

# You can count on India: Withdrawal of ₹2,000 **Modi to Pacific nations**

### PM announces slew of development initiatives

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ooking to bolster India's Prime Minister Pacific, Narendra Modi on Monday showcased New Delhi as a "reliable" partner of the Pacific island nations as he said those considered trustworthy were "not standing by" the region in times of need, in what is being seen as an oblique reference to China. Modi also announced a series of new development initiatives by India in the region.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed", Modi told top leaders of 14 Pacific Island nations at a summit, assuring that India is ready to share its capabilities and experiences with the region "without any hesitation" and that "we are with you in every way.

Referring to adverse impact of Covid-19 pandemic and other global developments, Modi said India stood by the Pacific Island nations in the challenging time and conveyed to them that they can rely on New Delhi as it respects their priorities and its approach for cooperation is based on human values. "Those whom we considered trustworthy, it turned

out that they were not standing by our side in times of need. During these challenging times, an old saying has proven true: 'A Friend in need is a friend indeed," he said at the FIPIC (Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation) summit without naming any country. "I am glad that India

stood with its Pacific island friends during this challenging time. Whether it was vaccines or essential medicines, wheat or sugar; India, in line with its capabilities, has been assisting all partner countries," he said. *Continued on Page 2* 

### **PM reaches** Australia

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On the final leg of his three-nation tour, Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Sydney on Monday evening. He is scheduled to hold bilateral ties with his counterpart Anthony Albanese besides meeting CEOs of various companies and attend a reception by the Indian diaspora. *Continued on Page 2* 



PM Narendra Modi being honoured with Fiji's highest honour the Companion of the Order of Fiji by Fiji PM Sitiveni Rubuka in Port Moresby

### PNG, Fiji honour Indian PM with highest awards

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In a rare recognition for a non-resident, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday was conferred with the highest honours of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Fiji. In a special ceremony at the Government House, Sir Bob Dadae, Governor-General of PNG, conferred Modi with the Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu (GCL). The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said

Shaktikanta Das on Monday said the impact of withdrawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes will be "very, very marginal" on of currency in circulation. He also said that there is enough in a statement, "This is highest civilian award in country and time available for exchange and deposit in bank accounts recipients of award are titled so people should not panic and "Chief". "Unprecedented hon-

be a legal tender. our for India as Papua New Guinea confers their highest award to PM Modi," the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said. The GCL was conferred on Modi for championing the cause of unity of Pacific Island countries and spearheading the cause of Global South. Very few non-residents of PNG

have received this award including former US President Bill Clinton. Contd on Page2

BJP making strategy

# note won't hit eco: Das

Enough time for exchange, notes will continue to be legal tender so no need to panic, says RBI Guv PNS/PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Even as reports emerged from across the country of people rushing to buy gold and silver in a bit to get rid of their stashed Rs 2,000 notes and cash purchase of fuel at petrol pumps using Rs 2,000 notes spiked to almost 90 per cent of daily sales, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor

the economy because it accounts for only 10.8 per cent Rs 2,000 notes will continue to

Describing the withdrawal exercise as part of currency management operations of the Reserve Bank, Das said, he expects most of the withdrawn Rs 2,000 notes to be returned to the exchequer by the deadline of September 30. Talking to reporters, Das said, "The impact of this on the economy will be very, very marginal because it is only 10.8 per cent



of currency in circulation. As you know that Rs 2,000 notes were not commonly used in any transaction ... We have found that it is hardly being used for carrying out transactions. Therefore, economic activity will not be impacted."

To a question regarding black money coming back to the system, he said, there is a set procedure for deposits in your account or cash exchange.

"What we have said is that the existing requirements or the existing procedures have to be followed by the banks. We have not come out with an additional procedure. You must be aware that there's an Income Tax rule if you deposit cash above Rs 50,000 then you have to produce your PAN. So existing rules will apply," he said.

As part of a clean note policy, he said, RBI has been conducting such exercise of with drawal of currency notes from time to time and such an exercise was undertaken in 2013-14, whereby the notes which were printed prior to 2005, were withdrawn from public

MLAs TAKE OATH IN **K'TAKA ASSEMBLY** Bengaluru: The first session of the 16th Karnataka Legislative Assembly, after the Siddaramaiah-led Congress Government came to power in the State began on Monday, for the oath taking of all the newlyelected MLAs.

### DELHI GOVT SPL SECY (VIG) REINSTATED

New Delhi: A week after being divested of his charge, Special Secretary (Vigilance) of the Delhi Government YVVJ Raiasekhar was reinstated on Monday. An order issued by Secretary (Vigilance) said Rajasekhar will resume work "as usual" and all the Assistant Directors will maintain the status as on May 10 as far as the work flow in concerned

### MUSLIMS OPPOSE ASI SURVEY OF GYANVAPI

Varanasi: The Muslim side on Monday filed its objection before the Varanasi district court to a petition seeking a direction to the Archaeological Survey of India to survey the entire Gyanvapi mosque complex. The Supreme Court had on May 19 deferred a scientific survey, including carbon dating, to determine the age of the structure, claimed to be a 'Shivling', found at the

### DCW SLAMS TROLLING OF GILL'S SISTER

our expectation at this stage. We will see how many notes come back. And as we New Delhi: DCW chief Swati Maliwal on Monday slammed approach September 30, we will decide at that stage." There is those trolling Shubman Gill's sister on social media after the more than adequate quantity of printed notes available in the cricketer's ton guided Gujarat



complex.

# Fresh violence erupts in Manipur, houses torched

Net suspended

swi people have fled to Mizoram from violence-hit Manipur. A total of 7,527 ethnic Zos, known as Kukis in Manipur, have crossed over to Mizoram till 5 PM on Monday, he said.

earlier been relaxed were tight- the State for another five days till ened. Meanwhile, an official said May 26. Internet services were after ethnic clashes erupted in a bid by the Manipur Government to stop rumours and misinformation being spread using the Internet which could result in a spiral of retal-

to avoid K'taka repeat in Raj Assembly poll

# **Nitish meets Kharge, Rahul** in effort to stitch Opp unity

circulation. Asked if Rs 2,000

notes will continue to be a legal

tender, Das said, "It will con-

tinue as legal tender. We will

wait how many notes are com-

ing. I cannot give a speculative

answer about what will happen

expected to come back, that is

Most of the notes are

post September 30.

### PNS NEW DELHI Continuing with his efforts



### till May 26 now, curfew hours increased PTI I IMPHAL/ AIZAWL

In fresh violence in Manipur, two houses were torched by a mob in Imphal East district after two armed miscreants forced people to shut their shops on Monday afternoon, police officials said. However, no casual ty was reported due to the The mob also arson. beat up one of the miscreants while the other managed to flee. The two were taken into custody.

Armymen deployed in the area who rushed to the scene used force and fired teargas shells to disperse the mob resulting in minor injuries to a few people. Residents of the area protested the incident by burning tyres on the road. Following the incident, curfew hours in Imphal East district which had

The official said they have taken shelter in eight districts of the state. Kolasib has the high-est number of displaced people at 2,685, followed by Aizawl (2,386) and Saitual (2,153), the official said.

A total of 164 people have taken shelter in Champhai dis-trict, 36 in Khawzawl district, 27 in Serchhip district, 19 in Mamit district and 57 in Lunglei district, he said.

The resurgence in violence resulted in the State Government shortening the curfew relaxation and now the curfew will remain in place from 6 AM to 2 PM from the earlier 6 AM to 4 PM. The Manipur Government also issued a notification soon after the incident extending the sus-

pension of internet services in

iatory violence. Interestingly, Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga said on Monday that the unification of all ethnic Zo tribes in India, and bringing them under one administrative unit was one of the main objectives of the

founders of his Mizo National Front (MNF).

Zoramthanga's statement came close on the heels of the demand made by 10 Kuki MLAs of Manipur for a separate administration for the hill areas in their State

The unification of Zo inhabited areas of States in the neighbourhood of Mizoram to form one administrative unit – 'Greater Mizoram' - was one of demands of MNF, the Zoramthanga told party workers. *Continued on Page 2* 

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fter the Karnataka poll After the Kallataka point reverses, the BJP's top bosses have started reviewing their strategy vis-à-vis Rajasthan Assembly elections and the "rise" of Arjun Meghwal, a Dalit face, is being seen as an "early signal" to the factional groups in the State jostling for

the leadership. Meghwal's holding the key Law Ministry is a direct message to the voters in 34 Scheduled Castes seats and 25 Scheduled Tribe seats in the State where Assembly polls are due in November-December

this year. The BJP may have a decisive advantage in Rajasthan if it could set its house in order and settle the leadership issue in the State which is currently divided in pro and anti-Vasundhara Raje camps . Raje, 70, the former Chief Minister, wants to be projected as the chief ministerial face to which

there is, yet, no consensus in the central leadership. In March, the BJP appointed Childorgarh MP CP Joshi, a Brahmin, as a new State president replacing Satish Poonia, belonging to the anti-Raje

camp. Before that the BJP central leadership appointed Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Rajasthan Assembly Gulab Chand Kataria as Governor of Assam and replaced him with Churu MLA Rajendra Singh Rathore, a Rajput, as new LoP in the Rajasthan Assembly.

Rathore was earlier known to be a follower of the Raje camp in Rajasthan but recently seemed to be treading the middle path. Handing over charge of the Law Ministry to Meghwal is being viewed as a tactical move to promote a Dalit face and woo the backward voters as also to caution BJP 'factions' to fall in line or be prepared to accept 'new leaders'. *Continued on Page 2* 

Uto bridge the gap between the like-minded political parties, Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar on Monday met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi after which the leaders announced that a "vast majority" of non-BJP parties will meet to give a concrete shape to Opposition unity to take on the BJP in the 2024 general elections.

The Opposition has plans to put forward one common candidate to defeat the BJP to upstage it from power at the Centre, but some have expressed reservations over such a proposal as some parties have aspirations to contest the maximum number of seats.

The Congress also is not inclined to restrict itself to around 200 seats and wants to contest more seats, claiming that it is a national player unlike many regional outfits and has a presence across the

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar interacts with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a meeting, in New Delhi, on Monday

country. It has also contended that it is the only party that can directly take on the BJP due to its national footprint. The Congress' contention has got a boost after the Karnataka win where it emphatically beat BJP in a direct contest.

The JD(U), RJD and the Congress are in a coalition Government in Bihar and the three parties have been in talks to bring other Opposition parties together on a common

platform in their fight against the BJP. After Nitish-Khargethe BJP. After Nitish-Kharge-Rahul meeting, the Congress asserted that a "vast majority" of non-BJP parties will meet soon. Briefing about the Kharge-Nitish meeting, Congress general secretary (organisation) KC venugopal informed the media that the venue and date of the expectvenue and date of the expected meeting will be announced in a day or two. Continued on Page 2

Actor Aditya

Rajput found

dead in flat

# J&K best spot to shoot films: Kant

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### G20 meet kicks off MOHIT KANDHARI SRINAGAR

India is all set to hard sell "paradise on earth"-Kashmir- as one of the finest destinations for film shooting for international filmmakers across the globe. A loud and clear message

was sent across by none other than India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant while welcoming the delegates at Sher-e-International Kashmir Convention Centre, venue of the third G20 Tourism Working Group meeting on Monday.

Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, G Kishan Reddy while welcoming the guests also echoed similar sentiments. Reddy said film tourism has emerged as a powerful medium



Foreign delegates being welcomed as they arrive to participate in the 3rd G20 Tourism Working Group meeting, in Srinagar on Monday,

hospitality and gastronomy. to promote the tourism indus-The G20 summit, from May 22 try and the Government is to May 24, is an annual gathchalking out a comprehensive strategy for its growth in Jammu and Kashmir. He said ering of leaders from the world's major economies to discuss and address global tourism helps in creating employment opportunities in issues, primarily on economics,

finance and global governance. India, which is presiding over the international forum, chose Kashmir to host the Tourism Working Group meeting after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

Some of the member coun-tries, including China, Saudi Arabia and Turkey have decided to stay away from the meet-ing in Kashmir Valley. However, tour operators from the two middle eastern countries are in the city to attend it. Egypt, also an invitee, has not sent any representative.

Meanwhile, Srinagar city has been spruced up and elaborate security arrangements have been made to ensure safety and security of the guests. On their arrival the delegates were extended a warm welcome at the Srinagar airport in traditional style.

### Meta hit with record privacy fine by EU **FB** parent fined vacy regime took effect five

\$1.3 B for moving user data to US vows to appeal AP LONDON

The European Union (EU) slapped Meta with a record \$1.3 billion privacy fine on Monday and ordered it to stop transferring user data across the Atlantic, the latest salvo in a decade-long case sparked by US Cybersnooping fears. The penalty fine of 1.2 billion euros from Ireland's Data Protection Commission is the biggest Continued on Page 2 | since the EU's strict data pri-

years ago, surpassing Amazon's 746 million euro penalty in 2021 for data protection viola-tions. The Irish watchdog is Meta's lead privacy regulator in the 27-nation bloc because the Silicon Valley tech giant's European headquarters is based in Dublin.

Meta, which had previously warned that services for its users in Europe could be cut off, vowed to appeal and ask courts to immediately put the decision on hold. "There is no immediate disruption to Facebook in Europe," the com-pany said. "This decision is flawed, unjustified and sets a dangerous precedent for the countless other companies transferring data between the EU and US," Nick Clegg, Meta's president of global and affairs, and Chief Legal Officer Jennifer Newstead said in a statement.

The social media company might have to carry out a cost-ly and complex revamp of its operations if it's forced to stop shipping user data across the Atlantic.

Meta has a fleet of 21 data centers, according to its web-site, but 17 of them are in the United States. Three others are in the European nations of Denmark, Ireland and Sweden. Another is in Singapore. Other social media giants are facing pressure over their data prac-Continued on Page 2 tices.

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI In a shocking incident, 32year-old television actor and model Aditya

Singh Rajput of MTV's 'Splitsvilla - 9' and 'Bad Boys' fame was found dead in the bathroom of his Oshiwari residence in north-west Mumbai on Monday afternoon.Aditya who had hours before his death been seen enjoying himself at a bar with his friends was found in an unconscious state in his bathroom by a friend who rushed him to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead by doctors upon his arrival at hospital.

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### **Al-Qaeda module busted** in Gujarat

### 4 Bangladeshis staying illegally held

### PTI 📕 AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat Anti Terrorist Squad (ATS) has busted an Al-Qaeda module and arrested four members who hail from Bangladesh but have been living illegally in Ahmedabad, an official said on Monday.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the four members of the proscribed terror outfit were trained by their handlers based in Bangladesh before the quartet was sent to India.

They were tasked with raising funds for Al-Qaeda's illegal activities, radicalising local youths and persuading them to join the terror outfit, said Deputy Inspector General, Gujarat ATS, Deepan Bhadran.

They were arrested from different parts of Ahmedabad under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and sections 38, 39 and 40 of the Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Act (UAPA), Bhadran told reporters at the ATS headquarters. The four alleged members of Al-Qaeda are identified as - Mohammad Sojib, Munna Khalid Ansari, Azharul Islam Ansari and

Mominul Ansari. Based on a specific tip-off, we first picked up Sojib, who used to live in the Rakhial area of Ahmedabad, for questioning. Sojib told us that he and three others are part of Al-Qaeda's network and were taking instructions from their Bangladesh-based handler

Shariful Islam. Through Islam, these youths met one Shayba, head of Al-Qaeda's operations in Bangladesh's Mymensingh district, said Bhadran.

The ATS subsequently nabbed Munna, Azharul, and Mominul from the Narol area of the city, where they were working in factories by posing as Indian citizens.

### HC notice to BBC on defamation suit New Delhi: The Delhi High

Court on Monday issued notice to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) on a plea by an NGO seeking damages, claiming its documentary 'India: The Modi Question' casts a slur on the reputation of India and makes false and defamatory imputations against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Indian judiciary.

Besides BBC (UK), Justice Sachin Datta also issued notice to BBC (India) on the plea filed by Gujarat-based NGO Justice On Trial. The plea said BBC (UK) is the national broadcaster of the United Kingdom and has released the news documentary — 'India: The Modi Question' — which has two episodes and BBC (India) is its local operations office. It said the two episodes have been pub-

lished in January 2023. The petitioner has sought damages of Rs 10,000 crore in favour of NGO and against defendants on account of loss of reputation and goodwill caused to Prime Minister of India, the Government of India, the Government of State of Gujarat as it was during period of Gujarat Riots, and also people of SR India.

# Withdrawal...

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'So there is adequate stock available and there is no reason to worry whatsoever. We have more than sufficient stocks,' he said. The Governor also said that the RBI is sensitive to the difficulties which may be faced by people who are on long foreign visits or living abroad on work visas. 'It will be our endeavour to address the difficulties of the people and to complete the entire process in a smooth manner,' he said.

On whether it will impact India's currency management system, Das said, it is very robust and India's exchange rate is among the least volatile among peer countries vis-a-vis the dollar.

Indian currency has remained stable, despite the crises in the international financial markets due to the war in Ukraine, the failure of certain banks in advanced economies. 'Indian currency management is very robust and I just pointed out that the security features of this new Mahatma Gandhi series notes have not been breached. So, the integrity of our currencies continues,' he said. Stressing that the security features of new

#### series of Rs 500 and Rs 2,000 notes have been robust and there has not been any breach, he said, whatever fake currency is there in the market, it is sophisticated photocopy. With regard to impact on liquidity management, Das said it will depend on the demand of the people. 'Some of it will get deposited into bank accounts. Some of it will be exchanged. So, what is exchanged across the counter goes back immediately and what is deposited in the bank accounts would

depend on the needs of customers,' he said. So far as liquidity in the system is concerned, he said, the RBI monitors the liquidity in the system on a day to day basis. 'Last week we undertook a variable rate repo auction of Rs 50,000 crore. It was a variable rate repo auction. We got bids for Rs 46,400 crore and that was given to the banking system,' he said. Asked about the rationale behind exchange of 10 pieces of Rs 2,000 notes, Das said similar numbers were

allowed in January 2014 also. Asked about Rs 1,000 reintroduction, he said, it is a speculative question and there is no such proposal at the moment.

### Nitish meets Kharge...

**From Page 1** The JD(U) has been keen on holding the meeting in Patna while sources in the Congress had earlier indicated that Kharge would be taking the lead and meeting top leaders of various Opposition parties

'The country will be united now. The strength of democracy is our message. Rahul and myself discussed the current political situation with Nitish today and took forward the process of giving a new direction to the country,' Kharge said in a tweet message.

Nitish was accompanied by his JD(U) president Lalan Singh.

After holding meeting with Kharge last month, Nitish has met leaders of a host of regional parties in his bid to bring them together on one platform with the Congress to take on the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

A day earlier Nitish met AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday at his residence and extended 'complete support' to him in the ongoing face-off with the Centre over the control of administrative services. AAP had said this is a 'time for

agni pariksha' for Opposition parties, and they should come together if they want to save the country's democracy and Constitution.

Significantly, Nitish, Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, Nationalist Congress Party president Sharad Pawar, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah attended the swearing-in ceremony of Siddaramaiah as the Karnataka Chief Minister on Saturday, in a show of Opposition unity.

Some regional leaders, including Kejriwal and Telangana Chief Minister K said. Chandrashekar Rao, were not invited to the ceremony. Nitish, however, has been trying to bring them on board as well. Čhhattisgarh Chief

Minister Bhupesh Baghel hailed his Bihar counterpart and exuded confidence that the latter will succeed in uniting Opposition parties.'He (Nitish) had met Kharge (Congress president) in Bengaluru with other national leaders. Luckily I was seated beside Nitish. We had a lengthy discussion about his efforts (to unite the opposition). I believe he will succeed

his endeavour,' the Chhattisgarh CM said. The AAP's appeal to the Opposition parties comes ahead of Kejriwal's plan to reach out to each of them to seek their support, starting with his West Bengal counterpart and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata on Tuesday. 'All Opposition parties

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should come together against the Ordinance. This is time for agni pariksha (trial by fire). There is Emergency in the country. There is no democracy left in the country, AAP Rajya Sabha MP and national spokesperson Sanjay Singh

The Congress will also have to decide if it stands in favour of India's democracy and federal structure or against them, Singh said, when asked if Kejriwal will reach out to the grand old party.

The AAP is locked in bitter tussle with the BJP-led Centre since the Union Government promulgated an Ordinance on Friday to create a National Capital Civil Service Authority which will handle the transfer of IAS and DAN-ICS cadre officers and also matters of disciplinary proceedings against them.

tion of the strong ties between India and Fiji, the Prime Minister tweeted. Modi also

held a 'wonderful meeting' with President Surangel S Whipps, Jr of the Republic of Palau on the sidelines of FIPIC Summit. Whipps presented Modi with an Ebakl one of most important

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ture. It also symbolises leader-

ship and wisdom, the MEA said

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Modi also underlined the importance of a free and open Indo-Pacific for the Pacific Island nations and said India respects the sovereignty and integrity of all countries.

'India respects your priorities. It feels proud to be your development partner. Whether it's humanitarian assistance or your development, you can count India as a reliable partner. Our perspective is based on human values,' he said. Modi's comments at the FIPIC summit in this capital city of Papua New Guinea came amid China's aggressive behaviour in the region as well as its efforts to expand influence in the Pacific island nations. Explaining India's priorities for the island nations, Modi said:

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'For me, you are not small island states, but large ocean countries. It is this vast ocean that connects India with all of you. Indian philosophy has always viewed the world as one family. He also announced a series

of new development initiatives by India in the areas of healthcare and cyberspace including establishing a super-specialty cardiology hospital in Fiji, assistance in setting up of dialysis units in all 14 Pacific island countries as well as sea ambulances for the countries.

Modi also announced bringing Jan Aushadhi Centers to the island nations for ensuring medicines at affordable prices besides a project for the development of the small and medium enterprise sector in

every Pacific Island country. To address the water scarcity issue, Modi pledged to provide desalination units for the people of every Pacific Island country. In his address, he said the world has gone through a difficult period of Covid-19

pandemic and many other challenges and their impact has been felt mostly by the countries of the Global South.

'Climate change, natural disasters, hunger, poverty, and various health-related challenges were already prevalent. Now, new issues are emerging. Barriers are arising in the supply chains of food, fuel, fertilizer, and pharmaceuticals,' he said.

The prime minister also reaffirmed India's strong support for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. 'We share your belief in multilateralism. We support a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific. We respect the sovereignty and integrity of all countries,' he

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said. Modi said the 'voice of the Global South' should also resonate strongly in the UN Security Council. 'For this, Modi. 'Big Honour for India. reform of the international institutions - should be our shared priority.'

'I had discussions with Australia, the US and Japan in Hiroshima as part of the Quad This dialogue has a special focus on the Indo-Pacific region. In the Quad meeting, we have taken decision to establish the Radio Access Network (RAN) in Palau,' he said.

'In a plurilateral format, we will enhance partnership with Pacific Island countries, Modi said. Modi conveyed to the Pacific Island nations that India is ready to share its capabilities and experiences with them 'without any hesitation'.

'Whether it's digital technology or space technology; whether it's health security or food security; whether it's climate change or environmental conservation; we are with you in every way, he said. The prime minister also highlighted India's priorities under its G20 presidency. 'The theme of our ongoing G-20 Presidency One Earth, Family, One Future,' is also based on this ideology, he said. 'This year, in January, we organised the 'Voice of Global South Summit, in which your BJP making strategy... representatives participated and shared their thoughts,' he said. 'I congratulate you for that. India considers it a responsibility to bring the issues, expectations and aspirations of the Global South to the attention of the world through the G-20 platform,' he added.

#### Prime Minister Modi has been conferred the highest honour of Fiji by the PM of Fiji: Companion of the Order of Fiji in recognition of his global leadership. Only a handful of Non-Fijians have received this

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after Fiji's Prime Minister

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Prime Minister Modi dedicat-ed the honour to the people of This comes immediately India and to the generations of the Fiji-Indian community, who Sitiveni Rabuka conferred the have played a key role in the special and enduring bond between the two countries, the

MEA said on Twitter. 'Humbled by the gesture of Papua New Guinea of conferring me with the Companion of the Order of Logohu. Gratitude to Governor General Sir Bob honour to date,' the PMO said. Dadae for presenting the award.

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Fresh violence erupts...

peace talks with the Centre, which stated that it could be done under Article 3 of the Constitution, he claimed. He, however, said that Mizoram cannot directly interfere in the

'That initiative should be taken by our kindred brothers in Manipur as the issue of uni-fication of Chin-Kuki-Mizo-Hmar-Zomo tribes should not be imposed,' he said.

long border with Manipur. The malcy in the northeastern State even as the internally displaced hill areas of Manipur adjoining people from the State are lodged Mizoram are inhabited by Kukis, who share ethnic and in temporary relief camps, while ties with have been given the Mizos. The violence broke out in shelter by their relatives in Manipur on May 3 after a neighbouring States and around 'Tribal Solidarity March' was the country.

### ring the Companion of the Order of Fiji on me. I thank PM @slrabuka for presenting the award. It is an honour for the people of India and a recogni-

This is a great recognition of India and the accomplishments of our people,' the Prime Minister tweeted. 'An honour

emblematic of the depth of

India-Papua New Guinea relationship, the MEA tweeted. Grateful to the people and

Government of Fiji for confer-

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#### TikTok has tried to soothe Western fears about the Chinese-owned short video sharing app's potential cybersecurity risks with a \$1.

The latest order is yet Imphal valley. Tribals — Nagas and Kukis another twist in a legal battle that began in 2013 when Austrian lawyer and privacy — constitute another 40 per cent of the population and live activist Max Schrems filed a in the hill districts. The ethnic complaint about Facebook's handling of his data following clashes claimed over 70 lives and some 10,000 army and paraformer National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden's revelations about

US Cybersnooping. The saga has highlighted the clash between Washington and Brussels over the differences between Europe's view on data privacy and the comparatively lax regime in the U.S., which lacks a federal privacy law. An agreement covering EU-U.S. Data transfers known as the Privacy Shield was struck down in 2020 by the EU's top court, which said it didn't do enough to protect residents from the U.S. Government's electronic prying. That left another tool to govern data transfers - stock legal contracts.

Actor Aditya Singh Rajput...

**From Page 1** Aditya was living in a shared apartment on the 11th floor of the Lashkaria Heights building at upmarket Oshiwara area. Though the exact cause was not immediately known, preliminary reports suggested that he might have died

because of drug overdose. On their part, the Oshiwara police has registered an accidental death report (ADR). The body has been sent to the nearby Cooper Hospital for an autopsy. The report is awaited. Born in Uttarakhand on August 19, 1990 and ught up Aditya entered the film and entertainment industry at the age of 17 years.

From Page 1 organised in the ten hill districts of the state to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

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### PM reaches in Australia

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Incidentally, Albanese and Modi met in Hiroshima over the weekend and participated in the Quad summit there. US President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida were the other two

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heads of State who participated in the summit. All these leaders also attended the G-7 hosted by Japan. Modi is visiting Australia from May 22-24 as a guest of the Australian Government. Ahead of Modi's arrival, Prime Minister Albanese said in a statement, 'I am honoured to host Prime Minister Modi for an official visit to Australia, after receiving an extremely warm welcome in India earlier this year.

'Australia and India share a commitment to a stable, secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific. Together we have an important role to play in supporting this vision, he said, amidst China's aggressive behaviour in the region as well as its efforts to expand its influence.Prime Minister Modi has also said that he was looking forward to his meeting with Albanese on May 24.

During the visit, the Prime Ministers will attend a community event in Sydney to celebrate Australia's dynamic and diverse Indian diaspora, 'a core part of our multicultural community', the Australian government said in a statement.

Apart from acting in films like 'Krantiveer', 'Adi King', 'Lovers' and 'Maine Gandhi Ko Nahin Mara', he worked as model for several products and participated in 'MTV Splitsvilla- 9'. He was also part of television shows like 'Love', 'Ashiqui', 'Code Red', 'Aawaz Season 9', 'Bad Boy Season 4', 'Cambala Investigation Agency' and others.

### 'J&K best spot...

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Later they were escorted to their hotels in tight security cover. The colors of peace, prosperity and happiness were spread in and around the venue of the event to create a stimulating environment for freewheeling exchange of ideas among the delegates and the special invitees.

While participating in a panel discussion titled 'Film Tourism for Economic Growth and Cultural Preservation' famous film star Ram Charan, who became a global icon after the success of director SS Rajamouli's blockbuster 'RRR', also pitched in support of the Kashmir valley. Charan said India is the ideal filming destination across the globe and international film-makers can leverage this.

Kashmir is the 'coolest' place to shoot films in India and it is a surreal feeling to visit the Valley. 'It will sound cliche, but the coolest place to shoot in India is Kashmir. I am a second generation actor. My dad has shot extensively in Kashmir,' the actor and son of cinema veteran Chiranjeevi said.Charan said

he visited Kashmir for the first time in 1986 and last shot for a movie in the Valley in 2016. 'I have shot in this audito-

rium (SKICC) in 2016. So, visiting Kashmir in Sumner feels like an achievement for me. This is such a surreal feeling. It has been 95 years of existence of the film industry, (but) it will take them another 95 years to explore Kashmir. It is untapped, it is virgin,' the Telugu star said, adding that he would be filming his next two features predominantly in India. 'I want to explore India more. I do not want to travel abroad for my next two movies unless the producer is from Hollywood'.Ram Charan also showed off his dance moves on the G20 stage at the end of the discussion.

He taught the hook step of his Oscar-winning song 'Naatu Naatu' to Korean Ambassador to India, Chang Jae-bok. Earlier, addressing the august gathering of foreign delegates and special invitees Amitabh Kant said the Kashmir Valley has been attracting filmmakers due to its unique nature, which has something for everyone.

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# **City reels under heatwave**

### Max temp breaches 46-degree C mark

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The national Capital reeled L under the blistering heatwave on Monday as the maximum temperature breaching the 46-degree mark on Monday, straining power grids and posing challenges to out-door labourers, homeless people and animals.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), north Indian states including south Haryana, Delhi south Uttar Pradesh north Madhya Pradesh Jharkhand, Bihar, and West Bengal continued to reel from heatwave conditions on Monday, prompting it to issue a heatwave warning. The IMD predicted that similar conditions would continue until rains bring some relief from Wednesday onwards.

The Safdarjung



Observatory, Delhi's primary weather station, recorded a maximum temperature of 43.7 degrees Celsius - four notches above normal and the maximum so far this year. The mercury soared to

46.2 degrees Celsius at Najafgarh, making it the hottest place in the capital. Narela (45.3 degrees

Celsius), Pitampura (45.8 degrees Celsius) and Pusa (45.8 degrees Celsius) also recorded heatwave conditions.



mum temperature of a station reaches at least 40 degrees Celsius in the plains, at least 37 degrees Celsius in coastal areas, and at least 30 degrees Celsius in hilly regions, and the departure from normal is at least 4.5 degrees Celsius.

The IMD said a western disturbance active over the western Himalayan region will bring rain, hailstorm and gusty winds in the north-

western plains starting Wednesday. The weather body said that thunder squalls and strong gusty winds can be expected over Uttarakhand on May 24-25 and over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, and Delhi on Wednesday. As a result, the maximum tema result, the maximum tem-perature will drop to 36 degrees Celsius by Thursday. It also said that regions sur-rounding Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Himachal Pradech will witness Himachal Pradesh will witness heavy rainfall tomorrow and the day after while Punjab on

Additionally, Himachal is set to see hail storms tomorrow, while it will follow in Haryana on Tuesday. Earlier this month, the Met office had predicted below-normal maximum temperatures and fewer heatwave days in northwest India in May.

The blistering heat saw the peak power demand in Delhi rise to 6,532 MW around 3:30 pm. It was 6,011 MW around 11:30 pm on Sunday, officials said

### AAP to undertake door-to-door campaign to mobilise public opinion on ordinance

### **STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will undertake a door-to-door campaign before holding a rally at Delhi's Ramlila Maidan on June 11 to mobilise public opinion against the ordinance issued last week to restore to the Union Government the power over "services" in the national Capital.

AAP's Delhi convener, Gopal Rai, said the door to door campaign will run parallel to the party's efforts to defeat the ordinance when it is presented for approval in Rajya Sabha. "On June 11, the people of Delhi will gather for a 'maha rally' at Ramlila Maidan against this ordinance," he said. He also appealed to people to join the rally at Ramlila Maidan.

'The BJP has a majority in Lok Sabha. The chief minister Arvind Kejriwal has said that we will contact all opposition parties to defeat the bill in Rajya Sabha. This ordinance



shows that the Centre will the Congress Party to an impose "dictatorial decisions" encroachment upon the powers vested in the people," Rai like this on the country, Rai said at a press conference. said Rai expressing his anger said, "The people of Delhi

This black ordinance has made it clear that the BJP-led Centre will impose dictatorial decisions like this on the country. Therefore, the AAP has decided to launch a campaign against it along with the people of Delhi.

The AAP firmly believes that such measures undermine the principles of democracy and infringe upon the rights and powers of the people. He also raised concerns over the current support extended by Secretary, Vigilance reinstated STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

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week after being divested of A week after being divested of his charge and alleging a break-in at his office for suspected "tampering of sensitive files", Special Secretary (Vigilance) of the Delhi Government YVVJ Rajasekhar

was reinstated on Monday. An order issued by the secretary (vigilance) said Rajasekhar will resume work "as usual" and all the assistant directors will maintain the status as on May 10 as far as the work flow in concerned. Rajasekhar was divested of all his work and files were taken away from him on the orders of Vigilance Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj

even a quarter of the state it is supposed to be. Now all the After resuming work, decisions of Delhi will be taken Rajasekhar issued an order for preparing an inventory of files, by the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi. The black Ordinance including the number of pages, brought by the BJP proves that kept at the office of the special Prime Minister Modi is bent on secretary, vigilance and his confidential section.

### Woman, son killed after being hit by speeding vehicle in Burari STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

 $A^{60-year-old}$  woman and her son died while her grandson was injured after their motorcycle was allegedly hit by a speeding car in north Delhi's Burari area, police said on Monday.

The deceased have been identified as Shashi and her son Manoj (24), residents of

Ghaziabad, they said. According to police, at around 11:30 pm on Sunday, Manoj was riding his motor cycle with his mother as a pillion rider and she was holding her eight-year-old grandson in her lap. The trio were on their way to Palam to visit relatives when their bike was hit by a speeding car when they were descending from Burari roundabout flyover towards Mukundpur, they said.

### says he looks like a living skeleton

### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Hours after jailed ex-Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain complained about a spine problem and was taken to Safdarjung Hospital, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted to offer prayers for his Aam Aadmi Party colleague and hit out at the 'oppression'

of the BJP. "Jain visited the neurosurgery OPD in the morning and after being examined by the doctors there, he left. He was accompanied by police," said a spokesperson of the

Safdarjung Hospital. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal wished his former cabinet colleague a speedy recovery. "I pray to god for his better health. The people of Delhi are watching the arrogance and atrocities of the BJP. Even god will not forgive these oppressors. In this strug-



Jailed Jain examined at hospital, AAP

in Jail, requiring immediately spinal surgery." god is by our side. We are fol-

owers of Bhagat Singh and our Jain has become extremefight against oppression, injusfrail and weak and finds it tice and dictatorship will condifficult to even walk. He looks tinue," he tweeted in Hindi. like a living skeleton in pictures Giving updates on his health, the AAP in a statement taken in hospital, the AAP said.

said, "Former Delhi Minister "Due to his religious Satyendar Jain rushed to beliefs, Satyendar Jain has not consumed a single grain since Safdarjung Hospital after his health deteriorates severely in the last one year, he is living Jail. Jain was taken to only on fruits and raw vegetables in jail Suffering from Safdarjung Hospital due to a rapidly deteriorating spinal condition, resulting from a fall severe muscular loss, Satyendar Jain has also lost 35 kg while in

prison due to muscular atrophy," it said.

Suffering from sleep apnea, he sleeps at night with the assis-tance of a BiPAP machine which continuously pushes air into his lungs, it further claimed.

In a related development, the Supreme Court Monday said it will hear on May 26 the petition of ain seeking bail in a money laundering case being probed by the Enforcement Directorate. A bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Sanjay Karol agreed to list the matter for hearing on May 26, after senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Jain, sought urgent listing of the plea

on health grounds. Lodged at Delhi's Tihar Jail since his arrest in connection with a money laundering case last year, Jain was taken to the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Hospital on Saturday.

### Pul Prahladpur underpass removed from list of waterlogging hotspots

dictatorship."

have been fighting since

Madanlal Khurana's time to

make Delhi a full-fledged state.

Now the BJP says that they will

not let Delhi remain half or

### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

After Minto Road, the railway Aunderpass at Pul Prahladpur in southeast Delhi, infamous for going under water every monsoon till about a year ago, has been removed from the list of waterlogging hotspots.

The underpass — a crucial link between south and southeast Delhi — was among the Public Works department's (PWD) seven critical waterlogging points. It would have to be shut for vehicular movement every monsoon, leading to traffic snarls.

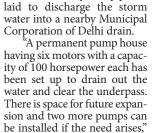
According to Public Works Department (PWD) officials, it gained notoriety over the years with incidents of people drowning in the waterlogged under-pass coming to light. The most recent incident was in May last year when a man's body was pulled out from the inundated underpass.

Officials said waterlogging



has plagued the site for nearly 20-25 years but the situation was aggravated over the last 10-15 years. Explaining the reason behind the worsening condition, he pointed to the presence of a Delhi Jal Board sewage pumping station at Khanpur. During monsoons, all the sewage from the drain would overflow onto the roads, lead-

ing to waterlogging. "The old pump house was a few metres away from the main road and by the time the water would reach the pump house through the pipes, the sit-uation would have already spi-



officials said.

Govt organising summer camp

for school students at IIITD

ralled out of control," they said.

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cials said a huge sump with 7.5-

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### MCD bans use of acid to clean DU reconstitutes body to boost girl students' safety civic-run toilets after DCW notice



the responsibility for events will lie with colleges, and departlege concerned will be solely responsible for any "untoward incident". The guidelines were prepared in the wake of several allwomen colleges witnessing harassment incidents during cultural festivals. Students of the varsity's Indraprastha College for Women (IPCW) alleged that they were harassed by "unknown" men during a fest on March 28. The incident led to widespread protests by students who demanded the resignation of the college principal A similar incident in Miranda House was reported in October 2022 where several men allegedly climbed the college walls and gates to witness an open Diwali fest on the campus, and indulged in "catcalling and sexist sloganeering".

### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI The Delhi government is



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The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has prohibited the use of acid to clean civic body-run toilets, days after the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) issued a notice to the MCD commissioner, flagging its potential risks

The development follows over a month after DCW chief Swati Maliwal's inspection of a public toilet in Daryaganj area, where 50 litres of acid were found kept in the open. An MCD notification released on Friday stated agencies trusted with maintaining public toilets must ensure an alternative toilet cleaning material is used in

place of acid. The MCD cited the Supreme Court order of 2013 that prohibited the over-the-



counter sale of acid across India in the wake of raising incidents of acid attack.

'So, the provision for penalty for not using acid for cleaning purpose of toilet is, hereby, abolished/repealed from the contract. The agency/operator shall use alternate toilet cleaning material in place of acid. Violation of the instruction will attract penal-

ty including confiscation of acid from the premises," the MCD order read



The civic body directed all officers, field staffers and agencies concerned to ensure that "acid shall not be used for any cleaning purpose of toilets and public conveniences".

On April 6, the DCW inspected an MCD-run toilet for women near the G B Pant Hospital in Daryaganj and found a 50-litre canister containing acid. The panel was informed by the sanitation staff that acid is purchased every month to clean toilets.

promising the safety of students in all-women colleges, the Delhi University has reconstituted a committee to strengthen the safety and security of female students and employees on the campus.

The six-member committee will be headed by university proctor Rajni Abbi. Besides Abbi, the other members of the committee are Law Centre II's Vageshwari Deswal (member secretary) and Geeta Sahare (joint proctor), SRCC's Malika Kumar, assistant registrar Girish Kumar and advocate

Niyati Sharma. Abbi said the committee has been reconstituted after harassment incidents were reported during cultural festi-vals at colleges. "The university felt the need to have a specific committee to look into the



issues of female safety. The committee that was formed after these incidents created generalised guidelines. But it was not specific to the safety of girl students," she said.

As per a notification issued on May 8, the university said, 'The competent authority of the university has re-constituted a committee on women safety and security to strengthen the safety and security of

female students and employees of the university." Last month, the varsity issued a 17-point advisory to colleges and departments for holding programmes, events and fests in which it was enunciated that

L organisii mer camp for government school students at Indraprastha Institute of Technology Delhi (IIITD) from May 23 to June

This is the seventh year of the special summer camp held at IIIT Delhi, which was inaugurated by the Higher Education Minister Atishi on Monday. Since 2016, the camp has been organised by the institute every year. Children from nearby schools of the Delhi government participate in this camp, with nearly 250 children from schools near Kalkaji, Harkesh Nagar, Tughlakabad, and other areas take part this year.

Addressing the children, Atishi said, "This special summer camp is going to be an exciting journey for the stu-dents. Right from day one, they will learn something new every day. They will learn to

work in teams and respect each other. What they learn here will help them tackle the challenges of everyday life and give them the confidence to utilize their skills for selfimprovement."

She also highlighted that this special summer camp is part of the vision of former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. Under his guidance, IIITD has been organising this summer camp since 2016. The camp aims to help children understand that education is not limited to the classroom and textbooks alone, allowing them to explore the world out-

side and learn new things.

### Jamia opposes in HC PIL seeking 10% quota for EWS students

### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

amia Millia Islamia (JMI) on Monday opposed before the Delhi High Court a PIL seeking 10 per cent reservation for students from economically weaker section (EWS) in terms of the 2019 amendment to the Constitution and said being a minority institution, it was not covered under the policy.

In an affidavit filed in response to the plea, JMI said as per an office memorandum issued by the Government of India in January 2019, EWS reservation in central educational institutions is not applicable to minority institutions.

"The Government of India through Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education issued an office memorandum for reservation



for EWS in Central Educational Institutions..Dated 17.01.2019 (which said) the 'above reservation would not be applicable to the 8 institutions of excellence research

institutions...And to the minority educational institutions referred to in clause (1) of article 30 of the Constitution'. "It is submitted that EWS reservation will not be applicable in terms of aforesaid office memorandum to the Jamia Millia Islamia," the reply filed through standing counsel Pritish

Sabharwal said.

AAP Govt organises exhibition in memory of freedom fighters

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The AAP government l organised an exhibition on Monday in memory of the great heroes of the first Indian freedom struggle 'Revolution of Delhi's General 1857'. Administration Minister Gopal Rai inaugurated the exhibition which will continue from May 22 to June 2 at the Delhi Secretariat.

Freedom fighter R Madhavan was also felicitated during the programme. Rai said, "The contribution

of our compatriots in the freedom movement is praiseworthy as they relentlessly fought against the British regime and secured India's independence."

"It is owing to the selfless sacrifices of numerous freedom fighters that we are able to breathe in an atmosphere of freedom today, ensuring a lib-



erated future for generations to come. With the commemoration of these fighters, our government has organized this exhibition," he added. He further said, "The

uprising of 1857 played a significant role in India's fight for independence. The events that took place in Delhi during this time gained widespread attention from the public. Even though the British may have

suppressed the revolution of 1857 through their power and established regulations, the revolutionary spark ignited during this period paved the way for future movements towards freedom and served as a source of inspiration for those fighting for independence

Today, the main goal of this exhibition is to highlight all these incidents.

### SC directs DDA to halt Vishwas Nagar demolition drive for week

### STAFF REPORTER **I** NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on I Monday directed the DDA to halt for a week its ongoing drive to demolish over 800 alleged illegal dwelling units built on its land at Vishwas Nagar area of east Delhi to enable residents to relocate.

A vacation bench comprising justices Aniruddha Bose and Sanjay Karol, however, did not find fault with the orders passed by the single and the division benches of the Delhi High Court permitting the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to go ahead with removal of the encroachments.

While issuing notice to the DDA, represented by lawyer Sunieta Ojha, the bench said it will consider in the second week of July the



who are sought to be removed

from their dwelling units, are

entitled for rehabilitation by

the land owning agency either under the Delhi Urban Shelter

Improvement Board Act or

"We are apprised that demolition work has started at 8 AM today. So far as the

right of the members of the

petitioner to reside at their

present dwelling place is con-

cerned, we do not interfere

with the Delhi High Court

"On humanitarian con-

any other law.

order.

siderations, we give them seven days to vacate respective premises by May 29, 2023 and then it would be open to the DDA, with the help of such agency, to resume their demolition activities," the bench said in its order. The bench directed the

counsel for the DDA to inform the authorities during the day to immediately stall the demolition drive. The order was passed on a petition filed by some residents of the Kasturba Nagar area falling under Vishwas Nagar locality of east Delhi.

They assail the demolition notices issued by the DDA on May 18. The Delhi High Court, on March 14, this year, had refused to stall the demolition move of the DDA while agreeing with the plea of the land owning agency that the residents were encroachers.



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### Salaries, allowances, facilities India, Papua New Guinea review bilateral ties **PIONEER NEWS** SERVICE/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/PORT MORESBY(PAPUA

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shores of Ela Beach in Port

External Affairs Ministry

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# **₹200 cr spent in 2 yrs** on RS MPs, says RTI

### PNS NEW DELHI

A spent on salaries, allowances and facilities for Rajya Sabha MPs over the last two years with around Rs 63 crore spent on their travel alone.

According to an RTI reply, in 2021-22, in the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic, the exchequer spent over Rs 97 crore on Rajya Sabha members.

The amount includes Rs 28.5 crore on domestic travel and Rs 1.28 crore on international travel. Salaries amounted to Rs 57.6 crore, medical bills of Rs 17 lakh and office expenses of Rs 7.5 crore. It also spent Rs 1.2 crore on information technology assistance to the MPs.

In the 2021-23, Rs 100 crore was spent in total which included Rs 33 crore in domestic and foreign travel expenses, according to the reply by Rajya Sabha Secretariat to a query filed under the Right to



Information (RTI) Act by Madhya Pradesh-based Chander Shekhar Gaur.

The Rajya Sabha Secretariat has said that during 2022-23, Rs 58.5 crore was spent on the salaries of members, while Rs 30.9 crore on domestic travel and Rs 2.6 crore on foreign travel.

Other expenses include medical treatment (Rs 65 lakh), Rs 7 crore in office expenses and Rs 1.5 crore on IT services. The Secretariat said that

the expenditure incurred on former MPs of Rajya Sabha under account head



Rajya Sabha's productivity rate was 43 percent in the Winter Session, 29 per cent in the Monsoon Session and 90 per cent in the Budget session.

The following year, its productivity was 94 per cent during the Winter Session, 42 per cent during the Monsoon Session and 90 per cent during the Budget session.

This year so far, during the Budget session its productivity reached a low of 24 per cent.



come and for co-hosting the third Summit of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation(FIPIC), the

Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement. The FIPIC was launched during Modi's visit to Fiji in 2014. The summit took place at

a time when China is making efforts to enhance its military and diplomatic influence in the region Both leaders took stock of their bilateral relations and

discussed ways and means to further strengthen their partnership across various sectors, including trade and investment, health, capacity building and skill development and Information Technology, it said.

Moresby. Warmly welcomed by They also discussed issues related to climate action and During his talks with Marape, Modi thanked his promoting people-to-people ties. The Prime Minister reitcounterpart for the warm welerated India's support and

respect for the priorities and wishes of the Pacific Island nations, the statement said.

"Prime Minister James Marape and I had very productive talks, covering the full range of bilateral relations between India and Papua New Guinea. We discussed ways to augment cooperation in commerce, technology, healthcare and in addressing climate change," Prime Minister Modi tweeted and posted a photo of him shaking hands with Marape.

The two leaders launched translation of the Tamil classic 'Thirukkural' to the Tok Pisin language of Papua New Guinea. The translated book is co-authored by linguist Subha Sasindran and Sasindran Muthuvel, Governor of West New Britain Province of Papua New Guinea. The book has a foreword by Prime Minister Marape

India-NZ to boost cooperation in trade, education, sports



**PIONEER NEWS** SERVICE/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/PORT MORESBY(PAPUA NEW GUINEA)

India and New Zealand reviewed the entire spectrum of their bilateral ties during a meeting on Monday between Prime Minister Narendra and his counterpart Chris Hipkins in Port Moresby, capital of Papua New Guinea.

They met for the first time since Hipkins assumed office in January and the two leaders agreed to expand cooperation in various sectors like trade and commerce, education and sports

Modi met Hipkins on the sidelines of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) summit.

"Had an excellent meeting with New Zealand PM @chriship-kins and discussed the full range of India-NZ relations. We talked about how to improve commercial and cultural linkages between our nations,'

Modi tweeted. The two leaders discussed ongoing bilateral cooperation

initiatives and agreed to expand cooperation in various sectors including trade and commerce, education, information technology, tourism, culture, sports and people-to-people ties, the Ministry of External Affairs said. "Giving fresh impetus to India-New Zealand relationship. PM @narendramodi met

PM @chrishipkins of New Zealand in Port Moresby," the Ministry of External Affairs tweeted.

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	Neeraj Jaiswal/ Mulchand Jayaswal/ LBGHZ00003603575	Flat No- D/ 1008, 10th Floor, Moti Residency, Tower- D, Khasra No- 238, Village- Morta, Near Nh- 58 Ghaziabad (Admeasuring an area of 656 Square Feet/ 18 May, 2023	November 30, 2022 Rs. 14,77,003/-	Delhi/ NCR

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### ICICI BANK VS DEEPAK MALHOTRA

Hajj 2023: AI to fly 19K pilgrims to Jeddah, Medina From Jaipur, Chennai, Kozhikode, Kannur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Air India and Air India Express will operate special flights from Jaipur, Chennai, Kozhikode and Kannur, carrying around 19,000 pilgrims to Jeddah and Medina in Saudi Arabia for hajj 2023. The first Air India flight for this year's Haff took off from Jaipur at 11:05 am and reached at 1:50 pm local time in Medina.

Air India will operate 46 flights from Jaipur and Chennai to Medina and Jeddah respectively from May 21 to June 21. In the second phase, Air India will bring back pilgrims from Jeddah and Medina to Jaipur and Chennai in 43 flights from

July 3 to August 2. In the second phase, Air will bring ba k the grims to Jaipur and Chennai by operating 43 flights from July 3 to August 2.



Jeddah with 6,863 passengers and 13 flights will be flown from Kannur to Jeddah carrying 1,873 passengers in the first phase.

A total of 8236 passengers will be flown by Air India Express operating 57 flights during the first phase.

In the second phase, July 13 to August 2, Air India Express will fly back the pilgrims from Medina to Kozhikode and Air India CEC MD Campbell Wilson said the airline is happy to resume the annual special flights for the sacred Haj pilgrimage.

### 'India lost 1.3 L lives in disasters linked to extreme weather'

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELH

In its latest report, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) said extreme weather conditions caused 573 disasters in India between 1970 and 2021 that claimed 1,38,377 lives. The report said the USA alone incurred US\$1.7 trillion, accounting for 39 per cent of economic losses worldwide in the 51 years.

But Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States suffered a disproportionately high cost in relation to the size of their economies. Globally, 11,778 reported disasters led to more than two million deaths and USD 4.3 trillion in economic losses during this period.

According to WMO, economic losses have soared but improved early warnings and coordinated disaster management has slashed the human casualty toll over the past half a century. Over 90 percent of deaths occurred in developing coun-



Bangladesh reported the highest number of human deaths (5,20,758) in Asia due to 281 events, the data showed. In India, 573 disasters

reportedly killed 1,38,377 people between 1970 and 2021. Îndia recorded 2,227 human casualties due to extreme weather events in 2022, according to the Annual Statement on Climate of India, issued by the Meteorological India

Department. In Africa, 1,839 disasters caused 7,33,585 deaths and increase significantly under the USD 43 billion in economic warming climate and variabililosses. Droughts caused 95 per ty in the El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) -- a recurcent of the reported deaths. Idai in March 2019 was the costliest event that occurred in Africa (USD 2.1 billion)

one of the top strategic priorities due to be endorsed by the World Meteorological Congress, WMO's top decision-making body.

The frequency of extreme weather events such as floods and heatwaves is projected to rise manifold in Îndia in the future due to climate change, according to a report released by researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, last year. The study said the risk will

CD-1 : Deepak Malhotra S/o. Sh. Joginder Pal Malhotra H. No. 157B, AG-1, Vikas Puri Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018. Also at : H. No. 164 D, AG 1, Vikas Puri, Delhi- 110018

Whereas in execution of ibid RC No.31/2020 dated 14.02.2020 in OA No.586/2018 drawn up by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi, the CDs are to pay to the applicant Rs. 25,47,028.46 (RUPEES TWENTY FIVE LAC FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWENTY EIGHT AND PAISE FORTY SIX ONLY) has become due from you as per the ibid Recovery Certificate drawn in OA No. 586/2018 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Delhi. The applicant is entitled to recover a sum of Rs. 25,19,028.46 (Rupees Twenty Five Lac Nineteen Thousand Twenty Eight and Paise Forty Six Only) with simple pendent-lite and future interest @ 11.51% per annum simple from the present O.A i.e. 01.05.2018 till realization with cost of **Rs. 28,000**- and costs from the Certificate Debtors (CDs), failing which the amount shall be recovered by sale of the hypothecated vehicles. In case of any shortfall, the same shall be recovered from the personal movable and immovable assets of the CDs.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the hypothecated vehicle. mentioned in schedulec property for satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.

3. Notice is hereby given that in the absence of any order of postponement, the said hypothecated vehicle (mentioned under the schedule of property below) shall be sold through e-auction through https://auctions.cardekho.com/auctions@cardekho.com, by e-auction at 11.00 AM on 03.06.2023.

4. The CH bank shall ensure that prospective bidders are allowed inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle (mentioned under the schedule of property below) before day of auction for which interested individuals may contact the concerned officer of CH Sh. Rajeev Ranjan (MOB: 8584874809).

5. The sale shall be of the movable property of the above named Certificate Defaulters (CD), subject to the liabilities and claims attaching to the said hypothecated vehicle, if any

6. The sale shall be stopped if, before lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate alongwith the interest and costs has been paid to the undersigned.

7. At the sale the public generally are invited to bid either personally or by duly authorized agent. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS" BASIS. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Scheduled to the Income-Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions:

9. The particulars specified in the Schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation 10. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) be fixed as follows:-

Details of property	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)
hypothecated vehicle "BMW/530 D", having registration no. "HR-26BR- 8200"	4,32,000/-	43,200/-

11. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be determined by the Officer conducting the sale. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put to auction

12. Intending bidders shall be required to pay Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of pay order/demand draft payable at New Delhi and in favour of Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi before the start of biding and identity proofs, address proofs etc. The said deposit shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidders; and in the case of unsuccessful bidders the same shall be refunded without interest, on the date of sale. 13. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale proceeds by way of pay order/demand draft

favoring the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, within 24 hours (next working day) by way of bank draft, afte adjusting the EMD stated above, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.

14. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds alongwith poundage fee @ 2% upto Rupees 1,000/- @ 1% of the sale price exceeding Rupees 1,000/- within 15 days from the date of auction. The Poundage fees shall be deposited through a demand draft payable in favor of the Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi.

15. In case of default, the amount earlier deposited by the bidder, if the undersigned considers fit, after defraying the expenses of the sale shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold, and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part thereof or of any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold

16. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason

#### Schedule of Property

No. of Lot		upon the property	encumbrance to which property is	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other Known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
1.	hypothecated vehicle "BMW/530 D", having registration no. "HR- 26BR- 8200"	No information	No information	No information

Given under my hand and seal on Tribunal at New Delhi on this 21.04.2023

(Uttam Negi) Recovery Officer-I DRT- II, Delh

As many as 5,871 pilgrims will fly from Jaipur on 27 flights, while 4,447 pilgrims will fly from Chennai on 19 flights. Overall, a total of 10,318 passengers will be flown by Air India to Saudi Arabia.

Air India Express will operate flights from Kozhikode and Kannur from June 4 to June 22. A total of 44 flights will be operated from Kozhikode to

"Air India and Air India Express will be bringing Zamzam water on the return ferry flights to India.

This will be stored at the four destinations operated by them in India, on arrival. The holy water will be finally handed over to the pilgrims after they land back in their home destinations," the release said.

Asia reported 3,612 disasters attributable to weather, climate and water extremes, with 9,84,263 deaths and USD 1.4 trillion in economic losses. 'Between 1970 and 2021, Asia accounted for 47 per cent of all reported deaths worldwide, with tropical cyclones being the leading cause of reported deaths. Tropical cyclone Nargis in 2008 led to 1,38,366 deaths," the WMO said.

The WMO issued the new findings for the quadrennial World Meteorological Congress which opened in Geneva in Switzerland on Monday with a high-level dialogue on accelerating and scaling up action to ensure that early warning services reach everyone on earth by the end of 2027.

The "United Nations Early Warnings for All initiative" is

changes in the temperature of waters in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. Climate change has

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increased the instability in the atmosphere, leading to an increase in convective activity thunderstorms, lightning and heavy rain events. Cyclonic storms in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea are also intensifying rapidly and retaining their intensity for a longer duration due to global warming,

according to meteorologists.

### Maa Mundeshwari temple ropeway ED attaches ₹121 cr assets project moving towards reality of Chattisgarh IAS officer,

#### ARCHANA JYOTI NEW DELHI

onceived in 2016, a much-→awaited ropeway project connecting to historical Maa Mundeshwari temple in Kaimur district in Bihar is moving towards reality with the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) under the Union Environment Ministry recently clearing a patch of forest land from Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of the aerial transportation system.

The temple which dates back to 108 CE is said to be the oldest Hindu pilgrimage site in India devoted to Goddess Durga. Thousands of devotees throng the temple in the Bhagwanpur Block in the Kaimur district during Navratri, Ram Navami and other Hindu festivals. The requirement of forest land i.e. an area of1.309 hectare was unavoidable due to non-availability of any alternate land in the region, said an official from the Bihar Tourism

Development Corporation. "This religious destination has no feasible access other than traversing through the sanctuary area. As such, provision of an access route for vis-



itors allowing minimum incursion in the Sanctuary was essential in the interest of wildlife. Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd had proposed the use of 1.309 ha of

struction of Mundeshwari ropeway work project under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980," said another official from the Ministry. He said that the ropeway proposal was cleared in a meeting of the NBWL last month.

Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary is spread over a total area of 1504.9 sq km. Ashwani Kumar Choubey, Union Environment Minister of State and a local MP from the region said that the number of devotees in this area would increase considerably once the ropeway is built.

The ropeway project has been planned in such a way that tourists can avoid arduous

journey and can visit the temple situated at Hill top and at the same time enjoy the picturesque view of nearby agricultural fields while journey through the aerial system.

The NBWL members cleared the proposal with the condition that the operation of ropeway carriage/transit facility for tourism purpose shall be regulated under directions of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Bihar and shall be coordinated as per ecotourism guidelines so that any adverse impact on wildlife interests are prevented or mitigated.

Protected under the ASI, this temple is dedicated to the worship of Lord Shiva and Shakti. Mundeshwari Devi is believed to be Mahishasur Mardini, the slayer of the demon Mahishasur, who took the form of a buffalo, according to the legends.

### others in liquor scam PNS NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth Rs 121 crore of Chhattisgarh IAS officer Anil Tuteja, Raipur mayor's brother Anwar Dhebar and others in the liquor 'scam'.

Anwar Dhebar is the elder brother of Raipur Mayor Aijaz Dhebar and Tuteja is former Managing Director of Chhattisgarh State Marketing Corporation Ltd. Tuteja is a 2003-batch IAS officer and is currently posted as the Joint Secretary in the industry and commerce department of

Chhattisgarh government. Besides Dhebar and Tuteja, properties of Indian Telecom Service (ITS) service officer Arunpati Tripathi, Arvind Singh and Vikas Agrawal were also attached in the case, the ED said.

The attached properties include 14 properties of Tuteja worth Rs 8.83 crore, 69 properties of Anwar Dhebar worth of Rs 98.78 crore, three properties of of Vikash Agarwal alias Subbu worth Rs 1.54 crore, 32 properties of of



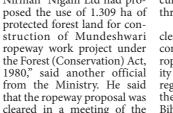
Arvind Singh worth of Rs. 11.35 crore and one property of Arunpati Tripathi worth Rs 1.35 crore, the agency said.

The attached properties of Anwar Dhebar include Hotel Vennington Court, Raipur being run under the aegis of his firm, A DhebarBuildcon.

Earlier, ED had arrested Anwar Dhebar, Nitesh Purohit, Trilok Singh Dhillon and Arun Pati Tripathi for their role in the offence of money laundering.

The ED has also conducted more than 50 search operations at various locations in Raipur, Bhilai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai, and has been successful in seizing movable assets worth Rs 58 crore including cash, fixed deposits, shares and jewellery.

The total seizure and attachment in the case now stands at Rs 180 crore.



# **'AFSPA likely to be lifted** from Assam by year end'

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### PTI DERGAON

Retired army personnel will be appointed as Additional Superintendents of Police to impart training to the police force in Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said here on Monday.

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Sarma also reiterated that Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) was likely to be lifted completely from the State by the end of this year as the law and order situation in the state has improved consider-

ably. The Chief Minister who was speaking at the first Commandant's Conference at the Lachit Barphukan Police Academy here, said, "We are aiming at withdrawing AFSPA completely from Assam by the end of 2023. We will also rope in military personnel to train our police force."

He also said, "This will facilitate replacement of central police with Assam police batalions."The AFSPA which gives



armed forces the right to arrest and search without warrants as

well as use force without a magistrate's permission, has been lifted from most Assam districts except 8 districts and one sub-division.

ensure that there is positive change in the mindset of the forces, it will also be ensured



the state. They will also be reoriented to control the mob without using lethal weapons or

Sarma also said that attenthe state. G P Singh, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir

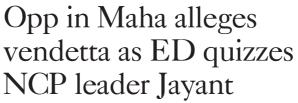
bonafide policing. Steps will be taken to Secretary to Home and Political



using them to the minimum extent possible', the Chief Minister said.

tion will be given to ensure that the personnel belonging to different battalions are not used for any purpose other than those exclusively connected to Kumar Sinha, Principal

Niraj Verma, Special DGP Harmeet Singh and other senior police officers were present on the occasion.



#### PTI NAGPUR/MUMBAI

that good and professional police officers are posted as The questioning of NCP leader Jayant Patil by the 'Adequate steps will be ED on Monday evoked strong reactions with party MP taken to empower the Assam Supriya Sule claiming that Opposition leaders are being targeted while Shiv Sena Police Battalions so that they (UBT)'s Aaditya Thackeray alleged that the country was heading towards dictatorship.

Patil, who heads the Maharashtra unit of the Nationalist Congress Party, is Sarma said that the Commandants' Conference being questioned by the Enforcement Directorate at its will be organised every six office here in a money launmonth to bring about positive dering case linked to alleged changes in the rank and file of financial irregularities in the the battalions and give a more now-bankrupt financial serresult oriented police force to vices firm IL&FS. He reached the ED's office at around 11.50 Director General of Police am

Before heading for the ED's office in south Mumbai, Patil had said that one faces such suffering for being part of the opposition.

Those who side with the truth, which is sometimes against the government, are

being pressurised with the help of central probe agencies, and this pattern can be seen across the country. I am afraid that the country is transitioning from democracy to a dictatorial regime,"Aaditya told reporters

at Nagpur airport. Speaking about Patil's ques-tioning, NCP leader and Lok Sabha member Supriya Sule said, "Of all the ED or CBI cases in the last few years, 90 to 95 per cent are against the Opposition leaders in the country. This has been widely reported by the media as well. The one who is in opposition easily gets notices from the probe agencies." Sule, however, defended

officials of the probe agencies. "Those poor officials are

not at fault. Previously (during the UPA regime), the probe agencies were autonomous, but now they are run by some invisible hand. Everyone who speaks against the current dispensation invites a notice,"the NCP leader said.

### Maha CM to flag off bus for MTHL trip tomorrow

#### T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde will flag off a bus for a short journey on the newly completed Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) on May 24.

To mark the 180 meter slab deck installation, Shinde will show the flag off a bus carrying MMRDA officers and engineers to go on a symbolic short drive.

The 22 km sea-link will be thrown open for traffic in November 2023.

After the token deck installation ceremony on May 24, work will proceed to the remaining stages like installing crash barriers, asphalting the deck, erecting view-cutters, setting up the open toll collection centres, security and surveillance systems, markers and signages, waterproofing the engineering structure, lights and reflectors, etc. over the next four-five months.

The project involves construction of a 22 km six-lane bridge with three lanes on



either side of the bridge. An approximate 16.5 km of the bridge will be in sea while 5.5

kms is on land. In other words, it will be at least 16.5 km long creek bridge with 5.5km via ducts on land on either side.

The MTHL will cut down the travel time from the Island City to Navi Mumbai by 30 minutes. The sea bridge will be 27 meters in width, in addition to edge strip and crash barrier. This bridge will have two interchanges at Shivaji Nagar in Shweri and another at village

Chirle near national highway 4B.

NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PALIKA KENDRA : NEW DELHI

Filling up the 17 posts of Executive Engineer (Electric) in New Delhi Municipal Council on deputation basis New Delhi Municipal Council proposes to fill up 17 posts of Executive Engineer (Electric) on deputation basis in the pay level 12 under 7th CPC pay matrix.

2. The last date for receipt of application is 23.06.2023 (Friday).

3. Further details and application form can be downloaded from NDMC website i.e. https://www.ndmc.gov.in/vacancy.aspx

> (Sanjay Prasad) **Director** (Personnel)



Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, along with his wife Sudesh Dhankhar, met his schoolteacher Ratna Nair who was overjoyed to see her pupil after so many years. Dhankar is on a two-day visit to Kerala, and met his schoolteacher who now lives in Panniyannur Gram Panchayat in Kannur. Dhankar was her pupil at Sainik School Chittorgarh boarding school

### **MUNICIPAL JOB SCAM** Calcutta HC upholds single Bench order of CBI probe into scam

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

candidates — had cleared their competitive examinations butfailed to get appointment vacant posts were mostly sold for lakhs of rupees to the incompetent candidates most of whom even had submitted blank OMR sheets in the recruitment exams



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Division Bench of the ACalcutta High Court on Monday upheld a single Bench order directing CBI investigation into the multi-crore municipal recruitment scam.

The municipal services recruitment scam is the latest addition in the list of cash-forjob scams during the Trinamool Congress regime.

The scam came to the fore by chance while the Enforcement Directorate officials investigating the school level recruitment scam wereconducting raids in the house of one Ayan Sil, a businessman and closeassociate of arrested TMC youth leader Kuntal Ghosh — known for hisclose proximity to the highest level of the ruling party.

OMR sheets and other documents, pen-drives, hard discs etc were recovered from Sil's house. The finds led the ED mine to tell the court that they had recovered a "goldmine" of information not only related to the school level recruitment scam but also a new scam related to municipal services in more than a dozen municipalities of the State.

After the single Bench of the High Court ordered a CBI investigationinto the municipal recruitment the Division Bench of Justice BiswajitBasu too on Monday upheld the earlier order.

The High Court order comes hours after the central agency questionedTrinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee formore than nine hours in relation to the school level recruitment casewhich recently saw the High Court terminating the services of 32,000 teachers on charges of illegal appointment.

In its order the Court observed that the "jobs were sold like commodities?

Thousands of eligible and empanelled teachers from primary tosecondary to higher secondary level - as also several thousand GroupC and D

The empanelled candidates had been sitting on dharna for the past more than two years. Acting on writ petitions filed by the eligible candidates the High Court had not only the Enforcement Directorate and CBI to investigate the matters.

The recruitment scam that has seen a number of ministers, MLAs and top functionaries going to jail has not only become a big political issuein the State but has in a latest development threatens to take ChiefMinister Mamata Banerjee's family in its ambit. This, particularlyafter the interrogation of Abhishek Banerjee who is also her nephew.

**BJP: TMC Govt** spent ₹330 crore in defending Mins facing graft charges

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 $B_{\text{Suvendu}}^{\text{engal Opposition Leader}}$ Monday claimed that Trinamool Congress Government had spent ₹330 crore in defending its func-tionaries presently facing charges in various kinds of recruitment and other scams.

Adhikari a former powerful minister in the TMC Government besides being a blue-eyed-boy of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee till he joined the BJP in early 2021 on Monday claimed that "the TMC Government has spent ₹330 crore of public money to save its corrupt ministers andpoliticians involved in various kinds of scams?

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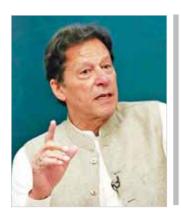
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# **Relying on popularity**

Imran Khan believes that his popularity can be a shield, but Army deploys force, not popularity

ormer prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has moved the Supreme Court against the trial of civilians allegedly involved in the May 9 attacks on Army installations in military courts. The party has informed the apex courtwhich seems to be favourably disposed towards Khan-that terming the trial in military courts is a "clear violation" of the constitutional guarantees of due process and fair trial. The PTI's petition adds another element to the political crisis in Pakistan; the crisis is unprecedented because Khan has challenged the Army in a manner no politician in its 76 years of history ever did. He has expressed the possibility of getting arrested again when he goes to court in Islamabad on Tuesday to join the probe in the Al Qadir trust case, ARY News reported. The prospects could be worse if he and his supporters are tried in military courts. Cognisant of these prospects, he seems to have cooled down his anti-Army rhetoric. In a recent interview with an international chan-



nel, he said that he has "no problem" with Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir: "I have no problem with him, but he seems to have a problem with me." This is much different from his earlier remarks on the COAS.

Khan is the most popular leader of Pakistan, much more than any of his rivals in the Government; this is the reason that he has been demanding national elections which are due by November this year. This is not surprising, for he was already a national hero, because of his impressive achievements in cricket, when he joined politics in 1996. He had also endeared himself to the people of his country by the cancer hospital he built in memory of his mother. Starting liter-

ally from scratch, he built his PTI and made it a force to reckon with. While it is true that he became prime minister with the help of the Army only and his years in office did little to improve anything in Pakistan, it is undeniable that this didn't cost him popular support. If anything, he is more popular now than he was in 2018 when he became prime minister. Unsurprisingly, he is betting on his popularity, which he believes will help him take on the mighty Army which has ruled, directly or indirectly, the country for most part. But then, there won't be a popularity contest in Pakistan. As Husain Haqqani, Pakistan's former ambassador to the United States and currently a scholar at the Hudson Institute in Washington, told a news agency, "The military's power comes from its ability to deploy force, not popularity—Pakistan's generals like being liked but they like being in control even more." Besides, Khan is facing many criminal cases, including of graft and terror incitement; conviction in any of them can result in his disqualification from participating in elections. Corruption in Pakistan politics is not unusual, but Imran has always claimed to be an honest and upright leader. It remains to be seen if his popularity can be as strong a shield as he thinks it is.



# Effective instrument of state policy

It is a misconception that non-violence is synonymous with weakness. It is a bold and effective measure against misguided forces

rime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima, Japan on May 20, 2023, as a symbol of friendship and goodwill between the two countries. The 42 inches tall bronze bust has been placed adjacent to the Motovasu River, close to the iconic A-Bomb Dome that is visited by thousands of people locals and tourists alike - every day, a location chosen as a mark of solidarity for peace and nonviolence. "The location truly resonates with the principles and life of Mahatma Gandhiji, which continue to inspire the world and its leaders', a statement from the PMO said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address also said that "The bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima will take forward the idea of nonviolence."

In times of strife and conflict, the principles of peace, nonviolence, wellness, and mindfulness serve as guiding lights, illuminating a path towards harmony and understanding. The profound philosophies of the 6th-century saint Mahatma Buddha and 19thcentury mass leader Mahatma Gandhi have had an indelible impact on humanity, transcending time and place. Their teachings have inspired countless individuals to strive for peace and embrace nonviolent means of conflict resolution.

Mahatma Buddha emphasized the importance of inner transformation as the key to achieving lasting peace in the world. Buddha's teachings revolved around the 'Four Noble Truths, which acknowledge the existence of suffering and the path to liberation from it through the Eightfold Path', such as right understanding, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration. The Buddha recognized that violence only perpetuates suffering and advocated for compassionate action as a means of resolving conflicts. Buddha's

Mahatma Gandhi also drew inspiration from Buddha's teachings and adapted them to suit the context of his time. He combined the ideas of peace, nonviolence, wellness, and mindfulness by giving it the term 'Satyagraha', which was rooted in the principles of truth and nonviolent resistance. Gandhi's approach emphasized the need to address conflict through peaceful means, employing methods such as civil disobedience, boycotts, strikes, and fasts. He advocated for self-discipline, self-purification, and inner reflection as essential elements of nonviolent resistance. In their spiritual quest, both Mahatma Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi recognized the intrinsic worth and dignity of every human being and sought to promote universal peace and well-being. Their NELSON MANDELA teachings emphasize the power of compassion, empathy, and nonviolence as transformative forces. They believed in the power of inner transforma-MAHATMA GANDHI tion as the foundation for external change and stressed the importance of self-reflection, self-discipline, and selfpurification as prerequisites for cultivating peace and nonvio-

erful tool for social and political change.

Renowned Vietnamese Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh expresses the connection between Buddha's teachings and Gandhi's philosophy and says that "Mahatma Gandhi applied the principles of nonviolence and compassion to the social, economic, and political issues of his time, just as the Buddha taught his disciples to apply mindfulness and compassion to their daily lives. Both sought to alleviate suffer-ing and promote harmony through peaceful means."

The Dalai Lama, while emphasizing inner transfor-mation said that "Gandhi and Buddha were united in their belief that peace in the world begins with inner peace. By cultivating love, compassion, and wisdom within ourselves, we become agents of positive change in society."

Advocates of nonviolent resistance like Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela have been inspired by the Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi. King Jr. says: "Like Buddha and Gandhi, I believe that nonviolence is not passive resignation, but a powerful force for justice and freedom.

Similarly, Nelson Mandela, the iconic anti-apartheid leader and former President of South Africa, acknowledges the profound influence of Gandhi's philosophy on his own struggle. He says, "Gandhi's philos ophy of nonviolence inspired me to pursue freedom and equality for all. His teachings showed us that nonviolence is not a sign of weakness but a courageous choice to seek justice without resorting to violence.'

**RAJDEEP PATHAK** 

In a world plagued by violence and conflict, the teachings of Buddha and Gandhi remind us of the power of nonviolent means for resolving conflicts. By promoting dialogue, understanding, and empathy, individuals can work towards peaceful resolutions, fostering harmony in diverse societies.

Also, the emphasis on mindfulness and self-care in Mahatma Buddha's teachings and social justice and equality, championed by Mahatma Gandhi remain relevant today as they encourage individuals to cultivate inner peace, wellbeing, and resilience, enabling them to navigate challenging circumstances with clarity and compassion. The question 18, when do we walk the path?' (The writer is Programme viduals, communities, and Executive, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti)

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**RESISTANCE LIKE** 

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# Words are energy; use them cautiously



SAKSHI SETHI

one of the biggest opportuni-

ties not only to improve life

Words are like hammers, one can either swing them around recklessly and break stuff or use them to build something worthwhile

n the words of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe "Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."

Since childhood, we have all been told by our elders to never hurt the person using harsh words and instead be kind and give respect for we will be showered with the same

The power of words is beyond expression, it defines what the person wants to express. Words form an important part of an individual's life. Different people use different words to communicate with their friends and family. They are used to conduct business and to discipline children. Politicians use words to convince others that they're the best candidate. Words form a huge part of every aspect of our lives. They carry an enormous weight that can either make the other feel good or humiliated. Words do give out energy, evoke emotions and set the tone for back-andforth conversation. However, words form one of the reasons that one person lives a life of abundance while another lives a life of lack. Words can open person changes the words,



doorways that hands canthey change the outlook to a not. They can break down positive one. One must always look for hope and strive for invisible boundaries. There is simply no value put on words, more thoughtful words that one can all speak them; they inspire an individual to always want better and do better. don't cost any money, as they are free to all and are simply Bruce Lee once said, not appreciated. When words

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never speak negatively about yourself, even as a joke. The body doesn't know the difference. Words are energy and cast spells, that's why it is called spelling. Change the way you speak about yourself and you can change your life. What one is not changing,

you are not choosing. Today, understanding the create the world for bothoneself and others. When a value of words has become

but to help an individual in improving key business areas. Words are like hammers. One can either swing them around recklessly and break stuff or use them carefully to build stuff. Remember, words are the vehicle that transforms thoughts, feelings and emotions into concrete phrases or stories that may either spark curiosity or confuse an individual on a negative front. Words do inspire but only actions create changes. The use of inspiring or good words allows an individual to understand each other better and can be a lifesaver tool while negative words spark the fight-or-flight response as the brain senses a discrepancy between how and what an individual feels

The real way to watch an individual's words is to watch their heart because there is a direct line from the heart to the tongue. Remember, to watch the heart by storing good things in it. It is only then can an individual strive to use words towards the path of growing success and happiness

(*The writer is an educator*)

### **SUNDAY DISASTER**

Sir — Several parts of the city witnessed heavy rains and hailstorms and the car that the family was travelling in got sub-merged in the water that gushed into the underpass. Bengaluru is facing such a disaster and this is the beginning of the rainy season. A few residents had quickly rushed to their help, throwing sarees and ropes to help them stay afloat. However, the water had almost fully submerged the vehicle by then. Emergency services personnel arrived shortly at the scene, and swimmers from the fire and emergency services department plunged into the water to rescue the individuals. This is a bad reflection on the civic amenities available in the so-called metro city. Even an hour of rain spoiled all the road traffic in total disarray and went awry without any support. Within a few days of the new rule, all the loopholes are coming out. Now the blame game will start soon. Proper help and immediate medical care were not available for the family to come out of the rut and saw that their family member died in the flash flood and which paralysed the city and roads were flooded with water.

**CK Subramaniam** | *Mumbai* 

### **THE WORLD OF E'S**

Sir — In this world of E-mails, E-ticket, Epaper, E-recharge, E-transfer and E-governance, never forget E-shwar (God) who makes e-verything e-asy for e-veryone everyday."E" is the most eminent letter of the English alphabet. Men and women don't exist without an "E" in them. House or home cannot be made without an "E" in it.Bread and butter cannot be found without an "E" in them."E" is the beginning of "existence" and the end of "trouble". It is not in "war" but it is twice in "peace". It is once in "hell" but twice in "heaven". "E" represents "emotions". Hence, all emotional relations like father, mother, brother, sister, wife and friends have an "e" in them. "E" also represents "effort" and "energy". Hence, to be "better" from "good", both "e's" are added. Without "e", we would have no

### Karnataka Govt showers sops



ithin hours after the Congress took charge of the government, the Karnataka cabinet met on Saturday and gave in-principle approval to the five "guarantees" (200 free units of power for all households under the Gruha Jyothi scheme; Rs 2,000 a month for each woman head of the family under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme; 10kg free rice per month for each individual in a BPL family under the Anna Bhagya scheme; free travel for women in government buses across Karnataka under the Uchita Prayana scheme; and a monthly unemployment allowance of Rs 3,000 for graduates and Rs 1,500 for diploma holders

smell or taste, as the eye, ear, nose and tongue are incomplete without an "e". Hence, go with "E" but without having an "E-go"

Jubel D'Cruz | Mumbai

### THE BJP, PARTY WITH A DIFFERENCE

Sir - The biggest party in the world. Richest party in the world. Most popular party in the world. The party with the biggest majority in the world. Endowed with all these qualities, the cunning character and face of the BJP become exposed at this time. When his main objective remains whether it be a Panchayat election. Or local bodies and municipality elections. Whether it is elections to the Legislative Assembly or the Lok Sabha, at any cost, the saffron party wants to win the election at any cost. That's why the country's Defense Minister and Home Minister have to go for campaigning even in local body elections. love, life, wife, friends or hope and see, hear, This is the party that cannot live without

- for up to two years or until they find a job. whichever is earlier — under the Yuva Nidhi programme) the party had promised the state's people before the May 10 polls. Though the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its then chief minister (CM) Basavaraj Bommai and other leaders said the Congress was making false promises and that these ideas were not practical, because implementing the guarantees would have serious financial implications for the state. But Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah said the implementation of the schemes is provisionally estimated to cost Rs 50,000 crore a year and expressed confidence the state would be able to generate the resources to cover the cost. Whatsoever, the people of Karnataka expect from the newly formed Congress government that it will fully fulfill the promises made in the manifesto, and give a clean and transparent administration to the people. By seeing the Siddaramaiah government's performance, the people of India should have second thoughts about voting for the BJP.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterje | Faridabad

power and the power associated with it. That's why only a week ago, the apex court while restoring the rights of the Delhi government, asked the Center to look into matters related to law and order and land only. But this party is so much concerned about the service of the people of Delhi that on Friday late evening, it forcibly took transfer posting into its own hands by bringing an ordinance. Delhi minister Atishi rightly said that the central government deliberately chose the time to bring this ordinance when the Supreme Court is closed for vacation. The BJP could neither win the hearts of the people of Delhi in the assembly elections nor could it attract them in the MCD elections. Then why is the biggest party in the world, hitting herself in the foot by doing such an act?

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### RAVI VALLURI

**ff** re you happy Amma?" Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar was to ask my mother when we went to seek his blessings at Art of Living International Centre, Bengaluru Ashram sometime in 2009. I had overcome my addiction to liquor through the breathing technique of Sudarshan Kriya and the supreme grace of the Master. Today I have been sober for more than 16 years, which astonishes my friends, colleagues and family.

I had sent a mail seeking an assignment, post my retirement from the Indian Railway Traffic Service. My mind was gripped with uncertainty. But the Guru knows it all and scripts the events accordingly. Only when one surrender unflinchingly does the grace flow. We need to expand our bowl for Him to shower blessings. He always says, "You will get what you need and not what you want."

Back in Chennai I had undertaken the Happiness Programme conducted by the Master himself and was soon involved in seva activities. I could overcome the demonic thoughts by conducting follow-ups and organising a new programme called Har Ghar Dhyan. Through the help of the General Managers of Southern Railway and Integral Coach Factory, we were working on the courses for Railway personnel – officers and staff. Shortly, after a due selection process, I was posted as the CEO of Chhattisgarh East Railway Ltd and Chhattisgarh East West Railway Ltd and I am scheduled to upgrade my skills as a member of the faculty.



# B PM Modi is building modern India



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It has indeed been a remarkable journey under the leadership of PM Modi. His ideas that were put into action in Gujarat have been scaled up at the national level



oliticians mostly are known to work on their vote banks. Politics for them is the rope to climb to grab the fruit of power. Vote banks sustain power, and the vicious circle of status quo in polity and governance continue. For India to claim its rightful position on the high table in the global order, the status quo had to be broken and a new benchmark of governance for the overall wellbeing of the people had to be set.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been able to raise the bar of pro-people governance, as well as scaling up the capacity of India, to take that rightful position at the high table in the global order. His redefining Indian politics as a means of service to the people and nurse the national interests are now paying well-deserved dividends.

In some quarters, the debate is building up to measure the Indian gross domestic product in the ancient age when India traded with Rome, and the enterprising traders of southern parts of the country went on high waters of the Indian Ocean and even the Pacific Ocean, to touch bases in South-east Asia, east Asia and even North Asia. Some even claim that India accounted for 50 per cent of the global GDP before the Muslim invaders set their sights on the country. Independence, they brought family-oriented politics to establish dynasties at the forefront. The head of the dynasty replaced the yesteryear monarchs and sought to rule the country with a divide-and-rule policy, which was used by the British with lethal perfection.

British with lethal perfection. This kingship in politics in the garb of glorification of a few individuals got India into the status quo bind. The poor will remain poor. The middle class will remain middle class. The necessities will be scarce. The people by and large will always worry about the future. The risk-taking, which is inherently part of the Indian DNA, was coerced into perennial worry for the future.

THE NEW India, thus, needs a psychological breakout from the binds of the PARLIAMENT past. The status quo had to be BUILDING, trashed. Social collectivism was required to be revived. The path to COMMISSIONED prosperity was to be laid for the people to climb the social and econom-FOR ic ladders. Politics was to be freed CONSTRUCTION from dynasties. Democracy was to be handed over truly in the hands BY HIS GOVT, of the people who believed that politics was a means of service to the IN A FITTING people. PM Modi has been able to TRIBUTE TO THE achieve most of the aforemen-RECONSTRUCTION tioned challenges. In doing so, he has celebrated traditions and AND BUILDING OF nudged the people to rediscover A NEW INDIA their roots. Now, sporting a tika on the forehead is normal. Construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, completion of the works of the Kashi Vishwanath corridor, Ujjain Mahakal Temple's redevelopment along with further expansion of the facilities at the Somnath Temple have helped in the revival of the Indian cultural wealth and traditions. This is to the credit of PM (Author is a political Modi that all grand works of the analyst) redevelopment of some of the tem-

ples, which are integral to the Indian culture and traditions, have taken place under his watch and scrutiny.

PM Modi had put his forehead on the steps of Parliament after he was first elected as a Lok Sabha MP. For Him, parliament is also a temple. This is indeed the temple of democracy. The members must sit in this temple with utmost veneration because they channel the aspirations of millions of people. PM Modi demonstrated that the parliament as the temple of democracy must be a place only for genuine worshippers of democracy, as he built a popular narrative against dynasts.

Now, PM Modi will be inaugurating the new parliament, commissioned for construction by his government, in a fitting tribute to the reconstruction and building of a new India, which is not status quo,

which has been at the heart of PM Modi, has rightly been hailed by the global media and multilateral agencies as unprecedented, which has opened the potential of the most enterprising sections of society to partake in the Indian economy.

The banking system since the unveiling of the full might of the JAM trinity is reporting record profits and days of bad loans reported by them have been relegated to the pages of history. The faith of the Modi government in the sections of the population, which was condemned to the state of poverty perennially by the political dynasts, is paying rich dividends. The economy remains resilient. The United Nations has just stated that India will achieve a 6.7 per cent GDP growth in the current fiscal, which will be the highest in the world. It must be noted that China despite being a totalitarian state is struggling to meet even the five per cent GDP growth target. It has indeed been a remarkable journey for India under the leadership of PM Modi, and ideas that were put into action in Gujarat when he was the chief minister of the state have been scaled up at the national level, which includes steps such as giving due recognition to the Anganwadi workers, who were awarded Yashoda Samman in Gujarat. The Anganwadi workers have proven to be the flag bearers of India's strive to make healthcare universal by ensuring the speed of delivery of healthcare interventions, including vaccination during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thrust to revive the Indian toy and textile industries, with PM Modi enlisting the support of the people regularly, is now showing results, and they stand out as examples of India's hunger to reclaim the position of glory as seen in ancient history.

On 13th May 1956, in the bijou town of Papanasam in Tamil Nadu, a divine child was born to Visalakshi and R.S. Venkataratnam. He was named "Ravi", which means "sun" because his birth was on a Sunday, and "Shankar" after the eighth-century Hindu saint, Adi Shankara, whose birthday happened to be on the same day. Gurudev's first teacher was Sudhakar Chaturvedi, an Indian Vedic scholar who was a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi.

Over the years the organisation has grown manifold and marks its presence in 180 countries across the globe. The bedrock of all the courses of the Art of Living is the Sudarshan Kriya. Alongside are yoga, pranayama, meditation and a host of seva projects.

The spiritual Master has focussed on sadhana, seva, Satsang, Sudarshan Kriya and meditation. These processes have metamorphosed the lives of millions of people in the world. There are innumerable accounts of His manifestations and reams have been written about them. Gurudev and the organisation have played an epochal role in troubled and violence-hit spots of the globe providing succour to people. "Happiness is an attitude. If you are used to being unhappy, even in the best of situations you will still grumble and be unhappy," says Gurudev

(The writer is the CEO of Chattisgarh East Railway Ltd, East west Railway Ltd and is a faculty of the Art of Living) India's past was full of glory, and traditions commanded respect from all quarters. The people yearned for the best in life. Society chased excellence. India as a nation marched far ahead of others.

But somehow the colonial mindsets dominated the Indian psyche. The people were made to believe that they had rightly been subjugated by the foreign rulers. This surrender of Indian excellence to the foreign-bred world outlook arrested Indian growth in all walks of life. The economy was ruined. Innovation became rare. The people became dreaming of clerical jobs. The historians built on the servile mindsets of the people.

This was benefiting a particular class. One section of the political class sought to slip into the monarchical subjugation of the people by usurping democracy. Post- on the high table in the global order. gr

The politics of poverty has been given a body blow by PM Modi. Under the watch of PM Modi, a record number of people were brought out of poverty, which has been endorsed by the multidimensional poverty index survey by Oxford University in collaboration with UNDP. Now, the poor of the country is covered under pension and insurance scheme under programmes such as Atal Pension Yojna, Jeevan Jyoti Yojna, etc., and the JAM trinity, with the underlying Aadhar architecture, has heralded unprecedented financial inclusion of more than one-third of the Indian population.

Financial empowerment has unleashed a digital revolution as a UPI-based payment system is a new normal for hawkers sitting on pavements even in small mofussil towns. This digital inclusion of the people,

## Election day is the moment of truth for a political party

PM MODI WILL BE

INAUGURATING

Every party has a particular moment that helps gain political support. The 137-year-old Congress, which has seen many ups and downs, is no exception

ast week, its landslide victory in Karnataka significantly boosted its workers and leaders. Will the Congress leaders build on the Karnataka victory, just as Late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi used her Chikmagalur moment?

Gandhi, who lost elections in 1977, won the Chikmagalur Constituency in a bye-election and returned to Parliament in 1978. Within two years, she also recaptured power. Incidentally, she used her Belchi moment to her advantage. In July 1977,

11 persons, including eight Dalits, were ruthlessly murdered by a gang in Bihar. She visited the victims in Belchi. She rode on an elephant and a tractor to reach them as the roads were cut off.



KALYANI SHANKAR

Karnataka was lucky for Indira's daughter-in-law, Sonia Gandhi too. She won her first elections in 1999 from the Bellary constituency, a congress citadel. She became the Leader of the Congress Parliamentary Party in 2004

but declined to be the Prime Minister.

Winning such a prosperous and significant Karnataka is a big fillip to the demoralised Congress. But, it cannot afford to sit on the laurels of recent victory if the Party wants to revive itself. There are many challenges before the upcoming elections to Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Telangana and Mizorum later this year, and the Grand finale is in 2024. The BJP's high-voltage

(The author is a senior<br/>journalist)The BJP's high-voltage<br/>campaign in Karnataka, with

for Prime Minister Modi as its mascot, did not click. The hardline Hindutva politics the worked only within the coastal districts. There was a strong perception of corruption and a weak chief minister. There were only a few local issues the BJP could raise.

The Saffron Party must build solid second-rung

leaders. Though the loss was a big jolt, the Party has already started working with double vigour. It may only experiment to split Congress MLAs with 'Operation Kamala' after a while. But Congress must keep its flock. The Congress played its card well by raising the bread and butter and local issues. It paid dividends. It also gave the local leaders a free hand. The High command only assisted

in the campaign.

But then came the choice of the chief minister. Two solid aspirants were fighting for the throne. Had the Party's top brass left the newly elected legislators to choose their chief minister, it would have been more democratic and clarified that the chief minister was not imposed from above. Instead, the legislature Party passed the usual one-line resolution leaving the choice to High Command, indicating that the Party has yet to learn any lesson.

The two aspirants, = former chief minister Siddharamaih and PCC chief D.K. Shiv Kumar = were cooling their heels in Delhi for four days. Ultimately a power-sharing formula was found with Siddharamaiah as chief min-

ister and Shiv Kumar as his deputy. It was Sonia Gandhi who finally resolved the issue by mollifying Shiv Kumar.

Secondly, the real test will be how Congress handles its newly acquired clout, particularly when forming an Opposition coalition for the 2024 Election. The Party should refrain from showing its big brother attitude. Some 209 Lok Sabha seats are spread across 19 states, where the Congress and the BJP are in direct contact. Even a united non-BJP coalition can bring BJP down to 210 in a best-case scenario. So mere arithmetic alone will not work. Thirdly, Congress regained its lost vote bank of Muslims, Dalits and Backward classes in Karnataka. It should not only be preserved

his upcoming elections. dhi Fourthly, Congress must implement its poll promises before the 2024 Lok Sabha melle co. the people would

polls so the people would trust the Party. The Party has promised to supply 200 units of free power to all households,

Rs 2000 per month to the head of the family, and 10 kgs of free rice to every member of a BPL household. Congress has other headaches and must resolve the Rajasthan and Chattisgarh Power struggles before the upcoming polls. The former Deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot wants to replace Rajasthan Chief Minister , Ashok Gehlot, but Ghelot is unwilling to go. There was a temporary truce, but the issue must be resolved.

It should not only be preserved A similar situation prevails c but also replicated in the in Chhattisgarh; there has the

been a power struggle between chief minister Bhupesh Baghel and cabinet minister TS Singh Deo. Rahul Gandhi promised a rotational chief minister after two and a half years in 2018. Deo has been demanding the change. Finally, the loss of Karnataka means the BJP has no presence in the South.

The South has 129 seats, of which the BJP won only 29 in 2019. The Party needs to change its poll narrative to succeed in the South, as the Hindutva or Ram Mandir has no takers. The recent win in Himachal Pradesh and now Karnataka have shown Congress that unity in the Party and the Opposition, a robust organisation and a compelling narrative should be the new mantra.



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### Space station welcomes 2 Saudi visitors, including kingdom's 1<sup>st</sup> female astronaut

#### AP CAPE CANEVERAL

The International Space The International of the welcome mat Monday for two Saudi visitors, including the kingdom's first female astronaut. SpaceX's chartered flight arrived at the orbiting lab less than 16 hours after blasting off from Florida.

The four guests will spend just over a week there, before returning to Earth in their capsule.

The 270-mile-high (430-kilometer-high) docking puts the space station population at 11, representing not only Saudi Arabia and the U.S., but the United Arab Emirates and Russia

Saudi Arabia's government is picking up the multimillion-

dollar tab for its first female astronaut, Rayyanah Barnawi, a stem cell researcher, and fighter pilot Ali al-Qarni.

John Shoffner, a Knoxville, Tennessee, businessman who started a car racing team, is paying his own way.

Retired NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson is their chaperone.

She now works for Axiom Space, the Houston company that organised the 10-day trip, its second to the space station.

The company cited ticket prices of \$55 million each for last year's private trip by three businessmen, but won't say how much the latest seats cost.

Only one other Saudi has flown before in space, a prince



The crew of the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, with the Crew Dragon spacecraft, from left, Saudi Arabian astronaut Rayyanah Barnawi. commandeer Peggy Whitson, pilot John Shoffner and Saudi Arabian astronaut Ali al-Qarni arrive at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral before their launch to the International Space Station on Sunday. Agencies

who rode on NASA's shuttle Discovery in 1985.

Sponsored by the Saudi Arabian government, Rayyanah Barnawi, a stem cell researcher, became the first woman from the kingdom to go to space. She was joined by Ali al-Qarni, a fighter pilot with the Royal Saudi Air Force.

They're the first from their country to ride a rocket since a Saudi prince launched aboard shuttle Discovery in 1985. In a quirk of timing, they'll be greeted at the station by an astronaut from the United Arab Emirates.

"Hello from outer space! It feels amazing to be viewing Earth from this capsule, Barnawi said after settling into orbit. Added al-Qarni: "As I look outside into space, I can't

help but think this is just the beginning of a great journey for all of us." Rounding out the visiting crew: Knoxville, Tennessee's John Shoffner, former driver and owner of a sports car racing team that competes in Europe, and chaperone Peggy Whitson, the station's first female commander who holds the US record for most accumulated time in

space: 665 days and counting. "It was a phenomenal ride," Whitson said after reaching orbit. Her crewmates clapped

their hands in joy. It's the second private flight to the space station organized by Houston-based Axiom Space. The first was last year by three businessmen, with another retired NASA astronaut. The company plans to start adding its own rooms to the station in another few years, eventually removing them to form a stand-alone outpost available for hire.

Axiom won't say how much Shoffner and Saudi Arabia are paying for the planned 10-day mission. The company had previously cited a ticket price of USD 55 million each.

NASA's latest price list shows per-person, per-day charges of USD 2,000 for food and up to USD 1,500 for sleeping bags and other gear. Need to get your stuff to the space station in advance? Figure roughly USD 10,000 per pound (USD 20,000 per kilogram), the same fee for trashing it afterward. Need your items back intact? Double the price.

early on Monday, Palestinian

health officials said, while the

Biden administration sharply

condemned Israel's latest act of

Ministry said the three men were

killed during a raid in Balata, a refugee camp near the city of Nablus.

The Palestinian Health

Six people were wounded,

including one who was in criti-

cal condition, the ministry said

identified the men killed as its

soldiers had raided Balata; it said

troops came under fire and

killed three Palestinians. Three

others were arrested there, the

army said. Israel has stepped up

The army later confirmed

members.

settlement expansion.

### Israeli raid kills **US signs new security pact with** Fire at Guyana school 3 Palestinians PNG amid competition with China kills at least 19 children in West Bank Tel Aviv: Three Palestinians were killed in an Israeli army raid in a West Bank refugee camp

### AP PORT MORESBY

The United States signed a The United States signed a new security pact with Papua New Guinea on Monday as it competes with China for influence in the Pacific. Papua New Guinea's location just north of Australia makes it strategically significant. It was the site of fierce battles during World War II, and with a population of nearly 10 million people, it's the most populous

Pacific Island nation. The State Department said the new agreement provides a framework to help improve security cooperation, enhance the capacity of Papua New Guinea's defense force and increase regional stability. The full agreement will be made public once politicians in both countries have an opportunity for input, likely in a couple of months.

"The work that we're doing together to try to shape the

election runoff from Sinan Ogan

### future could not be more important, could not be more timely," US Secretary of State

Antony Blinken told reporters. We're deeply invested in the Indo-Pacific because our planet's future is being written here. Papua New Guinea is playing a critical role in shap-

ing that future." Papua New Guinea Prime Minister James Marape said the pact is mutually beneficial and "secures our national interests" in "becoming a robust economy in this part of the

world? But the agreement sparked student protests in the secondlargest city, Lae. And many in the Pacific are concerned about the increasing militarisation of the region. Student Naomi Kipoi, 17,

said she was opposed to the security pact because she felt it means the US could come to her country whenever it pleased without permission.

She said China had been a big help to her country by building roads and funding schools.

'The US didn't help us with aid and other things," Kipoi said. "They're just trying to sign the agreement."

Last year, nearby Solomon Islands signed its own security pact with China, a move that raised alarm throughout the Pacific. The US has increased its focus on the Pacific, opening embassies in Solomon Islands and Tonga, reviving Peace Corps volunteer efforts, and encouraging more business investment.

But some have questioned how reliable a partner the US is in the Pacific, particularly after President Joe Biden cancelled his plans to make an historic stop in Papua New

Guinea to sign the pact. Biden would have been the first sitting US president to visit any Pacific Island country, but he ended up cancelling to

focus on the debt limit talks back at home.

Blinken travelled in Biden's place, arriving in Papua New Guinea early Monday. In response to news of Blinken's impending visit, China warned against the introduction of "geopolitical games" into the region.

As well as the defense pact, the US also signed a maritime agreement with Papua New Guinea which will allow the US Coast Guard to partner with the Pacific nation to counter illegal fishing and drug smug-

gling. The US visit coincided with a trip by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was hosting a meeting with Pacific Island leaders to discuss ways to better cooperate. Blinken met with New

Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and said the two nations had a shared vision for the region.

#### **AP** GEORGETOWN

Fire razes school dormitory in Guyana, killing at least 19 children, many of them Indigenous A nighttime fire raced through a dormitory in Guyana on early Monday, killing at least 19 students and injuring several others at a boarding school catering to remote, mostly Indigenous villages, authori-ties said. "This is a horrific incident. It's tragic. It's painful," President Irfaan Ali said, adding that his government was mobil-

ising all possible resources to care for the children. The fire broke out shortly

before midnight in the dormitory building of a secondary school in the southwestern border town of Mahdia, a gold and diamond mining community about 200 miles (320 kilometers) south of the capital, Georgetown, the government said in a statement. Officials initially said 20 students were killed but later



Children rescued from a fire in the girls' dormitory of a school in Mahdia, Guyana. being transferred by medical personnel on Monday at a hospital in Georgetown.

updated the toll to 19, with several others injured.

National Security Adviser Gerald Gouveia said the figure was revised after doctors revived a very critical patient that "everyone thought was dead.""When firefighters arrived on the scene, the building was already completely engulfed in flames," Guyana's Fire Service said in a statement. "Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the relatives

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a militant group with connecand friends of those young tions to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party, souls."

The department said 14 students died at the scene and five others at a local hospital. Officials said two children

remain in critical condition and four have severe injuries. Six students were flown to Georgetown for treatment, while five others remain at a hospital in Mahdia, with another 10 under observation

Erdogan wins endorsement for Turkish | S Korea, EU agree to boost pressure on Russia

### AP ANKARA

The third-placed contender in the Turkish presidential elections on Monday formally endorsed President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for the upcoming runoff vote to be held on

May 28th. candidate Sinan Ogan, 55, has emerged as a potential kingmaker after neither Erdogan nor his main challenger, oppoleader Kemal sition Kilicdaroglu, secured the majority needed for a first-



#### AP SEOUL

Leaders of South Korea and the European Union agreed on Monday to increase pressure on Russia over its war against Ukraine and condemn North Korea's ballistic missile tests.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol met with European Council President Charles Michel and European on Russia, particularly through effective implementation of the respective restrictive measures," they said in a joint statement. We are committed to support Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction and remain resolved to support Ukraine for as long as it takes?

Michel said Russia's continued attacks against Ukraine show that deeper cooperation South Korea is "not a luxury. It's a vital necessity."

never accept (North Korea's) possession of nuclear weapons as the normal state of affairs, just like we do not accept Russia's military aggression against Ukraine," von der Leven said at a joint news conference.

Yoon said the three leaders recognised that North Korea's nuclear and missile programs pose a threat beyond the Korean Peninsula.

help it wrest concessions from its rivals.

At the G7 summit, the leaders of Japan, the US, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Canada and Italy as well as the European Union condemned Russia's invasion and reiterated their support for Ukraine. They demanded that North Korea refrain from any destabilizing or escalatory actions. Ukrainian met with some of his biggest backers as the G7 summit closed on Sunday, building momentum for his country's war effort even as Russia claimed a battlefield victory that was quickly disputed by Ukraine.

Biden honours Indian-origin NYPD officer

raids over the past year in response to a spate of Palestinian attacks and said Monday's operations netted weapons and an explosives manufacturing operation in a home, which it detonated Meanwhile, the Biden administration issued a sharply worded statement on Sunday criticizing Israel for moving to reestablish settlers at the formerly evacuated outpost of Homesh in northern West Bank. In March, the Israeli government repealed a 2005 act that disman tled four West Bank settlements. Over the weekend, the top Israeli army general in the West Bank signed an order attaching Homesh to a local settler region-

round victory on May 14th. per cent in the May 14 vote and Ogan, a former academic could hold the key to victory in who was backed by a far-right the runoff now that he's out of anti-migrant party, won 5.17 the race.

von der Leyen in Seoul after attending the weekend summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations in

Hiroshima, Japan. "We agree to maintain and increase the collective pressure

The three leaders called on North Korea to cease actions that raise military tensions and return to nuclear disarmament talks."The European Union will

North about 100 missiles since the start

of 2022, many of them nuclearcapable weapons that place the US mainland and South Korea within striking distance. Experts say North Korea believes its expanded weapons arsenal will

a move pavil way for reconstruction of the outpost. The United States was "deeply troubled" by what US State Department spokesman Mathew Miller said was Israel's illegal policy on the outpost in the occupied territory.

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STATEMENT OF AUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

[Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements)

	Regula	tions, 20	15 (LODR F	(Rs in Millions)			
s.			Stan	dalone		Conse	olidated
No.	Particulars	For the quarter March 31, 2023	March	For the quarter March 31, 2022	Previous Year ended as on March 31, 2022	Current Year ended as on March 31, 2023	Previous Year ended as on March 31, 2022
1.	Total Income from Operations: Total revenue from operations Other Income	4,511.79 67.78	16,368.82 196.24	2,962.22 37.28	8,961.76 144.51	16,434.52 185.90	9,036.06 163.05
2,	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,650.03	4,378.58	204.48	781.53	4,324.96	805.22
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,650.03	4,378.58	204.48	781.53	4,324.96	805.22
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,225.70	3,240.16	149.50	577.80	3,199.86	586.61
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	1,370.69	3,414.70	760.76	1,205.34	3,319.28	1,211.15
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	6,567.75	6,567.75	6,567.00	6,567.00	6,567.75	6,567.00
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	9,700.44	9,700.44	6,125.11	6,125.11	9,814.92	6,332.53
8.	Securities Premium Account	25,711.77	25,711.77	25,707.55	25,707.55	25,711.77	25,707.55
9.	Net worth	42,061.17	42,061.17	38,480.87	38,480.87	42,175.65	38,688.29
10.	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	40,726.42	40,726.42	27,517.80	27,517.80	40,727.25	27,540.34
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.97	0.97	0.72	0.72	0.97	0.72
13.	(for continuing and discontinued operations)						
	1. Basic:	1.87	4.93	0.21	0.82	4.87	0.83
_	2. Diluted:	1.84	4.86	0.21	0.81	4.80	0.81
14.		81.21	81.21	81.21	81.21	81.21	81.21
15.	I	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

#### Notes to the Financial Results:

The above results are an extract of detailed format of the quarterly/annual Financial Results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. These financial results are available on the website viz. www.dmifinance.in and on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com)

2) For items referred in Regulation 52(4) of (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to BSE Limited(BSE) and can be accessed on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website i.e. www.dmifinance.in

3) There is no Debenture Redemption Reserve Bank of India are not required to create DRR for privately placed debentures.

- Figures for the prior year / period have been regrouped and / or reclassified wherever considered necessary.
   The impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.

6) The above results have been approved by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on May 18, 2023 and subsequently approved by Board of Directors at their respective meeting held on May 22, 2023.

#### For DMI Finance Private Limited

Yuvraja Chanakya Singh

Joint Managing Director

#### Date: May 22, 2023 Place: New Delhi

Australian Indigenous TV host quits programme over racist backlash

said.

### AP CANBERRA

Prominent Australian Indigenous journalist Stan Grant announced that, after Monday, he will step away from television hosting duties after viewers responded with racist abuse to his comments during King Charles III's coronation about historic Aboriginal dispossession.

Grant, a member of the Wiradjuri tribe of Indigenous Australians and former international correspondent for USbased CNN, has been under fire since taking part in a panel discussion on the Australian Broadcasting Corp. ahead of the May 6 coronation ceremony in London.

Topics included a push to have a president replace the British monarch as Australia's head of state and Indigenous suffering from colonisation.

Čritics complained that the ABC had soured the celebratory mood of the coronation.

His supporters say inaccurate and inflammatory reporting of his views in the mainstream media has fuelled racially abusive and threatening personal attacks on social media, wearing the news veteran down. After more than 30 years of news experience in Australian television, Grant wrote Friday in his regular ABC online column that Monday would be the last

time in the foreseeable future that he would host his weekly national panel discussion pro gramme "Q+A," because of the news media and social media

abuse "I take time out because we have shown again that our history — our hard truth — is too big, too fragile, too precious for the media. The media sees only battle lines, not bridges. It sees only politics," Grant wrote. "The media has turned public discussion into an amusement park. Social media, at its worst, is a sordid spectacle. A grotesque burlesque. Lives are reduced to mockery and ridicule." "I want no part of it. I want to find a

place of grace far from the stench of the media," Grant Grant was asked to participate on the panel "as a Wiradjuri man to discuss his own family's experience and the role of the monarchy in Australia in the context of Indigenous history," Justin Stevens, ABC news direc-

tor, said in a statement. "The responsibility for the coverage lies with ABC news management, not with Stan Grant," Steven said. Hundreds of ABC colleagues, journalists and supporters carrying signs, including "We stand with Stan" and "We reject racism," gathered outside the ABC's Sydney headquarters Monday afternoon in a show of support for Grant.

#### PTI NEW YORK

And Antipatrian An Police Department (NYPD) officer and nine others were honoured by US President Joe Biden with the Medal of Valour, the country's highest award for public safety officers. Sumit Sulan was honoured at a White House ceremony on Wednesday for shooting a convicted felon who killed two of his colleagues when the trio were investigating a domesticviolence call in New York City in January. According to the police, three policemen — Sulan, Jason Rivera, 22 and Wilbert Mora, 27, visited the Harlem neighbourhood in New York to investigate a 911 call from a distressed woman whose grown-up son threatened her and his brother. The convicted felon ambushed the three officers, shooting at Rivera and Mora, who later died of their injuries. Sulan was praised by the US president at the May 17 ceremony for swiftly jumping into action, despite being a rookie with the NYPD at that time

"Detective Sulan had only been then — with the precinct the 32nd Precinct, for two months. He shielded the mother and brother from gunfire, then drew his weapon to fire twice, hitting the gunman and ending the incident," Biden was quoted as saying in a White House press release.

Sulan "ensured the safety of the civilians on the scene and struck down the gunman with his service weapon, bringing an end to the deadly episode just 45 seconds after it had begun," Biden, who met Sulan shortly after the incident, said.".The entire nation is grateful for the quick thinking, swift action, and courage under fire that he demonstrated," Biden said, adding that the officers' poise and valour saved lives.

### UK city of Coventry gets first Sikh Lord Mayor

much that I will be wearing the

Chains of Office and the tur-

ban. It will help show what a

happy multicultural city we

have and maybe inspire others

as well," he added. Apart from

being a councillor, Birdi has

been actively involved in setting

up religious, social, and com-

munity projects in Coventry.

Mayor as an ambassador of the

city, his chosen charities for

support for the year include

Muscular Dystrophy charity,

the Coventry Resource Centre

for the Blind, and University

Hospitals Coventry and

Warwickshire Charity.

Now in his role as Lord

London (PTI): A local British years and I will be honoured to Sikh councillor based in show why I love it so much and Coventry has made history for to promote the city and the the central England city by wonderful people who live becoming its first turban-wearhere," he said. ing Lord Mayor. "As a Sikh, it also means so

Jaswant Singh Birdi, who was born in Punjab and spent some time as a child in Calcutta in West Bengal, moved to Coventry 60 years ago and has served as a local councillor in the city for 16 years

He recently took formal charge of his new post of Lord Mayor with the official Chains of Office with his wife Krishna by his side as the Lord Mayoress.

"I am so proud to become Lord Mayor of my adopted home city," said Birdi.

"It has given so much to myself and my family over the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian-origin **Lord Mayor** elected in Aus

Melbourne (PTI): The City of Parramatta Council in Sydney on Monday elected Indianorigin Councillor Sameer Pandey as its new Lord Mayor.

Pandey's election to the post coincided with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's arrival in Sydney on Monday for a two-day visit at the invitation of his Australian counterpart Pandey was first elected to the council in 2017 and in 2022, became the City's first Deputy Lord Mayor from the Indian subcontinent, an official statement said.



### Pak NA motion to hold Greece's Centre-Right in landslide poll victory coalition government. But dur-New vote needed trials under army laws ing a brief televised conversa-tion, he told her he would

#### PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's National Assembly on Monday passed a resolution to hold trial of individuals involved in the recent attacks on military and state installations under the existing laws including the Army Act and the Anti-Terrorism Act. The resolution, moved by

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, was adopted by the lower house of Parliament after a majority of lawmakers voted in favour of it. It vowed to try the May 9 rioters, who were involved in attacks on military and state installations, under the existing laws including the Army Act

and the Anti-Terrorism Act. On May 9, violent protests erupted after the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan by paramilitary Rangers in Islamabad. His party workers vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Lahore Corps Commander house, Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad. The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi was also attacked by the mob for the first time.

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.

Thousands of Khan's supporters were arrested following the violence that the powerful Army described as a "dark day" in the history of the country. The resolution adopted on Monday stated that the "heartless and heart-wrenching incidents took place on May 9" and the day should be "reckoned as

a Black Day". It stated that relevant authorities will be empowered to tackle social media propaganda against Pakistan's institutions, both within and outside the country.

"Those involved in such propaganda campaigns should strictly be dealt with as per the law," it read. Speaking on the occasion, Asif said that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party's top leadership was

Khan sacked Gen Munir

wife's corruption: Sharif

as ISI chief for raising his

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif party in a recent tweet rejected

said on Monday that the incum- the contents of a recent report

### Pakistan court orders release of former human rights Min

**Islamabad (PTI):** A top court in Pakistan on Monday ordered the release from jail of Shireen Mazari, a close aide of former prime minister Imran Khan even as several other senior party leaders and thousands of workers remain in detention following the May 9 protests. Justice Chaudhry Abdul

Aziz of the Rawalpindi Bench of the court issued an order to release Mazari, who served as the minister for human rights from 2018 to 2022 and was arrested on May 12 from his house in Islamabad after a crackdown was launched on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party following the violence.

Her daughter Imaan Mazari-Hazir had challenged the arrest in the Lahore High Court (LHC).

The judge ruled that Mazari, 57, should be set free if not named in any case and directed the former minister to submit an affidavit to the deputy commissioner that she will not be involved in any such disruptive activity in the future.

involved in the violence and law would take its course to punish those responsible for arson. The culprits will be pun-

ished under the existing laws both military and civilians," he said. Addressing the House, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif thanked the lawmakers for supporting the resolution. "No new law is being enacted and the existing laws will be used," he said, adding that those who

attacked the military targets would be tried under the existing military laws. He also accused former premier Khan of being involved in corruption. Last week, the top military brass vowed to bring the arson-

However, it is not clear when she will be allowed to walk out of jail as several cases have been filed by police against PTI leaders and workers for their alleged role in the May 9 violence, which has been termed as "Black Day" in the history of the creation of Pakistan.

Mazari's daughter told the media that the former minister was arrested three times in a week but the court in its ruling ordered his release. "The gov ernment should think and not destroy homes like this," she said.

Mazari-Hazir also lambasted Khan, 70, by saying that "it is a pity that party chief Imran Khan has forgotten the workers and leadership".

The former minister's arrest came after a series of arrests of several other PTI leaders, including Imran Khan, Asad Umar, Fawad Chaudhry, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Cheema, Omer Mohammad Khan, Senator Ejaz Chaudhry and others.

ists, who attacked the civil and military installations, to justice through trial under relevant laws of the country, including the stringent Pakistan Army Act and Official Secrets Act.

Separately, the Prime Minister reiterated that "May 9 will always be remembered in Pakistan as a Black Day" and the perpetrators would be brought to justice.

"I am confident that the law will take its course and those involved in this terrorism will be brought to justice so that such events are not repeated until the end of this world," he said while addressing an event in southwestern Balochistan province.

Four charged in

Germany over

selling spyware

Berlin (AP): German authori-

ties have filed charges against

to Turkiye

to form Govt

### AP ATHENS

After a most tantalising of victories, having inflicted the heaviest defeat in half a century on the opposition, Greece's centre-right Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis confirmed on Monday that he would seek a second national election within weeks to secure the majori-

ty he needs to govern alone. With 99.70 per cent of the votes counted, Mitsotakis' New Democracy party won 40.79 per cent — twice the left wing main opposition Syriza's 20.07 per cent - dominating 58 of the country's 59 constituencies. Socialist Pasok came in third at 11.46 per cent, while turnout was 61 per cent.

President Sakellaropoulou on Monday formally offered Mitsotakis the mandate to try and form a

party took him by surprise. "What is there to say, "He won fairly." seems to signal the end of the Katerina

Iran's underground nuclear site beyond US weapon range

grams.

#### AP DUBAI

Near a peak of the Zagros Mountains in central Iran, workers are building a nuclear facility so deep in the earth that it is likely beyond the range of a last-ditch US weapon designed to destroy such sites, according to experts and satellite imagery analysed by The Associated Press. The photos and videos from Planet Labs PBC show Iran has been digging tunnels in the mountain near the Natanz nuclear site, which has come under repeated sabotage attacks amid Tehran's standoff with the West over its atomic programme.

With Iran now producing uranium close to weaponsgrade levels after the collapse of its nuclear deal with world powers, the installation complicates the West's efforts to halt Tehran from potentially developing an atomic bomb as diplomacy over its nuclear programme remains stalled.

Completion of such a facility "would be a nightmare sce-nario that risks igniting a new escalatory spiral," warned Kelsey Davenport, the director of non-malifaction rolling at the proliferation policy at the Washington-based Arms Control Association. "Given how close Iran is to White House said in a statement

four suspects from a Bavarian a bomb, it has very little room company accused of selling surto the AP. TULKIY atchet up its that could be used to spy on without tripping US and Israeli Turkish dissidents, prosecutors red lines. So at this point, any said on Monday. The Munich further escalation increases the risk of conflict." The construcprosecutors say the defendants tion at the Natanz site comes five years after then-President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from the nuclear accord. Trump argued the deal did not address Tehran's ballistic missile programme,

return it within hours as there seemed no prospect of success. Mitsotakis voiced hope a new election could come as early as June 25.

ND's margin of victory far outstripped pollsters' forecasts and was the biggest since 1974, when Greece's first democratic elections were held after the fall of the seven-year military dictatorship. Athenian Fotis Hatzos said that while he had expected ND's win, its ham-mering of the main opposition

(Mitsotakis) destroyed them," he told The Associated Press. Markets welcomed what

political uncertainty that troubled the NATO and European Union member following the 2009 financial crisis, with the Athens stock exchange general index surging more than 7



per cent at opening Monday result holds The 55-year-old prime minister told President and Greek bonds also rallying.

But the one-off propor-Sakellaropoulou Monday that tional representation system he could see "effectively no way in effect Sunday means ND only gains 146 of Parliament's for the current parliament to 300 seats, five short of a governform a government," overcoming majority. The new elections, ing the "obstacle" of the elecexpected no later than July 2, toral system. will revert to the previous system that grants the first party the mandate to you this aftera bonus of up to 50 seats. That noon, so that we can head for would ensure Mitsotakis a new elections" if other parties comfortable majority for a secfail to form a coalition deal, "as ond term in power if Sunday's soon as possible, perhaps even on June 25," Mitsotakis said. "The country needs a strong and stable government with a four-year mandate and as soon as this is settled the better."

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Mitsotakis had long sug-gested he would not seek a coalition partner whatever the election outcome.

Analyst Wolfango Piccoli, who has followed Greek politics for years, said voters prioritised the economy and politi-cal stability over everything else. "ND's overwhelming per-formance is largely due to the positive track record on the economic front of the past four years," the senior political risk analyst at Teneo told the AP. "Syriza's inability to convey a coherent and credible eco-nomic plan also helped PM Mitsotakis and his ND."

'The outcome of yesterday's vote creates a window of opportunity for Greece to turn the page and move away from the toxic populist politics that emerged during" the financial crisis, he added.

### **Thailand's victorious party, allies** agree on coalition platform

"That is why I will return

### AP BANGKOK

Thailand's opposition Move Forward Party, the top vote-getter in last week's national elecnor its support of militias across the wider Middle East. But what it did do was strictly limit tion, signed an agreement with Iran's enrichment of uranium to seven other parties on Monday on a joint platform they hope 3.67 per cent purity, powerful enough only to power civilian will lead to the formation of a power stations, and keep its coalition government in July.

The 23-point agreement sidesteps several volatile issues while seeking to preserve most of the agenda that brought the progressive Move Forward Party its stunning May 14 victory, in which it captured 152 seats in the 500-member House of Representatives by promoting change after nine years of conservative army-backed rule.

The most contentious issue, amendment of a harsh law

was not included in the pact. That proposal had been part of Move Forward's cam-

paign platform, and many younger Thais would like to see it considered along with other democratic reforms.

However, the monarchy is considered a pillar of Thai national identity and conservatives oppose any changes to the law, which provides for penalties of up to 15 years in prison. Some of the eight parties did not want to be associated with even mild calls for reform of the law.

The pact says, "All parties agree that every mission that the government will do must not affect the country's status as a unitary state, the country's status as a democracy under a con-

### Vatican confirms Pope Francis trip to Lisbon for World Youth Day in Aug

Rome (AP): Pope Francis will travel to Portugal for World Youth Day in the first week of August and include a stop at the popular Marian shrine in Fatima, the Vatican said on Monday. The August 2-6 visit is longer than originally expected and covers almost the entire week of the big Catholic rally that St. John Paul II inaugurated to try to invigorate young

of World War I.

of the 20th-century Catholic Previously, senior Portuguese Church: the visions of the church officials had claimed Virgin Mary reported by three only a handful of cases had shepherd children and the occurred. There was no word on whether Francis would meet with victims, as he has done on

Francis' visit this time around comes as war is raging in Ukraine, providing a comparison to when the original visions were reported at a time when Europe was in the throes

"secrets" she told them.

The visi Portuguese Catholic Church is reckoning with its legacy of clergy sexual abuse. Earlier this year, an independent report found that more than 4,800 people may have been

several occasions elsewhere. The Portuguese Bishops eople from

Conference expressed "huge joy" at the Vatican announcement of Francis' visit and said hundreds of thousands of world are expected in Lisbon. The rally was originally scheduled for 2022 but was postponed a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic; the last international World Youth Day was held in 2019 in Panama.

### had produced uranium particles that were 83.7 per cent pure. That is just a short step from reaching the 90 per cent threshold of weapons-grade uranium.

As of February, international inspectors estimated Iran's stockpile was over 10 times what it was under the Obamaera deal, with enough enriched uranium to allow Tehran to make "several" nuclear bombs, according to the head of the International Atomic Energy

stockpile to just some 300 kilo-

Since the demise of the nuclear accord, Iran has said it

is enriching uranium up to 60

per cent, though inspectors

recently discovered the country

Agency. President Joe Biden and Israel's prime minister have said they won't allow Iran to build a nuclear weapon. "We believe diplomacy is the best way to achieve that goal, but the president has also been clear that we have not removed any option from the table," the

The Islamic Republic denies

stitutional monarchy frameagainst criticising the monarchy, work, and the inviolable status of the monarch."

Move Forward Party leader Pita Limjaroenrat said the nego-tiations were "fruitful, compre-hensive, and a good start." "I'm prime minister-elect

and there are several roadblocks as you understand it, but we have a strong team to manage it, and hopefully, to be able to minimise risk and minimise the destabilising factors that have affected the economy." The electorate's mood for change was underlined by the second-place finish by the opposition Pheu Thai party, a longtime antagonist of the army whose last government was ousted by a military coup in

nt Army chief Munir was removed as the head of ISI in 2019 by his predecessor Imran Khan because the spy chief confronted him with proof of corruption involving his wife.

Munir served as the head of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), after being replaced by Lt. Gen Faiz Hameed in 2019 when Khan was at the helm.

"I say this with full responsibility that the incumbent Army chief (Munir) when he was the DG ISI, had told the then prime minister (Khan) that his wife Bushra Bibi was involved in corruption. He said this on the basis of facts," Prime Minister Sharif said while addressing the National Assembly on Monday.

"But obviously Khan got furious over it and did not like it. And the rest is history," the premier said.

Khan, the chairman of the

paper in the UK, which claimed that Munir was removed by Khan due to personal differences.

The report claimed that intentionally violated licensing Khan removed Munir in June requirements for dual-use goods 2019, eight months after his by selling surveillance software appointment, because he wantto non-EU countries. ed to investigate his wife and her Specifically, the four suscircle for corruption.

pects from the FinFisher com-"The article claims that I had pany are charged with commermade Gen Asim resign as DG cial violations of the German ISI because he had shown me trade and payments act in three my wife Bushra Begum's corseparate cases. The charges were ruption cases. This is comfiled at the Munich I Regional pletely false. Neither did Gen. Court. The company's surveil-Asim showed me any proof of lance software, FinSpy, was my wife's corruption nor did I offered for download in 2017 via make him resign because of a fake website to the Turkish that," Khan tweeted. On Mav opposition movement under false pretenses in order to spy on 9, Khan, 70, was arrested by the paramilitary Pakistan Rangers them, prosecutors said. Munich in a corruption case while he prosecutors opened the investiwas at the Islamabad High gation into FinFisher in 2019 after receiving complaints from Court premises that triggered a group of NGOs. unrest across the country.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ram Nath Prasad, S/o Late Sanjhard Devi R/o C-622, 2nd Floor Parvavaran Complex Saidulajab Gadai Pur, South Delhi-110030 It is informed that my mother died on 21.01.2005, after her death, I Ram Nath Prasad, my younger brother Dharm Nath Prasad and youngest sister Sushila Devi will be named as heirs. If their is any heir of my mother other than the three of us or if anyone has any objection, then register your objection within 30 days of this information Ram Nath Prasad

it is seeking nuclear weapons, though officials in Tehran now openly discuss their ability to pursue one. Iran's mission to the United Nations, in response to questions from the AP regarding the construction, said that "Iran's peaceful nuclear activities are transparent and under the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards."

**TENDER NOTICE** 

Maharaja Saini Co-operative Group Housing Society Limited Sector-12, Plot No. 25, Dwarka, New Delhi invites tender for repair & maintenance work with an estimated cost of Rs. 35 Lakhs. Tender may be collected from Society Office on 23rd & 24th May, 2023 between 11 am to 1 pm. Tender to be submitted up to 27th May along with D/D of Rs. 35,000/ towards EMD. President

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Francis is staying in Lisbon for the length of the visit but will make a day trip to Fatima on August 5. Francis previously travelled there in 2017 to mark the 100th anniversary of one of the most unique events victims starting in 1950.

RAMPUR FERTILIZERS LTD. CIN: L15136UP1988PLC010084 Email id- info@rampurfert.com Regd. Off: Judges Barelly Road, Rampur-244901 U.P. NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING	SOJO INFOTEL PRIVATE LIMITED CIN: U74999DL2016PTC302026; Regd. Office Address: M-11, Mezanine Floor, Balrama House Commercial Complex, Karampura, New Delhi 110015 E- mail: info.sojoinfotel@gmail.com, Website: sojoinfotel.sojo.co.in; Contact No. 7428193046					
In pursuance of Regulation 47 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that the meeting of	E	XTRACT OF THE FINANCIAL RE END	SULTS FOR TH ED 31 <sup>st</sup> MARC	H, 2023		
the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday.				(Rs. In lakhs	unless other	wise stated)
30th Day of May 2023, at 4:00 PM. at: Judges Bareilly Road, Rampur-244901 U.P., inter alia, to consider, approve and adopt audited standalone and consolidated Financial Results/Statements for	SI. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 31.03.2023 (Un-audited)	Quarter ended 31.03.2022 (Un-audited)	Year-end date 31.03.2023 (Audited)	Year-end date 31.03.2022 (Audited)
the quarter and year ended on 31st March, 2023 pursuant to Regulation 33 of (LODR) 2015. The	1.	Total Income from Operations including other income	117.40	17.76	177.99	284.54
said information is also available on the Company's website at www.rampurfert.com and the same has been also sent to CSE to upload on its website i.e.	2.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax,Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items*)	(711.61)	(1440.63)	(3220.74)	(3376.87)
www.cse-india.com and MSE on its website i.e. www.msei.in. By order of Board Sd/-	3.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/ or	(711.61)	(1440.63)	(3220.74)	(3376.87)
Place: Rampur Date: 22.05.2023 (Company Secretary) PUBLIC NOTICE	4.	Extraordinary items*) Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (afterExceptional and/ or Extraordinary items*)	(532.51)	(1078.05)	(2410.15)	(2527.39)
Land measuring 3968 Sq. ft., situated at Kingsway Camp, recorded in MLR as Property No.1-A (Plot No.9), Kingsway Camp known as Flat No.4, is held on lease in Schedule VIII of CLA Rules, 1937 by	5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	-	-	-	-
Sh. Jagdish Prasad Verma. The second	6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1	1	1	1
term of lease is subsisting till 31.12.2023, Sh. Dinesh Kumar S/o recorded lessee	7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(4972.52)	(2562.38)	(4972.52)	(2562.38)
Sh. Jagdish Prasad Verma vide his letter dated 07.06.2019 has informed this office	8.	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-	-
that his father Sh. Jagdish Prasad Verma had expired on 21.03.2019. Further Smt.	9. 10.	Net worth Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt	(4971.52) 20000	(2561.38) 26000	(4971.52) 20000	(2561.38) 26000
Savitri Devi Verma W/o Sh.Jagdish Prasad Verma vide her letter dated 04.09.2019 submitted the copy of death certificate of	11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-
Sh. Jagdish Prasad Verma along with other requisite documents and requested this office for mutation in her favour.	12. 13.	Debt Equity Ratio Earnings Per Share (of Rs. <u>10</u> /- each) (for continuing	NA	NA	NA	NA
Therefore, on the basis of requisite documents submitted by the applicants viz. Death Certificate. Surviving member		and discontinued operations)- 1. Basic: (in Rupees) 2. Diluted: (in Rupees)	(5325.14) (5325.14)	(10780.53) (10780.53)	(24101.46) (24101.46)	(25273.91) (25273.91)
certificate. Registered Relinguishment deed.	14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	NA	NA	NA	NA
Indemnity Bond & NOCs from all class I	15.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	NA	NA	NA	NA
legal heirs and the legal opinion rendered by Sh. Amit Sarkar, Advocate (Legal	16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.01	0.22	0.04	0.29
Advisor) dated 12.04.2023 on the proposed mutation, the name of Smt. Savitri Devi is being considered to be entered in the General land Register (GLR) in respect of Property No.1-A (Plot No.9), Kingsway	ł	Interest Service Coverage Ratio as: he above results have been review leld on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. he above is an extract of detaile		-		-
Camp known as Flat No.4. Any person claiming to have any right or nterest in the above property, having any objections to the above mutation, may file	f S f	inancial year ended March 31, 2023 IEBI (Listing Obligations and Di inancial result can be acc <b>http://sojoinfotel.sojo.co.in/</b> for the other line items referred	filed with Boml sclosure Requi sessed at U	bay Stock Excha rements) 2015 RL ( <b>http://w</b>	nge under Re The full fo ww.bseindia.	gulation 52 of ormat of the <b>com/</b> ) and
is written objections to the undersigned along with documents within 30 days from publication of this notice. The objections received after the expiry of 20 days from the publication of this patient	( 4. F	lisclosures have been made to the http://www.bseindia.com/) and o Previous period figure have been re presentation, wherever applicable.	Bombay Stock	Exchange and c at URL <b>http://</b>	an be accesse sojoinfotel.so	d on the URL <b>jo.co.in/</b>
30 days from the publication of this notice, will not be entertained. Case File No. 3/220/B/DEO/I/ dt. 15/05/2023			Fora	and on behalf Soj	of Board of o Infotel Priv	Directors of vate Limited Sd/-
(Abhishek Rathour, I.D.E.S.) SEAL Defence Estates Officer Delhi Circle Delhi Cantt		e: 19.05.2023 e: NOIDA				Hariom Rai) Director N: 01191443

Regd. Off.: 502, NDM-II, NS	HINDUSTRIE P, Pitampura, Delhi - 110034 ww.jaschindustries.com, Email	CIN NO. L24302DL19		71
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Particulars	Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Year

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	31.03.23	31.12.22	31.03.22	31.03.23	31.03.22	31.03.23	31.03.23	31.03.22
	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
Total Income from Operations.	5539.23	5454.17	6265.97	23694.82	21607.46	5539.23	23694.82	21607.46
Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	1006.56	651.03	954.92	3110.13	3073.63	1006.07	3109.64	3073.63
Net Profit for the Period (before Tax & Exceptional Items)	897.00	539.27	867.48	2702.49	2728.18	896.51	2702.00	2728.18
Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional	897.00	539.20	867.48	2697.26	2728.18	896.51	2696.77	2728.18
ltems)								
Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	657.09	395.16	642.32	1994.60	2024.41	656.60	1994.11	2024.41
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [(Comprising	657.09	395.16	642.32	1994.60	2024.41	656.60	1994.11	2024.41
Profit) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive								
Income (after tax)]								
Equity Share Capital	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00
Reserves	9855.64	9180.76	7843.25	9855.64	7843.25	9855.15	9855.15	7843.25
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)	5.80	3.49	5.67	17.60	17.87	5.80	17.60	17.87
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#### Notes:

. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly & yearly financial results filed with BSE under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirement) Regulations 2015. The full format of said aforesaid results are available on the website of BSE Ltd i.e. http://www.bseindia.com and also on website of the Company http://www.iaschindustries.com.

2. The financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS).

3. Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period classification.

Sonipat, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023

for Jasch Industries Ltd. J. K. GARG (Chairman & Managing Director)



### NEW DELHI | TUESDAY | MAY 23, 2023

### **ORIENTAL NAGPUR BETUL HIGHWAY LIMITED**

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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023 (Amount in Million

		(Amount in Millions)					
SI. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)	Year Ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)			
1	Total income from operations (net)	1,019.88	8,447.18	4,165.33			
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period ( before Tax and Exceptional items)	604.22	603.99	2,251.97			
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	604.22	603.99	2,251.97			
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	47.24	69.88	2,131.94			
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	47.24	69.88	2,131.94			
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	181.35	181.35	181.35			
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	10,922.90	10,249.10	10,922.90			
8	Securities Premium	3,443.66	3,443.66	3,443.66			
9	Net Worth	12,818.07	12,353.58	12,818.07			
10	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	21,171.39	23,244.17	21, <b>1</b> 71.39			
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-			
12	Debt Equity Ratio	1.84:1	<b>2.11</b> :1	1.84:1			
13	Earnings Per Share (of Rs 10/- each)						
	1. Basic:	2.61	3.85	117.56			
	2. Diluted:	2.61	3.85	117.56			
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-			
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	1,713.82	1,923.14	1,713.82			
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.26:1	1.30:1	1.23:1			
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	2.14:1	2.06:1	2.03:1			

a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of audited financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. The full format of the audited financial results are available on the websites of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the listed entity (http://www.nagpurbetulhighway.in)

For the other line items referred to in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange and are available on the websites of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the listed entity (http://www.nagpurbetulhighway.in).

These audited financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on May 22, 2023

The financial results of the company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting standard prescribed under sec 133 of companies Act 2013.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors of Oriental Nagpur Betul Highway Limited

Place: New Delhi

Abhishek Sehga Directo DIN - 09771954

### Date: 22.05.2023

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Notice is hereby given that Share Certificates pertaining to shares of the Company detailed below have been reported lost and request(s) for issue of duplicate Certificates in lieu thereof have been received by the Company. Shareholder(s)/Claimant(s) shall also be entitled to Bonus Shares in the ratio of (4:1) on these shares from Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority :-

No.	Folio No.	Name of the Share Holder / Legal Heir (Claimant)	Cert-No.	Dist-No. (from)	Dist-No. (to)	Lost Shares	dence of stock price manipulation in Adani group companies, while a sepa-
1	K 0006184	DEEPAK CHOPRA	1553	1167671	1167690	20	rate Sebi probe into alleged violation of
		(Claimant) KANTA CHOPRA (Deceased	90025192	6801894	6801905	12	money flows from offshore entities has "drawn a blank".
		Shareholder)	90162183	12211015		50	The stock of Adani Enterprises
			90162184	12211065	12211114	50	zoomed 18.84 per cent, the most among
			90162185 90162186	12211115 12211165	12211164 12211214	50 50	the group firms on the BSE.
			90162187	12211105		50	Shares of Adani Wilmar jumped 10 per cent, Adani Ports rallied 6.03 per
			90162188	12211265		50	cent, Ambuja Cements gained 5.01 per
			90162189	12211315	12211364	50	cent, Adani Power climbed 5 per cent,
			90162190	12211365	12211414	50	Adani Transmission (5 per cent), Adani
			90162191	12211415	12211439	25	Green Energy (5 per cent) and Adani
	P 0000087	VIPIN RAJORIA (Claimant)	2418	1195146	1195195	50	Total Gas (5 per cent). NDTV advanced 4.98 per cent and
		PARMANAND RAJORIA (Decearsed Shareholder)	2419	1195196	1195205	10	ACC climbed 4.93 per cent.
	SRF0109755	SANTOSH KUMAR GUPTA (Holder)	404768	17749752	17749761	10	The combined market valuation of the ten listed Adani Group firms
		PRITI GUPTA(JT1)	404769	17749762	17749766	5	reached Rs 10,16,212.15 crore on
			404770	17749767	17749768	2	Monday. Shares of all the ten listed Adani
			404771	17749769		2	Group firms ended on a positive note
			553768	25769544	25769553	10	on Friday as well.
			553769 553770	25769554 25769559	25769558 25769560	5 2	In two days, the combined market
			553770	25769559	25769560	2	valuation of all the group firms jumped
			90115901	3534259	3534263	5	by ₹1,14,641.79 crore.
			90115901	5692916	5692941	26	
			1136154	296078710	296078985	276	Sebi moots p
	SRF0120695	SUMANT BHARAT RAM	152074	6023033	6023082	50	
		(Holder)	530995	25272169	25272218	50	
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			90206212	15561120		50	PTI NEW DELHI
			90206215	15561240		50	Capital markets regulator Sebi is
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# Sensex, Nifty rise for 2nd day On gains in RIL, IT stocks

#### PTI 📕 MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty rallied for a econd straight session on Monday following buying in index heavy-weight Reliance Industries and IT tocks amid optimism in Asian narkets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex limbed 234 points or 0.38 per cent o settle at 61,963.68 as 19 of its components closed in green. During the day, it jumped 314.78 points or 0.50 per cent to a high of 2,044.46. The broader NSE Nifty rallied

11 points or 0.61 per cent to end it 18,314.40 with 34 of its contituents closing with gains and 15 closing lower while one settled unchanged.

Among the Sensex firms, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, HCL Technologies, Larsen & Toubro, ITC, Sun Pharma, NTPC and Titan were the major gainers.

Nestle, Axis Bank, Tata Motors, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and Bharti Airtel were the laggards. All the ten listed Adani group stocks ended with significant gains as a Supreme Court-appointed

Chares of all the ten listed Adani

• Group firms continued their rally on

Monday, with Adani Enterprises climb-

ing nearly 19 per cent, after a Supreme

Court-appointed panel found no evi-

expert committee said it has found no evidence of stock price manipulation in group companies, while a separate Sebi probe into alleged violation in money flows from offshore entities has "drawn a blank".

Adani Enterprises zoomed 18.84 per cent and Adani Wilmar jumped 10 per cent, the biggest gainers among the ten listed group firms."The domestic market inched higher in anticipation of possible progress in US debt ceiling negotiations. Despite a weak fourth-quarter performance, IT stocks rebounded on account of bargain opportunities and pent-up demand," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services

Investors remain watchful ahead of the release of US FOMC minutes on Wednesday, as the minutes may give some indication of a pause on rate hikes, Nair added.

"Nifty opened flat but gradually recovered to close with gains of 111 points. The market has resumed its upward journey after taking a pause last week," said Siddhartha Khemka, Head of Retail Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge climbed 0.73 per cent and smallcap index gained 0.41 per cent.

Among the indices, services jumped 2.48 per cent, IT rallied 2.15 per cent, teck (1.69 per cent), commodities (1.47 per cent), utilities (1.27 per cent), healthcare (1.20 per cent) and oil & gas (0.97  $\,$ per cent)

Financial Services, telecommunication and bankex were the laggards.

"The benchmark indices experienced a significant rebound. This was accompanied by strong buying momentum in Adani stocks, supported by the performance of IT stocks," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.03 per cent to USD 75.60 per barrel.

The rupee declined by 18 paise to 82.85 amid uncertainty over US debt ceiling negotiations and dollar demand from importers.

Analysts said the near-term uncertainty in the global equity markets is likely to continue since there is no resolution yet on the US

debt ceiling issue. A strong rally will happen only after this impasse is out of the way. Foreign institutional investors

Around 2.81 lakh employ-

ees of CIL & SCCL who were

on the rolls of the company as

on July 1, 2021, would be the

beneficiaries post-implementation of the agreement.

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The final impact of the 25

(FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹113.46 crore on Friday after remaining buyers for a number of days, according to exchange data.

**Gold declines** 

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### Adani Group stocks rally post **Coal India concludes** wage revision pact with SC panel, SEBI clean chit PTI NEW DELHI

reached, a 19 per cent minimum guaranteed benefit from July 1, 2021, on emoluments (basic, VDA, SDA & attendance bonus) and a 25 per cent increase in allowances have been granted, Coal India said in a filing to exchanges.

"The Joint Bipartite Committee for the Coal Industry (JBCCI)-XI consisting of representatives of CIL management, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), five central trade unions i.E. BMS, HMS, AITUC, CITU and Indian National Mine Workers' Federation (INMF) on May 20, 2023, recommended and inked National Coal Wage Agreement (NCWA)-XI for

### plunges ₹500 PTI NEW DELHI

G told prices eased by ₹120 to § \$60,580 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday amid weak global trends, according to HDFC Securities.

settled at ₹60,700 per 10 grams in the previous trade. Silver also plunged by

₹500 to ₹73,600 per kg. "Spot gold prices in the

Delhi markets traded at ₹60,580 per 10 grams, down ₹120 per 10 grams," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst -Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

In the international market, both gold and silver were trading lower at \$1,978 per ounce and \$23.87 per ounce, respectively.





In the equity market, the 30-share BSE benchmark climbed 234 points or 0.38 per cent to settle at 61,963.68.

The positive momentum from Friday's session continued on Monday, with the Nifty and Sensex closing higher despite negative global cues sur-rounding the US debt ceiling concerns.

"Adani Group shares continued to rise today, following last week's rally after an expert committee appointed by the Supreme Court cleared the conglomerate of any regulatory lapses in the Adani Group-Hindenburg case," said se, Senior VP (Research),

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Any person having any claim /objection in respect of the above requests should lodge such claim objection with the company at its Corporate Office within 15 days of the publication of this notice failing which the company will consider to give effect to the above request

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01.07.2021," the miner said.

### Sebi moots proposal to strengthen investor grievance mechanism

#### PTI NEW DELHI



approved by Sebi.

In its consultation paper on Friday, Sebi suggested that complaints about market price manipulation, insider trading and account-

ing manipulation by listed companies that are currently being auto-closed should be excluded from the SCORES platform and a separate portal for market intelligence should be created for this purpose.

In case the investors lodge complaints like market intelligence on SCORES, such types of complaints should be closed and routed to the market intelligence portal.

"A separate portal for collection of market intelligence will help in distinguishing between investor grievances and intelligence inputs, with an independent focus on each," Sebi said.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) sought comments from the public on the proposals till June 3.

### External sector, weather uncertainties risk to growth, says FinMin report

### PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

 $T_{growth}^{here} \ are \ downside \ risks \ to \\ inflation, \ partly \ channelled \\ through \ the \ external \ sector$ and partially originating from weather uncertainties, the finance ministry said in a report on Monday.

Consumption has shown steady and broad-based growth, while investment in capacity creation and real estate is finding traction, said the April edition of the Finance Ministry's Monthly Economic Review.

"April is too early to forecast the economic outcomes for the entire year. A good begin-

ning, though, is a harbinger of positive outcomes," it said.

Observing that the FY24 for the Indian economy opened on the back of strong activity witnessed in the last quarter of the previous fiscal, the report said GST collections in April, which marked the commercial activity of the last month, underwent a level shift pushed up by the widening of the tax base and

heightened economic activity. Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and Eight Core Industries Index (ECI) averaged steady growth in Q4 of FY23, adding to the capacity utilisation hovering close to 75 per cent two quarters earlier, it said.

### **RBI** Guv Das meets PSBs' board members PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday met the board of directors of all public sector banks to discuss issues related to governance and ethics. The one-day interactive meeting was organised by the Department of Supervision of the Reserve Bank of India.

Das addressed the directors - both whole time and independent - on issues related to governance, ethics and the role of the boards in assurance functionalities of the banks, besides highlighting the supervisory expectations, sources said. Besides the governor, deputy governors, and executive directors from the Department of Regulation as well as Supervision also spoke in the meeting.

During the event, directors, including the bank chairman, and nominee directors both from the central bank and the government were invited to interact with the entire RBI top brass.

The government on the recommendation of the Reserve Bank introduced many reforms in governance and provided more autonomy to the board of public sector banks in recent times.

### Rupee falls 18 paise to close at 82.85 against \$

#### PTI MUMBAI

The rupee fell 18 paise to close at 82.85 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, weighed down by a strong greenback in the overseas market.

However, a firm trend in domestic equities and sliding crude prices in international markets restricted the rupee's loss, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.80 against the dollar, and finally settled at 82.85 (provisional), down 18 paise from its previous close.

During the day, the rupee touched a high of 82.70 and a low of 82.85 against the green-



back. On Friday, the rupee had settled at 82.67 against the dollar

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currenies, fell 0.09 per cent to 103.10. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, declined 0.16 per cent to \$75.46 per barrel. The rupee depreciated today to the lowest levels since February 2023.

### 44th edition of ISO's **COPOLCO** plenary in Delhi from today

### PTI NEW DELHI

Tndia will host the 44th edi-Ltion of the annual International Organization for Standardisation's Committee Consumer Policy on (COPOLCO) plenary from Tuesday in the national capital. Union Minister of Food

and Consumer Affairs Piyush Goyal will inaugurate the fourday event (May 23-26). COPOLCO Chair Sadie Dainton, International Organization for Standardisation (ISO) General Secretary Sergio Mujica and other senior officials will participate in the event, an official statement said.

ISO, comprising 168 countries as members, develops standards for the world impacting a diverse range of business and social sectors. Through COPOLCO, ISO involves the wider public in the process of standardisation.

"Therefore, ISO COPOL-CO is reckoned as the major international event that brings together representatives from ISO member countries to discuss and develop strategies for accelerating the development of standards for the world," the statement said.



# La Liga was Cristiano and Messi, now it belongs to racists: Vinicius

#### AP VALENCIA

Tinicius Junior said La Liga "belongs to racists" after suffering vile abuse Mestalla. on Sunday during Real Madrid's 1-0 defeat at Valencia.

The 22-year-old Brazilian winger faced off with home supporters and pointed directly to one after racist insults during the second half.

Real Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois said he heard

monkey chants near the start of belonged to Ronaldinho, the game, while Los Blancos Ronaldo, Cristiano (Ronaldo) coach Carlo Ancelotti said there and (Leo) Messi, now belongs to was "a racist atmosphere" at racists.

"A beautiful nation, which welcomed me and which I love, "It was not the first time, not the second and not the third. but one which has agreed to Racism is normal in La Liga. The export the image of a racist competition thinks it's normal, country to the world. the (Spanish) Federation also

"I'm sorry for the Spaniards who don't agree, but today, in thinks it's normal and opponents encourage it," Vinicius wrote on Brazil, Spain is known as a Instagram on Sunday. "The league that once country of racists. Unfortunately, for everything that happens

every week, I have no way of defending it. I agree." The Spanish top flight said

they have been "proactive in the face of all racist incidents" involving Vinicius who was sent off in Sunday's game.

La Liga said they were investigating what happened at Mestalla and will take the appropriate legal action if a hate crime is detected. "La Liga has filed complaints (to relevant authorities) on nine occasions in

the last two seasons," said the top flight in a statement. "La Liga has been fighting

against this kind of behaviour for years and promoting the positive values of sport, not only on the pitch but also off it."

The Brazilian football federation (CBF) president Ednaldo Rodrigues also criticised the incident. "How long are we going to experience, in the middle of the 21st century, episodes like the one we just witnessed,

once again, in La Liga?" he wrote in a statement released by the CBF on Instagram.

"How long will humanity remain just a spectator and an accomplice in cruel acts of racism?

Rodrigues offered the Madrid forward a message of support. "There is no joy where there is racism," he added.

"You have all our affection and that of all Brazilians, Vinicius.



### Napoli beat Inter to continue Italian Serie A title party

### AP 📕 NAPLES

Napoli continued their Serie A title party on Sunday with a 3-1 home victory over 10-man Inter Milan that jeopardised the visitors' Champions League hopes.

Inter remained third in the table but only a point ahead of Lazio, who visit Udinese, and two clear of AC Milan.

Yet with two finals looming — against Fiorentina in the Italian Cup on Wednesday and Manchester City in the Champions League on June 10 — coach Simone Inzaghi made eight changes from the team that beat AC Milan in the sec-ond leg of their European semi-final last Tuesday.

Inter's task became even tougher when veteran centre back Roberto Gagliardini picked up a second yellow card in the 41st minute. Andre-Frank Zambo Anguissa put Napoli ahead after 67 minutes, spinning and volleying a shot into the corner of the net.

Inzaghi threw regular starters and one of them, Denzel Dumfries, set up Romelu Lukaku for a closerange equaliser after 82 min-

utes Napoli skipper Giovanni Di Lorenzo curled a 20-metre

shot into the top corner to restore the lead three minutes later. As Inter pressed desperate-ly, Gianluca Gaetano finished off a Napoli counter-attack with his first league goal for the

club deep into added time. Inter's European chances could be enhanced on Monday when second-placed Juventus face a second Italian Football Federation ruling on illicit transfer activity. An original 15-point deduction was later revoked by the country's high-

est sports court. Fiorentina, who also have two cup finals coming up, against West Ham in the Conference League as well as the Italian Cup, drew 1-1 at Torino in the afternoon

# Champions Man City feel unstoppable, says Grealish

### AP MANCHESTER

Jack Grealish claimed Man-chester City feel "unstoppable" as the Premier League champions set their sights on an historic treble

City celebrated their fifth title in six seasons by beating Chelsea 1-0 at a jubilant Etihad Stadium on Sunday.

Pep Guardiola's side were crowned champions on Saturday cond p 1-0 at Nottingham Forest. After trailing Arsenal for much of the season, City blew the Gunners away with 12 successive league wins to make it three consecutive titles. Asked if City have felt invincible during their blistering run, Grealish said: "We have. It's mad because I spoke to some of the lads not long ago and I said, 'Imagine if someone would have said to you to win the league you've got to go and win 12 games in a row. "I'm not saying I didn't think we could do it but it was going to be difficult. We've got so much talent in this squad and I think at the moment we feel unstoppable. And it doesn't stop here, we've still got some massive games coming up.' City are enjoying a period of Premier League dominance not seen since Manchester United won five titles in six seasons between 1996 and 2001. Their dynastic credentials





### Never thought I could win clay title: Medvedev

### AP ROME

Daniil Medvedev on Sunday said that ending his long-standing clay court title jinx was almost equal to capturing the 2021 US Open. The Russian added a first clay trophy to his 19-title collection with a 7-5, 7-5 win over Holger Rune in the Italian Open final in Rome. It was his fifth title of the season and sixth career Masters trophy from six different venues.

"In a way, it's the number one career honour,' said the 27-year-old.



### Valencia snatch vital win over Madrid

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Valencia snatched a crucial 1-0 win over Real Madrid to boost their La Liga survival hopes on Sunday.

Youngster Diego Lopez struck for Valencia in the first half but the chaotic second period saw Vinicius square off with home fans at Mestalla. He was later sent off in added time at the end of the game for hit-ting Hugo Duro during a brawl.

Midway through the sec-ond half, play was delayed for several minutes after Vinicius appeared to be racially abused by a Valencia supporter.

The Brazilian forward stood in front of the fans behind the goal and pointed to one, with team-mate Eder Militao by his side.

Referee Ricardo de Burgos Bengoetxea spoke to stadium officials, who made an announcement calling for racist insults to stop before play resumed around 10 minutes later.



on behalf of his club. "I apologise from us, all of

Valencia, because this is not football. It's very bad," he told Movistar. The delay led to 10 minutes

being added on at the end, with Giorgi Mamardashvili producing a stunning save to deny Fede Valverde.

The Valencia goalkeeper then made another spectacular stop to tip Toni Kroos's free

kick over the bar. Players from both sides

Valencia striker Justin ended up in a brawl in stoppage

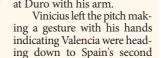
card for Vinicius for lashing out at Duro with his arm.

ing down to Spain's second

Earlier, Diego Simeone's Atletico overtook Real by a point with a 3-0 win against Osasuna.

Valencia rose to 15th, five points clear of the relegation zone, sparking celebrations at full-time, with the team almost

time which ended with a red



division.

are already well established, but emulating United's 1999 treble triumph would lift City into even more rarified air as one of

English football's greatest ever third Champions League crown

sides. City face Manchester United and his first since winning it in the FA Cup final at Wembley on June 3, then take on Inter with Barcelona for the second time in 2011. Milan in the Champions League final in Istanbul seven days City, Grealish has grown to later.

"We can enjoy it with our fans and think about the FA Cup final and Champions League final. We want to win all three. We are going to work a lot and will do our best to get those tro-phies," City midfielder Bernardo Silva said.

City have never won the out with different tactics every Champions League, losing the game. He's a pleasure to work 2021 final against Chelsea. with and I love him.



### 'miracle' with title in sight

### AP DORTMUND

Borussia Dortmund manager Edin Terzic said the return of Guardiola is searching for a striker Sebastien Haller from cancer was the season's "biggest miracle" as his side moved to the brink of the Bundesliga title.

Haller scored twice in Dortmund's 3-0 win at Augs-In his second season with burg, which took them two admire the intense Spaniard's unique managerial style. points clear of Bayern Munich with just one game to play.

'I can't speak high enough The Ivory Coast striker missed the first half of the seaof him. It's a bit weird the way he just knows everything," Grealish said. "There's certain son as he battled testicular cancer, returning in January. games I come into and I think,

Since Haller's return, Dortmund have lost just one of 18 league matches.

'That he's back with us is a pure miracle" Terzic said after the game, praising the forward's

"important" presence "in the dressing room"

Dortmund can seal their first title in a decade with a win at home against Mainz on Sunday and will also lift the trophy if they equal or better Bavern's result away at Cologne.

The manager said the 28year-old Haller scores "impor-tant goals" but "also lets the others next to him shine".

Terzic said he hoped Haller would replicate his success next week "then he'll be the hero of the season. But we're already very happy with him anyway. Dortmund sporting director

Sebastian Kehl, who made the decision to bring Haller to the club from Dutch side Ajax, praised "Sebastien's special story.

He deserves extra credit.'

never (have) the would to make this. But I have to be honest - a Grand Slam is always bigger."

He added: "This one is special because I didn't think it was going happen, I still kind of don't believe - not that I won it, but I played so well this week.

Medvedev, who had been 0-3 in his three previous trips to the Italian capital, had knocked out 2017 champion Alexander Zverev and 2022 runner-up Stefanos Tsitsipas on his way to Sunday's final.

"I didn't think I could win a Masters 1000 on clay in my career because usually I hated it, I hated playing on it. I didn't feel good on it and nothing was working.'

The world number three, who rose to second in Monday's rankings, admitted he was now warming to the slowest surface in the sport.

"I don't love clay, but let's call it a friendship," said Medvedev after his one-hour, 41-minute win over 20-year-old Rune.

"My tennis love is hard court, but I like clay more now.

Medvedev will be seeded second at the French Open, which starts next weekend, behind Carlos Alcaraz with two-time Roland Garros winner Novak Djokovic in third.

Rafael Nadal, the 14-time champion, has already withdrawn due to a hip injury suffered in January.

"I guess it's better to be number two — Carlos and I don't play for sure before the final, and Novak (there is) maybe a 50 per cent chance he's not in my draw," said Medvedev.

"At the same time I haven't been further than the quarters in Roland Garros."

Medvedev was an opening-round loser in the French capital in all his first four visits before making the quarter-finals in 2021 and last 16 in 2022.

On Sunday, Medvedev was playing his second clay final after Barcelona in 2019 where he lost to Dominic Thiem.

Rune was trying to become the youngest player to win the title in Rome since then-19-year-old Nadal lifted the trophy in 2006.

He defeated Djokovic and Casper Ruud en route to the final and had been hoping to win a second Masters after triumphing at Paris last year.

## Mbappe goals see PSG all but secure Ligue

#### AP PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain all but secured the Ligue 1 title on Sunday as a Kylian Mbappe brace gave them a 2-1 win away to Auxerre that left the Qatarowned club six points clear at the top of the table with two games remaining.

PSG had hoped to officially confirm a second straight championship triumph, and a ninth in the last 11 seasons, but they needed closest rivals Lens to slip up earlier in the day.

Lens won 3-1 at Lorient, and so PSG still require one point from their final two matches to secure a French record 11th title overall.

However, a goal difference advantage of 16 over Lens

means they are almost certain to later, as Hugo Ekitike left a win the title even if they end the season level on points with their closest rivals.

PSG, whose final two matches are away at Strasbourg and at home to Clermont, will move ahead of Saint-Etienne's previous record of 10 titles which they equalled last year.

Mbappe's goals both came in the first eight minutes in Burgundy as he moved on to 28 for the season, two ahead of Lyon's Alexandre Lacazette on top of the Ligue 1 scorers' chart.

He struck in the sixth minute, collecting a Fabian Ruiz pass and turning home defender Gauthier Hein inside out before shooting high into the

It was 2-0 two minutes

Lionel Messi pass for Mbappe to rifle in a shot from the edge of the area.

Auxerre saw Rayan Raveloson hit the bar late in the first half and Lassine Sinayoko pulled one back six minutes after the break.

what's he going to come out

with today', and he just comes

"My players have their hands on the trophy. Now we need to finish on a high in the next two matches and lift the trophy at home on the last day," PSG coach Christophe Galtier told broadcaster Amazon Prime.

Galtier and PSG have come in for criticism during a challenging second half of the season, in which they have lost six times in Ligue 1 and were knocked out of the Champions League by Bayern Munich in the



last 16

"When we look back and analyse the season, we had a very difficult period after the World Cup with injuries to key players," Ĝaltier added.

"Our squad was severely weakened in big games and that led to us playing badly, but believe me, it is still a performance to win the league.

### **LENS SET FOR CL**

Lens came from behind to win their game and move a step closer to securing a place in next season's Champions League group stage.

Romain Faivre put Lorient ahead inside six minutes, pouncing to score after Lens goalkeeper Brice Samba was put under pressure at a throw-in.

Yet Lens came roaring back to record a fifth straight victory, equalising when a Florian Sotoca shot deflected in on 20

minutes. Adrien Thomasson capitalised on poor defending to put Lens in front five minutes later, with captain Seko Fofana wrap-

ping up the points late on. Lens have won nine of their last 10 games, the exception being a 3-1 defeat away to PSG.

They have been chiefly focused on securing second place and direct qualification for next season's Champions League group stage, a level the club last appeared at two decades ago.

They are five points ahead of third-placed Marseille with two games to go. Third place

enters the Champions League in the third qualifying round. "There is no such thing as

almost' in the Champions League in the mind of a coach," said prudent Lens manager Franck Haise.

'You are either qualified or you're not, and for the moment we are not."

Rennes kept alive their hopes of qualifying for Europe as Amine Gouiri scored a hattrick in their 5-0 win at already-

relegated Ajaccio. Rennes remain sixth with two games left, and with only the top five qualifying for Europe.

However, they are just a point adrift of Lille and three behind fourth-placed Monaco, who they face next.



# **CSK FACE GT IN QUALIFIER 1 TODAY**

#### PTI CHENNAI

 $T^{\rm he}$  astute tactician in Mahendra Singh Dhoni will dig deep into his reserves to counter Indian cricket's new 'Crown Prince' Shubman Gill as four-time champions Chennai Super Kings will meet their match in current title holders Gujarat Titans in Qualifier-1 of the IPL here on Tuesday.

Gill, who almost single-handedly knocked out a star-studded Royal Challengers Bangalore with a century for the keeps, has overshadowed Virat Kohli and will certainly force one of India's greatest captains to go back to drawing board and make plans for him.

Gill is in the midst of a dream season and what will be Dhoni's tactical ploy to stop the dashing 'Mohali Marauder' is there to be seen.

This season, Gujarat Titans haven't played at the Chepauk, which hasn't behaved in a singular manner during CSK's seven home games and that prompted head coach Stephen Fleming to raise apprehensions about what to expect.

What makes this battle even more interesting is the fact that GT is a team that seems closest to being a proto-type of what CSK had been all these years in IPL.

A solid management and an administration team that stays in the background and never interferes in cricketing matters, which is left to the trio of Ashish Nehra, Gary Kirsten and Vikram Solanki.

A captain, who swears that his understanding of leadership is cut from Dhoni's 'captaincy cloth', and head coach Nehra, who just like his former teammate doesn't believe in too many changes even if a couple of games go wrong.

They don't field players based on their auction worth - remember CSK bought Krishnappa Gowtham for nearly Rs 10 crore and he got a single game as he didn't fit the combination.

Similarly, GT has current India T20 pacer Shivam Mavi on its roster for a whopping Rs 6 crore but the team management has preferred veteran Mohit Sharma, who is executing the slower deliveries beautifully. It's all about who fits what role.

So, it becomes more interesting when two teams with similar philosophy are pitted against each other.

The teams which don't make long-term promises that are difficult to fulfil but focus on immediate process and know the roles of players required for slots.

For Gujarat, tackling the slowness of the Chepauk track will be a challenge and how well they negotiate Deepak Chahar's powerplay overs and Matheesha Pathirana's slingers at the back-end, will determine the outcome of the match.

Sri Lanka skipper Dasun Shanaka's inputs handy as he has handled both Pathirana and spinner Maheesh Theekshana for the national team

an all-rounder, Titans depending on the toss can also try out left-arm spinner R Sai

There is a chance that Irishman Joshua Little will be back in playing XI in place of Shanaka and Sai Kishore comes in place of Yash Dayal, who is yet to get back his confidence after the five sixes assault on him by

For CSK, a good start by the crack pair of Devon Conway and Ruturaj Gaikwad will be important. But at the Chepauk, even Ajinkya Rahane could become a factor while Shivam Dube would love to add to his

33 sixes for the season. Conway and Gaikwad have provided brisk and substantial starts for CSK, the mid-

And herein, Pandya and Nehra will find While Shanaka might be used more as Kishore, who knows these conditions well.

his statemate Rinku Singh.

dle-order hasn't exactly got going. With GT





### We didn't deserve to be in semis: Faf

### PTI BENGALURU

Royal Challengers Bangalore a critical assessment of his side's performance in the IPL this seaasn't one of the saying n best teams in the competition" and "didn't deserve to be in semifinal" RCB's campaign in the IPL ended prematurely yet again with Shubman Gill's blazing century helping Gujarat Titans to a six-wicket victory here on Sunday RĆB have never won an IPL trophy and it would have rankled Faf all the more as, despite leading the run-getters' chart, his efforts went in vain.

(Sunday) and unfortunately just fell short. Looking at some real positives in the form of Maxi (Glenn Maxwell) this year, the partnerships we had between myself and Virat (Kohli)... A 50-

### We have a great bowling attack for that Chennai wicket: Gill

### PTI BENGALURU

Gujarat Titans' batting mainstay Shubman Gill feels that his recent success in international and franchise cricket is primarily due to a thorough understanding of his own game and knowing the player that he is.

The Gujarat Titans opener's 52-ball-104, studded with eight sixes knocked Virat Kohli's Royal Challengers Bangalore out of the IPL as the table toppers successfully chased down 198 in just 19.1 overs here on Sunday.

"I know my game... For any player it's important to know who you are," Gill, who has a good shot at the 'Orange Cap' with 680 runs under his belt (50 short of Faf du Plessis' 730) said after his team's victory. "The new ball was holding on a

bit. It was getting wet due to the dew. I thought Vijay Shankar was trying to go too hard. Once he found the momentum, he hit it a long way," he added.

He also sounded a warning to Chennai Super Kings with a scintillating century and an assertion that they have a great bowling attack to challenge MS Dhoni's team "on that wicket" at Chepauk in the playoffs.

"I think we have a great bowling attack for that (Chennai) wicket. It's going to be an exciting one, plaving against Chennai in Chennai. Hopefully, we'll make it to the final for the second time," Gill said at the post-match presentation.

Speaking about his century, the player of the match said, "It's all about getting a start and converting it into a big one. Thankfully, it's working out for me in the business end. You have to keep applying your-



bowling led by Mohammed Shami and Rashid Khan (24 wickets each so far) things won't be easy for the home team's batters, Conway and Gaikwad included.

How the CSK opening duo handles the relentless Shami may prove vital and it would be important for the under-performing middle-order to step up in a crunch game.

The pitches at Chepauk so far have been a bit up and down, with a few being slow in nature while some have been good to bat on. CSK head coach Fleming said as much after the win over Delhi Capitals, claiming that the team is unsure about the conditions (at home).

If a sluggish pitch is rolled out for the match, the spinners in the two teams would have a huge part to play. If CSK has Ravindra Jadeja, Moeen Ali and Theekshana, the Titans boast of a line-up that includes Rashid and Noor Ahmad.

### TEAMS (FROM):

Chennai Super Kings: MS Dhoni (c/wk), Akash Singh, Moeen Ali, Bhagath Varma, Deepak Chahar, Devon Conway, Tushar Deshpande, Shivam Dube, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Rajvardhan Hangargekar, Ravindra Jadeja, Sisanda Magala, Ajay Mandal, Matheesha Pathirana, Dwaine Pretorius, Ajinkya Rahane, Shaik Rasheed, Ambati Rayudu, Mitchell Santner, Subhranshu Senapati, Simarjeet Singh, Nishant Sindhu, Prashant Solanki, Maheesh Theekshana.

Gujarat Titans: Hardik Pandya (c), Shubman Gill, David Miller, Abhinav Manohar, Sai Gill, David Miller, Abhinav Manohar, Sai Sudharsan, Wriddhiman Saha, Matthew Wade, Rashid Khan, Rahul Tewatia, Vijay Shankar, Mohammed Shami, Alzarri Joseph, Yash Dayal, Pradeep Sangwan, Darshan Nalkande, Jayant Yaday, R. Sai Kishore, Noor Ahmad, Dasun Shanaka, Odean Smith, KS Bharat, Shivam Mavi, Urvil Patel, Joshua Little and Mohit Sharma.

> self, that's important. Besides Gill, GT skipper Hardik Pandya also lauded his teammates for the "calmness" in the dugout.

> The calmness which the boys had was terrific. We wanted to keep the momentum going. We have ticked a lot of boxes.

> On Gill, the captain said, "He knows when he plays those cricketing shots, it's a different Shubman Gill. He doesn't give any chance and that gives confidence to the other batter as well."

> He added, "We would have taken 197 at the start, but we didn't bowl well. Special innings from Kohli, but we went too early for the death overs.

> "I can't ask anything better from the boys. Last year, everything went well for us. We were expecting people to challenge us. The boys showed tremendous character.'

People think my T20 game is declining.

"I am so disappointed that our season ends there. If we take a hard look at ourselves, we'll be honest in saying that we weren't one of the best teams in the competition," said Faf, who took over as RCB captain this season.

"We were lucky that there were some really good performances throughout the season but, as a whole (and) as a team, we probably don't deserve to be in the semifinal, if you look at the period of 15-14 games," said the South African in a postmatch video posted by RCB on Monday

A win for RCB would have denied Mumbai Indians a spot in the playoffs but GT, thanks to Gill's heroics, chased down a competitive 198 set by the home team with five balls to spare.

"It (defeat) still hurts. I mean, we tried really hard tonight

in probably run partnership every game, the consistency was remarkable. "(Pacer Mohammed) Siraj

had a great campaign, so some really, really high positives and some areas in the game where we were consistently not great, I think," added Faf. RCB head coach Sanjay Bangar said the team's early exit despite some outstanding performances from Kohli, Faf and Siraj was difficult to comprehend.

"It is indeed very disappointing because there were some outstanding performances. We had to finish a couple of close games but couldn't. We found ourselves in a very tight corner towards the end but (it) doesn't take away anything from the guys who preformed."

Kohli ended up with two centuries and six half-centuries, while Faf scored eight half-tons. though the poor performance of the middle order ultimately cost them the season. However, Bangar said that he was happy the team played some "attractive" cricket throughout the

tournament. "The performances put (up) the team ... We were really a

fighting unit, a very attractive unit throughout the tournament, just that very disappoint-



PTI 📕 BENGALURU

Dumped up after an unprece-Pdented seventh IPL hun-dred, Virat Kohli took a dig at his critics who felt that he was all but over as a T20 batter, saying he is playing some of his best cricket in the shortest format.

Post the T20 World Cup semi-final exit last year, there have been indications that India's T20 team would undergo a revamp and although the official line has been "workload management" of senior players, the likes of captain Rohit Sharma and Kohli himself haven't played for India in the shortest format.

"I felt great. Lot of people think that my T20 cricket is declining, I don't feel like that at all. I think I am playing my best T20 cricket again," Kohli said during an interview with the BCCI's 'world feed' after his 61ball 101 not out against Gujarat

ton was overshadowed by Shubman Gill's sublime 52-ball-104 not out, that knocked RCB out of the IPL.

Kohli, whose strike-rate and batting against spin in the middle overs has often been questioned, has now scored back-toback hundreds against Sunrisers

### Kohli sustains knee niggle but RCB COACH SAYS It'S NOTHING SERIOUS PTI BENGALURU gle in his knee. But I don't think

there is anything serious," Virat Kohli sustained a nig-Bangar said a the post-match gle on his right knee durpress conference. Kohli has been in supreme

ing Royal Challengers Bangaform, scoring back-to-back hundreds in the last two games lore's last league match against Gujarat Titans, said head coach Sanjay Bangar, who asserted against Sunrisers Hyderabad that there is nothing to worry and Gujarat Titans. about. After treating fans with to-back hundreds within a gap a sensational hundred, Kohli took a brilliant catch to dismiss of 4 days. He is somebody who

Vijay Shankar but hurt his not only wants to contribute knee in the process. with the bat but even when he The talismanic India batter is fielding. He did a lot of run-

was seen limping after the catch. A physio examined him ning around. 40 overs a couple of days ago and today, for 35 with Kohli subsequently walkovers he was on the field. ing off the field. He watched the last five overs of the game it is going to bother at some

thing serious," Bangar added.

Hyderabad and Gujarat Titans, taking him atop the list of highest number of century makers in the cash-rich league. "I'm just enjoying myself.

This is how I play T20 cricket, I

look to hit gaps, hit a lot of boundaries and then the big ones towards the end if the situation allows me to," said Kohli, who is closing in on 12,000

career T20 runs.

"Having scored two back-

"He was giving his best. So

point but I don't think it's any-



### Hazlewood declared 'fit and available' ahead of WTC final

#### PTI MELBOURNE

ricket Australia on Monday declared the country's seasoned speedster Josh Hazlewood "fit and available" for the upcoming World Test Championship (WTC) final against India and the Ashes series against old rivals England.

The WTC final is scheduled to be held at the Oval in London from June 7-11, which will be followed by the five-match Ashes from June 16 to July 31.

The 32-year-old Hazlewood returned to Australia after reporting "minor side soreness" after his recent Indian Premier League outing for Royal Challengers Bangalore two weeks ago, raising concerns about his participation in the forthcoming international assignments.

However, CA said he is fit to travel to the UK.

"Josh Hazlewood returned home from the IPL last weekend after experiencing minor side soreness after the completion of his most recent IPL match," a CA spokesperson said.

"After a brief and precau-tionary rest period, Hazlewood returned to high intensity bowling last week and will continue to increase his bowling workloads in preparation for the WTC and Ashes series. Hazlewood is considered fit and available for the WTC and Ashes Series.

In a relief for the pacer, scans have revealed no damage as he returned to bowling ahead of the Australian squad's departure for the UK. Hazlewood played the last

of his three games for Royal Challengers Bangalore on May 9 and bowled a total of nine overs in the ongoing IPL from which his team was knocked out by Gujarat Titans following a sixwicket loss in Bengaluru on Sunday night.

Known for his accuracy and often compared to the legendary Glenn McGrath, his presence will be a huge boost for the Australian bowlers when they go up against the the likes of Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Cheteshwar Pujara at the Oval.

The experienced Hazlewood has battled injuries over the last two years and had a fourmonth layoff from bowling to recover from an Achilles issue sustained in the Sydney Test in January.

Bought for Rs 7.75 crore by RCB during the 2022 IPL auction, Hazlewood has missed games with side strains over the last two home Test summers and suffered the Achilles injury during the SCG Test against South Africa in January.

Hazlewood's return to cricket during the IPL was also delayed thanks to the injury, with the pacer only featuring in his first match halfway into the tournament.



matches for the visiting team.

"Also if we play against a select county XI, it will comprise mostly second team or development squad players, as first team players are not released during the championship. Playing against a weak opposi-tion doesn't help in quality practice," a BCCI source told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

them.

While the majority of the Indian team players are going into the title clash after two months of IPL, only three WTCbound Australians played in

the richest T20 league. Last week, the great Ricky Ponting said the Aussies will be mentally better prepared for the final but the Indians will have valuable game time behind

There are two ways to look at this. For someone like Virat, is he better off playing now and scoring runs at a consistent

basis and have confidence going into a game rather than the Australians back home who haven't been playing much cricket but will be mentally better prepared," Ponting had said.

ed that we could not progress in the tournament," he added.

### Kohli among first batch of players to leave for WTC final

#### PTI NEW DELHI

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m irat}$  Kohli will be among the first batch of India players to leave for the World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia in London, departing in the wee hours of Tuesday Kohli's Royal Challengers

Bangalore teammate Mohammad Siraj will also board the same flight, a day after their team was knocked out of the IPL. Spinners R Ashwin and Axar Patel, and all-rounder Shardul Thakur, will also be on

Dravid.

The two other players who complete the first list of seven cricketers are Kolkata Knight Riders pacer Umesh Yadav and Lucknow Super Giants' Jaydev Unadkat, who is recovering from a shoulder injury.

The final will be played at the Oval from June 7-11.

"There will be two or three departures in total. The first batch leaves at 4.30 am tomorrow," said a BCCI source. The seven players, who will

the flight as well as the team's support staff led by Rahul

stay back in India for the IPL playoffs, include skipper Rohit Sharma, Ravindra Jadeja, Ishan Kishan, Shubman Gill, Mohammad Shami, K S Bharat and Aiinkva Rahane.

Cheteshwar Pujara is already playing county cricket in England and will link up with the squad in London. It must be mentioned that India won't play any warm-up game as the English County Championship is on and also this being an ICC event, the England and Wales

Cricket Board (ECB) is under no obligation to arrange practice

### Titans on Sunday. However, his scintillating from the dugout. "Yeah, he had a bit of a nig-