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INDIA GDP CROSSES \$3.5 TRILLION: MOODY'S New Delhi: India's GDP has crossed \$3.5 trillion in 2022 and

will be the fastest-growing G-20 economy over the next few vears, but reform and policy barriers could hamper investment, Moody's said on Tuesday. In a research report. the US-based rating agency said bureaucracy could slow approval processes in obtaining licences and setting up businesses, prolonging project

7-YR-OLD GIRL 'SOLD' TO BE WEDDED TO 38-YR OLD Jaipur: A seven-year-old girl was allegedly sold for ₹4.50 lakh to be married off to a 38 vear old man in Raiasthan's Dholpur district, police said on

2-MONTH-OLD CHEETAH **CUB DIES IN KUNO PARK** Bhonal: A cheetah cub, born at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh two months back, died on Tuesday, the forest department said. The latest fatality took the death toll of cheetahs in KNP to four in the last two months, including three felines translocated from African countries. Prima facie, the cub died of weakness, a Forest department release said



India biggest & youngest | Women bag top four talent factory: PM in Aus



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese at an Indian community programme, in Sydney, on Tuesday

Modi is 'Boss': Oz PM

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ustralian Prime Minister Authony Albanese on Tuesday heaped praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi by calling him "The Boss", given his connection with the people, and said he (Modi) gets a "rock star reception" wherever he goes

Albanese also said even famous rock star Bruce Springsteen does not get this

kind of ovation. He also said Prime Minister Modi is "The Boss" at a grand community event in Sydney for the Indian diaspora. In his introductory remarks, audience and compared Modi's popularity to that of legendary Springsteen, who is also known by fans as "The Boss".

The Australian Prime

AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/

Minister pitched for greater cooperation between India and Sydney "India is the biggest and Australia as he welcomed Modi to a roaring 21,000-strong youngest talent factory", and crowd at the Qudos Bank has no dearth of capability or resources. Describing India as Arena here, one of the city's the mother of democracy, he biggest indoor stadiums. He gave Modi a bear hug also said the country is the when the Indian Prime fastest-growing large economy in the world adding that it Minister arrived at the venue to rolled out the fastest vaccinaaddress the audience before tion campaign during Covid. introducing him as someone

who "gets a rock star reception wherever he goes". "The last time I saw someone on this stage was Bruce Springsteen and he did not get the welcome

that Prime Minister Modi has got. Prime Minister Modi is the boss," Albanese said. He thanked his "dear tions are mutual trust and friend" Modi for "bringing the mutual respect, and the real democracy to Australia", saying

democracy stronger and more

he had helped "make our

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/

 $P_{\text{Modi on Tuesday said in}}^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}$

Modi also announced India will open a consulate in Brisbane to fulfill the longpending demand by the dias-

The Prime Minister said the strongest and biggest foundations of India-Australia rela-

Modi made these remarks while addressing a communie".' ty event at Sydney's Qudos
Continued on Page 2 Bank Arena which was attend-

ed by more than 21,000 people from across Australia.

The event was also attended by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Modi arrived in Sydney on Monday on the last leg of his three-nation tour. It commenced with a visit to Japan to attend the G-7 summit and the Quad and then a visit to Papua New Guinea for the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) summit in Port Moresby, Capital of Papua New Guinea with 14 nations of the Pacific Islands.

meeting bilateral Wednesday. In his address at the reception in Sydney, the Prime Minister said the bond between India and Australia goes beyond cricket, which has his-

Modi and Albanese will have a

torically connected us. thundering ap Modi cited the cooking TV show "Masterchef", Yoga, tennis, movies, and the culturally diverse Indian community as

examples of the strengthening

bond between the two countries. India is on course to become a developed nation in years, he said.

"Cricket is something which has kept us connected for ages...and now tennis and movies form other connecting bridges. There was a time when 3Cs used to define relations between India and Australia, three Commonwealth, Cricket and Curry. After that, it was 3Ds...Democracy, Diaspora and Dosti. When it became 3Es. it was all about energy, econo-

"But the truth is that the actual depth of the relations between India and Australia transcend these C, D, E," he said, adding that the strongest and biggest foundations of this relation are mutual trust and mutual respect which is not just limited to diplomatic re but because of every Indian living in Australia. "Australians accept India's diversity with an open heart, " Modi said.

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slots in UPSC exams

while Waseem Ahmad Bhat, a

civil engineer from NIT

officer made it to the list of top

10 by securing AIR 7 in the UPSC 2022 exam. Six more

candidates from J&K made it to

the final list.

DU graduate Ishita gets 1st rank; J&K aspirants too shine

PNS NEW DELHI

Women have again topped the civil services examination 2022 whose results were announced by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on Tuesday. The top four ranks were bagged by women, with Delhi University graduate and Greater Noida resident Ishita Kishore securing the first spot.

Garima Lohia, Uma Harathi N and Smriti Mishra secured the second, third and fourth ranks respectively in the examination.

Lohia and Mishra are graduates of the University of Delhi, while Harathi N is a BTech degree holder from IIT-Hyderabad

This is the second year in a row when women candidates got the top three ranks in the prestigious exam. Shruti Sharma, Ankita Agarwal and Gamini Singla had secured the first, second and third positions respectively in the civil services examination 2021.

There were moments of joy

UPSC civil services examination 2022 topper Ishita Kishore celebrates with family members and relatives after the declaration of results, in Greater Noida, on Tuesday in Jammu & Kashmir where women — qualified the civil Parsanjeet Kour, a Sikh girl hailing from the border district services examination 2022, the commission said. The top 25

of Poonch, cracked the UPSC by securing all India rank 11, candidates comprise 14 women and 11 men, it said. The civil services examination is conducted annually in Srinagar and a serving IRS three stages — preliminary, main and interview — by the UPSC to select officers of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service As many as 933 candidates — 613 men and 320

(IPS) among others. Continued on Page 4

cases will be heard together: **Varanasi court**

District Judge AK Vishwesh, while exercising his special power, consolidated the espite objections from the opposition, special advocate for Gyanvapi and Adi Vishweshwar cases Rajesh Mishra said.

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All 7 Gyanvapi

Varanasi: The Varanasi district court on Tuesday ordered that seven cases of the same nature related to the Gyanyapi dispute will be heard together to prevent the possibility of contradictory orders.

Sidda CM for 5 years: Min; DKS ripostes let high command decide



PTI ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka Minister MB Patil's statement that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will complete full five years in office has created some flutter in the ruling Congress circles, as it came days after the Government being sworn-in following marathon discussions in Delhi over who will lead the State

Among the possible sce-narios that did the rounds last week ahead of the Government formation was "power sharing or rotational CM" formula to accommodate Siddaramaiah and state Congress chief and now Deputy CM DK Shivakumar in

the top post in turns. Continued on Page 2 Denying any proposed arrangement that Shivakumar

will take over as CM after two-and-half years or post-2024 Lok Sabha polls, Patil on Monday said Siddaramaiah will lead the Government for a full five-year term.

Seemingly upset by the statement, Shivakumar did not want to react to Patil but said the party high command will take care of it. However, his brother and Bangalore Rural MP DK Suresh said he too can respond sharply to what Patil has said, but will not do so.

With both CM aspirants Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar digging in their heels post Congress' victory in Assembly polls, prolonged parleys involving Congress's leadership had preceded their appointment as CM and deputy CM, respec-

tively, last week.

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Mamata backs Kejriwal over ordinance protest

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday assured all support to her Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal in his fight against alleged Central bid to control the appointments and transfer of bureaucrats through an ordinance that overrules the Supreme Court verdict to control appointments and transfer of bureaucrats.

Asserting that the BJP Government's bid to get the relevant Bill passed in the Rajya Sabha would be "semi-final before the 2024 elections" the Bengal Chief Minister said, "We support AAP in its fight against the Central ordinance and request all the parties not vote for the BJP's Law (read Ordinance).

Kejriwal came to Kolkata, along with Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, as part of his nationwide tour to garner support for his fight also launched an attack against the BJP. Launching a scathing attack against the Centre Government he said, the BJP purchased MLAs, used Central agencies like the CBI, ED to "break" Opposition

Governments, adding the Centre also used Governors to disturb non-BJP Governments such as "Bengal and Punjab". Continued on Page 2



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Delhi Chief Minister and AAP Convener Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, in Kolkata,

Don't fall into Kejriwal's trap, Maken urges Cong

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader Ajay Maken has once again weighed in on the ongoing tussle between the Centre and the AAP Government in Delhi on the matter of services with suggestion to his party not to back the Kejriwal Government in preventing parliamentary approval for an ordinance that

restores to the Union Government the power over "services" in the national Capital.

He cited administrative, political, and legal reasons for his stance. Maken said if all previous Delhi Chief Ninisters could perform their roles without creating any fuss, why was Arvind Kejriwal stirring up

Retailers can't insist on your | Light rain likely to bring relief from scorching heat contact numbers for billing

Consumer Affairs Ministry issues advisory for traders

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Consumer Affairs Ministry has issued an advisory directing retailers not to insist on the personal contact details of customers for delivering certain services, Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh said on Tuesday.

The advisory has been issued following several consumer complaints. Customers



retailers not providing them services if they refuse to share their contact number, he said.

"Sellers say they cannot generate the bill until personal contact details are provided. This is an unfair and restrictive trade practice under the Consumer Protection Act and there is no rationality behind collecting the information," the Secretary told reporters.

There is also a privacy concern. Therefore, an advisory has been issued to the retail industry and industry chambers CIÍ and FICCI to address this issue in the interest of consumers, he said.

It is not mandatory in India for customers to furnish their mobile numbers to a retailer to generate a bill. However, customers are put in an awkward situation by retailers insisting on a number to conclude transactions.

Most of the time, customers are not given an option to opt out in many of these sit

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

There was relief for Delhiites from the punishing heat on Tuesday evening as dust-raising wind gusting up to speed of 48 kilometres per hour and an overcast sky made people — reeling under scorching heat for the past several days with the mercury even breaching the 46 degrees mark in parts of the city on Monday — feel better.

Generally cloudy weather, thunderstorm and light rain are expected on Wednesday afternoon or evening.

The sweltering conditions saw the peak power demand in Delhi soar to 6,916 MW on Tuesday, the highest so far this season, officials said. The city had recorded a peak power demand of 7,695 MW last

summer and this year it might reach 8,100 MW, they said.

For the past several days, residents in Delhi have been battling heat wave with seven of the 22 weather stations in the national Capital recording maximum temperatures above the 45 degrees Celsius. The maximum tempera-

ture at a few places, including Najafgarh (46.7 degrees Celsius), breached the 46 degrees mark for the second consecutive day on Tuesday. The Safdarjung Observatory, Delhi's primary

es above normal. The mercury soared to 45.1 degrees Celsius at Ridge in Central Delhi, 45.2 degrees at



A vendor covers herself while selling vegetables on a hot summer day, in New

Jafarpur, 45.2 degrees at Narela, 46.1 degrees at Pitampura, 45.7 degrees at Pusa and 46.2 degrees at Sports Complex.

The threshold for a heat wave is met when the maximum temperature of a station reaches at least 40 degrees Celsius in the plains, 37 degrees in the coastal areas, and 30

degrees in the hilly regions, and

the departure from normal is a

minimum 4.5 degrees Celsius.

The India Meteorological Department said a western disturbance active over the western Himalayan region will bring rain, hailstorm and gusty winds in the northwestern plains on Wednesday. As a result, the maximum temperature will drop to 36 degrees Celsius by Thursday, it said. Continued on Page 2

Trial court error led to Raja's acquittal: CBI

Agency makes submissions to challenge court order in 2G case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Tuesday contended before the Delhi High Court that there were glaring illegalities in the trial court judgment that led to the acquittal of former Telecom Minister A Raja and others in the 2G spectrum allocation

scam case.
The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which was making submissions to buttress its appeal challenging the acquittal of the accused individuals and firms, argued that the evidence placed before the special court was disregarded.



Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma, after hearing part arguments, listed the matter for further proceedings on May 29.

"I will demonstrate that there are glaring illegalities in the (trial court) judgment. The evidence placed by the CBI was disregarded. Appreciation of evidence was completely wrong. I will show that the judgment was perverse and there were flaws in it, advocate Neeraj Jain, who appeared in the court on behalf of the CBI,

On Monday, the CBI coun-

in 1995 when his party came to

power in alliance with the BJP

and he remained in the post for

the next four years. He was also

the Speaker of Lok Sabha from

2002 to 2004 during the A B

Vajpayee government at the

Brihanmumbai Municipal

Corporation (BMC), Joshi was

elected to the Maharashtra

Legislative Council. He was an

MLC for three from 1972 to

1989. He became the Mayor of

Mumbai from 1976 to 1977. He

was elected to the State

Assembly on a Shiv Sena ticket

Lok Sabha from Mumbai north-

central constituency in 1999, he

was elected as a Speaker in 2002 becoming only the second from

the state to the post after the Congress' Shivraj Patil (1991-1996), a post he held for the next

two years. He was later elected

for a six-year term to the Rajya

Sabha in March 2006, after

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After he was elected to the

for the first time in 1990.

Having begun his career as

corporator of the

sel had said the trial court judgment was based on "wrong conclusions"and was "untenable in law". Although the CBI had earlier concluded its submissions on the issue of "leave to appeal", it is now arguing the matter afresh due to a change of the judge.

Leave to appeal is a formal permission granted by a court to a party to challenge a decision in a higher court.

The lawyer for the CBI had said the case concerned "five points" of irregularities -- association between government officials and telecom operators, fixation of a cut-off, violation of the first-come-first-serve principle, non-revision of the entry fee and a money trail of Rs 200 crore.

The illegal acts of the accused caused a loss of Rs 22,000 crore to the public exchequer, he had submitted.

An appeal filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against the acquittal of all the accused in a connected moneylaundering case is also pending before the court.

Advocate Vijay Aggarwal, appearing for some of the acquitted persons, including R K Chandolia, had said once an accused is let off in the scheduled offence, the same consequence has to follow in the money-laundering case as well. Earlier, the case was being

heard on a day-to-day basis by Justice Brijesh Sethi, who retired on November 30, 2020. Justice Sethi had released the matter from his board on November 23, 2020 owing to a paucity of time.

Before demitting the office, Justice Sethi had decided various petitions and applications filed by the acquitted individuals and firms in the three cases

probe lodged by the CBI and the ED. After concluding the submissions in the CBI's main case, the high court would take up the ED's money-laundering case, in which all the accused were acquitted by a special court.

The special court had, on December 21, 2017, acquitted Raja, DMK MP Kanimozhi and others in the CBI and ED cases related to the scam.

Besides Raja and Kanimozhi, the special court had acquitted former telecom secretary Siddharth Behura, Raja's former private secretary RK Chandolia, Unitech Limited managing director Sanjay Chandra and three top executives of the Reliance Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (RADAG) -- Gautam Doshi, Surendra Pipara and Hari Nair -- in the 2G case.

Two-month-old cheetah cub dies in Kuno National Park

Acheetah cub, born at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh two months ago, died on Tuesday, the forest depart-ment said. The latest fatality took the death toll of cheetahs in KNP to four in the last two months, including three felines translocated from African countries.

Prima facie, the cub died of weakness, a Forest department release said.

"The monitoring team found that one of the four cubs of feline 'Jwala' was lying at the spot where they were spotted earlier while three other cubs were roaming with their mother.

The team alerted veteri-



narians who rushed to the spot and gave necessary treatment to the cub, but it died,"the release said.

It seems the cub died because of weakness as it was weak since birth, said the release.

Cheetah Jwala, earlier known as Siyaya, was brought from Namibia to KNP in Sheopur district in September 2022. She gave birth to four cubs in the last week of March Cherish power of God, says Singh at book launch



abinet Minister General (Retd) VK Singh released a book 'God Is Love' authored by Krishna Saksena. While releasing the book he said that this book will give readers a new meaning to their lives. He said, "We all worship God everyday but at times we do not cherish the power of Almighty God". The writer said love is the only word that can inspire world and unite

Ex-Speaker Joshi in hospital for brain tumour complications

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

ormer Chief Minister and ex-Former Chief Ivillister and Landbook Sabha Speaker Manohar Joshi's condition was described as "stable" by the doctors attending on him on Tuesday, hours after he was admitted to a private hospital here in a "semicomatose" state, following "complications from a brain tumour".

Eight-six-year-old Joshi was on Monday night rushed to the PD Hinduja Hospital at Mahim in central Mumbai where he was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in an emergency in semi-comatose state after he developed complications from a

"Mr Manohar Joshi has been admitted to P.D. Hinduja Hospital, on May 22nd, in an emergency in semi-coma, breathing on his own, not on ventilator. He has complications from a brain tumour,"a medical bulletin issued by the hospital said.

"He is currently in the ICU, being managed medically. He is stable, but continues to need critical management,"the bulletin added.

Former chief minister and Shiv Sena (UBT) President Uddhav Thackeray, wife Rashmi and other family members and party leaders visited the hospital on Tuesday to enquire about Joshi's health

Joshi, who has not been

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7 killed, 13 injured in Nagpur-Mumbai highway accident



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t least seven people were At least seven people killed and 13 others injured when a container truck and a State transport bus collided head-on the old Mumbai-Nagpur Highway at Buldhana in eastern Maharashtra.

There were 38 passengers in the Maharashtra State Road Corporation Transport (MSRTC) bus when a container truck rammed into it near Sindhkhed Raja town at 7.15 am. The bus was on its way from Pune to Mehkar in Buldhana, when the mishap occurred.

Of those killed were drivers of both the vehicles, while the remaining deceased were passengers from the bus. The injured were admitted to a hospital in Sindkhed Raja

Expressing grief over those killed in the mishap, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde directed the Rs 10 Lakh to each family of the deceased and bear the full treatment cost of all the injured at government expenses. The bodies were handed to the families of those killed in the mishap, later in the day.

Don't fall into Kejriwals' trap...

From Page 1 He asked whether it was

mere political posturing. Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa endorsed Maken's viewpoint and said the party high command should not support Kejriwal on the issue as he deserves no sympathy. In a detailed post on Twitter Titled "An Examination of Reasons to Not Oppose the Ordinance -Administrative, Political, and Legal Aspects", Maken said that supporting the AAP's position on the issue will go "against the decisions and wisdom"of leaders including BR Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Lal Bahadur Shastri, and PV Narasimha Rao.

Maken's second post came on a day when Kejriwal on Tuesday started his visit across the county to meet leaders of different parties to seek support against the Centre's Ordinance brought in to "subvert"the Supreme Court's verdict giving his Government control over the bureaucracy in the national Capital. He met West Bengal

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who him that her party would support him in his fight against the Central ordinance to control appointments and transfer of bureaucrats in the city state. He is appealing to other parties too for support on the issue.

"First, by backing Kejriwal, we are going against the decisions and wisdom of numerous respected leaders: Baba Sahib Ambedkar on 21st October 1947, Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel in 1951, another decision of Pt Nehru in 1956, Lal Bahadur Shastri as Home Minister in 1964 and as Prime Minister in 1965, and Narasimha Rao in 1991 (sic),"he wrote. He laid out reasons, from administrative to legal, against supporting Kejriwal in his fight against the Centre's ordinance.

He said if the ordinance is not passed in the Upper House, it would give Kejriwal "a unique privilege previously denied to Chief Ministers like Sheila Dikshit, Madan Lal Khurana, Sahib Singh Verma, and Sushma Swaraj".

All 7 Gyanvapi cases will be heard...

From Page 1

The district judge, in his order, said if all these cases remain pending in different courts, there is a possibility that contradictory orders may be passed. Whereas if all these cases remain in one court. there will be no possibility of any contradictory judgment or order in all these cases, Mishra said.

Citing Order 4A of the CPC, the judge said it has been provided that when two or more cases are pending in the same court and the court is of the opinion that it is in the interest of justice, their joint hearing may be ordered, Mishra said.

The judge said in his order that it would be in the interest of justice that all these cases be heard together, he said. Advocate Mohammad

Tohid Khan, who appeared for the Muslim side, opposed the hearing of all the seven cases together stressing that the issues related to Gyanvapi had not yet reached the stage that a decision should be taken to hear them together.

Light rain likely to bring relief from scorching...

From Page 1 Earlier this month, the weather office had predicted below-normal maximum temperatures and fewer heat wave days in northwest India in May. With

India Meteorological Department anticipating a slight delay in the arrival of the southwest monsoon, the maximum temperatures are likely to remain above normal for a longerthan-usual period. Heat waves in India are

nerable to severe heat wave impacts despite its recent state action plan for climate change failing to reflect this

becoming more frequent and

severe due to climate change, with over 90 per cent of the country in the "extremely cautious attegory or "danger

zone" of their impacts, accord-

ing to a study conducted at the University of Cambridge. The study also revealed

that Delhi is particularly vul-

Mamata backs...

Discounting the Tuesday's meeting Congress Lok Sabha Leader Adhir Chowdhury said such meetings were meant for spoiling chances of genuine anti-BJP alliance in the country.

These two parties are out to destroy anti-BJP alliances being led by the Congress... They have done it in Goa, Tripura and other places...In Karnataka AAP contested 200 seats spoiling Congress' chances in many places... But they should know that the Congress victory in Karnataka has proved that no anti-BJP alliance is possible without the Congress which play the leading role in 2024,"he said.

Women bag top fours lots in UPSC...

Kishore qualified the examination with political science and international relations as her optional subject. She has graduated in Économics subject. of Commerce, University of

Lohia, a graduate in Commerce from Kirorimal College, University of Delhi, secured the second rank with Commerce and Accountancy

as her optional subjects. Harathi N, a BTech in Civil

Engineering from IIT, Hyderabad stood third with Anthropology as her optional

from Miranda House College, University of Delhi, stood fourth with Zoology as her optional subject.

Educational qualifications of top 25 successful candidates range from graduation in

engineering; humanities; science; commerce and medical science from premier institutions of the country such as IIT, NIT, University of Delhi, Gujarat National Law and Jiwaji University among

others, the UPSC said. Top 25 successful candidates have opted for subjects like Anthropology, Commerce & Accountancy, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Law,

History, Mathematics, Political Science & International Relations, Philosophy, Sociology and Zoology as their optional choice in the written (main) examination, it added.

dates include 41 Persons with Benchmark Disability (14 Orthopedically Handicapped, seven Visually Challenged, 12 Hearing Impaired & 8 Multiple Disabilities).

Out of the total qualified

candidates this time, 345 are from General category, 99 from Economically Weaker Section (EWS), 263 Other Backward Classes (OBC), 154 Scheduled Caste (SC) and 72 from

A total of 178 candidates have been put in the reserve list as well, it said.

There were 1,022 vacancies reported by the Centre to be filled through the civil services

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"And that's the reason why Paramarta Square becomes "Parmatma Chowk", Wigrum street becomes "Vikram street", and Harris park becomes "Harish park,"the Prime Minister added.

Recalling his 2014 visit soon after his first term as Prime Minister, Modi said he had then promised the people that they will not have to wait for 28 years for an Indian Prime Minister to visit.

> Here I am with you again,"he said.

Addressing the audience, he highlighted several milestones that India has achieved. India is the fastestgrowing large economy in the world, he said, adding that the country rolled out the fastest vaccination cam-

paign during Covid. India is "number one"in the number of smartphone data consumers, fintech adoption, and milk production, he said. Modi further pointed out that India is number two"in the number of internet users, mobile phone manufacturing, rice, wheat, sugarcane production, and fruits and vegetable production. India has the third largest startup ecosystem in the world, and

bile and civil aviation market globally, he said.

On ties between Australia and India, Modi said, "I had the opportunity to welcome Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on the Indian soil in Ahmedabad. Today, he joined me in unveiling the foundation stone of 'Little India' in Sydney." Little India, a suburb of Sydney, is a recognition of the Indian community's contribution to the development of Australia.

"Though there is a distance between the two countries, the Indian Ocean connects us. Our lifestyles have been different, but yoga connects us.

Our food may be different, but 'Master Chef' unites us. Our cricket-based relationship has completed 75 years. As intense as the onfield match is, our relationship is equally deep off the field. Millions of Indians were saddened when Australian spin bowler Shane Warne died"he said.

On India's rise, the Prime Minister said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) considers India a bright spot in the global economy. World Bank believes that if anyone is challenging global headwinds, it is India.

Banking system in several countries are in trouble today but on the other hand, the strength of fourth test,"he said. India's banks are being appreciat-

Modi is 'Boss': Oz...

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Albanese described the cheering audience, made up mainly of members of the Australian-Indian community, as friends and said he was proud they had made Australia their home. "You make our nation and our shared communities better. You make Australia

stronger,"he said. Playing up India and Australia's connections, Albanese said he wanted to see the relationship between the two countries continue to grow, including in the business and education sectors.

"We want to see more connections. More Australian and Indian students living and studying in each other's countries, and bringing those experiences home,"he said. "More business leaders and artists and families sharing your experiences and your knowledge and your ideas,"he added.

Albanese said he was reminded of his earlier visits to India as a 28-year-old when he returned to the country earlier this year as Prime Minister.

It was a trip full of unforgettable moments: celebrating Holi in Gujarat, laying a wreath for the great Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi, and doing a lap of the incredible stadium at Ahmedabad on Day 1 of the

"Everywhere I went, I felt

that deep sense of connection between the people of Australia and the people of India. It's a warmth I felt when I backpacked around India for 5 weeks in 1991 - if you want to understand India, travel by train and video bus,"he said.

Albanese and Modi announced the inaugural advisory board for the Centre for Australia-India Relations, which the federal government announced its plans to establish earlier this year. Headquartered in Parramatta, the centre's mission is to work across government, industry, academia and the community to further foster ties between the two countries and encourage businesses to "seize the opportunities" of their economic partnership, news.Com.Au reported.

Albanese said the centre's location in western Sydney was a "testament to the vitality of the Indian-Australian experience", giving a shout-out to the new Parramatta Lord Mayor Sameer Pandey.

Pandey was elected to the position just a day earlier, becoming the first Lord Mayor in Australia to be born in India.

Modi's trip to Australia comes after he met with Albanese, US President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Hiroshima on the weekend.

Sidda CM for 5 years...

From Page 1 There have been reports

quoting party sources that the high command had put forward the proposal of rotational chief ministers to break the deadlock then. "Siddaramaiah will be chief

minister for five years. If there was power sharing or anything, our leadership would have told you (media). There is no such thing. As our AICC General Secretary has said things are continuing,"Patil had told reporters in Mysuru on Monday, responding to a question if Siddaramaiah will remain as CM for five years or is there a power sharing for-

To a question on discussions over a change in CM after the 2024 Parliamentary polls and whether Shivakumar will be given a chance, Patil said, "If such things were there, our AICC General Secretary would have told you, when he did the press conference. He said there

is no such thing."
On Tuesday, Patil sought to clarify that his statement before the media on May 22 was a reiteration of what AICC general secretary KC Venugopal had told the press, soon after announcing the names of Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar to the two top posts on May 18.

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Dream come true, says Civil Services topper Ishita

UPSC civil services examination 2022 topper Ishita Kishore after declaration of

The civil services examina- ■ tion topper for 2022 Ishita Kishore on Tuesday said achieving the first rank in the prestigious examination was like a dream come true for her.

A graduate from the reputed Sri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University and daughter of a late Air Force officer, Kishore vowed that she will work towards women empowerment after becoming an IAS officer. She graduated in Economics (Hons.) from Shri Ram College of Commerce.

Kishore, 26, cleared the examination in her third

"I am very happy to get the

true for me," Kishore told a cadre," she said.

Kishore said she used to study for at least eight to nine hours a day to prepare for the examination.

'Success is the result of my hard work. One needs to be very sincere, consistent and dedicated towards this (clearing civil services) goal to achieve results," she said.

Earlier, Kishore had worked with multinational firm Ernst and Young and had also been a national-level football player, and played in Subroto Cup in 2012. Her mother used to teach at a private school and her elder brother is a lawyer.

"I have opted for the Indian Administrative Service. I have given my preference for Uttar Pradesh (her home State) as my

She will work for women's empowerment and the upliftment of neglected people after becoming part of the administrative service.

"It is an honour to work for my country. Civil service is a better way to serve the country," she said

Kishore, who lives in neighbouring Greater Noida, qualified for the examination with Political Science and International Relations as her optional subjects. "I have a lot of gratitude for

my family who stood with me when I could not clear the civil services examination in the first two attempts. They encouraged me a lot," she said.

320 women, have qualified for As many as 933 candidates, including 613 men and

comprise 14 women and 11 men, the UPSC said.

The civil services examination is conducted annually in three stages -- preliminary, main and interview -- by the UPSC to select officers of the all-India services like Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Forest Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) among others. The first four rank holders

The top 25 candidates

are all women as Garima Lohia, Uma Harathi N and Smriti Mishra secured the second, third and fourth ranks in the examination.

see women getting the top four ranks," Kishore said.

Lohia and Mishra are grad-

"It is really heartening to

while Harathi N is a Bachelor of Technology degree holder from Indian Institute of technology (IIT)-Hyderabad.

Lohia, who hails from Buxar in Bihar, cleared the examination in her second attempt. Harathi N, a resident of Hyderabad, qualified the entrance in her fifth attempt.

Mishra, who lives in Noida, cleared the examination in her third attempt with Zoology as her optional subject.

This is the second year in a row that women candidates got the top three ranks in the examination.

Mayur Hazarika, who has secured the fifth rank in the civil services examination and is the topper among male can-

join the Indian Foreign Service. Hazarika is excited having secures the top position among the successful male candidates. The top four ranks of the civil services were bagged by women candidates. The MBBS degree holder has had a brilliant academic career.

"I am really excited and happy that I am the topper among the successful male candidates. My first preference is IFS through which I want to serve the country,"

Hazarika told to news agencies. In the Civil Services Examination 2021, women bagged the top three slots with Shruti Sharma, Ankita Agarwal and Gamini Singla securing the first, second and third posi-

Confusion on day 1 of ₹2,000 note exchange

¬he national Capital on Tuesday witnessed chaos and long queues on the first day of exchange of the ₹2,000 currency notes. Those, accompanied by confusion, were reported from several parts of Delhi on the first day of exchange of ₹2,000 currency notes on Tuesday with people com-plaining that banks were instead asking to deposit them and also demanding identity The first day of the process

saw long queues, disgruntled customers and growing concerns among elderly citizens. Though the exchange or deposit facility will be available till September 30, people rushed to the banks in significant numbers on the first day

While the notes will still be considered legal tender, people have been instructed to either deposit existing ₹2,000 notes in their bank accounts or exchange them at the banks.

Some banks exchanged



People show ₹2000 currency notes as they wait to deposit at a bank in New Delhi Ranian Dimri I Pionee

notes by making an electronic entry, few others asked customers to pen down their name and mobile number in a registrar without giving any identi-

At some places, however, customers said they were asked to present their PAN or Aadhaar cards.

A small number of customers claimed the bank they visited did not exchange the at Punjab National Bank's

notes and instead asked them to deposit those in their

accounts. The punishing heatwave sweeping through Delhi exacerbated the situation, making it particularly challenging for the elderly, who complained of having to wait for hours. Tempers flared, and heated arguments erupted between the people and staff members

results in Noida on Tuesday

'The authorities should have anticipated the immense inconvenience this would cause. Standing in this scorching heat is taking a toll on us, especially the elderly," Shivani Gupta said while sanding in a queue at the branch.

People faced hurdles even when attempting to use ₹2,000 notes at petrol pumps. Many people complained that while ATMs continue to dispense ₹2,000 notes, fuel stations were refusing to accept them and seeking payment through online transactions.

"I tried to refuel my car at the nearby petrol pump, but they refused to accept my

They insisted on digital transactions through mobile apps. This is a hassle for those of us who rely on cash for our daily transactions," a motorist alleged.

Several banks reportedly refused to exchange ₹2,000 notes, directing customers to deposit them instead due to lower cash retention limits.

AAP seeks action against cop holding Sisodia by his neck, police deny charge

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civil service examination was

announced on Tuesday by the

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), including Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Tuesday demanded action against a policeman who was seen holding and dragging party leader and former deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia by his neck in a video at Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court premises. The Delhi Police has dis-

missed the charge as propaganda. Sisodia was produced before the court in a moneylaundering case related to the alleged excise scam on Tuesday. The court extended his judicial custody till June 1. The judge also directed the jail authorities to consider providing the politician a chair and a table along with books inside the

Earlier, AAP leader and Delhi Education Minister Atishi posted a video of the alleged incident on Twitter and wrote: "Shocking misbehaviour by this policeman with Manish in Rouse Avenue Court. Delhi Police should suspend him immediately." Sharing the video, Kejriwal wrote, "Do the police have the right to misbehave with Manish



Jailed AAP leader and former Delhi deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia at the Rouse Avenue court, in New Delhi on Tuesday

Sisodia like this? Have the police been instructed to do this?" The Delhi Police dismissed the charge as "propaganda" and said it is "against the law" for an accused in judicial custody to issue statements to the media. "The matter of policeman misbehaving with Manish Sisodia in the Rouse Avenue court is propaganda. The policeman's reaction as seen in the video was natural from the security point of view. It is against the law for an accused to issue statements to the media," the police said in a

Earlier, talking to reporters on the court premises, Sisodia lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Modi ji has become so arrogant he neither follows democracy...looking at Kejriwal ji's work...he has become arrogant...," Sisodia told media while he was being produced before the court after the expiry of judicial custody in an alleged money laundering case related to the Delhi excise policy case.

AAP leader Sanjay Singh alleged that the police "misbe-

haved" with Sisodia in order to "please their boss". He further said the court should take cog-nisance of the incident. "Police hooliganism at its peak. This police officer was pulling Manish Sisodia by his neck in order to please his boss. Hon'ble court should take cognisance of this incident. Modiji, the entire country is watching your dictatorship," he said in a tweet in Hindi

AAP leader and Delhi Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj stated that PM Modi conspired to have Sisodia manhandled in court, aiming to humiliate and mentally weaken him. Bharadwaj said the country will 'never forget such misbehaviour" with the former education minister of Delhi. Addressing a press conference Bharadwaj alleged that the policemen accompanying

Sisodia to the Rouse Avenue court were instructed to humil-"We always doubted that officials had been misbehaving with Manish Sisodia in the jail but unfortunately, we do not

have any evidence to prove it. The policemen have been instructed to humiliate Sisodia in the court", he said.

AAP Govt rejects Centre's order to reinstate Rajasekhar as Spl Secy

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■ Tuesday rejected an order to reinstate YVVJ Rajasekhar as special secretary (vigilance), with Delhi Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj, and termed the first order passed under the Ordinance brought in by the BJP-led Centre, which effectively wrests control of transfer, posting, and vigilance matters of bureaucrats in the national capital to a newly-formed authority, illegal and ordered an inquiry regarding its issuance. He asserted that he was the competent authority in the matter

Delhi Services Minister Bhardwaj termed the order issued on Monday by the vigilance directorate as "unauthorised and illegal" and direct-



ed withdrawal of all work and files from Rajasekhar. It is the latest fallout of the ongoing tugof-war between the Centre and the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government to control administrative services in the nation-The vigilance directorate

order reinstating Rajasekhar was the first such direction after the Centre promulgated an ordinance that effectively brought services matters, including transfer and posting of bureaucrats, in the Delhi government back to the the Centre after the Supreme Court verdict on May 11 gave executive control over servicesrelated matters to the elected arm of the Delhi government.

Bhardwaj, in an office memorandum, claimed that he was the competent authority and asserted that the order issued on Monday by vigilance directorate to reinstate Rajasekhar was "unauthorised, invalid and illegal" and no action should be taken based on it. Rajasekhar, who was divested of his charge on Bhardwaj's orders, had resumed work in the capacity of special secretary of both vigilance and services departments and attended office after the vigilance order.

HC sets aside Mayor's order for repoll to elect 6 members of MCD standing panel

■ Tuesday set aside the decision of Mayor Shelly Oberoi to call for a repoll to elect six members of the MCD standing committee and directed her to declare forthwith the results of the poll held on February 24 while treating the "disputed vote" to be in favour of BJP councillor Pankaj Luthra.

Justice Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav said the mayor, also the returning officer (RO), acted beyond her powers and her decision was impermissible as it was "not based on any material relevant to the issue". 'The action of Mayor/RO

of rejecting the ballot and declaring it to be invalid, after the stage of scrutiny had reached and the quota suc-



cessfully ascertained, the same is bad in law," the judge said in his 76-page order.

'The respondent no.4-Mayor/RO is directed to declare the result in form no.4, forthwith while treating the disputed vote to have been validly cast in favour of Mr Pankai Luthra," ordered the judge. Citing the Municipal Secretary, the court said the vote that was declared invalid had been cast in favour of Luthra.

The court emphasised that once the stage of scrutiny is over, re-scrutinising ballot papers cannot be legally peran exercise is allowed, the election process could never come

In the present case, the court added, the poll took place, scrutiny was conducted and the quota was ascertained, and so non-declaration of result would be an act of disrespect towards the voters. It said the "entire approach" the mayor was contrary to the legal

"Stopping the election process prematurely would result in an incomplete or inaccurate count of votes, which could lead to disputes, claims of fraud and a lack of confidence in the election results. The same has happened in the instant case," the court said.

opening ceremony TMC, CPI, too

AAP to boycott new

Parliament building

skip inauguration

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The TMC, the CPI and the ▲ AAP on Tuesday announced they will skip the inauguration ceremony of the new Parliament building on May 28 and more opposition parties including the Congress are likely to join them.

Amid demands from the opposition that the president should inaugurate the new building, leaders of like-minded opposition parties deliberated on the issue and a joint statement by the floor leaders on a united boycott of the event may be issued soon, sources said.

Announcing the party's decision, TMC's leader in Rajya Sabha Derek O'Brien wrote on Twitter, "Parliament is not just a new building; it is an establishment with old traditions, values, precedents and rules - it is the foundation of Indian democracy. Prime Minister Modi doesn't get that. For him, Sunday's inauguration of the new building is all about I, ME, MYSELF. So count us out." CPI general secretary D Raja also said his party will not attend the cere-

Áam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh tweeted, "Not inviting President Droupadi Murmu to the inauguration of the new Parliament building is a great insult to her. This is also an insult to the tribals. The Aam Aadmi party will boycott the inauguration function in protest of Modi ji not inviting the President.

The CPI-M also accused Modi of "bypassing" the President for not just laying the foundation stone for the new parliament building but also by inaugurating it himself

Modi bypassed the President when the foundation stone for the new Parliament building was laid. Now too at the inauguration. Unacceptable. Constitution Art 79: 'There shall be a Parliament for the Union which shall consist of the President and two Houses... "Only when the President of India summons the Parliament can it meet. The President begins, annually, Parliamentary functioning by addressing the joint session. The first business Parliament transacts each year is the 'Motion of Thanks' to President's Address," party general secretary Sitaram Yechury said in a tweet.

DU to introduce two 5-yr law courses from next academic year

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The Delhi University plans to I introduce two five-year integrated LLB programmes in the next academic year to provide a "more affordable and high-standard legal education". According to officials, these are the Bachelor of Arts-LLB and the Bachelor Business Administration/Bachelor

of Commerce-LLB, the

initially, 102 students will

be admitted in the two sections. The university is planning to file an application with the Bar Council of India, seeking permission to initiate the fiveyear integrated LLB programmes after approval from statutory bodies - Academic Council and Executive Council. The University of Delhi

official said, adding that

started legal education in 1924 with the establishment of the Department of Law under the Until now, the law depart-

ment used to offer a three-year LLB, LLM (full-time as well as part-time) and a PhD in Law. Giving details about the

two new programmes, the official said: "The Bachelor of Arts-LLB (BA-LLB) programme will offer at least three disciplines of arts such as

political science, sociology and economics along with the courses of law, while the Bachelor Business Administration/Bachelor of Commerce-LLB (BBA/BCom-LLB) will offer various courses (papers) of commerce, management, and economics dis-

26-yr-old convict hangs self in Tihar

who was out on bail, was pro-

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 $A^{\text{26-year-old}}_{\text{hanged himself at Tihar jail}} \text{convict}$ in Delhi on Monday. The deceased was identified as Javed, who who hanged himself in the common toilet area at the premises of cell number 8, where gangster Tillu Tajpuriya

Javed hanged himself in the common toilet area of the enclosure for inmates of central jail number 9 at around 5 pm on Monday, a senior jail official

Couple, friend

duped by travel

agent of ₹12 lakh

duced before Saket Court in connection with a robbery case. He was convicted in the case due to which he got upset, police said. A resident of Sanjay Camp, Dakshinpuri, he was later brought to central jail number 8/9 after his court arrest, they said. When formalities were being done at the jail, he went to the washroom. Later, the jail staff found him hanging from a water tap with

the help of his shirt, they said.

said. Earlier in the day, Javed, He was declared dead by the jail doctors, Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Ghanshyam Bansal said.

A case under sections 392 (punishment for robbery), 397 robbery or dacoity, with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt), 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property) and 34 (common intension) of the Indian Penal Code and section 27 of the Arms Act was filed against Javed at the Malviya Nagar Police Station in 2016, the DCP said.

Man arrested for harrasing woman, uploading on net objectionable pics

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30-year-old man has been Aarrested for allegedly harassing a woman by upload ing her objectionable photos and mobile phone number on social media platforms, the Delhi Police said on Tuesday. The accused, Amandeep Kumar, hails from Punjab's Kapurthala, they added.

Man befriends woman, rapes her in G'gram According to the com-plaint filed by the woman, she Showing her the office and STAFF REPORTER ■

GURUGRAM

A 30-year-old Delhi woman has accused a 42-year-old man she befriended over the **New Delhi:** A couple from Gujarat and their friend were allegedly duped of USD 15,000 phone of making her drunk and raping her in a Gurugram, by a person claiming to be a travel agent who also took police on Tuesday said. An FIR away their passports on the has been registered at DLF pretext of arranging their jour-Phase-1 Police Station and the ney to Australia, police said on accused is still at large, they

befriended the man over the phone about five months ago. The woman had been looking for a job for a long time. When he told about this Amit the accused, Amit assured to get him a job.

The victim alleged that on May 21, the accused picked her up from Daula Kua in Delhi to Gurugram in his car at the DLF

showing her the office and getting a job for her. Here the accused offered a cold drink to the woman while showing her his office. It is alleged that the

accused offered her a soft drink laced with an intoxicant, after consuming her health started deteriorating and the accused raped her and made an objectional video of her.

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Cough syrups to be tested before export

Health Min orders tests after deaths in Gambia, Uzbekistan; no directive on domestic market

mid concerns raised at the Ainternational forums about the quality of Indian manufactured cough syrups following the death of children in the Gambia and Uzbekistan, the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday said that cough syrups will have to go through mandatory tests before they are exported. However, the Ministry has not responded to a query whether similar criteria will be applied on cough syrups manufactured for domestic con-

Any cough syrup must have a certificate of analysis issued by a Government laboratory before it is exported, effective June 1, Union Ministry of Commerce said in a notice dated May 22.

"Cough syrup shall be permitted to be exported subject to the export sample being tested



and production of certificate of analysis," said the notice issued by the DGFT on behalf of the Commerce Ministry.

The notice has identified seven State Government laboratories where samples could be sent for testing, in addition to other state laboratories certified by a national accreditation body. These labs are at Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Guwahati and any NABL accredited state drug testing laboratories.

Indian tests of cough syrups by Maiden Pharmaceuticals Ltd, linked to

the deaths of children in Gambia, found no toxins but contaminants were detected in many drugs made by Marion Biotech, whose syrups were linked to deaths in Uzbekistan.

The Ministry along with the State and Union Territories held a brainstorming session in Hyderabad earlier this year "to find a solution to exported cough syrups that killed children."

Health Organization (WHO)

Last October, the World

had put out a global warning over four India-made cough syrups thought to be linked to the deaths of 66 children in The Gambia. Lab analysis of the samples of a syrup made by a 32year-old firm called Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited confirmed the presence of "unacceptable amounts" of diethylene glycol and another toxic alcohol called ethylene glycol.



Sampark' programme across Rajasthan on the occasion, he

EYE ON RAJASTHAN POLL-

Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly Rajendra Rathore has been given the responsibility of making preparations for the meeting, Joshi said. Assembly elections in the State which has a tradition of not repeating a government twice will be held by the end

BJP president J P Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah are slated to visit the poll-bound State and galvanise the organizational struc-

ture from State, district and

booth levels, said BJP leaders.

BJP begins preparations for Dec fight

Meanwhile, Rajasthan BJP resident alleged that the Congress government in the State has broken all records of corruption.

Joshi said the BJP will organise a protest in the State capital on June 7 on the issues of corruption, government recruitment exam paper leaks and deteriorating law and order, among others.

Addressing a press conference in the state capital, he said, "Legislators and ministers of the Congress have flagged cases of corruption many times. It must have happened for the first time in the country's history that crores of rupees and gold biscuits were found in a government office."

He was referring to the recent seizure of ₹2.31 crore in cash and gold weighing one kilogram from a locked almirah in the basement of Yojana Bhawan, a government office building in Jaipur. The Rajasthan Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has arrested a joint director of the Department of Information Technology in connection with

BJP MP Kirori Lal Meena said the State Government talks about a policy of zero tolerance for corruption, but a "scam" unearthed in the IT department revealed that a

tender of ₹135 crore was given to a blacklisted company.

He claimed that he will expose more such scams in the coming days and demanded that such corruption cases be investigated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Leader of Opposition in the Rajasthan Assembly Rajendra Rathore alleged a scam of more than ₹25,000 crore under the Congress government. He also alleged corruption in the distribution of smart phones to women under a government initiative.

He demanded that all tenders floated by the IT department be cancelled and an inquiry conducted.

The Congress which is currently in power in the state is facing a virtual rebellion from former Deputy-Chief Minister Sachin Pilot vis-à-vis his own Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot seeking action against the 'corruption cases'.

'Govt helping those hoarding black cash with ₹2K withdrawal'

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ongress on Tuesday accused the Government Cof facilitating those hoarding black money with the move to withdraw ₹2000 currency notes and demanded a white paper on what it alleged was the "greatest organised loot" in independent India. Congress spokesperson Gaurav Vallabh claimed the unorganised sector will be under stress once again after a gap of 6.5 years and six crore MSMEs and 11 crore farmers will have to "stand in line" for exchanging a few ₹2000 notes after the sudden announcement. He said as on March 31, 2023, there were a total of 181 crore ₹2000 currency notes in circulation totalling

"The majority of this ₹3.62 lakh crore is with the keepers of black money. Now to exchange ₹2000 notes, no identity, forms, or proof will be required by banks. So, a royal welcome is being given to keepers of black money to exchange their ₹2000 denomination notes by the Modi government," Vallabh alleged.

The decision will impact the economy which had just started showing signs of minor recovery after the pandemic as small businesses and traders will be affected due to this note ban, the opposition party alleged.

"We want to ask the government that on the 8th anniversary of note-ban, who were the people who had suggested the introduction of ₹2000 notes in the first place and why these notes were brought," he said.

We demand a white paper on why ₹2000 \ that all black money will finish. Why was the decision to take back ₹2000 notes taken? We demand a composite white paper on this biggest loot in independent India," he said.

The Congress leader claimed bank credit growth will have an adverse impact as people will stand in long queues in banks to exchange their notes. Assuming that a person will come for the exchange of five ₹2000 notes, banks have to perform around 36 crore transactions in the next

"If a transaction takes about four minutes to complete, it will take 144 crore minutes (2.4 crore hours) of banking hours just to exchange ₹2000 notes in the next four months, he said.

"This will harm the growth in credit as many bank branches will be busy in this exchange only

Rahul took truck trip to grasp drivers' 'mann ki baat': Cong



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In a kind of 'aggressive' pre-poll campaign move, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi travelled in a truck from Delhi to Chandigarh to listen to the problems faced by truck drivers as part of his ongoing connect to the grassroots people that was initiated during his 4,000 KM Kanyakumari- to-Kashmir 'Bȟarat Jodo Yatra.'

The former Congress president undertook the truck journey on Monday night and talked to truck drivers at a dhaba later. He stopped near a Gurdwara in Ambala City along the Ambala-Chandigarh national highway early on Tuesday morning and paid obeisance there.

Congress sources said that the Gandhi scion who is currently in a upbeat mood after the grand success in Karnataka Assembly elections, was on his way to Shimla to see his mother who has been spending time in the hill city for the last 10 days. "Leader of the people Rahul Gandhi ji reached Rahul travelled with them from Delhi to Chandigarh," the Congress shared in a tweet. "According to media reports, there are about 90 lakh truck drivers on the Indian roads. They have their own problems. Rahul ji did the work of listening to their 'Mann Ki Baat," the party further said.

While Haryana Congress chief Udai Bhan said Rahul Gandhi travelled with truck drivers and listened to the problems faced by them, Congress' social media department head Supriya Shrinate shared pictures of Rahul traveling in a truck and meeting with truck drivers.

"Rahul Gandhi is committed to bridging the widening gap between the general public and the Government in this country. In this heat, be it sitting with the truck drivers all night and listening to their problems or travelling in a truck. In such in the next 4 months. Resulting in slow or no new job creation in the economy," he claimed.

India attends 16th LIMA-23 in Malaysia

 \mathbf{I} n a determined bid to return to power in Rajasthan, the

BJP is giving an early momen-

tum to its poll preparations

and campaign in the desert State with Prime Minister

Narendra Modi set to address

a public meeting in Ajmer on

May 31 to be followed by top

central leaders in pursuit of it.

visit to Rajasthan this month

The Prime Minister had held

a public meeting in Sirohi in

South-West Rajasthan on May

10 and visited the State again

on May 13, the day Karnataka

voted in the Assembly polls .

being organised to mark nine

years of the Modi Government

at the Centre, according to the

State BJP President CP Joshi.

will highlight the achievements,

policies and programmes of the

Central Government. The BJP

will also officially launch its

month-long 'Maha Jan

During the meeting, Modi

The rally on May 31 is

This would be Modi's third

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n Indian delegation, led by An indian delegance, (Defence Production) T Natarajan, attended the 16th Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 23), being held at Langkawi, Malaysia between May 22-25. He also called on Malaysian Minister of Defence Dato' Seri Mohamad Hasan on the sidelines of the

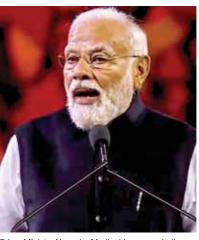
Established in 1991 and held biennially, LIMA is one of the largest maritime and aerospace exhibitions in the Asia-Pacific. This year's edition involves over 600 exhibitors from more than 30 countries including India, the defence ministry said here on Tuesday. PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES | NEW In an effort to further strengthen ties between the two countries, Prime

Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged prominent Australian figures in diverse fields like science, artificial intelligence, social work and art and music to do the needful. Nobel laureate Brian Paul Schmidt called the Prime Minister one of the most visible leaders that India has had. Modi made this appeal in Sydney

about fostering better ties during his interaction with these figures or influencers. They included Nobel laureate Brian Paul Schmidt, 'Toilet warrior' Mark Balla, artist Danielle Mate, rockstar Guy Sebastian and celebrity chef and restaurateur Sarah Todd. Other influencers included Professor

Toby Walsh, chief scientist, Artificial Intelligence Institute, University of New South Wales, Sydney and Salvatore Babones, sociologist, researcher and

"Furthering - cultural & people to peo-ple ties. PM @narendramodi interacted



PM urges Oz big guns to foster ties with India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses an Indian community programme, in Sydney on Tuesday

with prominent public figures of Australia, working in diverse fields of science, artificial intelligence, humanities, social work, gastronomy, art and music," the Ministry of External Affairs tweeted.

"Congratulated them on their achieve-

ments and encouraged them to contribute to strengthening the India-Australia relationship," it said.

'Toilet warrior' Balla called Prime Minister Modi an absolute number one change maker in the sanitation space globally. Balla said they spoke about the subject of sanitation.

The 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' in India - Mr Modi is the number one changemaker in the sanitation space globally," Balla said after the meeting. Celebrity chef Todd was impressed after meeting Modi and described the Indian prime minister as an "incredible influencer'

Nobel laureate Schmidt said he had a very enriching conversation with Prime Minister Modi on science and research and called him one of the most visible leaders that India has had.

Mate said the Prime Minister has a creative element to himself and can see similarities in the arts and culture of the two countries. Sebastian spoke with Modi about music as well as his mother. He said the prime minister showed him a clip of the viral song 'Natu Natu' and it is something he is going to learn.

Puri slams Cong for objection to new Parl launch by PM

Bid to obfuscate, dissimulate, says grand old party

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday slammed the Congress over its objection to inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging the party lacks "national spirit and sense of pride" in India's progress.

The Congress has accused the Government of disrespecting constitutional propriety and demanded that President

Droupadi Murmu should do the inauguration instead of Modi, who will inaugurate the new Parliament building on by Lok Sabha Speaker Om

Puri, whose Ministry has undertaken the construction work of the building, put out a series of tweets questioning the Congress. "Why can't they just join the nation in celebrating this creation of a valuable asset for posterity, as the New India's temple of the mother of all democracies & jettison the prolonged sulk & indulgence in partisan polemics based on falsehoods," Puri said.

On Monday, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said articles 60 and 111 of the Constitution make it clear that



the President is the head of parliament. Hitting out at Congress, Puri said instead of now finding articles to justify their hypocrisy why can't Congress leaders join India on this momentous achievement.

"After uncharitable comments about Hon'ble President in the past by its leaders, Congress president now makes uncalled for & gratuitous comments on her election! Tragic that Congress claiming to be a

national spirit & sense of pride in India's progress," Puri said. Hardeep Singh Puri, I am

tweet said its leaders should feel better if they remember October 24, 1975 — the day when Indira Gandhi inaugurated the parliament annexe! Or August 15, 1987 when Rajiv Gandhi laid the foundation of the parliament library. "From criticising the New Parliament Building & questioning its very necessity despite many of them advocating for it before but not executing it, Congress President & other worthies are now shifting the goalpost by generously misquoting an article a day from the Constitution!," Puri also tweet-

ed. Hitting back at Puri, senior

on Tuesday tweeted, "Minister Taking a dig at Congress, afraid, is trying to obfuscate difference between an annexe to the Parliament, library and a new Parliament building," he said in a tweet. By the way, Chairperson of the Council of States Vice-President of India is also conspicuous by his absence on the invitation card,"

> Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge Monday said the then president Ram Nath Kovind was not invited to the new Parliament's foundation laying ceremony in December 2020 and claimed that President Murmu is not being invited for the inauguration of the new building.

NIA announces ₹10 lakh bounty on Khalistani terrorist Kashmir Galwaddi

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday announced a cash reward of ₹10 lakh on information leading to the arrest of a Khalistani terrorist Kashmir Singh Galwaddi, wanted in a case of conspiracy to wage war against the country.

Kashmir Singh Galwaddi alias "Balbir Singh", a resident of Ludhiana, is wanted in the case registered here on August 20 last year under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) relating to criminal conspiracy, waging war against the government of India and conspiracy to wage war against the Centre besides relevant provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the NIA said in a statement.

The case relates to the conspiracy hatched by the Khalistan Liberation Front, Babbar Khalsa International and the International Sikh Youth Federation to wage war



against the country.
"Galwaddi is absconding

and wanted in the NIA case (related to terrorist activities of proscribed terrorist organisations in various parts of the country). NIA has declared a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh against Galwaddi," the agency

The NIA also released two photographs of the wanted The agency sought infor-

mation of importance on Galwaddi, leading to his arrest or apprehension, and said "the identity of the informer shall be kept secret".

The NIA shared the telephone, WhatsApp and telegram numbers of its Delhi headquarters and Chandigarh branch office, besides email addresses, for people to provide information about the accused.

Ageing, population surge add to spike in back pain cases: Study

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Worldwide, the number of people suffering from back pain is on the increase with a study predicting the cases to spike to more than 840 million by 2050, a 36 per cent rise from 2020 largely due to population increase and the ageing of people, according to a study. Published in the Lancet Rheumatology journal, the study reveals that the largest surge in back pain cases will occur in Asia and Africa. But what is more worrisome is the lack of consistent treatment approaches and limited options available, which could result in a healthcare crisis. Low back pain is currently the leading cause of disability glob-

The researchers analysed Global Burden of Disease (GBD) data from 1990 to 2020 from over 204 countries and territories to map the landscape of back pain cases over time. The GBD is the most comprehensive picture of mortality and disability across countries, time, and age.

"Our analysis paints a picture of growing low back pain cases globally, putting enormous pressure on our healthcare system," said study lead author, Professor Manuela Ferreira from the University of Sydney in Australia.

We need to establish a national, consistent approach to managing low back pain that is informed by research," Ferreira



number of low back pain cases has ticked over to more than half a billion people. In 2020, there were approximately 619 million cases of back pain.

At least one third of the disability bur-den associated with back pain was attributable to occupational factors, smoking and being overweight. A widespread misconception is that low back pain mostly

affects adults of working age.

Dr Rajkumar, Senior Consultant-Internal Medicine, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, who is not connected with the study, however advises to keep a watch on

Asthma also as it has connection with back pain too. "We are finding with empirical evidence that there is a significant link between back pain and asthma, though these two conditions might seem unrelated at first glance. Firstly, asthma can affect a person's posture and breathing patterns, which can lead to muscle imbalances and tension in the back muscles. "This can cause discomfort and pain

in the upper, middle, or lower back. Additionally, some asthma medications can cause bone loss and increase the risk of osteoporosis, which can also lead to back pain. "Moreover, back pain can worsen asthma symptoms by making it difficult to breathe properly. This can cause anxiety and panic, which can trigger an asthma attack. Furthermore, the stress associated with chronic back pain can also exacerbate asthma symptoms. Inflammation is yet another connection between back pain and asthma. Asthma is caused by inflammation in the airways, while back pain can be caused by inflammation in the muscles, ligaments, and bones in the back.

Hence, both awareness and attention are required to manage symptoms of back pain and asthma effectively with timely medical interventions. Treatments include medications and lifestyle modifications such as exercise, weight manage ment, and stress reduction techniques, according to Dr Rajkumar.

CAG team, ministries discuss systemic issues, redressal

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Ateam of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on Tuesday held a brainstorming session with senior officers of Union Ministries with a view to facilitating the identification of systemic issues and potential areas for improve-

The interactive session was held with a view to enhancing synergy to foster a constructive relationship, facilitating the identification of systemic issues, financial irregularities, and potential areas for improvement, CAG said in a statement. The CAG team was headed by Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (Report Central) Rakesh Mohan.

Addressing the participants, Mohan stated that while the traditional role of audit has been to scrutinise executive actions, there is a growing acknowledgement that there is also space for a level of synergy between the C&AG and the



By working hand in hand,

the C&AG and the executive can address deficiencies and enhance governance mechanisms, leading to the effective and judicious utilization of public resources to optimise the desired outcomes, he said. "This partnership can thus

promote a culture of fiscal discipline, good governance, and responsible decision-making, ultimately benefiting the citizens of India," he added. The Deputy Comptroller

and Auditor General also stated that an important part of the conversation between the audit and auditees is the cooperation and prompt response from ministries to access relevant information and documents.

100 held; explosives Manipur tense but calm While Govt celebrates seized in Bengal

Police raids come in the wake of 17 deaths in 3 blasts in 8 days in State

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Police seized a huge quantity of explosives and banned firecrackers during raids in different locations in rural West Bengal and arrested at least 100 people for their alleged involvement in running illegal manufacturing factories, a senior State police official said on Tuesday.

A total of 132 cases have been lodged by the police for the seizures, the official said.

The raids started on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday in different places mainly in Nadia, North and South 24 Parganas districts, he said. "So far we have seized



nearly 34,000 kg of explosives and banned firecrackers and arrested at least 100 people for allegedly storing them and running their businesses. These arrests were made during last night's raids conducted at different districts mainly Nadia, South and North 24 Parganas," the official said.

The police of the various districts have been asked by the authorities to file reports on seizures of explosives and firecrackers and arrests to the state secretariat by May 29, he said. The raids were conducted in the backdrop of back-toback incidents of blasts at illegal firecracker manufacturing units in rural Bengal within a span of eight days.

At least 17 people died in Bengal in three incidents of blasts and a devastating fire at a godown in the state.

The explosion at Egra in Purba Medinipur on May 16 claimed 12 lives, including that of the prime accused, while three members of a family succumbed in Budge Budge in South 24 Parganas on Monday and none in another blast at Dubrajpur in Birbhum district the same day. The fire at a carbide godown in Malda district on Tuesday killed two.

day after fresh violence

Manipur remained tense but calm on Tuesday after incidents of violence were reported a day before in the northeastern State where at least 70 people were killed in ethnic violence since May 3.

Business establishments remained closed on Tuesday morning and people were asked by security personnel to remain indoors through the public address system in New Chekon area of Imphal East district, where a mob torched two houses after four armed people, including a former MLA, forced people to shut their shops on Monday. Locals, armed with

licensed guns, were found guarding their localities against possible attacks by constructing makeshift "bunkers" in a few places including Pukhao and Leitanpokpi in Imphal East district and five such "bunkers" were destroyed by security forces in Sinam Khaithong village in Imphal West on Monday, police said.



mostly by the womenfolk, were reported in the valley districts, with the agitators demanding that the Suspension of Operation (SoO) with Kuki militants be abrogated and action be taken against them. They also demanded that "illegal Myanmarese immigrants" be deported, poppy cultivation be stopped in the hill areas and also protested the hill MLAs' demand for bifurcation of the

People living in areas adjoining the hills have complained of Kuki militants coming down to the valley and opening fire on civilians before

ple injured in one such recent incident in Moidangpok village in Imphal West district.

Curfew relaxation period has been cut by two hours and the restriction is now from 5 am to 2 pm. Chief Minister N Biren

Singh on Monday evening appealed to the people to stop torching houses of innocent

He said three people, including an ex-MLA, were arrested in the New Chekon incident. The mob had beaten up one of the armed men, while the other three had managed to flee from the spot.

Kerala's progress report, Opp protests

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

Even as Sitaram Yechury, the CPI(M) general secretary, was celebrating the swearing in of the Congress Government at Bengaluru on Saturday, the Congress-led Opposition in Kerala laid siege to the State Secretariat to protest against the massive corruption and nepotism in various departments of the Pinarayi Vijayan-led State administration. Traffic came to a standstill

across the thoroughfares in Thiruvananthapuram as tens of thousands of Congress activists helped by workers of fringe parties like the Muslim League blocked the roads.

While the Congress leaders released a chargesheet against the CPI(M)-led Government listing massive corruption and irregularities, Chief Minister Vijayan released the progress report of his Government as

Saturday marked the second anniversary of the second tenure of his Government which was returned to power with a brutal majority in the 2021 Assembly election. "The Government launched 1.4 lakh micro and small enterprises and generated more than 3 lakh jobs during the last two years. We gave jobs to 35,000 jobs in the digital sector. Out of the 29 housing complexes we had planned, four projects has been completed and have handed over houses to 174 households," said Vijayan while releas-

ing the progress reports.

If the claims by the Chief Minister are to be believed, his Government has delivered more than what he had promised and the State has become the numero uno in development. Vijayan blamed the Narendra Modi Government at the Centre and the BJP-led Sangh Parivar for all the troubles faced by the



In a landmark technological advancement using Artificial Intelligence (AI), researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M) have developed a possible solu-tion to traffic snarls on Indian roads through the use of a probe-based approach for realtime "re-timing" of traffic signals. This is probably the first time a probe-based, demandresponsive signal control has been developed for Indian con-

The researchers conducted a study in which travel-time data from four sample-probe vehicles were used to calculate "Green" and "Red" timings for each signal cycle. A signal cycle is the time between one signal or one 'red' signal to the next 'red' signal for a selected

"While a lot of time, effort and money have been spent on experimenting with 'off-theshelf' traffic-responsive signalling software from abroad, these have not worked well in Indian traffic conditions, since their implementation required

traffic stream data, which was not easy to collect," said Lelitha Vanajakshi, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) Chair Professor at IIT Madras. "Moreover, these software

were rarely flexible for incorporating Indian traffic characteristics in their algorithms, resulting in excessive queues and delays at the intersection, in spite of large capital investments," Vanajakshi added. The findings have been published in the International Journal of Transportation Research.

The traffic composition in India is very different from that in the Western countries. In India, the traffic is usually referred to as belonging to the category of mixed traffic conditions, with a variety of vehilane-free movement.

'Therefore, in this study, the effect of composition has been included in the algorithms, which makes it versatile for use across different cities with varying vehicle compositions," said Bhargava Rama Chilukuri, Faculty, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT

IIT-M develops possible Al-based solution for traffic snarls in country



Ayurvedic medicines provide relief from common diseases in 3 to 7 days: IMS-BHU

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Astudy conducted by the Faculty of Ayurveda, Institute of Medical Sciences Banaras Hindu University (IMS-BHU), has found that Ayurvedic medicines started giving relief to around 4000 patients suffering from various common diseases within three days and to 8000 patients within seven days. The evidencebased research by the BHU scientists is expected to further establish safety and efficacy of Ayurveda products and services both in the domestic as well as the export market.

The Faculty of Ayurveda conducted the study to assess the impact of Ayurvedic medicines on 13,936 patients in eight government Ayurvedic college hospitals and certain dispensaries across the state between June 2022 and February 2023.

"The patients suffering from fever, cough, cold, high blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis, jaundice and other common diseases were surveyed to assess impact of Ayurvedic medicines on them," said Vaidya Sushil Kumar Dubey, professor, Faculty of Ayurveda, BHU. Dubey along with former

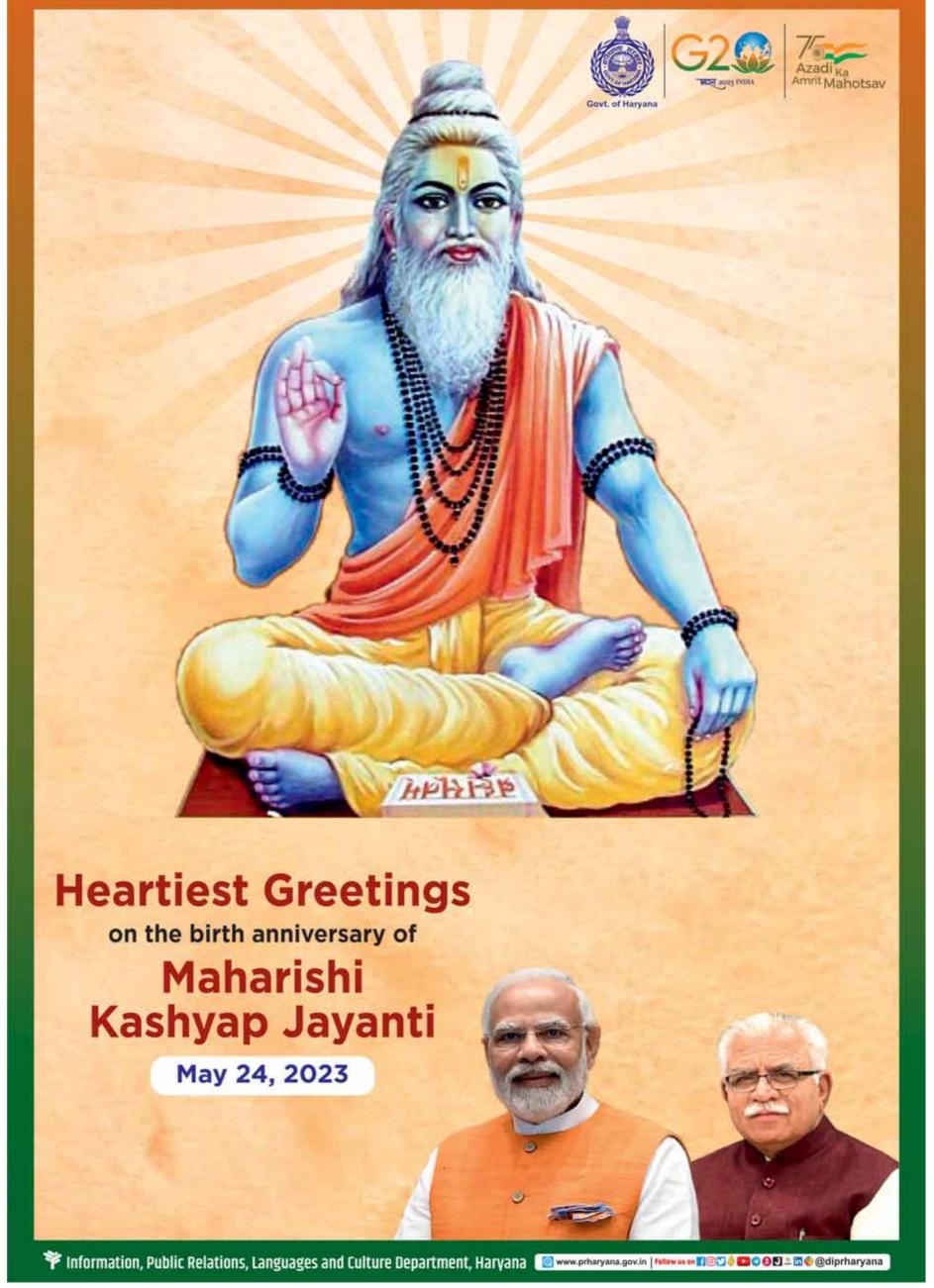


dean of the faculty Prof Yamini Bhushan Tripathi had planned the study in April 2022.

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Ayurvedic medicines were found to have positive effect on 31.61 per cent patients within 3 days and 58.35 per cent within 7 days whereas around 14.65 per cent of patients had no benefit in 3 days and about 1.02 per cent had no benefit in 30 days. Also, 87.24 per cent patients returned to the hospitals for follow-up, said the



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Major feat

India under Modi has come very close to Global North, without souring ties with Global South

rime Minister Narendra Modi's three-nation to the Indo-Pacific can be regarded as successful, as he was able to convey the message at the G7 Summit outreach session that dialogue and diplomacy is the only way to resolve the Ukraine conflict. That India was among eight guest nations participating in the three outreach sessions is a testimony to the rising international clout of the country. His message was as convincing as his pledge to resolve the conflict was emphatic. His 10-point call to action at an outreach session in Hiroshima was one of the highlights of the summit, as he underlined such crucial global challenges as food and health security, developmental issues and gender equality. Modi also met Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky on the sidelines of the summit and reportedly told him: "Over the past one-and-a-half years, we have spoken on the phone but... after a long time, we have an opportunity to meet. The war in Ukraine is a very big issue for the whole world. It has had many



different impacts on the whole world... But I don't see this as a political or economic issue, for me this is an issue of humanity, an issue of human values." Zelensky later tweeted, thanking "India for supporting our country's territorial integrity and sovereignty, in particular, at the platforms of international organisations, and for providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine." This is important, because his Government had earlier expressed dismay over India's refusal to condemn Russia for its attack on Ukraine.

Some have said very unpleasant things about India over its neutrality in the Ukraine war, even hinting at profiteering by buying cheaper Russian oil; all such remarks emanate from bias, not facts. The real-

ity is that the entire world is purchasing oil from Russia. At any rate, India's neutrality makes India's position unique in the world: it is the only major country in the world that Russian President Vladimir Putin may be willing to trust. As for Modi's visit to Papua New Guinea, we must remember that it was not just about optics and sentiments, though his admirers would cherish the picture of Prime Minister James Marape touching Modi's feet. Quite apart from the fact that Modi is the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the country, the visit signifies India's growing strategic interest, along with that of its Quad partners', in the region. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese calling Modi "The Boss," which thrilled the Indians at a grand community event in Sydney on Tuesday, was more than a platitudinous plaudit; it is a tribute to the efforts made by Modi to bring closer to Australia. Indeed Modi has done a lot to align India's interests—economic, strategic, military, political—with those of developed countries. India was seldom closer to the Global North as it is now; and yet this has not been at the expense of ties with the Global South, which have actually improved under him. This is no mean achievement.



ndian Army regiment Ladakh Scouts' team leaves for the motorcycling expedition 'Vanquish' from New Delhi

Modi steers G7 to conflict resolution



With PM Modi in the lead, India is now a partner for the countries seeking solutions to challenges faced by them

ndia is the land of Lord Buddha. It was here that Lord Buddha shared his teachings with the commoners. In the course of a few centuries, the teachings of Lord Buddha reached Japan. The cultural connection between India and Japan runs deep, and this became more apparent when Prime Minister Narendra Modi argued the path of diplomacy to resolve conflicts during his interactions with the leaders of G7, the group of seven most industrialized

"Enmity does not calm enmity. Enmity is pacified by affinity. It is in this spirit, we should move forward together with everyone," PM Modi, referring to the teaching of Lord Buddha while speaking at the ninth working session of the G7 Summit. The backdrop was set by the meeting of PM Modi with Úkraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. In the meeting, PM Modi had very rightly stated that the current situation concerned humanity and not just the economy or politics. This was truly spoken as a statesman, who felt the pulse of the issue.

PM Modi last year in his bilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin had very unequivocally said that "today is not the era of war and conflicts must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy". Such clarity of expression has rarely been seen among world leaders. But it's not the case with PM Modi, who speaks for humanity. Truly, India has become the first responder to any kind of humanitarian crisis in any part of the world. This shows PM Modi speaking always in the interest of human-

The Indian voice is heard with gravity in the big league of the nations, as PM Modi brings much weight in his interactions with the global leaders in which he speaks for humanity as a whole and his concerns express the yearnings of all the countries, particularly the developing and the poor countries.

It was in this backdrop that G7 this year listed in its agenda the need to build partnerships peace.

with the Global South, a term made popular by India to describe the developing nations, which are facing distinct challenges.

'Global peace, stability, and prosperity is our common objective. In today's inter-connected world, crises in any one region affect all the countries. And, the developing countries, which have limited resources, are the worst affected. In the current global situation, these countries are facing the maximum and most profound impact of the food, fuel, and fertilizer crisis," said PM Modi in another working group meeting of G7. This again demonstrated

PM Modi's firm articulation of the challenges faced by the Global South on issues such as sovereign debt, climate change, food shortage, fertilizer crisis, etc. Yet, PM Modi told the leaders of G7 that the world continues to remain stuck in challenges because multilateral agencies such as the United Nations (UN) are not able to prevent conflicts. PM Modi reminded that the UN was established with the very purpose of establishing



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HEARD WITH GRAVITY IN THE BIG LEAGUE OF THE NATIONS, AS PM MODI BRINGS MUCH WEIGHT IN HIS INTERACTIONS WITH THE GLOBAL LEADERS IN WHICH HE SPEAKS FOR HUMANITY AS A WHOLE

Dissecting the weaknesses of the UN, which badly needs reforms to represent the 21st century, PM Modi very forcefully stressed that even the definition of terrorism has not been accepted in the UN. His call for introspection and forceful argument for reforms in big institutions like the UN was received well by the G7 lead-

India for years has been calling for reforms in the UN, and PM Modi reiterated that the multilateral body must also give space to the voice of the Global South. India being a true functional democracy with deep roots has always raised the democratic aspirations of the people. That the UN permanent members owe their positions to the wars of the last century and countries such as India despite being projected to have the largest population in the world not in the coveted club is truly undemocratic.

India has always raised its voice for an international order based on respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, underlining the significance of the UN Charter and international

law, which was asserted by PM Modi in his speech at the working group meeting of

PM Modi has been regularly attending G7 summits. This acknowledges India's growing image on the world stage. India is now the world's fifth-largest economy. Indian economy is bigger than even four members of G7. Also, India has emerged as the voice of the Global South with the G20 presidency. India will also host the Quad Summit next year. With PM Modi in the lead, India is now a partner for the countries seeking solutions to challenges faced by them.

It's to the credit of India that the growing debt challenges of the developing and poor countries have been brought to the centre stage of the global discourse. Also, climate change requires the advanced countries to share resources for the mitigation efforts, including the transfer of technology for clean energy, which was again reiterated forcefully before the G7 leaders.

(Author is the national general secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party)

Damned rural roads in hills of Uttarakhand



Gram Pradhan Sadak Yojana has improved rural connectivity. However, it is equally crucial to maintain, renovate and rebuild these roads over time

uring 2017-2018, Uttarakhand ranked as the best state under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for constructing the highest number of roads. The state successfully built 1839 km of roads, surpassing the target of 1500 km set for that year. This scheme was initiated in India in 2000 to enhance connectivity in rural areas as a part of poverty reduction. It has effectively reached remote and inaccessible regions, including the village of Pothing in Kapkot block, Bageshwar, Uttarakhand. However, it has been over 15 years since the road was constructed in 2007, and it is now deteriorating, causing difficulties for the locals.

Pothing is located 10 km from the sub-district headquarters Kapkot and it takes over an hour to enter the boundary of the village traversing the narrow-broken road which was once built under PMGSY. The road is flanked by a dense jungle on one side and a gorge leading to a stream, locally known as Belang on the other. During Monsoon, which is quite extreme in this Himalayan



state, waterfalls in the jungle become active, cascading into the stream, causing slippery routes, intermittent breakages and an increase in the water level of the stream. As it is the only route to reach the village, the villagers find themselves bereft of alternatives. Pooja Gadiya, a teenager from the village, faces a challenging daily journey of 17 km from her house to school as there are very few vehicles on her route to school. During the rainy season, there are no vehicles available, making her commute even more difficult. 'To navigate the unsafe road, we have no choice but to carry our school bags on our heads and hold our slippers in our

hands. The unpaved path

becomes extremely slippery

when it rains, posing a con-

stant risk of falling into the gorge. The situation is so severe that the school often declares holidays during the rainy season to prioritize students' safety," Pooja expressed.

Many families in this village have migrated to cities for better education and facilities, leaving those who cannot afford it with no choice but to accept the harsh reality. While students face daily challenges getting to school, villagers struggle to access services

and livelihood opportunities. Dhyat Singh, a driver by profession, on the other hand, expressed his challenges to carry out his job due to this poorly maintained road. "I became a driver as there is no source of employment here in this village. But this terrible road condition makes driving difficult and impacts my earnings, as the cost of car servicing exceeds my income," Dhyat pointed out. According to him, rainy days pose the greatest danger, with the road becoming slippery. A small mistake could result in vehicles sliding into the adjacent gorge. Dhyat believes that improving the road to Pothing would solve the villagers' major problem and

lead to development. Acknowledging the issue, Pushpa Devi, the Pradhan of the village has also gone to the tehsil several times to raise the concerns but to no avail. "We have gone to Tehsil several times and raised our concerns but no officer has taken it seriously," she lamented.

The implementation of Gram Pradhan Sadak Yojana has certainly improved rural accessibility and connectivity. However, it is equally crucial to maintain, renovate and rebuild these roads over time, especially in such tough geographies with extreme weather conditions. Regular assessments should be conducted by the concerned officials and identify areas that need immediate attention, followed by allocating funds and resources for maintenance and repairs. These roads reached our hill communities after decades of wait, now that we have them, they should be functional and not just a tokenism of development!

(Writer is a studying in Pothing village in Kapkot block of Bageshwar, Úttarakhand) Charkha Features

UNREST IN MANIPUR

Sir — The ongoing unrest and the disquiet situation in trouble-torn Manipur is distressing and raised eyebrows. Dozens of people have lost their life and property worth crores of rupees was torched and thousands were forced to leave their homes. It's the elephant in the room. PM is busy with foreign visits and the country is on fire, opposition is busy for preparing upcoming state elections after the recent victory. Govt should give tribals their due rights and restore peace and tranquillity in the state. It is high time somebody takes care of the country which comes last for everyone in power.

Muzakkir Khan | Mumbai

FIRST MUSLIM SPEAKER IN K'TAKA

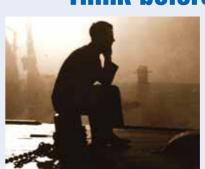
Sir — The Congress's high command decided to give the Speaker's post in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly to senior Congress MLA UT Khader, representing the Mangaluru constituency in Dakshina Kannada district. Khader will be the first Muslim Speaker in the Karnataka Assembly when he takes his oath. The 53year-old Khader is serving in the Assembly for the fifth time and has been a member of the house since 2008, representing Mangaluru constituency, ear-

lier called Ullal. He was the deputy leader of the Opposition in the previous Assembly and has served in the cabinets of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in 2013 and the short-lived Janata Dal (Secular)-Congress government in 2018. Khader will be elected unopposed, as the BJP with 65 MLAs and the JD(S) with its 19 members are not going to field any candidates for fear of defeat. Muslims constitute 12.9 per cent of Karnataka's 6.5 crore population. The new Assembly has nine Muslim MLAs and all have been elected from the Congress party.

The party had given tickets to 15 Muslim candidates, of whom 9 won. It is estimated that 80 per cent of the total Muslim voters opted for the Congress. The game changers for the Congress tics, the Congress strategically relied on

Think before you speak

THE EDITOR



his is concerning the editorial "Words are energy; use them cautiously" by Sakshi Sethi. The article was full of profound wisdom. Some people listen to others just to reply and not to comprehend. This causes a rift in relationships which should be avoided. Unfortunately, very few know the art of using the right words at the right time.

Your speech shapes your life. Speaking before you think is a bad habit that can get you in trouble moreover hurt you in the most important areas of your life. You should always pause before speaking. This will help you communicate the most important points and not blurt out whatever comes to your mind. Listening before speaking is considered to be a good habit. You should speak while seeing into the eyes with whom you are talking so that you can give them full attention. Even if you want to criticise someone it should be done in an inspiring, helpful and kind manner.

"Colors fade, temples crumble, empires fall but wise words endure" Words can help, hinder, hurt, humiliate and humble. They can be used in whatever way. The way of using words reflects our personality. Kind words are like honey to the soul and harsh words are like poison. Words have power, use them wisely!

Krishna Kararia I Delhi

which cut significantly into the JD(S)'s vote share are said to be the party's promise to restore the 4 per cent reservation for the Muslim community, which was scrapped by the previous BJP-ruled government. With this, all is well for the Muslim community in Karnataka under the Congress Party rule.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

A WORD OF CAUTION FOR CONGRESS

Sir - Implicit in revered columnist Kalyani Shankar's article 'Election day is the moment of truth for a political party'(The Pioneer, May23) is her cautionary message to the Grand Old Party that instead of basking in the glory following its landslide win in Karnataka assembly elections recently, it should try to replicate the same in the upcoming State polls in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram and, thereafter, in the Grand finale, due

next year. To counter the BJP's Hindutva polithe real issues of rozi-roti that eventually came to fruition?

Simultaneously, Congress succeeded in keeping its flock together and averted thereby an impending split in the State leadership by prevailing upon both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar to accept the Chief Minister's and the Dy Chief

Minister's posts respectively? However, whether or not the Karnataka's results will help Congress retain the States of Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh is again a precarious question to answer given the grand old party is faced with the crucial anti-incumbency factor over there and rub it in, Rajasthan CM Gehlot and his deputy Piot are at loggerheads for long. Might the very instant initiatives vis-a- vis the delivery of the poll goods in Karnataka help Congress allure the electorate in other States time will tell!

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

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FIRST COLUMN INVEST IN STOCK MARKET FOR LONG TERM

Market bravehearts do not panic when the Sensex falls; they see it as an opportunity



S KALYANASUNDARAM

r Mahadevan is working for a multinational company and he gets a handsome salary. During the last ten years, many of his friends suggested to he invest in the equity market for handsome returns. He has tried this many times in the past. But unfortunately on many occasions, whenever he purchased some quality large-cap stock, due to various reasons the market had fallen sharply. After waiting for some time, he sold his stock at a loss. He has decided that he is not lucky enough to make money from the stock market.

Like Mr Mahadevan, many of us think that to make good returns from the stock market, we should be lucky enough. This may be partly true in the sense, if one is lucky, he may get an abundant return. That is if one is lucky, he may be able to 'Buy low and Sell high' consistently. This may give one sky-high return. But that does not mean that others cannot make a reasonable return. Return from investment should be evaluated on a comparative basis. So return on stock investment should be compared with Fixed Income Returns or investment in gold etc. Ideally, if one gets a return better than a return from a bank's fixed deposit or post office savings scheme etc., he should be happy with that. One may or may not get an astronomical return from equity investment but it is possible to get a reasonable return if one is disciplined enough to make informed decisions and prepared to wait for a long time. Let us see an example. Let us assume that Mr Mahadevan invests Rs.1,00,000 every year in Sensex for ten years from



2011-12. Let us also assume that he is unlucky to the extent that he invests every year only when the Sensex is at the highest point of that year. After 10 years what would be his position? The Sensex as of 31 03 2022 was 58568. The highest points of Sensex during the years from 2011-12 to 2020-21 were as follows:19811, 20204, 22467, 30025, 29095, 29825, 36444, 38990, 42274 and 52517 respectively.

Assuming that he has invested Rs.100000 every year at the highest point, the value of each such investment (based on Sensex) from 2011-12 to 2020-21 as of 31 03 2022 comes to Rs.295632, Rs.289888, Rs.260682, Rs.195066, Rs.201302, Rs.196375, Rs.160707, Rs.150214, Rs.138544 and Rs.111522 respectively. From 2011-12 to 2020-21 year wise absolute return comes to Rs.195632, Rs.189988, Rs.160682, Rs.95066, Rs.101302, Rs.96375, Rs.60707, Rs.50214, Rs.38544 and Rs.11522 respectively. Annualized return percentage for these years (2011-12 to 2020-21) will come to 19.56, 21.10, 20.09, 13.58, 16.88, 19.27, 15.18, 16.74, 19.27 and 11.52 respectively. The return as of 31 03 2022 has been calculated ignoring the entry time (date/month of the year) as the exact date of the highest point of Sensex may be anywhere within that vear. Based on the Sensex figure of 31 03 2022, absolute return and its percentage were worked out. The average return for the number of years has been taken as the annual return.

From the above figures, we can conclude the following:

In the long run, investments in large-cap funds provide superior returns. If one is prepared to wait, there is no negative return. For superior return, one doesn't need to be a lucky person. What is required is discipline to hold the position for the long run. During the last 10 years, the lowest annualized return is 11.52 per cent and the highest is 21.10.

When we make regular investments year after year under SIP, there is always a possibility of better returns. The above returns are calculated on the worst-case scenario of entry at the highest level of Sensex year after year. When the entry is at other times, the return should be far better.

Fortune favours the brave. Bravery is not confined just to soldiers or defence personnel, it is a dynamic quality within an individual, which decides his capacity to get a better return from his investments. If one is brave enough, he will not panic whenever the Sensex falls sharply. Such falls provide a long-term opportunity to buy quality stocks at a reasonable price.

(The writer is a retired banker)

Stigma, society and schizophrenia



R C JILOHA

Reduction and eradication of stigma attached to schizophrenia requires a concerted effort at the individual, societal and institutional levels



orld Schizophrenia Day is observed every year on 24th May 1984 to educate the public about Schizophrenia and challenge the misconceptions and stereotypes surrounding the disease. In 1911, Eugen Bleuler, a Swiss psychiatrist, coined the term schizophrenia for patients with severe mental disorders having lost their contact with reality. The illness is characterized by hallucinations, delusions, disorganized thinking, cognitive and motivational impairment, poor social functioning and social isolation. The illness generally begins during adolescence and takes a chronic and often deteriorating course if not treated adequately on

Today, more than 21 million people across the globe live with this label and more than half of them remain untreated because of various reasons including the stigma attached to the illness. Before Bleuler, people with schizophrenia were variously named and treated with varying degrees of discrimination and preju-

The stigma attached to schizophrenia is a disgraceful attribute that makes the patient an acceptable target for prejudice, deprivation and discrimination. Stigma could be subtle or obvious - but no matter the magnitude, it can lead to a damaging effect on the prognosis of the disease. Stigma often comes from a lack of understanding or fear, and inaccurate or misleading media representations that make society to under-evaluate persons with schizophrenia. Self-stigma occurs when the patient internalizes negative attitudes about one's condition and views himself as flawed and deficient compared to others. This leads to the subjective feeling of emotional embarrassment, erosion of self-esteem and social status and alien-

These conditions contribute to unemployment, isolation, poor need for treatment or delayed treatment, prolonged illness course and avoidable hospitalization. Public stigma involves negative or discriminatory attitudes that others have



HEALTH INTO PRIMARY CARE IDENTIFIES ON HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS' ATTITUDES AS WELL AS IN CONNECTING PATIENTS WITH

HEALTH SERVICES

AND SELF-HELP

GROUPS

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about the patients which result in social rejection and isolation due to emotions of anger, anxiety, pity, or fear elicited in other people. Institutional stigma involves policies of the government and private organizations that intentionally or unintentionally limit opportunities for people with schizophrenia. It becomes evident when institutional practices result in discrimination in employment opportunities and other benefits. Institutional attitude contributes to the worsening of the disease and reduces the likelihood of seeking help. The combination of internalized, interpersonal, and institutional stigma has a synergistically corrosive effect on mental and physical health that extends far beyond clinical symptoms.

The most common consequences of stigma are anger, depression, fear, anxiety, feelings of POSITIVE EFFECTS isolation, guilt, embarrassment, and prevention from recovery or avoidance of neip-seeking. Stigmatized individuals often deplete adaptive coping mechanisms while managing a devalued identity and thus engage in maladaptive emotional regulation strategies such as rumination, and daydreaming, increasing their risk for other adverse health outcomes. Also, the fear that making the illness public will decrease job opportunities and social status, makes the patient more anxious. 1 in 3 patients with schizophrenia has a social anxiety disorder, and stigma is closely related to social anxiety in these patients. Prejudice and discrimination related to schizophrenia result in an increased probability of misuse of alcohol and drugs.

Stigmatization has detrimental consequences for both objective and subjective quality of life. Reduced subjective quality of life in schizophrenia is mediated by

perceived stigma and lower selfesteem. Anxiety disorders impose an additional burden, resulting in a further decline in their subjective quality of life. There are several barriers in the way of removing stigma. Some of these stem from the biased attitudes and practices of mental health professionals themselves. Mental health workers may develop negative attitudes toward the patients they treat. Even physicians affected by mental illness suffer from interpersonal stigma due to a deeprooted view in the medical profession that disclosing mental health issues means admitting constitutional weakness which may erode their reputation as physicians.

There are multiple pathways for overcoming negative attitudes and practices. These include improved training in evidencebased interventions, engaging in a collaborative and empathic relationship focused on patient empowerment, and the provision of psychological support for mental health professionals in response to daily stresses. A significant barrier to removing interpersonal stigma is the paucity of social contact with stigmatized individuals. If people contact stigmatized individuals in conditions of relatively equal power and status, the interaction is far more likely to generate positive attitudes and chip away at stigma. Regular, informal contact is most likely to eradicate negative perceptions of stigmatized individuals. Shared goals and cooperative work toward common ends between people with and without mental illness promote an environment where attitudes are more likely to be positive and contact is likely to con-

India, several measures have been

instituted to remove or at least minimise the stigma against mental disorders. National Mental Health Program 1982, National Mental Health Policy 2014 and Mental Healthcare Act 2017 - all recognise stigma as a significant barrier to achieving mental health and provide strategies to reduce stigma such as integration of mental health with general health services, community participation and empowering mentally ill with their rights. These strategies have been implemented, focusing principally on improving knowledge about mental health as well as attitudes toward individuals with schizophrenia.

The integration of mental health into primary care identifies positive effects on healthcare professionals' attitudes as well as in connecting patients with health services and self-help groups. Advocacy to reduce public stigma is most effective if promoted with tne ossidility that individuals with schizophrenia can attain the role expectations with proper sup-

Stigma is a form of social injustice that contributes to the onset of psychosis in schizophrenia spectrum disorders, delays treatment attainment, promotes social isolation, stress, and maladaptive coping behaviours such as alcoholism and drug addiction, and places individuals with schizophrenia at higher risk for a more severe illness course resulting in a vegetative state. Reduction and eradication of stigma requires a concerted effort at the individual, societal and institutional levels. Patients with schizophrenia require access to high-quality and affordable care. Effectively integrating these factors can decrease symptom burden, reduce discrimina-At the institutional level, in tion, and promote helpful social

Clean drinking water and sanitation is akin to human right

SDG 6 is not just about infrastructure and resources. It is about a cross-sectional solution for a equitable future for all by ensuring basic necessity, water

n a world increasingly oriented towards inclusive **▲**development, the United Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a roadmap to ensure that no one is left behind. Particularly critical in this global blueprint is SDG 6, which aims to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. This goal forms the cornerstone of health, wellbeing, education, and gender equality for communities worldwide.

A WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme report finds that 2.2 billion people globally lack safely managed drinking water, while 4.2 billion lack safely managed sanitation services. With 18% of the world's population but



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only 4% of its water resources, India faces major challenges in meeting its water and sanitation needs. The lack of WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) has severe implications for disadvantaged communities, leading to health crises and decreased economic opportunities.

Inadequate water and sanitation disproportionately affect women and girls. A 2015 study by Dasra finds about 23% of girls in India drop out of school due to a lack of safe menstrual hygiene facilities. Women and girls lose out on income generation and educational opportunities due to the time spent fetching water. Inaccessible or nonfunctional toilets further expose women to physical

and sexual assault and health

issues. In children under 5 years of age, diarrhoeal diseases resulting from inadequate WASH are a leading cause of death. These issues are symptomatic of larger systemic concerns that result in inequitable delivery of these essential services.

In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly explicitly recognized the human right to clean water and sanitation, affirming their essence to the realization of all human rights. Programs such Swachh Mission(SBM) and Jal Jeevan Mission, (also known as Har

Bharat Ghar Nal Yojana) have significantly contributed to improving access to sanitation and water. Recently, under SBM 50% of villages in India achieved ODF (open defecation free) Plus status. When Jal Jeevan Mission was launched, only 21.64 lakhs (7.84%) of households had access to tap water in the 112 aspirational districts of the country. The number has now increased to 1.67 crore (60.51%) house-

Philanthropic and CSR initiatives have also made considerable progress in ensuring WASH coverage from multiple aspects. Ambuja Cement, for instance, enhanced water storage by 166 million litres and rejuvenated 550 tube wells in Rajasthan and Maharashtra. HUL's Suvidha initiative provides sanitation services in Mumbai, reducing diarrhoea cases by 44% and conserving 35 million litres of water annually. The Su Swasthya initiative

Alloys (IMFA) includes infrastructure development and awareness campaigns in WASH impacting 19 lakh community members in 2989 villages across 6 districts of Odisha.

Despite significant strides in the right direction, much remains to be achieved. The Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) to water and sanitation underscores the importance of the availability, accessibility, and affordability of sanitation infrastructure.

Advancements in water and sanitation necessitate a comprehensive, multi-stakeholder approach. Women, being at the heart of grassroots development, should be integral to this process, ensuring the initiatives are diverse and by Indian Metals and Ferro effective.

Infrastructure development is a fundamental part of improving water and sanitation services. It entails constructing or upgrading physical facilities such as systems for water supply and waste disposal, and toilets. The involvement of community members in decision-making is essential to realise a shared vision for sustainable water and sanitation practices. Once the infrastructure is in place, it is crucial to raise awareness about the importance of using sanitation facilities and maintaining hygiene. Moreover, community education should extend to water conservation. Collective efforts to prevent the pollution of surface water and contamination of groundwater sources

must also be emphasised.

There is no one-size-fits-all

solution for water and sanitation issues and the initiatives may vary depending on geographical, climatic, and cultural considerations. In areas where water salinity is high, procedures for desalination and water filtration must take precedence. Similarly, established procedures for water conservation such as water harvesting, drip irrigation, waste management treatment and storage reservoirs must also be used as required.

The complexity and pervasiveness of the water and sanitation crisis necessitate a collective approach. When government, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and communities collaborate, outcomes are inclusive, sustainable, and appropriate to local contexts.

Fukushima n-plant

team of South Korean gov-Aernment experts began a two-day tour of Japan's tsuna-mi-wrecked Fukushima nuclear power plant on Tuesday to examine a contentious plan to release treated but still slightly radioactive wastewater into the sea.

Officials from the Japanese government and the plant operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, were to show the 21-member delegation several facilities related to treatment, safety checks, transport and dilution of the water, Japanese officials said Tuesday.

The plan has faced fierce protests from local fishing communities concerned about safety and reputational damage. Neighbouring countries, including South Korea, China and Pacific Island nations, have also raised safety concerns.

The water discharge plan has particularly been a sensitive issue between Tokyo and Seoul, which are now working to repair long-strained bilateral ties to address bigger challenges such as security threats from China and North Korea.

Yoo Guk-hee, the chairperson of South Korea's Nuclear Security Safety and Commission who heads the delegation, told reporters after the first day's visit that his team needs more data, including about the water filtering system, to determine contamination levels before and after treatment and whether it is safely operated.

"We will need all the information to reach an overall conclusion," he said. "What we are trying to focus on is to determine, based on scientific evidence and standards, how these facilities work and whether these facilities are working properly, as well as whether the discharge procedure and process are adequate," Yoo said. Asked if there is anything that can be done to quell South Korean people's anxiety over the discharge plan, he said, "If we can explain in detail what

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Members of the minor progressive Jinbo Party stage a rally against the Japanese government's decision to release treated radioactive water from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, in Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday. The signs read "We oppose the release of treated radioactive water from Fukushima.

we have inspected, I think that and marine life. is meaningful?

Japanese Trade and Industry Minister Yasutoshi Nishimura promised earlier Tuesday to provide a "thorough explanation" to the South Korean experts and show them the current status of water tanks, other facilities and construction at the plant.

"I expect this will deepen the understanding in South Korea about the safety of our planned release" of the treated water, Nishimura said.

He has said the South Korean team's visit is not an inspection of the discharge plan, which is already under review by the International Atomic Energy Agency, a UN nuclear watchdog.

After its second day at the plant Wednesday, Yoo's team is to meet with Japanese officials in Tokyo before heading home

Japanese officials say only water that has been treated to legally releasable levels and further diluted with large amounts of seawater will be released into the sea about 1 kilometre offshore through an undersea tunnel, and the controlled release over decades will make it harmless to people

Statement of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Financial year ended 31-03-2023

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The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial year ended Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full formats of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com

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Some scientists say the impact of long-term, low-dose exposure to tritium and other radionuclides is unknown and the release should be delayed.

Historical disputes have strained ties between Tokyo and Seoul — most recently over the compensation of Koreans who were forced labourers during Japan's 1910-1945 colonisation of the Korean Peninsula. But their relationship has thawed rapidly since March, when South Korea's government announced a local fund would compensate some of the former labourers.

Tokyo and Seoul, under pressure from Washington, share a sense of urgency to mend ties amid growing security threats in the region.

Nishimura said the government and TEPCO plan to start releasing the treated water after compulsory safety checks by Japanese nuclear regulators and a final review report by the

A massive earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011, destroyed the Fukushima Daiichi plant's cooling systems, causing three reactors to melt, releasing large amounts of

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the Preston City Council said. "His focus has always been to make a positive difference in the community in which he lives. Yakub's passions in life are his family and the community he represents," it said. The community leader is said to have been involved in politics since the age of 10 when he started canvassing and delivering leaflets for his late father, who was a strong supporter and member of former prime minister Indira Gandhi-led Congress Party in India.

PUBLIC NOTICE Sh. Satpal Singh Kadyan s/o Sh. Tara Chand lost his previous Original Sale deed No.5842/1 Dated 05.10.2012 favouring Smt. Manju Malik w/o Sh. Vikas Malik regarding the property situated at mouja Bahadurgarh Sector-2 Urban Estate Bahadurgarh Distt. Jhajjar Haryana, between in Delhi City and if any person has found/ information/Possession/Knowledge for above said documents shall submit/intimate within 07 days to Sh. M. L. Dhingra Advocate, Office/Shop No 13 Near Ram Panwari Chhoti. Ram Chowk Rohtak or Chamber No.148 Distr. Court Complex Rohtak M.No.9416380702. Thereafter any kind of claim will not be

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APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 read

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and

Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is' basis on 26.06.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 45,52,427/-(Rupees Forty Five Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Seven only) pending towards Loan Account No. HLAPNOI00308341, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 15.05.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 16.05.2023 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from LALIT UPADHYAY, SAROJ KUMARI UPADHYAY, SHANKARA NAND UPADHYAY and POLASH VENTURES (THROUGH ITS PARTNERS)

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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Date: 19.05.2023

S Korean experts visit | Court grants Imran Khan bail in 8 cases

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Former prime minister Imran Khan got a major relief on Tuesday when an anti-terrorism court in Pakistan granted him bail till June 8 in eight cases related to violence that erupted at the Judicial Complex here in March.

The cases were registered in different police stations of Islamabad against 70-year-old Khan after clashes erupted between police and his supporters when the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chief appeared before a court in the Judicial Complex on March

The clashes erupted when Khan attended a much-awaited hearing in the Toshakhana corruption case. During the confrontation, over 25 security personnel were injured. On Tuesday, Khan trav-

Indian-origin

councillor is new

Mayor of Preston

in north England

London (PTI): Yakub Patel, a

Gujarat-born councillor and an

active member of the local

community has taken over as

the new Mayor of Preston, a city in Lancashire county of

northern England which has a

tradition of having a city Mayor

dating back to the 14th centu-

Patel, who was born in Bharuch district of Gujarat,

moved to the UK after his grad-

uation from the University of

Labour Party Councillor for

Avenham Ward of the city in

1995, becoming the first

Muslim councillor in the his-

tory of Preston City Council.

involved with local voluntary

and community organisations,

"Yakub has always been

He was first elected as a

Baroda in 1976.

party said in a message. Established in 1974, the elled from Lahore to the capital, Islamabad to appear before the anti-terrorism court locat-Toshakhana is a department

Khan's close aide Mazari quits party after arrest

Mazari, Pakistan's former human Addressing a press conferrights minister and a close aide of ousted prime minister Imran Khan, on Tuesday quit the party and announced her retirement from active politics following her arrest over the recent violence. Mazari, 72, made the announcement after she was released following her arrest for the fourth time since May 12 when she was picked from her residence by police and sent to jail. She served as the minister for human rights and Parliament," she said.

ed in the Judicial Complex. After hearing arguments by lawyers, the court granted him bail in eight cases till June 8, his

Islamabad (PTI): Shireen from 2018 to 2022, under Khan's

ence here, she condemned the violence after the arrest of Khan on May 9, adding that she had given a similar undertaking in the Islamabad High Court. "Not only the May 9 and 10 violence, but I've always condemned every kind of violence especially against state institutions and symbols like the General Headquarters, Supreme Court

under the administrative control of the Cabinet Division and stores precious gifts given to rulers, parliamentarians, bureaucrats, and officials by heads of other governments and states and foreign digni-



Security personnel secure a vehicle carrying the Pakistan's former Prime Ministe Imran Khan leaves after his court appearance, in Islamabad, Pakistan on Tuesday.

Khan, the cricketer-turnedpolitician, was disqualified by the Election Commission of Pakistan in October last year for not sharing details of the

Meanwhile, an accountability court in Islamabad stopped the National

Accountability Bureau (NAB) from arresting PTI chief Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi in the Al-Qadir Trust case by granting her interim bail.

The former first lady's lawyer Khawaja Haris appeared before the court and filed an application for Bushra Bibi's

Israeli national security chief: New Iranian nuclear facility not immune from attack

AP ■ JERUSALEM

The Israeli government's national security adviser on Tuesday said a new nuclear facility being built by Iran would not be immune from attack, despite assessments by experts it will be beyond the reach of last-ditch U.S. bunker-busting bombs. Tzachi Hanegbi made the comments in response to an Associated Press report that said the new facility appears to be as deep as 100 meters (328 feet) below ground.

Hanegbi, speaking at a security conference near Tel Aviv, said he was not surprised by the report, noting that Iran

has other underground facilities. While he acknowledged the location would complicate any potential military strike on the facility, he said there are still solutions to the challenge. "What is possible to say

no place that can't be reached," He declined to say whether Israel had the ability to do this

on its own.

about this matter is that there is

'We hope we won't get to a situation where the solution to the story of a nuclear weapon in Iran is a kinetic solution, a solution involving an attack," he said, adding that Israel prefers to see Iran resolved through diplomat-

Israel considers Iran to be its greatest enemy and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has repeatedly said he will not allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon. He has said international diplomacy should be accompanied by a serious military option and hinted that Israel would be prepared to strike Iran on its own if necessary. Photos and videos of Iran's new facility from Planet Labs PBC show Iran has been digging tunnels near the Natanz nuclear site, which has come under repeated sabotage attacks

mounds at the site suggest the facility could be between 80 meters (260 feet) and 100 meters (328 feet) under the ground, according to experts

and AP's analysis. The Islamic Republic denies it is seeking nuclear weapons, though officials in Tehran now openly discuss their ability to pursue one. With Iran now producing uranium close to weapons-grade levels after the collapse of its nuclear deal with world powers, the installation complicates the West's efforts to halt Iran from potentially developing an atomic bomb as diplomacy over its nuclear program

'Companies in China want clarity after security rule changes, raids'

AP ■ BEIJING

Foreign companies in China are uncertain about what they are allowed to do following police raids on consulting firms and want "greater clarity" about how newly expanded national security and other rules will be enforced, a for-

eign business group said Tuesday. The British Chamber of Commerce in China said a survey of its members found they are more optimistic following December's lifting of anti-virus controls that blocked most travel into and out of China. It said they want to invest trust and certainty" in China amid tension with Europe and Washington and official plans to promote economic self-

"If there is greater clarity and greater certainty, then we believe that companies will commit more to China," said the

chamber chairman, Julian MacCormac, at a news conference. Some 70 per cent of companies "are really waiting to see" how conditions develop before taking

President Xi Jinping's government says foreign companies are welcome and is trying to encourage them to invest more. But they are uneasy following the expansion of national security and other rules with little explanation and official plans to create competitors to global suppliers of processor chips and other technology, sometimes using subsidies and tions with the European Union, Washington and other trading partners. On Sunday, the government banned use of products from the biggest US maker of memory chips, Micron Technology Inc., in computers that handle sensitive information. It said Micron

had unspecified security flaws but gave no explanation.

Companies are on edge after police raided offices of two consultancies, Bain &Co. and Capvision, and a due diligence firm, Mintz Group. Authorities have given no explanation. They say companies are obliged to obey the law but have given no indication of possible viola-

The British chamber represents some 650 companies, many of them in finance, consulting and other service industries that might be affected by tighter curbs China and how it can be used and stored. Tuesday's report included 171 suggestions for Chinese regulators including "greater clarity" about data restrictions on the auto industry and addressing what it said is unfair treatment of foreign companies in government purchasing.

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EXTRACT OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31.03.2023

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended
		31.03.2023 Audited	31.03.2022 Audited	31.03.2023 Audited	31.03.2022 Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	95.34	6.30	215.53	210.89
2	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Actvities for	48.02	4.03	158.60	198.90
	the Period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or				
	Extraodinary Items)				
3	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Actvities for	48.02	4.03	158.60	198.90
	the Period before Tax(after Exceptional				
	and/or Extraodinary Items)				
4	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Actvities for	(7.74)	(0.85)	102.23	180.95
	the Period after Tax (after Exceptional				
	and/or Extraodinary Items)				
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(1,332.48)	2,448.67	(3,911.40)	7,376.43
	[Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period				
	(after tax) and Other Comprehensive				
	Income (after tax)]				
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs.10/-)	222.39	222.39	222.39	222.39
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves			7,019.67	10,930.98
	as shown in the Balance sheet of previous				
	year)				
8	Earning Per Share (EPS) Face value of				
	Rs.10/- each. (for Continuing and				
	discontinuing operations)				
	Basic & Diluted:-	(0.35)	(0.04)	4.60	8.14

ended March 31, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchange under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations a year enter warden 32 zezo fiet with resident extra granten regulation 350 file 350 files file of the quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2023 are available on the Stock Exchange website i.e. www.bseindia.com and Company's website: http://www.owmnahar.com/kovalam/investor.php. 2. The Audited financial results of the Company for the Quarter and Financial Year ended 31st March, 2023 have been reviewed by the Audit Committe and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors in their meetings held on May 23, 2023. 3. The finance esults are prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (IndAS) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent possible For Kovalam Investment and Trading Co. Ltd

Date: 23.05.2023

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No debt ceiling agreement in WH meeting, though Biden, McCarthy talks productive

AP WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy both said they had a productive debt ceiling discussion late Monday at the White House, but there was no agreement as negotiators strained to raise the nation's borrowing limit in time to avert a potentially chaotic federal default.

It's a crucial moment for the Democratic president and the Republican speaker, just 10 days before a looming deadline to raise the debt

As soon as June 1, Treasury Secretary Janel Yellen said in a letter to Congress, "it is highly likely' the government will be unable to pay all the nation's bills. Such an unprecedented default would be financially damaging for many Americans and others around the world relying on US stability, sending shockwaves through the global economy. Each side praised the

other's seriousness, but basic differences remained. They are at odds over how to trim annual budget deficits. Republicans are determined to cut spending while Biden's team offered to hold spending levels flat. Biden wants to increase some taxes on the wealthiest Americans and some big companies, but

McCarthy said early on that that is out of the question.

"The time of spending, just spending more money in America and government is

wrong," McCarthy said after

the Oval Office meeting. In a brief post-meeting statement, Biden called the session productive but merely added that he, McCarthy and their lead negotiators 'will continue to discuss the path forward." Upbeat, McCarthy said their teams

Biden said all agreed that "default is not really on the table.

would work "through the

Though there is no agreement on basic issues, the contours of a deal seem within reach. A budget deal would unlock a separate vote to lift the debt ceiling, now \$31 trillion, to allow more

borrowing. Negotiations are focused on finding compromise over a 2024 budget year cap that would be key to resolving the standoff. Republicans insisted next year's spending be less than it is now, but the White House instead offered to hold spending flat at current 2023 numbers. Republicans initially sought to roll back next year's spending to 2022 levels, and impose 1% caps on spending growth for 10 years, though a later proposal narrowed that to about six

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. SF-4 SECOND FLOOR, REAR RIGHT HAND SIDE, PLOT NO. - 121. JAI DURGE APARTMENT, VIKRAM ENCLAVE, SAHIBABAD, GHAZIABAD-201005.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. For bidding, log on to

Date: 19.05.2023 AUTHORISED OFFICER INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD. Place: GHAZIABAD

APPENDIX IV-A

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and

Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the

constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 26.06.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 20,12,185/-(Rupees Twenty Lakh Twelve Thousand One Hundred Eighty Five only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOI00476667, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 12.05.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 13.05.2023 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from PRIYA

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 24,03,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Three Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 2,40,300/- (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Thousand Three Hundred only) i.e. equivalent

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Place: NOIDA

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Russia defeats incursion from Ukraine Pope's peace envoy terms EU welcomes F-16 jet decision Ukraine war a 'pandemic'



A Ukrainian soldier fires an RPG toward Russian positions at the frontline near Bakhmut in the Donetsk region, Ukraine

used by the attackers were

destroyed, he said. Local offi-

cials alleged drones and

artillery were also used in the

region, Vyacheslav Gladkov,

said the raid targeted the rural

area around the town of

Graivoron, a town about 5

kilometres from the border.

Twelve civilians were wound-

ed in the attack, he said, and an

older woman died during the

urged residents who had evac-

uated to stay put and not

return home until they received

official instructions to do so.

He said a "counterterrorism

time Russia has alleged an

incursion by Ukrainian sabo-

teurs, it was the first time the

operation to counter the raid

continued for a second day,

highlighting the struggles

Moscow is facing amid its

bogged-down invasion of

Kyiv officials brush off accusa-

citizens belonging to murky

groups calling themselves the

Russian Volunteer Corps and

the "Freedom of Russia" Legion

were behind the assault.

Ukraine said that Russian

tions of orchestrating them.

Russian territory and

While it wasn't the first

operation" was underway.

governor of the Belgorod

 $R^{\hbox{\it ussian troops and security}}_{\hbox{\it forces quashed Tuesday an}}$ alleged cross-border raid from Ukraine, claiming to have killed more than 70 attackers in a battle that lasted around 24 hours, a senior Moscow official said. It was not possible to independently confirm claims about the armed incursion into Russian territory that began Monday. Nor was it possible to say with any certainty who was behind the attack or what its aims were.

Disinformation has been one of the weapons of the almost 15-month war.

Moscow blamed the raid on Ukrainian military saboteurs. Kviv portraved the incident as an uprising against the Kremlin by Russian partisans. It wasn't immediately possible to reconcile the two versions.

The battle took place in the Belgorod region, about 80 kilometres north of the city of Kharkiv, in eastern Ukraine.

Russian Defence Ministry Ukraine and embarrassing the pokesman Igor Konashenkov claimed the armed attackers were routed by local troop Russia-occupied areas of units, air strikes and artillery Ukraine have also been hit by drones and explosions that have derailed trains, though

"The remnants of the nationalists were driven back to the territory of Ukraine, where they continued to be hit by fire until they were completely eliminated," Konashenkov said, without providing evidence. He did not mention any Russian casualties.

Four armoured combat vehicles and five pickup trucks **Brussels (AP):** The European Union's foreign policy chief said Tuesday that the US green light to allow Ukrainian pilots to get training to fly F-16s has created an inexorable momentum that will inevitably bring

'You know, it's always the same thing: we discuss, at the beginning everybody is reluc-tant," said Josep Borrell, giving the example of the long debate and initial opposition to the dispatch of advanced Leopard

the fighter jets to the Ukrainian

battle tanks to Ukraine.
"And at the end — with the Leopards, with the F-16 at the end — the decision comes to provide this military support because it is absolutely needed."

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg confirmed that the training decision was the exact thrust necessary toward making the jets available to Ukraine. "Announcing clearly that

they will start training — this is an important step that partly will enable us to deliver fighter jets at some stage," Stoltenberg said before meeting with EU defence ministers. He said it also proved that

the West wouldn't stand down in the face of Russia, saying such a decision "is sending a very clear signal that we are there for the long term and that Russia can not wait us out."

Borrell added that training for Ukrainian pilots had already

other countries, though authorities in Warsaw couldn't immediately confirm the news. The Netherlands and Denmark, among others, are also making plans for such training. No decision on actually delivering fourth-generation fighter jets has been taken yet, but training pilots now — a process that takes several months — will help speed up battle readiness once a formal decision is made. "We can continue and also finalise the plans that we're making with Denmark and other allies to start these these trainings. And of course, that is the first step that you have to take," Dutch Defence Minister Kajsa Ollongren said.

Pope Francis' peace envoy for Ukraine, a veteran of the Catholic Church's conflictmediation efforts, blasted war as a "pandemic" on Tuesday and said all Christians are called to be peacemakers.

In his first public comments since being named Ukraine envoy, Cardinal Matteo Zuppi called for the creation of a culture of peace to respond to the "deep anxiety, sometimes unexpressed, often unheard, of peoples who need peace."

The Vatican on Saturday confirmed that Francis had tasked Zuppi with a mission "to help ease tensions in the conflict in Ukraine, in the never-ending hope by the Holy Father, that this can initiate paths of peace." No further details were released, with the Vatican saying that they were still under study.

Zuppi, 67, is the archbishop of Bologna, president of the Italian bishops' conference and a veteran of the Catholic Church's peace mediation initiatives through his longtime affiliation with the Sant'Egidio Community.

Through the Rome-based

charity, Zuppi helped mediate the 1990s peace deals ending civil wars in Guatemala and Mozambique and headed the commission negotiating a ceasefire in Burundi in 2000, accord-

ing to Sant'Egidio.
A pastor in Francis' style and considered "papabile" having the qualities of a future pope — Zuppi was named last year to head the Italian bishops conference, and in that role opened the conference's spring meeting Tuesday with a wideranging speech about the Italian church that also dwelled on

Quoting Francis, Zuppi recalled the pontiff's frequent, emotional expressions of solidarity with the "martyred" Ukrainian people, and appeared to address the frequent criticism of the Vatican's diplomatic tradition of neutrality and Francis'

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out the Kremlin.

Zuppi suggested Francis was by no means neutral in demanding peace.

"We are grateful today for his prophecy, so rare today when talking about peace seems to avoid taking sides or fail to acknowledge responsibility," he said. Saying all Christians are called to do their part to bring peace, he said: "War is a pandemic. It involves all of us."

"The church and Christians believe in peace, we are all called to be peacemakers, even more so in the terrible storm of conflicts," he said. Francis announced the existence of a peace mission while en route home last month from Hungary, where he met with an envoy of the Russian Orthodox Church, which has strongly supported

In the weeks since, Francis has met at the Vatican with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who made clear he would not accept territorial concessions and rejected Francis' reference to victims on both sides of the conflict, saying there can be no equivalence between victim and aggressor.

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Russia's sanctioned interior minister visits Saudi Arabia

Earlier Tuesday, Gladkov Dubai (AP): A top Russian official who faces sanctions in the West over Moscow's war on Ukraine visited Saudi Arabia early Tuesday and held talks with his counterpart in the kingdom, state media reported.

Russian Interior Minister Vladimir Kolokoltsev's visit to Riyadh came just days after President Ukrainian Zelenskyy Volodymyr addressed an Arab League summit held in Saudi Arabia's Red Sea port city of Jeddah on Friday. The visits underline

Vladimir Putin's policies instigated the assault, Ukrainian Deputy Defence Minister Hanna Maliar said Tuesday. "These are Russian patri-

ots, as we understand it. People who actually rebelled against the Putin regime," she said. The "Freedom of Russia"

Legion said in its Telegram channel that the goal was to "liberate" the region.

The Russian Volunteer Corps implied in a Telegram Russian dissidents unhappost that the attack was over, adding: "One day, we'll come to

how the kingdom and Gulf Arab states, traditionally the security clients of the United States, have been maintaining their relations with Moscow amid the Ukraine war. The state-run Saudi Press

Agency said Kolokoltsev met with Saudi Interior Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud.

"During the session, they discussed ways to enhance security cooperation paths between the two countries' ministries of interior, in addition to discussing a number of

stay." The post went up at around the same time as the Russian defence ministry comment about quashing the

The UK Defence Ministry said it was "highly likely" that Russian security forces were fighting partisans in at least three locations in Belgorod.

"Russia is facing an increasingly serious multi-domain security threat in its border regions, with losses of combat aircraft, improvised explosive US Treasury says that Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, New Zealand and the United Kingdom all separate-

ly have sanctioned Kolokoltsev

now direct partisan action," it

the report said, without elabo-

rating.
Russian media did not

immediately report on the visit.

sanctioned by the U.S. since

2018 as part of a slew of sanc-

tions over Russia's activity in

Kolokoltsev, 62, has been

said in a tweet on Tuesday. Russia's Investigative Committee, its top law enforcement agency, announced an investigation into alleged terrorism and attempted murder in connection with the inci-

Belgorod officials earlier this year said they had spent nearly 10 billion rubles (USD 125 million; 116 million euros) on fortifications to protect the region from an incursion amid

Aid agencies back both Syria and Ukraine. The UN's \$7 bn appeal for Horn of Africa crisis

Nairobi (AP): Humanitarian agencies are calling for full funding of the UN's USD 7 billion appeal for the Horn of Africa during a pledging conference this week, citing a growing crisis and the need for urgent lifesaving intervention.

The UN says the region is facing the worst drought in 40 years, with more than 43.3 million people in need of assistance in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya, and more than half of those lacking access to sufficient food, according to the

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IIE Kashipur	S1 - 2A	2031	118/SIIDCUL/2023-24
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APPENDIX IV-A

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E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and

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Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the

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18.05.2023 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 31,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty One

Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 3,10,000/- (Rupees

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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Date: 19.05.2023

Place: FARIDABAD

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Greece heads to new election after conservatives fail to clinch majority

right New Democracy party won a landslide victory in a national vote but failed in clinch a majority in parlia-

A power-sharing deal was put mathematically out of reach Tuesday, after the main opposition party formally received - and summarily rejected — an invitation to try and form the country's next government.

Mitsotakis' had swiftly ruled out seeking a coalition, opting instead for a second election, expected on June 25. That would introduce a change in the electoral system that favours the winning party and likely hand him an outright victory.

55-year-old Mitsotakis won just over 40

hammering his main opporeece is heading toward a nent by 20 points. He has Gnew general election, two promised to continue protion, and high defence spending as Greece recovers from a major financial crisis in the previous decade.

Under Greece's constitution, the first three parties are awarded up to three days each to try and form a government before parliament is dissolved and a new election is called.

The left-wing Syriza party, led by former prime minister Alexis Tsipras, suffered a major defeat at the polls Sunday was obliged to reject the mandate for form a government when received Tuesday by President Katerina Sakellaropoulou.

"I have no reason to hide that the election result is a painful shock for us. Unexpected and painful," Tsipras told reporters after ment."

per cent of the vote Sunday, the meeting. The 48-year-old challenge from the thirdplaced centre-left Pasok party support plummet during the financial crisis and a series of painful international bailouts.

Tsipras said he wasn't considering stepping down, and promised to fight on to try and curb the dominance of the conservatives.

"Imagine an all-powerful, unaccountable ruler-prime minister if these (current) results are repeated," he told reporters outside the president's official residence.

"In its first four years in power, this government demonstrated that it has no respect for the rule of law, democracy or political pluralism ... so the big picture is the need to prevent having a murky, unaccountable, hegemonic and arrogant govern-

Under an official allocaopposition leader now faces a tion announced Tuesday, New Democracy won 146 seats in the 300-member parliament, days after Prime Minister business reforms, tough polithat once dominated Greek five shy of a governing major-Pasok with 41 the Greek Communist Party with 26, and the nationalist Hellenic Solution with 16.

The Pasok leader, Nikos Androulakis, will later on Tuesday formally receive the third and final invitation to try and form a government. But he cannot put forward a viable proposal without the support of the first or second party which has already been ruled

Sunday's elections were held under a system of proportional representation applied for the first time in more than three decades. The next ballot will see election rules revert to a pro-majority system, handing the winning party a so-called election bonus of up to 50 seats.

NORTHERN RAILWAY 7 CORRIGENDUM

Ref: i) Tender Notice No. 05/2023-24 dated 13.04.2023 (S.No. 06) ii) Tender No. 08235045 due on 22.05.2023

In reference to above tender, the due date has been extended from 22.05.2023 to

31.05.2023 and tender qty has been changed. All other terms and conditions remai The corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
neral public is hereby informed that Mr. Motha Singh, as the owner of the Half Portion measuring 318 sq. yds. eing part of Piol No. 37-A measuring 636 sq. yds. situated histi and Distt. Ghaziabad. U. P., by virtue of Sale Deed ted 30.1.2011, regd at doc. No. 10810, who along with s wife Mrs. Mulkthyar Kaur died on 15.02.2018 & 1.02.2019 respectively. The abovesaid property is to be larnced & mortgaged with my client i.e., Axis Finance mited and the only surviving heirs of Late Mr. Mothat inph are Manjeet Kaur, Kuideep Singh and Sukhvinder ingh. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim in is properly, then contact the undersigned within 7 days om date of this notice on below address, failing which, it "It he secured that there are no failing or respects in the secured test there are no failing or respects in the secured test there are no failing or respects in

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Raghav Tiwari, Advocate Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts

"The said property" by virtue of Conveyagnce deed dated 0.8.04.2007, (for 24, undivided share) and Transfer Deed dated 0.10.6.2017, (for remaining ½ undivided share after demise of his father late Mr. Manmohan Singh), All persons including other legal heirs if any are hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to sell the said property to Mr. Moht Bhatia or his nomince who is taking Mome Loan facility for purchase the said property from ICIO Bank Ltd., if anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of Mr. Sumedh Mehta. r purchase the said property from Incu baink Liu, in a improva-is any objection/s upon the ownership of Mr. Sumedh Mehta respect of the said property its Sale /Mortgage /Litigation, any kind of objection kindly inform the undersigned in writing in the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

No. SS/CW/Re-tender/333/2023/100 Dated 22nd May' 2023

The Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Assam, invites bids from registered Class-I & II, PWD (Bldg.) contractor for 10 building works in different schools as per the detailed notice inviting tender which can be downloaded from the website https://www.assamtenders.gov.in.

The last date of submission of tender is 13/06/2023 upto 2:00

Janasanyog/CF/622/23

Sd/-Mission Director Samagra Shiksha, Assan Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is basis on 26.06.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 11,27,453/-(Rupees Eleven Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Three only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLVAS00483530, by way of outstanding principal arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 17.05.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 18.05.2023 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from AVINASH SHRIVASTAV and NOOR JAHAN.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 9,08,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eight Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 90,800/-(Rupees Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL DDA JANTA FLAT BEARING NO. C-300, ON 3RD FLOOR (WITH TERRACE RIGHTS), POCKET-11 SITUATED IN JASOLA, OKHLA, NEW

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in

Date: 19.05.2023 **AUTHORISED OFFICER** Place: NEW DELHI INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD. INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 12,00,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY HOUSE NO. N-419/A (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS) HAVING COVERED AREA 33.87 SQUARE METERS ON FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK-N SITUATED IN SECTOR 23, SANJAY NAGAR, GHAZIABAD - 201001, UTTAR PRADESH AND WHICH IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

EAST: HOUSE NO. N452/A WEST: HOUSE NO. N417/A

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NORTH: ROAD 25 FEET WIDE SOUTH: HOUSE NO. N420/A For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. For bidding, log on to

AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date: 19.05.2023 Place: GHAZIABAD INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

UK cracks down on overseas student visa right to bring family dependants route remain unchanged... We

PTI ■ LONDON

The UK government on Tuesday announced a new immigration crackdown targeted at overseas students, including Indians, and their visa right to bring dependant family members to the country while enrolled at a British institution.

In a written statement to the House of Commons, UK Home Secretary Suella Braverman said that only international students on postgraduate courses currently designated as research programmes will be allowed to bring in their family members, including children and elderly parents, as their dependants.

The Indian-origin minister said the new package of measures was necessary after it emerged that around 136,000 visas were granted to dependants of sponsored students in the year ending December

2022 – a more than eight-fold

increase from 16,000 in 2019. This package includes: removing the right for international students to bring dependants unless they are on postgraduate courses currently designated as research programmes," Braverman's statement notes

Removing the ability for international students to switch out of the student route into work routes before their studies have been completed and reviewing the maintenance requirements for students and dependants are listed among the other new measures. The minister also pledged

steps to clamp down on unscrupulous education agents "who may be supporting inappropriate applications to sell immigration not education".

Improved and more targeted enforcement activity is also listed within the new package. "The terms of the graduate

the brightest and the best to the UK. Therefore, our intention is to work with universities over the course of the next year to design an alternative approach that ensures that the best and the brightest students can bring

dependants to our world-lead-

ing universities while continu-

ing to reduce net migration,"

she said.

are committed to attracting

The new curbs are expected to be enforced "as soon as possible", after consultation with the educational sector and kev stakeholders. The crackdown was wide-

ly expected as reports indicated that the UK's latest net migration figures to be released later this week will show a massive rise from 504,000 between June 2021 and 2022 despite a Conservative Party-led government pledge to bring down immigration in the wake of

Sri Lanka must achieve debt restructuring by September Colombo (PTI): The IMF

on Tuesday reaffirmed that Sri Lanka must achieve its debt restructuring process by September, which is also the time for the global lender's formal review of the bailout facility it extended to the cashstrapped nation. The IMF on March 20

extended a nearly USD 3 billion bailout facility to debt-ridden Sri Lanka that would help stabilise the country's economy after it was jolted by a devastating economic crisis last In a statement issued

on Tuesday at the end of a nearly two weeks staff visit to Colombo to assess the progress made by Sri Lanka since the agreement was reached, the IMF said that the two sides had discussed the developments on debt restructuring.

India's GDP crosses \$3.5 tln

Bureaucracy in decision making may reduce attractiveness as FDI destination: Moody's

ndia's GDP has crossed USD 3.5 trillion in 2022 and will be the fastestgrowing G-20 economy over the next few years, but reform and policy barriers could hamper investment, Moody's said on Tuesday.

In a research report, the US-based rating agency said bureaucracy could slow approval processes in obtaining licences and setting up businesses, prolonging project

"India's higher bureaucracy in decision-making will reduce its attractiveness as a destination for foreign direct investment (FDI), especially when competing with other developing economies in the region, such as Indonesia and Vietnam," Moody's Investors Service said. It said a large young and educated work-force, increasing nuclear fam-



ilies and urbanization will fuel demand for housing, cement and new cars.

Government infrastructure spending will bolster steel and cement, while India's net-zero commitment will drive investment in renewable

energy, it said.
"While demand across

the manufacturing and infrastructure sectors will grow 3-12 per cent annually for the rest of the decade, India's capacity will still rank well behind China's by 2030," Moody's said.

It said despite the economy's strong potential, there is a risk that the pace of invest-



and infrastructure sectors could slow because of limited economic liberalization or slower policy implementation.

"Lack of certainty around the amount of time needed for land acquisition approvals, regulatory clearances, obtaining licenses and setting up businesses can materially pro-

long project gestation. Furthermore, India's limited multilateral liberalisation with respect to regional trade agreements will also weigh on foreign investments in the country," it said.

Ongoing efforts by India's government to reduce corruption, formalize economic activity, and bolster tax collection and administration are encouraging, although there are increasing risks to the efficacy of these efforts.

If implemented effectivey, measures undertaken over the last few years — including those introduced during the pandemic to increase the flexibility of labour laws, raise agricultural sector efficiency, expand investment in infrastructure, incentivize manufacturing sector investment and strengthen the financial sector — would lead to higher economic growth, Moody's

The NSE Nifty rose by 33.60 points or 0.18 per cent to end at 18,348, driven by gains

Among the Sensex firms, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Motors, Asian Paints, ITC, IndusInd Bank, State Bank of India, Tata Steel, Wipro, Infosys and Maruti were the major gainers. Tech Mahindra, HCL

Bank, Titan and Larsen & Toubro were the major lag-

HO, Tech



Sensex, Nifty close marginally up

 $B_{\text{and Nifty eked out gains in}}^{\text{enchmark indices Sensex}}$ volatile trade to extend the winning streak to a third straight day on Tuesday amid weak trends in global markets as investors turned cautious ahead of the release of the US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting

Fag-end selling dragged the 30-share BSE Sensex down from its intra-day high level to settle at 61,981.79 with marginal gains of 18.11 points or 0.03 per cent. During the day, the barometer jumped 281.51 points or 0.45 per cent to 62,245.19.

in Adani group stocks.

Technologies, Kotak Mahindra

"Domestic benchmark

in the metal, pharma, and auto sectors. However, market sentiment was challenged by a sell-off in IT stocks, influenced by weak signals from the US market," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial

The direction of the US market is anticipated to impact global equities, with investors closely monitoring upcoming events such as the release of FOMC minutes, US PMI, and progress in debt-ceiling talks, Nair added.

"The benchmark indices observed profit-taking at higher levels. While some IT stocks saw profit-booking at higher levels, the metal index continued to outperform," Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd said.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge climbed 0.43 per cent and smallcap index gained 0.11 per cent.

Among the indices, utilities jumped 1.37 per cent, power gained 1.18 per cent, oil & gas (0.92 per cent), commodities (0.91 per cent) and energy (0.66 per cent).

Industrials, IT, capital goods, consumer durables, teck and realty were the laggards.

In Asian markets, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower, while Seoul ended in the green.

Markets in Europe were trading mostly lower. The US market ended mostly with gains on Monday.

US President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy both said they had a productive debt ceiling discussion late Monday at the White House, but there was no agreement as negotiators strained to raise the nation's borrowing limit in time to avert a potentially chaotic federal default.

Market participants are waiting for the release of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting minutes, scheduled for May 24.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned buyers on Monday as they bought equities worth Rs 922.89 crore after a day's breather, according to exchange data.

Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.03 per cent to USD 75.97 a

The rupee also traded in a narrow range and settled 2 paise higher at 82.82 against

Shriram Properties acquires new project in Chennai, eyes ₹1,200 cr sales revenue

PTI NEW DELHI

Realty firm Shriram Properties Ltd on Tuesday Shriram said it has acquired development rights for 1.9 million square feet at an ongoing housing project in Chennai and aims Rs 1,200 crore worth sales revenue over the next five years. According to a statement,

the project named 'Divine City' is to be developed in three phases with an aggregate saleable area of 3.2 million square feet. The first phase of 1.3 million

square feet area was already launched by the erstwhile owners under the brand 'Shriram Divine City', with Shriram Properties as the development manager.

The project was launched

pre-Covid while the remaining two phases (1.9 million square feet area) is yet to be launched.

"Given the change in partner's market strategy, the erstwhile owners have decided to monetise their development rights in the remaining phases of the project...," the statement

To grow its business in Chennai, Shriram Properties has decided on the "acquisition



of development rights in Phase-2 & 3 of the project with a saleable area of 1.9 million square feet. The project has a revenue potential of around Rs 1,200 crore in next 5 years."

The company plans to relaunch the project under a new identity during the first half of

M Murali, Chairman and Managing Director of Shriram Properties, said, "The acquisition is value accretive and will help us leverage the strong position in the micro market.

"Also, the acquisition will have full control of the remaining phases of the project and

Shadowfax joins ONDC to offer end-to-end logistics services in over 700 Indian cities stone in the development of

Lagistics firm Shadowfax Las joined government-supported ONDC for e-commerce to provide last-mile delivery service in over 700 Indian cities, the company said Shadowfax is planning to

scale its services to over 1,200

"Shadowfax joins ONDC to offer end-to-end logistics ser-

Funding in Indian agri-foodtech startups declined 33 per cent during the last calendar

year to USD 2.4 billion on high-

er base, according to AgFunder

India raised a total of USD 2.4

billion in 2022, down 33 per cent

from 2021. The number of deals

compared to 230 deals in 2021,"

said India AgriFoodTech

Investment Report 2023.

"Agrifoodtech startups in

and Omnivore joint report.

vices in over 700 Indian cities," the statement said. ONDC enables players in

the e-commerce ecosystem to connect with each other and share their resources for providing services in an open "Providing the best logistics

experience to our customers has always been our goal, and joining ÓNDC is a major step towards achieving it.

The funding stood at USD 3.6 billion during the 2021 cal-

ecosystem in India mirrored the

global slump in venture capital funding in 2022. Funding dropped 33 per cent to USD 2.4 billion in 2022, from USD 3.6

billion in 2021. Euphoric start-

up valuations, alongside easy

money, drove investments to a

followed by a swift correction,"

Despite the fall, it noted that

"The agrifoodtech startup

endar year.

"This is a significant mile-

technology-enabled logistics services in India, and we believe it is a crucial component of the e-commerce growth journey," Shadowfax, Co-Founder and CBO, Praharsh Chandra said.

Shadowfax claims to have a base of over 1.3 lakh monthly transacting delivery partners that deliver over 15 lakh orders daily in more than 10,000 pin codes spread across 1,100

Funding in Indian agrifoodtech startups falls 33% to \$2.4 bn in 2022: Report As per the report, late-stage

decrease in capital flow. On investments by supply chain, the report said that "downstream startups raised USD 1.7 billion in 2022, a 37 per cent decrease from USD 2.6 bilmillion late-stage deal made up the bulk of investment in this

investments dropped by 34 per cent and early-stage registered a

46 per cent decrease. Growth-

stage deals showed comparative

stability with an 8 per cent

space in India for transforming agriculture and ensuring food



Adani stocks continue to rally; Adani Enterprises jumps over 13%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

All Adani Group stocks extended their rally, with Adani Enterprises climbing over 13 per cent on Tuesday, after a Supreme Court-appointed panel found no evidence of stock price manipulation in the group companies.

The stock of Adami Enterprises zoomed 13.19 per cent on the BSE.

Shares of Adani Wilmar jumped 9.99 per cent, Adani Power climbed 5 per cent, Adani Transmission (5 per cent), Adani Green (5 per cent), Adani Jordani Gas (5 per cent) and NDTV (4.99 per cent). The stock of Ambuja Cements climbed 0.90 per cent, Adani Ports gained 0.53 per cent and ACC went up 0.25 per cent. Some group stocks also hit their upper circuit limits during the trade.

The combined market valuation of all the ten group firms now stands at Rs 10,79,497.65 crore. In three days, the combined market valuation of all the

group firms has jumped Rs ,927.29 crore.

In the equity market, the 30share BSE benchmark ended with marginal gains, up 18.11 points or 0.03 per cent at 51,981.79 points.

Adani Group stocks have been rallying since Friday.

However, the six-member Supreme Court-appointed panel said there was evidence of a build-up in short positions on Adani Group stocks ahead of the report of US-based short seller Hindenburg Research that alleged fraud, stock manipulation, and money laundering at

the apples-to-port group.

The committee, headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice A M Sapre, in its 173page report, said that based on the data from Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), it saw "no evident pattern of manipulation" in the steep stock price rise in Adani group companies that can be attributed to any single entity or group of connected entities".

Go First suspended board files caveats before Supreme Court against aircraft lessors

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The suspended board of Go ▲ First on Tuesday filed caveats before the Supreme Court against four aircraft lessors of the crisis-hit airline. Four caveats have been filed

by Varun Berry, the Chairman of the suspended board of Go First through his counsel advocate Pranjal Kishore, as per the information available on the website of the Supreme Court of India

The lessors are - SMBC Aviation Capital Ltd, GY Aviation, SFV Aircraft Holdings and Engine Leasing Finance BV (ELFC) - owning around 22 aeroplanes.



The caveat has been filed against the order passed by the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal on Monday, which upheld the order passed by the Delhi bench of the NCLT on May 10.

The Principal Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) admitted the plea of Go First to initiate voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings. It appointed an interim resolution professional (IRP) to suspend the company's

A Caveat application is filed by a litigant to ensure that no order is passed against them without being heard.

Berry is also Executive Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of Wadia group FMCG arm Britannia Industries.

The aircraft lessors are opposing the insolvency proceedings against Go First and are seeking repossession of their aeroplanes whose leases were terminated before May 10.

SBI General unveils Surety Bond

NEW DELHI: SBI General Insurance, the non-life insurance arm of State Bank of India (SBI), on Tuesday announced the launch of the 'General Surety Bond Bima (Conditional & Unconditional)' insurance

Hi-tech diagnostic

NEW DELHI: TRUSTlab Diagnostics, a clinical reference laboratory headquartered in Hyderabad, has entered an association with NKV Path Labs, Gurugram. The association will help the former expand its footprint into erstwhile unexplored areas of the country. This was announced

IVF journey



NEW DELHI: When we started our #IVFjourney in 2011, their were very few centres in India who was offering this treatment option, handful of #FertilityDoctors who knew how to perform this, very limited number of #Embryologist ("Lab Magicians").

The awareness levels for

#IVFtechnique were close to zero & only affluent class knew about it and could afford this technique.

The first uphill task was to make this treatment affordable to common masses without compromising on the treatment quality in order to deliver #IVFsuccess rates.

Methodology for on enablers related to COVID-19, whether

apital markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday revised the methodology for clearing corporations with regard to computation of core Settlement Guarantee Fund corpus in commodity derivatives segment. A core Settlement Guarantee Fund (SGF) is a cortowards it.

observed at the stock exchanges

Is pharma the new India M&A champion?



The ease-of-doing-business sentiment in India has been high, given that global firms remain equally keen, if not more, as compared with last year. Moreover, 2023 is even

such as the increase in demand within domestic markets and the lucrative financials of various entities across industry sectors. At the same time, one needs to factor in the geopolitical arena where economies globally are reshaping their financial appetite to sync with the dynamic demand and supply waves.

more promising in respect of catalyst factors

However, such anxieties do not appear to have clouded India's investment aspirations. Technology being the frontrunner across all development and investment-oriented projects, the country seems poised for flourishing growth, opening sectors such as media, entertainment, banking, and e-commerce for successful mergers and acquisitions (M&A).

According to a recent report by Deloitte,

over the previous year, with the overall M&A deal values crossing \$160 bn. While Private Equity (PE) nosedived by around 38% in 2022, the M&A deal count reached 126, doubling the 2021 record. The dampened PE figures caused a further dip in valuations, escalating inflation, and market uncertainty. With the 2023 trend marking steady recovery, investors expect strategic M&A activity. While India's pharmaceutical, life sciences, and healthcare sectors look encouraging for M&A attorneys, it would be detrimental to ignore the impact of the West, especially the US. As is clear, the price cap is a secure net across the medical devices and pharma sectors, controlling the entire play in the healthcare domain. The US government's recently-announced reduction in drug prices is expected to have a ripple effect on India's export rush as also its import-input costs. This could also trigger serious competition between manufacturers in India and abroad.

The overall deal value in the pharma, healthcare, and biotechnology sectors doubled in 2022 as compared with 2021. From Biocon

Biologics's acquisition of Viatris Inc., Torrent's buyout of Curatio, to Mankind's acquisition of Panacea's domestic formulations, the M&A wall of honours in 2022 is crowded with accolades. Yet another interesting deal is Abu Dhabi Investment Authority's plunge into Intas Pharmaceuticals. It would be naïve to ignore the Department of Pharmaceuticals' significant number of approvals in the brownfield projects in 2022: approximately 21 FDI approvals worth Rs 46.8 bn. Industry prosperity and growth depend largely on how governance, regulatory mech-

anisms, and policy initiatives balance stakeholders' requirements. The exchange of energies between government and industry is rarely harmonious. However, in the healthcare and pharmaceutical space, critical regulatory waves have been ranging from the New Drugs, Medical Devices and Cosmetics Bill ("DMC Bill") in July 2022 to several other policy announcements. The Bill aims to update the age-old laws governing various principles of import, manufacturing, sale, distribution, etc., for all areas of the sector - whether drugs or

medical devices, or even cosmetics. This onelegislation-for-all approach has been criticized ad infinitum without any attempt to break down this legislation into a relevant application of laws to the individual domains of drugs, medical devices, or cosmetics. This corrective measure would also need updating the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940, which would entail taking care of the mushrooming vast segment of e-pharmacies, which need a totally different legislation. After long and focused deliberation and debate, the 'siblings' of the sector now have the comfort of their own space when it comes to being regulated by laws. The Government's efforts in equipping the

sectors with various boosters and catalysts need consideration. Some of the noteworthy ones include the new National List of Essential Medicines, which aims to promote the legitimate use of medicines with regard to related factors such as cost, safety, and overall relevance or efficacy. Yet another praiseworthy set of submissions is the one by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilisers that sought a waiver of customs duty

medicines or even medical devices. Similarly, in the case of medical devices, a special report was tabled in the Rajya Sabha for

overall regulation and control over the sector while assessing the need to upgrade the manufacturing environment in India itself. The National Medical Devices Policy 2022 was also released to streamline the regulatory aspects and upgrade the sector's current technological benchmarks. In addition, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has set up the National Medical Devices Promotion Council to ensure a focused and sustained approach towards Medical Devices as a segment.

Above all, the industry's attention was arrested by the 'Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry Scheme', which promises a contribution of Rs 5 bn for financial assistance to SMEs, MSMEs, etc through the period 2022-2026 to boost the sector's infrastructure health.

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computation tweaked PTI ■ NEW DELHI

pus used for settlement of trades during defaults and all intermediaries - stock exchanges, clearing corporations and brokers — contribute Sebi received representations from clearing corporations that in light of the turnover and the open interest

in the recent times

Newcastle back in Champions League

ddie Howe hailed Newcastle's "incredible" players as they qualified for the Champions League for the first time in 20 years after a 0-0 draw against relegation-haunted Leicester on Monday.

Fifth placed Liverpool's draw with Aston Villa on Saturday meant Newcastle needed just one point from their last two games to be assured of a

Champions League place. Howe's third placed side achieved their target at the first attempt at a jubilant St James' Park.

Howe and his players embarked on a lengthy lap of honour after the final whistle as they soaked up the acclaim from the Toon Army.

"It's a big relief actually, an amazing night. You always hope and you have to dream. But we didn't feel we were ready for the top four," Howe said.

tion battle, it was whether we could consolidate and become a

"I have to compliment the whole squad because physically it's been a big demand. They've seen the fruits of their own labour.'

Newcastle's remarkable rise from relegation candidates to a top four finish in the Premier League in just 18 months is a tribute to Howe's management

and financial might of the club's Saudi-backed ownership group. The Magpies also reached

the first domestic final since 1999 this season, losing to Manchester United in the League Cup.
After two decades in

Premier League purgatory since Bobby Robson last led Newcastle into the Champions League, the Magpies will believe they can maintain their transformation into trophy contenders now they are back among Europe's heavyweights.

"The lads have been unbelievable for me. I can't praise them enough. Their attitude, their mentality," Howe said.

"I'm just grateful to have the opportunity to manage here. We've had great success and that's satisfying."

NEWCASTLE SEIGE

Leicester manager Dean Smith sprang a major surprise as

Harvey Barnes on the bench in a bid to be "harder to beat", while Newcastle lost Joelinton to an injury suffered in the pre-match warm-up.

They nearly had to do without Joelinton's fellow Brazilian Bruno Guimaraes as well as the midfielder escaped with an early vellow card after a studs-up challenge that smashed into Boubakary Soumare's thigh.

Newcastle held 80 percent of the possession throughout the game, but Leicester sat deep to frustrate them. Leicester keeper Daniel

the opening goal, spilling a catch under pressure from Dan Callum Wilson seized on the loose ball and shot against the post before his header from

line by Wilfred Ndidi. Newcastle hit the woodwork

Miguel Almiron's half-volley from Fabian Schaer's knock

Iversen misjudged another cross just before half-time, leaving Wilson with a chance that the striker headed over from close-range.

Smith sent on Maddison at the interval and Iversen partially redeemed himself with a superb save to tip over Alexander Isak's powerful drive from the edge of the area. Guimaraes missed a sitter

when he headed against the post from virtually on the goal-line after Leicester's Wout Faes acci-Iversen almost gifted Newcastle dently flicked a corner in his direction. Leicester nearly won it with

their first shot of proceedings when Nick Pope denied Timothy Castagne in stoppagetime, but Newcastle held on to the rebound was cleared off the clinch their return to Europe's

Howe plots 'smart' signings for Magpies



team, there are fewer players who would make us better, so it's going to be a big window "It won't be huge numbers — I don't think it can be. We

think we have, so we're going to have to be smart. "It will be a small group of

don't have the ability to spend

the money that people will

players, but hopefully ones that can make the difference.'

Leicester on brink of Premier League exit



Seven years ago, Leicester lifted the Premier League trophy. Now they are on the brink of relegation from the top-

Newcastle on Monday, will only avoid relegation if they beat West Ham this weekend on the final day of the season and fourth bottom Everton drop points at home to Bournemouth.

Dean Smith adopted a safety-first approach against Newcastle and

Leicester failed to muster a shot until stoppage-time, but they kept their first clean sheet in the league since November.

AP NEWCASTLE

Eddie Howe says he will aim for quality rather than

quantity as he launches a

recruitment drive to equip

Newcastle for the Champions

It is a far cry from the heady days of 2016, when Claudio Ranieri delivered a fairytale triumph for the ages, over-

egation the previous year.

Despite that incredible success, the Italian did not last long at the King Power Stadium, but the arrival of Brendan Rodgers in 2019 gave fresh impetus to the Thai-owned club. They finished fifth in the Premier

League two years in a row — just missing out on Champions League qualifi-cation — and won the FA Cup for the first time in 2021. Even last year the club ended a com-

fortable eighth and reached the semifinals of the Europa Conference League.

But things began to unravel for Leicester in the first game of this season when they let a 2-0 lead slip to draw 2-2 with Brentford.

What followed was a horror show as they lost six straight league matches and despite sporadic mini revivals they have been unable to pull themselves clear

Leicester have scored more goals — — than any other club in the bottom half of the table but their defensive problems have cost them dear.



Juve suffer Empoli humbling after points deduction

uventus lost 4-1 at Empoli on Monday hours after their points reduction for illicit transfer activity was revised in a blow to their Champions League hopes. The Turin giants are a point below sixth-placed Roma in the Europa League Confe-

rence qualification spot. Earlier, the Italian Football Federation's (FIGC) appeals court announced Juve's 10-point deduction.

The decision came following a revision of their initial 15point penalty inflicted on the club over illicit transfer activity.

"Finding yourself with 10 points down a quarter of an hour from the match is at least a mitigating factor," Juve coach Massimiliano Allegri told reporters. "It's been a very tiring year,"

he added. It caps a difficult few days for the two-time European champions as they were knocked out of the Europa League semi-finals after defeat at Sevilla on Thursday.

With two league games of the season remaining, Juve, on 59 points, can still catch AC Milan, on 64, in the fourth and final Champions League berth, with the teams meeting in Turin on Sunday.

In Empoli, the hosts' 36year-old striker Francesco Caputo scored either side of Sebastiano Luperto's 21st-minute strike for the side in 14th place.

Italy's Federico Chiesa claimed an 85th-minute consolation for the visitors who play mid-table Udinese as well as Milan before the end of the campaign. With three minutes of added time played the home side son," he added.

rubbed salt into Juve's wounds as 22-year-old Roberto Piccoli scored his second goal of the sea-

The decision by the FIGC and the result at Émpoli also mean that Lazio, who replaced Juve in second place, have qualified for the Champions League group stage for the first time since 2020 and only the second time since 2007.

Earlier on Monday, at the Stadio Olimpico, Nemanja Matic scored an 83rd-minute equaliser as Roma drew 2-2 with Salernitana. "It's a joke knowing this with two games to play Roma boss Jose Mourinho told reporters. "For us, for everyone, even for Juve." "It wasn't easy for them, points won on the pitch which were then taken away two rounds from the end of the sea-

Halep accuses tennis integrity body of double standard



PTI ■ LONDON

Former world No. 1 and two-time grand slam winner Simona Halep has accused the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) of double standards while dealing with the charge of irregularities it has levelled on her in connection with her Athlete Biological Passport

The 31-year-old Romanian, winner of the French Open and Wimbledon singles titles, has been accused of a second doping offense by the ITIA for alleged discrepancies in her ABP. The latest ITIA charge

announced on Friday last is "separate and in addition to" the provisional suspension Halep received last year after failing a drug test during the US Open, the ITIA said.

Halep alleged on Monday that while the ITIA was stating on one hand that it wanted to engage her in a timely manner, on the other, it was asking the tribunal to delay the hearing.

"While the ITIA via their representative Nicole Sapstead was publicly stating 3 days ago that the ITIA has remained committed to engaging Mrs Halep in an empathetic, efficient and timely manner, they were at the same time officially requesting the Tribunal to delay my hearing... For the third time," said Halep in a statement posted on social media late on

Monday. "The ITIA publicly states one thing while privately doing another, I have repeatedly asked for my hearing and the ITIA has repeatedly sought to delay it."

The winner of 24 career titles added that she has a right to a quick hearing, and delaying it was against the norms.

"When is it going to stop? I ask the question once again. I am entitled to a quick hearing. Acting this way is contrary to my rights," added Halep, who defeated Serena Williams in straight sets in the 2019 Wimbledon final. The ITIA had said the fresh charge was pressed "based on an assessment" of the tennis player's biological passport profile by team of experts. The ABP provides a baseline reading of subconsidered a way to help chart

Sapstead, ITIA's senior director for anti-doping, had said in a statement on Friday last that, "We understand that today's (Friday) announcement adds complexity to an already highprofile situation. From the outset of this process — and indeed any other at the ITIA — we have remained committed to engaging with Ms. Halep in an empathetic, efficient, and timely manner." Halep had taken to social media following the accusation of a second doping offense, saying she has "lived the worst nightmare I have ever gone through in my life" since being initially charged by the ITIA.

Halep had added that her "name (had) been soiled in the worst possible way" and that the ITIA is determined "to prove my guilt while I haven't EVER even thought of taking any illicit substance". Halep had added that three world renowned experts had studied her blood tests and had been extremely clear that "my blood is totally normal". She stated that she was

a "victim of contamination".



Woods withdraws from US Open

Tiger Woods ruled manufactured out on Tuesday of playing in iger Woods ruled himself the US Open as he recovers from right ankle surgery, organisers said. The 47-year-old 15-time major champion - which includes three US Open crowns — underwent further surgery in April on his ankle, which was severely injured in a car accident in 2021.

The US Open, the third of the four majors, runs June 15-18 at the Los Angeles Country Club's North Course.

Woods most recently competed at the Masters in April but he withdrew early in the third round and it was then decided that he would undergo another operation.

"Tiger Woods, who won this championship in 2000, 2002 and 2008, has withdrawn as an exempt player while still recovread the statement from organ-

Woods battled to make the cut at Augusta National but was visibly limping at times on the storied course where he has

won five times. Woods has competed in just five tournaments since his . February 2021 car crash near Los Angeles, completing 72

holes only twice. He played four rounds in his surprise return to golf at last year's Masters and at the Genesis Ínvitational PGA Tour event at

Riviera Country Club in February. He reiterated at Riviera that his competitive schedule would be extremely limited, saying he hoped to play in all four majors and perhaps "a couple" of other

At Augusta he acknowl-

edged that he wonders each time he plays the Masters if it will be

Football's racism protocol obsolete: Ancelotti after Vinicius abuse

 $R^{\text{eal Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti}}_{\text{said on Tuesday that FIFA's}}$ racism protocol in football was "obsolete" after Brazilian forward Vinicius Junior was abused by Valencia fans.

The 22-year-old forward suffered vile racist taunts at Mestalla on Sunday in La Liga, with three fans arrested by Spanish police on Tuesday.

Referee Ricardo de Burgos Bengoetxea activated the racism protocol after Vinicius squared off with fans, singling out one whom he saw abuse him.

FIFA's three-step process involves the match being paused until a stadium announcement is made asking for racist abuse to stop, which

happened at Mestalla.

The second step, after any further abuse, is to temporarily take players off the pitch and the third step, if it continues, is to abandon the game and give three points to the opposition.

"The protocol is obsolete," Ancelotti told reporters.

"The protocol had to be applied when the team bus reached the stadium, because the insults started

"Two hours before the game, and it was not an isolated case — someone from Valencia said it was — sure, it was not 46,000 people but it was not one or two.'

Video emerged on Monday of Valencia fans chanting "Vinicius, you are a monkey," when Real Madrid arrived at Mestalla.



"The protocol has to start there,"

continued Ancelotti. "If you start the protocol in the 70th minute, you have made a mis-

"It has to start two hours before the game, and then during the game. It's obsolete, yes.'

The striker said Spain was viewed as a "racist country" in a statement he made on Instagram late on Sunday, which Ancelotti disagreed with, but he called for drastic action to combat racism.

"Spain is not racist, I have to say that too, but there is racism in Spain, like in other places and that has to end," Ancelotti said.

"It's a moment to take drastic measures. Institutions have chances, above all now, to take radical measures on this important subject.'

EFFIGY INCIDENT: SPAIN POLICE **AP** ■ MADRID bridge a mannequin with Vinicius'

Spanish police on Tuesday arrested four men suspected of hanging a dummy of Real Madrid forward Vinicius Junior from a bridge in January in Madrid.

The arrests come amid an international outcry after racist abuse was hurled at the 22-year-old Brazilian international during a Spanish league match on Sunday.

The four men, who were arrested in Madrid, are "suspected of a in handcuffs and escorted by offihate crime for hanging from a

shirt," police said in a statement. Three of the men are members

of an ultra fan group of a Madrid football club who had been iden-

FOUR DETAINED OVER VINICIUS HUNG

tified during matches as representing a high risk of violence. While the authorities did not name the club the ultras belonged

to, Spanish media said they were part of Atletico's ultras. Police accompanied their statement with images of the suspects

Junior's jersey was hung by the neck from a highway bridge near Real Madrid's training ground on January 26 ahead of the club's match against Atletico Madrid. A banner in the red and white

The dummy wearing Vinicius

colours of Atletico bearing the message "Madrid hates Real" was also draped over the bridge. The message is often used by

one of Atletico Madrid's ultra fans groups, although it denied at the time being responsible for the dis-

SK BACK IN FINAL, AGAIN

PTI CHENNAI

Chennai Super Kings tamed a tenacious Gujarat Titans by 15 runs on a sticky surface to enter their 10th IPL final here on Tuesday and extend their remarkable consistency in the tournament.

CSK did well to reach 172 for 7 on a slow pitch in Qualifier 1 after Hardik Pandya opted

Considering the conditions, it turned out to be much more than a competitive total as Gujarat Titans had a rare off day to end with 157 all out in 20 overs. Rashid Khan made the CSK fans nervous with a 16-ball 30 towards the end but it was not enough for the Titans.

However, the defending champions will got another shot to make a second successive final in Qualifier 2 on Friday.

CSK's master tactician M S Dhoni made the best use of home advantage to take the four time champions to a 10th final in 14 editions. CSK did not take part in 2016 and 2017 edi-

Left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja (4-0-18-

2) did the star turn for the Super Kings with a brilliant spell during which he strangled the opposition batters to avenge the defeat suffered in the tournament opener. Matheesha Pathirana, Maheesh Theekshana and Deepal Chahar also finished with two wickets each. Chasing 173, GT lost Wriddhiman Saha

(12) in the third over. Skipper Hardik Pandya (8) could not make much impact at number three, miscuing a cut off Theekshana for Jadeja to pouch a catch at point.

Sri Lanka's limited overs teams' captain Dasun Shanaka (17) could not get going as well and his reverse sweep off Jadeja landed in the hands of Theekshana.

Jadeja made things tougher for GT by castling the dangerous David Miller (4) to leave the opposition at 88 for 4 in the 13th over. The Titans slipped further when Rahul Tewatia was bowled by Theekshana for 3.

Earlier, the Super Kings batters had a tough time on a slow pitch as they were not able to force the pace.

Dhoni lasted only 2 balls for his 1 run, much to the disappointment of an adoring Chepauk crowd.

For the home team, Ruturaj Gaikwad was the best batter, scoring a superb 60 off 44 while the others could not make a substantial con-

Pacer Mohammed Shami (2 for 28 in 4 overs) was the best bowler while Mohit Sharma (2/31) also picked up two wickets. Rashid Khan and Noor Ahmed scalped a wicket each and put pressure on the batters in the middle overs.

Gaikwad had a stroke of luck when he was caught by Shubman Gill off Darshan Nalkande only for the delivery to be declared a no-ball. He capitalised on the let-off and played some superb shots. The very next ball after he got a reprieve, he smacked a six and hit a four from the next delivery.

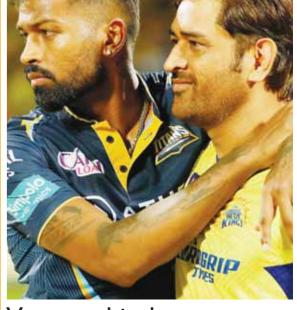
The in-form Gaikwad did not get bogged down against the spin of Rashid Khan and Noor Ahmed, the key bowlers for GT. He scored freely against all the bowlers and got CSK off to a brisk start with 49 being scored in the powerplay.

Gaikwad appeared to slow down after having outscored his opening partner Devon Conway with whom he shared yet another half-century stand. He fell trying to force the pace, to a catch by David Miller off Mohit

Ajinkya Rahane (17 off 10) hit one six before being Nalkande's only scalp as the scoring slowed down.

Conway was not his usual fluent self and struggled with his timing all though his

Ambati Rayudu (17 off 9) crossed the 6,000 IPL-run mark during the course of his cameo. The home team did well to collect 35 runs off the last three overs



PTI CHENNAI

Gujarat Titans skipper Hardik Pandya said that one needs to be a "proper devil" to harbour grudges against the talismanic Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who is probably playing his last IPL season.

Kings and Gujarat Titans line up to play Qualifier 1 at the MA Chidambaram Stadium here on Tuesday, Pandya also debunked the myth that Dhoni, one of the most successful India captains, was a serious person.

"I'll always be a Mahendra Singh Dhoni fan and for so many fans out there and so many cricket lovers. You need to be a proper devil to hate Mahendra Singh Dhoni," said Pandya in a video posted by

Gujarat Titans on social media. The turnaround Dhoni has effected from last season has once again brought the spotlight on him as CSK aim to bag their fifth IPL title after

MSD was like a brother who he could chill around with.

pranks, who I chill."

Gujarat Titans also posted

You need to be a proper devil to hate MSD: Hardik

"A lot of people think Mahi is serious and all that. For me, I crack jokes and I don't see him as a Mahendra Singh As the Chennai Super "Obviously, I've learnt a lot of things from him, a lot of positive things, which I've earnt from him just while

watching, not even much talking," said Pandya, who would be aiming to retain the IPL title the team won last year by defeating Rajasthan Royals. The country's top all-

finishing second-last in 2022.
Pandya said he had learnt
a lot of cricketing nuances

from Dhoni, not by picking his

brains but simply by watching

him in action.

rounder also said that for him

"For me, he's just my dear friend, dear brother, who I do

a message terming Dhoni a "Captain. Leader. Legend.@ msdhoni is an emotion."

Oz decision to not play warm-up games 'fraught with danger': Border

PTI SYDNEY

Questioning Australia's decision to not play any warm-up games ahead of the World Test Championship final against India and the Ashes series, former captain Allan Border said the move is "fraught with danger".

The WTC final is scheduled to be held at The Oval in London from June 7-11, following which Australia will take on arch-rivals England in the five-match Ashes from June 16 to July 31.

The Australian team will pre-pare for the six Tests by undergoing a high-intensity training camp in Beckenham, featuring centrewicket practice and net sessions.

in the nets, nothing replaces game time," Border told 'Fox Cricket'.

"It just doesn't feel right not to play any cricket leading into an Ashes series. I just think that's fraught with danger... There's something gnawing at me saying it's the wrong decision," he added.

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

However, it will be the first time in Ashes history that the men from 'Down Under' won't face any local



county sides before or during this winter's tour of England. Even before the Border-Gavas-

kar Trophy in India earlier this year, Australia had opted for simulation training instead of playing warmup games.

The visitors had ended up losing the fixture 1-2.

"I'm really surprised we're just allowing the Ashes tour to be so condensed with no cricket between the games, but that's the way it is.

"I get it, we've got IPLs and T20s, I understand. The game's moved on. But I think there's an opportunity there for us to go to England early and play a couple of games... Just to polish things off a bit," Border added.

Jr Asia Cup: India to begin campaign against Chinese Taipei PTI SALALAH

India will aim to qualify for this year's World Cup when they begin the defence of their title against Chinese Taipei in the Men's Junior Asia Cup here on Wednesday. The tournament, while being a platform for young players in the continent to showcase their skills, is also important as the top-three finishers will qualify for the Junior World Cup, scheduled in Malaysia in December this year.

India is the most successful side in the event alongside Pakistan with both countries having lifted the trophy three times each. India have been grouped in Pool A along with Pakistan, Japan, Thailand and Chinese Taipei, while Pool B comprises hosts Oman, Korea, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Uzbekistan.

Captain Uttam Singh said playing against the senior India team in Bengaluru had prepared them well for the tournament.

"Junior Asia Cup is a big opportunity for us to prove our mettle and implement everything that we have worked on during training sessions.

As per the tournament format, the top-two teams from each pool will qualify for the semi-finals. The two finalists and the bronze medallist will qualify for the Junior World Cup in Malaysia.

However, if Malaysia, who have already qualified for the prestigious quadrennial event by virtue of being the hosts, enters the semi-finals of the Junior Asia Cup, then all the other three teams making it to the last-four of the tournament will gain entry into the marquee event in December. India will play their second Pool game against Japan on May 25, followed by the match against Pakistan on May 27. They will play their last pool game against Thailand on

ODI WC qualifiers in 7imbabwe from June 18



PTI DUBA

 $T^{
m en}$ teams will take part in the 2023 ODI World Cup Qualifier in Zimbabwe from June 18 to July 9, the ICC announced on Each match will be high

stakes, with teams contesting for two places at the World Cup in India in October-November.

The 10 teams taking part in the qualifier are split into two groups of five teams. Hosts Zimbabwe, the West Indies, the Netherlands, Nepal and the United States make up Group A, while Sri Lanka, Ireland, Scotland, Oman and the United

Arab Emirates form Group B. Each side will play the other teams in their group once with

the top three from each group progressing to the Super Six stage. In the Super Six, they will play the sides they did not meet in the group stage. All points won in the group stage will be carried over to the Super Six stage apart from those gained against the teams that fail

The finalists will both progress to the World Cup 2023. Queen's Sports Club and Bulawayo Athletic Club in Bulawayo, Harare Sports Club and Takashinga Cricket Club in

to make it to the Super Six stage.

Harare will share 34 matches between them, with Harare Sports Club staging the final on July 9. Old Hararians Cricket Club will also host warm-up fixtures. Hosts Zimbabwe will feature on the opening matchday at Harare Sports Club against Nepal, who are aiming to qualify for the World Cup for the first time. Two-time champions West Indies will also be in action on June 18 against neighbours USA at Takashinga Cricket Club.

Group B commences on June 19 in Bulawayo with 1996 World Cup champions Sri Lanka facing the UAE at Queen's Sports Club, while in the other match at Bulawayo Athletic Club, Ireland will face off against Oman.

The Netherlands will open their campaign against Zimbabwe on June 20 at Harare Sports Club, while Scotland face rivals Ireland in Bulawayo on June 21 at Queens Sports Club. The Super Six stage will commence on June 29, while the bottom two teams from each group

will compete in the Playoff. For the first time in this tournament, DRS will be used for all matches from the Super

MI face LSG in eliminator clash today

The batting unit finally click-I ing and a rather dramatic entry into the IPL play-offs will make Mumbai Indians a more confident side when they meet the plucky Lucknow Super Giants in the Eliminator here on Wednesday.

Mumbai Indians have a come a long from their woeful performance last year, when they came up with one of their worst showings in IPL, finishing

Having come this far in IPL 2023 after Gujarat Titans did them a good turn by defeating Royal Challengers Bangalore and pitch-forking the five-time champions into the Eliminator against Lucknow Super Giants, the Rohit Sharma-led side would like to make the most of the proverbial 'life' to go the distance and win their sixth title.

Lucknow Super Giants would know all too well that they were eliminated at the same stage last year by RCB after $\,$ being one of the most dominat-

They have looked a cohesive side despite the absence of regular skipper KL Rahul but the way Krunal Pandya has tactfully marshalled his resources would once again be crucial as



IPL side that seems to have found its mojo after striking success at the back-end of the tournament. One cannot overestimate

the contribution of tall Australian all-rounder Cameron Green, who smacked an unbeaten century to help MI win their last league game against Sunrisers Hyderabad before GT

with a resurgent Suryakumar Yadav (511 runs, one century, four fifties), skipper Rohit (313) and Ishan Kishan (439), will be their key batters when they taken on LGS in the do-or-die

With Mumbai's batting puzzle finally falling in place, LSG bowlers will be aware that they have a task on hand to contain the likes of Rohit and Co. if they

MI in check. Bishnoi (16 wickets from 14 matches) has been the leading bowler for LSG and he would be skipper Krunal's go-to bowler. But it would also be important

to play if the team hopes to keep

for the likes of Naveen-ul-Haq and Avesh Khan, besides Krunal himself and veteran Amit Mishra, to step up.
LSG's batting has clicked despite the absence of Rahul and they qualified for the playoffs rather comfortably with Marcus

Stoinis (368 runs, 14 matches) coming to the fore with his big-Kyle Mayers (361 runs) and Nicholas Pooran (358) have brought the Caribbean flair and been vital cogs in LSG's perfor-

mance. How they fare at the Chepauk, which has often thrown up slowish pitches, would have a bearing on the outcome of the match. Mumbai Indians would like

to utilise the experience of Piyush Chawla — the unlikely hero in the bowling department with 20 wickets so far — while Jason Behrendorff (14) has done a decent job whenever called up. Their value to the side can't be overemphasised, more so in a

Robinson given all-clear after injury scare

England paceman Ollie Robinson has been declared fit to join up with the Test squad after receiving the allclear following an

ankle scan. The bowler suffered a sore ankle while playing for county team Sussex last week, raising fears he would join the list of

injured seamers. England play a one-off Test against

Ireland starting on June 1, with a five-match Ashes series against Australia to follow. The England and Wales

Cricket Board said Robinson was fit enough to join up with Ben Stokes's squad for the Ireland

> game at Lord's. 'Scan results have revealed no damage to the ankle and that Robinson will join up with the England men's Test squad this weekend," the ECB said in a statement.

Manika enters third round at World C'ships **PTI** ■ DURBAN Indian star Manika Batra blanked Singapore's

Wong Xin Ru to enter the round of 32 at the World

Table Tennis Championships here on Tuesday. World number 39 Manika had little difficulty in getting past her 171 ranked opponent for a 11-

9, 14-12, 11-4, 11-8 victory in the second round.
With the outcome, Manika has ensured the best result for India in singles competition here. In men's singles, Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyan exited the tournament with defeats in the round of 64.

While Sharath lost on Monday, Sathiyan could not do much against the mighty world number nine Dang Qiu of Germany, losing 6-11, 6-11, 5-11, 7-11 on Tuesday.

Manika and Sathiyan play their mixed doubles round of 16 contest later on Tuesday. Sharath and Sathiyan will play their men's doubles pre-quarterfinal on Wednesday

MALAYSIA MASTERS: MALVIKA, ASHMITA ENTER MAIN DRAW PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Indian shuttlers Malvika Bansod and Ashmita Chaliha progressed to the women's singles main draw with contrasting wins in the qualification round of the Malaysia Masters Super 500 tournament here on Tuesday.

While world number 42 Malvika got the better of Chinese Taiei's Lin Hsiang Ti 21-12, 21-19, world number 53 Ashmita overcame Canada's Wen Yu Zhang 10-21, 21-19, 21-17 in 45 minutes at the Axiata Arena here.

Malvika will face second seed Wang Zhi Yi, while Ashmita will meet fourth seeded Chinese Han Yue in the main draw. In men's singles, World junior championships silver medallist S

Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian, who reached the second round of qualification after the withdrawal of fellow Indian Priyanshu Rajawat, lost 10-21, 14-21 to Taipei's Chi Yu Jen.

National champion Mithun Manjunath too failed to grab the opportunity, going down 13-21, 19-21.