiversity, debts and financing needs of vulnerable countries, global health concerns and economic stability.



World leaders from G7 and invited countries, top row from left to right, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, France's President Emmanuel Macron, U.S. President Joe Biden, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, bottom row from left to right, South Korea's Yoon Suk Yeol, Indonesia's President Joko Widodo, Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Comoros President Azali Assoumani, and Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva, pose for a family photo of leaders of the G7 and invited countries during the G7 Leaders' Summit in Hiroshima on Saturday

But the leaders expressed "serious concern" about the situation in the East and South China seas, where Beijing has been expanding its military presence and threatening to use force to exert its control over self-governed Taiwan.

They called for a "peaceful resolution" of China's claim to Taiwan, which has remained unresolved since the communists gained power on the Chinese mainland in 1949.

The statement said there was "no legal basis for China's expansive maritime claims in the South China Sea, and we oppose China's militarisation activities in the region."

"A growing China that plays by international rules

of global interest," the statement said, alluding to charges that Beijing is undermining the "rules-based international order."

The G7 also united in voicing concerns about human rights in China, including in Tibet, in Hong Kong and in the far western region of Xinjiang, where the issue of forced labor is a perennial issue.

But the statement also sought to counter accusations that the G7 is seeking to prevent China's rise as a global power.

"Our policy approaches are not designed to harm China nor do we seek to thwart China's economic progress and development," it said.

The statement highlighted a consensus that efforts to diversify manufacturing supply chains and ensure stable access to strategically vital minerals and other resources is not aimed at unravelling trade ties with the world's second-largest economy.

"We are not decoupling or turning inward," the statement said. "At the same time, we recognise that economic resilience requires de-risking and diversifying. We will take steps, individually and collectively, to invest in our own economic vibrancy. We will reduce excessive dependencies in our critical supply chains."

At the same time, the G7 members vowed to take a stand

against various types of "economic coercion," saying they "will counter malign practices, such as illegitimate technology transfer or data disclosure, while also avoiding 'unduly limiting trade and investment'."

Chinese officials have reacted to various G7 statements about economic coercion and other issues by accusing the US and other members of hypocrisy.

The state-run Xinhua News Agency ran a scathing editorial Friday describing such allegations as a "witch hunt," bullying and "superpower suppression."

"When it comes to coercion, the coercer of the first water is the United States," it

Bomb survivors see Summit as hope for nuclear disarmament

Hiroshima (AP): This weekend's summit of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations in Hiroshima provides a rare — and possibly final — chance for survivors of the atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to push for nuclear disarmament before a global audience.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who has roots in Hiroshima, chose the city in part to highlight nuclear non-proliferation efforts, which have been shaken by Russia's nuclear threats against Ukraine and rising aggression from nuclear-armed China and North Korea. Kishida has pledged to act as a bridge between nuclear and non-nuclear states, but some critics say his disarmament goals are hollow. Sueichi Kido, a 83-year-old survivor of the Nagasaki explosion, said he is skeptical whether the prime minister can convince the leaders of G7 nations — including nuclear states the US, the United Kingdom and France — to make real progress in disarmament.

"America's G7 allies must have much to grudge, given how Washington has exploited, or bled them, over the years,"

Russia claims control of Bakhmut, Ukraine says fighting continues

Kyiv (AP): The head of the Russian private army Wagner claimed on Saturday that his forces have taken control of the city of Bakhmut after the longest and most grinding battle of the Russia-Ukraine war, but Ukrainian defense officials denied it.

In a video posted on Telegram, Wagner head Yevgeny Prigozhin said the city came under complete Russian control at about midday on Saturday. He spoke flanked by about half a dozen fighters, with ruined buildings in the background and explosions heard in the distance.

However, after the video appeared,

Ukrainian deputy defense minister Hanna Maliar said heavy fighting was continuing. "The situation is critical," she said. "As of now, our defenders, control certain industrial and infrastructure facilities in this area."

Serhiy Cherevatyi, spokesman for Ukraine's eastern command, told The Associated Press that Prigozhin's claim "is not true. Our units are fighting in Bakhmut."

Fighting has raged in and around Bakhmut for more than eight months.

If Russian forces have taken control of Bakhmut, they will still face the massive task of seizing the remaining

part of the Donetsk region still under Ukrainian control, including several heavily fortified areas.

It is not clear which side has paid a higher price in the battle for Bakhmut. Both Russia and Ukraine have endured losses believed to be in the thousands, though neither has disclosed casualty numbers.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy underlined the importance of defending Bakhmut in an interview with The Associated Press in March, saying its fall could allow Russia to rally international support for a deal that might require Kyiv to make unaccept-

able compromises. Analysts have said Bakhmut's fall would be a blow to Ukraine and give some tactical advantages to Russia but wouldn't prove decisive to the outcome of the war.

Russian forces still face the enormous task of seizing the rest of the Donetsk region under Ukrainian control, including several heavily fortified areas. The provinces of Donetsk and neighboring Luhansk make up the Donbas, Ukraine's industrial heartland where a separatist uprising began in 2014 and which Moscow illegally annexed in September. Bakhmut, located about 55 kilome-

ters (34 miles) north of the Russian-held regional capital of Donetsk, had a prewar population of 80,000 and was an important industrial center, surrounded by salt and gypsum mines.

The city, which was named Artyomovsk after a Bolshevik revolutionary when Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union, also was known for its sparkling wine production in underground caves. Its broad tree-lined avenues, lush parks and stately downtown with imposing late 19th century mansions — all now reduced to a smoldering wasteland — made it a popular tourist destination.

Pakistan court orders release of Imran Khan's supporters

PTI ■ LAHORE

A Pakistani court on Saturday ordered the release of over 120 supporters of Imran Khan who were taken into custody in Punjab province following violent protests that erupted after the former prime minister's arrest on May 9.

The Lahore High Court (LHC) directed the government to release 123 workers of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party without delay.

The orders were issued by Justice Anwarul Haq of the LHC during the hearing of a petition filed by PTI leader Farrukh Habib who sought the release of the detained party activists, the Dawn newspaper reported.

These workers, arrested from Faisalabad, are currently detained in various jails in Punjab.

The arrest of Khan on May 9 by the paramilitary Pakistan Rangers in a corruption case at the Islamabad High Court

Pakistan cabinet approves violence perpetrators' trials

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan's cabinet has endorsed the decision by the country's top security body to hold trials by military courts of those involved in attacks on key army installations following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan.

Protesters took to the streets on May 9 after the arrest of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chairman and torched military and civilian buildings and vehicles.

The violence left 10 persons dead and thousands injured.

Thousands of supporters of Khan, 70, were arrested in the violence that Pakistan's Army described as a "dark day" in the history of the Islamic country.

(IHC) premises triggered unrest in Pakistan.

For the first time in Pakistan's history, the protesters stormed the army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi and also torched the Corps Commander's House (Jinnah House) in Lahore.

Police put the death toll in violent clashes to 10 while Khan's party claims 40 of its workers lost their lives in the firing by security personnel.

On Monday, the top military brass vowed to bring the arsonists, who attacked the civil and military installations, to justice through trial under relevant laws of the country, including the Pakistan Army Act and Official Secrets Act.

Law enforcement agencies have arrested over 7,000 PTI workers across Pakistan, 4,000 of them from Punjab.

Punjab caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said that over 500 women are currently being sought by the police in around 138 cases related to the May 9 violence.

Nepal PM: India visit will script 'new history'

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" on Saturday said that Nepal has made "good preparations" for his upcoming visit to India this time and it will script "new history" in bilateral ties.

Prachanda's visit to India has been postponed thrice due to several reasons.

The visit to India would be his first foreign trip after the 68-year-old leader of the CPN-Maoist Centre assumed charge as Prime Minister for the third time in December last year.

"We have made good preparations for the visit to India this time. India has also shown concern and serious preparations have been made for the visit from the Indian side also, that is what I feel," he said.

"This time I am paying the visit to India with the belief that a new history will be created," Prachanda said during an interaction with Kantipur Daily, a leading newspaper in Nepal.

"This time, I believe, Nepal will achieve something new from the visit. Nepal-India relations will be taken to a new height, that's what I believe," remarked Prachanda.

"For both Nepal and India, the visit will provide an opportunity to strengthen bilateral relations and find out new areas of economic cooperation."

The Prime Minister is likely to embark on May 31 for his four-day official visit to India, the Kantipur quoted Foreign Ministry sources as saying.

However, there is no official announcement for the date and the itinerary of the proposed visit yet.

Elaborating on why he chose to visit India first after assuming the position of Prime Minister for the third time, he said: "Although there is no legal or political compulsion to visit India first, there is a tradition to do so, as we have an open border and our relations have become unique due to economic, political, social and cultural proximity and people to people links."

Sri Lanka protests Trudeau's 'Tamil Genocide' remark

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka has summoned The Canadian High Commissioner here and registered a strong protest over Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's "Tamil Genocide" comment on the 14th anniversary of the end of the brutal civil war in the island nation.

The bitterly-fought conflict, which began in 1983, came to an end on May 18, 2009, with Sri Lanka's military killing the supremo of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) Velupillai Prabhakaran.

LTTE fought an armed conflict for a separate homeland for the minority Tamils. On Thursday, Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau said tens of thousands of Tamils lost their lives, including at the massacre in Mullivaikal, with many more missing, injured, or displaced.

"Our thoughts are with the victims, survivors, and their loved ones, who contin-

ue to live with the pain caused by this senseless violence," Trudeau said.

"The stories of Tamil Canadians affected by the conflict — including many I have met over the years in communities across the country — serve as an enduring reminder that human rights, peace, and democracy cannot be taken for granted," Trudeau said.

"That's why Parliament last year unanimously adopted the motion to make May 18 Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day. Canada will not stop advocating for the rights of the victims and survivors of this conflict, as well as for all in Sri Lanka who continue to face hardship," he added. Sri Lanka's Ministry of Foreign Affairs rejected Trudeau's statements, asserting that they contained outrageous claims of genocide relating to past conflicts in the country.

Subsequently, the foreign ministry summoned Canadian High Commissioner in Colombo Eric Walsh and registered a strong protest over

Trudeau's remarks.

"Such irresponsible and polarising pronouncements by the leader of a nation breeds disharmony and hatred both in Canada and Sri Lanka, instead of promoting peace and reconciliation," the foreign ministry said in a statement on Friday.

"Sri Lanka urges Canada and its leaders to refrain from making pronouncements from Canada which promote hatred, misinformation and extremist views and to cease its unhelpful focus on Sri Lanka based on distorted facts. This runs contrary to the Canadian Prime Minister's stated objective of "safeguarding human rights across the world," it added.

Successive regimes in Sri Lanka have outrightly rejected the alleged war crimes against unarmed civilians in the final phase of the 26-year civil war. Sri Lanka on Friday commemorated the War Hero's Day, marking the 14th anniversary of the military's triumph over the LTTE.

Mariupol survivor recalls surrender

Kyiv (AP): Mikhailo Vershinin was a shadow of the burly Mariupol policeman he was when he emerged after four months in Russian captivity.

The head of Mariupol's Police Patrol, he was among hundreds to surrender from the Russian siege of the Azovstal steel mill on the orders of the Ukrainian president a year ago and was close to death on the day he was exchanged for Russian prisoners of war.

He experienced first-hand the day the final square of the besieged city fell and now recalls it with both deep sadness, but a sense of purpose for Ukraine's future.

The air strikes had been relentless for weeks, but the skies fell silent while Russian and Ukrainian officers negotiated terms of surrender. At the time, Vershinin said, it seemed like the only chance for both the men and women with him underground — and for Mariupol.



Azovstals last stand also became a rallying point for many countries hesitating about support for Ukraine.

"Beginning with Mariupol, the world started to wake up in understanding what's going on," he said. "We knew perfectly well that we locked on ourselves lots of Russian forces. We were like a bone in the throat of Russia."

The group hoped for reinforcements that never came, then finally surrendered.

But Russia failed to keep its promises to treat the prisoners

of war under the rules of the Geneva Convention. Torture, hunger, and illness stalked the group. More than 700 remain in captivity: winning their release has been a priority for the Ukrainian government, and for Vershinin, who was in a group exchanged for Russian prisoners of war last fall.

The men and women who fought to the last at Azovstal are heroes and martyrs across Ukraine, their faces on posters and giant banners.

At the time, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy explained the order to surrender because "Ukraine needs Ukrainian heroes to be alive. It's our principle."

But Vershinin said ill-treatment was routine as their Russian captors tried to turn men against each other and starve them into submission.

"Now I can say this: If we knew what awaited us in prison, many people would not go, would not surrender."

F-18 crashes; pilot ejects successfully

Barcelona (AP): An F-18 fighter jet crashed at an airbase in the Spanish city of Zaragoza but the pilot ejected successfully, the Spanish defense ministry said on Saturday.

The aircraft landed within the perimeter of the base, the defense ministry said on Twitter. The base, which lies about 10 miles (16 kilometers) outside the city, belongs to the Spanish Air and Space Force. Videos posted on social media showed a plane in flames falling towards the ground. The pilot was already in hospital and his life was not in danger, the air force said.

Spain's public news agency EFE said the F-18 was training for a flying exhibition when the incident occurred.

The Guardia Civil told The Associated Press that one of its patrols was the first to reach the pilot, who fell outside the exterior fence surrounding the airbase.

According to the Guardia Civil, the pilot suffered injuries to his legs, apparently because he ejected with a parachute from a low altitude. He was evacuated to hospital in a helicopter.

The Guardia Civil said it would collaborate with the military in investigating the crash. It said that the initial information provided by the pilot was that the plane had apparently suffered a malfunction.

Zimbabwe releases prisoners in amnesty

AP ■ HARARE

Zimbabwe has begun releasing Zimbabwean and 4,000 prisoners under a presidential amnesty that authorities say will help ease congestion in some overcrowded jails.

About 800 prisoners were released Friday from the Central Prison and Chikurubi Maximum Prison in the capital, Harare.

Jails in other parts of the country began releasing prisoners who qualified for the amnesty on Thursday, said Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services spokeswoman Meya Khanyezvi.

She said the amnesty would "go a long way in reducing the prison population." Zimbabwe's prisons have a capacity of 17,000 but hold more than 20,000 inmates.

Former prisoners have in the past complained about overcrowding and other harsh conditions such as a lack of food and proper health care. Amnesty International has previously described the conditions as "deplorable." The southern African nation of 15 million people regular-



ly uses the presidential amnesty to decongest prisons.

A beneficiary of the latest amnesty, John Mafarikwa, who was serving a 17-month sentence for theft, expressed relief.

"It's overcrowded and the food is bad. Most of the time we would eat food prepared without cooking oil," said the 71-year-old, boarding a prison bus taking him and other amnesty beneficiaries away from

Harare Central Prison.

Song, dance and prayers marked the event. Some people of advanced age walked with the aid of crutches. A small group wore graduation robes after receiving diplomas in bible studies.

At Chikurubi Maximum Prison, freed women prisoners hugged prison officers, while men rushed for the back of an open truck waiting to transport them from the jail. Others thanked President Emmerson Mnangagwa for showing mercy.

All females imprisoned for non-violent crimes and who served a third of their sentences are to be released. Terminally ill people will be released regardless of the crime committed, while blind prisoners and those "who are physically challenged that they cannot be catered for in a prison" had their remaining sentences fully remitted.

Prisoners aged 60 years old and above and juveniles are among beneficiaries of the amnesty, while those who have been on the death row for the past 10 years had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment.

Sebi proposes to cut down IPO listing timeline to 3 days from 6 days

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday proposed to reduce the time taken for the listing of shares on stock exchanges after the closure of initial public offerings (IPOs) to three days from six days at present.

The proposed reduction in timelines for listing and trading of shares will benefit both issuers as well as investors.

"Issuers will have faster access to the capital raised thereby enhancing the ease of doing business and the investors will have opportunity for having early credit and liquidity of their investment," Sebi said in its consultation paper.

The markets regulator, in November 2018, introduced Unified Payment Interface (UPI) as an additional payment mechanism with Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) for retail investors and prescribed the timelines for listing within six days of closure of issue (T+6). "T" is the day of closure of the issue.

Over the last few years,



Sebi has ensured that a series of systemic enhancements have been undertaken across all the key stakeholders of the IPO ecosystem to streamline the activities involved in the processing of public issues which will pave the way to reduce the listing timelines from T+6 to T+3.

In its consultation paper, Sebi has suggested the reduction of the time period from the date of issue closure to the date of listing of shares through public

EPFO adds 13.4 lakh members in March, 1.39 cr in 2022-23

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Retirement fund body EPFO added 13.40 lakh members on a net basis in March, taking the total addition to 1.39 crore in 2022-23, according to payroll data released on Saturday. EPFO had added a total of 1.22 crore members on a net basis in 2021-22. Out of 13.40 lakh members added during the month of March, around 7.58 lakh new members have come under the ambit of EPFO for the first time, a labour ministry statement said.

"During the financial year 2022-23, around 1.39 crore net members have been added by the EPFO with an increase of 13.22 per cent compared to the previous financial year 2021-22 wherein EPFO had added approximately 1.22 crore net members," the statement said.

Among the newly joined members, the highest enrolment is registered in the age group of 18-21 years with 2.35 lakh members, followed by the age group of 22-25 years with 1.94 lakh members.

The age-groups of 18-25 years constitute 56.60 per cent of total new members added during the month. This age-wise comparison of payroll data indicates that the majority of the members joining the organised sector workforce of the country



are first-time job seekers.

The data also highlights that approximately 10.09 lakh members re-joined EPFO membership. These members switched their jobs and re-joined the establishments covered under EPFO and opted to transfer their accumulations instead of applying for final settlement thus, extending their social security protection, it stated.

Gender-wise analysis of payroll data reflects that enrolment of net female members has been 2.57 lakh in March 2023, which is around 19.21 per cent of the net member addition for the month.

Of these, 1.91 lakh female members are the new joiners. This is around 25.16 per cent

VA Tech WABAG Ltd records Q4 standalone net loss at ₹95.48 cr

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Water treatment player VA Tech WABAG Ltd has recorded a standalone loss for the fourth quarter ending March 31, 2023 at Rs 95.48 crore, the company said on Saturday.

The city-based firm had registered a standalone profit at Rs 32.14 crore during the corresponding quarter of last year.

For the year ending March 31, 2023 the standalone profit was at Rs 1.27 crore as against Rs 92.18 crore registered a year ago.

The standalone total income during the quarter under review grew to Rs 750.87 crore from Rs 665.53 crore registered in the corresponding period of last year.

For the year ending March 31, 2023 the standalone total income grew to Rs 2,385.87 crore from Rs 2,170.87 crore registered last year.

In a statement, the company said the cash flow from operations for the financial year ending March 31, 2023 was at Rs 85 crore while the net cash position stood at Rs 101 crore.

The company has an order book position of over Rs 13,219 crore including framework contracts providing robust revenue



visibility, it said.

Commenting on the financial performance, company chairman and managing director Rajiv Mittal said, "We continue to deliver profitable growth this quarter and for the year with persistent focus on technology, EP industrial and international projects."

"We have in line with our commitment to the shareholders, stayed net cash positive for the third consecutive year and generated operational as well as free cash-flow for the year," he said.

"In summary, this has been an enriching year with a historic high-order book position, profitable growth and a positive net cash position and cash flow," he added.

Zomato elevates Rakesh as food delivery CEO

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

Online food livery platform Zomato has rejigged the senior leadership team after reporting its better-than-expected quarterly results (Q4 FY23).

Zomato informed the Bombay Stock Exchange in a filing that it has appointed Rakesh Arora as CEO of its food ordering and delivery business and Rinshul Chandra as COO, food



ordering and delivery business.

The company also appointed Rishi Arora as CEO of Hyperpure, a subsidiary of the company.

Ranjan was earlier business head of new businesses at Zomato and Chandra was vice president of product at the company.

Arora held the position of senior vice president of operations at Zomato-owned quick

Honey testing lab inaugurated

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India celebrated World Bee Day on 20th May, 2023 at Raja Bhoj Agriculture College, Waraseoni Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh.

The World Bee Day celebration was graced by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar in the august presence of Agriculture Minister, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Chairman, OBC Welfare Commission, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Chairman, NDDB and other dignitaries on the dais.

In his deliberation, Shri Tomar mentioned that under the "10,000 FPO Scheme" of the Government of India, in order to strengthen the beekeepers in the country by developing the institutional framework for collective development, 100 bee keepers / honey producers FPOs have been allocated under NBHM for which



TRIFED, NAFED and NDDB have been selected. In this sequence, a total of 80 FPOs of bee keepers /honey producers have been registered. Further he stated that there is huge potential for honey production in this area which must be utilised for increasing farmer's income.

During the World Bee Day celebration, an exhibition with over 100 stalls were set up by beekeepers, processors and different stake holders of bee-keeping sector to showcase the diverse varieties of honey bee and different products in bee-keeping sector.

More than 1000 farmers,

Industries Insights. Marketing Challenges and Solutions (Domestic/ Global).

The programme is aimed at promoting and popularizing beekeeping nation-wide National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) of the Govt. of India under Atma-Nirbhar Bharat.

The NBHM is implemented through the National Bee Board for overall promotion of scientific beekeeping & entrepreneurship among small & marginal farmers, infrastructure development for postharvest management and support for research & development and to achieve the goal of "Sweet Revolution".

The significant achievements in honey production through short video film were played on this occasion. The participants from the different categories were felicitated for their significant contribution in this sector.

Different honey products Start-ups/ FPOs releases of publication on bee keeping were launched. On this occasion the Honey Testing Labs were virtually inaugurated.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No USCL/249 Tender ID: 2023_UAD_278144_1 Date:- 20.05.2023

Ujjain Smart City Limited Invites Interested parties for "Electrical, HVAC and Fire Fighting works for Maharajwada 1A." Interested bidders may purchase and submit their proposals online at www.mptenders.gov.in.

Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 6,24,453/-
Cost of Document	Rs. 20,000/-
Probable amount of contract	Rs. 6,24,45,364/-
Pre Bid Meeting Date	29.05.2023
Last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid (Online)	05.06.2023 up to 17:00 hrs

For more details, please visit <https://mptenders.gov.in>. Any Corrigendum or amendments shall be published on this website only.

For, Ujjain Smart City Limited

CHANGE NAME

I Anil Kumar S/o Late Sh. Dil Bag Singh R/o G-1001, La Laguna Apartments Sun City Sector - 54, Gurgaon Haryana, have filed an affidavit no. 3662, dated: 19/05/2023 that My Daughter's Name is Arshita Lakra & My daughter's 10th standard mentions my name and my wife name due to clerical mistake as Anil Lakra and Anuja Lakra instead of Anil Kumar & Anuja Chaudhary, all our documents mention my & my wife name as Anil Kumar & Anuja Chaudhary, Anil Kumar & Anil Lakra is one and the same person & Anuja Chaudhary & Anuja Lakra is one and the same person. Kindly note.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that Mrs. Ramawati, Mrs. Yashoda Devi & Mrs. Sudhima is intending to sell Plot of land area measuring 276.3 Sq. Yds. out of Khata No. 806, situated in the area of Village Chaur-Banbars, Pergana & Tehsil Dabhri, District Gauram Budh Nagar, U.P., to Mrs. Pinki W/o Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, to be financed & mortgaged by my client i.e., Mrs. Jhri Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. The Original Sale Deed dated 25.07.2006, 11.08.2006 & 08.01.2007, pertaining to the aforesaid property have been lost and complaint bearing LP No. 454149/2023 was registered on 20.05.2023, with Delhi Police.

Any person(s) found in possession of aforesaid original Sale Deed dated 25.07.2006, 11.08.2006 & 08.01.2007, then kindly contact the undersigned along with original property document, within 7 days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, the claim as per aforesaid sale deed shall be treated as null and void in respect of the subject property.

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GUJARAT WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD. SECTOR-10/A, GANDHINAGAR

BRIEF SHORT NOTICE INVITING ON LINE TENDER FOR REQUIREMENT OF D.I. PIPE FOR THE YEAR 2023 (part-II)

GWSSB invites online tender through e-tendering for Manufacture, Supply & Delivery D.I. pipes of different sizes of K-7 & K-9 class with ISI Mark 79568 Mtr. Estimated amt. Rs. 2944.75 Lacs (without GST) from approved vendor of GWSSB only. Interested bidder who wish to participate in above tender may view the detailed tender notice & download the Tender documents at free of cost from website. <https://www.nprocure.com>

The last date of submission of online tender is 31-05-2023

No/INF/VPN/2020/G/383

GUJARAT WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD. SECTOR-10/A, GANDHINAGAR

BRIEF SHORT NOTICE INVITING ON LINE TENDER FOR FIXING FIXED QUANTITY CONTRACT FOR MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF DIFFERENT TYPES AND SIZES OF PVC FITTINGS FOR THE YEAR 2023

GWSSB invites online tender through e-tendering for Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of Different Types and Sized of PVC Fittings Suitable to Ringfit PVC pipe conforming to Relevant IS or as per given specification from Indian Manufacturer only. Estimated amount Rs. 506.66 Lacs (Without GST). Interested bidder who wish to participate in above tender may view the detailed tender notice & download the Tender documents at free of cost from website <https://www.nprocure.com>

The last date of submission of online tender is 29-5-2023. No/INF/VPN/2020/G/384

ELGi Equipments reports Q4 standalone PAT at ₹80.63 cr

PTI ■ CHENNAI

ELGi Equipments Ltd, manufacturer of air compressors, has reported a 32.9 per cent rise in its standalone profit after tax for the quarter ending March 31, 2023 at Rs 80.63 crore, the company said on Saturday.

The Tamil Nadu-based company had registered standalone profit after tax at Rs 60.64 crore during the corresponding quarter of last year.

For the year ending March 31, 2023 the standalone profit

after tax surged by 43.9 per cent to Rs 272.48 crore from Rs 189.35 crore registered in the last financial year.

The profit after tax for the quarter and year includes profit on sale of property held by the subsidiary, Patton's Inc. United States of America, amounting to Rs 77.45 crore.

The standalone total income during the quarter under review grew to Rs 476.8 crore from Rs 466.3 crore registered in the corresponding quarter of previous year.



istered in the last fiscal.

At its meeting held on Friday, the Board has recommended a dividend of Rs 2 per share (200 per cent) for the year 2022-23 subject to the approval of shareholders.

The automotive business has performed well to register growth in sales and profitability, said the company chief financial officer Jayakanthan R.

"We remain cautiously optimistic to achieve our FY'24 revenue targets," he said on the outlook for 2023-24.

Delhivery makes key investment in omnichannel retail software provider Vinculum

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

Fully-integrated logistics services provider Delhivery on Saturday announced to make a strategic investment in Vinculum, a global software leader enabling omnichannel retailing, for an undisclosed sum to boost its direct-to-consumer offerings.

The investment, said the company, is the first part of a potential two-stage deal that provides Delhivery the option to further increase its shareholding in the company after six months.

"A strategic partnership with Vinculum strengthens Delhivery's fulfillment solution to brands," said Rajaganes S, Head of Supply Chain Solutions at Delhivery.

Vinculum has scaled up into a leading SaaS omnichan-

SBI Foundation announces 11th edition of youth fellowships

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A 13-month fellowship programme that helps provide rural communities with trained and informed volunteers, who facilitate development planning and also support implementation at the village level has entered its 11th year.

The SBI Foundation has announced that the 11th batch of the Youth for India Fellowship is due to start in August and the application process is till May 31.

The aim of the programme is to build a talent pool of socially aware and active youths who in turn will raise a pool of projects, through innovation and ideas, to positively impact the rural communities.

The fellowship, among other things, provides an oppor-



Samsung, LG, other S Korean firms to invest \$49 bn in display biz

IANS ■ SEOUL

Samsung Display, LG Display and other South Korean display companies will make a combined investment of over 65 trillion won (\$48.77 billion) by 2027 to secure innovative technologies and reclaim the world's No 1 position, the industry ministry said.

The planned investments aim to expand the country's global market share to over 50 percent by 2027 from last year's 37 percent by developing new technologies for next-generation display items and expanding organic light-emitting diode (OLED) display production lines. The country will also push to make 80 percent of materials, parts and equipment needed for the display industry with its own technologies, compared with 65 percent in 2022, and to achieve super-gap technologies to outstrip rival nations by more than five years, reports Yonhap news agency.

South Korea became the world's No. 1 player in the display sector in 2004 by outstripping Japan and had maintained the position through 2020. But it was overtaken by China in 2021 amid intensifying compe-

tion. China's market share came to 42.5 percent last year.

To help the companies achieve the goals, the government vowed to provide display firms with policy financing of 900 billion won for their fresh investment and equipment manufacturing, and actively consider setting up special zones for the sector to extend infrastructure and other supports.

It plans to earmark over 1 trillion won for research and development projects to advance technologies for mass-producing next-generation panels and for developing inorganic LEDs.

The government will also push to ease regulations and designate key display-related technologies as the country's advanced strategic ones so that companies can enjoy additional tax cuts.

Over the next 10 years, the country plans to nurture 9,000 experts in the sector by opening new courses at graduate schools and beefing up cooperation with colleges, the ministry said.

The country earlier decided to give a tax credit rate of 15 percent on facility investment in strategic industries, including chips and displays, higher than the previous rate of 8 percent.

CSK BEAT DC BY 77 RUNS, BECOME SECOND TEAM TO ENTER PLAY-OFFS



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Devon Conway, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Deepak Chahar brought their 'A' game to the fore as Chennai Super Kings centered to a 77-run crushing victory over Delhi Capitals to seal an IPL play-off berth here on Saturday.

Playing a must-win game, Conway (87 off 52) and Gaikwad (79 off 50) smashed brilliant half-centuries to help Chennai Super Kings post a challenging 223/3 after captain MS Dhoni opted to bat.

Skipper David Warner, DC's best batter this season, waged a lone battle, scoring 86 off 58 deliveries. But in the end the home team could manage only 146/9 in 20 overs after Chahar dealt a killer blow removing a couple of top-order batters within Powerplay overs.

It was another shameful performance from DC batters as save Warner, none of the others could cross individual score of

Kotla pitch. The two put on 141 runs for the opening stand and smashed a total of 14 fours and 10 sixes.

Delhi's 2023 IPL campaign ended how it began — with a defeat.

Their match performance was representative of their dismal season — underwhelming bowling, losing wickets in clumps and an overseas batter

doing the heavy lifting with the bat.

While Warner, an IPL stalwart notched his sixth fifty of the season, other DC batters cut a sorry figure.

Shaw's (5) nightmare of a season ended with another disappointing show. He was caught off the bowling of his Mumbai teammate Tushar Deshpande by a flying Ambati Rayudu, who

timed his dive to perfection at mid off.

After being hit for a maximum and a four by Warner, Chahar came back with a bang. The pacer dealt twin blow, getting rid of big-hitters Phil Salt (3) and Rilee Rossouw (0) off successive deliveries.

Young Dhull (13) kept Warner company in the middle for a bit as the skipper hit the big

shots but the partnerships didn't last long.

The Australian southpaw attacked Ravindra Jadeja, hitting the spinner for two sixes and as many fours in two overs, which yielded 37 runs. But the skipper kept on losing partners at the other end which made it difficult to chase the 200 plus score.

Earlier, Conway and Gaikwad began the onslaught in

the second over when CSK collected 13 runs off Lalit Yadav with Conway hitting a cracking six.

The Delhi bowlers were punished for straying from their lengths.

With field restrictions lifted, DC managed to dry out the boundaries before Gaikwad hit Axar Patel for back-to-back sixes over mid wicket and got to

his third fifty of the season.

While Gaikwad assumed the role of the aggressor, Conway complemented his fellow opener well as he clipped, pulled and cut en-route his half-century.

Gaikwad then targeted Kuldeep Yadav, hammering a hat-trick of sixes. The opener first whipped one over long off and then sent the ball over wide long on.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	LADEL00041422901/ Manish Garg/ H No B-1/730 Gali No.24, Lal Mandir Harsh Vihar Madoli, Delhi, Delhi-110093	KUV100/ K8 6 STR/ DL2CS1247	20-07-2022 Rs. 4,91,684/-	31-01-2021
2.	LADEL00041089966/ Devendra Singh/ Flat No.12A T/F, Property No. Gc 30, Pul Pehlampur, 0, Delhi- 110044	ALTO/ K10 LXI/ DL3CCJ0877	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,27,067/-	06-02-2021
3.	LUDEL00039390492/ Paradise Kitchen Ware/ 99 2nd Floor Karuna Kunj, Rescue Hospital Sec-3, Dwarka Delhi, 0, Delhi- 110075	Corolla Altis/ G/ DL9CAA9650	21-07-2022 Rs. 3,07,590/-	11-02-2021
4.	LADEL00040888012/ Neelam Kashyap/ D 744 Cr Park, New Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi- 110019	Swift/ VXI/ DL3CCR6753	21-07-2022 Rs. 3,45,689/-	11-04-2022
5.	LUDEL00042066037/ Luv Gupta/ 12 B Dda Flats Mansarovar Park, Shahdara, East Delhi, 0, Delhi-110032	POLO/ 1.2 MPI COMFORTLINE/ DL3CBW2418RE	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,25,272.4/-	11-04-2022
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7.	LAGUR00038225711/ Manohar Lal/ 277 Sarhol (70), 0, 0, 0, Gurgaon- 122015	Alto 800/ LXI/ HR26DT9870	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,53,092/-	13-01-2022
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10.	LAGHZ00038238514/ Surendra Kumar/ Rc-524, Ghaziabad, Deepak Vihar Khora Colony, 0, Noida-201309	GRAND I 10/ SPORTZ/ UP14DW0146	21-07-2022 Rs. 3,61,524/-	30-09-2020
11.	LANOD00037105091/ Varun Kumar Chauhan/ Sarfabad Noida, 0, 0, 0, Noida- 201301	DZIRE/ VDI/ UP16BX1373	21-07-2022 Rs. 2,48,790.2/-	01-03-2022
12.	LADEL00037259723/ Dharmvir Singh/ A-41 Harijan Bast Kondli Vasundhara, Enclave, 0, A-41 Harijan Bast Kondli Vasundhara, Enclave, 0, Delhi- 110096	I 20/ MAGNA 0.1/ 2/ DL2CAY6791	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,24,658/-	15-03-2022
13.	LANOD00037273314/ Shekhar Singh/ Dujana Dujana Gautam Buddha, Nagar, 0, 0, Dadri-203207	ALTO 800/ LXI/ UP16BV2196	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,47,228/-	16-11-2021
14.	LADEL00037313103/ Zahid Ali/ H No.2262/15-1 New Ranjeet Nagar, Nr. Madarsa Sadipur Patel Nagar, Central Delhi, 0, Delhi- 110008	DZIRE/ VDI/ DL2CAY6345	21-07-2022 Rs. 3,23,417.1/-	04-04-2022
15.	LANOD00037639859/ Suneel/ House No.53 Near Radhakrishnan Mandir, Village Jhatta Surajpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, 0, Noida- 201306	BOLERO/ SLX DI/ UP16BX6959	21-07-2022 Rs. 3,31,897/-	13-07-2021
16.	LANOD00037747861/ Gita Yadav/ H No.88 Near Punjab National Bank, Vill-hoshiyarpur Sector-51, Noida Uttar Pradesh, 0, Noida- 201301	GRAND I10/ MAGNA 1.2/ UP16BY2550	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,31,659/-	02-12-2021
17.	LADEL00038315675/ Soofiyar/ L-34 L-Block Welcome Seelampur Phase-3, Garhi Mendu, Loha Market, Delhi-110053	KWID/ RXL/ DL14RC1889	21-07-2022 Rs. 2,38,397/-	31-01-2021
18.	LADEL00038688964/ Suresh/ 26/3 Aps Colony Subroto Park, Delhi Cantt, South West Delhi, 0, Delhi- 110010	AMAZE/ 1.2 E MT-I VTEC/ DL9CAR4927	21-07-2022 Rs. 3,24,611/-	17-05-2021
19.	LAGUR00038931035/ Sanjay Singh/ H No.1048 Gf Gali No.7, Krishna Kunj Naya Gaon, Bhandosi (168) Gurgaon Gurgaon, 0, Gurgaon- 122001	Baleno/ Delta 1.2/ HR26DX5339	21-07-2022 Rs. 3,36,354/-	14-02-2022
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21.	LADEL00040991110/ Deepak Prajapati/ House No.3187 Lal Darwaza Sitaran, Bazar Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi- 110006	Eeco/ 7 STR/ DL1CA89630	21-07-2022 Rs. 2,85,911/-	31-10-2021
22.	LADEL000403049884/ Feroz Hasan/ Flat No.716, Four Story, Vishal Enclave Tagore Garden, West Delhi, 0, Delhi- 110027	Baleno/ Zeta 1.2/ DL8CB2716	21-07-2022 Rs. 4,64,044/-	11-04-2022
23.	LUDEL00041344598/ Bimal Kumar/ H No.20 Bik R Budh Vihar Village, Pooth Kalan Ph 1, City Delhi, 0, Delhi- 110086	GRAND I 10/ MAGNA 1.1/ DL8CAE5840	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,49,978/-	12-01-2022
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27.	LUDEL00041581295/ Balvinder Sharma/ Block-j-u-27d Pitampura Saraswati, Vihar Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi- 110034	I 10/ MAGNA/ DL8CX9384	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,76,331.91/-	11-05-2021
28.	LUDEL00042029058/ Rupesh Gupta/ Sheila Devi/ 43, Pocket-11, Sector-A/6, Vardhaman, Mall Purnarvas Colony Narela North West, Delhi, 0, Delhi- 110040	DUSTER/ RXL Petrol/ DL13C5692	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,79,423/-	12-07-2021
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31.	LUDEL00036895866/ Prashant Kumar/ A-244/2 Dr Kapoor Wali Gali Munirka, Village Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi-110007	I 10/ ASTA 1.2 BS IV/ DL12CE9388	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,31,451/-	03-11-2021
32.	SPDEL00036896061/ Prashant Kumar/ Office No.401 8402 Sri Plaza Buiding, Sai Nagar Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi- 110065	I 10 / DL 12CE9388	21-07-2022 Rs. 74,875.4/-	03-11-2021
33.	LAGUR00035155116/ Shivdarshan Tiwari/ 20, C/o Mahvir Singh 114 3rd Flr, Sikandarpur Ghosi Shiv Mandir, 0, Gurgaon- 122002	AMAZE/ 1.2 S MT/ HR26DB9168	21-07-2022 Rs. 2,80,059.4/-	11-02-2021
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35.	SPFDB00041435659/ Sachin Tanwar/ H No.32 Sector -8 Faridabad Haryana, 0, 0, 0, Faridabad- 121006	MARUTI DZIRE Zdi/ HR51BS3686	21-07-2022 Rs. 2,30,232.9/-	13-12-2021
36.	LADEL00043702331/ Shiv Kumar/ H-No-F-56 Village Lado Sarai New Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi-110030	CELERIO/ VXI/ DL1RTB3614	21-07-2022 Rs. 94,147.7/-	31-08-2019
37.	LAGUR00038409655/ Shiv Kumar/ H No.57 Vill Sukhrali Gurgaon, 0, 0, Gurgaon- 122001	Swift DZire/ VDI/ DL1RTB3614	21-07-2022 Rs. 8,68,963/-	31-08-2019
38.	SPDEL00038713759/ Pritam Kumar Bidhuri/ 24 Chhuria Mohallah Opp Paras Medicos, Madanpur Khadar Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi- 110076	AMAZE 1.5 S(O) MT (I-DTEC)/ DL3CCM8002	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,95,505/-	07-06-2021
39.	LADEL00034081442/ Irfan Ali/ C 97 Jamia Nagae Shaheen Bagh, New Delhi, 0, Delhi-110025	Eeco/ 5 STR AC/ DL12CJ3275	21-07-2022 Rs. 65,998.9/-	31-01-2021
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41.	LADEL0003720861/ Suraj Kumar/ H No.1159 Sector-4, R.K Puram South West Delhi New Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi-110022	I10/ ASTA/ DL5CQ0547	21-07-2022 Rs. 2,33,736/-	11-10-2021
42.	LUDEL00041853929/ Suraj Kumar/ 1159 Sec-4 R, K Puram, South West Delhi New Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi-110022	GRAND I10/ ERA 1.2/ DL5CQ0547	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,05,899/-	11-10-2021
43.	SPDEL00041265091/ Suraj Kumar/ 1159, Sector 4, R K Puram, R K Puram, 0, 0, 0, Delhi- 110022	GRAND I10/ ERA 1.2/ DL5CQ0547	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,17,042/-	11-10-2021
44.	LADEL00041416174/ Neha/ Vipin/ C Extension 17 A Floor New Ashok Nagar, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi, 0, Delhi- 110096	S-PRESSO/ S-Presso Vxi MT/ DL2CBB3486	22-07-2022 Rs. 2,47,341/-	09-08-2021
45.	LAGUR00042456688/ Arjun Bhatia/ 30 A Ugf Purnabi Mohalla, Zamrudpur Kailash Colony, 0, 0, Delhi- 110048	Swift/ VXI AMT/ DL9CAV1254	22-07-2022 Rs. 40,542/-	06-11-2021
46.	LUNOD00042115168/ Mayank Jain/ A-4 Sector 40 Noida Gautam Buddha, Nagar, 0, 0, Noida-201301	NEXON/ XZ PLUS/ UP16BW6868	21-07-2022 Rs. 1,53,718/-	05-07-2021

The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2), failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2) as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	LADEL00038585559/ Aas Mohammad/ Fateh Mohammad/ House No Rz 2072 25 Street Number 25, Tuglakabad Extension, Aali, 0, Delhi- 110019	Swift/ LXI/ DL9CAR3654	22-07-2022 Rs. 2,62,733/-	31-12-2019
2.	LADEL00037079447/ Aas Mohammad/ Fateh Mohammad/ House No Rz 2072/25 Steel No 25, Tuglakabad Extension Aali South Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi- 110019	WAGON R LXI/ DL9CAP6136	22-07-2022 Rs. 77,937.8/-	31-12-2019
3.	LUGHZ00042178575/ Goutam Chaudhary/ H No- 50 Nagla Firoj Mohanpur, Ghaziabad, 0, 0, Ghaziabad- 201003	Creta/ 1.4 S Plus/ UP14EA6823	22-07-2022 Rs. 1,26,998/-	10-12-2021
4.	LADEL00041350039/ Ashwani Sharma/ L1.1717 Gali No- A- 5, Near Vishal Public School, Sangam Vihar, Deoli, Delhi- 110062	EcoSport/ 1.5 TITANIUM PLUS D/ UP16CM2135	27-07-2022 Rs. 8,91,524/-	04-08-2021
5.	LADEL00038485829/ Shanky Kalra/ H No D 810 Gayatri Marg, Chawla Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad- 121004	NEXON/ XM/ HR29AT5562	27-07-2022 Rs. 3,26,994.79/-	06-12-2021
6.	LADEL00040704579/ Ravi Ranah/ H No- 215 Village- Mukhmel Pur, 0, 0, Delhi- 110036	Vitara Brezza/ VDI/ DL1CAB7223	27-07-2022 Rs. 2,77,049/-	31-01-2022
7.	LADEL00041485581/ Aashish Kumar Sharma/ G-1 Desu Colony Klokari New Delhi, 0, 0, Delhi- 110014	Tiago/ Revotora XZ/ DL12CS3607	27-07-2022 Rs. 3,22,903/-	31-07-2021
8.	LAFDB00041332351/ Muskan Bhatia/ 1 H- 3a Nh-1 Faridabad, Faridabad, 0, Faridabad- 121001	XL6/ ZETA AT PETROL/ HR51BZ7250	27-07-2022 Rs. 6,23,078/-	17-08-2020
9.	LAFDB00043503758/ Arvind Bajaj/ 68, Behind Radha Krishna Mandir Sector 31, Gurgaon Haryana, Gurgaon- 122001	Creta/ 1.6 SX (O)/ HR98A7093	27-07-2022 Rs. 13,07,173/-	28-02-2022
10.	LADEL00041297022/ Anil Yadav/ House No 198 Sani Bazar Road G Block, Gali No 04 Prem Nagar Najafgarh, New Delhi, Delhi- 110043	Swift Dzire/ LXI/ HR76F8424	27-07-2022 Rs. 4,57,814/-	08-02-2022
11.	LADEL00037170878/ Rinku./ H.No.125 Block G/1, Near Shiv Shakti Mandir, Madangir Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi- 110062	Eeco/ 5 STR WITH A/C+HTR/ DL2CBB1229	27-07-2022 Rs. 2,60,648/-	07-08-2021
12.	LAGHZ00038451697/ Dolly / Rahul Sharma/ E-1401 Ahinsa Khanda, Jaipuria Sunrise, Greens Indrapuram, Deoria- 201014	SWIFT/ LXI/ DL14CE2395	27-07-2022 Rs. 2,65,976/-	30-12-2021
13.	LAFDB00043228860/ Nibras Ahmed/ Mcf 101 Jeewan Nagar Gounchihi, 0, 0, Faridabad- 121004	HECTOR/ SMART DIESEL/ HR07AD0021	27-07-2022 Rs. 10,33,346/-	05-03-2022
14.	LUDEL00038532146/ Ajit Sharma/ R- 17 Gali No- 2 S Khuram Park Matiyala, Village Matiala West Delhi, 0, Delhi- 110059	SWIFT/ LXI/ DL8CAR2749	04-08-2022 Rs. 2,56,801.99/-	07-06-2021
15.	LAPUL00037104043/ Archana Dalal/ Rajiv Dalal/ New Colony Palwal, 0, 0, Palwal- 121102	VERNA/ SXI/ HR30T3720	04-08-2022 Rs. 4,76,912/-	16-03-2022
16.	LADEL00041754102/ Alok Bhushan Ddunglung/ Plot No- D- 4 Out Of Plot No- D- 196, Upper Ground Floor, Block- D Mohan Garden Uttam Nagar, Delhi- 110059	Baleno/ Zeta 1.2/ DL2CBB5786	04-08-2022 Rs. 6,40,436/-	11-01-2022
17.	LADEL00034698812/ Manoj Yadav/ Rz- 27/289, Gali No- 5b, Geetanjali Park, West Sagar Pur, Nangal Raya, 0, Delhi- 110046	CRETA/ SX 1.6 CRDI/ DL9CAL5733	04-08-2022 Rs. 4,21,853/-	31-01-2021
18.	LUFDB00043384607/ Nibras Ahmed/ H.no- Mcf 101, sohna Road Jeewan Nagar, Gounchihi Ballabgarh Faridabad, 0, Faridabad- 121004	DUSTER/ 110 PS RXL 4X2 AMT/ HR29AN2100RE	04-08-2022 Rs. 4,79,387/-	05-03-2022
19.	LAGUR00041291858/ Ravindra Kumar/ Kh No.12, Gali No. 1, Hanuman Mandir, Gurgaon- 122001	XCENT/ PRIME T PLUS/ HR55AH1721	24-08-2022 Rs. 3,99,627/-	06-12-2021
20.	SPGHZ00041387699/ Dolly / Rahul Sharma/ E- 1401 Ahinsa Khanda, Jaipuria Sunrise Greens, Indrapura Shipra Sun City, Banda- 201014	THUNDER BIRD/ DL14CE2395	24-08-2022 Rs. 1,33,021/-	30-12-2021
21.	LAFDB00042756318/ Pradeep Mavi/ Kot Gaon Dhoj (17) Dhaut, Faridabad, , Faridabad- 121004	Vitara Brezza/ LXI/ HR51CC9178	24-08-2022 Rs. 5,20,727/-	03-07-2021
22.	LAGHZ00038961816/ Goutam Chaudhary/ H No- 50 Nagla Firoj Mohanpur, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad- 201003	Creta/ 1.4 E Plus/ UP14EA6823	24-08-2022 Rs. 3,51,826/-	10-12-2021
23.	LADEL00041029587/ Mohd Arif/ C- 12 C- 13 1st Floor Khastia No- 136/1, Gali No- 9 Village Wazirabad Burari North, Delhi, Delhi- 110084	Wagon R 1.0/ LXI CNG/ DL5SCR1329	25-08-2022 Rs. 4,77,127/-	02-03-2022
24.	LAGUR00035188248/ Aditi/ Dalbir Singh/ H.no- 373 Near Dav Public School, Ishwar Colony Bawana, North West, Delhi- 110039	CITY/ VMT/ DL4CAX1802	25-08-2022 Rs. 3,84,220.22/-	03-05-2021
25.	LADEL00037126623/ Ramender Singh/ 41 Village Sadat Pur Gujran, Karawal Nagar, Delhi- 110094	SWIFT/ VXI/ DL8CAT5747	25-08-2022 Rs.	



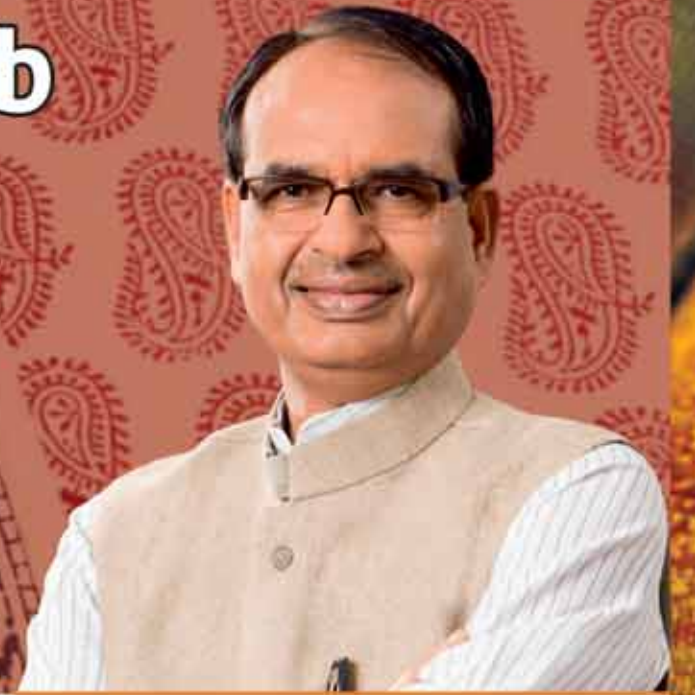
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G O L D E N H A V E L I

FROM DUSTY RUINS TO PRISTINE GLORY

A cultural heritage is a prized possession of an area and its people, alive to their tradition, to showcase to visitors. Delhi's Chandni Chowk is replete with such sites. However, despite the tremendous cultural benefits, most heritage havelis are crying for attention. However, the kind gesture of a heritage lover has changed the fortune of a haveli. **DEEPAK KUMAR JHA** delves deep into this perspective



The iconic Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi does not need an introduction. The pulsating heart of the national Capital, with its oldest and busiest market bustling with life, was at one point of time etched on the visitors' memory for its magnificent royal havelis. But as Delhi grew bigger and bigger with the modern world attractions, these heritage havelis gradually went into oblivion, even losing due upkeep, much to the chagrin of the lovers of culture and tradition. However, of late, these havelis are witnessing the return of their "achche din", and the credit goes to a few intrepid fighters on the mission to restore their lost glory.

Golden Haveli is one such haveli that has become the centre of attraction for people in Chandni Chowk. Right in front of the Red Fort, passing through Jain Temple and near Gauri Shankar Temple, you enter Dariba Bazar. Gali Anar is located at one corner of this bustling market with small streets.

The Golden Haveli, established in this Gali Anar, makes tourists see the grandeur and beauty of Mughal architecture. Some time ago this haveli was in a dilapidated condition. Vijay Goel, convener of Heritage India Foundation and former Union Minister, took it upon himself to restore this heritage haveli. Goel is a heritage lover and well versed with the culture and civilisation of India.

Earlier, he had preserved another haveli in Dharampura of Chandni Chowk and given it a new look. This erstwhile conservation work of Goel received the UNESCO Asia Pacific Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

STRUCTURE OF GOLDEN HAVELI

Spread over 200 square yards, the Golden Haveli is a three-storied building. In the middle of this haveli there is a huge courtyard 18'6 by 14'. Rooms are built around this courtyard. This haveli is open from three sides, so that there can be enough movement of fresh

air. It has a total of 12 rooms and a restaurant. There is a small underground cellar in its southern part.

Small bricks, known as Lakhori bricks, have been used in the construction of this mansion. In addition to this, mud and lime mortar, lime plaster, wooden joints and planks, sandstone slabs and lime and concrete floors have been used in this haveli.

Doors and windows of the haveli are made of Teak, Sal and Sheesham wood. The use of colored glass in the windows makes it more attractive. The walls have been lime plastered and finished with a very fine lime wash. Red sandstone, green coloured doors, Mughal style carvings add to the beauty of this mansion.

HISTORY OF GOLDEN HAVELI

The plot for this haveli was purchased by Lala Nemchand Kapurchand in 1906. He was a prominent businessman with multiple business interests. His forefathers came to Delhi during the time of Aurangzeb. Kapurchand rebuilt this haveli in 1911. This was the historic year in which the capital of the British rule in India was shifted from Calcutta to Delhi. Since then this haveli is known for its unique identity in Chandni Chowk. It was originally designed to have a mixed-use pattern i.e. both residential and commercial. However, in the 1970s and 80s, some new construction works were added to it. Thereafter, its condition kept getting worse over time.

PRESENT CONDITION OF HAVELI

The floral carvings and green coloured wooden doors add to its beauty as soon as you enter the haveli. The floral decorations and motifs are carved on the yellow sandstone, which gives the building an impressive look. The interior of the haveli visible from the courtyard is decorated with features such as glass panes, red sandstone brackets and wooden purlins projecting onto the balcony, elaborate arches with carved decorative work, and stuc-

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work at the key points of the arches. The interiors of the rooms are mainly decorated depending on the utility of these rooms.

The ground floor has arches over ornamental stone pillars. Due to the prominence of the golden colour, this haveli has been christened 'Golden Haveli'. The terrace of the haveli is its prime attraction. From the terrace one can see the prominent heritage buildings of Chandni Chowk. On one side the ramparts of the Red Fort are visible, and on the other side the minarets of the Jama Masjid.

The beholder gets thrilled to see the Shikhar Kalash of the famous Gauri Shankar temple, the red walls of the Jain temple and the golden building of Gurudwara Shishganj.

ROOM DEDICATED TO GANDHI

The history of Chandni Chowk tells us that Mahatma Gandhi visited this area many times. He used to hold meet-

ings and prepare strategies with his trusted local people in the neighbourhoods of Chandni Chowk. Gandhi used to hold these meetings regularly at many places including Marwari Library and Hakim Ajmal Khan's residence.

A room in the Golden Haveli has been dedicated especially to Mahatma Gandhi, cherishing his memories in the area. Gandhi's spinning wheel, his autobiography and other books are kept in this room.

HAVELI READY TO WELCOME GUESTS FROM G-20 COUNTRIES

The restoration of the Golden Haveli has taken place at a time when India is presiding over the G-20 countries. In this context, this haveli is ready to welcome the guests of G-20 countries. The restored Golden Haveli was opened on March 9, 2023, by Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. During the inauguration, he stayed in the haveli for about an hour and



went to all the three floors of the haveli and looked closely at its rooms.

Later on, Jaishankar enjoyed the presentation of Kathak dance and the delicious cuisine of Chandni Chowk. He said conservation of such havelis is necessary due to the G-20 event, as a large number of foreign guests will also come to Chandni Chowk. Tourists coming to the Golden Haveli are getting acquainted with the ancient heritage of India on the one hand, while on the other hand they are enjoying traditional music and dance amidst delicious dishes.

STORY OF GOLDEN HAVELI - AS TOLD BY VIJAY GOEL

The convener of Heritage India Foundation, Vijay Goel, who has a keen interest in heritage conservation, while telling about the development journey of Golden Haveli, says the proposal for conservation of Haveli came to him a few years back. "Since I am interested in preserving heritage I immediately set out to prepare an aid and protection report for its restoration. Since this haveli was in a dilapidated condition, it was necessary to restore its original form. That's why the old things which were in perfect condition were repaired and kept as before," he said.

It took Goel four years to restore the Golden Haveli. This type of work, says Goel, requires passion, money and patience. According to Vijay Goel, earlier there used to be thousands of havelis in Chandni Chowk, but due to lack of conservation, very few havelis are left in existence. It is our duty to conserve these havelis.

ALL ABOUT GALL

In this concluding part, ARCHANA JYOTI finds out from the doctors at AIIMS Delhi's Department of Surgical Disciplines, led by HOD PROF SUNIL CHUMBER, about the types of surgeries, post-operative recovery of the patients with gallstones and how the disease can be significantly prevented through modified lifestyle and diet habits, apart from the timely intervention

In the first part of the article published last Saturday, the doctors had presented a comprehensive medical reference information including symptoms, diagnoses and type of treatments for the gallstones, that is majorly due to unchecked dietary habits, sedentary lifestyles, and the rising prevalence of obesity and metabolic syndrome.

The doctors say, if your gallstones are small and are made up of cholesterol only, it may be possible to dissolve them by taking bile acids e.g. ursodeoxycholic acid tablets.



DR DEVENDER SINGH

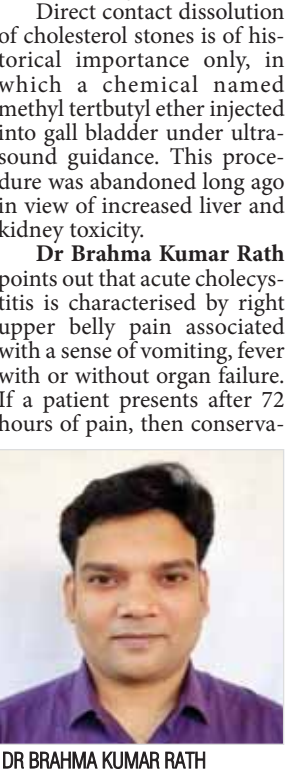
However, they warn that this can be disadvantageous also. Dr Devender Singh informs that the tablets need to be taken for a long time (up to 2 years), and is less effective in larger stones and you can get gallstones again after treatment has been stopped.

Further, no definitive tests are available to find the composition of stone, leading to unsuccessful dissolution therapy in case of calcium containing stones. Small gallstones may pass through the cystic duct and cause complications like jaundice with or without fever, severe pain abdomen radiating to the back. In these scenarios, patient may be advised endoscopic intervention.

In frail patients, Dr Singh says extra corporeal shock wave lithotripsy may be attempted, where an ultrasonic wave is used for fragmentation of stone. But it can have some disadvantages also. For instance, it may not be successful at times and fragmented stone can cause complications, as per Dr Singh.

Direct contact dissolution of cholesterol stones is of historical importance only, in which a chemical named methyl tertbutyl ether injected into gall bladder under ultrasound guidance. This procedure was abandoned long ago in view of increased liver and kidney toxicity.

Dr Brahma Kumar Rath points out that acute cholecystitis is characterised by right upper belly pain associated with a sense of vomiting, fever with or without organ failure. If a patient presents after 72 hours of pain, then conserva-



DR BRAHMA KUMAR RATH



DIET AND GALLSTONES



DR JYOTI SHARMA

AT-RISK FOODS/HABITS	GOOD FOODS/HABITS
Fast food/high caloric diet/trans-fats	High fibre, high calcium diet
Meat consumption	Fruits and vegetables
Refined sugars/ sweets	Fish/fish oil (PUFA)
Low fibre intake	High fibre diet
Very low calorie diet (<800 kcal/day)	Nuts (Almonds, walnuts)
Low vitamin C	Vegetarian diet
Prolonged fasting	Regular eating pattern

drates and less sugar.

- Eat healthy fats, like fish oil and olive oil, to help your gallbladder contract and empty on a regular basis.
- Avoid unhealthy fats, like those often found in desserts and fried foods.

Losing weight too quickly may cause health problems. Very low-calorie diets and weight-loss surgery can lead to rapid weight loss and raise your risk of gallstones.

FOODS TO AVOID AFTER GALLBLADDER SURGERY

While your body adjusts, it's a good idea to avoid high-fat foods for a few weeks after your gallbladder removal. High-fat foods include: Fried foods, like french fries and potato chips; high-fat meats, such as bacon, bologna, sausage, ground beef, and ribs; high-fat dairy products, such as butter, cheese, ice cream,



DR RIJUTA APHALE

Dr Rijuta Aphale points out that gallbladder cancer is overall 7 times more common in patients having gallstone disease. However, it may also be important to know that not every patient having a gall stone will get gallbladder cancer, which is a very rare type but aggressive type of cancer. A very high incidence is seen in the north Indian population in the Ganges belt especially in women.

There may be slightly higher risk in patients who have a large gallstone (>3cm) harboring for many years or those

associated with gallbladder polyps (>1cm) and those living in the north Indian belt like Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Bihar.

Dr Yshwant Singh Rathore advises that patients who have gallstone disease with symptoms like pain, belching, indigestion must go for gallbladder removal surgery. Patients who do not have symptoms, must talk to an expert general surgeon and may be able to defer or in certain situations avoid surgery altogether.



DR YSHWANT SINGH RATHORE



DR ANKITA SINGH

TYPES OF SURGERIES

Open cholecystectomy

Open cholecystectomy means removal of gall bladder via open approach. After one gets diagnosed with gallstone disease, basic blood investigations, chest x ray, ECG are done. Patient is sent for a pre-anesthetic check-up. After all clearances, the patient is admitted to the surgery ward. On the night before surgery, the patient is kept fasting for 8 hours, says Dr Ankita Singh.

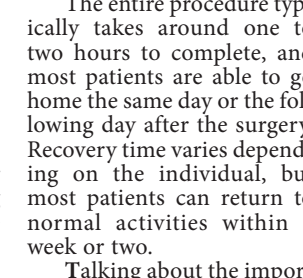


DR CATHERINE HALAM

On the other hand, says Dr Catherine Halam, Laparoscopic cholecystectomy is a minimally invasive surgical procedure used to remove the gallbladder. The procedure is typically performed under general anaesthesia. Once the gallbladder is removed, the surgeon carefully inspects the remaining structures in the abdomen to ensure that there is no bleeding or other damage. The instruments and laparoscope are then removed, and the small incisions closed with stitches or staplers.

The entire procedure typically takes around one to two hours to complete, and most patients are able to go home the same day or the following day after the surgery. Recovery time varies depending on the individual, but most patients can return to normal activities within a week or two.

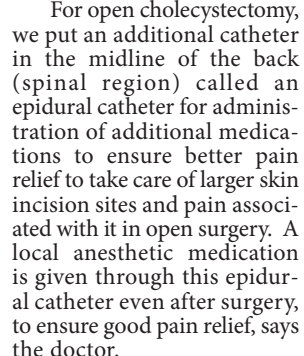
Talking about the importance of anaesthesia during surgery, Dr Anshul Singh says that surgery for gallstone disease is done under general anaesthesia, where the patient is completely unaware and painless throughout the operation. "Be it laparoscopic or open cholecystectomy, the patient's vein in one of the arms is cannulated for administration of anaesthetic and



DR ANSHUL SINGH

analgesic medications. Some anesthesia drugs are given through masks and inhaled by the patient, after which the patient becomes unconscious."

For open cholecystectomy, we put an additional catheter in the midline of the back (spinal region) called an epidural catheter for administration of additional medications to ensure better pain relief to take care of larger skin incision sites and pain associated with it in open surgery. A local anesthetic medication is given through this epidural catheter even after surgery, to ensure good pain relief, says the doctor.



DR VIKRAM SAINI



DR NELSON



DR VIKRAM SAINI

Dr Nelson and Dr Vikram Saini share details about post-operative recovery of patients.

"With the advancement in surgical techniques and early recovery program, gall bladder surgery is now considered a day care surgery. The patient is usually discharged by same day evening or the next day morning. Very minimal medication is given postoperatively.

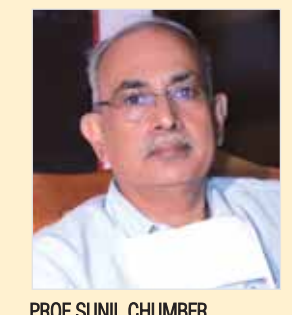
"Recovery from surgery is painless due to laparoscopic advancement and the availability of advanced pain relief medications. Patients are usually started on oral liquids six hours after surgery followed by a normal diet. Patients are encouraged for early mobilisation. Drains (tubings) are observed for bile leaks, active bleeding and removed the next day if uneventful.

Open cholecystectomy patients may be kept for another day or two as they have a larger abdominal wound and may need hospital care.

Patients are usually not given antibiotics in the post-operative period. On discharge, the patient's wound is examined and advised to take regular soap water baths and keep the wound dry and open. "The patients are advised to take a soft bland diet and follow up in OPD with a histopathology report for further management," says Dr Nelson.

Once the patient is operated, follow-up has to be ensured for better outcome.

Management of gallstones in the elderly population



PROF SUNIL CHUMBER



DR AJAY MOHAN

Prevalence of medical comorbidities is higher in elderly population. Out of them, hypertension and diabetes mellitus are the most common co-morbid conditions. Early surgical intervention in elderly patients is preferred and must be advisable after optimisation of co-morbid conditions for good surgical outcomes. Hernias and gallstone disease are the most common elective surgical diseases found in elderly patients.

Surgery is often recommended if the elderly person has symptoms like abdominal pain, inflammation of the gallbladder, or gallstones induced pancreas problems. The surgery involves removing the gallbladder, which is usually done using a minimally invasive technique called laparoscopic or keyhole surgery.

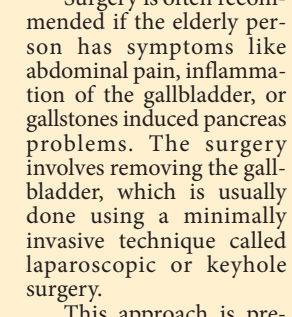
This approach is preferred because it has fewer complications, a faster recovery, and a shorter stay in the hospital. Conservative management, on the other hand, is a non-surgical approach. It might be considered if the elderly person has gallstones but doesn't

have any symptoms. In this case, the person's condition is regularly monitored.

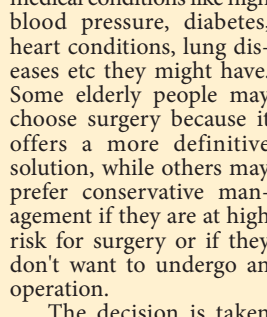
However, it's important to know that conservative management doesn't get rid of the gallstones, and there is still a risk of symptoms or complications in the future.

The decision between surgery and conservative management depends on many factors like the overall health of the elderly patient, the severity of their symptoms, and any other medical conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, heart conditions, lung diseases etc they might have. Some elderly people may choose surgery because it offers a more definitive solution, while others may prefer conservative management if they are at high risk for surgery or if they don't want to undergo an operation.

The decision is taken by the patient and their family after discussing the possibilities with the medical staff, taking into account their preferences and overall health, as well as the risks and advantages of each unique treatment option.



DR GEETA PRASAD



DR PUNEETH THALASTA

Says Dr Geeta Prasad, "surgical removal of gall bladder is one of the most commonly performed surgeries all over the globe. After surgery, a patient can lead a normal life just like any other individual. Stitches are usually removed 7-10 days after surgery.

"It is important to trace the biopsy report of the removed gallbladder (histopathology) to confirm that there is no cancer or any problem in the gallbladder.

"In the early post-surgery period if a patient develops any fever, pain abdomen, jaundice or vomiting it should not be ignored and needs to be examined. Development

of jaundice needs to be investigated thoroughly to rule out any stone in the common duct which drains bile from the liver and gallbladder."

Any watery, pus or blood discharge from the suture site needs to be examined for any infection. In case of open surgery, there may be delayed return to normal daily activities and wound infections should be watched out.

Post-surgery, fatty, spicy and oily foods need to be avoided, as it can cause abdominal discomfort, gas and bloating. Patients can return to their routine work and activities after one week, added Dr Puneeth Thalasta.

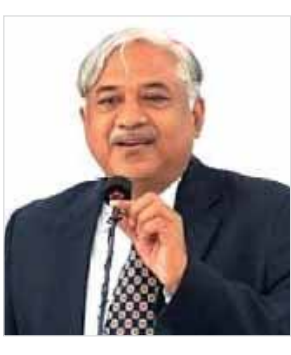
When I contemplate deeply on myself, what I find is that I am alive and active because of blood and its circulation which is providing nourishment to all the vital organs of the body; and also because of breathing which is providing oxygen to the blood. If one stops, the other will also stop. And for the both to continue to function, certain thinking and our action is necessary for survival, say to fetch water to drink, food to eat and find a place to rest. Health can thus be considered to be in good condition when blood, breathing and thoughts are within reasonable limits in terms of quality and speed.

How to consciously regulate these three factors is an important question. To be frank, in our day-to-day life,

Blood, Breathing & Thoughts

K VIKRAM SIMHA RAO says there is no substitute to having constant vigilance over our health and lifestyle, and as our body and mind are closely linked with each other, ignoring them will surely cost us dear

we are not at all conscious of them. Either we are ignorant of, or forgetful of or we ignore them as unimportant. Whenever we are carried away by extreme fear, desires or even laziness, our blood, breathing and behaviour are impacted deeply. They are inter-linked. The challenge then remains how to maintain the purity of all these three elements. By purity I mean, their health and intrinsic quality. If



DR VIKRAM SIMHA RAO

any one of them loses balance, bad health is the consequence.

We cannot fully put blame on our parents who gave this body for any of its defects. True, some qualities in terms of health and behavior are inherited but not fully. That is why no two siblings are identical. How each of us use or misuse the given body and the environment around, and the thoughts and desires that we cultivate will indicate our over-

all physical and mental health.

Whenever we fall sick, invariably the doctor advises us to go for a blood test to check its quality and whether it can be held responsible for our illness. Pulse rate, blood pressure and heartbeat are also checked. The calmness, production and quality of blood are guided by the nature of food intake, exercise, rest and lifestyle. Blockage of blood vessels, thickness of blood are

also influenced by our eating, drinking habits and addictions.

Similarly, smooth breathing defines our good health. Irregular breathing can affect the speed of blood circulation and also of our thoughts. When silence is observed, meditation and pranayama are practiced, breathing can be calmed down.

Bad and continuous thoughts have a tremendous

impact on our health resulting in psychosomatic diseases. Not just the thoughts which are continuous and restless, even unregulated blood circulation and breathing can affect health seriously. It is interesting to note that all these three factors are continuously happening in our body --- happening in our waking as well as dream state. In a deep sleep state too, except the thoughts, the other

two are at work. Hence the extra caution.

A regimen of healthy food, a routine of activity and rest seem to have no better alternative to good health. Even though we cannot prevent wear and tear of the body, our only responsibility lies in not allowing the health to derail due to our recklessness.

Two important conclusions we can draw here: one, there is no substitute to having constant vigilance over our health and lifestyle; and two, our body and mind are closely linked with each other. Ignoring them will surely cost us dear.

(Rao is an author, life-coach and served as civil servant in the Central Government)

Beginning of a new era in Thailand

Last week's general election in Thailand demonstrated the voters' real will. The majority of the voters had simply given their verdict against the country's military-led ruling party, United Thai National Party of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha. Young voters have endorsed their support for a progressive regime.

Now the winners are clear: the Move Forward Party (MFP) has won 155, and the Thaksin family backed Pheu Thai Party (PTP) 144, in the tally of seats in the most polarised election of the country ever.

The stealth authoritarianism of Prayut and his cronies is over. The Opposition has trounced the military and the conservatives in Thailand. The voters have offered a solid rebuke to the military backed regime of Prayut, capping almost a decade of growing anger of the common Thais.

People are tired of the old-fashioned tactics of the military and they know how its cliques have ruled the country so far. The turnout in this election was record high with a loud call for change across the country. And, this has finally proved right to both the Thai people and the international community.

The most talked about public figure in Thailand is no other than the Harvard educated MFP leader Pita Limjaroenrat. He is confident enough to form the next government as he has already had dialogue with all his rivals who are ready to back him as the leader of the next democratic regime of the country. It is a historic moment as they all are welcoming a popularly elected leader to Bangkok since the fall of Yingluck Shinawatra in 2014 when she was

dethroned by the military in a silent coup.

Another interesting aspect of the election is the indispensability of the Shinawatra family, known as the most divisive element of almost every political scene of the country for more than the last two decades or so. This family seems to be an integral part of the Thai political system. Its red shirts have once again done wonders even in this election despite being the patron, the towering Thaksin Shinawatra's absence from the country since the fall of his government in 2006.

Currently, the billionaire turned politician lives in exile in Dubai as he is facing a long jail term for corruption cases and misusing power during his tenure as the Prime Minister from 2001-2006. But he was ousted by a military coup in 2006 as he was largely perceived as a threat by the military-royalist establishment.

However, his sister came to power in 2011 and continued till 2014, when she was overthrown by another military coup led by Prayut.

And now, Thaksin's daughter, Paetongtarn Shinawatra has won more than 140 seats and gave her full support to the MFP to form the next government of the country.

So either this way or that way, irrespective of all the hurdles, the Shinawatras are holding on to their ground and remaining a strong and relevant political force in the country.

The battle for colours is over, it seems. The 'red' representing the billionaire and former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's PTP and the 'yellow', for the conservatives. This election was indeed a referendum for the military. This has



clearly paved the path for the return of democracy to Thailand. The military backed proxy has ruled the country since 2014, almost for a decade. However, the yearning for democracy, the continued frustration of the youth, and violent clashes with the security forces in recent years show how the commoners were waiting for the replacement of the military backed proxy democrats.

The MFP is all set to revise the controversial "Lese Majeste" laws that inflict minimum three and maximum 15 years of imprisonment if anyone defames, insults or threatens the King, the Queen, the heir-apparent or the regent.

It is known as one of the strictest laws for protecting the monarchy in the world.

Lese Majeste or lese majesty is a French word which in English means the crime of insulting the monarchy.

However, it is considered as an outdated defamation that provides extraordinary protection to unelected heads or sovereign authorities in a country. Article 112 of the Criminal Code of Thailand clearly mentions this provision and the subsequent punishments in case of its violation by anyone.

This law has remained unchanged since the establishment of the country's criminal code in 1908. But ironically, the penalty for lese majeste was further increased in 1976. In recent years, the ruling has been widely mentioned in all the Constitutions of the

country that precisely reads like this, "The King shall be enthroned in a position of revered worship and shall not be violated. No person shall expose the King to any sort of accusation or action."

This law has more of a stern warning to anyone in public not to defame the royals, particularly the King.

And over the years, since the coming of the Government of Prayut to power in 2014, lese majeste has been used to target Opposition or key public activists or anyone who tries to insult the royal family of the country. This election highlights the revision or repeal of this unique law from the country but still many political parties or people want this to continue as the royals are highly

revered by them.

On the other hand, the respect, the power and prestige of the Thai royal family has been gradually lessened with the demise of the great King Bhumibol Adulyadej in 2016 and the coming of his son and controversial Vajiralongkorn as the new King of the country.

Thailand demands democracy. Its people deserve popular rule. Populist parties like PTP and the now the most popular MFP must restore democracy immediately. It is one of the most consequential elections in Thailand. The country's political landscape has been redefined now. It is set to change the political atmosphere of the nation.

Interestingly, this election will have a deep impact on the

other Southeast Asian nations. Countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Cambodia might witness the rise of popular movements against the status quo in the coming days. For example, the Myanmar junta has already been facing the ire of the popular democratic uprisings in recent days. It's a warning signal for all these nations where dominant parties are trying to hold the ground for long.

Thailand will soon see the emergence of a new democratic contract wherein both the populist and other anti-establishment parties might be at the centre stage of power. And for this, Prayut's continued negligence of the popular demands and forceful attempts of the royals to control basic freedoms are solely responsible. Finally, the country has witnessed the rise of a new power bloc with an extremely well-set, smart and educated leadership.

However, the challenges for the government will be plenty. Their every decision will be scrutinised, not only by the military, but also by the same voters who have brought them to power. The reason behind is that they all have very high expectations from the new coalition.

Again, the common people of Thailand have not received the attention of the Bangkok bureaucracy for long as it has so far been busy serving themselves and the high royals.

The MFP and the PTP must be aware of this. Power comes and changes hands very soon, but its impact remains in the public square forever. Stay alert, vox populi, vox dei.

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PERSPECTIVE

Towards building healthier, happier & safer planet

By integrating sustainability into our decision-making processes, embracing renewable energy, promoting circular economy practices, and prioritising social inclusivity, we can build a sustainable future for generations to come, writes Sanjeev Singhal

In an era marked by unprecedented environmental challenges, sustainability has become a symbol of optimism, pointing humanity in the direction of a better and more just future.

At its core, sustainability represents a profound shift in our understanding of how we coexist with the earth and its delicate ecosystems. It encompasses a broad spectrum of interconnected principles, from environmental stewardship and resource conservation to social equity and economic viability.

Defined by international bodies such as the United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO), sustainability goes beyond mere environmental concerns.

It encompasses a holistic approach that integrates social, economic, and environmental dimensions to ensure long-term well-being and prosperity. As defined by the UN, sustainability refers to "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

The significance of the connection between current actions and the welfare of future generations is highlighted by this term. In order to secure a sustainable and inclusive future for everyone, it emphasises the need of adopting practices that save resources, safeguard the environment, and advance social fairness.

We may mitigate the detrimental effects of climate change, maintain ecosystems, and protect biodiversity by adopting sustainable practices. Food security and poverty

reduction can be achieved through responsible resource management and sustainable agriculture.

Communities that thrive and leave no one behind can be created via social equality and inclusive development. Sustainable business practices can also encourage innovation, responsible consumption, and production, and environmentally and socially responsible economic growth.

Sustainability is not a solitary endeavour, but rather a global obligation that cuts beyond national borders. Governments, corporations, civil society organisations, and individuals from all around the world must work together. A foundation for international collaboration towards sustainability is provided by international agreements like the Paris Agreement on climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN.

India, a nation known for its size, variety, and urgent socio-environmental problems, has come to see sustainability as a key need. With a population of more than 1.3 billion, India faces special opportunities and difficulties as it moves towards sustainability. According to the WHO, India is home to 21 of the world's 30 most polluted cities, which adds to the country's heavy disease burden.

Furthermore, climate change increases the vulnerabilities of a nation with a large coastline by posing dangers, including extreme weather occurrences, altered monsoon patterns, and increasing sea levels.

Additionally, according to

estimates from the WHO, air pollution in India results in 2.5 million preventable deaths per year.

Adopting sustainable practices can help address India's environmental concerns. Investments in waste management, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and afforestation can all help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance air, and water quality, and preserve natural resources. India's quest of sustainability involves more than just the government or one person; it also has the active support of numerous businesses and organisations.

These organisations are taking initiative to support India's sustainability strategy because they recognise the value of environmental and social responsibility.

Furthermore, regulatory organisations like the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) are crucial in promoting sustainability practices among corporations and ensuring their adherence to social and environmental regulations. The promotion of sustainability practices among corporates is a key focus area for SEBI, ICAI and other regulatory authorities. They set up frameworks for reporting, rules, and norms that promote social and environmental responsibility. Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives and performance disclosure in annual reports are now required by SEBI for top 1,000 listed companies.

By encouraging responsibility and transparency, this encourages businesses to incorporate sustainability into their



daily operations.

A vital role is played by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in promoting sustainability.

The ICAI has been actively driving sustainability reporting in India through several initiatives, one of which is the establishment of the Sustainability Reporting Standards Board (SRSB) in February 2020.

The primary objective of the SRSB is to develop comprehensive and globally comparable standards for measuring and disclosing non-financial information related to an entity's progress towards the UN SDG 2030.

The ICAI's Sustainability Reporting Standards Board works tirelessly to promote a culture of accurate and trustworthy non-financial reporting, develop reporting metrics for the activities related to sustainability, benchmark sustainability disclosures,

strengthen assurance frameworks for non-financial information, and build the profession's capacity.

Sustainability Reporting Standards Board has been actively interacting with International and National Bodies as well as regulators to promote policies and regulations towards achieving sustainable development. Moreover, the Sustainability Reporting Standards Board actively engages with international and national bodies, as well as regulators, to promote policies and regulations that align with sustainable development goals.

By collaborating with these entities, ICAI aims to create an enabling environment for sustainability reporting and contribute to the overall progress of sustainable development.

The ICAI was also mandated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to establish social audit

standards, establish an oversight structure for social audits, and outline procedures for disciplinary action against non-compliant social auditors.

These standards outline the minimum requirements for conducting impact assessments of social enterprises and include a list of key performance indicators as examples. This framework consists of 16 Audit Standards that define the elements of a social audit conducted by social auditors and provide guidance for independent impact assessments.

Each of the 16 social audit standards (SAS) aims to guide social auditors in conducting independent assurance engagements on impact assessments. They provide instructions on the necessary audit steps and procedures to be followed during a social audit.

These standards are mandatory for social auditors registered with the Institute of Social Auditors of India (ISAI), which includes eligible chartered accountants and other qualified individuals. The SAS covers a range of themes including hunger, poverty, malnutrition, inequality, health-care, education, gender equality, environmental sustainability, and more.

By implementing these social audit standards, ICAI aims to ensure that social auditors adhere to a consistent framework while assessing the impact of social enterprises and addressing critical social issues. These standards are mandatory for social auditors registered with ISAI and cover various themes related to social and economic development.

By implementing these standards, the ICAI aims to

strengthen the social audit process and promote transparency, accountability, and sustainable development in the social sector of India.

The ICAI has been conferred with the Green Ribbon Champions Award for their commitment to sustainable accounting. The ICAI has undertaken several initiatives to foster sustainability, including successfully hosting the 21st edition of the World Congress of Accountants, which is one of the largest accountancy events globally. They have also organised nationwide plantation drives and introduced a comprehensive course on social audit, which evaluates and reports on the social impact of an organisation's activities.

The ICAI acknowledges the crucial role of accountants and auditors in promoting transparency, ethical reporting, and accountability in organisations towards sustainability.

As a highly esteemed professional body, the ICAI is fully devoted to contributing to a conscious path towards a sustainable future for India.

Sustainability holds immense significance for both India and the global community as it addresses critical challenges and paves the way for a better future. In India, with its unique challenges and opportunities, sustainability is vital for ensuring environmental preservation, inclusive development, and improved quality of life for its citizens.

Various companies, organisations, and regulatory bodies play a crucial role in driving sustainability. SEBI, for instance, promotes sustainability practices among busi-

nesses through initiatives such as mandatory business responsibility reporting and the incorporation of ESG factors in investment decisions.

Other notable companies and organisations in India actively contribute to sustainability through innovative solutions, responsible business practices, and community engagement.

However, achieving a sustainable future requires continuous efforts and collaboration. It demands the active participation of governments, businesses, civil society, and individuals working together towards common goals.

By fostering partnerships, sharing best practices, and implementing effective policies, we can overcome sustainability challenges and create a more resilient and equitable world.

It is important to remember that sustainability is not a destination but a continuous process. It requires ongoing commitment, innovation, and adaptation to address emerging environmental and social issues.

By integrating sustainability into our decision-making processes, embracing renewable energy, promoting circular economy practices, and prioritising social inclusivity, we can build a sustainable future for generations to come.

Through collaboration, innovation, and long-term commitment, we can create a sustainable world that ensures the well-being of people and the planet.

(The writer is Chair, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, ISAR 39th session)



YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

This week will be full of wonderful surprises for you. Spiritual energy is infiltrating your awareness, and you sense a brilliant glow all about you. Your inner voice and heart will guide you. There will be an abundance of love, joy, celebration, inspired creativity, creative brilliance, and an unexpected blessing. You must have the experience of falling in love for the first time or giving and receiving unconditional affection. After you have achieved all your goals and objectives, you will be filled with delight. You prove to be as fortunate as you are talented. You will hold the situation in an unbelievably fantastic way, whether in the realms of love, friendship, or career. This is the time to polish your talents in the many arts and sciences.

Lucky number 7
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Tuesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

The week begins with relationship setbacks. You have great hopes, yet your spouse's behaviour will make you emotional. There are obstacles and life is not easy throughout the week. To achieve your objectives, you must be focused and have an eagle's eye. You may have to travel to make money. The serene and collected attitude will transform into a flaming and thrilling one, and you will begin your life all over again. You will be kind and concerned at home, as well as active at work. You are fair and kind to your co-workers, and you respect your superiors. Harmony and balance will prevail in all aspects of your life. By the end of the week, your financial situation will improve, and you feel and spend like a king.

Lucky number 6
Lucky colour Purple
Lucky day Sunday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

You are a person who is eager to learn new talents. A new company and a new project are on the horizon. Your feeling of obligation and patience will heighten your awareness. Some of you may be overjoyed when you get your first paycheck. A commission, assignment, or offer of employment is on the cards for you during the middle of the week. At this period, a new source of money, a new opportunity, and a relationship are also predicted. You must be cautious at the end of the week. Things will not move as smoothly as they could, and you will have arguments or clashes of will with others in business, which will irritate you. If a medical test is performed, the results will be positive.

Lucky number 6
Lucky colour Cream
Lucky day Thursday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

You confront the reality, even if it is unpleasant, and analyse the issue swiftly. You have exceptional intuitive abilities to figure out people's underlying intents and desires. You can get to the root of the subject because you are direct, funny, and realistic. You are not interested in nonsense or falsehoods, tricks, or games. However, there is a need for improved inner balance, time for work and activity, harmonising health habits, and emotional management. There is also a need to discern what is best for oneself. If there is a legal problem, you may anticipate an honest decision. There will be times when you will receive praise, recognition, and appreciation for your work. You will be able to control a previously chaotic situation.

Lucky number 6
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This is the moment to share a personal bond with someone you like. A more genuine relationship is starting to develop, as is more stability and emotional happiness. It is time to let go of fear and uncertainty. Your career is likewise growing. Midweek, your expectations are high, and you want to be the king of your own castle. There is ambition, power, stability, tenderness, control, and discipline, all of which set you on the correct track. This is an excellent moment to make wise investments, earn a good living through hard effort, and enjoy a secure season. You must reconsider the scenario that has arrived unexpectedly and has caused you bewilderment and uncertainty. You will be assisted by one and others at work.

Lucky number 4
Lucky colour Blue
Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

You will get a new perspective on a topic that has been bothering you. You are determined to pursue your ambitions, no matter how many obstacles, disputes, or wars stand in your way. People at work will not take you lightly; someone will demonstrate an interest in the same task that you perform. The situation at home will be tight, and communication will be strained - so much so that you will want to pack your belongings and leave. Nothing can stand in your way if you have bravery and intelligence. Your activities are governed by willpower and self-control. You may begin to reap the benefits of the constructed framework. You have a higher chance of realising your ambitions if you have the backing of an individual, who might be your father or older brother.

Lucky number 6
Lucky colour Dark Brown
Lucky day Saturday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Sharing your job with your spouse will be beneficial, but only if they are as diligent as you. More work, assignments, and projects will keep you occupied. To achieve the objective, the team must devise a strategy, coordinate resources, and rely on their abilities. You have power over your emotions. This is an opportunity for you to demonstrate your superior expertise. You will care for others and respond to their needs with compassion, attempting to heal with a delicate touch and gentle word. In any scenario, you remain cool and relaxed. You are willing to take risks to complete your spiritual growth objective. By recognising the process of ritual or tradition, you may transform your life.

Lucky number 4
Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week you are joyful and reaping the benefits of your labour. In a relationship, there is closeness, emotional release, and love at first sight. The accomplishment of all your aims and desires will bring you delight. Much enjoyment will be found in your contentment, as you seek clarity or the truth in a circumstance in which your heart says one thing and your brain says another, yet your concept will succeed. A new concept or creative adventure may occur in your thoughts, and you will be a part of that journey's active efforts. You desire to take risks to complete your purpose. At the end of the week, you rest and enjoy yourself on all levels - financial, emotional, material, and spiritual - with an outstanding social life, satisfaction, and meaningful relationships.

Lucky number 7
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Friday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

You are an emotionally balanced, confident, and giving person who looks after others. You are also a diplomat, a romantic, and a fascinating partner, whether in discussions, friendship, or love. You must be careful not to manifest this energy in a bad way. If you push yourself too far into the fiery side, you will be scorched by the inner flame, but if you go too far into the deep sea of your passion, you will be overwhelmed and drowned. At work, there will be rivalry and severe competition. People will take advantage of your efforts. Keep an eye on their actions. Your profession necessitates a great deal of your attention and creative effort. Use diplomacy rather than force and be open to diverse points of view. Do not blame others for your mistakes.

Lucky number 3
Lucky colour Sky Blue
Lucky day Saturday



CANCER June 21-July 22

You are fortunate to find perfection, harmony, and mutual elegance. You will be confronted with a situation that requires your decision or action, and you will want to figure out the best way to proceed or make the right choice. Something will alter your goals or the trajectory of your life, which may appear unpleasant on the surface but will turn out to be a blessing in disguise. You have a lot of creative and fierce energy. You are a charming, self-assured individual who understands what must be done. By the end of the week, there will be positive news. You will have more success than you imagine. Others will recognise your efforts. You will be able to advance in anything that is in your best interests.

Lucky number 8
Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Monday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Your mind and heart are more focused on achieving your spiritual goals. You would require a teacher, a guru, or a trusted guide to assist you in connecting with the divine. You are preoccupied with professional matters during the week. Dynamic partnership negotiation, confidence, and courage in undertaking will come your way, and you will work hard to achieve your aims. There is advancement in the career, as well as good relationships with co-workers. You are compassionate, giving, and powerful; at this point in your life, you command attention and respect. Your inner voice is gently guiding you to the appropriate result, and because you have a very balanced view on the matter right now, you are in a very excellent position to make the best decision for you. Your life view demonstrates strong control and balance.

Lucky number 9
Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Tuesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

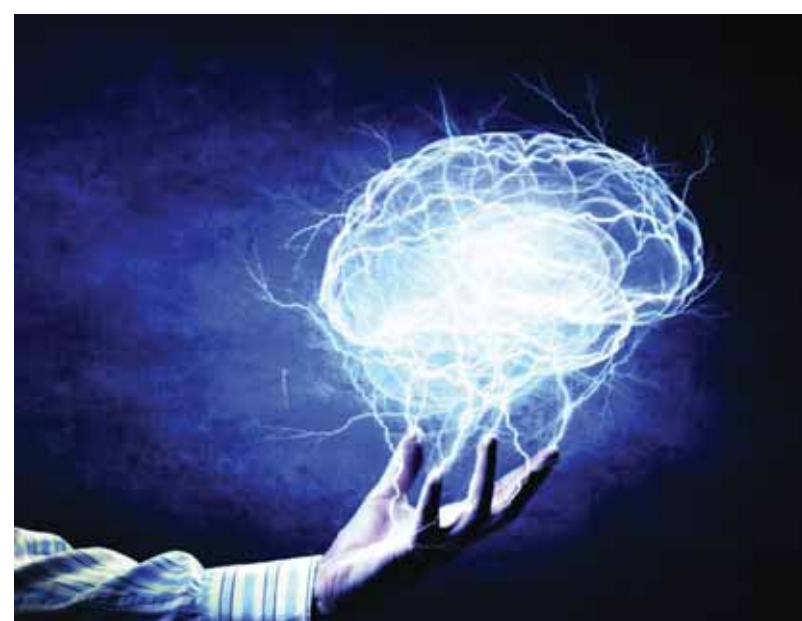
You are lucky and blessed with the love, compassion, and support of family and friends. There is a wonderful energy all around, and the family is in balance and harmony. Those who aspire to be parents will be blessed. In the family, an auspicious celebration may take place. You are more disciplined and follow a rigid programme in the middle of the week to regularise the system at home/office/profession. Your workplace expects your whole dedication. This is the moment to stand up for yourself and take charge of your life. Being single-minded will move you ahead right now; avoid being overly obsessed with your aims. If you lack this energy, you should rely more on facts and cultivate an inner sense of security. Mystical empowerment and leaving of some harmful habits are also indicated.

Lucky number 1
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Thursday

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Chemistry of mind



The powers of mind are immense. How much of it we are able to access and put to use will define how good we perform in life. That evidently differs from person-to-person. Imagine, what powers one would enjoy if full expanse of mind would be in force. Certainly, one would then be expected to be at one's optimum best.

It needs to be appreciated that there remains continuum all through the expanse of the Universe. That enjoins upon us with the scope to align our unitary mind to the larger world, which includes cosmic intelligence, courtesy the indwelling consciousness element, the common unifying link. Evidently then, with such an expanded vision, mind's potential will bloom out in full. Consequently, one would have a holistic view of whatever is struck upon. Naturally, with both larger perspectives and micro concerns live in mind, one would be able to pick up the most appropriate lead. Life can then be expected to prove a beautiful experience, individually and collectively.

Ancient India's realised masters, applying their intense meditative technique must have unfolded and exploit-

ed their full mental potential. Only that would have enabled them to have had intuitive realisation of profound philosophic understanding about subtle realities of life, operative even at invisible level.

It is believed that Einstein and legends of his type would have used 10-14% of their powers of mind for having created history in their respective fields. The ordinary mortals, on the contrary, are believed have approximately 5 to 7 percent of their mental faculties operative by default. More than that is subject to conscious efforts. Experience suggests that even if a human being could utilise what is already available, one would be able to successfully negotiate with the usual callings of life with relative ease and comfort.

The obvious questions now is: With such a well-orchestrated empowerment tool - the organisation of mind in hand - how comes human beings get drawn into self-undoing acts? How comes it indulges in such devilish acts as would make a dent upon even societal wellbeing? Also, curiosity would arise as to why ordinary mortals have limited access to their faculties of

mind? Is it possible to widen its expanse, and if so, how? To find an answer, we need to explore the chemistry of mind.

It may kindly be noted that mind being just an instrument, can't act on

its own. But then, it is something like a fertile earth mass, which lends ground necessary to sow a seed and nourish it with the vitals necessary to make it grow into a fruit bearing tree. Similarly, mind gets fuelled into action

by indwelling thought-seeds. As would the law of karma imply, one begins life with a stockpile of memory imprints - both meaningful and negative - carried over from the past life. That sets the premise on which mind take off. These imprints vary from person-to-person, coming as they may with varied experiences one would have gone through, and lot of unfulfilled desires that they carry. That makes every being unique.

The stockpile of imprints of thought-seeds in mind involuntarily build individual-specific belief pattern. That serves as defining principles of life to find reflection by way of the general trends of each unitary mind, one's exclusive ways. This accounts for all our desire trends; level of intelligence; perceptive and comprehensive abilities; inlaid strengths and weaknesses; prejudices and obsessions; habits and attitudes; as well as virtues and attributes. All put together defines the basic fabric of an individual mind. As mind gets going, it also picks up inputs out of environmental influences, during the ongoing life. That further modifies the indwelling belief and thereby our mental dispen-

sation. Mind does also carry the potential to absorb fresh educative inputs consciously fed into it.

Mind first excites desire trends in accordance with the callings of inlaid self-beliefs, and then nurtures it. Desires, in turn, lead to corresponding thought-currents, which when gravitate, following processing in the laboratory of mind, get translated into action. It may be pertinent to note here that thoughts are nothing but energy formation, which when put into motion, will not come to rest without reaching its logical end.

See how different people carry varying urges. Somebody wishes to become a doctor, other an engineer, or someone wishes to join army. Someone presents him/her as an extrovert, but the other is an introvert. One person may have a cool temperament and would be balanced in approach. The other person may have lot of anger, who may get provoked even on trivial issues.

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