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Fight over Sengol escalates New Parl will make

Why does Cong 'hate' Indian culture so much, asks Shah as Cong disputes that 'Sengol' is the symbol of transfer of power by British to India

PNS NEW DELHI

The war of words between the BJP and the Congress over the historical roots of the ceremonial sceptre Sengol, to be installed near the Chair of the Speaker in the new Parliament building, intensified on Friday.

Lambasting the Congress for the boycott call and disputing the historical importance of sengol, Union Home Minister Amit Shah tweet, "Why does the Congress party hate Indian traditions and culture so much? A sacred Sengol was given to Pandit Nehru by a holy Saivite Mutt from Tamil Nadu to symbolise India's freedom but it was banished to a museum as a 'walking stick."

Shah's remarks came after Congress leader Jairam Ramesh claimed there was no documented evidence of Lord Mountbatten,

<u>CAPSULE</u>

FIVE JUDGES ELEVATED AS HC CHIEF JUSTICES

New Delhi: Five judges were on

Friday elevated as chief justices

of high courts with one of them due to retire on May 30.

NIA SEEKS DEATH FOR JKLF CHIEF YASIN

New Delhi: The NIA on Friday

approached the Delhi High

Court seeking death sentence

for Kashmiri separatist leader

AIMIM, BJP CLASH OVER

councillors of Meerut Municipal

Corporation at oath-taking event

'VANDÉ MATARAM'

Meerut: A clash erupted

between AIMIM and BJP

organised for them here on

singing of 'Vande Mataram' to

SC grants bail

to ailing Jain

for six weeks

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday granted jailed former Delhi Minister Satyendar

Jain interim bail for six weeks

on medical grounds, saying a

citizen has a right to receive

treatment of his choice in a pri-

vate hospital at his own

The relief came a day after Jain collapsed in Tihar Jail due

to dizziness and was admitted

to the ICU of a Government

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hospital.

Friday. The scuffle began

commence the event

funding case.

Yasin Malik who was awarded

life term by a trial court in terror

Rajagopalachari and Jawaharlal Nehru describing the Sengol as a symbol of transfer of power by the British to India.

Ramesh tweeted, "There is no documented evidence whatsoever of Mountbatten, Rajaji and Nehru describing this sceptre as a symbol of transfer of British power to India. All claims to this effect are plain and simple — bogus. Is it any surprise that the new Parliament is being consecrated with typically false narratives from WhatsApp University? The BJP-RSS distorians stand exposed yet again with maximum claims, minimum evidence.

Shah said, "Now, Congress has heaped another shameful insult. The Thiruvaduthurai Adheenam, a holy Saivite Mutt, itself spoke about the importance of the Sengol at the time of India's freedom.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress, he further

The old Parliament building, an architectural splendour

and a historic landmark that

guided the destiny of India for

nearly a century and whose

illustrious legacy will now be

consigned to the pages of his-

tory, was inaugurated on January 18, 1927, by then

Minister Narendra Modi will

inaugurate the new Parliament

building and dedicate it to the

nation, the old Sansad Bhavan

will also hand over its position

Janmabhoomi-Shahi

Idgah masjid dispute

On May 28, when Prime

Vicerov Lord Irwin.



posted, is calling the 'Adheenam's history as BOGUS! Congress needs to reflect on their behaviour". The Tamil tradition of a high priest presenting a sceptre to a newly crowned king as a symbolic gesture dates back to the Chola

Several Union ministers hit out at the 20 Opposition parties, including the Congress, over their decision to boycott

as the country's hallowed leg-

for over 96 years

islature, a privilege it enjoyed

temple of democracy, the old

Parliament House has for these

nessed the imperial rule of the

British and its chamber has

heard the echoes of bombs

hurled by revolutionaries

nine-and-a-half decades wit-

Revered today as India's

citizens, including former bureaucrats, ambassadors and veterans condemned the Opposition parties for their decision and claimed that all

the "family-first" parties have come together to boycott all

that represents India.

The head of a Tamil Nadu monastery sought to counter Ramesh's claim, saying the Sengol was handed over to Lord Mountbatten and then it was presented to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in 1947 to symbolise transfer of power from British and wrong claims

made in this respect by some

people has caused sadness. Tiruvavaduthurai Aadeenam, Ambalavana Desika Paramacharya Swami said the Sengol that that was away from the gaze of people would now be prominently displayed in Parliament for the world to see.

To a question by reporters in Chennai on any proof for the handover of the Sengol, the pontiff said there were evidence, including photographs the inauguration ceremony.

A group of 270 eminent and reports that appeared in newspapers and magazines in

Imperial landmark's tryst with destiny

Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar

Dutt in a bid to attain freedom.

dawn of Independence and its

halls have reverberated with the

historic "Tryst with Destiny"

speech delivered by first prime

minister Jawaharlal Nehru on

with its charming circular

design and an impressive

colonnade of 144 creamy sand-

stone on the first floor, the old

building was opened amid

much fanfare at a time when

the new imperial capital of the

British Raj — New Delhi

An architectural marvel

August 15, 1947.

The building has seen the

BJP president JP Nadda said what connects the boy cotting parties is their dynastic leadership whose "monarchic" methods are at logger-heads with the principles of the Constitution.

While announcing the boycott, the Opposition parties had said the Prime Minister's decision to inaugurate it by himself, "completely sidelining President Droupadi Murmu, is not only a grave insult but a direct assault on our democracy which demands a commensurate response".

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri hit out at the Congress and others who gave the boycott call, saying the "boycott gang" is insulting the legacy of their own leaders and the freedom fighters.

In a series of tweets, Puri cited an old article of the Time Magazine published in 1947 which he said was a must read for those who wish they had built the magnificent new Parliament instead of Prime Minister Modi.

was being built at a site in

uments and rare old images, a

grand ceremony was held on January 18, 1927, to mark the

opening of the majestic build-

ing, then called Council House.

the nation was still in the mak-

ing and Independence 26 years

away, Britain's Duke of

Connaught had laid the foun-

dation stone of Parliament

House on February 12, 1921,

and said it would stand "as the

symbol of India's rebirth to yet higher destinies".

Over a century ago, when

According to archival doc-

Raisina Hill area.

Indians proud: Modi

PM urges people to share video that gives virtual tour of new Parl

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the new Parliament building will make every Indian proud, as he posted a video of the newlyconstructed complex on Twitter and urged people to share it on the social media platform with the hashtag MyParliamentMyPride".

Modi also urged people to share the video with their voiceover which he will

The new Parliament building will be inaugurated on Sunday and the ceremony will begin with an early morning havan and a multi-religion r Modi.

Continued on Page 2 prayer followed by a formal opening in the Lok Sabha by

The building, with a diameter of 560 ft and circumference

of one-third of a mile, was

designed by Sir Herbert Baker,

who along with Sir Edwin

Lutyens was chosen to design

the new imperial capital in

Delhi. According to the book

"New Delhi — Making of a Capital", Lord Irwin had arrived

in his viceregal carriage at a

pavilion set up at the Great

Place (now Vijay Chowk), and

then "proceeded to open the

door of the Council House with

a golden key, handed to him by

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Sir Herbert Baker".

Speaker Om Birla former Prime Minister Modi. "The new Parliament building will make every Indian proud. This video offers prime minister HD Deve

a glimpse of this iconic building. I have a special request — share this video with your own voice-over, which conveys your

of them. Don't forget to use #MyParliamentMyPride," the Prime Minister said on Twitter. The video shared by the Prime Minister gives a virtual tour of the new Parliament building, including the Lok

thoughts. I will re-Tweet some

Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. As many as 25 parties are expected to attend the inaugu-

ration of the new Parliament building even as 20 Opposition parties have decided to boycott the event Officials said the havan will be held outside the new building around 7 am and the

ceremonial sceptre Sengol will

be handed over to Modi by the high priests of the Shaivite The Sengol will be installed near the chair of the Speaker in

the new Parliament building. Former vice president M Venkaiah Naidu, Lok Sabha

Gowda and Rajya Sabha deputy chairman Harivansh among others are expected to be present during the formal inauguration of the new complex.

The triangular-shaped four-storey Parliament building has a built-up area of 64,500 sqm. The building has three main gates — Gyan Dwar, Shakti Dwar, and Karma Dwar.

SC rejects PIL for **launch by Prez**

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a PIL seeking a direction to the Lok Sabha Secretariat for inauguration of the new Parliament building by President Droupadi

Murmu. A bench of justices JK Maheshwari and PS Narasimha told petitioner inperson advocate Jaya Sukin that the court understands why and how this petition was filed and it is not inclined to

entertain this petition under Article 32 of the Constitution.

Special ₹75 coin of new Parliament

will issue a commemorative

As per a gazette notification by Department of Economic Affairs under the finance ministry, the weight of this coin could be 34.65-35.35

Should be limit to politics: EAM on Opp boycott

Rajpipla: External Affairs Friday described as "unfortunate" the decision by 20 Opposition parties to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building and said there should be a limit to doing politics. Jaishankar said the inauguration of the new Parliament building should be celebrated as a festival by the

entire nation.

Now HC to hear all petitions on Krishna India set for exponential growth, says WEF prez

PTI ■ PRAYAGRAJ

The Allahabad High Court on Friday directed all matters related to the Sri Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah dispute pending before a Mathura court be transferred to it.

Justice Arvind Kumar Mishra passed the order allowing a transfer application filed by Bhagwan Shrikrishna Virajman at Katra Keshav Dev Khewat Mathura through the next friend, Ranjana Agnihotri, and seven others. "It is requested to the respected chief justice to kindly nominate an appropriate bench for trial and disposal of such suits so withdrawn," he added.

The petitioners had requested that the original trial must be conducted by the HC itself like the Ayodhya

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ball effect" that will lead to more investments and more jobs, according to World Economic Forum (WEF) President Borge Brende.

'There have been reforms that have led to less red tape, better climate for investments and also the digital revolution is really happening in India," Brende said and stressed that he is "very bullish and optimistic" about the country's growth trajectory but not so

optimistic about global growth. India, which currently



holds the G20 presidency, is one of the fastest growing key economies in the world and WEF has had close collaborations with the country for the past many years

"When the snowball starts to roll, it gets bigger and bigger, and that is what is happening with the Indian economy.

"The growth will lead to more investments, more jobs... It will be an exponential growth in the coming years and you

will see a situation where more poverty is eradicated and more opportunities are there for young people," Brende told PTI in an interview in the national capital.

Brende, who was on a short visit to India, had discussions about ongoing collaborations as well as India's G20 presidency with stakeholders. He met various Union ministers and company executives, among others.

"I think that nations in the developing world have something to learn from India. India is the largest democracy in the world and it is also an open society with entrepreneurs and innovators and free speech," he

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Rahul gets court NOC for passport, but for just 3 yrs

Agranted a no-objection certificate (NOC) to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for issuance of an "ordinary passport" for three years instead of the normal 10 years, following an objection raised by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy

Rahul had surrendered his diplomatic passport upon his disqualification as an MP. Swamy argued that the court should listen the opinion of Union Home Ministry, which issued notice to Rahul on the controversial British citizenship holding issue.

"I'm partly allowing your application. Not for 10 years but three years," Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Vaibhav Mehta told Rahul's counsel.

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to mark opening

₹75 coin to mark the inauguration of new Parliament Building on May 28 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Impressive building: Omar

Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Friday said the new Parliament building was a welcome addition and looks "pretty damn impressive", amid criticism by the Opposition over its inaugura-

Abdullah, whose party's MPs have also announced to boycott the inaugural ceremony, said when he was the

UN favours memorial wall

member of the Lok Sabha, many of his colleagues often spoke about the need for a new and improved Parliament building.

'Setting aside the brouhaha about the inauguration for a moment, this building is a welcome addition. Better late than never is all I will say and this one looks pretty damn impressive," the NC vice president wrote on Twitter.

El Nino return predicted after 3-yr break

Normal monsoon from June-Sept this year: IMD

PNS NEW DELHI

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday retained its forecast for "normal" monsoon from June-September this unchanged from its prediction in April, except north west region this year although it is said there is a high probability of El Nino phenomenon which is set to return after a

three-year hiatus The IMD said at 96 per cent of the Long Period Average (a 50-year mean) of 87 cm, this is at the lowest end of what is considered "normal."



Announcing the so-called stage-2 long rage forecast for Southwest Monsoon 2023, the IMD in its updates on Friday said rainfall during the June-September period is expected to be below normal at <92 per south Peninsular. cent of long period average (LPA) in northwest India with

an error margin of +/-4 per

cent while overall monsoon is

expected to be normal in the

the LPA, which is based on rainfall data from 1971 to 2020. It is likely to be normal at

94 to 106 per cent of the LPA in the northeast, central, and However, most parts of

the country will witness deficient showers in June, except

some pockets in peninsular

regions such as south

Karnataka and northern Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Ladakh, it said The IMD said the warming

of the equatorial Pacific Ocean has begun and there was a 90 per cent probability of development of the El Nino phenomenon, which is known to affect monsoon rains in India.

However, a positive Indian Ocean Dipole is likely to develop during the monsoon season which would offset the adverse impact of the El Nino and bring rains to most parts of the

D Śivananda Pai, head of the IMD's Environment Monitoring and Research Center said this is an El Nino year associated with subdued rainfall in the northwest and central India and above-normal rainfall in the northeast.

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School jobs scam: SC stays ₹25 lakh cost on Abhishek, but allows probe

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday stayed the Calcutta High Court order, which imposed a cost of ₹25 lakh on Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee while dismissing his plea seeking recall of a previous order pertaining to probe into the school jobs scam case.

A vacation bench comprising Justices JK Maheshwari and PS Narasimha observed the high court had considered the points raised by Banerjee in his plea but the imposition of cost of ₹25 lakh was "perhaps not warranted". "But then, it does not mean that no cost can be imposed at all.... I think the order is a very balanced and fair order," he observed.

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for Indian peacekeepers PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/ UNITED NATIONS ¬iven India's contribution to

Various peacekeeping missions under the aegis of the United Nations, top UN officials have voiced support for New Delhi's initiative to establish a memorial wall honouring the fallen UN peacekeepers. The officials also lauded India's contributions to peacekeeping missions across the globe.

India is the third largest contributor of uniformed personnel to UN peacekeeping with more than 6,000 military and police personnel deployed to Abyei, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lebanon, the Middle East and Western Sahara.



sacrifice, the highest number by far from any troop-contributing country. The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers

was commemorated in the United Nations late Thursday with solemn ceremonies, including a wreath laid by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the Peacekeepers Memorial to honour the women and men who sacrificed their lives while serving under the UN flag. Guterres also presided over

Assembly Hall at which the Dag Hammarskjöld Medals were awarded posthumously to 103 military, police, and civilian peacekeepers, who were killed in the line of duty last year, including three Indian personnel. Border Security Force personnel Head Ćonstables

a ceremony in the General

Shishupal Singh and Sanwala Ram Vishnoi, who both served with the Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Shaber Taher Ali who served in a civilian capacity with the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) were honoured with the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal at the solemn ceremony Continued on Page 2

India is expected to clock the highest growth among the world's big economies this year and the country's economy is witnessing the "famous snow-

GYANVAPI: MAINTAINABILITY OF SUIT

HC to again hear mosque panel's plea on July 14

The Allahabad High Court will further hear on July 14 a plea moved by the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Waqf Board and the Gyanvapi mosque management committee that has challenged the maintainability of a suit filed before a Varanasi court, seeking the restoration of a temple at the site where the mosque exists.

The petitioners have also challenged a Varanasi court order dated April 8, 2021, directing the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to conduct a comprehensive survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex.

After a brief hearing on Friday, Justice Prakash Padia directed that the matter be put up for further hearing on

Justice Padia had reserved his judgment in the matter on November 28, 2022 after hearing both sides at length. The court had also directed that its

be inspired by, he added.

Year Update.

India set for

exponential

growth, says...

Further, Brende highlighted that India has more of a broad

Geneva-headquartered WEF is an international organisation

ecosystem of startups than in any other developing country and

that is growing. This is something that other countries can also

for public private cooperation, and is known for its annual Davos

meeting, often described as the biggest congregation of the glob-

al elite. The Forum engages the foremost political, business, cul-

tural and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and

for India and will be the highest growth for any big economies

of the world, he said. "We, at WEF, see the growth path forward

for India that is also strong... Overall, I am optimistic, provid-

ed there are no external factors that will influence negatively. We

have no time for wars, conflicts and we have no time to be com-

placent," he said. Earlier this month, the United Nations in a report

said that India's economy -- the largest in the South Asia region -- is expected to expand by 5.8 per cent in 2023 and 6.7 per cent

in 2024 (calendar year basis), supported by resilient domestic

demand. However, higher interest rates and weaker external

demand will continue to weigh on investment and exports in 2023,

it had said in the World Economic Situation and Prospects Mid-

country is already seeing and capitalising on the yield from the reforms that have taken place. "That should be the inspiration to

continue with the reform agenda. Investing more in infrastruc-

ture, connecting different regions even better and India needs more

investment in education, upskilling, reskilling and right skilling

in the years to come," he said. Brende, also a former Norwegian

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Industry, highlighted that

during the coronavirus pandemic, India did something very right.

"Some countries overspent on stimulus, that there is no ammu-

nition left. India was not in debt itself, of course, it came up with

stimulus but Prime Minister Narendra Modi was able to hold back

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whereas some countries are in debt trap," he noted.

This year, WEF expects almost 6 per cent economic growth



earlier interim order that had stayed the aforesaid direction of the Varanasi court will continue till the delivery of the judg-

However, in its order dated May 24, Justice Padia said certain clarifications were required from the counsel for the parties and put up the matter, along with other connected matters, for further hearing on Friday.

Earlier, the high court had reserved its judgment on the maintainability of the suit pending in the Varanasi court. Now, all matters relating to the suit's maintainability and the ASI survey will be heard

together by the court. On April 8, 2021, hearing a suit seeking the restoration of the temple at the Gyanvap mosque site, the Varanasi court had directed the ASI to conduct a comprehensive survey of the mosque complex.

Subsequently, the Varanasi court's order was challenged before the high court by the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid (AIM), the Gyanvapi management committee and the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf

On September 9, 2021, the high court stayed the Varanasi court's April 8 order. The stay order was extended from time to time during the hearing of

Hearing the petition filed the AIM and the waqf board, Justice Padia had reserved his judgment on November 28, 2022 and also directed that the interim stay on the Varanasi court order asking the ASI for a survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex will continue till the delivery of the judgment.

SC grants...

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Photos showed the AAP leader on

oxygen support. Jain was claimed to

have lost 30 kg while lodged in jail

since his arrest by the Enforcement

Directorate in connection with a

money laundering case in May last

and has been warned against influ-

encing witnesses, tampering evidence

next on July 10, when the Aam Aadmi

Party leader's latest medical reports

Maheshwari and PS Narasimha

allowed Jain, 58, to undergo treatment

in a hospital of his choice and asked

him to produce medical records by July 10. "After hearing learned coun-

sel for the parties, at present there is

no reason to disbelieve the Report of

GB Pant Institute of Post Graduate

Medical Education and Research. We

think it appropriate that the citizen is

having a right to take treatment of his

choice, at his own expenses, in a pri-

ate to release the petitioner on interim bail on medical grounds for a lim-

ited period of six weeks," the bench

Therefore, we deem it appropri-

will be submitted.

vate hospital.

or leaving Delhi within that period.

Jain has been given bail till July 11

The court will hear this matter

A vacation bench of Justices JK

Official drains out 41 L litres of water from weir to retrieve mobile phone, suspended

PTI ■ KANKER

AChhattisgarh Government employee Aallegedly drained out 41 lakh litres of water from a weir after his mobile phone fell into it in the State's Kanker district, an official said.

The employee was suspended for the colossal waste of water in the peak of summer at Paralkot reservoir last weekend. The incident came to light on Friday, the official said.

Food inspector Rajesh Vishwas, posted in Pakhanjore area of the district, had gone to the reservoir for an outing with his friends on May 21 when his mobile phone fell into a waste weir, a channel that carries away surplus water, while taking a selfie, the official said.

Vishwas allegedly roped in villagers and got diesel pumps to empty the water from the weir till his mobile phone was retrieved on Thursday, he said. After the matter came to light, Kanker Collector Priyanka Shukla sought a report in this regard, following which the official was suspended, he said.

The collector also issued a show-cause notice to the sub-divisional officer (SDO) of water resources department, RC Dhivar, for allegedly giving verbal permission to drain out water from the weir. A report sought from the sub-divisional magistrate of Pakhanjore said that 4,104 cubic meters, or 41 lakh litres, of water was emptied from the structure without permission from the authorities.

Rahul gets court

NOC for passport,

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United States in the first week of June

during which he will attend meetings

and interact with university students.

DC, New York and San Francisco. The

Congress leader will likely address

Indian Americans meet lawmakers at

the US Capitol, and interact with

members of think tanks, Wall Street

executives and university students

forenoon, reserved its order on

Gandhi's plea for grant of NOC after

hearing submissions of his lawyers and

Swamy, who is the complainant in the

Swamy who was assisted by Advocates Satya Sabharwal and

Vishesh Kanodia opposed the application, saying it was "devoid of any

merit" and insisted the passport

should be issued only for one year and

renewed every year thereafter. "It is

a special case. The passport should not

be issued for 10 years. It seems wrong,"

he said, and claimed Rahul's Indian cit-

izenship was under question. He

alleged Rahul is a British citizen.

The magisterial court, in the

during his stay.

National Herald case.

Rahul is scheduled to visit the

He is slated to visit Washington

but for just 3...

Odisha Police submits chargesheet in ex-Min's murder, finds ASI responsible

PTI BHUBANESWAR

The former Odisha health minister Naba Kishore Das was gunned down by assistant sub-inspector of police Gopal Das due to personal grudge and anguish in stable mind, according to the police charge sheet in the case submitted on Friday.

Gopal Das is the lone accused in the January 29 incident and the murder was a result of past enmity. Charges have been framed under sections 307 (attempt to commit murder), 302 (murder) and the Arms Act, it said.

If proved in court the ASI may face prison term ranging from ten years to life behind bars and is liable to be fined.

The 543-page charge sheet in the case was filed by Odisha Police crime branch at the Jharsuguda judicial magistrate first class court on Friday. The charge against Gopal Das is based on statements by eyewitnesses and reports of a scientific



The case was handed over to the crime branch to investigate the

motive behind the murder. The court turned down its request to take him to National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences in Bengaluru for eval-

It referred to the report by the medical board comprising experts from the state-run SCB Medical College and Hospital which suggested that Gopal Das was mentally

The ASI had allegedly opened fire at the ex-minister at Brajrajnagar Gandhi Chowk when he was on an official visit in Jharsuguda district.

The charge sheet said the accused

meticulously planned and executed the murder alone. There was no conspiracy or support from anyone else.

The narco test and layered voice analysis confirmed that the police officer had pulled the gun due to personal grudge, it said.

"After evaluation of all evidences - oral, documentary, medico-legal, cyber forensic and ballastic opinion, it is clear that the accused Gopal Das had developed personal grudge and anguish against deceased minister Naba Kishore Das. He felt threatened by the minister and his supporters and feared for his life. Gradually, he made up his mind to commit murder," the charsheet said.

The police officer's mental condition was "quite normal" and there was no abnormality at the time. He was cooperative during the investigation and replied to all questions sked in a cogent manner, it said.

His wife Jayanti, however, told journalists that he was under treatment for "psychological issues" for the last seven to eight years.

El Nino return predicted after...

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He said in a positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) year, monsoon rainfall is compensated. "It is El Nino and positive IOD this year...we

are expecting the impact of El Nino in central India to be compensated by positive IOD. But that may not happen in the case of northwest India."

In view of the above, the IMD has retained its forecast for a normal monsoon season for the country, barring the northwestern region, which includes Rajasthan. Haryana and Punjab, considered as the granaries of India.

The weather office said rainfall during the June-September period is likely to be 96 per cent of the long-term average, with an error margin of four per cent of the long period average. Below-normal rainfall in northwest India is

expected to impact agriculture. "We recommend a regional plan based on our forecast. Our extended-range forecast and the short-range forecast will also help them plan. We are also issuing advisories for farmers. We are regularly briefing all ministries on the outlook," he said. Monsoon is critical for India's economy as 51

per cent of India's farmed area, accounting for 40 per cent of production, is rain-fed. With 47 per cent of the country's population dependent on agriculture for their livelihood, a bountiful monsoon has a direct correlation with a healthy rural economy

The IMD also said southwest monsoon over the 'monsoon convergence zone', or the rainfedregions of India, is expected to be normal at 96-106 per cent of the LPA. In April, the IMD had forecast a normal monsoon with the country expected to witness 96 per cent rains of the longterm average, with an error margin of five per cent of the long period average.

Delhi AIIMS to be fully Wi-Fi enabled

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AIIMS administration has constituted a committee which will be tasked with making its Delhi campus fully Wi-Fi enabled.

AIIMS Delhi has a mix of patient care, academics and research activities, which requires 24x7 campuswide secure Wi-Fi connectivity, it

"It has been noted that currently only new buildings are Wi-Fi enabled and majority of the campus has very poor WiFi connectivity which is causing great discomfort to patients, staff and visitors alike," Director Dr M Srinivas was quoted as saying in the memorandum.

The lack of a common Wi-Fi network has led to many departments setting up Wi-Fi networks of their own to facilitate their day-to-day working making it difficult to monitor the said networks centrally for any cyber threats, it said.
"In line with the global

best practices adopted by various medical universities for patient care, teaching, research, good governance and for optimal deployment of Integrated Medical University Information System (IMUIS), it is desirable that the entire

AllMS New Delhi campus is Wi-Fi enabled," the memo said. Strong Wi-Fi connectivity

will also help in implementa tion of eCasualty and elCU, allow easy access to eLibrary, etc. And help in seamless sharing of data and files on a secure network across AIIMS,

The five-member committee will float an Expression of Interest (EOI) for deployment of a campuswide Wi-Fi network by June 15. It will also request interested firms to survey the campus and submit their gap analysis report and solution design by July 15, according to the memo.

The committee will simultaneously discuss options to boost Wi-Fi connectivity in the campus with various mobile and broadband internet service fiber networks here and ensure

providers by using existing implementation of the best available solutions in a timely manner, it said.

UN favours memorial wall for Indian...

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India's Permanent Representative at the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj received the medal from the Secretary-General. Later at a traditional

reception hosted by the Permanent Mission of India on Peacekeepers Day, Kamboi said, "We are collectively working towards installing a Peacekeeping Memorial Wall with all names inscribed of our fallen heroes?

She called on UN Member States to collectively join in cosponsoring the resolution for the memorial wall that is expected to be put up for adoption in the General Assembly soon.

set up a memorial wall in a prominent location at the United Nations headquarters with the names of all the fallen heroes, and I do believe very honestly, that this is the very least that we can do for them as we salute them today."

The Secretary General's Chef de Cabinet Courtenay Rattray said at the reception that "we welcome India's initiative to honour fallen peacekeepers through the establishment of a memorial wall. We call on all Member States to support this worthy idea."

Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix expressed appreciation and support for India's initiative to honour the fallen peacekeepers through the establishment of the memorial wall.

"In addition to our collective remembering of the fallen heroes, we will also continue our efforts to enhance the safety and security of peacekeepers," he said.

In essence, the idea is to | School jobs scam: SC stays ₹25 lakh cost on Abhishek, but allows...

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The bench said it will stay the imposition of cost and will hear in July Banerjee's plea against the high court's May 18 order dismissing a petition filed by him seeking recall of a previous order of the high court which said probe agencies such as the CBI and ED could interrogate him in the case.

"Re-list in the week commencing July 10. Till the next date of listing, the imposition of the cost part by the impugned order shall remain stayed," the bench said.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Banerjee, referred to the high court order, and said there were "errors apparent" in it.

We are not doing anything, we are only issuing notice and asking for response," the bench observed, adding that it will post the matter for hearing after the vacation. PTI

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Citing the article, Puri said, "Vividly describes Hindu (customs and traditions) followed on eve of independence. The #Sengol they insult now was received with Hindu rituals by PM Nehru. Now hypocrisy is on full display— attempts being made to paint it in different colours — motives ascribed, crocodile tears shed!."

Slamming Jairam Ramesh, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi alleged that the Congress party has a habit of denigrating "Bharatya" value and

Today when the world is taking note of Bharat's rich traditions, the Congress party is trying to find new ways to insult Bharat and its heritage. The Congress party still seems to be in a colonial hang-

The Opposition parties contend that President Droupadi Murmu should do the

but also an integral part of Parliament as she summons, prorogues, and addresses the

The signatories to the joint statement by eminent citizens slamming the opposition boycott included ex-NIA director YC Modi, former IAS officers RD Kapoor, Gopal Krishna and Samirendra Chatterjee, and Lingaya University Vice Chancellor Anil Roy Dubey.

The Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena hit out at the at the Centre for not inviting President Murmu for the inauguration event and alleged that Prime Minister Modi considers the new complex his "estate" as he feels that it has been created by him.

Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) leader Chirag Paswan wrote to Prime Minister Modi extending his wishes for the inauguration of the new Parliament building and slammed the opposition parties for their

boycott decision. Former Lok Sabha Speaker and senior BJP leader Sumitra Mahajan said Parliament is a temple of democracy and partisan politics should not be played over the institu-

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Imperial landmark's tryst with... From Page 1

The sprawling edifice covering an area of nearly six acres and its creamy sandstone colonnade, is one of the most distinctive parliament buildings anywhere in the

world, and one of the most defining and widely-recognised structures. The last legislative sitting in it before the inauguration was the Budget session of Parliament which concluded in

Over the decades, as India evolved into the nation it is

today, Parliament House has been witness to many a moment in history from cerebral debates to high-decibel, raucous discussions and the passing of legislations — some landmark and others contro-

The multi-chequered history of the old Parliament building will now be frozen in

The odyssey of the old Parliament building is also the journey of the new capital of India built under the rule of the then monarch King George V, later christened New Delhi by him in 1926, less than a month before the inauguration of the circular landmark.

It was conceived by the British in 1920s after the imperial capital was shifted from Calcutta to Delhi. Lutyens and

Baker gave shape to the new imperial capital, with the Viceroy's House (now Rashtrapati Bhavan) and the North Block and South Block as the centrepiece of 'New

Lord Irwin inaugurated the Parliament building in 1927, and four years later led the inauguration ceremony of 'New Delhi" which started on February 10 and lasted about a

A viceroy in India was the representative of the British Crown in the country, and Lord Irwin was the first to occupy the Viceroy's House built atop the Raisina Hill. After India turned a Republic in 1950, it became known as the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the abode of the President of India.

Till the Council House or

of the government, which today is home to the Delhi Assembly. In 2006, the Parliament Museum was added to showcase the 2,500 years of rich

Parliament House as it is

known today, was built, the leg-

islature was housed in the

iconic Old Secretariat building

democratic heritage of India. Once the new Parliament building, part of the redevelopment of Central Vista, is inaugurated, India will in many ways, turn a page, since the opening of the old Parliament in 1927.

"Today, you meet for the first time in your new and per-manent home in Delhi," Viceroy Lord Irwin had said, addressing the first session of the third legislative assembly on January 24, 1927.

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Delhi, Punjab CMs to skip Niti Aayog meet

When cooperative federalism is being trampled down, there is no point in attending meeting: Kejriwal

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

After West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has decided to skip the 8th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog in the national capital on Saturday in protest against the Centre's ordinance on control of services in Delhi. Chief Minister of AAP-ruled Punjab, Bhagawant Mann, has also declared to boycott Niti Aayog meeting citing the alleged discrimination against the state by the Centre over the issue of grant of funds,

"The way democracy has been attacked, non-BJP governments have been toppled and stopped from functioning in the last few years, it's neither vision of India nor cooperative

There is no point in attending the Niti Aayog meeting

democracy are being openly violated and cooperative federalism is being rendered as a ioke. People are saying that we should not go to the Niti Aayog meeting on Saturday. Therefore, it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting," Kejriwal said in a letter addressed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Meanwhile, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva, lambasted Kejriwal saying that the language of the letter written by Kejriwal to the Prime Minister clearly shows that he is a victim of political frustration and

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the Niti Aayog Governing Council meeting. The Niti Aayog meeting will deliberate on several issues, including, health, skill development, women empowerment and infrastructure development, with an aim to make India a developed nation by 2047. The council, the apex body of Niti Aayog, includes all chief ministers, lieutenant governors of Union Territories, and several Union ministers.

The Chief Minister has appealed for the free functioning of non-BJP governMinister to respect the orders of the Supreme Court.

Furthermore, Kejriwal has expressed concern over the PM's selective support extended to BJP governments while hindering the work of non-BJP governments. He has cautioned the PM that such biassed actions would ultimately impede the development of the nation and hinder the collective progress of all states. In his letter, the Chief Minister has highlighted the disturbing trend of non-BJP governments being toppled, overthrown, or hindered from functioning

He noted that such actions do not align with the spirit of cooperative federalism, which is the objective of the NITI Aayog. He has also emphasised that it has become increasingly clear that non-BJP governments face significant challenges and resistance in carrying out their mandates.

The AAP and chief minister said after a struggle of eight years, the people of the national capital won the fight in the Supreme Court and got justice, referring to the apex court's May 11 verdict giving elected arm of government in

Delhi executive power including transfer and postings of officers, that was earlier Lt Governor's domain. "In just eight days you passed an ordinance to overturn the SC verdict," Kejriwal said.

If an officer of the Delhi government does not work, the government elected by the people cannot take action against him, he claimed. "How will the government work in this way? This is completely paralysing the government. Why do you want to paralyse the Delhi government? Is this the vision of India, is this cooperative federalism?," he questioned in the letter to Modi. There is strong opposition among people in the country against the ordinance brought by the Centre, kejriwal asserted and added that the "people are asking if the Prime Minister does not even follow the Supreme Court where will they go ?"

He alleged that either the non-BJP governments are toppled through horse trading of their MLAs or they are weaned away through the "threat" of ED or CBI and if the legislators of any party are not bought or defect, its government is stopped from working through an ordinance or governor.

Kejriwal seeks meeting with Kharge over ordinance tussle

Cong asks Delhi CM to first say sorry to Sonia, Manmohan

STAFF REPORTER NEW

AP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday sought time from Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former MP Rahul Gandhi against the Centre's ordinance over control of administrative services in the New Delhi.

Kejriwal will meet his Telangana counterpart K Chandrashekar Rao in Hyderabad on Saturday to séek the Bharat Rashtra Samithi's support to defeat the Centre's ordinance on control of services in Rajya Sabha. The AAP chief is currently on a nationwide tour to unite the Opposition.

'Sought time this morning to meet Cong President Sh Kharge ji and Sh Rahul Gandhi ji to seek Cong sup-



port in Parl against undemocratic n unconstitutional ordinance passed by BJP govt and also to discuss general assault on federal structure and prevailing political situation", Kejriwal tweeted. This comes day after the Aam Aadmi Party convenor met Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar to garner support over

Responding to his tweet, Congress leader Alka Lamba wrote, "AAP should apologise to Congress, ex-Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh, late ex-CM Sheila Dixit and Gandhi family.

If things go forward, we Congress workers will not have any objections. We hope Congress president will consider the sentiments of party workers which were hurt by the

Aam Aadmi Party". The Congress has, however, said it will consult with its regional leaders on whether to support AAP, which is its rival in states like Delhi and Bengal, and challenged it in the Gujarat election. Congress leader and former Union Minister Ajay Maken, former MP Sandeep Dikshit, Pawan Khera and most of the senior leader from state unit are not in favour to support Kejriwal in Rajya Sabha.

Earlier, on 23 May, in a lengthy Twitter post, Congress leader Ajay Maken detailed administrative, political, and legal reasons of not supporting Kejriwal's position on the ordinance. "...anyone backing Kejriwal and opposing the ordinance is essentially going against the wisdom and decisions of Pandit Nehru, Baba Sahib Ambedkar, Sardar Patel, Lal Bahadur Shastri, and Narasimha Rao," Maken tweet-

In another tweet, Kejriwal wrote, "Meeting Hon'ble CM of Telangana tomorrow in Hyderabad to seek support against unconstitutional and undemocratic ordinance passed by BJP government against the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court". Taking a dig at Kejriwal, Delhi BJP president

Virendra Sachdeva said Arvind Kejriwal had promised in 2013-14 to never strike a deal with Congress or any other party, but is now begging for their support".

Kejriwal has been touring different non-BJP-ruled states, meeting with Opposition leaders to garner their support to defeat a Bill on the ordinance when it reaches the Rajya

He has so far met leaders such as Mamata Banerjee, Sharad Pawar, Uddhav Thakre, Nitish Kumar, Tejashvi Yadav. Terming the Centre's ordinance an assault on parliamentary democracy, Pawar expressed support to Kejriwal and said he would reach out to other states to foster consensus among opposition parties. Prior to his meeting with Pawar, Kejriwal had also met Uddhav Thackeray at his residence Matoshree in Mumbai.

The Delhi Chief Minister has already got West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee on his side in his fight against the ordinance over the curbs on Delhi government's administrative powers. The Trinamool Congress chief assured Kejriwal that her party will oppose the bill when it is introduced in

If civil servants work with honesty, integrity nobody can touch them: LG

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

mid the ongoing tussle Awith the elected government, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, who completed a year in office on Friday, listed the works done by the administration under him and claimed the national capital has not seen so much done in the last decade.

Addressing the IAS officers of the AGMUT cadre attending a workshop on capacity building of civil servants for effective service delivery, Saxena asked the civil servants to commit themselves to transparency and work hard without bowing to pressures. He said if the civil servants work with honesty and integrity, then nobody can touch them. A row has erupted between

the Aam Aadmi Party in Delhi and the BJP-ruled Centre after nance effectively bringing the control of the state bureaucracy into the hands of its representative the L-G. The ordinance came a week after the Supreme Court handed over the control of services in Delhi



excluding police, public order and land to the elected government. "To give corruptionfree administration to the society, the responsibility lies on your shoulders. This expectation is not

only of mine but the entire society also has the same expectation," Saxena said and mentioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement "Na Khaunga, naKhaneydoonga", in context of people-friendly and corruption-free governance. "The statement of PM 'jumla' but it is a matter of fact assertion, demanding clean and transparent governance," the LG emphasized. He expressed hope that the Civil Servants will work keeping in mind the vision of the Prime

Minister and contribute for the development of the country. Citing various works supervised by him in Delhi, Saxena said, "We have delivered so much in the last one year with your cooperation that could not have been done perhaps even in 10 years.

The L-G said that cleaning of the river was monitored by the Supreme Court for 28 years and then by the National Green Tribunal for eight years but the result was "zero"

After the January 8 order up of a high-level committee headed by the L-G for Yamuna cleaning, there has been a marked difference in the work done by the same officers who were engaged in the project earlier also, Saxena said.

BJP seeks FIR against AAP for 'stealing files'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP on Friday said that the BJP will lodge a complaint with Delhi Police in connection with the alleged "stealing" of files from the office of special secretary (vigilance) YVVJ Rajasekhar at Secretariat building.
In a joint Press conference

with the Leader of the Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramveer Singh Bidhuri, BJP MP Manoj Tiwari said that if needed, BJP will also approach the court in the matter. A purported CCTV footage showing some people moving around carrying files outside Rajasekhar's office on the intervening night of May 15-16 was also screened at the Press conference. "This CCTV exposes the

from Rajasekhar's office were stolen and photocopied in a nearby room because the officer was probing corruption cases against them," Tiwari alleged. He also questioned if opposition leaders like Mamta



supported such action of the AAP government in Delhi whose party supremo Arvind Kejriwal met them seeking their support against the Centre's ordinance on services matter. Questioning Kejriwal's silence on this matter, Bidhuri said a delegation of BJP leaders led by Delhi state president Virendra Sachdeva will soon missioner and demand for registration of an FIR in the mat-

If there is a delay we will knock on the door of the court so that the court orders the police to register the case. superiors regarding the opening of his office at the Secretariat on the intervening night of May 15-16 and the removal of "sensitive files" kept there for photocopying. He suspected in his report that the files may have been "tampered" with during the incident.

He said that the moving of files from one room to anothexplains why Kejriwal wanted the services so that if he gets the Anti-Corruption Branch and the Vigilance Department, he can cover up the cases and all the evidence of his corruption

Yamuna to be rejuvenated by 2025, says Min

Delhi Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Friday said the city Government is proactively working on its comprehensive plan to achieve the complete cleaning of the Yamuna river by 2025 which would ensure the sustainable development of the city while safeguarding its natural resources.

In a veiled dig at the LG VK Saxena for taking credit to clean the Yamuna river, said that cleaning does not mean to clean the river itself, but it requires that the sewer lines through the length and breadth of Delhi be cleaned.

various strategic initiatives that will address the longstanding pollution issues and modernise the sewage system in Delhi. These initiatives aims to restore the river's ecological balance and improve the overall enviat a press conference.

The Minister also shared the six-step action plan of the Delhi Government as announced by the Chief Minister, includes augmentation in STP treatment capacity, In-situ treatment of major drains, upgradation of CETPs to handle industrial waste, community toilets and JJ clusters to be linked to sewage system, Increasing household sewage connections and desilting and rehabilitation of sew-

erage system. "All the waste that is generated in Delhi, this could be household waste or industrial waste, this needs to be trapped working very hard to achieve our targets and some positive results can already be seen in the river," he said at and enlisted various cleanliness measures being undertaken and planned in near future.

Govt asks PWD to revamp pedestrian pathways

NEW DELHI

Aimed at improving the condition of subways across Delhi, the AAP government launched a 'mission on Friday to revamp vital pedestrian pathways and directed the engineers concerned to work round-theclock for a month, according to an official statement. Public Works

Department minister will personally inspect the completed work at the subways from July 1, it said. Addressing a press confer-



ence , Delhi PWD Minister Atishi said, "During a recent visit to the Punjabi Bagh subway crossing, I was appalled by the deplorable condition of the

subway. The situation was such that no person, especially a woman, would ever want to use that subway. It lacked proper lighting, CCTV cameras for security, and regular cleaning. Dangling wires over-head posed a safety hazard, and filth and garbage marred the entire space.

Taking cognisance of the situation, Atishi convened a meeting of all PWD engineers and issued orders to improve all subways across Delhi by the end of June.

The minister emphasized that during this one-month period, PWD officials have

been directed to ensure cleanliness, adequate lighting, CCTV surveillance to ensure the safety of women, children, and the elderly, as well as the deployment of security guards to protect subways from anti-social elements in the subways

In a bid to reduce oversight, the PWD will also establish a centralized control room for monitoring CCTV cameras in subways, enabling roundthe-clock surveillance.Convex mirrors will be strategically placed at blind spots to guide pedestrians, fostering alert-

Army school giving wings to dreams of underprivileged kids

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Education Minister Atishi on Friday said that the e Delhi government's Armed Forces Preparatory School (AFPS) is giving wings to the dreams of children from underprivileged backgrounds who want to serve the nation. Attending the investiture ceremony of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Armed Forces Preparatory School at Jharoda Kalan, Atishi said discipline and patriotism among AFPS

students was unparalleled. "All students present here are part of the first batch of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Armed Forces Preparatory School, and we have great expectations from

These students possess unmatched discipline and patriotism and they already show glimpses of future military officers," she said. The minister said through this school, the Delhi government has instilled self-confidence among the children from underprivileged families. "The Kejriwal government is preparing students as cadets to become defenders of the nation, and providing them with all the necessary facilities. In the future, some of these students will become colonels or army generals and will bravely protect the nation at our bor-

ders ," she said.
"The nation is watching the children of the first batch with great expectations. Due to the country's support, you have been provided with such magnificent hostels, campuses, education and training opportunity. It is also your duty to work hard and serve this country and bring pride to the nation," she added

The school campus, spread over 14 acres, provides residential facilities along with free training for armed forces Presently, there are 80 students enrolled in the 10th grade and 77 students in the 12th grade at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Armed Forces Preparatory

DU asks UGC to sanction 3K posts in 46 colleges

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi University has urged the University Grants Commission (UGC) to sanction more than 3,000 additional teaching and non-teaching posts across 46 colleges to maintain the student-teacher

According to official, the student-teacher ratio has been impacted due to the implementation of the 10 per cent reservation for the EWS category in admissions. The varsity has also requested the Delhi government's Department of Higher Education to sanction hundreds of teaching and nonteaching posts across 12 col-

leges funded by the govern-

ment, official said. Letters



Delhi government on Thursday with the list of colleges that need additional teaching and non-teaching posts to maintain the student-teacher ratio, the senior official said.

The varsity has also demanded grants from the government and the UGC in this regard. The principals have prepared a proposal of their respective colleges for additional number of teaching posts based on the appropriate teacher-student ratio. In the

letter sent to the UGC, the DU mentioned 46 colleges, including Ramjas College, Kirori Mal College, Hans Raj College and Miranda House, where additional teaching and non-teaching posts are needed. The list mentions the need

for 3,035 teaching and non-teaching posts in 46 colleges. The sanctioning of the maximum number of additional posts of teachers is required at Hansraj College (92), followed by Gargi College (91). The three colleges that need 80 or more teachers are Deshbandhu College (80), Dyal Singh College (81), and University College of Medical Sciences Similarly, the Hindu College and University College of Medical Sciences require

the maximum number of non-

teaching officials (75). The university last year sought information from its colleges on the number of additional teaching and non-teaching staff members required to deal with the "additional pressure" created due to the implementation of the 10 per cent reservation for the economically weaker section (EWS) category in

admissions. "The Principals/Directors of the Colleges/Institutions have prepared the proposal for an additional number of teaching posts based on appropriate teacher-student ratio," the letter to UGC said. "Also, proper justifications for additional teaching and non-teaching posts have been given in the proposals...For consideration of sanction of additional posts and grant to the Colleges of the University of Delhi. An early approval in the matter is requested," the letter added.

In a similar letter to the Delhi government, the varsity sends a list of 12 colleges along with the number of teaching and non-teaching faculty required there.

As per the list, 804 posts need to be sanctioned across 12 colleges which include both teaching (435) and non-teaching (369) posts. In the colleges funded by the Delhi government, Acharya Narendra Dev College requires the maximum number of teaching (72) and non-teaching (81) additional staff. The 10 per cent quota for the EWS category has led to an increase in number of seats for students, the DU official said.

Dating app: 4 held for extorting money from LGBTQ community al activities. They would invite

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi police has arrested four persons for allegedly trapping people by approaching them on a dating app meant for the LGBTQ community and later extorting money from them by threatening to share their private videos with their families. The accused were identified as Arun Kumar (22), Vishal Kohli (24), Rajesh Kumar (42) and Anuj (21).

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southeast) Rajesh Deo said the accused persons used to make fake profiles on Grindr app, chat with the targets to get friendly with them and lure them into taking part in sexu-

the victims to select locations and record them in compromising positions. Later, they would threaten to share these videos with the family members and friends of the victims and demand money from them, he

The matter came to light after one of the victims lodged a complaint, the police said. According to the complainant, he met a man through Grindr and met him at Vinobapuri metro station on April 24. From there, the accused took him to a room. While they were talking to each other, two men barged into the room and started making his video after forc-

clothes. The accused threatened to post video online and forced complainant to pay ₹2 lakh, the police said. Using technical surveil-

lance, the accused persons -Arun Kumar and Vishal Kohli were traced to Loni. Ghaziabad and were arrested from there. Later, Rajesh Kumar was arrested from Shahbad Dairy, they said. The fourth accused, Anuj,

was arrested in connection with another case in which he and his associates managed to extort ₹33,000 from a man, the police said. They also thrashed the victim and forcibly performed oral sex on him, they said.

New panel formed to Opposition unity risks **guide Project Cheetah**

NTCA formed 11-member committee after death of 6 felines

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m cheetahs,\ including\ three}^{
m ollowing\ th}$ newborn cubs, within a period of two-and-a-half months at the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh, the Centre has set up yet another high level panel of national and international experts to oversee and monitor the ambitious Project Cheetah in India.

A statement issued by the Union Environment Ministry said the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has constituted yet another panel an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee

The decision to form the committee was taken in a meeting with the additional chief secretary of the Madhya Pradesh government. The move comes in the wake of the death of three cheetah cubs born to the Namibian cheetah allegedly died of dehydration and malnourishment.

The Committee will be



chaired by Rajesh Gopal (former member secretary of the NTCA and currently with the Global Tiger Forum). Members

Committee include RN Mehrotra, former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Rajasthan; PR Sinha, a former director of the Wildlife Institute of India; HS Negi, a member of the NTCA; GS Rawat, former Dean of the WII; Qamar Qureshi, a scientist with the WII; the current Inspector General of the NTCA; the current Chief Wildlife Warden of Madhya Pradesh, and others. The NTCA has also constituted a panel of international cheetah experts who will provide advice "as an when required" to Project Cheetah.

They experts are Adrian Tordiffe (Veterinary Wildlife Specialist, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria, tion programme.

South Africa); Laurie Marker, of the Cheetah Conservation Fund, Namibia; Andrew John Fraser, Farm Olievenbosch, South Africa; and Vincent van dan Merwe, Manager, of the Cheetah Metapopulation Project, The Metapopulation Initiative, South Africa. The Committee will review the progress of the programme

It will also provide advice on cheetah introduction to the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the NTCA, as per the press release. It will open "the cheetah habitat" for eco-tourism and suggest regulations to further this. It will also provide suggestions on how to involve the community in the project's activities.

In October last year, the ministry had constituted a "Cheetah Task Force" to monitor India's cheetah introduc-

becoming talking shop

MANISH ANAND ■ NEW DELHI

While the Opposition unity efforts are gaining pace with a meeting being planned to be held in Patna next month, the Congress is keeping the regional satraps guessing.

The Janata Dal (United) is

hoping that the Congress will be benign and show large heartedness to accept the proposal of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to focus on just 200 Lok Sabha seats and leave the rest to other constituents of the Opposition.

"As of now we are optimistic that the Congress will come on board. The Congress will also be attending the Opposition meeting in Patna next month. But it will be premature that there will be an understanding on all the 545 Lok Sabha seats. We are aiming to bring everyone onboard for a one-on-one contest with the Bharatiya Janata Party on most of the Lok Sabha seats," said a senior JD (U) functionary, who is known to be close to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

What appears to be worrying the Opposition is that the Congress is gaining confidence after the Karnataka election verdict, and the key movers of the unity plank are now keeping fingers crossed over the



channel of communication with the Gandhis. "The Congress needs to remember that the party had won 2013 and 2018 Karnataka Assembly elections, and we all know the seat count of the party after the 2014 and the 2019 general

Besides, the Congress had wrested all three BJP-ruled of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh," said another leader from the Opposition camp. There is clear emphasis from the non-Congress Opposition camp for pre-poll seat adjust-ment so that there is scope for one-on-one contest against the

Yet, the Opposition leaders are also acknowledging the fact that the pact events in Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh don't infuse enough confidence even of the outcome of the oneon-one contest. "Uttar Pradesh is going to be too sticky for the Opposition unity efforts. The

political situation has taken drastic changes, and it's also not so easy to establish contacts with a section of the Opposition leaders in UP. The state with 80 Lok Sabha seats may test strength of the votary of the Opposition unity plank, said the JD (U) functionary.

Incidentally, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), which is the party with the most number of Lok Sabha MPs after the BJP from UP, broke ranks with the Opposition to decry the boycott call given by the Congress and others of the inauguration of the new parliament building. "Also, Odisha and Andhra

Pradesh may remain outside the Opposition unity efforts, as the dominant non-BJP parties in these two states will continue to be the fence-sitters. They will watch out for Lok Sabha poll verdict to decide on their courses of actions. Thus, we will no more be making efforts to reach out to them," added ID (U) functionary.

NIA seeks death penalty from Delhi HC for Yasin Malik

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has urged the Delhi High Court to award death sentence to Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief and Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik. The petition is listed for hearing on May 29 before a Division Bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Talwant

Kashmir separatist leader Malik who was involved in many terror attacks was sentenced to life imprisonment by a special NIA court in a terror funding case in May 2022. He had pleaded guilty in the case. The NIA had demanded capital punishment for Malik before the trial court as well. Earlier, the prayer was refused by the Special Court stating that death penalty should be awarded only in exceptional cases "where the crime by its nature shocks the collective consciousness of the society".

Malik was convicted of offences under Section 120B, 121, 121A of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Sections 13 and 15 of UAPA read with 120B of the IPC besides Sections 17, 18, 20, 38 and 39 of UAPA. In a detailed judgment, the NIA Court had observed that Malik betrayed the good intentions of the Government by choosing the

"Betraying the good intentions of government he took a different path to orchestrate violence in the guise of political struggle. ...the evidence on the basis of which charges were framed and to which convict has pleaded guilty, speaks otherwise," the special court had underscored. The judge had also rejected Malik's argument that he had become

a Ğandhian after 1994.

"It only took one small incident of violence at Chauri Chaura for the Mahatma to call off the entire non cooperation movement but the convict despite large scale of violence engulfing valley neither condemned the violence nor withdrew his calendar of protests, which had led to the said violence," the judge underlined.

Mark 9 years of Modi Govt as BJP asks Cong to do fact check 'Maafi Divas', says Congress

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi completing nine years in office, the Congress on Friday demanded his apology for what it said was "betrayal" of the people and asked him nine questions on issues ranging from rising prices and unemployment to national security and social harmony.

The Opposition party also said the government should mark this day as 'Maafi Diwas' and released a booklet 'Nau saal, Nau sawaal'. It said Modi became the

Prime Minister on this day nine years ago and therefore, the party wants to ask nine questions of him. The grand old party also said it will hold press conferences in 35 cities over the



Congress Party leader Jairam Ramesh with party leaders Supriya Shrinate (L) and Pawan Khera (R) and others during a Press conference, in New Delhi on Friday, Ranjan Dimri I Pionee

'failures" of the Narendra Modi Government in the last nine years. The press conferences have been titled 'Nau Saal, Nau Sawaal' (nine years, nine ques-Congress chief spokesman Jairam Ramesh said at a Press conference that Rahul

next few days to highlight the Gandhi had raised critical issues during the Bharat Jodo Yatra and the nine questions are based on that. Flanked by party colleagues Pawan Khera and Supriya Shrinate, Ramesh said the booklet is a report card of the nine years of the Modi Government and Congress

Service (IPS), among others

ences in 35 cities across the country to highlight the "failures" of the government. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge took to Twitter and said, "In last 9 years, the Modi Government has become a 'Vishwaguru" in snatching away employment of crores of youths? and used the hashtag "#NaakamiKe9Saal" to mark the occasion.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said, "The BJP built its edifice in 9 years on false promises and people's suffering. Inflation, hatred and unemployment - Prime Minister ii take responsibility of these failures of yours," Rahul said in a tweet in Hindi, using the hashtag and shared nine questions to Prime Minister.

before pointing finger at Centre

The BJP on Friday ridiculed Congrees for allegedly "not leaving panchtatva"— Prithivi (earth), Pavan (air), Jal (water), Tej (solar energy), Nabh (sky) — untouched by its 'corruption saga' as it listed-out ' major achievements' of the Modi-Government in last nine years. BJP which is celebrating

nine-years of the Modi Government at the Centre by organising various organisational events and assigning central Ministers and MPs consituency-wise tasks, dismissed the 'nine questions' posed by the Congress party on Modi's nine years in office. Addressing a press conference here BJP's National spokesperson Ravishankar Prasad called National



Ravishankar Prasad

Congress as a "bundle of lies and mountain of deception." The BJP's Rajya Sabha member alleged that the questions were the result of Congress's "hatred towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Listing-out 'achievements' of Nine-years of the Modi-government, BJP's spokesperson said inflation at 4.7 percent was one of the lowest across the world, economy export increased to Rupees thirty lakh crore under Modi's Congress to check facts before pointing finger at the ruling party. Prasad said poor received Rs six lakh sixty eight thousand four thirty five crore from Direct Bank transfer (DBT) through 312 schemes. He said in 2014 India

imported 78 percent of its mobile "but today 99 percent of mobiles are manufactured in India, generating employment, particularly for women." India is now second largest exporter of mobiles as it is also exporting Rs Rs Sixteen thousand crore defence exports, he said. Prasad claimed at 4.7 percent inflation in the country is at the lowest if compared with

that od the US 8.9 per cent, Australia 8.5 ,France 13.5 and Sweeden 20.2 percent. "Under Manohan Singh government India was fragile-five economies but under Modi it is among the top five countries, ahead of England", said Prasad. Taking a swipe at the Congress for raising the issue of corruption against the BJP government, the BJP leader said the Opposition party had covered all "panchtatva" in its corruption activies during its regime at the centre.

"We talk 'Panchtatva'...Congress party's associates did corruption in all five elements of 'Panchtatva' -Commonwealth games scam, Coal scam, 2G scam, helicopter and submarine scam...": said Prasad.

UPSC mulling criminal action against 2 for fraud

Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is considering criminal and disciplinary penal action against two candidates for allegedly claiming selection in the civil services examination, the results of which were declared on Tuesday, according to an official statement. The case relates to Avsha

Makrani (from Madhya Pradesh) and Tushar (from Harvana) who fraudulently claimed that they have been finally recommended by the Commission in the civil services examination 2022 against two roll numbers of genuinely recommended candidates, it said. "The claims of both per-

the documents in their favour to buttress their claims," said the statement issued on Friday.

By doing so, both Makrani and Tushar have acted in contravention of the provisions of the Rules of the Civil Services Examination, 2022 notified by the government of India (Department of Personnel and Training), it said.

Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the Examination Rules, the UPSC is contemplating both criminal as well as disciplinary penal action against the two candidates for their fraudulent acts, the statement said. "The system of the UPSC is robust as well as foolproof and such errors are not possible," it added. The

examination annually in three stages — preliminary, main and interview — to select officers of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police

Sharing details, the Commission said Aysha Makrani, daughter of Salimmuddin Makrani, who is claiming her final recommendation by the UPSC, is found to have forged documents in her favour. Her actual roll number is 7805064. She appeared in preliminary examination held on June 5th, 2022 and scored only 22.22 marks in General Studies Paper-I and 21.09 marks in General Studies

DELHI/WASHINGTON

India and the US will review ■the entire spectrum of their bilateral Defence ties and explore possibilities of jointly manufacturing state-of-the-art weapons during talks between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his counterpart Lloyd Austin next week in New Delhi.

Incidentally, the visit on June 4-5 comes weeks ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the US on

June 23. He is likely to discuss various aspects of defence related issues including access to cutting edge technology from the US during his talks with US President Joe Biden. German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius is scheduled to arrive in India on June 6 to hold talks with



Rajnath. This visit underscores Germany's keen interest in deepening its defence co-operation with India, an emerging global power.

Announcing Defence Secterary Austin's visit to New Delhi, the Pentagon said late Thursday, "this visit provides an opportunity to accelerate new defense innovation and industrial cooperation initiatives and drive ongoing efforts to expand operational cooperation between the US and Indian milthe Pentagon



said. Austin will also meet other leaders in the Indian capital as the United States and India continue to modernise the US-India Major Defense Partnership, the Pentagon said. Austin will also visit Japan, Singapore and France next

Austin will begin his trip from Japan, as part of his seventh official visit to the Indo-Pacific region. In Tokyo, he plans to meet with Japanese Defense Minister Yasukasu Hamada and other senior lead-

ers and also visit the US troops stationed in Japan, it said. The visit also comes as the United States and Japan take important strides to modernise alliance capabilities, optimise US force posture, and build links with like-minded partners following the historic US-Japan "2+2" ministerial meeting earlier this year, the Pentagon said.

From there, Austin will

travel to Singapore where he will deliver plenary remarks at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) 20th Shangri-La Dialogue. On the margins of the Dialogue, the secretary will meet with key leaders to advance US defense partnerships across the region in support of the shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific, anchored in ASEAN centrality. After Singapore, Austin will visit New Delhi and then conticipate in events commemorating the 79th anniversary of D-Day, and meet with French and United Kingdom defense leaders, it added.

Meanwhile, ahead of Prime Minister Modi's state visit to US, officials of both countries have intensified their discussions on co-producing jet engines, longrange artillery and infantry vehicles under the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET).

At a meeting with Indian Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane at Pentagon last week, US Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks termed proposals to co-produce jet engines. long-range artillery and infantry vehicles under iCET "unprecedented opportunities" to strengthen ties between defence sectors of two nations.

'Unvaccinated at risk of long Covid'

Paper-II, it said.

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After examining nearly 10,000 patients, most of whom had Covid-19, researchers have outlined 12 symptoms including post-exertional malaise, fatigue, brain fog, dizziness, gastrointestinal symptoms, heart palpitations, issues with sexual desire or capacity and loss of smell or taste that can affect nearly every tissue and organ in the body and the unvaccinated were more likely to have long Covid.

The findings are published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). The research team also found that long Covid was more common and severe in study participants infected before the 2021 Omicron variant. The



study, coordinated through Researching Covid to Enhance Recovery (RECOVER) initiative of National Institutes of Health (NIH), US, examined data from 9,764 adults, including 8,646 who had Covid-19 and 1,118 who did not have Covid-19

Based on patient-reported symptoms, the researchers established a scoring system. They gave each patient a score based on symptom combinations after assigning points to each of the 12 symptoms. Thus,

they identified a meaningful threshold for identifying par-ticipants with long Covid. They also found that certain symptoms occurred together and defined four subgroups or "clusters" with a range of impacts on health.

In addition to establishing the scoring system, the researchers found that participants who were unvaccinated or who had Covid-19 before the Omicron strain emerged in 2021 were more likely to have long Covid and more severe cases of long Covid.

Based on a subset of 2,231 patients in this analysis who had a first Covid-19 infection on or after Dec. 1, 2021, when the Omicron variant was circulating, about 10 per cent experienced long-term symptoms or long COVID after six months. Further, reinfections were also linked to higher long COVID frequency and severity, compared to people who only had Covid-19 once. 'This study is an important

step toward defining long Covid beyond any one individual symptom," said study author Leora Horwitz, director of the Center for Healthcare Innovation and Delivery Science, US, and co-principal investigator for the RECOVER Clinical Science Core, at NYU Langone Health, US.

This approach, which may evolve over time, will serve as a foundation for scientific discovery and treatment design. The researchers explained that studying the underlying biological mechanisms of long Covid is central to advancing informed interventions and identifying effective treatment

Study: Running stops age-related memory loss PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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flong-term running contin-Lues to be the part of your exercise even as you are in your mid-age, in all likelihood you will not face age-related memory problems, so say a team of researchers.

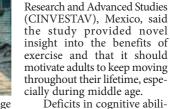
They reached the conclusion after studying the effects of long-term running on a network of new hippocampal neurons generated in young adult mice, at middle age.

More than six months after tagging the adult-born neurons with a fluorescent reporter vector, they identified and quantified the direct afferent inputs to these adult-born neurons within the hippocampus and (sub)cortical areas, when the mice were middle-aged. "The long-term running as



helps in wiring 'old' new neurons born in early adulthood, or adult-born neurons, into a network relevant to the maintenance of episodic memory encoding during aging," they

Episodic memory is a type of long-term memory involving conscious recollection of previous experiences together with their context in terms of time, place and associated emotions. Published in the journal eNeuro, the researchers from Florida Atlantic University (FAU), US, and Center for



ty linked with aging are associated with reduced hippocampal volume. The hippocampus and adjacent cortices are brain areas essential for learning and memory.

Aging-related memory function decline is also associated with the degradation of synaptic (junction between two neurons) inputs from the perirhinal and entorhinal cortex onto the hippocampus, brain areas that are essential for pattern separation, and contextual and spatial memory. Along with significantly

increasing these adult-born neurons, long-term running was found to enhance the recruitment of presynaptic (sub)-cortical cells to their network. That is, running not only rescued perirhinal connectivity but also increased and altered the contribution of the entorhinal cortices to the network of old adult-born neu-"Long-term exercise pro-

foundly benefits the aging brain and may prevent aging-related memory function decline by increasing the survival and modifying the network of the adult-born neurons born during early adulthood, and thereby facilitating their participation in cognitive processes," said Henriette van Praag, corresponding author, an associate professor of biomedical science in FAU.

ROW IN WB OVER NEW MOVIE 'THE DIARY OF WEST BENGAL'

BJP slams TMC for police action

'State Govt is trying to control free speech'

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

 $T^{\text{he dust raised by 'The }}_{\text{Kerala Story' had hardly settled down when a new con-}}$ troversy erupted in Bengal, this time over a new film, 'The Diary of West Bengal'.

The BJP has strongly criticized the Trinamool Congress Government for the Kolkata Police action of serving a notice to the film's director Sanoj

Criticising the State Government for trying to control free speech, BJP national vice-president Dilip Ghosh on Friday said that the ruling outfit was "afraid of everything and the notice served on the film's-



director is a mark of that fear." He said, "I have no idea of

anything about the film ... but from whatever I have heard it seems that the State Government has become unnecessarily afraid of the developments ...if the TMC has nothing to do with what the film says then there is nothing to Sanoj Mishra the director of the film.

The director however, on Friday made it clear that he had no intention to bring Bengal to disrepute. Speaking about the notice allegedly served on his reported act of trying to defame the State Mishra on Friday "my intention is not to malign the image of the State. We have shown only facts in the film which are well-researched."

Meanwhile, though the He recalled how the State TMC would not react official-Government had "received a ly to the controversy, a senior rap on its knuckles from the leader from North Kolkata of Supreme Court after banning which Amherst Street Police 'The Kerala Story' in Station is a part said, "the single-point agenda of the BJP is Acting on an alleged complaint — based apparently on to provoke communal divide and tension in the country by the trailer of the film — lodged getting its agents to write books or produce communally angled by an individual the Amherst

K'taka Cong on mission to repeat victory in 2024 polls

Dy CM who is KPCC chief too focused on bagging all 28 seats in LS polls

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■

Though the cacophony of electioneering and victory parades have come to an end with the high-decibel swearing in of Siddaramiah as Chief Minister and D K Shivakumar as his deputy, the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee continues to be in a mission mode. Though the Lok Sabha election is expected only in the months of March-April 2024, it has not deterred Shivakumar, who holds the additional post of KPCC president, from his hectic schedule. He is on a mission to make a clean sweep of all the 28 seats at stake in the State to establish his command

over the party. The report going round Karnataka is that Shivakumar would be elevated as the Chief Minister after 30 months of rule by Siddaramaiah. This is the formula which has been worked out by the Congress High Command to placate Shivakumar who was the frontrunner along with Siddaramaiah for the post of



Both Shivakumar and

Siddaramaiah refuse to tell

anything about the arrange-

ment though minister M B

Patil courted controversy on

Wednesday by blatantly ruling

out any change of leadership for

enjoys with the High

Command. The fact that he has

not lowered the guards is proof

of his single point pursuit to

win Karnataka and hand it over

to the national leadership.

Sources close to Shivakumar

told The Pioneer that the war

room in his office in the

Pradesh Congress Committee

Office is functional round the

clock as his close aides are fil-

tering and analyzing the short-

comings faced during the

assembly poll. Shivakumar is personally overseeing the

records of past Lok Sabha polls

and method of voting in the

Shivakumar has been asked

the next five years.

allotted by evening **PTI** ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka Minister K H Muniyappa on Friday said the Cabinet expansion will take place on Saturday afternoon and the portfolios would also be allotted by evening. Muniyappa also said bar-

Cabinet expansion

at noon today,

portfolios to be

ring four or five ministerial posts, rest would be filled up in the same day.

According to the Minister, to lead the Congress till the Lok Sabha election and this is being the Cabinet would be a mix of seen as the confidence he seniors and young people.

"Tomorrow, the Cabinet expansion will take place. Time has also been fixed. It would be tomorrow afternoon. Most of the posts would be filled," Muniyappa told reporters after returning from New Delhi.

To a question on how many ministerial posts would be filled, he said, "Barring four or five, rest all would be filled

When asked whether senior leaders have put up any demand before the party high command regarding ministerial positions, Muniyappa said at t it would be difficult to say anything.

Centre turns down Bengal's request to let anybody, except CM, attend Niti Aayog meet

meeting."

It's a ploy to keep aside Bengal's demands of fund release, says TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

There were fresh rounds of tensions between the Bengal Government and the Centre with New Delhi turning down the request of the State Government to let State Finance Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya and the Chief Secretary to attend the Saturday's Niti Ayog meeting in place of Chief Minister Mamata

Speaking about the latest development Bhattacharya on Friday said, "we had requested the Centre to allow me and the Chief Secretary to attend the meeting as Mamata Banerjee is busy with some other work. In its reply, the Centre said the 'CM may attend'. This is an

workshop on

Internet' held

The Ministry of External

▲ Affairs (MEA) in coopera-

tion with the Bureau of Police

Research and Development

(BPR&D) jointly with its out-

lying training unit, the Central

Detective Training Institute (CDTI) of the Ministry of

Home Affairs, organised a vir-

tual workshop on the 'Misuse

under the framework of the

Conference on Interaction and

Confidence Building Measures

addressed by Muanpuii Saiawi,

Joint Secretary (D&ISA) in the

Ministry of External Affairs,

Neeraj Sinha, Additional

Director General, BPR&D and

Anurag Kumar, Director,

BPR&D, the MEA said here on

in Asia (CICA).

The workshop was held

The virtual workshop was

of Internet' on May 25-26.

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indirect way of not allowing anybody other than the CM to attend the meeting. Hence, there will be no representative of West Bengal at tomorrow's

Explaining the State Government's position Bhattacharya further said,"If the Chief Minister of the State is preoccupied with some otherwork, can't she send any Minister or official on her behalf? Afterall, I am the Finance Minister of the State and can represent the State." The meeting is likely to be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Bhattacharya said refusing to let the State's representatives to attend the meeting was a "ploy" of the Centre not to hear Bengal's demands for the release of funds that it had allegedly withheld.

The BJP leadership however has claimed that the Centre has stopped the funds because the State has failed to account for the earlier grants.

Cambodian King to visit India on May 30

 K^{ing} of Cambodia Norodom Sihamoni will pay a state on the King.

The King is visiting India nearly six decades after his father Nordom Sihanouk's visit. It is pertinent to note that

the King's state visit will coincide with the culmination of the celebrations to mark the 70th anniversary of the diplomatic ties between New Delhi and Phnom Penh.

The Cambodian King will arrive here in New Delhi for a two-day (May 29-31) official tour whereby he will be accompanied by a 27-member highlevel official delegation, the Ministry of External Affairs(MEA) announced here on Friday.

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visit to India on May 30 and will meet President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The President will hold a banquet in honour of the King. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will call

Progress on cutting plastic pollution slow, stakeholders not well integrated: Scientists

PTI PANAJI

The progress in reducing I plastic pollution across the globe has been painfully slow and the consequent damage to the natural environment and to human health is likely to increase further, according to a network of scientists researching on the subject.

In a research paper published in the scientific journal 'Nature Communications', scientists from many countries, including India, have said that the views and ways of working of four distinct stakeholder communities - scientists, industry, society at large and those making policy and legislation - are "not sufficiently well integrated".

The paper has been jointpublished by Richard S Lampitt, Stephen Fletcher, Matthew Cole, Alice Kloker, Stefan Krause, Fran O'Hara, Peter Ryde, Mahua Saha, Anastasia Voronkova and Adrian Whyle from the UK, France and India.

Mahua Saha, a scientist from Goa-based CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography, is the only Asian scientist who is representing the region in this

The researchers claim that about 400 million tonnes of plastic waste is generated every year, and this quantity is expected to increase dramatically over the coming decades.



release recovery training plan

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 $I_{\mathrm{gy}}^{\mathrm{n}}$ an effort to ensure synergy for the Gaganyaan mission, the Indian Navy and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) have released the Gaganyaan Recovery Training Plan at INS Garuda in Kochi, officials here said on Friday. The document outlines the training plan for recovery of the crew module of the Gaganyaan mission.

The training document was jointly released on Wednesday by Vice Admiral Atul Anand, Director General of Naval Operations; Unnikrishnan Nair, Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, (VSSC) and Umamaheshwaran R, Director, Human Space Flight Centre of ISRO, the navy officials said.

The document defines overall requirements with teams participating in recovery operations including divers, MARCOs (marine commandos), medical specialists, communicators, technicians and naval aviators, a senior official

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Alleging that in its fear of losing power the TMC

Government was trying to con-

trol free speech, Ghosh said,

"The Government cannot sup-

press the fundamental right of

people ... everyone has a right

to express and in case of films

there is censor board and sim-

ilar regulating authorities ... So

I do not understand how the

police came into the picture ...

Street Police Station had earli-

notice on film directors."

why have the police serve

The recovery training is planned in incremental phases starting from unmanned recovery to manned recovery training in harbour and open sea conditions. The recovery operations are being led by the Indian Navy in co-ordination with other government agencies, the officials said.

The Crew Module Recovery Model was also formally handed over to the Indian Navy at its state-of-the-art Water Survival Training Facility (WSTF) at INS Garuda, Kochi. The mass and shape simulated mock-up will be used for familiarisation and training of Gaganyaan recovery

The Navy will also assist the ISRO by undertaking a series of trials to fine tune the standard operating procedures for training the crew and recovery teams of Gaganyaan.

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Meet to ensure India's rights under Indus water treaty held in J&K

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Deputy National Security Advisor Vikram Misri Friday reviewed the progress of

Indus Water Treaty.

The Deputy National Security Advisor also met top military and security officials in the union territory and was briefed on the prevailing situation in the Kashmir valley.

had been made on several fronts and emphasis laid on completing the works on all the Indus Basin Projects in timely manner to enable better utilisation of India's rights under the Indus Water Treaty," the statement from the govern-ment-run Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation said.

Misri also called on Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and apprised him of the efforts to monitor implementation of hydro power projects in Indus Basin under the directions of the Prime

various hydro-power projects in Jammu and Kashmir while chairing the second meeting of the task force to ensure exercise of India's rights under the

'It was noted that progress

The meeting on the Indus Water Treaty was attended by officials from the ministries of external affairs, Jal Shakti, Jammu and Kashmir administration among others.

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head of the Menstrual Hygiene Day on May A head of the Eviction and Tygethe 22, a survey has said that around 73 per cent of women want companies to allow them to take menstrual leave while 86.6 per cent are in favour of a menstrual-friendly workplace where hygiene methods and support infrastructure are available to women. The Menstrual Hygiene Survey 2023, conducted by Everteen, a feminine hygiene brand, also pointed out that 71.7 per cent of the participants in the survey do not want the menstrual leaves to be paid, fearing that it may make companies reluctant to hire female employees. Nearly 10,000 women in the age employees. Nearly 10,000 women in the age group of 18 to 35 years participated in the survey that was conducted in multiple cities, including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Chennai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Patna.

"While 73 per cent of women want that

companies should allow them to take menstrual leaves, 71.7 per cent of them do not want these to be paid and fear that it may make companies reluctant to hire female employees.

"Also, 86.6 per cent of women are in favour of the concept of a menstrual friendly workplace where females are not hesitant in discussing the subject openly, and menstrual hygiene methods and support infrastructure is made available to women. Besides, 68.9 per cent of women have taken a leave of absence from work during menstrual periods," the survey stated.

The survey recommended that corporates need to make it a priority to adopt practices for a menstrual-friendly workplace. Researchers from the UVA School of Medicine, Flo Health, University College London, Technische Universitaet Berlin and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine too found menstrual symptoms hurt workplace productivity of many women.

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Danger of populism

The Karnataka election may spur competitive populism among various political parties

The Congress' impressive victory in the Karnataka Assembly election has not just added a new dynamic in national politics but also cast a shadow on the future of economic reforms. In general, reforms are put on the back burner in the period before a general election. PV Narasimha Rao carried out the historic liberalisation in the first three years of his tenure (1991-96). Similarly, in the last year of his tenure, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, another great liberaliser, also did not privatise any public sector undertaking (PSU). Once again, there are news reports that the Narendra Modi Government will not take up any new PSU for sale, though the Government would continue with the ongoing deals involving disinvestment in IDBI Bank, Shipping Corporation, BEML and Container Corporation of India (Concor). An official was quoted in a report, saying. "Even the proposed privatisation of two public-sector banks and a general insurance firm has been postponed." The reasons are not difficult to



find. It is very easy for socialists and vested interests to find fault with any privatization deal. They malign everything and everyone—the idea of privatization, the process, the privatisers, the government that does it, the economists and experts who favour the sale of PSUs. They deploy all tricks and proffer fallacious arguments in their jihad privatization: sale of family silver to pay the grocer's bill, national assets being sold for a song, etc. If they fail to stop a privatisation, they begin harassing the privatisers. Arun Shourie, disinvestment minister in the Vajpayee cabinet, is still facing court cases decades after the transactions were made.

Besides, the political cost of liberalisation is high—or at least politicians believe that. Vajapayee's defeat in 2004, for example, was falsely attributed to his government's liberalising moves. It was not just Leftleaning intellectuals but also many RSS luminaries linked his unexpected loss with the reforms his government carried out. Public discourse at that time—and to some extent even now—was heavily influenced by socialist dogmas. The most prominent dogma sees the economy as a zero-sum game: one gains only at the expense of the other. So, if India was shining, as the BJP claimed, Bharat must be whining. In such a milieu, the Congress shrewdly coined the slogan, 'Aam aadmi ko kya mila.' In such a social, cultural and political milieu, the Modi Government should be lauded for just slowing down and not discarding privatisation. But the danger of populism is real—and it might grow. The grand old party took recourse to populism in Karnataka, and handed over a bill of Rs 50,000-60,000 crore to the State's taxpayer. The GOP and other parties are likely to come up with more freebies and entitlements; the BJP, willy-nilly, may be forced to enter the race of competitive populism. If that happens, economic reforms will suffer a terrible setback.



Deer play inside an enclosure at the Bikaner zoo, on Friday.

Decoding the scripts of 'Mann Ki Baat'



The focus areas of 'Mann Ki Baat' have been water and health. These are the two main areas which the Government is taking up on priority

India's flagship citizen outreach program, 'Mann ki Baat', represented by the Prime Minister of the country, has completed a century of broadcasts. It's time to take stock of the program's impact and priorities, by analysing the themes and focus areas across the 100 scripts. This analysis backed up by the data mining techniques reveals important insights into the government's communication strategy, the key issues it prioritizes, and the areas where it could focus more. One of the distinctive features of Mann ki Baat is the use of communication as a powerful tool to reach out to millions of people across India.

The program has leveraged social media and other platforms to amplify its outreach, using hashtags like #drugsfreeIndia, #YesWeCan, #IncredibleIndia, #armedforcesflagday, #PositiveIndia, #Jalshakti4India, #CourageinKargil, #Cheer4India and #MyHandloomMyPride among others to engage with the community. While observing it appeared that certain hashtags campaigns had bi-annual frequency, with a gap of around two years between most of them. This approach has been effective in raising awareness about important issues and generating public interest in the program.

A closer look at the 100

scripts reveals the key focus areas of the program. 'Water' and 'Health' are among the most frequently mentioned topics with a mention of 454, and 274 times respectively, indicating the government's focus on addressing these critical issues. During these conversations, there has been obvious discussion on the healthcare sector, doctors, workers and the pandemic era and these keywords have been found to be inadequate frequency.

Digital and online initiatives, such as MyGov, are also prominently featured, highlighting the government's push for digital transformation and innovation and the same can be observed in the nation's journey towards technological developments in the past decade. However, topics such as 'Climate change', 'Food', and 'Poverty' receive comparatively less attention in the scripts,



also important topics communicated during these conversations. Another interesting finding of the analysis is the geographical distribution of attention across states and regions. While Kashmir, Gujarat, Delhi, and Tamil Nadu have garnered more attention than others, BIMARU states (Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh) have got comparatively less mention in these talks. The mention of Kashmir is also related to the fact that there were many governance and structural changes here which kept its discussion at a higher frequency. It is quite interesting that

the mentions of Leh-Ladakh and North East states are limited to 20 times or less. Only Assam state could receive significant mention among North Eastern Regions (NERs). This distribution highlights the need to focus more on certain regions and communities, especially those that are more marginalized. The use of certain keywords also reveals the



THE ANALYSIS OF MANN KI BAAT'S **TOTAL 100 SCRIPTS PROVIDES A VALUABLE PERSPECTIVE** ON THE **GOVERNMENT'S** PRIORITIES AND **APPROACH** TO CITIZEN OUTREACH

government's priorities and approach. Words like 'Rural', 'Village', 'Youth', 'Farmer', and 'Women' are frequently mentioned, indicating the government's focus on empowering these communities.

This communication series not only engaged in dialogue but also drew wisdom from the legacies of notable figures in our country's history. Among the most frequently referenced were Mahatma Ġandhi, Baba Saheb Ambedkar, and Buddha, with 92, 50, and 39 mentions respectively.

The analysis of Mann ki Baat's all 100 scripts highlights the program's strengths and limitations and provides important insights for policymakers and researchers. The program's focus on communication and outreach has been effective in engaging with the community and raising awareness about important issues. The use of hashtags and social media platforms has amplified the program's reach and impact, making it a powerful tool for citizen engagement. At the same time, the analysis highlights the need for greater focus on certain issues and

communities. Topics like climate change, poverty, jobs and marginalized community receive comparatively less attention in the scripts, suggesting the need for greater emphasis on these issues.

Similarly, the geographical distribution of attention highlights the need to focus more on certain regions and communities. The global stand of India and its contribution was also observed to be one of the important highlighters in these talks and words like 'United Nations, 'America', and 'Europe' were observed to be in the frequency of 32, 50 and 15 respectively.

Finally, the analysis of Mann ki Baat's total 100 scripts provides a valuable perspective on the government's priorities and approach to citizen outreach. By leveraging communication as a powerful tool and focusing on key issues like water, health, and digital transformation, the program has made significant contributions to public awareness and engagement.

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Who bears the huge cost of freebies?



SHASHANK **SAURAV**

The concept of a welfare state is always a welcome idea but the cost of welfare should not be such that it crumbles the state itself

iddaramaiah has taken oath as CM for the newly Uelected Karnataka government and the first googly has come out on the five promises which were hyped by Congress scion Rahul Gandhi. In the election manifesto, the Yuvanidhi scheme was announced to give Rs. 3,000 per month for two years to unemployed graduates and Rs. 1,500 per month for two years to unemployed diploma holders. However, minister Priyank Kharge has clarified that it would be affected for the academic year 2022-2023.

As per the initial estimates, the annual cost of five promises would be Rs, 50,000 crores but the actual numbers might exceed this. Debt levels of Karnataka have more than doubled over five years and the 'Debt: State GDP' ratio has increased from 18.4% in 2018 to 23.4% in 2023. Certain parts of the increase in debt can be attributed to external factors like the Covid-19 pandemic but there is an important factor that we all must understand.

Some of the existing welfare schemes might be withdrawn by the new govern-

ment to save some money while new schemes get introduced. In this case, people will benefit only from the differential. The fiscal deficit for FY23 was estimated at around Rs. 61,564 crores and it will exceed Rs. 1 lakh crore with the additional expense even if a tax buoyancy of 10% is factored YoY. It's important to highlight that the GST compensation cess is no longer there to fund the extravaganza of politicians. For perspective, the compensation cess in Karnataka budget was Rs. 25,267 crores in FY 2021-22 which came down to Rs.

5,000 crores in FY 2022-23. If we keep politics aside, it can be seen from the state finances that the debt level has gone up for almost all the mandates it to be within the

states (except a few like Odisha, and Uttar Pradesh) over the last five years. Political compulsion will never allow the politicians to extend their vision beyond the short-term electoral gains and therefore India needs a law on the freebie culture. Of course, it is going to be a tough exercise because no one would like his hands tied by a piece of legislation and its hard to avoid the temptation which brings you close to the power but we need some fiscal prudence if this country does not choose to be walking on the similar path like Sri Lanka and Venezuela. The Finance Commission, which is a constitutional body, has already highlighted the risk of state debts reaching an unsustainable limit.

The concept of a welfare state is always a welcome idea but the cost of welfare should not be such that it crumbles the state itself. Politicians and activists who keep floating their utopian ideas and taking shelter of our constitution for all their stupidity, forget that Article 292 and 293 of the same constitution talks about borrowings and

limits specified by the legislature. The Constituent Assembly of India discussed these articles on 10th August 1949 and thought in a different context but the importance of the purpose of the loan was highlighted by Shri H. V. Kamath. Existing political leadership across the board might be shortsighted Ananthasayanam Ayyangar emphasised the impact of borrowings in the constituent assembly discussion and his words can be referred to in today's context 'So far as borrowing is concerned-they may be short or long-term, imposing heavy obligations upon not only the present generation but future generation also.

We must remember that nothing comes free in this world. If the cost of freebies is curtailing the capital expenses, piling up the debt, and slashing the social sector expenses like education, healthcare etc. then freebies are not free at all and we all will be paying the price one way or the other.

(The writer is a chartered accountant, and policy analyst. Views expressed are personal)

PEOPLE IN POWER MUST BE SENSITIVE

Sir — Top dignitaries of the states have some privileges thrust upon them. Zero traffic", when they commute, is one such entitlement. It means traffic is cleared during their travel in the state. Generally, the governor and chief minister enjoy zero traffic luxury. The new Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah has decried the tendency: he has asked the officials to do away with the zero traffic rule when he crisscrosses the length and breadth of Bengaluru and Karnataka. Siddaramaiah is understandably worried about the traffic standstill and the hardship faced by the commuters during

His predecessor Basavaraj Bommai was content with a "green corridor" with no traffic signals during his movement. In sharp contrast to these two, a former state home minister had refused to part with zero traffic saying it was his "privi-

Be that as it may, it is laudable that at least some people in power can be sensitive to people's sufferings. Many times, it's the officers under the high dignitaries, who want to please their bosses, who wield power. Therefore, dignitaries must ensure that their orders are not flouted. It is heartening that India's VIP culture is slowly on the decline thanks to the courts and the important individuals themselves. Although the 2013 Supreme Court order restricting the use of red beacons on official vehicles was taken with a pinch of salt by the common man, it was surprisingly carried out well with minor hiccups

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AMERICAN LAW

Sir — One by one, in 2021, the mother of American democracy, attacking Capitol Hill, is sentencing its destroyers and conspirators to prison, American law. One should hope that most of the thousands of people who have been arrested in this connection will be punished in some way or the other for dividing American soci- with the indirect taxpayer any lesser to

Grand inauguration

THE EDITOR



grand inauguration of the new Parliament building, housed by Sansad Marg in the national capital, on ensuing Sunday, is caught in the crossfire between the ruling BJP and as many as 19 non-BJP opposition parties, with the latter taking strong exception to Prime Minister Narendra Modi doing the inauguration himself instead of letting it done at President Draupadi Murmu's hands who is also President of the Parliament. These parties have not only announced the boycott of the historic event but also initiated a comprehensive signature campaign. against the move which the opposition parties largely are signatories of, save the Akali Dal, BJD and some others even as some are accusing the PM of sidelining the President who is conspicuous by her absence among the invitees.

The Opposition leaders' viewpoint stands justified notwithstanding, both camps need to come to terms with each other and find some common ground to stand together on and let this momentous occasion pass peacefully and gracefully sans any brouhaha, in the national interest

Azhar A Khan I Rampur

ety with the help of their extreme views and hatred. On Thursday, Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes, 57, was sentenced on charges of seditious conspiracy and other crimes. This sentence becomes very important, for two reasons. The first is that he has been sentenced to 18 years in prison, which is the longest sentence ever handed down in this case. Secondly, he turned out to be the culprit who was not present in the crowd at the time of the vandalism. But he was one of the people whose mind and conspiracy were working behind the crowd. Means more than committing the crime, the one who instigates it is the biggest culprit.

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NOTHING WRONG WITH FREEBIES

Sir — RJD MP Manoj Jha once had hit the nail hard right on the head of those snob brigade by stressing "This is a welfare state, isn't it? When a poor man buys a bar of soap, he is as much a taxpayer as Adani and Ambani"! Yes, every citizen pays taxes — direct or indirect. So even the richest of rich hold no right to think of themselves as of any "special stock'

them in any respect. And so as citizens of the State, all are equally entitled to all sorts of rights and it forms the urgent duty of any Welfare State to look after those citizens on the lower economic scale!

It is high time the snob brigade, always shouting "Stop subsidies and freebies" and mocking the Government for it's "sin" of providing goods and services to the poor at subsidised/concessional rates or paying monetary allowances related to various schemes, should either shut up or do the following things: (1) At first ensure minimum basic rights to the poor through their astronomical salaries and cutting down all sorts of luxuries; (2) And thereafter they should themselves stop receiving various sorts of tax concessions by the Government and ask their employers to immediately stop Leave Travel Concession, free medical facilities(for themselves and their family), free education of their children, Dearness Allowance/House Rent Allowance.

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FAITH AS INTERACTION, NOT AS KNOWLEDGE

We must approach God by exercising our free will, which can be done in multiple ways



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

es, it is not a matter of knowledge. With the advent of the internet, who is not aware of God? But how many pursue this knowledge? Very few to say the least. Why? Because faith comes from interaction with God. We approach God and He responds, otherwise this relationship is a non-starter. A simple example will help. I don't have any interaction with a particular resident of my neighbourhood. There will be no progress in my relationship with that person. Yes, we must get in touch with God, who limits himself to instruct us through bonafide scriptures, preachers, who have a wide following, etc. We must approach God by exercising our free will. And we can do so in multiple ways like praying to God, going to a temple, chanting God's name, etc. Every such act is taken notice of by God, who responds appropriately.

To bring clarity to this phenomenon, I will narrate my experience in this connection. The very first thing God notices is our dutifulness. We, human beings, have been given the responsibility of doing our duties according to time, place and circumstances. This is how the creation can go on. Lord Krishna warns that even maintenance of the body will not be possible through inaction. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 3.8) God gets interested in those who are dutiful. The next thing, which impresses God is obeying dharma. After all, dharma is the bedrock on which the creation rests. God even incarnates to re-establish dharma. (4.8) Now such persons are keenly watched because such people become good people. The mode of goodness in them becomes predominant by overpowering the other two modes of passion and darkness. (14.10) If such a person requests help, God is prepared to do so; one just has to sincerely pray for it.



We normally seek help from God in two ways. One is to get out of some trouble and the other is to gain something material like a decent job. What is God's response? Let us understand one simple rule: God is always just; He couldn't be favouring someone at the cost of another, as will be in the case of landing a job. However, God can be more generous in case of helping someone to recover from a major illness. In this case, also, God has to determine if the sick person deserves such a favour and how much. But all said and done, God does respond. How much and when is decided by God, as found appropriate by Him. No request for help is ignored; only the quantum and the quality are

In one matter, God is more forthcoming, i.e. to guide. If a person is sincerely seeking guidance to do something noble, God will be very keen to help, because being the owner of everything, He must encourage what suits the creation. Don't we need good people to keep all of us going? God gives the right intelligence, as in the case of medical scientists. If someone is genuinely looking for a medical solution, which can help millions, and the motive is not to encash it to the fullest extent, God will help. What do you think we will do if we were to decide? God gives me spiritual solutions to common problems about which I can write. One may call it realisation as it really helps me personally. What more than any other favour reinforces faith is peace, which we all know is sought by everyone, but only a few

The conclusion is to approach God in ways, which please Him, about which He has given detailed instructions. Swami Ravi Das was a leatherworker. He had no formal education, but he became a great devotee of God. Knowledge is helpful only as a tool, even spiritual; it must be practised. Spiritual activities take us to a higher level. Therefore, let us get going and link with the owner of the creation. He is waiting and He has plenty to give.

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US must undertake a midcourse correction



Even if the US revises its debt ceiling of \$31.4 trillion, its risk-ridden economy may precipitate a global crisis of a larger magnitude



ith the looming debt crisis in the United States with the potential to default, a showdown between Republicans that control the House and the democratic white house may not augur well for the global economy and developing countries like India. Owing unsustainable economic policies over a few decades and irresponsible handling of resources has led the largest global economic powerhouse into a big mess of its own making. Even if president joe Biden manages to clinch a last-minute deal with Republican top leadership to usn up tne debt ceiling beyond us \$ 31.4 trillion, larger questions continue to haunt the Americans. Mobilizing loans through US bonds or debt paper may not be the immediate concern but potential default on June 1 is what may turn catastrophic to not only Americans but the entire world. For Americans, it means that democrats will not be able to fund their fancied social security payments on medical and health insurance, pension or social development projects. President Biden and his Democratic

administration will have to put on hold all fancy projects like waiving student loans or fees to provide personal tax concessions to youngsters and new taxpayers democrats understand the full importance of lifting the already unsustainable debt limit of \$ 31.4 trillion. In fact, this also explains US President Biden's decision to forgo the scheduled quad summit in Australia and head back home after the G-7 leaders meeting in Hiroshima. Eventually, the quad summit had to be called off with heads of the US,



THERE IS EVERY POSSIBILITY OF **US MOVING** RECESSION, **THEREBY STYMIEING** DEMAND FOR **GOODS AND SERVICES GLOBALLY**

(The author is the director and chief executive of this nonpartisan think tank based in New Delhi) Australia, Japan and India meeting briefly at Hiroshima on the sidelines of the G-7 congregation. The larger issue that confronts us and the world is a wee bit different and difficult.

There is every possibility of us moving into economic recession thereby stymicing demand for goods and services globally. This will hit the economic growth sentiment internationally big time. Secondly, the possibility of banks getting stuck with worthless dollar-denominated bonds or debt paper in the medium term cannot be ruled out unless both the federal reserve and political leadership in the US take recourse to the mid-course correction that involves massive spending cuts or improve the country's revenues. Such a policy may be very unattractive for Democratic voters when they have to elect their president in 2024.

Thirdly, containing the contagion effect of the US economy moving into the abyss will be a herculean task. One cannot easily forget the global financial crisis triggered by real estatelinked mortgages that turned worthless in 2007-08. This housing bubble stirred a perfect storm to impact both large developing countries like India as well as least developed countries alike. Excessive risk exposure taken by banks was the biggest element in this crisis of the worst kind after

Fourthly, if the US default finally happens, then countries like India having huge exposure to American greenback will also face the heat.

But, this diversification should go the whole hog and consciously lead to pursuing the dedollarization of the Indian economy as a state policy. Fifthly, while exports to the US become attractive and import bills get squeezed, a demand slump globally will negate the advantages gained in trade deals. There is no reason why India should not oursue a more independent trade and currency policy keeping herself at a safe distance from the federal reserve and recalibrating her linkages with Washington DC. Sixthly, Democrats and Republicans must work towards mid-course correction on the economic and development front rather than recklessly going for borrowing more from Tom to pay

Limiting the fresh debt limit to us \$ 1.5 trillion till March 31, 2024, and achieving concomitant cuts in spending by us \$ 1.47 trillion would save the perilously placed our economy. Seventhly, precipitating a perfectly cooked crisis is not in anyone's interest and hence reining in the fresh spending to less than one per cent as per the limit, save, grow act of 2023 makes eminent sense. On the parallel, limiting the mop-up the great depression of 1929. of fresh debt and gradual reduc-

tion in existing debt stock would augur well for the US economy that's seeking to reposition itself and instil confidence in its trading and investment partners.

The debt-to-GDP ratio was approximately 97 per cent at the end of FY 2022, and under current policy and based on this report's assumptions is projected to reach 566 per cent in 2097, it pointed out. While pursuing a revised economic policy dispensation, president biden should not easily forget the 2011 crisis that was triggered by our congress. This pushed up the borrowing costs for the treasury by a humongous us \$ 1.3 billion in just one year. Also, we should not provide any leverage to China for encashing its crisis. China is easily the largest holder of us debt paper, notes and long-term bonds with valuations ranging from \$ 859.4 billion to \$ one trillion.

China may like to leverage our debt paper to rebalance its own resources position which again may not be looking too good. China's own debt of us \$ 14.34 trillion as of April 12, 2023, and swelling at a whopping \$ 3.81 trillion annually may not be something to brag about by president xis oligarchs driven communist party. Potential defaults in us, and machinations in China have valuable lessons for India that are overtly conservative on borrowings, especially by the

The tragedy for workers in today's 'gig' economy

All temporary, freelance and contract workers must be properly defined and identified to ensure minimum wages, maximum working hours and social security

ou see many youths around you, who deliver the goods coming via e-commerce apps and websites. Similarly, millions of drivers all over the world provide app-based taxi services. Ecommerce and technologydriven businesses have become a major part of the economy these days. This section of the economy is known as the 'gig economy' and the people working there are called 'gig' workers. Recently, the delivery workers of an e-commerce company named 'Blinkit' went on a one-day strike, which was also given a lot of importance by the media. The case was that a company called 'Blinkit', which claims to supply consumers with their grocery requirements in 10 minutes to half an hour, had reduced the



payment to its delivery agents by half. Significantly, before this change, the company used to pay Rs 25 to the delivery agent for each delivery. Till about a year ago, the delivery agents were given Rs 50 per delivery. Delivery workers' complaint is that fuel costs have skyrocketed during this period, but their wages have shrunk to a quarter. The reality is that today

youth in big and small cities are forced to work as delivery agents in the absence of any decent employment. In the initial phase, these workers also used to earn sufficiently, but due to low payouts, now their economic condition has become very pathetic. The reality is that in the absence of alternative employment, it has become almost a compulsion

for the youth to work as delivery agents. On the other hand, com-

panies like 'Ola' and 'Uber' providing app-based taxi services have also started charging highly exploitative commissions from taxi drivers. Due to this, the drivers of 'Ola' and 'Uber' have also resorted to agitational means like strikes many times. But the exploitative commission policy of 'Ola' and 'Uber' continues unabated. Despite the strike by Bilinkit's delivery agents, no solution is in sight.

Gig workers like drivers of 'Ola', 'And Uber', delivery agents of 'Blinkit', 'Zomato', 'And Swiggy' etc. or any other type of workers registered with any other app-based service provider, whose employment depends on the mercy of these app companies, businesses or whose livelihood depends on the delivery of goods or ordering of services based on messages received from these apps, are today suffering from the exploitation by these com-

Nowadays the word gig is very much in vogue. Till twothree decades ago, the word gig was not much in use. It has become necessary to understand the meaning of the word 'gig' and the terms such as 'gig economy' and 'gig worker' etc. and their effects on society.

A few decades back, there were only two types of workers. One, the salaried employees and the other, the casual workers. Salaried workers are generally employed on a permanent basis with a fixed

certain procedure has to be followed for the removal of these workers from employment. On the other hand, casual labour means daily wage workers. These labourers are paid wages on a daily basis and have to go in search of employment every day.

In the organized sector, earlier most workers were generally employed on a permanent or regular basis and their employment was also fairly secure. In the unorganized sector like agriculture, construction and sometimes in manufacturing, the practice of daily wage labourers is seen. Generally, educated and trained workers were mostly salaried workers and most of the daily wage laborers used to be uneducated and untrained salary and other facilities. A workers. But these days even

organised sector employers have found an easy way to employ gig workers or sometimes on contract or on fixed term; where workers lack job security and social security. Further, there is the absence of regulations like working hours and working conditions, as these workers in order to earn sufficiently have to work for longer hours and under precarious conditions.

This new class of labour, namely, gig labour is the outcome of the emerging gig economy, based on new technology. This new category has emerged in the form of online platforms, cloud working, freelancing, e-commerce, supply chain, etc. That is, it can be said that new technology and new business models are the creators of this new labour class.

These workers who are serving based on work/order provided by the apps are clearlv working under the instructions of the apps owned by ecommerce companies, but in government definitions, they are not considered workers, they are called 'freelancers'.

All such gig, temporary, and contract workers will have to be properly defined and identified while ensuring minimum wages, maximum working hours and various types of social security for them. If this does not happen, this system will be called nothing more than Jungle Raj, whose rule is survival of the fittest'. The Government of India is expected to make policies for the social security of the workers of these online platforms i.e., gig workers.

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Belgium, Iran conduct prisoner swap in Oman



Protesters wear clothes reading Free Olivier during a solidarity demonstration with Belgian aid worker Olivier Vandecasteele in Brussels on December 25, 2022. AFF

"Olivier spent 455 days in

prison in Tehran. In unbearable

conditions. Innocent," De Croo

wrote. "Olivier Vandecasteele's

return to Belgium is a relief. A

relief for his family, friends and

an interlocutor for the West

Vandecasteele to a lengthy prison term and 74 lashes after

convicting him of espionage in

a closed-door trial. He also was

in Iran in February 2022 while

packing up his belongings, after working with the Norwegian Refugee Council

and Relief International in the

Islamic Republic from 2015 to

2021, according to Amnesty

government strongly denied

Īran's claims, made without

a spy. To make the swap with

a controversial prisoner

by the country's constitution-

ed Assadi of masterminding a

thwarted bomb attack against

an exiled Iranian opposition

group in France and sentenced

him to 20 years in prison.

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In 2021, Belgium convict-

His family and the Belgian

International.

Vandecasteele was arrested

fined USD 1 million.

Oman has long served as

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 $B_{\text{a prisoner exchange Friday}}^{\text{elgium and Iran conducted}}$ in Oman, with officials saying Tehran released a Belgian aid worker in exchange for an Iranian diplomat convicted of attempting to bomb a meeting of exiles in France. The initial announcement by Oman's Foreign Ministry did not identify the prisoners being swapped. Later Friday, Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo said in a statement that the aid worker, Olivier Vandecasteele, had been freed. Iranian state television later confirmed that the diplomat, Assadollah Assadi, was freed as

Oman's Foreign Ministry said that "those released were transferred from Tehran and Brussels to Muscat today, Friday, in preparation for their return to their countries."

It added that "the sultanate of offering evidence, that he was Oman appreciated the high positive spirit that prevailed in the Iran diplomat possible, the talks in Muscat between the Belgium had adopted in March Iranian and Belgian sides, and their keenness to settle this exchange treaty that was upheld humanitarian issue."

Croo Vandecasteele was transferred to Oman on Thursday night. He was received by a team of Belgian diplomats and military officials, then was assessed by doctors.

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'Time to widen **India-UK** relations'

PTI ■ LONDON

UK Opposition Leader Sir Keir Starmer on Friday said it was time for the India-UK relationship to be widened across all critical areas as he set out the Labour Party's foreign policy pitch in the lead up to the general election expected next year. Starmer said he sees huge scope of mutual benefit from enĥancing the bilateral

According to a statement, he would be making a keynote address to open India Global Forum's (IGF) annual UK-India Week summit in London next month. The address will mark the first major insight into the Labour leader's vision for the party's relationship with India, which went through some strain over sensitive issues such as Kashmir under his predecessor Jeremy Corbyn.

The time has now come to look to the future and work on how we can deepen and widen our cooperation in critical areas such as trade and investment, technology and innovation, climate action, diversity and inclusion, and healthcare, the future of work, skills and education - all areas where I see huge scope for mutual benefit," said Starmer.

The IGF UK-India Week, now in its fifth year, is a fiveday series of events to be held between June 26 and 30 to bring together senior politicians, business and thought leaders from the UK, India and around the world to focus on the prospects of strengthening India-UK ties across different sectors. "I believe it's timely that Sir Keir will be opening UK-India Week this year. We are at a critical juncture, and so his participation underscores the importance of the need for a bipartisan approach to the relationship with India," said IGF Founder and CEO Professor Manoj

US, Chinese trade officials concerned over restrictions

AP WASHINGTON

Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo and her Chinese counterpart, Wang Wentao, expressed concern Thursday about policies of each other's governments following Chinese raids on consulting firms and US curbs on exports of semiconductor technology, their governments said. The two sides announced no progress in disputes over technology and security but said Raimondo and Wang promised to strengthen exchanges on trade issues.

Companies from both sides have been buffeted by tighter official controls on trade in semiconductors and other activity on security grounds. Political relations between the two governments are at their lowest level in decades following disputes over technology, security, China's territorial claims and Beijing's treatment of Hong Kong and ethnic



minorities. Raimondo "raised concerns" about Chinese actions against US companies in China, her office said in a statement. It said they also discussed the trade and investment environment and "areas for potential cooperation" but gave no details.

Chinese police raided offices of consultants Bain & Co. and Capvision and a due diligence firm, Mintz Group, following the expansion

ligence laws. Authorities have given no explanation for the

The raids rattled foreign companies, which the British Chamber of Commerce in China said this week want 'greater clarity" about enforcement. Chinese authorities have said companies are obliged to obey the law but have given no indication whether they see

Wang "expressed key con-cerns" about U.S. policy on semiconductors, exports and trade, his ministry said. It gave no details.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping in March accused Washington of trying to hold back China's development after the US government blocked access to technology to manufacture advanced processor chips, hampering the ruling Communist Party's efforts to develop its own semiconductor producers for smartphones, artificial intelligence and other advanced applications.

President Joe Biden has tightened restrictions imposed by his predecessor, Donald Trump, on access to design, manufacturing and other technologies that Washington and its allies say might be used to improve Chinese weapons at a time when Beijing is threatening to attack Taiwan and is involved in territorial disputes with other neighbors.

Princess Sophia's UK home gets Blue Plaque

PTI ■ LONDON

Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, the daughter of Maharaja Duleep Singh - the last ruler of the Sikh empire and the goddaughter of Queen Victoria, was honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque in London on Friday. The Blue Plaque scheme, run by the English Heritage charity, honours the significance of particular buildings associated with historical figures. In memory of the British-Indian Princess, it now adorns Faraday House, which was granted to Sophia and her sisters as a grace and favour apartment at Hampton Court Palace southwest of London by Queen Victoria.



"As a political journalist, I thought I knew the story of the suffragettes, and then I found this extraordinary woman and she blew me away," said Anita Anand, the author of the biog-

raphy 'Sophia: Princess, Suffragette, Revolutionary'. "As the last princess of the Sikh Empire, goddaughter of Queen Victoria, society darling and fashion icon, a life of comfort and celebrity was hers for the taking, but she chose a harder path. Using her international fame and influence, putting herself in physical danger, she fought for the right of women to vote. Campaigning with unrelenting ferocity, loyalty and selflessness, she moved the dial," she said.

Named after another former resident, the eminent English physicist Michael Faraday (1791-1867), Faraday House was Princess Sophia's main residence for over four

'Debt ceiling talks making progress' recess and will return after

AP WASHINGTON

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy said on Friday negotiators "made progress" on an agreement with the White House to raise the debt limit as they race to close out a deal ahead of a looming deadline to avert a potentially catastrophic default.

McCarthy told reporters at the Capitol that there is still more work to do.

The two sides are narrowing on a two-year agreement that would curb federal spending and lift the borrowing limit ahead of a deadline as soon as June 1 when Treasury could run out of money to pay the nation's bills.

President Joe Biden and the Republican speaker hope to strike a budget compromise this weekend. Any deal would need to be a political compromise, with support from both Democrats and Republicans to pass the divided Congress.

A person familiar with the talks said the two sides are "dug in" on whether or not to agree to Republican demands to impose stiffer work requirements on people who receive government food stamps, cash assistance and health care aid, some of the most vulnerable Americans.

Yet both Biden and McCarthy expressed optimism heading into the weekend that the gulf between their positions could be bridged. A twoyear deal would raise the debt limit for that time, past the 2024 presidential election.

House Republicans have pushed the issue to the brink, displaying risky political bravado in leaving town for the Memorial Day holiday. The US could face an unprecedented default as soon as June 1, hurling the global economy

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into chaos. In remarks at the White House on Thursday, Biden said, "It's about competing versions of America."

"The only way to move forward is with a bipartisan agreement," Biden said on Thursday. "And I believe we'll come to an agreement that allows us to move forward and protects the hardworking Americans of this country." Lawmakers are tentative-

ly not expected back at work until Tuesday, just two days from the early June deadline when Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said the US could start running out of cash to pay its bills and face a federal

Biden will also be away this weekend, departing on Friday for the presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland, and Sunday for his home in Wilmington, Delaware. The Senate is on

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Memorial Day. Meanwhile, Fitch Ratings

agency placed the United States' AAA credit on "ratings watch negative," warning of a possible downgrade.
Weeks of negotiations

between Republicans and the White House have failed to produce a deal — in part because the Biden administration resisted negotiating with McCarthy over the debt limit, arguing that the country's full faith and credit should not be used as leverage to extract other partisan priorities.

The White House has offered to freeze next year's 2024 spending at current levels and restrict 2025 spending, but the Republican leader says that's not enough.

"We have to spend less than we spent last year. That is the starting point," said

Russia says border regions under attack

Kyiv (AP): Russia's southern border, came under fire for Belgorod region bordering several hours, damaging four Ukraine came under attack on Friday from Ukrainian artillery fire, mortar shells and drones, authorities said, to the annexed Crimea

A Russian S-300 missile hit a dam in the Karlivka district of Donetsk province in eastern Ukraine, threatening nearby settlements with flood ing. The town of Graivoron in Russia's Belgorod region, about 7 kilometres (more than 4 miles) from the Ukrainian several hours, damaging four houses, a store, a car, a gas pipeline and a power line, Gov Vyacheslav Gladkov reported.

a Russian city in an area next recreation centre, a shop and an empty house were damaged in the village of Glotovo. One woman was wounded when nearby Novaya Tavolzhanka was shelled, Gladkov said.

Earlier this week, the Belgorod region was the target of one of the most serious

Peninsula. Moscow's forces, meanwhile, struck a building containing psychology and veterinary clinics in the city of Dnipro, in central Ukraine, killing two people and wounding 30, including two children, Ukrainian officials said.

Video released by regional Gov Serhiy Lysak showed fire engulfing the three-story building that appeared almost destroyed, with only parts of a wall standing, as firefighters battled the flames.

cross-border attacks from Ukraine since the war began 15 months ago. Details of the raid were murky. Russia blamed the Ukrainian armed forces, but two Russian groups said they were involved, with the aim of bringing down Russian President Vladimir Putin. Officials in Russia's southern city of Krasnodar, in the region of the same name bordering Crimea, said two drones struck there. Witnesses told local media they heard something like the sound of a moped and then two explo-

'Documented dreamers' urge US lawmakers to pass Children Act

Washington (PTI): Running from pillar to post for the last several years, 'documented dreamers', a significantly large number of whom are Indian Americans, are seeking an end to their uncertain future.

A group of these long-term visa holders known as documented dreamers made another round of the US Capitol - the temple of American Democracy - knocking on the doors of one lawmaker after the other, seeking support for the recently introduced 'America's Children Act'.

The 'dreamers' are basically undocumented immigrants who enter the United States as children with parents. They grew up legally in the US but risk deportation when they turn 21 years old.

At a time when the US Congress is bitterly divided on political lines, these young dreamers, who are estimated to number 250,000 are looking for more support from congressmen and senators to make necessary legislative changes that give citizenship pathway to agedout kids. "It is time to permanently end the aging out and pass the America's Children Act," Dip Patel, founder, Improve The Dream, said. He is leading an unprecedent-

ed fight on behalf of the documented dreamers. Of the 2,50,000 dreamers, 90 per cent are pursuing STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathemat-

ics) careers, he said.

FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

AUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

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No.		31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
1	Total Income from Operations	5395.29	7136.79	25431.18	10742.97	376835.26	356364.81	1507482.34	1250241.17	
ı	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (including discontinued operations)	5309.94	7075.96	25272.22	10542.20	73890.93	78768.92	299956.60	259314.72	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (including discontinued operations)	5322.52	7026.94	24845.82	10493.61	56578.96	60265.36	232444.82	188885.87	
	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	5322.20	7027.15	24845.26	10493.80	64092.06	63449.69	218325.06	197235.02	
5	Paid up Equity Share Capital	641.81	645.26	641.81	645.26	641.81	645.26	641.81	645.26	
ı	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -									
	(a) Basic :	82.53	108.90	385.25	162.63	445.45	471.10	1,943.98	1,483.68	
	(b) Diluted:	82.53	108.90	385.25	162.63	445.45	471.10	1,943.98	1,483.68	

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financials Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.kamaholdings.com).

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Particulars	Quarter ended 31 March 2023	Quarter ended 31 Dec 2022	Quarter ended 31 March 2022	Year ended 31 March 2023	Year ended 31 March 2022				
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited				
Total income from operations	5.87	5.58	4.95	22.07	21.01				
Net profit for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	4.41	2.56	2.20	11.76	7.37				
Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	4.41	2.56	2.20	11.76	7.37				
Net profit for the period after tax(after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	3.12	1.80	1.65	8.66	5.34				
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising profit for the period									
(after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	3.13	1.85	1.66	8.67	5.36				
Paid-up equity share capital	41.80	41.80	41.80	41.80	41.80				
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve)	33.33	30.20	24.66	33.33	24.66				
Securities premium account	74.83	74.83	74.83	74.83	74.83				
Net worth	149.96	146.83	141.29	149.96	141.29				
Outstanding debt	49.95	49.90	49.75	49.95	49.75				
Debt equity ratio	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.33	0.35				
Earnings per share before extraordinary items (Face Value of Rs. 10 per Equity Share)				1					
(EPS for the quarter and nine months are not annualised)*		1							
-Basic (Rs)	*0.75	*0.43	*0.39	2.07	1.28				
-Diluted (Rs)	*0.75	*0.43	*0.39	2.07	1.28				

Note to financial results

Place : Gurugra

Date: 26 May 2023

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: New Delhi

: 26th May 2023

ewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 26 May 2023

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Purav Acharya

Whole Time Directo

For and on behalf of the Board of Director

EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF AUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER & YEAR ENDED 31.03.2023

PARIJAT PAPER MILLS LTD.
CIN: L21012UP1989PLC010589
Regd. Office: Vill: Jat Mujhera 10.6 km Stone Bhopa Road, Muzaffarnagar - 251308 (U.P.) Website: www.parijatpapermills.com, Email: parijatpapermills@yahoo.com

Places: New Delhi

Date: 25/05/2023

S. No	PARTICULARS	Quarter ended	Year to Date figure (12 months ended)	Corresponding 3 months ende in the previous yea
l'io		31.03.2023	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
1. 2.	Total Income from operations (net) Net Profit (Loss) for the period (before Tax, exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	2990.60 50.69	13103.02 223.97	3855.50 -88.21
3.		50.69	223.97	-88.21
4.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after exceptional and/or extra ordinary items)	19.46	165.71	-103.51
5.	Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after Tax)]	19.46	165.71	-103.51
6.	Equity share capital (Face value Rs. 10/- each)	329.00	329.00	329.00
7.	Reserves [excluding revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	836.94	836.94	671.22
8.	Earnings per share (of Rs 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) 1. Basic 2. Diluted	5.04	5.04	1.88

Note: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/annual Financial Results filled with the stock exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and disclosure requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly & year to date Financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.msei.in) and the company's website 2. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors

at its meeting held on 26th May 2023 For and on behalf of Parijat Paper Mills Limited Sd/

Amit Mittal (Whole time Directo

Date: 26.05.2023

Imran slams govt, says no plans to travel abroad

PTI ISLAMABAD

Unfazed after being placed on the no-fly list, Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan on Friday took a swipe at the top leaders of the ruling coalition, saying he has no plans to travel overseas as he neither owns properties nor has any businesses abroad. Khan, his wife Bushra Bibi and other leaders and former assembly members of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party were reportedly barred from leaving the country on Thursday.

Taking to Twitter, Khan wrote: "I want to thank the government for putting my name on the ECL as I have no plans to travel abroad, because I neither have any properties or businesses abroad nor even a bank account outside the country." If and when I do get an opportunity for a holiday, it will be in our northern mountains, my favourite place on earth," he said. The Exit Control List (ECL) is maintained by the

interior ministry and deals with individuals who are not allowed to leave the country due to pending court cases or for other reasons.

Earlier, the Samaa News channel reported on Thursday that the Pakistan government had barred Khan, his wife and at least 80 people from leaving

the country.

"The federal government has decided to add the names of 80 people, including PTI Chairman Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi, to the no-fly list," the report said.

Top leaders of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) including the party's supremo Nawaz Sharif are accused of amassing huge wealth in country's like the UK.

Sharif was sentenced to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment by an anti-graft court in one of the three corruption cases against him in the Panama Papers scandal in

During the trial, the

(NAB) had presented around 21 witnessed to prove that Sharif family cannot justify the money trail to buy four apartments in Avenfield House, Park Lane, London. It is alleged that the properties were bought with graft money in 1990s when he served twice as the prime minister.

Sharif, however, has rejected any wrongdoing and insist-ed they were bought with the legitimate money.

Khan, 70, and several top leaders of his party are facing cases in connection with the violence that erupted after the PTI chief's arrest on May 9 in a corruption case.

On May 9, violent protests

erupted after paramilitary Rangers arrested Khan from the Islamabad High Court (IHC) premises. His party workers vandalised a dozen military installations, including Lahore Commander's House, the Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad in response to Khan's arrest.

Senior leader quits ex-Pak PM's party

Islamabad (PTI): Firdous Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah Ashiq Awan resigned from Imran Khan's party on Friday over the recent violent and "teron Friday said that only 33 suspects have been handed over to authorities so far to be tried by rorist activities" and said the military courts for their alleged former prime minister and involvement in the attacks on Pakistan cannot go together, becoming the latest senior leader to quit the opposition sensitive defence installations during the May 9 protests following the arrest of former Awan, 53, served as Special Thousands of supporters of the Assistant to the Prime Minister Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party ransacked and set ablaze

Information and Broadcasting from 2019 to She is the latest politician who resigned from Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party. Awan, the former Federal Minister for Population

Welfare, said she was parting Amidst criticism from local ways with the PTI over the party's "violent and terrorist and international rights groups, Pakistan started the legal process

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan's

prime minister Imran Khan.

military and civilian buildings

after party chief Khan was

arrested from the Islamabad

High Court in a case of alleged

corruption, following which a

crackdown was launched to

arrest and punish the perpetra-

to prosecute those involved in the violence under military and civilian laws. Sanaullah, at a press conference, provided details about the number of people arrested and handed over to the military for trial under the stringent military regulations for attacking the Army's facilities.

Only 33 suspects handed over

to military for trial: Sanaullah

So far, only 19 accused have been handed over to the military courts or military officials in Punjab and 14 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa," he said.

The minister said that police registered 499 First Information Reports (FIRs) at various police stations, and only six of them, including two in Punjab and four in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) provinces, are being processed for a possible trial in the military courts.

"But an atmosphere is being created as if all are being tried in

'Pope runs fever, skips meetings'

AP VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis skipped meetings on Friday because he was running a fever after a particularly busy day, the Vatican said. The Vatican No. 2, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, said Francis was tired and attributed the fever to the fact that Francis had greeted, one by one, a particularly big crowd of his school foundation on Thursday after-

"He wanted to greet all of them and probably at a certain point lost his resistance," Parolin was quoted as saying by

the LaPresse news agency. The last time Francis spiked a serious fever, in March, the 86-year-old pontiff was rushed to the hospital where he was diagnosed with acute bronchitis.

He received intravenous antibiotics and was released three days later.

Credit Suisse owes millions to Georgia's ex-PM: Court

London (AP): Credit Suisse owes former Georgian Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili hundreds of millions of dollars for failing to protect the billionaire's money held in a trust pilfered by a manager, a Singapore court ruled Friday, the latest scandal for the Swiss bank whose yearslong problems forced its takeover by a

Ivanishvili in 2004 put more than USD 1.1 billion into a trust overseen by the bank's Singapore subsidiary, Credit Suisse Trust Limited, and the employee managing the trust "misappropriated many millions of dollars" over nine years before being caught and sent to prison, the Singapore International Commercial Court said. Bidzina, who amassed a fortune in Russia as a businessman before serving as Georgia's prime minister from 2012 to 2013, sued the Swiss bank for about USD 1.2 billion, saying it failed to properly administer the trust and keep its assets safe.

The judgment published today is wrong and poses very significant legal issues," Credit Suisse said in a written state-

"Credit Suisse Trust Limited intends to vigorously pursue an appeal."

Strong quake shakes Tokyo, eastern Japan

Tokyo (AP): A strong earthquake shook Tokyo and other areas of eastern Japan on Friday, but no tsunami warnng was issued.

The magnitude 6.1 quake was centred off the east coast of Chiba Peninsula at a depth of 44.5 kilometres, the US Geological Survey said. Strong shaking was reported in Chiba and Ibaraki prefectures, but the USGS said there was little chance of serious damage or fatalities. Kyodo News service said no problems were reported at the Tokai No. 2 nuclear power plant in Ibaraki.

inflation down: UK Treasury chief under control. Asked if he was **P**ritain's Treasury chief said he would be prepared to see the comfortable with further rate

Recession may be necessary to get

recession if further interest rate hikes are necessary to bring down inflation. With the Bank of England expected to keep raising rates following higher-than-anticipated inflation figures this week, Jeremy Hunt said it was neces-

In an interview with Sky News that aired on Friday, Hunt said the "only path to sustainable growth" is to bring inflation

sary to prioritise measures to

slow the pace of price increas-

UK economy slip back into

hikes even if it could precipitate a recession, Hunt said, "Yes, because in the end, inflation is a source of instability. ... It is not a trade-off between tackling inflation and recession."

Like other central banks, the Bank of England has been raising interest rates aggressively over the past 18 months or so to a 15-year high of 4.5 per cent after inflation spiked sharply, first because of bottlenecks caused by the coronavirus pandemic and then Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which caused energy and food prices to surge.

Higher borrowing costs are aimed at making it more expensive for individuals and businesses to borrow, which dampens demand in the economy. "If we want to have prosper

ity, to grow the economy, to reduce the risk of recession, we have to support the Bank of England in the difficult decisions that they take," Hunt said.

There had been hope that the bank, whose primary task is to keep inflation at around 2 per cent, may pause rate hikes but the inflation figures this week raised alarm bells that it will have to go on tightening monetary

Passenger opens emergency exit door of S Korean flight

Seoul (AP): A passenger opened an emergency exit door during a South Korean flight Friday, causing air to gust inside the cabin before the plane landed safely, airline and government officials said. Some people aboard the Asiana Airlines Airbus A321 aircraft tried to stop the person from opening the door but it was eventually opened partially,

military courts," he said.

Asserting that only those involved in attacks on military

installations would be tried

under military laws, Sanaullah

said that no innocent person

He clarified that military officials would investigate the

cases but would not start pros-

ecution until it was determined

where the Army Act or the

Official Secrets Act would be

applicable. Details of the FIRs, he

said 88 cases were registered

under the Anti-Terrorism Act

and the remaining 411 under

other charges, like vandalism,

arson or interfering in state

matters. Sanaullah added that

around 3,950 people were arrest-

ed in cases registered under ter-

rorism charges, including 2,588

in Punjab and almost 1,100 in

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

would be harmed.

the Transport Ministry said. The plane with 194 people was heading to the southeastern city of Daegu from the southern island of Jeju. The flight is normally about an hour, and details of the incident, including how long the door was open, were under investigation, according to Asiana Airlines.

Video footage apparently taken by a person on board that was posted on social media show some passengers' hair being whipped by the air blowing into the cabin through the open door.

Police detained the unidentified person who opened the door, the airline said. Their motive wasn't immediately

The passengers included teenage athletes who plan to attend track and field competitions in Ulsan, another south-

PUBLIC NOTICE

Quentral Public is hereby informed that M/s SQC Logistic Solutions Ltd. having ClN no. U80231Dit2008PLC155555 and registered office at E.5 PART 1 SOUTH EXTENSION NEW DELHI - 110049 is claiming to be the absolute owner & in possession of Residential Plot No. 387-P, area measuring 286 sq. mtrs., (342.055 sq. yds.), stutated in Sector-39, Urban Estate, Gurugram, vide a Sale Deed no. 238376f U9.03.2023, (SRO-Wazirabad), and is mortgaging the same to Here Fincorp Ltd., and therefore inviting any or all objection/s on its title or on creation of mortgage or on any knowledge of dispute, litigations, notices etc. in respect of the above said Property with documentary evidence to Adv. Vikram Saw, Viksha Legal, mobile no. 989963482, 4£/9, 2nd Floor, Jhandewalan Ext. 110055 or at email - vikshalegal@gmail.com, within 7 days from publication of this notice

General public is hereby informed that Mr. Krishan Lal Nagpaul, was the owner of the movable (1.e., Bullt up Property Bearing No. E-4-A, area measuring 140 S.g. Vds., out of Total area 280 S.g. Vds.), and immovable properties., by virtue of Will dated 11.08.1987, regd. at doc. No. 9103, who along with his Father Mr. Kanhiya Lal Nagpad field on 06.09.2016 & 10.08.1991 respectively. The abovesaid property is to be financed & mortgaged with my client i.e., Axis Finance Limited and the only surviving heirs of Latte Mr. Krishan Lal Nagpaul are Mr. Munish Kumar Nagpaul & Mrs. Seema Bajai, and Mrs. Sushila Nagpaul. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim in this property, then contact the undersigned within 7 days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of the aforesaid property.

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) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcemen

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 i what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 15.06.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 17,37,738/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Thirty Seventeen Lakh Thirt Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Fight only) pending towards I can Account No HDHLDPR00490720, 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 alon with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from AJI KUMAR, GULAB KUMAR and MUNNI DEVI

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 13,00,000/- (Ruper Thirteen Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,30,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY PLOT NO. 173, BLOCK K-3, FIRST FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, KHASRA NO. 44/17, VILLAGE HASTSAL, MOHAN GARDEN, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI, DELHI- 110059.

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

: NEW DELHI Place

Authorized Office INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 48,80,000/- (Rupe Forty Eight Lakh Eighty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD" will be Rs. 4,88,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand only) i.e equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY BEARING HOUSE NO. S.M-47, (THREE STOREYED HOUSE HAVING TOTAL COVERED AREA 165.80 SQ. MTRS.) BUILT ON THE LAND ADMEASURING TOTAL AREA 77.90 SQUARE METERS, SITUATED IN BLOCK-M, SHASTRI NAGAR GHAZIABAD-201010, UTTAR PRADESH.BOUNDED AS UNDER:

EAST : BHAWAN NO. 46

NORTH : BOUNDARY OF RAJAPUR SOUTH: 30 FT. WIDE ROAD 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

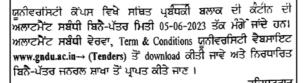
: 24.05.2023 Place :GHAZIABAD

Authorized Office INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

WEST: BHAWAN NO. 48

ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ, ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ

AP ■ LONDON



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

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s and Guarantor(s) that the below Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by he Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "a is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on **30.06.2023** from 02.00 PM, to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 31,94,928/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Eight only) pending towards Loan Account No HDHLNOI00488283 (Earlier LAN Code 00000994 of DHFL), 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 cument(s) w.e.f. 16.05.2023 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from JAVED ALI and ABIDA.

he Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 33,22,000/- (Rupes Thirty Three Lakh Twenty Two Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Depos ("EMD") will be Rs. 3,32,200/- (Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Two

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FIRST FLOOR WITHOUT TERRACE RIGHTS, MEASURING 90 SQ. YDS., OF THE PROPERTY BEARING NO. 94/2, OUT OF KHASRA NO. 600/92, SITUATED AT GOVINDPURI, KALKAJI, DELHI- 110019.

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 : 24.05.2023

Date :DELHI

Authorized Office INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD

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

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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 30.06.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 13,90,953/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three only) pending towards Loan Account No HHLNOD00351329, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrueate charges) and interest till 22.05.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 23.05.2023 alon with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from KUMAR KULDEEP @ KULDEEP KUMAR and POONAM.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 14,88,000/- (Rupee Fourteen Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Depos ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,48,800/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Eigh Hundred only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. FF-2, ON THE FIRST FLOOR, (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHT) FRON

LEFT HAND SIDE, HAVING TOTAL COVERED AREA MEASURING 550 SQ. FT EQUIVALENT TO 51.09 SQ. MTRS SITUATED/BUILT ON PLOT NO. B-11/4, DLI ANKUR VIHAR, LONI, VILLAGE SADULLABAD GHAZIABAD-201014, UTTAR PRADESH, WHICH IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE EAST BY : PLOT NO. B-11/5

: FLAT NO. FF-1.(MIG)

: FLAT NO. FF-5.(LIG) ON THE SOUTH BY For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the vebsite of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in

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Place

: 24.05.2023 :GHAZIABAD Authorized Office INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD. ated Services Limited" & "Indiabul (CIN: L51101HR2007PLC077999)

Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited

Extract of Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2023									
and the control of th	. Contract version of the contract of the cont				(Rs. in Crores)				
Particulars	Quarter ended 31-Mar-23	Quarter ended 31-Dec-22	Quarter ended 31-Mar-22	Year ended 31-Mar-23	Year ended 31-Mar-22				
1200PB27 1077 61	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Audited				
Total Income from Operations	-	13.95	5.01	185.90	22.50				
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of									
Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(70.48)	(7.89)	(39.10)	84.69	(131.76)				
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of									
Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items))	(70.48)	(7.89)	(39.10)	84.69	(131.76)				
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of									
Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(70.83)	(7.41)	(53.11)	94.85	(145.77)				
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the									
period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(90.85)	(12.53)	(133.01)	58.58	(154.88)				
Equity Share Capital	19.74	19.74	19.74	19.74	19.74				
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet		100000		(242.79)	(313.85)				
Earnings per Share (EPS) before extraordinary items									
-Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(7.06)	(0.74)	(5.29)	9.44	(14.51)				
-Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(7.06)	(0.74)	(5.29)	9.44	(14.51)				
Earnings per Share (EPS) after extraordinary items		30000 (672)	3229-C379	2002341	v=coffeLD				
-Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(7.06)	(0.74)	(5.29)	9.44	(14.51)				
-Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(7.06)	(0.74)	(5.29)	9.44	(14.51)				

The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 26 May 2023.

2) Key Standalone Financial Inform (Rs. in Crores Year ended 31-Mar-23 31-Dec-22 31-Mar-22 31-Mar-23 31-Mar-22 Unaudited Unaudited Audited Refer note-3 Refer note-3 Total Income 32.48 23.30 4.50 529.69 20.79 Profit/(Loss) before Tax (39.41)(11.75)(43.60)412.77 (170.15)Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax (39.66)(11.28)(43.60)412.99 (170.15)

3) Figures for the quarters ended 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022 represent the balancing figures be veen the audited figures for the full financial year and published reviewed year to 4) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly /Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://www.yaari.com), and on the website of

red Office: 5th Floor, Plot No. 108, IT Park, Udyog Vihar, Phase-1 Gurugram, Haryana 122016 Place : Gurugram Date : 26 May 2023

BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com).

Executive Director & CEO

Indiabulls Enterprises Limited

(CIN: U71290HR2019PLC077579)

Extract of Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2023

Particulars	Quarter ended 31-Mar-23	Quarter ended 31-Dec-22	Quarter ended 31-Mar-22	Year ended 31-Mar-23	Year ended 31-Mar-22 Audited	
	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Audited		
Total Income from operations	17.95	18.88	27.93	87.97	117.18	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax and Share of Profit / (Loss),						
Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(2.18)	5.20	(11.75)	14.75	(8.11)	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax and Share of Profit / (Loss)						
after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items))	(11.24)	5.20	(11.75)	5.69	(8.11)	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss)	00-1-00				1222 - 120	
or the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(11.65)	1.41	(33.00)	4.59	(102.69)	
Equity share capital	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67	
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet)			231.41	226.83	
Earnings per share (EPS) of Rs.2 each from continuing operations						
Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.55)	0.23	(0.62)	0.11	(0.58)	
Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.55)	0.23	(0.62)	0.11	(0.58)	
Earnings per share (EPS) of Rs.2 each from discontinued operations						
Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.05)	(0.15)	(1.06)	0.09	(4.62)	
-Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.05)	(0.15)	(1.06)	0.09	(4.62)	

Place : Gurugram

Date : 26 May 2023

1. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 26 May 2023. 2. Ke

. Key Standalone Financial Information:					(Rs. in Crore	
Particulars	Quarter ended 31-Mar-23			Year ended 31-Mar-23	Year ended 31-Mar-22	
	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Audited	Audited	
Total Income	14.54	14.02	32.29	84.71	125.52	
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	(382.15)	(0.11)	(9.37)	(368.56)	2.85	
Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax	(381.24)	(3.94)	(14.02)	(383.46)	(15.04)	

Net 3. Figu reviewed year to date figures upto third quarter of the respective financial year.

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Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://www.indiabullsenterprises.com) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com). Registered Office: 5th Floor, Plot No. 108, IT Park, Udyog Vihar, Phase-1 Gurugram, Haryana 122016 For and on behalf of Board of Directors

> Vijay Kumar Agarwal **Executive Director**

Services sector to drive GDP growth to 4.9% in Q4 FY23: Icra

Dsomestic rating agency Icra expects GDP growth in January-March period of 2022-23 at 4.9 per cent, a modest stepup from the 4.4 per cent recorded in preceding quarters, driven by the services sector.

The National Statistical Organisation (NSO) is scheduled to release the provisional estimate for the GDP growth for the fourth quarter as well for the fiscal 2022-23 on May 31.

Icra estimates the services gross value added (GVA) yearon-year growth to have risen

Rupee rises 14

82.58 against \$

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domestic equities.

paise to close at

The rupee appreciated by 14 paise to 82.58 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday,

supported by foreign capital

inflows and a positive trend in

of the US dollar against major

crosses overseas restricted the upward movement in the

domestic unit, forex traders The dollar index is trading

above the 104-level on safe-

haven appeal, as US President

Joe Biden and Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy are

reportedly close to reaching an agreement on the US debt ceil-

exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.73 against the US dollar and settled at 82.58 (pro-

visional), up 14 paise over its

tic unit witnessed an intra-day

high of 82.56 and a low of 82.73

closed at 82.72 against the US

weekly losses amid a rally in the

domestic equities followed by

foreign fund inflows and recov-

ery in the Asian currencies," said

Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst,

deal, which could happen over

the weekend ahead of the US

Investors are keeping an

"The Indian rupee erases

During the day, the domes-

previous close.

in the day trade.

HDFC Securities.

Holiday on Monday.

At the interbank foreign

However, the elevated level

mildly to about 6.4 per cent in Q4 FÝ23 from 6.2 per cent in Q3

The YoY performance of nine of the 14 high frequency indicators of the services sector improved in Q4 FY23 relative to Q3 FY23, partly reflecting the robust demand for the contactintensive segment, as well as the low base of Covid 3.0 for some sectors such as aviation, it said in a release.

Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, Head-Research and Outreach, Icra, said that economic activity in fourth quarter of FY23 remained uneven, with



domestic demand for services outpacing that for goods and surprisingly robust exports of services amidst a contraction in merchandise items.

"Lower commodity prices offered relief for margins in some sectors, while trends in investment activity and government spending were mixed. However, unseasonal rains are expected to have affected the rabi output of some crops, weighing upon the growth of the agri GVA," she said

Icra estimates the industrial GVA year-on-year growth to have improved to about 3.6 per

cent in Q4 FY2023 from 2.4 per cent in Q3 FY2023, aided by an improvement in manufacturing,

and mining and quarrying.

The agency further said higher acreage, early sowing, healthy reservoir levels and improved availability of fertilisers augured well for the rabi output in 2023.

However, unseasonal rains are likely to have dampened the yield of some crops. Icra estimates the agri GVA growth at 3.5 per cent for Q4 FY2023, a step down from the 3.7 per cent recorded in October-December

Forex reserves drop by \$6 billion to \$593.48 billion

India's foreign exchange reserves dropped by USD 6.052 billion to USD 593.477 billion during the week ended May 19, RBI said on Friday. The drop in the kitty has

snapped two consecutive weeks of increases. In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had increased by USD 3.5 billion to take the overall quantum just shy of USD 600

In October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of USD 645 billion. The reserves have been declining as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee according to the Weekly



amid pressures caused majorly

by global developments.

For the week ended May 19, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, declined by USD 4.654 billion to USD 524.945 billion,

Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange

Gold reserves dropped by USD 1.227 billion to USD 45.127 billion, the RBI said.

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 137 million to USD 18.276 billion, the apex bank said.

The country's reserve position with the IMF was down by USD 35 million to USD 5.13 billion in the reporting week, the RBI data showed.

Gujarat: ONGC asked to pay damages for crude oil leak in Bharuch district

PTI ■ BHARUCH

he Gujarat Pollution Control ■ Board (GPCB) has ordered the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to pay Rs 50 lakh in damages for the spillage of crude oil from its pipeline in Bharuch district, an official said on Friday.

It has been alleged that 25 camels died after drinking water contaminated with the spillage on Sunday, though the central government-controlled oil major has denied it.

An agricultural field near Kachhipura village was found covered in crude oil leaked from a pipeline belonging to ONGC on Sunday, said Bharuch-based GPCB regional officer Margi Patel. The board



ordered inquiry after the death of camels was reported.

"We have directed ONGC to pay Rs 50 lakh as environmental damage compensation (to the state authorities)," Patel

The actual cause of the death of the camels will be clear only after the autopsy report is available, the official said.

The GPCB has also directed the ONGC to clean up the



rally for 2nd day, **Sensex jumps 1%**

 $E_{\text{extended their previous}}^{\text{quity benchmark indices}}$ day's rally on Friday, with the Sensex climbing 1 per cent, amid massive buying in bellwether stocks, unabated foreign fund inflows and a largely positive trend in global

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 629.07 points or 1.02 per cent to settle at 62,501.69. During the day, it rallied 657.21 points or 1.06 per cent to 62,529.83.

The NSE Nifty climbed 178.20 points or 0.97 per cent to end at 18,499.35.

The expectations of positive macroeconomic data, to be released next week, and normal monsoon forecasts also boosted the overall sentiments.

"With the upcoming Q4 GDP data, it is anticipated that India's FY23 GDP will marginally surpass the earlier projected 7.0 per cent growth rate. Additionally, the expectation of a normal monsoon and boosted confidence among domestic investors," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

From the Sensex pack, Reliance Industries jumped the highest 2.79 per cent. Sun Pharma, Hindustan Unilever, HCL Technologies, Wipro, Tech Mahindra, UltraTech Cement, Tata Steel and Titan were among the other major

Bharti Airtel, Power Grid and NTPC were the laggards. In the broader market,

the BSE midcap gauge jumped 0.82 per cent and the smallcap index climbed 0.49 per cent.

Among the indices, IT climbed 1.34 per cent, realty jumped 1.31 per cent, FMCG (1.29 per cent), teck (1.12 per cent), metal (1.05 per cent), commodities (0.96 per cent) and healthcare (0.96 per cent).

Utilities, oil & gas and power were the laggards. A total of 1,969 stocks

advanced, while 1,522 declined and 139 remained

Govt attempting to link tax collected at source with tax deducted at source: CEA



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government is attempting to link tax collected at source for payments made by individuals with tax deducted from their income sources, a move ing sure that you are not affectthat will help in ensuring cash ed from a cash flow perspective." ers are not impacted, according to a senior official.

The move also comes at a time when the government is set to impose a 20 per cent Tax Collection at Source (TCS) on certain international spends from July 1.

Generally, TCS is the tax collected by a seller at the time eye on a potential debt-ceiling of sale of goods or services while Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) is the amount levied as tax by the government.

The government has exempted transactions up to Rs 7 lakh from the TCS, providing relief to small taxpayers. So, bulk of the transactions made by most will not be covered under 20 per cent TCS, Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran has said.

Defending the decision, he said, "And it (government) also attempts to link the TCS with your TDS such that if there are TCS payment made by you it has to reflect a lower TDS. Such that it simply is a matter of mak-

It will also pr amount of relief for people who are concerned about this annoyance or irritation of seeing this TCS apart from TDS, he said at industry body's CII's event on

The 20 per cent TCS levy on international credit card spends is to come into force from July

Facing backlash, the finance ministry last week, exempted up to Rs 7 lakh spend from the TCS

Gold falls ₹160 to ₹60,080/10 gm; silver climbs ₹360

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Gold prices declined Rs 160 to Rs 60,080 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday amid weak global trends, according to HDFC Securities Securities.

The precious metal had ended at Rs 60,240 per 10 grams in the previous trading session.

Rs 360 to Rs 72,500 per kilo

"Spot gold prices in the Delhi markets traded at Rs 60,080 per 10 grams, down Rs 160 per 10 grams," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst Commodities, HDFC Securities, said. In the overseas market, gold was quoting lower at USD 1,953 per ounce, while silver was trading higher at USD 23.10 per ounce.

Sebi to issue mutual fund light regulations for passive funds; seeks to ease compliance burden

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 $M_{
m come}$ out with a mutual fund light regulations for passive funds as part of efforts to reduce the compliance burden, foster growth as well as lower costs to investors, a senior official said on Friday.

Passive funds is an investment vehicle that tracks a market index or a specific market segment. These funds include passive index funds, Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), and said. Fund of Funds investing in

The regulator is looking to reduce compliance requirements for passive funds that are tied to changes in the underlying index and operate on a nondiscretionary basis.

To accommodate passive investments, such as index funds and ETFs, the regulator is introducing mutual fund light regulations, Sebi Whole Time Member Ananta Barua

"These regulations will provide greater flexibility for index funds and ETFs, enabling them

to offer transparency, diversification, and lower costs to "By easing the compliance

burden, Sebi aims to foster the growth of passive investments in the Indian mutual fund industry," Barua said while speaking at the mutual fund summit organised by industry body Assocham in the nation-

According to him, Sebi has revised the requirements for sponsoring a mutual fund, enabling entities with sound financial conditions, including private equity funds, to become sponsors without a

mandatory profit track record.
To enhance liquidity in the debt market and address risks, Sebi has put in place prudential regulations for open-ended mutual funds, especially debt funds, he added.

Govt's rice procurement reaches 52.06 million tonnes so far; makes ₹1.6 lakh crore MSP payment

The government's rice pro-L curement has reached 52.06 million tonnes so far in the ongoing 2022-23 marketing season, benefitting 1.12 crore farmers with MSP of Rs 1.6 lakh crore, the food ministry said on Friday. The Food Corporation of India (FCI) along with state

agencies undertakes procurement of paddy under price support scheme. The Centre has set a target to buy 62.60 million tonnes of rice in the 2022-23 marketing season (October-September)

The FCI had procured 57.58 million tonnes of rice during the

2021-22 marketing season. According to the food min-

istry, a total of 52.06 million tonnes of rice was procured up to May 22 of the current kharif

marketing season. As many as 1.12 crore farmers have benefited from the procurement operation. About Rs 1,59,659.59 crore has been paid as minimum support price (MSP) to them, it said in a state-



'India's export

share in world

footwear dips'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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trade in pharma,

Chare of India's exports in the Oworld trade in sectors such as pharma, gems and jewellery, leather, and footwear declined in 2022 as compared to 2015, according to a report by think

However, there is an increase in the share of electronics, machinery, petroleum, auto parts, iron and steel, and aluminium products' exports



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

	(Amount in Lacs)										
		QUARTER ENDED						YEAR ENDED			
SI.	Particulars	STANDALONE			CONSOLIDATED			STANDALONE		CONSOL	IDATED
No.		31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22	31-Dec-22	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22	31-Dec-22	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22
		Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	57 271.58 215.57 532.36 38 1,126.38 720.47 3,140.96 38 1,126.38 720.47 3,140.96	Audited	Audited	
1	Total Income from operations (Net)	118.62	51.63	41.38	286.20	181.82	140.57	271.58	215.57	532.36	512.69
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	(263.97)	28.62	(410.02)	398.99	326.42	716.38	1,126.38	720.47	3,140.96	2,754.38
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	(263.97)	28.62	(410.02)	398.99	326.09	716.38	1,126.38	720.47	3,140.96	2,754.05
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	(297.71)	42.96	(289.05)	321.97	352.25	834.66	796.64	523.11	2,765.51	2,563.14
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax)	(590.75)	250.58	(343.01)	439.27	704.70	938.03	137.69	16,202.46	1,931.71	18,519.40
6	Equity Share Capital (Face value of share is Rs. 10/- each)	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,499.55	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,499.55	2,504.05
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as per Financial Statements of previous year)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
8	Earnings per share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (Not Annualised)										
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (before exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	(1.19)	0.17	(1.15)	1.29	1.41	3.33	3.18	2.09	11.06	10.24
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (after exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	(1.19)	0.17	(1.15)	1.29	1.41	3.33	3.18	2.09	11.06	10.24

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- 2. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on May 26, 2023. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out an audit of the aforesaid results. 3. Previous quarter/ year end figures have been rearranged and / or regrouped, wherever necessary, to make them comparable with those of the current quarter/ year end.

during the period. "India's global market share in sectors like apparel, leather, shoes, and marine products has been decreasing, primarily due to concerns over quality rather than pricing issues," Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI)

The report said that the key sectors that witnessed a higher share in global trade are electronics, telecom, mobile phones, and electrical equipment, as well as machinery. This is noteworthy as these

Co-founder Ajay Srivastava said.

product groups hold substantial importance in world trade, which exceeds USD 6 trillion.

India's historically low share in these sectors is gradually but decisively improving, Srivastava

Place: New Delhi Date : 26th May, 2023 By order of the Board (Alok Kumar Modi) Managing Director DIN- 00174374

DJOKOVIC EYES HISTORY AT FRENCH OPEN



AP PARIS

ovak Djokovic will bid for a record-breaking 23rd Grand Slam title at a French Open without his old rival Rafael Nadal for the first time since 2004, while Iga Swiatek attempts to become the first woman to defend the title in 16 years.

Serbian veteran Djokovic will not be the favourite for the title, though, after struggling with an elbow injury and failing to get past the quarter-finals in any of his three clay-court events

so far this season.

Barcelona and Madrid Opens en route to taking over from Djokovic as world number one, while Daniil Medvedev is seeded second for Roland Garros after his maiden clay triumph in Rome. But Djokovic will know this

is a massive opportunity to break out of his tie with 14-time French Open winner Nadal at the top of the all-time list of most men's Slam singles titles.

The two-time champion has lost eight of his 10 French Open meetings with Nadal who

is missing this year's edition due Carlos Alcaraz won the to a hip injury he suffered at the Australian Open.

"I know I can always play better," Djokovic said after losing to Holger Rune in the Italian Open last eight.

"Definitely am looking forward to working on various aspects of my game, of my body, hopefully getting myself in 100 percent shape. That's the goal."

Djokovic and Alcaraz are seeded to meet in the semi-finals after being placed in the same

The 36-year-old may also

have to get past Monte Carlo Masters champion Andrey Rublev in the quarters.

The other side of the draw appears wide open, with in-form Medvedev the highest seed despite never having previously got past the quarter-finals on the Paris clay. The Russian lost in the first round on each of his first four visits before making the quarters in 2021.

"I would never (have) thought I would be able to make this (win a clay-court title)," Medvedev said after beating Rune in the Rome final.

"But I have to be honest -Grand Slam is always bigger."

In-form youngster Rune, who made a surprise run to last year's quarter-finals, could face Casper Ruud in the last eight in a rematch of a bad-tempered meeting 12 months ago.

Ruud went on to be thrashed in the final by Nadal and also lost the US Open showpiece match to Alcaraz.

But the Norwegian world number four has struggled for form this year, only reaching the quarters in two of the 10 tournaments he has played.

Stefanos Tsitsipas, who lost the 2021 final to Djokovic after being two sets up, will be among the likely contenders but has not

won a title yet this term — the

longest he has had to wait for a

trophy in a season since 2018.

anything like that to her.'

Aryna Sabalenka on Friday Said that "it's OK if she

hates me" as the Belarusian star

braced to face Ukraine rival

Marta Kostyuk in a highly-charged French Open show-

Sabalenka knows that Kostyuk, an outspoken critic of tennis authorities over their handling

of players from Russia and

their Belarusian allies in the

aftermath of the invasion of

Ukraine, will refuse to shake

hands after their first round

do anything about that," said

people who love me; there are

going to be people who hate

me. If she hates me, I don't feel

"If she hates me, OK. I can't

There are going to be

match at Roland Garros.

25-year-old Sabalenka.

World number two

NEW 'BIG THREE'?

The winner of the women's singles is expected to be one of the trio of reigning champion Swiatek, Australian Open winner Aryna Sabalenka and Elena Rybakina.

They have won the last four Grand Slam titles between them war," said Australian Open champion Sabalenka.

"And about the no shaking, I can kind of understand them. Like I imagine if they're going to shake hands with Russians and Belarusians, then they're gonna get so many messages from their home countries.

"So I kind of understand why they are not doing it. At the same time, I feel like sports shouldn't be in politics. Like we're just athletes. If they feel good with no shaking hands, Ī'm happy with that.'

Sabalenka defeated Sabalenka deteated Kostyuk in Dubai in February 2022, just one week before Russia launched its invasion of Last week in Rome,

Victoria Azarenka at last year's US Open in New York. Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina They agreed to touch racrefused to shake hands with quets instead at the net at the end of the match.

"If I could I would stop the

and at least one of them has fea-

tured in every WTA 1000 final

ing the tournament, will be the

favourite as she chases a third

Roland Garros triumph and a

first successful women's title

defence since Justine Henin won her third French Open in

her Italian Open quarter-final

against Rybakina with a thigh

injury but trained at Roland

Wimbledon champion Ryb-

Garros on Wednesday.

The Polish star retired from

Swiatek, who turns 22 dur-

this season.

a row in 2007.

Kostyuk refused to shake

hands with Belarus's two-time

Grand Slam title winner and

former world number one

Sabalenka faces no Ukraine

handshake at French Open

Veronika Kudermetova after beating the Russian in the

akina, ranked fourth, has already won the Rome and Indian Wells titles in 2023 and could face Swiatek in the Roland Garros

"Hopefully I can go far at the French Open," she said. "I have good memories playing there.
"Now that I've got more

matches on clay, it's a bit easier and (gives me) a bit more confidence.

Other title hopefuls include last year's runner-up Coco Gauff, Tunisian Ons Jabeur and world number three Jessica

Man Utd thrash Chelsea to secure Champions League return

AP MANCHESTER

Erik ten Hag said Manchester United are back where they belong after a 4-1 thrashing of Chelsea on Thursday secured a return to the Champions League next season.

Casemiro, Anthony Martial, Bruno Fernandes and Marcus Rashford were on target as the Red Devils moved up to third in the Premier League. A miserable night summed up

Chelsea's season despite spending over £500 million (\$620 million) in the transfer market as they slumped to an eighth defeat in 10 games since Frank Lampard returned as interim manager. By contrast, confirmation of a top-

four finish rounds off a successful first season in charge for Ten Hag after also by winning the League Cup in February. More silverware could be to come

next month should United halt Manchester City's charge towards the treble in the FA Cup final. But a return to Europe's elite com-

petition next season was one of Ten Hag's primary aims when he took the reigns after a disastrous 2021/22 campaign when United finished sixth. "I think (it is) a successful season but

the season is not finished," said Ten Hag. "This club belongs in the Champions League, but this league is very strong, with many clubs competing for this position.

"It is the main objective of the sea-

son to get into the Champions League. The competition is tough, many teams with really good squads, good managers, so you are doing a good job (to qualify). For this moment it is the maximum but we want more (next season).'



The 31-year-old's class and experience shone through against a youthful Chelsea side that were punished for a lack of efficiency in both boxes.

"It was another reality day today when you look at the emphatic nature at the top end of the pitch of United compared to us," said Lampard. "Results for



Chelsea this season are not good enough." Mykhailo Mudryk should have net-

ted his first Chelsea goal when the Ukrainian sliced wide a glorious chance on five minutes. Just 60 seconds later, the visitors trailed as Casemiro was afforded a free header to turn home Christian Eriksen's free-kick. A positive night for United was

blighted by an injury to winger Antony, who was forced off on a stretcher with an ankle injury that will make him a major doubt for the FA Cup final in 10days' time. But the home side ended the game as a contest in first-half stoppage time when Casemiro's no-look pass opened up

the Chelsea defence for Jadon Sancho to square for Martial. Ten Hag's men should have had more ond period as Fernandes smashed against the bar and Eriksen somehow failed to

Fernandes did finally get his goal from the penalty spot after the Portuguese midfielder was brought down by Wesley

turn in Tyrell Malacia's cross from point-

More calamitous Chelsea defending invited Rashford to become the first United player in a decade to score 30 goals in a season.

Fernandes pounced on Fofana's loose pass and teed up the England international, who needed two attempts to beat Kepa Arrizabalaga.

Real still without Vinicius for Sevilla trip: Ancelotti

AP MADRID

Vinicius Junior subjected to racial abuse last weekend will miss a second successive match due to a knee problem Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said on Friday.

The 22-year-old Brazilian winger has received worldwide support since being racially abused by Valencia fans last Sunday.

Vinicius did not play against Rayo Vallecano in Madrid's midweek win because of some as his team-mates showed him their support by wearing his number 20 shirt before the

He has failed to shake off the problem for Saturday's away match with Europa League final-

"Vinicius will not travel because he will not play, he'd go if he had the chance of playing (but) his knee is still giving him problems," Ancelotti told a news

conference on Friday. "It doesn't matter if it's home or away, he can't play. I



hope that he can play in the last game.

Ancelotti said Madrid were also without Karim Benzema and Marco Asensio with other iniury issues.

Los Blancos are second in

the table, a point ahead of city

rivals Atletico. Sevilla, 10th, still have a chance of qualifying for next season's UEFA Conference League, sitting just a point behind

Klopp optimistic for future despite Sindhu, Prannoy in Malaysia Liverpool's disappointing season

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

iverpool manager Jurgen LKlopp says he has "lots of reasons" for optimism despite the crushing disappointment of missing out on Champions League qualification.

Klopp, whose team are guaranteed to finish fifth, told his pre-match press conference on Friday he had expected United and Newcastle to get the points they needed this week after Liverpool's 1-1 draw against Aston Villa. It means Liverpool, who narrowly missed out on a historic quadruple last year, have failed to qualify for the competition after featuring for six straight seasons.

"For a long time it was clear this will not be a historically

good season," said Klopp.
"I think I said everything about it, that we are absolutely not happy with it, that we made mistakes, that we couldn't deliver, ultimately we weren't consistent enough." But he said Liverpool's late-season form, including a seven-match winning run in the league, had been impressive. "If we could have done that over the whole season we would be in a different place," said the German.



"Of course there are reasons for optimistic views because of the things we showed in the last few weeks. That's definitely the case. "We have other reasons for an optimistic view because of the

'Nervous' Klopp hopes for 'massive' Dortmund title win

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp admitted on Friday to being "a bit nervous" ahead of his former side Borussia Dortmund's title-deciding match on Saturday. Currently two points clear of second-placed Bayern Munich at the top of the Bundesliga, Dortmund will lift the title if they win at home against Mainz.

Dortmund have not won the title since 2011-12, when Klopp was in the Westfalen Stadium dugout. Asked if he was following the title race in Germany, Klopp told reporters in Liverpool "yes, I'm not dead, I'm alive." "I'm a bit nervous to be honest" the 55-year-old German admitted, saying there

atmosphere our people created

in the last home game.... All

these kinds of things are

absolutely the basis for a fantas-

tic future so we don't have to

make it bigger than it is. It's a

were "ups and downs, (but) it looks like they can do it.

Dortmund can still lift the title without a victory on Saturday, provided they equal or better Bayern's result away at Cologne, with all games kicking off at the same time.

Bayern have won the last ten German titles since Klopp took Dortmund to the championship and the manager said he hoped for change at the top. "I can imagine Bayern see it differently but it's not fun if

the same team always becomes the champion and we all know Bayern will strike back next year anyway "Nobody thinks they have

done it already. It's a big one and I just hope they will get through it. It will be massive

football season.

"We didn't deliver what everybody wanted and everybody expected, rightly so, but we are still really united and that's the good thing about it.'

Masters semis, Srikanth out



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Star Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy advanced to the women's and men's singles semifinals of the Malaysia Masters Super 500 tournament with hard-fought wins over their respective opponents here on Friday. While double Olympic medallist Sindhu, seeded sixth in the tournament, beat lower ranked Yi Man Zhang of China 21-16, 13-21, 22-20, Prannoy

earned a 25-23, 18-21, 21-13 win over Kenta Nishimoto of Japan in the quarterfinals.

Sindhu faces seventh seed and world number nine Gregoria Mariska Tunjung of Indonesia in the semifinals on Saturday. Tunjung upset second seed Yi Zhi Wang of China in the quarterfinals 21-18, 22-20.

World number nine Prannoy faces qualifier Christian Adinata, ranked 57, of Indo-Tunjung has been in fine form recently and Sindhu had nesia, who beat Kidambi Srilost to her in the Madrid Spain kanth 16-21, 21-16, 21-11 in Masters final in straight games another quarterfinals, in the

BAI to conduct trials for Asia Junior C'ship

The Badminton Association ▲ of India (BAI) will conduct a selection trial at the Karnail Singh Stadium here from June 4 to 7 to pick the team for the Asian Junior Championships. The Asian Junior champi-

onships is scheduled to be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from July 7 to 16.

The players will be select-

ed on the basis of their performances in the selection trials. The trials will include top-8 boys and girls singles shuttlers

in April. The Indian will, how-

ever, go into the semifinals with a 7-1 head-to-head advantage

over Tunjung.

2 doubles pairs in the BAI rankings. Anwesha Gowda (4th), Anupama Upadhyaya (8th), Unnati Hooda (14th) and five other players, who are ranked inside top-20 in BWF rankings, will also take part in the trials. India have so far won nine medals, including two gold, one

as well as top-4 pairs from dou-

bles events from the All India Junior Ranking Badminton Tournament held in Guwahati

earlier this month, along with

top-4 singles players and top-

silver and six bronze in the continental championships.

semifinals of Saturday.

Prannoy has never played against the 21-year-old Adinata, who began playing at the senior level just last year.

In another men's singles quarterfinal, Srikanth lost 21-16, 16-21, 11-21 to Adinata in 57 minutes to bow out of the tour-

GT CRUSH MI, REACH IPL 2023 FINAL

Shubman Gill extended his sensational run with a third century of the season as Gujarat Titans crushed Mumbai Indians by 62 runs to storm into their second consecutive IPL final here on Friday

Gill's 60-ball 129 (7x4s, 10x6s) fired Gujarat Titans to a huge 233/3 and in reply, Mumbai Indians, struck by a string of injuries, went down fighting in Qualifier 2 with Suryakumar Yadav (61) and Tilak Varma (43) providing the resistance.

Mohit Sharma, introduced in the 15th over, finished with figures of 2.2-0-10-5, triggering a collapse as MI collapsed from 149/4 in 14 overs to 171 all-out in 18.2 overs

The 23-year-old Gill scored his third century in the last four innings, recorded the highest score of the season for any batter and took his tally to 851 runs in yet another sensational knock.

Gill's whirlwind knock made him only the second Indian batter after Virat Kohli (2016) and overall fourth in the history, after Jos Buttler (2022) and David Warner (2016), to score more than 800 runs in an IPL season.

Chasing 234, MI were forced to rejig their batting line-up with Ishan Kishan being substituted after he ran into Chris Jordan during change of overs in the first innings and hurt his eye.

Rohit Sharma also copped a blow to his hand while fielding and Cameron Green had to retire hurt for a bit, after being smacked on his left forearm by Hardik Pandya. Mohammad Shami caused early troubles for

Mumbai, getting rid of makeshift opener Nehal Wadhera (4) and Rohit (8), but Varma took on the India and GT pace spearhead, hitting four fours and a six to collect 24 runs off the fifth over.

However, Varma's blitz did not last long as Rashid Khan cleaned him up after a 14-ball 43 (5x4s, 3x6s). MI reached 72 for three after the pow-

erplay.
Suryakumar and Green kept the scoreboard ticking with their fourth wicket stand that took MI past the 100-run mark in the 10th over, but in the 12th, Josh Little ended their resistance by cleaning up the Australian.



Suryakumar tried to take the game deep with 61 from 38 balls with seven fours and two sixes, but lost his leg stump while attempting to hit Mohit Sharma in the fine leg region.

Mohit struck again to remove Vishnu Vinod (5) in the same over and Rashid shut the doors on MI with the wicket of Tim David (2) in the

Earlier, Gill began sturdily and turned brutal in the second half of the innings, adding 138 runs for the second wicket with B Sai Sudharsan, who happily played second fiddle with a 31-ball 43 before he was retired out.

Gill hit three sixes off MI's hero of the last game, Akash Madhwal (1/53), in the 12th over to cross the 800-run mark.

He brought up his fifty off 32 balls with two sixes and three fours and unleashed a flurry of sixes against seamers and spinners alike here at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

Gill also surpassed Yashasvi Jaiswal's 62-ball 124 to record the highest individual score this season, with Mumbai Indians being on the receiving end on both the occasions.

In the process, the 23-year-old also went past RCB's Faf du Plessis (730 runs) to claim the

Additionally, Gill's 129 bettered Virender Sehwag's 122 against Chennai Super Kings in the 2014 season as the highest score for a batter in the IPL playoffs.

After a 30-minute delay to the start due to rain, GT had made a sedate start.

A vital moment had come at the end of the sixth over when Tim David at mid-on dropped a catch to provide Gill with a lifeline, with GT fin-

ishing the powerplay at 50/0.
Gill certainly had luck on his side as twice in as many balls he managed to survive, off Kumar

After Kishan could not run-out the batter who had gone down the track and had an inside edge deflecting the ball into his pads, Gill hit the next delivery in the air only to find the ball dropping very close to the fielder at deep midwicket.

Divine to perform at IPL 2023 finale

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 $R^{\text{apper Divine will be}}_{\text{performing at the finale}}$ of the 2023 Indian Premier

League (IPL) on May 28.
Divine, whose real
name is Vivian Fernandes, will perform at the first-ever mid-innings/half-time show during the finale, to be held at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, a press release stated.

The rapper will be joined by long-time collaborator and Canadian playback singer Jonita Gandhi for a special collaborative showcase of their track "Naya Sher', which features Indian cricketer Virat

"I am proud to be representing the hip hop movement at the country's largest stadium and bringing together the parallel worlds of cricket and music. I'm looking forward to performing for all my fans all around the world, including all the sports aficionados of the country at the most prominent sporting league of the country.
"This is my very first

performance at the IPL and I'm excited and grateful. From being a big fan of cricket, to playing at the stadium for the finals, is truly a dream come true," Divine said in a statement.

Dhoni takes someone else's trash and makes it treasure: Hayden

Mahendra Singh Dhoni is a den said. someone else's "trash into treasure" says the great Matthew Hayden, who also reckons that the former India captain's unmatched contribution to the CSK success story makes his playing future with the franchise 'almost irrelevant"

Dhoni's tactical genius has played a big part in ČSK reaching their 10th IPL final. He did not have the best of bowling attacks at his disposal at the start of the tournament but he has been able to bring the best out of it. How he has used Ajinkya Rahane and Shivam Dube in the batting department has also been praised widely.

Dhoni, who has played with a knee injury throughout the tournament, has given himself 8-9 months to decide on his playing future. Hayden, however, feels the World Cup winning captain will not be around for the next IPL.

"MS is a magician. He takes someone else's trash and makes them treasure. He is a very skilful and positive captain. He said something really interesting which I thought summed up not only his humility and his truth around cricket where he is represented and that is in Tamil Nadu Cricket Association," Hay-

that association and the franchise, how strong that is in terms of building that process. To me that is MS. There is a systematic way of going though things and working through them. He did that for India and he is doing it for Chennai Super kings. "Whether he plays or not next year it is almost irrelevant. Personally I don't think he will but then he is M S Dhoni," he said at an event organised by University of Technology Sydney (UTS). With the rapid rise of T20 cricket around the world it has become increasingly difficult for the players to play all

three formats. Hayden thinks not only

that makes it impossible for players to commit to all formats, it also questions the future of the game, especially the 50-over version. "The time of three-format players is shortly coming to an end. I would challenge the game around whether those

formats are even viable anymore. "It seems to me there is great enthusiasm still to play Test cricket and World Test Championship is a good example of that. Otherwise I see lot of T20 cricket being played.'

Contrary to reports in some quarters that BCCI is planning to cancel the proposed home series against Afghanistan due to cramped calendar, there is possibility that a second string team might play with all seniors including ODI and Test captain Rohit Sharma along with senior player Virat Kohli rested before West Indies tour. All Indian players were

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involved in a gruelling IPL for nearly two months and will be in England for a one-off WTC final but after that, most seniors like Kohli and Rohit will need rest before they embark on West Indies tour where all three formats will be played. Kohli and Rohit are certain two play Tests and ODIs and would need adequate rest.

20-30, the BCCI might have

shorten the series or may be only convert it into either T20I or ODI series and play the a second string side led by Hardik Pandya.

Mirwais Ashraf, the president of the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) is in India for the final of the IPL and while a meeting between the members of the Asian Cricket Council is slated to take place, India and Afghanistan cricket boards could also finalise the details of their proposed white-ball series.

The Indian team has a packed schedule lined up after the conclusion of the IPL. While the coaching staff and some members of the team have already flown to England to prepare for the final of the World Test Championship against Australia starting on June 7, there is also a full tour of the Caribbean lined up ahead.

Afghanistan series between June three ODIs and five T20Is against the West Indies from July



BCCI could rest all seniors for Afghanistan series

12 to August 13, after which the team is expected to play a threematch T20I series in Ireland. The Ireland series will mostly feature IPL performers and even Pandya could rest from that series keeping Asia Cup in

The ACC board members will meet on the sidelines of the IPL final to finalise the future of the Asia Cup 2023, which means that the workload will only increase for the Indian players, given that there is an all-important 50-over World Cup lined up for October-November.

If finalised, the Asia Cup 2023 is expected to be played in September, which means that the Indian players will be hard pressed to find time to rest and recuperate, and a packed calendar has already witnessed big injuries to key players such as Iyer with no set timeline of

Additionally, in September, India are also set to play a three-match ODI series against Australia — a second such series this year - to finalise World Cup preparations.

According to 'Cricbuzz', the BCCI is finding it difficult to schedule the Afghanistan series, proposed to be having three ODIs, given the time constraint and also because the broadcast deal with Disney Star has ended and a new tender is yet to be issued.

However, a senior BCCI secretary Jay Shah during an earlier interaction with media in Mumbai had said "BCCI media rights tender will be on schedule this year (June-July) and will depend on the Afghanistan tour, but more likely the process will start from the Australia series. The Board will speak to all stakecome up with an interim deci-

WTC winners to get \$1.6 mn prize money

he winners of next month's World Test ■ Championship Final between India and Australia at The Oval will take home USD 1.6 million in prize money, while runners-up will get richer by USD 800,000, the ICC announced here on Friday.

The championship decider will be played at The Oval, London from June 7-11 with June 12 as the reserve day.

The tournament prize money is the same as that for the inaugural World Test Championship Final in 2019-21 — a total purse of USD 3.8 million besides the WTC The Kane Williamson-led New Zealand

besides the glittering Mace in Southampton two years ago, courtesy an eight-wicket win over India in the six-day final. All nine teams will get a share in the USD 3.8 million purse with South Africa

side were rewarded with USD 1.6 million

earning USD 450,000 for finishing third in the WTC 2021-23 standings. England, who made a late surge and fin-

USD 350,000. Sri Lanka, who were among the top teams in the race for a spot in the decider during the epic finale, finished fifth ished their campaign in fourth spot, will bag to earn USD 200,000.

The remaining teams New Zealand (No.6), Pakistan (No.7), West Indies (No.8), and Bangladesh (No.9) will be rewarded with a sum of USD 100,000 each.



Oz include Peirson as cover for Inglis

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ustralia have selected wick-Aetkeeper Jimmy Peirson as cover for back-up gloveman Josh Inglis, who will return home after the opening Ashes Test for the birth of his first child.

Alex Carey is Australia's first-choice keeper for the World Test Championship (WTC) final against India and the five Ashes Tests and Inglis has been selected as his back-up.

But Inglis will return to Perth after the first Ashes Test starting on June 16 and his place will be taken up before the second Test at Lord's by 30-year-old Queensland gloveman Peirson, who has 65 first-class games to his credit, according to cricket.Com.Au on Friday.

The Australian team management has said Inglis will rejoin the squad later in the

Peirson, who has been impressive at the domestic and Australia 'A' level with both the bat and gloves, trained with the Test squad in Brisbane last week and would be fancying his chances of wearing the iconic Baggy Green during the Ashes.

The right-handed lowerorder batter has improved his going from an average of less than 30 in his first 35 first-class games to 42.56, including six tons in 30 games since the 2020-21 season. He also struck an unbeaten

batting drastically over the years,

128 for Australia 'A' during their tour of Sri Lanka last year. Peirson's appearance in the

Australian Test squad has partly been delayed because Tim Paine was the first-choice keeper for a long time and then Carey replaced the former captain, who stepped down due to a controversy ahead of the 2021 Ashes

series at home. Peirson said he was driven by the desire to set higher standards for himself.

"These guys (Carey and Inglis among others) are setting their benchmark, and I want to set my benchmark higher, and maybe bring a few other attributes into that as well, through leadership or whatever else," said Peirson. "It's great to have that competition. That's what drives you to be the best you can be. If someone's pipping you, you want to be better than them. That's certainly one of my great driving factors: I want to be the best, I want to be the next

Roy ends England deal to play T20 cricket in USA

AP LONDON

Batting star Jason Roy is ending this England contract to play in the first season of Major League Cricket in the United States.

The aggressive opener, who has iust returned from a stint with Kolkata Knight Riders in the Indian Premier League, reportedly has an offer from their affiliated MLC franchise, the Los Angeles Knight

It is understood the 32-year-old has been offered about £300,000 (\$370,000) for the first two seasons of the new American Twenty20 competition, which launches in

July.

Roy was dropped from England's central contract list last year, downgraded to an incremental deal worth between £60,000 and The England and Wales Cricket

Board (ECB) said in a statement on Thursday that it had agreed for Roy to play in the US "on the proviso that he gives up the remainder of his ECB incremental contract, which both

parties have agreed to".

"The ECB wish to clarify that this decision will not affect Jason's selection for England teams going forward," it added. "We have absolute confidence and faith that Jason is committed to England cricket.'

The aggressive opener did not feature in England's T20 World Cup triumph in October and November, but has held on to his place in the 50-over side and will



as a professional cricketer," said Roy, who has scored nearly 6,000 international runs in all formats.

hope to feature in this year's 50-over

statement on Twitter that he would

tinues to be my proudest moment

never walk away from England.

The Surrey player said in a

Representing my country con-

World Cup defence in India.

"I hope to play for England for many more years — that remains my priority.'

He added: "As a single format player with no central contract I wanted to take the opportunity to play this competition as there are currently no scheduling conflicts with England. It benefits me as an England player to play as much competitive cricket as possible."