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HM talks with netas, janta

Shah promises jobs, compensation for riot victims, deployment of more forces in Manipur

PTI CHURACHANDPUR/

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday visited Churachandpur, the scene of some of the worst rioting in the recent ethnic conflict which broke out in Manipur earlier this month, and held talks with this month, and held talks with Kuki civil society leaders. He also held a series of discussions with different Meitei groups, women groups and prominent personalities earlier during the day in Imphal before flying to the headquarters of the hill district by the same name.

Among others, Shah who was accompanied by Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief and Union Home Secretary, met political and social leaders

met political and social leaders from the Kuki community to understand their grievances

understand their grievances and find ways to bring peace to the northeastern state, which has witnessed a series of clashes between Meiteis and Kukis.

He held three rounds of talks with various groups such as Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF), Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO) and other civil society organisations. He also met five Kuki MLAs from the BJP.

"We demanded total separation from Manipur — both political and geographical. We also sought President's Rule as the law and order has totally collapsed in the State," ITLF secretary Muan Tombing told PTI. The Home Minister on his part, requested the Kuki soci-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh chairs a meeting with a delegation of leaders from various political parties, in Imphal, on Tuesday

ety to maintain peace for the "next 15 days" with an assurance of sending more security personnel for the safety of common people, he added. Asked why Shah mentioned only "15 days", Tombing said, "He told us that the CBI will be entrusted with carrying out a entrusted with carrying out a detailed probe to find out the reasons behind this prolonged clash. Besides, a judicial enquiry will also be announced."

Earlier in the day, the Government announced it will provide a compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the next of kin of those who died in the ethnic conflict and a job to a family member. The compensation amount will be borne equally by the Centre and the State, an official release said. The decision was taken at a meeting between the Union Home minister and Chief Minister N Biren Singh in the presence of the Council of Ministers on Monday night.

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Let SC judge-led panel probe riots: Cong to Prez

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Top Congress leaders on Tuesday met President Droupadi Murmu and sought her intervention in helping bring normalcy in violence-hit Manipur, and called for the constitution of a high-level enquiry commission headed by a serving or retired Supreme a serving or retired Supreme Court judge to probe the inci-

A delegation of Congress leaders led by party Chief Mallikarjun Kharge met the President and handed over a memorandum to her seeking her urgent intervention and handed over a 12-point char-ter of demands to be taken immediately to help bring peace and normlacy in the



north-eastern State. "Though there were several lapses in the management of the situation at the early stages of violence, leading to the present imbroglio. Now it is not the time to point fingers, but to act. If the suggestions above are implemented in earnest, peace can perhaps be restored once

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CDS: Challenges in Manipur have not disappeared

PNS/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/PUNE

In the backdrop of tension prevailing in Manipur, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Tuesday said challenges in the State have not disappeared, but expressed hope that things will settle down in some time. He also noted that the situation in the north-eastern State now is not

north-eastern State now is not related to insurgency.

These observations by him came as the death toll due to ethnic clashes in Manipur which began on May 3 went up to 80 and Home Minister Amit Shah who is now on a visit to the State held talks with various groups.

groups.

The CDS was in Pune on Tuesday to review the passing out parade of 144th course of National Defence Academy (NDA). Asked about situation in Manipur, he told reporters that, "The Army, Assam Rifles were deployed in Manipur before 2020. Since the challenges of northern borders were far more, we were able to withfar more, we were able to withdraw Army. Since insurgency situation had normalised, we were able to do that."

The situation now in Manipur is "not related to insurgency". It is a clash between two ethnicities and a situation of law and order, he said."We are helping the State Government with the problem," the CDS said.

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grapplers, threatens WFI ban Khap, farmer leaders convince

PTI/PNS ■ HARIDWAR/NEW DELHI/CORSIER-SUR-VEVEY (SWITZERLAND)

in Ganga river

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On a drama-filled Tuesday, some of India's best wrestlers accompanied by hundreds of supporters gathered on the banks of the Ganga, threatening to immerse their World and Olympic medals in the holy river but refrained after being convinced by Khap and farmer leaders who sought five days to address their grievances.

ances.

Meanwhile, in evidence of growing support to the grapplers the global governing body for wrestling, United World Wrestling (UWW), issued a statement on the grapplers' protest, saying that "events of these last days are even more worrying," and the legendary Anil Kumble on Tuesday said he is "dismayed" by the treatment meted out to the protestment meted out to the protesting wrestlers at Jantar Mantar where they were manhandled and detained by police for tryand detained by poince for try-ing to march towards the new Parliament building and hold a 'Mahila Mahapanchayat'. Earlier, Olympic champion shooter Abhinav Bindra,

Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri and former India all-



rounder Irfan Pathan too had expressed solidarity with the grapplers. On a day that India's top wrestlers like Rio 2016 bronze medallist Sakshi Malik, Tokyo 2020 medallist Bajrang Punia and world championship medallist Vinesh Phogat almost immersed their medals in the Ganga river, the UWW, came out with a strong statement condemning the "treatment and detention of the wrestlers". "For several months, United World Wrestling has followed with great concern the situation in India where wrestlers are protesting over allegations of abuse and harassment by the President of the Wrestling Federation of India Tokyo 2020 medallist Bajrang

UWW hits out at detention of

Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)," the statement said before adding: "UWW will request further information about the next elective general assembly from the IOA and the Ad-hoc Committee of the

The 45-day deadline that was initially set to hold this elective assembly shall be respected. Failing to do so may lead UWW to suspend the federation, thereby forcing the athletes to compete under a

neutral flag. It is reminded that UWW already took a measure in this situation by reallocating the Asian Championship planned in New Delhi earlier

this year." Continued on Page 9

SKM calls for June 1 nationwide dharna in support of grapplers

New Delhi: Farmers' outfit Samyukta Kisan Morcha on Tuesday called for nationwide demonstrations on June 1 in support of wrestlers who have been demanding the arrest of BJP MP and WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, accused of sexually harassing women

grapplers.

The Samyukta Kisan
Morcha, in a statement, said it has given the call for the nationwide agitation "to secure democratic right to protest by the Indian wrestlers" and all other sections of society and to "demand the arrest of Brij Bhushan Saran Singh". *PTI*

CAPSULE

Kviv: Russian stopped eight

drones converging on Moscow, officials said Tuesday, in an attack that authorities blamed Ukraine, while Russia pursued

its relentless bombardment of Kyiv with a third assault on city

NAME FOR DERC HEAD SENT TO DELHI L-G

New Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal has

again sent the name of Justice

(retd) Raiiv Kumar Srivastava to

the LG for his appointment as

the new head of the power

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in 24 hours.

Delhi girl's killer | Politicos of all hues line bought knife 15 days ago: Police

 $T_{\text{mechanic arrested for his}}^{\text{he} 20\text{-year-old}} \overset{\text{AC}}{\underset{\text{for his}}{\text{AC}}}$ involvement in the horrific Shahbad Dairy murder case purchased the knife used in the killing of 16-year-old girl from Haridwar in Uttarakhand around 15 days ago, said the Delhi Police which is probing the case. Police said on Tuesday that they are yet to recover the knife, adding that Sahil dumped it near Rithala Metro Station after the killing on Sunday evening.
The accused had planned

the murder two days ago after the girl rebuffed him in front of her friends and refused to mend her relationship with him, said police. "Since Sahil bought the knife days before the incident, it is not unlikely he was planning to kill her already, yet he is claiming he killed the girl in a fit of rage for her constantly ignoring him, they said. "The statements made by him are being verified since it is the initial stage of investigation. Sometimes he



says she ignored him as he tried to approach her, which angered him. But he also suspected her getting involved with her former boyfriend," the police said. Earlier, Sahil was produced at Delhi's Rohini court on

Tuesday and was sent to police remand for two days. Police said they will be recreating the scene of crime

and will also check Sahil's mobile phone and social media accounts to know whether he was in touch with other girls. In a related development,

the National Commission for Scheduled Castes has sought a report from the Delhi Government and the city police over the horrific killing of a teenage girl in the northwest part of the national Capital. Contd on Page 9

up at victim's house, offer solace, compensation

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Political parties from the spectrum — the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the BJP and the Congress — jostled to seek mileage from the gruesome stabbing case by queuing up at the Shahbad Dairy area to meet with the victim's familv members and even making announcements of compensa-

The leaders from BJP, AAP, and Congress met and con-doled with the bereaved family members of the 16-year-old girl who was killed in broad daylight in the Shahbad Dairy area of northwest Delhi. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday announced an ex on Iuesday announced an ex gratia of Rs 10 lakh to her kin to help them tide over the tragedy while Delhi Women and Child Welfare Minister Atishi met the girl's family members and assured that the Government would ensure that the accused receives the harsh-

est of punishment. BJP MP Hans Raj Hans also met the girl's family on

Tuesday morning and said no amount of money can bring the family its daughter back and also condemned the AAP for "politicising" the murder and using it to score political

brownie points.

Delhi Congress president

Anil Chaudhary, who also visited the family members of the victim, said, "Blame game begins"between Kejriwal and the L-G every time the "Government is held accountable." Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) Swati Maliwal too met the girl's family. The girl was stabbed over 20 times and bludgeoned to death by a youth in a busy bylane of Shahbad Dairy area as passersby looked on in fear and disbelief. "The Delhi Government will provide an ex-gratia of Rs 10 lakh to the family of the victim and will try its best to get the culprit punished severely by the court. Best lawyers will be fielded for this case," Kejriwal in a tweet in Hindi announced.

Atishi visited the family of the victim in the Shahabad Contd on Page 9

10 Vaishno pilgrims dead, 66 hurt as bus falls off bridge

PNS JAMMU

ren Vaishno Devi pilgrims were killed and 66 injured on Tuesday as the bus they were travelling in veered off the road while crossing a bridge near Jhajjar Kotli along the Jammu Srinagar National Highway. The death toll may go up as Government Medical College Hospital Principal Shashi Soodan said two of the injured admitted at the facility are critical.

The officials said the bus, which was on its way to Katra from Amritsar, met with the accident in the Jhajjar Kotli area on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway between 6.30 and 7 am. Katra is a base camp for the pilgrims visiting the famous shrine atop the Trikuta hills in Reasi district.

They said most of the trayellers were members of an extended family from Bihar's Lakhisarai and were on pilgrimage to Vaishno Devi temple for a ritual of a child.

"The accident took place at Jhajjar Kotli bridge. Ten people have died. Rescue operation is almost complete," Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police



shifted to GMC Hospital, in Jammu district, on Tuesday.

Chandan Kohli told PTI. "We are investigating the reasons behind the accident." Local residents, CRPF and

police personnel rushed to the spot and launched the rescue operation.

"The troops of 137 CRPF battalion carried out the rescue operation to evacuate injured driver and passengers from the bus, which turned turtle and fell down from Jhajjar Kotli bridge on highway," the

force said in a tweet. "Two persons were brought dead while others died on the spot," said GMC hospital principal Soodan.

Jammu and Kashmir DGP Dilbagh Singh said prima facie the cause of accident appeared to be human error or over speeding.

It is possible that the driver might have dozed off on the wheel. It's a high flyover kind of road from where the bus fell off, so the reason could also be overspeeding. It is part of our investigation," he told reporters.

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DELHI HC RESERVES VERDICT ON ₹2K NOTES New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of

said on Tuesday.

India (RBI) cannot withdraw from circulation or discontinue banknotes and only the central government is vested with such powers, the Delhi High Court was told on Tuesday.

CHINA LAUNCHES NEW MANNED MISSION

Beijing: China on Tuesday successfully sent three astronauts including its first civilian into orbit as it launched Shenzhou-16 manned mission to its space station for second crew rotation, signalling another leap forward for China's space prog.

India's Def exports up 23 times at ₹16K-cr

With the Government giving a push to self-reliance in defence sector, India's defence exports jumped 23 times and have reached an all-time high, surging from Rs. 686 crore in Financial Year(FN) 2013- 14 to nearly Rs 16,000 crore in FY 2022-23. Giving these details here, a Government statement said on Tuesday this remarkable 23-fold increase reflects India's progress in the global defence manufacturing sector. With exports reaching more than 85 countries, India's defence industry has shown its capability of design and development to the

world, with 100 firms exporting defence products at present.

To give a push to defence exports, the Government has

taken a number of policy initiatives and brought reforms over the last 9 years. Export procedures have been simplified and made industry-friendly with endto-end online export authorisation curtailing delays and bringing ease of doing business.

The Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives have helped the country by encouraging indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment in the country, thereby reducing dependency on imports in the long run. Contd on Page 9 long run.

Goa-Delhi flight

New Delhi: A male passenger onboard an Air India (A-I) flight from Goa on Monday physically assaulted a crew member and was handed over to the security personnel after landing at the Delhi airport, according to the airline.

In recent months, there

have been multiple incidents of unruly passenger behaviour onboard aircraft and the latest incident happened onboard flight AI882 enroute from Goa to Delhi. "The said passenger verbally abused the crew members and then went on to physically assault one of them on board. Continued on Page 9

Man assaults Al crew member on

Purana Qila reveals more of its historic past Layers of history pealed as archeologists unearth ancient copper wheel, bone needle, kiln and coins PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

Historical Purana Qila in the national Capital continues to enthrall archeologists who recently unearthed a range of ancient artifacts such as a spoked copper wheel of Kushana era, an arrowhead of the Rajput period and coins dating from the Mughal reign from the site.

India now plans to showcase this treasure trove of its rich heritage and cultural diversity to foreign delegates during the forthcoming G20 Summit to be held here in September. The fresh round of excavation



which began in late January is being led by archaeologist Vasant Swarnkar. This is the third round of excavations at the 16th Century Purana Qila, after excavations in 2013-14 and 2017-18 revealed nine cul-



tural levels, representing different historical periods, including the pre-Mauryan period, Mauryan, Sunga, Kushana, Gupta, post-Gupta, Rajput, Sultanate, and Mughal period. It is one of "rare archae-

ological sites" in India where layers of history spanning over 2,500 years have been found, Swarnkar said, adding that painted grey wares (PGWs) were found in the first round of excavations in 2013-14. Union Minister G Kishan

Reddy who visited the site on Tuesday morning said, "This is the only site in Delhi-NCR where one can witness the continuous history of Delhi from the pre-Mauryan to Mughal period through the excavated remains. The findings showcase the rich cultural heritage of our country." The ongoing excavation, initiated in January 2023, aims to

establish a complete chronology of site. Currently, structures from the early Kushana level have been exposed, with a depth of 5.50 meters reached thus far. This excavation is expected to provide further insights into the ancient city of Indraprastha.

The excavation has yielded a remarkable collection of artifacts. Notable findings include a stone image of Vaikuntha Vishnu, a terracotta plaque of Gaja Laxmi, a stone image of Ganesha, seals and sealings, coins, terracotta figurines of humans and animals, beads of various stones, TC, and a bone needle. Continued on Page 9



Bizman's daughter tortured for dowry

Kicked in stomach by husband, pregnancy terminated twice

PNS LUCKNOW

 $T^{\text{he daughter of a prominent}} \\ \text{businessman in the city was}$ subjected to torture for dowry (Rs 30 crore) allegedly by her husband, brother-in-law and mother-in-law in Mahanagar. Police registered a case in this connection.

Those named in the FIR were identified as Karan Chanda (husband), Bela Chanda (mother-in-law) and Aman Chanda (elder brotherin-law), all of Mahanagar.

The woman alleged in her complaint that she was being subjected to taunts ever since she got married even though her parents had given expensive gifts to her husband in 2010 and

that it was a big fat wedding.

She alleged that she was beaten up when she confronted her husband and in-laws for their taunts.

The victim said she asked her maternal uncle to arrange a contract for Karan as the accused forced her for the same. "However, Karan, who ended up earning Rs 4 crore through

this contract, continued to torture me," the victim alleged. She further said that her husband and other on-laws demanded Rs 30 crore as dowry.

"I got pregnant in 2015, but it was not a matter of joy for Karan and his family. The doctors advised me precautions, but my husband forced me to have drinks with him and his friends," she alleged.

The victim said the accused would force her to do household chores. She alleged that Karan kicked her in the stomach, after which her pregnancy had to be terminated.

She further stated in the FIR that she got pregnant in 2016 again but was forced to travel to far-off places even though she had been advised bed rest.

"I was admitted to Hinduja Hospital in Mumbai where the foetus was aborted. My husband came in contact with a family in the meantime and later had an affair with a woman. "Thereafter, his behavior towards me worsened. I saw him with the other woman in a CCTV footage. When I confronted him, my husband beat thrashed me and reiterated his

She said she was turned out of the house after the accused forcibly withdrew Rs 1 crore from her bank account.

demand for Rs 30 crore," she

5-year-old girl found dead

The body of a five-year-old hearing and speech-impaired girl, who was missing since Monday evening, was recovered from a pond in Sairpur police station area of Lucknow on Monday. However, police ruled out foul play and claimed that the girl died of drowning, even though the autopsy report was awaited.

As per reports, the victim went out to play with her friends on Monday evening. Her father said she was hearing and speech-impaired, and was also mentally unstable.

He said the body of his daughter was recovered from a pond in the village. The body was sent for autopsy and further probe was underway.

So far, we have not found anything to suggest foul play," spokesman said.

Meanwhile, a 32-year-old man was found dead alongside the downline of a railway track in Malihabad police station area on Tuesday. Reports said some residents spotted the body and informed police. A team of police reached the scene. While the efforts to deceased were on, Rohit of Hamirapur village identified the deceased as his brother Sujit Kumar. Police said Sujit worked

as a labourer. In another case, commuters and pavement dwellers in Talkatora police station area nabbed an accused who barged into a shanty of a woman near P and T Ground in Rajajipuram (C-block) on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday. Reports said the accused, identified as Sandeep of Rajajipuram, is a labourer and worked at a plywood factory. He stormed the shanty of a woman and got fresh with her. The woman raised an alarm after which the accused

YOUTH HARASSES GIRL OVER REFUSAL

was nabbed.

A youth proposed to a 24-year-old girl student belonging to a different religious faith in Aliganj and allegedly harassed her after she declined his proposal. The accused, along with a couple of aides, stalked her, called her at odd hours and even stormed her house on May 26. He abused her and her parents and pelted the house

DCP, North, Qasim Abidi said a case was registered under relevant sections of the IPC and police teams had launched a hunt for the prime accused, identified as Arbaz Ahmed Khan, and his aides. He said the police were yet to find out if the family of the victim had lodged a complaint against the prime accused in the past.

As per reports, the accused was a senior student to the girl in a private university from where she completed BCom (Hons) in 2020. The accused had a crush on the girl and he took advantage of his seniority. It was alleged that Arbaz tried to force the girl to marry him, but she declined the proposal.

Thereafter, the accused started harassing the girl. He made phone calls to her at odd hours. He called her from different numbers.

The victim's father said Arbaz reached his house on May 20. "He abused and threatened all of us. He belongs to a different religious faith but despite that, he was forcing my daughter to marry him," the victim's father alleged.

Devotees make a beeline at Hanuman temples

Devotees thronged Hanuman temples across the city in huge numbers on the fourth and last Bada Mangal. The queues were long in the morning as people wanted to go for early darshan.

Rakesh Dixit, office superintendent of Aliganj Hanuman Mandir, said that a large number of people had come to the temple early in the morning.

"Putting the four Tuesdays together, 7-8 lakh devotees visited the temple for *darshan*. The crowds are always huge on the third and fourth Bada Mangal. The recent renovation of the temple to have a large sanctum sanctorum was also one of the reasons for the huge turnout," he said. He added that they organised a bhandara which served jackfruit kofta, chhola, pumpkin, rice, and puri-kachori. "We also served over one quintal boondi and three-and-a-half quintal laddoos to the devotees," he said.

Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak visited the temple on the third Bada Mangal while former minister Mohsin Raza visited the temple on the first Bada Mangal, he recalled.





(Top) Devotees queued up at the Aliganj temple. (Above) BJP MLA (Sarojininagar) Rajeshwar Singh distributing prasad at a bhandara on Tuesday

The Hanuman Setu Temple Trust Secretary said that the crowd was immense on the last Bada Mangal and

the footfall was about 50,000 on all the Tuesdays, except for the first when the turnout was

NOTICE

I have changed my daughter's name from Medhashvi Gupta to Shambhavi Gupta. In future she will be known as Shambhavi Gupta D/o Vikas Gupta S/o Late Dinesh Kumar Gupta, 38/24, Prayag Narayan, Shiwala, Kanpur.

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that the applicant Sudharani Yadav wife Umesh Chandra is a native of Village Heerpur, Post Harrai, Tehsil Nawabganj, District Barabanki. The applicant owns a Kita plot whose plot number is 75 mi, area 89.186 square meters, village Badel outside the border. Deed No. 4472 dated 15/07/2005 recorded at page no. 12/96. Actually Lost somewhere.

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incurable epidemic'

The theme of World No Tobacco Day this year is 'We need food, not tobacco'. As many as 27 crore people in India consume tobacco.

The main objective of World No Tobacco Day, which was started in 1988, is to save people from harmful substances like tobacco and reduce the death toll due to it. Along with this, its main objective is to make people aware of their health and to make them aware of the ill-effects of tobacco. On this day people are made aware about the ill effects of tobacco through public awareness campaign programs, camps and other means," Dr Surya Kant Tripathi said.

Tobacco is a major reason for the spread of most diseases in today's time. Its addiction has taken the form of an incurable epidemic. In such a situation. consumption of tobacco prodal, physical and intellectual degradation but its far-reaching, personal, social and economic side effects are also visible on the society," he said.

According to the Global Adult Tobacco Survey 2016-2017, about 27 crore people consume tobacco in India.

"About 12 lakh people die every year due to tobacco consumption in India. The average age of starting tobacco use in

India is 18.7 years. Men start using tobacco at a younger age than women do. Tobacco can cause 25 types of diseases and about 40 types of cancer," he pointed out.

Worldwide, there are 1.1 billion tobacco smokers and approximately 35 million smokeless tobacco users.

"According to the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, smokers generally die ten years earlier than non-smokers. About 12 crore people smoke in India. As a result of awareness, there has been a decline in smoking average in developed countries. There is a lack of awareness in developing countries," Dr Tripathi said.

Tobacco smoke emits 500 harmful gases and 7,000 other chemical substances, among which nicotine and tar are prominent. Through research, 70 chemical substances have been found to be carcinogenic. "Bidi is more harmful than

of nicotine in bidi, the victims of nicotine addiction need it again and again. In our country, addiction to smoking is more in men as compared to women. When someone smokes, 30 per cent of the smoke goes into the lungs of the smoker and 70 per cent remains in the surrounding environment, affecting the fam-

'Tobacco addiction an | Sara Ali Khan, Vicky's tryst with devotion

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Actors Sara Ali Khan and Vicky Kaushal offered prayers at the Hanuman Setu temple on the occasion of fourth and last Bada Mangal. The duo were in the city for the promotion of their film titled 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke'.

Sara said she is obsessed with temples. "This is because there is such a lot of positive energy at these places and this is something which we experience on movie sets too when people come together with their positive energies,"



she said. Vicky said that he is a huge Hanuman bhakt and bhandaras. We had a good that they had to visit the tem-

saw the roads dotted with

us," he said. Talked about the film, the actors said it is relatable. Sara said the film has been set up in Indore, and it is about a joint family, ups and downs, and has both romance and comedy. "One can describe it as the story of India," she said.

Vicky, while talking about joint families, said that during the visit to Ajmer, they met the biggest joint family with 175 members. "They all live under one roof. When we asked them how their fights end up, they said when two people fight, there are 170 others to intervene," he reminisced.

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A spokesperson of the "FASTag is a welcome addition

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Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak on Tuesday called ex-minister and SBSP president Om Prakash Rajbhar a "friend", a day after the former allies

It is informed to the general public

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Amethi (PTI): Uttar were seen together during the voting for state legislative council bypolls.

Suheldev Rajbhar Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP), which had contested last assembly polls in alliance with the Samajwadi Party, voted in favour of BJP candidates in the legislative council by-elections.

Bypolls for the two MLC seats were held on Monday. The SBSP chief Rajbhar arrived for voting

with the Deputy Chief Minister and left the polling hall with him. When asked if Rajbhar is joining hands with the BJP again, Pathak said, "Only time will tell. But, Raibhar is our friend. Wherever he is, he has been with us. For a long time, he has been in our circle of friends"

Pathak calls Rajbhar a friend, mum on tie-up

In the 2017 assembly elections, the SBSP contested the polls with BJP, winning four seats before the two had a falling out. In the 2022 assembly elections, the SBSP contested 19 seats as a partner of the SP-led opposition coalition and won six. Rajbhar's alliance with the SP ended only a

few months after the elections. Pathak was in Amethi to hold a review meeting of the development works here with officials at the Amethi Collectorate.

Speaking to reporters here, Pathak said a committee has been formed to make Amethi the number one district. When asked about the medical system of the district, he said the district magistrate and chief medical officer (CMO) have been directed to fill all vacant posts in the depart ment. The BJP leader also assured that a high-quality medical system will be established in Amethi.

2 cops sent to lines for beating Dalit youth

policemen have been attached to police lines and a departmental inquiry has been instituted against them for allegedly assaulting a Dalit youth inside the Bagrain outpost of Wazirganj police station here, officials said on Tuesday. The matter came to light after a week-old purported video of the

incident went viral on the

post in-charge could be seen beating the man with a belt when he arrived at the outpost to file a complaint.

Budaun SSP OP Singh said taking cognisance of the video, a departmental inquiry has been instituted against SI Vishnoi and head constable Sanieev Kumar by sending them to police lines. Kumar had him up. Although every possible care and caution has been taken to avoid errors or omissions, this publication is being sold on the condition and understanding that information given in this publication is merely for reference and must not be taken as having authority of or binding in any way on the writers, editors, publishers, and printers and sellers who do not owe any responsibility for any

Budaun (PTI): Two internet, in which the out-uploaded the video, he added. According to locals, Pintu Jatav, a resident of Sisaiya village of Bagrain police post area had moved to the police to file a complaint about an ongoing dispute with his brother, but SI Sushil Kumar Vishnoi, who was resting at that time, pulled out a

strap and without asking

anything, started beating

CITYBRIEFS

GUPTA TAKES OVER AS Sr DCM Ashutosh Gupta took over as the new

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of North Eastern Railway, Lucknow division, on Tuesday. Prior to this assignment, Gupta was working as the station director, Gorakhpur station, North Eastern Railway, Lucknow division. Gupta has also worked as divisional operations manager. He had his primary education in Mumbai and completed BTech in mechanical engineering from Birla Institute of Technology and Science-Pilani (BITS Pilani), Rajasthan.

WORKSHOP

workshop under

The department of geology, Lucknow University, is organising a 7-day training

the DST-STUTI programme. The programme Tuesday with the focal theme on water resource management. The programme is being livestreamed for overseas partici-

pants and those from other regions of the country. The programme focuses on the instruments provided by DST under DST PURSE and DST FIST. Prof Vibhuti Rai is the convenor of the programme. The plenary lecture was delivered by Prof SC Mathur of Jodhpur University.

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Mahakumbh-2025 to get a digital touch

The Mahakumbh-2025 will get a digital touch as the Tourism department has plans to construct a 'Digital Kumbh Museum, which will be built at the cost of Rs 60 crore.

"In addition to showcasing the culture of the country and the state, it will offer insights into the mythological and historical significance of Kumbh Mela," a government spokesman said here on Tuesday.

The Tourism department has recently presented this proposal to the chief secretary.

According to the proposal, the 'Digital Kumbh Museum' will provide people with a modern Kumbh experience, as it will be equipped with facilities such as heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC), and audio-video rooms.

"It will also feature various galleries with spiritual themes, including the Spiritual and Kumbh Mela Interpretation Gallery, Samudra Manthan Gallery, and Akhada Gallery," the spokesman said.

The museum will provide facilities like a food plaza and souvenir shop, allowing visitors to purchase literature and products related to Kumbh Mela. Additionally, there will be facilities such as a cultural haat (Akshayavat), museum, gallery & theatre (Amrit Kalash), and a guest house.

According to the proposed outline of the 'Digital Kumbh Museum', the Sangam river will be showcased in the entrance lobby through digital projection. The three rivers Yamuna, and Saraswati) will be displayed using three different colors based on animated fractal geometry, and static graphics will also be used.

Following that, the interactive map of Prayagraj will be presented on a large screen in ed to Shankaracharya, describ-

CM Yogi interacts with IIT students



Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said that education was a means for understanding the emotions of the people of

Interacting with the stu-dents from IIT Palakkad, Kerala and Lakshadweep during Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Yuva Sangam programme at his official residence, the chief minister said that with the inspiration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Ministry of Education had started this

the Interpretation Gallery, which can be explored through touch interactions. Here, along with the history of Prayagraj, information about the modern city will also be provided.

In the Samudra Manthan Gallery, the epic tale of 'samudra manthan' will be presented through floor projection.

The Akhada Gallery will showcase the Akhada culture prevalent in the country. It will have an interactive wall relatShankaracharya, who was also from Kerala, arrived here many years ago and established four 'matts'. "Education is a means for understanding the emotions of the people of the society. Many of you must have come to Uttar Pradesh for the first time; One always has a love for the country, no matter where they are from. All the states stand together when the

nation is in trouble," he said. The chief minister further said that Uttar Pradesh was the largest state in the country in experiment; terms of population, and like

> ing his journey. In the Temporal City, there

will be video walls, while in the 'Triveni Sangam' there will be a combination of floor, walls,

and ceiling.
Regarding the preparations for Mahakumbh-2025, the Tourism department has proposed various other development works, including development and beautification of Bharadwaj Ashram, Dwadash Madhav Mandir, Nagvasuki Mandir, Dashashwamedh Kerala, Uttar Pradesh represented the spiritual and cultural heritage of the nation. There were six crore Muslims in this state. Despite this, there were no curfew-no riots in the state."

Drawing a comparison between the present government and the previous government, the chief minister said that till six years ago there was no such situation here.

"During religious occasions, incidents of violence used to take place, and people would often migrate. However, over the past six years, we have

Mandir, Manakameshwar Mandir, Alopashankari Mandir, Padila Mahadev Mandir, temples along the Panchkoshi Parikrama Path, Koteshwar Mahadev, and Kalyani Mandir, a government statement said.

Additionally, there are plans for beautification and construction of Takshak Tirth, temples in the Karachna area, Akshayavat/Saraswati Koop/Patalpuri Mandir, made concerted efforts to transform this situation. Youth and common people extended their full support as well. As a result, Uttar Pradesh is now making rapid strides towards

progress," Yogi said. The chief minister pointed out that for security, we established dialogue with every caste and religion. He said that any matter could be resolved through dialogue.

"We take action against those who play with security without any discrimination. In Prayagraj, 25-30 lakh peo-

jetty, and restaurant.

Other works, including facade lights at Rahi Ilawart Hotel, renovation and beautification of 18 new rooms, including the maintenance and beautification of three entrance gates, along the main routes for Triveni Darshan, are also part of the proposal.

The estimated cost of all these proposals, including the 'Digital Kumbh Museum', exceeds Rs 170 crore.

In addition, there is an esti-

ple will be taking a bath today. There are no issues because events are organised with

utmost dedication."

The chief minister said that the target should only be set after a trade has been fixed. To keep up with technology, we are giving 2 crore young people tablets or smartphones. There is a new enthusiasm among people for the use of technology.

Of the 45 students, 10 are

from Lakshadweep and 35 are from Kerala. The were elated to meet Yogi Adityanath.

mated cost of Rs 120 crore for various civil works, and Rs 18 crore for facade lighting-related works.

The spokesman said that the chief minister's intention is to make the Mahakumbh-2025, to be held in Prayagraj, the most divine and grandest event As per his vision, all kinds

of civic facilities should be accessible to devotees from all over the country and the world coming to Prayagraj.

Swachh Bharat Mission aims to tackle stray animal issue in cities

In a significant move to address the problem of stray animals in urban areas, the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has announced that efforts will be made to catch these animals as this issue will now be included in the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) by bringing changes in the mission's scope.

"The ministry has made

necessary provisions and modifications to the mission's scope to address this pressing concern. The new arrangement involves the acquisition of cattle catcher vehicles to effectively capture stray animals," Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Puri told The

Puri was in Lucknow to address the media on the achievements of nine years of Narendra Modi

"Additionally, a comprehensive campaign will be launched in every district, spanning at least 25 days each month, to apprehend these animals. The target is to capture a minimum of 10 animals daily, amounting to a total of at least 250 animals per month," he said.

The decision to address the issue of stray animals stems from the recognition that their presence contributes significantly to the uncleanliness of

In fact, they have been identified as a major cause of backwardness and environmental degradation during cleanliness surveys. To combat this problem, the ministry has devised a plan to capture stray animals and relocate them to animal shelter centers or kanji houses, thus effectively managing their presence within the

purview of solid waste manage

The first phase of this initiative will be rolled out in 139 major cities, including all municipal corporations and large municipalities in Uttar Pradesh. The government has allocated an initial installment of Rs 24.32 crore to facilitate the execution of this program. Subsequently, the plan will be extended to selected cities

across the country.

To ensure smooth implementation, each district will designate a nodal agency responsible for capturing stray animals within its jurisdiction. This agency will oversee all aspects related to the procurement of vehicles and the management of animals.

Moreover, the nodal agency will establish a roster system to guarantee the regular availability of vehicles in all districts. Cattle catcher vehicles obtained through the mission will be made available for rental purposes as well. The district magistrate of each respective district will determine the rates for acquiring vehicles from the nodal agency and establish rental rates and the roster schedule.

"The inclusion of stray animals in the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) is a step in the right direction to address the challenges posed by their presence in cities. By effectively capturing and relocating these animals, the government aims to mitigate the adverse effects they have on cleanliness and environmental well-being.

Puri expressed hope that through meticulous planning and effective execution, this initiative will significantly contribute to enhancing urban areas, thereby ensuring cleaner and healthier living condi-

Mayawati asks Dalits, OBCs to be wary of SP

day after the ruling BJP swept the Aday after the runing by some Auttar Pradesh Legislative Council bypolls, BSP supremo Mayawati on Tuesday lashed out at the Samajwadi Party for fielding Dalit and OBC candidates despite knowing that the numbers were stacked against them. She also appealed to the Dalit and backward class people to be careful with the Samajwadi

Party.
She alleged that the Akhilesh Yadaved narty ign was in power.

The saffron party sailed comfortably in the legislative council bypolls held on Monday, with both its candidates Manvendra Singh and Padmasen Chowdhary posting comfortable wins over SP's Ram Jatan Rajbhar and Ramkaran.

"In the UP Legislative Council by-elections to two seats held yesterday, the SP fielded Dalit and OBC candidates even though the defeat was certain, and got them defeated. The party ignored them when it was in power... proves that the conspiracies of the SP against these sentions has not changed even a bit," Mayawati tweeted in Hindi.

Cautioning the backward sections against the "nefarious designs" of the Samajwadi Party, she said in another tweet, "Dalits, OBCs and marginalised people have suffered a lot due to such narrow and hateful politics of SP and its government. That's why there is a dire need for these sections to be always careful and avoid such losses in future. This is the appeal of the BSP."

The opposition unity suffered a blow in the MLC bypolls, with Congress legislators not casting their votes even as the lone BSP MLA could not make it to Lucknow to exercise his right.

SP to consolidate Dalit-OBC support

Lucknow (PNS): The Samajwadi Party is set to intensify its campaign for consolidating its support base among Dalits and OBCs. The party is buoyed by the results of bypolls to two seats of UP Legislative Council on Monday.

"The Samajwadi Party was aware that

it lacks the numbers and cannot win the elections, yet we fielded a candidate from the SC community and the other from the DBC group to send across the message to disadvantaged sections of society that their status in power structure is being compromised under the BJP rule and that SCs and OBCs are denied their right of reservation in state services," a Samajwadi Party leader said, adding: "We will take this message to every nook and corner of the state in the coming months."

SP sources said that "the poaching attempts" made by the BJP proved futile and the SP-RLD alliance succeeded in keeping its flock together. The strength of the SP-RLD alliance is 118. Two MLAs were in jail and one could not cast his vote due to being hospitalised. One candidate of the SP polled 115 and the other got 116

"We forced the BJP to suspend its programme of preparations for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and hold meetings with the party MLAs and keep them in good humour so that they remain loyal to the party while casting their votes in the bypoll," a Samajwadi Party leader said.

The landslide victory of the Congress in Karnataka state assembly elections has, however, posed a challenge for the

Based on its numerical strength in the legislative assembly, the Bharatiya Janata Party was comfortably placed to secure vic-

tory for both its candidates.



Samajwadi Party.

The en bloc Muslim vote by Muslims to the Congress decimated the Janata Dal (Secular) which had given tickets to 22 Muslim candidates but they all lost. The SP apprehends that it is likely to have a spillover effect and Muslims may turn to Congress in the next year's Lok Sabha elec-

After the Karnataka state assembly results, the Samajwadi Party has toned down its rhetoric against the Congress. Earlier, Akhilesh Yadav was asking the Congress to support regional parties where they were in a position to challenge the hegemony of the BJP.

Akhilesh had also said that the Congress should decide its role in the Lok Sabha elections — whether or not it wanted to support the SP in the electoral battle against the BJP. Though the Samajwadi Party has not officially stated its position, it is no longer aspiring for the lead role in formation of an opposition alliance in

The SP had entered into the fray at the last moment apparently to give a message that it would not give a walkover to the rul-

Several drown while taking holy dip

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About a dozen devotees drowned while taking a holy dip in different parts of the state during Ganga Dussehra celebrations on Tuesday. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath condoled the

death's and directed the local administration to ensure proper treatment to those rescued. and all help to the bereaved family members.

the river while taking bath at Panchal Ghat in Farrukhabad. Divers and local police managed to recover three bodies while the search for the remaining was on

Anuj (20), a resident of Nekpur Kala of Fatehgarh Kotwali, had gone to take a bath in the Ganges with his friends at Panchal Ghat under Kadri Gate police station on Tuesday morning. Anuj were called in and Anuj's body was recovered.

Vijay, a resident of Chhibramau in the neighboring district of Kannauj, had accompanied his mother to the Ganges

He died due to drowning in the river. His body was recovered by divers. In Shamshabad, Rajat

drowned in the river at Dai Ghat. His friends raised an the divers. He was rushed to a primary health centre where he was pronounced dead. At Panchal Ghat, Abhishek

of Nekpur drowned in the river. Besides, Vijay of Etmadpur also drowned in the river. However, their bodies could not be recovered.

CO, City, Pradeep Singh said five people drowned in the Ganges and the bodies of three were recovered.

drowned in the river while taking a holy dip. Divers fished them out but three of them had already died. The fourth one was admitted to a hospital.

As per information, the fair was underway in the district on the banks of Ramganga river. A huge crowd had gathered during the Jyeshta Dussehra

fair at Mudkiya Ghat in Bhamora. Village Gausganj resident autopsy.

Arvind (16), Sumit (13) & Chhotu (11) of Kiratpur village drowned in the river while taking a dip. The rescue team somehow saved Sumit while Anuj, Arvind and Chhotu died.

In another incident in Bareilly, two youths drowned in Ramganga river near Kailash Giri Madhi of Sirauli police sta-

They were identified as Harendra Yadav (22) and in Sirauli. Both the bodies were fished out by divers.

In Mathura, 18-year-old Rohit Singh drowned in the Yamuna river at Khadair Ghat in Baldev area. His body could not be found.

In Ballia, 18-year-old Sumit Bharti of Haldi drowned in the Ganges at Majauwa Ghat on Tuesday morning. His body was fished out and sent for

Talgram and his friend Kaushal (20) drowned in the river at Mahadevi Ghat.

In Siddharthanagar, two children drowned in the Rapti river near Kharchaula Nankar village in Bansi Kotwali area on Tuesday morning. Mehak (13) of Majura village of Khesraha police station area and Sameer (6) of Tikur village under Bansi Kotwali area drowned while taking a holy dip.

Excise department revenue increases

The Uttar Pradesh government earned a revenue of Rs 3,314 crore through the Excise department by the sale of country liquor, India-made foreign liquor, beer and other products in the month of April this year. It was 5.08 per cent or Rs 160.11 crore more than the revenue (Rs 3,153.32 crore) earned during the corresponding period last fiscal (2022-23).

Minister of State for Excise and Prohibition (independent charge) Nitin Agarwal held a review meeting of the

department on Tuesday. He said the department was receiving complaints of overcharging by liquor vendors from different parts of the state. Terming it a serious irregularity, he asked officials of the department to take remedial action. He said that on the complaint of overcharging or more than the price printed on liquor bottles, a fine of Rs 75,000 would be imposed and Rs 1.50 lakh on the second offence. The licence of the liquor vendor would be cancelled after the third offence, he added. "The overall revenue

districts are laggard and have failed to achieve the monthly revenue target," he pointed out. He directed the deputy and joint commissioners of the department to conduct weekly reviews of revenue collection and ensure that targets were achieved.

Appreciating the performance of the enforcement wing of the Excise department, the minister said it should continue to focus its attention on preventing manufacturing and sale of spurious liquor. He said the consumption of spurious liquor leading to death of poor people was a blot collection in the state is satisfactory. Some on the image of the government.

Missing girl found dead;

UP Police, e-com portal team up to BJP MP Tejasvi Surya takes dig deal with online shopping scams

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The Uttar Pradesh Police and Amazon India are coming together with consumer education and awareness campaigns to deal with the menace of online shopping scams. The two partners are collaborating to explore several joint initiatives aimed at empowering consumers to

shop online with greater confidence. The UP Police and Amazon India have agreed to join hands to educate online consumers about their rights and raise awareness about safe shopping. These joint projects will also include special initiatives aimed at enhancing online safety of women by creating awareness about identity theft, impersonation and online financial frauds, a police spokesman said here on Tuesday evening.

"Amazon India is excited to join forces with the Uttar Pradesh Police to promote awareness regarding online scams and frauds. This association will

help us deliver on our shared mission of enhancing online safety to promote a trustworthy digital space. This collaboration will not only educate a large consumer base but also enable us to identify and foster a secure digital experience,' a senior official of the company said.

Special DG (Law and Order), UP, Prashant Kumar said, "Amazon is a strong partner and our alliance will help us not just fight but also prevent online scams. Our partnership comes at a time when we are witnessing a significant surge in online transactions post-Covid, courtesy convenience of online shopping and UPI payment infrastructure. There is an increased need for consumers to be vigilant and our joint initiatives will help us do just that."

The partnership with the UP Police will complement Âmazon India's consumer education initiative, 'Mission GraHAQ', that is spreading awareness about safe online shopping practices, consumer rights and more.

at Cong over Rajasthan crisis soon prosecution will be able to

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¬aking a dig at the Congress I over the crisis in its Rajasthan unit, BJP MP Tejasvi Surya on Tuesday said now it becomes news when two leaders of the same party announce that they are going to fight

elections together. Surva's reaction comes a day after the Congress asserted that Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot, who have been in the midst of leadership tussle in the state, have agreed to fight the upcoming assembly elections unitedly. The assembly elections in Rajasthan are due later this year.

"The condition of the Congress party is such that two leaders within the party are announcing to fight elections

together and it is news. I wish them all the best but I can tell you that there is great antiincumbency sentiment in Rajasthan and we will form a government there with twothird majority," Surya told PTI.

The Bengaluru South MP was here to attend a programme to mark the completion of nine years of the BJP government at the Centre. To a question on the rejec-

tion of AAP leader Manish Sisodia's bail, Surya said that this (Sisodia's) party.

against corruption, while in reality it is a party that is neck deep in corruption," Surya, who is also the BJP's youth wing chief, said.

has busted the image of his "The AAP's image was built around the resolve of fight

On 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Surya said, "The people of India have seen the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi very closely which is why the number of seats which the BJP got in 2019 was higher than in "I'm confident that very

governance.

that," he said.

in jail in connection with the

Delhi excise policy case. On the

recent Karnataka polls verdict,

the BJP leader said he hopes that

the state gets good and stable

do not throw away the mandate

due to their internal fights.

Karnataka needs good gover-

nance and I hope that the Congress will be able to deliver

"I hope that they (Congress)

rape, murder suspected Lucknow (PNS): In a suspected case of rape and murder, the body of a prove its case and Manish teenager, missing for about two Sisodia and other accused will weeks, was recovered from an underbe convicted," he said. Sisodia is

construction house in Kasya locality of Kushinagar. After getting information, local police and senior officers rushed to

the spot along with a team of forensic experts. The body was later sent for autopsy. Senior officers claimed that they were waiting for the postmortem report before going ahead with the investigation. Reports said that the body of

Rinki (18), daughter of Rajendra Raibhar, a resident of Bharwa Toli of Buddha Nagri under Kasya police station, was found in an under-construction house on Monday evening. According to bereaved family members, the girl had gone missing

about a fortnight ago. The family members initially tried to search for her on their own, but in vain. Later, they lodged a com-

plaint with the Kasya police on May 20 last.

The girl's mother said that her

husband had died of illness 15 years back and that Rinki was the second among her four children. Her elder daughter is already married.

Kasya police station incharge Ashutosh Tripathi said that the family had not suspected the role of any-

Meanwhile, two persons were killed and another was injured when their car rammed into a stationary trailer on Sultanpur-Lucknow Highway in Amethi district on Monday night. The accident occurred near Dharauli village. The trio were coming to Lucknow from Sultanpur when the tragedy struck.

One of the deceased was identified as Sheelu Kumar (27). The identity of the other deceased, aged around 30 years, could not be ascertained. The injured person was admitted to a hospital, police said.

youth was found hanging A from a tree in the jungle on the outskirts of Narayanpur village in Maharajpur police area on Tuesday morning. The police brought the body down and with the help of forensic team, collected evidence. The deceased had returned to the village from Gujarat only three days ago. A probe is on to ascertain whether it is a case murder or suicide case. The villagers said the youth was upset due to some loan taken by him. He was identified as Srikesh (20), youngest son of the farmer Badlu Paswan of Narayanpur, Maharajpur. He was found hanging from a tree situated. Badlu Paswan said Srikesh had gone from the house on Monday night without informing the family members. He failed to trace him in

him about the body of Srikesh hanging from a tree. Srikesh was employed in a private firm in Gujarat and had returned to the village only three days ago. As his employer had not paid him anything Srikesh had purchased a bike on loan. He was upset due to his inability to pay the loan instalment. Sunhala outpost incharge Manoj Kumar said investigation was on in the matter. The kin did not submit any complaint so far, he said.

Meanwhile a youth was killed while two others, including his wife, were seriously injured when a speeding vehicle knocked down their bike on Kanpur-Etawah highway in Auraiya on Tuesday morning. The injured were admitted to the district hospital where one of them died. The two other injured had been referred to the UP University of Medical Sciences, Saifai. The incident

returning to Ajitmal from a marriage ceremony in their relation in Kuthaund, Jalaun. In a bid to overtake the bike, an unidentified vehicle knocked them down near Karampur village on the Kanpur-Etawah highway. Ram Naresh Dohre son of Gendalal of Khetupur, Ajitmal, was returning with wife Sushma and sister-in-law Prema from Kuthaund on bike. About 12 km away from the house on Auraiya border, an unidentified vehicle knocked them down near Karampur village and escaped. At the district hospital, Ram Naresh succumbed to his injury while Sushma and Prema after the first aid were referred to the UP University of Medical Sciences, Saifai. Sadar Kotwali SHO Pankaj Mishra said a youth was killed and two others were injured in the mishap. The

On the other hand, a speeding unidentified vehicle knocked down a bike in Sachendi police station area on Tuesday morning. Chandni (18) and younger sister Roshni, daughters of Anil Kumar of Bhool village, Sachendi, had gone to Raipur to attend a marriage function. On Tuesday morning their relative Sumit (17) of Raipur was going to drop both the sisters. On the way near Kisan Nagar petrol pump, a speeding unidentified vehicle knocked down their bike from behind. In the incident, Chandni and Sunit were killed on the spot while Roshni was seriously injured who had been admitted to LLR (Hallet) hospital. SHO Sachendi Shailendra Singh said on the kin's complaint, FIR had been lodged and action was being taken up in the matter.

Youth found hanging from tree Devotees take holy dip in Ganga

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

R ush of devotees was seen at various ghats on the auspicious occasion of Ganga Dussehra here on Tuesday when thousands took a holy dip in the sacred water of the river. Despite scorching heat and humidity, right from the morning the devotees started thronging different ghats and the maximum rush was seen at Dashashwamedh and adjoining ghats apart from Assi ghat in the south and Bainsasur (Rajghat) in the north. The Ganga Dussehra falls on the tenth day of Shukla Paksha of Jyeshtha month and it has a special significance as per the Sanatan Dharma. The activists of Namami Ganga performed the Ganga aarti and offered 'dugdhabhishek' Dashashwamedh Ghat. They

also offered shramdaan to remove wastes from the river to send a message of cleanliness to the people. Regional convener of Namami Gange (Kashi) Rajesh Shukla said that on the day of Maa Ganga's descent from heaven to earth and to celebrate the day as per the tradition, garlands were

Puranas and Upanishads. "As the river Ganga water is lifeline for agriculture and

offered across the river Ganga

with the wish of purification.

He said that the glory of Ganga

has been described in the

Indian scriptures including

industries so it would be appropriate that faith and tradition should be discharged for the sake of humanity by leaving hostile behaviour," he said, adding that river Ganga is not just a river, but it is India's identity and heritage. City coordinator Shivdutt Dwivedi, Bina Gupta, Pushpalata Verma, Vikas Tiwari, Sonu, Kanchan Mishra, Nikki Jaiswal, Shubham Singh, Pooja

Maurya, Preeti Jaiswal,

Mala Jaiswal, Babita Jaiswal. Rani Jaiswal and many others were also present. MILLET FAIR: A Millet

Fair will be organised at the Department of Dairy Science and Food Technology, Institute of Agricultural Science in Banaras Hindu University (BHU) here on Wednesday at 5 pm by the Student Wellness Cell, office of the Dean of Students Welfare. Giving this information, the Dean of Students Welfare Prof Anupam Kumar Nema said that the purpose of the fair is to promote the use of millets in our daily life. He said that millet grains are nutritious and healthy food options and they are rich in essential nutrients such as fibre, vitamins. minerals and antioxidants and it is the reason why the United Nations is celebrating 2023 as International Year of Millets.

Three arrested, stolen items recovered

police arrested three accused of theft and recovered stolen items

OF

INTEREST

the night and on Tuesday

MIRZAPUR: The Adalhaat Arjun Singh the police was size batteries and seven others.

damaged bike was recovered

active and on being tipped off The accused, identified as by an informer raided a spot. Preetam Patel, Golu Patel and on Monday. In a case lodged by The police recovered two big Azad Patel were sent to jail.



Punjab Infrastructure Development Board And Department of Industries & Commerce, **Investment Promotion and IT**



Punjab Infrastructure Development Board (PIDB) on behalf of Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab invites Expression of Interest from eligible applicants for Development and Operation & Maintenance of Hotel, Con and Exhibition Centre at Ludhiana on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis.

EOI Availability: Expression of Interest (EOI) can be downloaded from e-procurement portal https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from

Proposal Due Date: 26th June 2023 upto 1500 hours The interested applicants shall have to get themselves registered at the website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in and obtain the mandatory Digital Signature as per the requirement for e-tendering. For clarifications on e-tendering, please contact E-pro-

curement helpdesk or PIDB. For any subsequent corrigendums, addendums and clarifications, please refer to the websites https://eproc.punjab.gov.in / www.pidb.org.

PIDB reserves the right to accept or reject any application and to annul the selection process at any time, without incurring any

Managing Director, Punjab Infrastructure Development Board (PIDB),

SCO No. 33-34-35, Sector: 34-A Chandigarh - 160 022 Phone: +91 172 2665410, 0172-4381111 (230, 236)

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CONTINENTAL CHEMICALS LIMITED.

CIN - L24123UP1984PLC014111
REGISTERED OFFICE: A-7, SECTOR-VII, NOIDA-201301, U.P

AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023

(Rs. In Lakh except EPS) **PARTICULARS** Ended Ended Ended Ended 31.03.2023 31.03.2022 31.03.2023 31.12.2022 31.03.2022 (Audited) Unaudited) (Audited) (Audited) 1 Income from operations 126.63 Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or (8.26)27.49 Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional (8.01)17.77 (8.26)27.49 and/or Extraordinary items) Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit (Loss) for the period (after tax) (4.66)15.97 (9.08)26.55 224.90 224.90 224.90 **Equity Share Capital** Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year) Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/-each) 1.11 1.11 Basic (0.21)0.66 (0.41)0.27 0.66 (0.41)0.27

Notes:

Place: Noida

and secured assets are as under:

Loan Account No.

Borrower(s) Name

0ALB2112000005042197, &

0ALB1809000005014940.

PLACE: GURGAON,

DATE: 30-05-2023

- I The above financial result are reviewed by audit committee and thereby have been taken on records by board of Director in their meeting held on 29.05.2023
- Previous period figures have been re-grouped/reclassified whenever necessary to make them comparable with the current period
- 3 These result have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rule 2015 (Ind As) prescriber
- under Section 133 of the Companies Act 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent possible The company operates only in one segment

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NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND

ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT')

It is to bring to your notice that your loan account has been declared as NPA by secured creditor Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited having its registered office at D-305, Ground Floor, Sarvodaya Enclave, New Delhi - 110017 (herein after called 'SHDFCL') and you are liable to pay total outstanding against your loan to SHDFCL. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. Therefore, we hereby call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities to SHDFCL within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which SHDFCL will be empowered to exercise the power under Section 13(4) of the ACT. The details of borrowers and secured assets are as under:

Applicant Address

36/45C, Beli Road Jagram Chauraha New Katra Near Shagun Guest House, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh-211002

Corporate Office: 425, Udyog Vihar Phase IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana)

Demand Notice

Amount & Date

Rs. 9,72,134/

Continental Chemicals Limited

Secured Asset

House No. 31 Old Thereafter 36/45 Preser

No. 54/45 Situated at Mohalla Naya Katra Pargana & Tehsil Sadar & Distt.

bad, Uttar Pradesh -211002

SHUBHAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE COMPANY LTD.

AUTHORIZED OFFICER,

(Naresh Kumar Chibba) Managing Director DIN: 00376963

SVANidhi Mahotsav from June 1

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE KANPUR

District Magistrate Visakh G Iyer while chairing the review meeting of SVANidhi Mahotsav informed that the mahotsav will take off from June 1 at the Kanpur Nagar Nigam auditorium. He said it had been decided in principle that the first three loan sanction will be taken up during the mahotsav through banks concerned. He said in the first case 34,780 vendors who had been sanctioned loans out of the total 71,890 applications will be made digitally active while the process to make remaining vendors digitally active will be taken up. He said 10 such vendors who had received maximum cash through banks digitally will be felicitated and certificate of merit will be provided to them. He said it had also been decided to put up an exhibition for vendors' products, street food stalls and their benefits through the PM SVANidhi should be displayed through 'nukkad natak'. 'He said a short film on SVANidhi Yojana will also be shown to the vendors and the chief medical officer will set up a special

their family. He said it had also been decided to link SVANidhi to Samriddhi Yojana and vendors will be linked to eight schemes and made digitally active and all inactive vendors details will be prepared by the Kanpur Nagar Nigam from June 1 onwards. He also directed the LDMs that the first three loans need to be distributed in the Mahotsav while in the second loans returned by banks totalling 6,018 will be reviewed and efforts be made to ensure maximum loans were distributed to that the vendors can doubly be benefitted and also directed the banks to ensure they distributed QRs in bunch of 25 each during the mahotsav. The DM also directed the bank officials that a specific target should be given to them and its sanction should be done after the mahotsav. He said during the review of pending applications it was found that the maximum number of pending sanctions were from Kotak Mahindra Bank and this was pending for the past several months and despite repeated reminders the bank was showing no interest in the

not participating in the meetings as well. He said this tantamounts to gross indiscipline and effort to retard the pace of government planning and working. Iyer directed the officials concerned to file an FIR against the branch incharge and recommendations need to be made to the principal secretary, Urban Development and a few more officials concerned. He directed the banks to ensure that on the specific date camp must mandatorily be set up and also ensure that there were transactions of Re 1 each to make their account digitally active. A large number of officials from various banks and departments concerned were present.

DISTRICT HEALTH

COMMITTEE MEETING: The DM expressed concern over slow progress of making Ayushman cards and directed all the Health department officials to ensure they give further momentum and in all 110 wards the work should be taken up on a war footing. The card making process should be given speed. He directed officials concerned to stop the salary of urban primary health

centre incharge for his failure to provide necessary details. He said it was shocking little hype was created for the Pulse Polio programme and sought an explanation from nodal officer. He also found that the progress of making Ayushman card was too slow at Darshanpurwa and directed that the salary of the medical officer incharge be stopped and he needs to give an explanation. He directed that all Asha and ANM should be deployed for making Ayushman card and carry out a survey as well. He said in all block development only 914 Ayushman cards were made which was too less and directed the officials to ensure that those who were not taking any interest in their making be served notices. He said if performance was not found satisfactory then their services should be terminated. He said the next review meeting will be

held on Thursday. WORLD NO TOBACCO **DAY:** Smoking is one of the leading causes of death and disease in India and accounts for nearly 1.35 million deaths every year. India is also the second largest consumer and produc-

er of tobacco. The country accounted for nearly threequarters of the global burden of disease attributable to smokeless tobacco. India religiously observes World No Tobacco Day on May 31 to create awareness among the masses to give up smoking, especially the teenagers. This was informed by Chief Proctor, CSJMU, Dr Pravin Katiyar, while giving details about the awareness programme on the university campus on Tuesday. He said this year the theme was "We need food, not tobacco". The campaign aimed to raise awareness about alternative crop production and marketing opportunities for tobacco farmers and to encourage them to grow sustainable nutritious crops. He said among adults, age 15 plus, 28.6 per cent of the population currently used tobacco products while men 42.4 per cent, women 14.2 per cent. Dr Katiyar said cigarette smoking during adolescence caused significant health problems among young people, including an increase in number and severity of respiratory illnesses, decreased physical fitness and potential effects on lung growth and function.

Legal Cell Nikhlesh Palace, 17/4 A Ashok Marg, Lucknow, 226001. "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13th JULY 2023, for recovery of Rs.38,48,728.40/o/s as on 25/02/2015 along with further interest and charges applicable due to the HDFC Bank Ltd. Secured Creditor from (i) MR. RAM NIWAS DUBEY, (ii) MR. SHANKER DUBEY & (iii) M/S ASHIRWAD CONSTRUCTION & GENERAL ORDER SUPPLIERS THROUGH ITS

earnest money deposit will be Rs.11,09,350/ Short description of the immovable property
H. No. 5/505 , HAVING AREA 172.50 SQ MT. SITUATED AT VIKAS NAGAR, SECTOR 05 LUCKNOW 226022. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in HDFC Bank Ltd, Secured Creditor's website https://www.hdfcbank.com/personal/resources/important-notices,

Authorised Officer, HDFC Bank Ltd.

PROPRIETOR MR. RAM NIWAS DUBEY. The reserve price will be Rs.1,10,93,500/- and the

HDFC BANK

Date: - 31.05.2023, Place: - Lucknow

HDFC BANK

Legal Cell Nikhlesh Palace, 17/4 A Ashok Marg, Lucknow, 226001.

Date: 29-05-2023 MR. RAM NIWAS DUBEY S/O MR.SHANKAR DUBEY Add:- 8 KHA SAJANV AAN O. TEHSIL SALEMPUR, DEORIA (UP) 274001 EMAIL: NIWAS_DUBEY@YAHOO.COM, WHATSAPP: 9415020556

MR. SHANKER DUBEY S/O MR. RAJNATH DUBEY ADD:- 8 KHA SAJANV AAN O TEHSIL SALEMPUR, DEORIA(UP) 274001. M/S ASHIRWAD CONSTRUCTION & GENERAL ORDER SUPPLIERSTHROUGH ITS

PROPRIETOR MR. RAM NIWAS DUBEY ADD: 8 KHA SAJANV AAN O, TEHSIL SALEMPUR, DEORIA (UP) 274001.

Subject: Reminder-1, In Reference of notice dated-24-04-2023 Regarding to take your movable articles pertains to Loan Account 04128020000291. Physical Possession was taken on 05.04.2023 under provision of SARFAESI Act. With reference to captioned loan A/c 04128020000291 you have availed credit facility in form o

Dropline Overdraft Facility from the bank. You have not maintained the financial discipline and due to continuous default in your payment your account was classified as NPA. Accordingly bank initiated SARFAESI proceeding against the financial facility as detailed above wherein physica possession of the mortgaged property (situated at H.No.5/505, HAVING AREA 172.50 SQ MT. SITUATED AT VIKAS NAGAR, SECTOR 05, LUCKNOW 226022) was taken on 05.04.23 under due process of law and in compliance with the order passed by District Magistrate. At the time of the possession you refused to remove your movable articles from the said property hence Bank has sealed the house in compliance of the sec.14 order. Now under provisions of Sarfaesi Act mortgaged property will be put to auction hence kindly remove your movable articles within 15 days of receipt of this notice. Failing to which your movable articles will also be considered as part of the auction proceedings and along with the mortgaged property such movable articles will also be auctioned by E auction.

Date: - 29.05.2023, Place: - Lucknow Authorised Officer, HDFC Bank Ltd.

Mayor's assurance to lawyers

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d over a memorandum to the newly- elected mayor Pramila Pandey in the Adhivakta Darbar' organised in the collectorate lawns on Tuesday. It contained various problems, including insanitation and dilapidated roads, prevailing in

President Ravindra Sharma The members of The and general secretary Sharad Darbar. Lawyers Association hand- Shukla also urged her to allot residential plots to lawyers if possible, apart from making suitable seating arrangements for them in the court offices. Mayor Pramila Pandey assured to do her best in resolving the problems of lawyers.

Senior officers of the

the collectorate compound. Kanpur Nagar Nigam were also present at the Adivakta

Sarvendra Yadav, Brii Ravindra Bhushan Singh, Madhur Sahu, Pawan Awasthi, Anurag Yadav, Vandana Solanki, Arvind Dixit, Sanjiv Kapoor, Shivam Gangwar, Rajul, Noor Alam and Gaurav Tewari were present.

Debate, slogan writing contest held

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

debate and slogan writing

Acontest was held at the Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology in which a large mumber of students took an active part. Special speaker Dr YK Singh emphasised on the need for making yoga a part of the curriculum and said they must be explained the importance of yoga for good mental and physical health. He said yoga should be included in one's daily routine so as to keep physically fit. He said by practicing yoga one encouraged a sense of body positivity. He said yoga improved

production of proteins and released it into the bloodstream and this process facilitated brain cells to continuously reproduce and added that yoga kept nervous system healthy. Dr Singh said the protein that the body generated during yoga responded well with the region in the brain that was responsible for memory retention and thus it enhanced memory. He said research had proved that regular yoga for 20 minutes can enhance concentration. He said it had also been proved that yoga had a positive effect on the nervous system and

rate in control in pressure

time. Dr Shweta said to win a debate one must understand not only one's own case but also that of the other side. She said it was essential for participants to build self-confidence by practising before the mirror. She said they need to have a thorough knowledge of the subject. The winner for debate in favour of the motion was Astha Yadav — first, Gaurav Tomar - second and Amit Kumar — third. The winner against the motion were Khushi Singh — first prize, Rajan Sharma second and Ananya Tripathi — third.

Loan distribution camp held

brain and stabilised blood

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANAS

eneral Manager, MSME Central Bank of India VV Natarajan distributed loans of over ₹50 crore to the beneficiaries in the mega loan distribution camp.

During his two-day visit to the city, Natarajan distributed loans of over ₹50 crore to the beneficiaries in the mega loan distribution camp held by the bank's Varanasi regional office. The bank is providing house loan at the low interest rate of 8.4% and the detailed information regarding this, could be obtained on phone number-18002221911, he informed. He also informed the customers about the Cent Samvridhi Yojana of the bank. Addressing the bank staff, Natarajan exhorted them to encourage the branches to achieve the target. Addressing the branch managers, he encouraged them to



GM, MSME, Central Bank of India VV Natarajan being welcomed by the officers of the regional office in the mega loan distribution camp.

achieve the target by following all the standards. He also held a meeting with the customers and assured them of providing the excellent service to them by the bank. The Manager, Raibhasha Shubh Rajlakshmi conducted it. He also inaugurated a book exhibition during his visit which was organised by the Rajbhasha department of the

bank and also released posters to promote the use of Hindi. The regional head of the bank Durgesh N Singh assured of achieving the target this year too like the previous year. The Chief Manager Prem Ś Yadav, Vineet Jauhari, Divya Ranjan, Prashant Gupta, Gautam, Varsha and others were present on the

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 8/588, Sector- 8 Vikash Nagar, Kalyan Mandap, Mahanagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226022
 Khasra No. 937, Wake Mauja Bamrauli Katara, **Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282006** Rs 9.47.584 Sachchida Nand Yadav. Rs. 21,39,129/-& 20-05-2023 240A / 218, Gariwan Tola Pargana and Tehsil - Sadar District - Allahabad, Uttar 0ALB1709000005008085, 455 Atarsuiya Durga Puja Park, Atarsuiya Thana Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh -211003 Rai Bahadurlal Jaiswal Pradesh -211003 louse No. A-1 Build on Plot, Part/ Minjumla 0LKW1801000005010524, H No- A1, Rajawat Vihar Sector-6, Gomti Nagar of Khasra/ Cata No.19, admeasuring Plot Area 1000 Sq Ft., Situated at Rajawat Vihar, Sector - 6, Gomti Nagar Vistar, Gram/ Mohalla- Baghamau, Pargana, Tehsil & District-Lucknow. 226010 Bibha Tripathi, Extention Near Power House Malesiama
Lucknow Uttar Pradesh - 226010 Ramanui Tripathi. 18, Basant Vihar Mayawati Colony Deen Dayal Nagar Takrohi Awadh Public School Lucknow Uttar Pradesh - 227105 Rs. 7,76,949/-& 20-05-2023 0LKO2103000005036370, Plot No. 31, Part of Khasra No. 299, KA Min Nekpal, Jyoti Rasoolpur Sadaat Mahona Bakshi Ka Talab Deen Dayal Nagar Takrohi Lucknow, Uttai Pradesh - 226028 0KAN211000005040204, Manoj Kumar Pandit, Pradeep Kumar Pandit, 4/1154, Kanchan Nagar Shuklaganj, Gayatri Mandir Unnao Uttar Pradesh -209861 House No. 4/1154 ARazi No / Plot No . 94 M Piper kheda Ehatmali Pargana Hadha **Tehsil** and District Unnao Uttar Pradesh -209862 Rs. 5,38,803/-& 20-05-2023 Alpana Devi, Kalpana Dev 0KAN2012000005032789, 159 Tiwaripur-1 Adarsh Nagar Jajmau Tiwari Sweets Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh - 208010 House No. 159, (Arazi No 159) Tiwaripu First, Adarsh Nagar, Wazidpur Alias Jajmau, Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh 208010 Shailja Singh, Abhishek Kumar Singh 117, 158, Bk Block Ambedkar Nagar Geeta Nagar Rawatpur Hari Girls Hostel, **Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh -208025** Rs. 24,11,824/-& 20-05-2023 House No. 117/K/158B, Ambedkar Nagar Kakadev, Kanpur Nagar **Uttar Pradesh** 208025 0KAN1910000005023782, Devendra Singh Chauhan, Rani Singh, Raghvendra Kumar Singh Chauhan

Nikhlesh Palace, 17/4 A Ashok Marg, Lucknow, 226001. POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)]

Legal Cell

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd. under the Secularization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 read with rule 3 of the Security Interes Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated 21.02.2023 calling upon the borrower(s) . M/s Bharat Paint Mart Through It's Partner Mr. Mahendra Pratap Singh & Rayindra Kuma Singh 2. Mr. Mahendra Pratap Singh S/o Mr. Bireshwar Prasad Singh 3. Mrs. Saroj Kumari W/o Mr. Mahendra Pratap Singh 4. Mr. Ravindra Kumar Singh S/o Mr. Mahendra Pratap Singh Mr. Satyendra Kumar Singh S/o Mr. Mahendra Pratap Singh to pay the amount mentioned in the notice Rs 54,84,436/-(Rupees Fifty-four Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Four Hundred And Thirty Six Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower(s) having

ailed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general tha the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers onferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act on the read with rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules, on his 25-MAY-2023. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of HDFC Bank Ltd. for an amount of notice Rs 54,84,436/-(Rupees Fifty-four Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Four Hundred And Thirty Six Only) and interest thereon together with expenses and charges etc. less amount paid, if any. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property No.1:- H.N. S 15/3A-3/KA-1, Admeasuring 800 Sq Ft., Covered Area 680 Sq Ft. Situated At Mauza-Gausabad, Pargana-Dehat Amanat, Ward-Secraul, Tehsil & Distr- Varanasi, 221002,

Uttar Pradesh, Which Is In The Name Of Satendra Kumar Singh, Bounded As Under: - East: House Of Saroj Kumari West : Lane 5 Feet Wide T/A House Of Brijlal Chauhan, North : House Of Bholanath Jaiswal, South: House Of Gupta Ji Property No.2:- H.N. S 15/3-A-2-KA-2, Admeasuring 830 Sq Ft., Covered Area 1716 Sq Ft Situated At Arazi No.05, Mauza-Gausabad, Parganadehat Amanat, Ward-Secraul, Tehsil & Distt-Varanasi, 221002, Uttar Pradesh, Which Is In The Name Of Smt. Saroi Kumari Bounded As Under:

East: Kachha Way 4 Feet T/A Temple Ram Janaki Shanker Ji West: House Of Rajendra Prasad North: House Of Bholanath Jaiswal, South: House Of Urmila Soni DATE :- 25-MAY-2023, PLACE :- VARANASI Authorised Officer, HDFC Bank Ltd.

Kashi artisans make model of new Parliament

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

The artisans of this holy city of Kashi prepared the wooden craft model of the new Parliament complex inaugurated in New Delhi just a couple of days ago. They also engraved the same building with zardozi work on Banarasi cloth. Both these Geographical Identification (GI) certified articles have already been sent to New Delhi, informed GI expert Padma Shri Dr Rajni

Since the local parliamentarian Narendra Modi has become the Prime Minister, he has boosted the ancient handicrafts and traditional art a lot, by giving them a marketing place in Trade Facilitation Centre (TFC) and it resulted that several products from Varanasi as well as from Purvanchal (eastern UP) have already received intellectual property right (IPR) by getting

Dr Rajni Kant said that the two items sent for New Delhi will prove to be the most wonderful momentoes in the coming times as they can be presented to various heads of states in the coming times. In most of the visits of Modi in his parliamentary constituency during the last nine years, he was presented pieces of such traditional art and handicrafts.



New Parliament House model/ picture on GI products of Kashi

Kashi got a new life as a good number of job opportunities has been created and now export orders have also started being received," he said, adding that how the GI items got a promotion since the call of local to global' given by the

"As new Parliament House complex was built in a short span of time under the leadership of the PM, so under the guidance of Kashi's wooden tov craftsman from Kashmirigani (Khojwa) and national merit awardee Rameshwar Singh and state awardee Rajkumar Singh, "Almost dying wood crafts of the artisans like Anita, Shalini,

Divya, Sanjay Prajapati, Sanjay Chaurasia, Satyam Kumar, Sanoj Kumar, Ajay Pratap Singh, Monika Devi, Meena Pal have worked tirelessly to prepare 15 pieces of new Parliament models (size 26×16×6 inches). Similarly, on Banarasi cloth, Lallapura (Sigra) resident Sadab Alam along with some women artisans made 22 x 72 inches of zardozi pieces engraving on both new and old parliament houses. The figure was engraved in the size of 10 inches, and Parliament complex is written in English and Hindi on the pieces. Dr Rajni

Kant said that like the models of Kashi Vishwanath Dham Shri Ram Mandir, Ayodhya, Mahakal Sankul Ujjain etc the same of New Parliament House will also be available here as the demand of such models has increased rapidly. "We are confident that the GI artisans will also prepare models of the new Parliament House in metal, gulabi meenakari, wall hanging, stone craft, terracotta, brocade weaving, hand-block print, etc soon and make it available as a souvenir so that they can be used for publicity in the country as well as

Ensure smooth power supply: DM

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Magistrate (DM) S Rajalingam

Alea profineers of the eeping in view the scorchdirected the engineers of the Electricity department to ensure smooth and uninterrupted power supply. He also instructed the Electricity department engineers to ensure an early repair on receiving complaints relating to power faults either through toll free number 1912 and other means. He was holding a meeting with the Electricity department officers at the District Rifle Club here on Monday.

Rajalingam also empha-

sised on ensuring adequate availability of electrical transformers and cables. The DM s informed that against the 24-hour power supply in Varanasi district, electricity is being supplied for 23 hours 46 minutes on an average. He complaints received should be asked the concerned engineers that sufficient quantity of transformers and other electrical equipment should be made available at department stores in Rajatalab area. When the DM was informed that one workshop each is functional in to stop power thefts and take Manduadih and Hydel Colony strict action against those who and 28 transformers have been are involved in the same. He replaced in April and 34 in May also directed to give power supso far, he directed that the



DM S Rajalingam holding a meeting of officers in Varanasi on Monday.

level instead of forwarding the same to the MD level.

"Quality disposal of the ensured in every case," he said, laying emphasis on stopping electricity theft at every level. He said that the officials of the Electricity department should jointly run a campaign with the help of the Police department ply connections to those found

burnt transformers should be using illegal power during the replaced immediately without campaign. He further said that delay and the complaint in view of the upcoming G-20 received on 1912 toll free number should be disposed of at JE ment should properly paint and cover the transformers installed on main roads.

Meanwhile, at the same place while presiding over the meeting of the Narcotics Committee, Rajalingam asked the concerned Narcotics and police department officers to conduct raids at the places of drug smugglers as at present the new generation is falling prey to it in large numbers. "For prevention of drug sale there is a need to spread awareness in schools and colleges by highlighting the ill-effects of drug

addiction," he said, laying emphasis on putting up awareness-related banners, posters etc and conducting street plays public places.

He directed the concerned officials to interrogate the arrested people from where they got the drugs and instructed them to conduct raids by identifying the places of supply by drug smugglers. He also laid emphasis on raiding suspected tea-paan shops. He also suggested that the rehabilitated drug addict victims should be mobilised to narrate their experiences to the people so that they can save themselves from

BJP launches drive to celebrate govt's 9-year achievements

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Launching the party's month-long campaign to celebrate the achievements of the nine years of the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the regional Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Dilip Singh Patel said that various programmes would be organised by the party from May 30 to June 30. He was addressing the concluding function of the regional working committee meeting of BJP Mahila Morcha at the party's office, Rohania here on

"Today every BJP worker is happy but we have to express this happiness through our actions. We will play an important role in Lok Sabha elections of 2024 so we will have to devote our body and mind to the party and go among the people with the aim of getting positive results," he said, adding that it is our priority to make the historical achievements of the Modi government accessi-

ble to the general public. He said that in 2024 we have to win more seats than the last election and win all the 80



Regional BJP chief DS Patel addressing party's women workers in Varanasi on Tuesday.

Pradesh and this will be possible only when the party workers move forward together towards our goal. He appealed to the women workers that the women today are making sig-nificant contributions in all areas of the country, therefore, in view of the upcoming elections, they should engage wholeheartedly and take a Lok Sabha seats in Uttar pledge to popularise the party

at every booth in the next one month. Addressing the meeting,

state general secretary of Mahila Morcha Usha Maurya presented the outline of this one-month long grand campaign and informed about the proposed programmes as per date. The meeting was presided over by regional chairperson of the wing Namrata Chaurasia while conducted by regional general secretary Aparajita Sonkar and vote of thanks was given by Niru Srivastava. Among those who were also present were Akanksha Sonkar. Kavita Yadav, Pooja Pandey Jyoti Kesarwani, Pooja Dixit Surekha Singh, Sunita Singh, Kusum Patel, Vinita Singh, Varsha Jaiswal and Anisha

Accused to be questioned again in Atiq-Ashraf murder case

The accused involved in the murder of mafia Atiq Ahmad and his brother Khalid Azim alias Ashraf will be ques-

tioned again. In case of not getting authentic and satisfactory answers to all the questions, preparations will be made to conduct narco test or lie detector test. A judicial commission might also come to interrogate

the accused. The interrogation has to be done in jail because they cannot be taken on custodial remand. The judicial custody of the accused has been extended several times by Chief Judicial Magistrate Dinesh Kumar Gautam. On the night of April 15 Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf were shot dead by the shooters in the premises of Colvin Hospital.

The police nabbed all three accused from the spot. During interrogation, it was revealed that the shooters Lavlesh Banda, Sunny Singh Hamirpur and Arun Maurya are residents of Kasganj. Turkish made Zigana, Girsan and a country made pistol were recovered

On the complaint of inspector Dhoomanganj Rajesh Maurya, a murder case was registered against all the three at Shahganj police station. The investigation of the murder case was handed over to the SIT which took the shooters on police custody remand for five days and interrogated them. It is learnt that the Gogi gang of Delhi had given Sunny Singh a foreign pistol.

But after killing Gogi, he ran away to his house with the pistol. After this, to earn name

Atiq and Ashraf were killed. However, some new information has been received from the statement of the eyewitness, regarding which the shooters are to be questioned.

APPLAUDED: Mahant of Baghambari Gaddi Math Balbir Giri while talking to mediaperosns said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP government should be applauded for giving the nation new Parliament House. In the history of India and following the Sanatan culture, a new identity of the country has been presented in front of the world with the construction of the new Parliament building by the present government. It is a matter of pride for all of us, said

He also appreciated the way prayers were offered from the new Parliament building on behalf of all religions and said the positive energy will give a new direction to India.

"The younger generation needs to learn from the ideals of the PM and this is a day of pride for all countrymen," Giri, who is also mahant of Bade Hanuman temple of Sangam city said. He also offered special prayers at the Bade Hanuman temple. Giri said the entire nation thanks the PM for the new building of the Parliament as it has been constructed under his direction and shows the seriousness of

his leadership.
"By installing the Sengol besides the Speaker's chair, the PM has not only followed the culture and traditions of the country, but also given it a new dimension," he said. He added the new Parliament House was inaugurated on the Ashtami date of Shukla Paksha of

42-yr-old man killed

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

n a sensational incident, Santosh Kumar Mishra (42) was killed by some unidentified assailants with a sharp-edged weapon in a garden of Singramau village of Tharavai on Monday night. His body was found in a pool of blood on the cot in the garden on Tuesday morning. The Tharwai police reached the spot and started the investigation. DCP Ganganagar Abhishek Bharti also reached the spot and talked to the family about the incident. Evidence was collected by calling the

forensic team on the spot. During interrogation it came to know that Santosh used to work in Mumbai along with his brothers. He returned to the village and started doing farming and other work. He was married 15 years ago but after some time his wife left him. The police received information that he had a fight with a youth of the village over some issue. The police is searching for that young man. Police said that the links of the murder are related to a family of the village itself. The accused will be arrested soon, he added.

Meanwhile a 22-year-old youth was tied to a tree and thrashed on the suspicion of theft in Atsaray village under the Saini police station of Kaushambi, the police said.
The video of the incident

has also gone viral on social media. on being alerted, a team of Saini police rushed to the spot and rescued the youth, Naseem of Fatehpur. They said Naseem was caught red-handed while trying to escape after stealing cash and other valuables worth over Rs 20,000 from a house at Atsaray village.

family members of the house, who returned from a wedding party, found the house hold items scattered and cash and valuables missing. As they raised an alarm, they spotted the youth attempting to escape. He was caught by the other family members and villagers. They tied him to a tree and thrashed in full public view.

Some villagers informed the police which rescued the youth and brought him to police station for quizzing.

Additional SP (Kaushambi) Samar Bahadur said: "Police have been probing the incident thoroughly and action will be initiated accordingly."

Jeshtha month which is very pious. Regarding placing the Sengol, he said: Mahabharata's Shanti Parva, when Yudhishthira asked Bhishma about the origin of the sceptre, Bhishma had told how Maĥadev himself appeared in the form of a sceptre on the

the Sengol or sceptre represents dharma and Lord Shiva himself and always reminds the kings that he is the bearer of Dharma on behalf of Mahadev. It is a pride for Indian culture to instal this Sengol in the Parliament."

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(₹ in millions, except per							
			e Months En		Year Ended		
SI.	Particulars	31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2023		
No.			(Unaudited)				
1	Income Revenue from	23,775.31	22,648.34	601.86	48,953.20	3,489.43	
	operations						
2 3 4	Loss before tax	(130.80)					
3	Net loss for the period/year	(130.80)	(178.20)	(192.26)	(532.94)	(292.74	
4	Total other comprehensive						
	income (net of tax)	(5.63)	0.03	1.71	(4.40)	1.7	
5	Total comprehensive income						
	for the period/year	(5.63)	0.03	1.71	(4.40)	1.7	
6	Paid-up equity share capital						
	(face value of ₹ 10 each)	53.38	53.38	37.47	53.38	37.47	
7	Reserve (excluding						
	Revaluation Reserve)	(3,874.05)				(3,336.72	
8 9	Security Premium Account	5,314.59					
9	Net worth	2,759.63	2,896.06	1,247.93	2,759.63	1,247.93	
10	Paid-up Debt capital/						
	Outstanding Debt	7,987.77	8,020.90	386.63	7,987.77	386.63	
11	Outstanding Redeemable						
	Preference Shares	-	-	-			
12	Debt Equity Ratio	2.89	2.77	0.31	2.89	0.3	
13	Earnings per share						
1	(face value of ₹ 10 each)						
	(not annualized)						
	(i) Basic	(13.61)	(19.63)				
L.	(ii) Diluted	(13.61)	(19.63)	(37.47)	(73.25)	(51.93	
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	_		
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	1.00		10.05		(0.50	
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.02					
17	Interset Service Coverage Ratio	0.20	0.40	(21.48)	(0.01)	(9.27	

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited financial results for quarter and year ended 31 March 23 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on stock exchange website www.bseindia.com and website of the company website

The impact on net profit/ loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financia items(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote. items(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.

(3a) During the current quarter, the Company conducted an operational efficiency review for the return of bottles which has resulted in change in the estimated useful life and classification of the returnable bottles. Basis the industry practice and assessement made by the management regarding the return trend of bottles, the estimation of useful life estimated to be 3 years. The Company has estimated that the future economic benefits from bottles will flow to the entity over the period of 3 years and the cost of the item can also be measured reliably. This change has resulted into change in the classification of the bottles from the 'inventories' to 'Property, plant and equipment'. These changes have been considered as change in the estimate as per Ind AS 8 (Accounting policies, Change in Accounting Estimates and Errors) and have been accounted for prospectively from 1st January 2023. The impact of above change for the year ended 31st March 2023 is as follows:

ended 31* March 2023 is as follows:	
Particulars	For the year ended 31.03.2023
	31.03.2023
Impact on Financial statements - Statement of Profit and Loss	
Increase in the depreciation expense	62.98
Increase in the operating expenses	21.70
Decrease in the cost of material consumed	(85.09)
Impact on Financial statements - Balance Sheet	` '
Increase in property, plant and equipment-net	88.12
Decrease in the inventory	(87.71)
It is impracticable for the Company to estimate the impact of the above of	change in estimate for the

It is impractication to the Company to estimate the impact of the source change in estimate to the future periods, therefore the same has not been disclosed.

(3b) On 30 September 2022, the Company acquired the business undertaking comprising 32 brands and franchise of 11 other brands from United Spirits Limited (USL) for a total consideration of ¹ 10613.59 million which includes deferred consideration of ₹ 2383.59 million recognised at fair value as per the terms and conditions of the Slump Sale Agreement. The Company had acquired these aforesaid 11 other brands with an option to the Company, subject to certain conditions, (a) to convert fixed term franchise arrangement with perpetual rights to use and / or (b) to acquire such brands. The above acquisition of the business undertaking is being accounted for as a business combination using acquisition method of accounting as per Ind AS 103 "Business Combinations". Further pending accounting of such business combination transaction, as at 30 September 2022, the Company had accounted for such assets and liabilities on a provisional basis, pending completion of the purchase price allocation within the measurement period of one year as allowed under paragraph 45 of Ind AS 103. The management has completed the Purchase Price Allocation (PPA) in the current quarter ended 31 March 2023 and consequently, the financial results for the comparative period i.e., for the quarter ended 31 December 22 have been restated in accordance with Ind AS 103, the impact of which is presented below. Also, the excess of purchase consideration over the fair value of identified assets and liabilities including intangible assets acquired is recognized as goodwill. The restatement of provisional amounts of assets and liabilities as at the date of acquisition:

Particulars

Final fair value as Provisional Fair value as at 30.09.2022

Particulars	at 30.09.2022 (₹ in millions)	as at 30.09.2022 (₹ in millions)
Purchase Consideration*	10,613.59	10,563.86
Less: assets acquired:		
Property plant and equipment's	1,133.90	596.55
Intangible Assets (Brands, distributor	,	
network, licensing agreements,		
franchisee relationships and		
franchisee rights)	5,408.70	13.14
Net working capital	4,002.59	4,033.61
Goodwill	68.40	5,920.56
* The purchase consideration has changed of terms of slump sale agreement.	lue to working capital tru	e up adjustment as per the
Poststament in the Unsudited Statement of f	inancial recults profit and	I loca for the quarter anded

	Quarter Ended 31.12.2022 (₹ in millions)		(₹ in millions)			
Depreciation and					***	
amortisation expense	226.23		132.99			
Loss before tax		(178.20) (132		99)	(45.21)	
Restatement in the earnings per share :						
Particulars		Quar	ed for the ter Ended 1.12.2022	F	Reported for the Quarter Ended 31.12.2022	
Loss per share (face value Rs. 10 each) (not annualised))					
(i) Basic			(19.63)		(2.35)	
(i) Basic (ii) Diluted			(19.63)		(2.35)	
Data - 20 05 2022						

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ANNEXURE I

(Regulation 52(8), read with Regulation 52(4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 Statement of Audited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2023

(All amounts in INR lakhs, unless otherwise stated)

S.			Quarter ended			Year ended	
No	Particulars	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	31.12.2022 Unaudited	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	31.03.2023 Audited	31.03.2022 Audited	
1	Total Income from Operations	2,647.32	2,444.67	1,990.92	10,417.47	7,402.77	
2	Profit / (Loss) before tax, exceptional items	(2,978.24)	(3,486.13)	(3,845.86)	(13,883.90)	(18,581.99)	
3	Profit / (Loss) before tax & after exceptional items	(2,978.24)	(3,486.13)	(3,845.86)	(13,883.90)	(18,581.99)	
4	Profit / (Loss) after tax, exceptional items	(2,219.47)	(1,847.71)	(1,605.19)	(10,446.85)	(14,046.22)	
5	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year (net of tax)	(2,222.34)	(1,846.49)	(1,601.65)	(10,446.07)	(14,041.36)	
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75	
7	Reserves (excluding Revalution Reserve)	6,074.67	8,297.00	16,520.73	6,074.67	16,520.73	
8	Net Worth	8,129.42	10,351.75	18,575.48	8,129.42	18,575.48	
9	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	117,720.00	117,960.00	120,000.00	117,720.00	120,000.00	
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares		-	120	_	12	
11	Debt Equity Ratio	14.48	11.40	6.46	14.48	6.46	
12	Earnings per equity share						
	(i) Basic (in INR)	(10.80)	(8.99)	(7.81)	(50.84)	(68.36)	
	(ii) Diluted (in INR)	(10.80)	(8.99)	(7.81)	(50.84)	(68.36)	
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	14	-	+	-	:=	
14	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-		
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.21	0.18	(0.01)	0.21	(0.01)	
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.32	0.23	0.18	0.23	(0.01)	

Notes: a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of annual financial results filed with the Stock exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the annual financial results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and the listed entity (www.logixgroup.in).

For the items referred in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015,the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock exchange (BSE India) and can be accessed on the URL (www.bseindia.com) and website (www.logixgroup.in)

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Confident Congress

The party hopes to reconcile the differences between Gehlot and Pilot

lictory, John F Kennedy said, has a thousand fathers. All of them nourish it further, making it grow strong, resilient and confident. The landslide mandate that the Congress received in the recently-concluded Assembly election in Karnataka seems to have galvanised the grand old party in more than one way. It has certainly broken the toxic mix of sloth and inertia on fratricide in Rajasthan. On Monday, the high command summoned Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his political rival and former deputy Sachin Pilot to Delhi. The duo had four-hour-long discussions with Rahul Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge. "Both leaders have unanimously decided to work together and left the decision on the high command," senior party leader KC Venugopal reportedly said after the meeting without divulging any details. On the face of it, this was an anodyne statement, but GOP leaders must have heaved a sigh of relief that the two desert warriors sat together after a long time. This is important



as the Assembly election in Rajasthan is due later this year, especially as the State is known for changing government every five years. As it is, the no-holdsbarred fight between Gehlot and Pilot has hurt the party's image in the State. Some time ago, the party may have feared a repeat of Rajasthan in Karnataka. Now, having reconciled the differences between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and State party chief DK Shivakumar, the GOP would like to do a Karnataka in Rajasthan.

It may not be easy, though, for the Congress. The fight between Gehlot and Pilot was quite intense in which many red lines were crossed. Gehlot had made several uncharitable remarks about Pilot, Pilot, on his

part, had been denouncing the Gehlot Government over inaction on alleged corruption during the previous BJP government under Vasundhara Raje. The big question is: would Gehlot and Pilot be willing to bury the hatchet? It is not just the GOP leadership but the entire Opposition would like them to, for if that happens, not only the Congress would be in a stronger position to take on the Bharatiya Janata Party in the forthcoming State polls but also in the 2024 general election. Further, as an upshot, the entire Opposition would gain strength. Many Opposition leaders are trying to forge an alliance against the Bharatiya Janata Party. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will be holding a meeting in Patna in a few days; Nationalist Congress Party leader Sharad Pawar is working towards that end. All these attempts, along with the Congress' newfound confidence, can make arithmetic favourable for the Opposition, but that may not be enough. As we mentioned earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not the BJP's solitary trump card; the saffron party has also been able to entrench its narrative in political debate—the narrative of muscular nationalism, Hindutva, and unprecedented infrastructure development. The Opposition doesn't have a viable alternative to that.



Devotees take a holy dip in the Ganga to mark Ganga Dussehra at Har Ki Pauri, in Haridwar

Indo-Nepal ties will flourish on trust



Political engagement between the countries is missing for some time now. The historicity of bilateral relations will depend on Prachanda's longevity as PM

M Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda will finally arrive today on a four days visit. Prachanda's first visit was a state visit when he came after the 10 April 2008 Constituent Assembly elections to 575 elected seats (out of 601) after the monarchy was dismantled and Nepal declared a federal democratic, secular republic. Prachanda who won peace after ten years of civil war, became Nepal's charismatic leader and beloved hero, his party winning 227 seats more than Nepali Congress (110)and CPN UML (103) combined.

It was a rude shock for India which had put its money on Vepali Congress. Still, it tried to adjust to Maoist ways to give Prachanda a grand welcome with the expectation that he would be sensitive to India's concerns and national interests. That hope was belied as Prachanda had ideas of a People's Republic chasing which he was forced to resign. The rest is a legend. In the second CA elections in November 2013, Maoists won 81 seats. Prachanda's second visit was in 2016-17 when he switched to NC from UML for power-sharing with NC PM Sher Bahadur Deuba. After the 2017 elections, Maoists won 53 seats and were forced to join the Left alliance which won a nearly twothirds majority but Prachanda's hopes of becoming Prime Minister in a power-sharing deal with PM KP Oli never materialised.

In November 2022 elections his party slumped to 32 seats but all through the electoral cycles, CPN (Maoist Centre) even with declining numbers, remained the number 3 party – the kingmakers – with NC and UML alternating as the single largest party. Prachanda's reduced strength and power had not dimmed his ambition to be the prime minister. He demonstrated political dexterity in switching coalitions earlier this year to remain PM. Nepal's mixed electoral system makes a single-party majority unlikely.

frustrated with the non-performance of older parties, voted TV anchor, Rabi Lamichhane, as leader of the fourth largest Rashtriya Swatantra Party (22

seats) and the rapper Balen Shah, Mayor of Kathmandu humbling NC, UML and

The three by-polls held in April in which RSP won two seats with overwhelming numbers including one from an NC stronghold have rung alarm bells for all political parties. Prachanda wants to revive the fortune of Maoists with India's help. That is why Prachanda wants to make his present visit historic and a game changer in India-Nepal relations for which he has to win back India's trust and most of all, the trust of the people of Nepal. He is now part of the eight-party coalition led by NC, along with CPN (Unified Socialist), Janata Samajwadi Party, Loktantrik Samajwadi Party, Janmat Party, Nagarik Unmukti Party and Rashtriya Jan Morcha. İt is a different Prachanda who as Prime Minister leads the coalition and his party. He has to undo the pro-China image that he shed long ago that went unnoticed by New Delhi's political elite. This will not be easy in a Left-Right coalition.

Prachanda has to remould his party with a makeover of leadership. India should be impressed that Prachanda unlike in 2008 when he went to China first, has this time declined Beijing's invitation for the Boao Forum in March and declared his intention to

visit India first despite the scheduling and cabinet formation difficulties. New Delhi has not sent the right signals by failing to give an earlier date for his visit. It would have added to the credibility and stability of the coalition government. During the last Prime Ministerial visit of Mr Deuba last year, no major agreements were signed. Wait, watch and act after the November 2022 elections were India's policy. Mr Dahal has proved his nimbleness by securing three votes of confidence, signing two Common Minimum

Programmes and getting the budget passed last Monday. He is also seen to be acting against corruption. One of the key expectations of Nepal is a more fair and liberal power trade agreement. At a power summit held in Kathmandu in April,

Nepalese power traders complained that India had not provided full access to power markets as per the MoU of 2014. New Delhi has so far permitted the sale of 452.6 wants to sell 1000MW of interdependent. power. There are other restrictions to the sale of power especially from projects with any connection with Chinese companies or Chinese contractors. Besides trade with India, it

wants to diversify - sell to

Bangladesh also. Connectivity

is the other big expectation. The DPR of the 136 km Raxaul-Kathmandu railway project spurred by an earlier Chinese proposal of a Railway from Kirung to Kathmandu has to be progressed It is estimated to cost USD 2.5bn for which Nepal wants a grant. Nepal is also interested in India setting up a fertilizer plant and\ or a pipeline similar to the petroleum pipeline from Birgunj to Amlekhgunj. The Pokhara international airport built by the Chinese with a China Eximbank loan remains confined to domestic use because of Indian reservations. Another issue that may come up is Agniveer due to which Gorkha's recruitment from Nepal is in suspended animation. Overall 12 MOUs are to be signed which is his-

Political engagement between leaders missing for some time now requires restoration. The historicity of bilateral relations will depend on the stability of the coalition and Prachanda's longevity as MW whereas Kathmandu PM. In some ways they are

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff. The views expressed are personal)



AT A POWER SUMMIT HELD IN KATHMANDU IN APRIL, NEPALESE **POWER TRADERS** COMPLAINED THAT INDIA HAD NOT PROVIDED **FULL ACCESS TO POWER MARKETS** AS PER THE MoU OF 2014

LETTERS TO THE EDITO

Innovative ways to beat the smoking urge -



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onsumption of tobacco is injurious to ∕health. Everyone around is aware of this fact, however, for the majority of tobacco users, the allure of tobacco and the cravings it evokes can be overpowering. Owing to the increasing

consumption of tobacco among individuals world-wide, WHO dedicated 31st May to commemorate World No-Tobacco Day every year since 1987. However, the urge to indulge in smoking is mostly irresistible to tobacco users and thereby to battle those urges, it is crucial to bear in mind that it will typically subside within 10 minutes, regardless of whether or not you succumb to the temptation. Let us explore some innovative and effective methods that can aid you in fending off the urge to smoke or utilize tobacco when cravings strike.

Nicotine Embrace Replacement Therapy: This therapeutic approach encompasses various options, such as prescription of nicotine administered via nasal spray or inhaler, Over-the-counter nicotine patches, gum,

and lozenges, or prescription of non-nicotine cessation medications like bupropion (Wellbutrin SR, Wellbutrin XL, etc) and varenicline. These swiftacting treatments are generally safe to use alongside long-acting nicotine patches or non-nicotine cessation medications.

Steer Clear of Triggers -One must be aware of the triggers that prompt one to smoke. It is most likely that the potency of tobacco urges gets most pronounced in settings where one habitually smokes or chews tobacco. For instance, parties, bars, moments of stress, or while savouring a cup of coffee are likely scenarios. Identify your triggers and devise a plan to

avoid them. Social networking: The formation of social networks by persons who

have successfully quit smoking, and their motivation for persons in the process of quitting may help psychologically.

Employ the Power of

Delay- When struck by tobacco craving, challenge yourself to postpone its enchantment by an additional 10 minutes. During this time, engage in activities that successfully divert your attention. Consider venturing into a smoke-free zone within your vicinity. Employing these simple but effective tactics might be sufficient

to surmount the craving. Channel Your Chewing Impulses- Offer your mouth an alternative activity to ward off tobacco cravings. Chew on sugarless gum or relish a piece of hard candy or else savour the crunch of raw carrots, nuts, or sunflower seeds for distraction.

Beware of the Illusion of "**Just One**"- The allure of succumbing to the illusion of satisfying a smoking craving with a single cigarette is compelling. However, do not deceive yourself into believing that

stopping at one will suffice. More often than not, indulging in a solitary cigarette will lead to another.

Harness the Power of Physical Activity-Physical exertion possesses the capacity to divert your attention away from tobacco or smoking cravings. Even brief bursts of activity, such as ascending and descending stairs several times, can successfully reduce the craving, or a brisk walk or jog.

Quitting smoking is one of the best things you can do for your health with these innovative ways depending on the individual's preferences. Some people find success with nicotine replacement therapy, while others prefer to quit cold turkey. Several support groups can aid avid smokers in quitting. No matter which method you choose, it is important to be patient and persistent because quitting smoking is not easy, however, it is certainly worth it. for your health.

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ELECTIONS IN J&K

Sir — A couple of days back, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar dropped hints for the Jammu & Kashmir going to polls in the not-too-distant future even as Democratic Progressive Azad Party president Ghulam Nabi Azad, at a Party function in Akhnoor Sector on Sunday said that if his DPAP comes to power, he will see to it that no elements disturbing the brotherhood and communal harmony in the Valley rears head. Simultaneously, Mr Azad also emphasized that people should rise above personal aggrandisement and also promised to fight for the restoration of Kashmir's Statehood and the rights of the land and jobs for Kashmiri

Notably, former Congress stalwart Mr Azad parted ways with his former party following his differences with the leadership getting deepened following the latter's indifference towards the former even forcing him to float his outfit DPAP. Interestingly, an AAP state leader Ratan Lal along with his supporters joined the DPAP welcoming whom Mr Nabi said that there is no room for those who are against the communal harmony and brotherhood in J&K, in his party.

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

JAGAN'S FOUR YEARS AT THE HELM Sir — The YSRCP-led Government, with Jagan Mohan Reddy at the helm in AP, has completed four years of rule this day. The tenure has affected greater strides in the welfare sector even in the trying times of corona. The focus on education and public health sectors has remained its key characteristic. The creation of new districts, Village level secretariat system, and the employment of volunteers to help the beneficiaries to get the benefits at their doorsteps in every village are some innovative steps in its endeavour to bring the rule to the instead of getting educated in schools; masses. That ninety-eight per cent of then there lies no doubt to the fact that promises in the party's manifesto got the New Parliament building that was

Humiliating wrestlers is shameful as anti-national activities is wrong the brutality done

ne of the most enduring images was not the temple of democracy being inaugurated by our PM but that of the wrestlers being pinned down by the group of Delhi police. When the PM was inaugurating the New Parliament building and giving a discourse on democracy the daughters who brought laurels to the country by winning medals were dragged by police to the ground. While PM carried the Sengol in one hand and worked the impression that the Sengol would now guide Government with morality and judiciary and on the other side our National flag was crushed to the ground. The most distressing matter is the wrestlers were carrying the tricolour in their hands, while police dragged them on the road and the tricolour was fallen on the ground- the same tricolour flag had been hoisted on the foreign soil by these wrestlers when they brought home their laurels. The ill-treatment met to the daughters of this country is a sad development and police calling the plays

STATISTICAL JUGGLERY

Sir — If the attainment of the statisti-

cal jugglery of "Century of Centuries"

by a certain "God" had at last allowed

every Indian to afford "peaceful sleep"

at night (as learned from the tweet of a

Bollywood star) despite billions of

them cruelly banished from minimum

basic amenities of food attire shelter

medicine and livelihood with little

children languishing in labour market

to our players proves that democracy is in peril. The arrogance of the BJP Government by mercilessly trampling the voices of our women players under its boot is grossly wrong and condemnable. By opening the new Parliament build-

ing PM says Naya Josh, Nayi Umang, Naya Safar, Naya Soch, Nayi Disha, Nayi Drishti and Naya Sankalp but another side he is maintaining stoic silence when there are tears in his eye sportspersons who won laurels for this country.

The police are protecting the oppressors and harassing the daughters of the country. The champion wrestlers are agitating for one month against the Bahubali of BJP Party Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, demanding his arrest for the alleged sexual harassment of several women grapplers, including a minor and it is a matter of great shame that the Government is safeguarding him. The accused is openly roaming around and is seen in the New Parliament building. What a pity that a rapist is invited to the opening of a new Parliament building and the head of the Constitution the President of this country is not invited?

The sports persons have made our country proud on several occasions and now they don't deserve this treatment

Zakir Hussain I Kazipet

realised in four years of rule is no small recently inaugurated in New Delhi will

fete and is commendable. also make every Indian "proud"! DVG Sankararao | Vizianagaram

Also, it is very easy to dedicate this extravaganza of several thousands of crore to the poor, but it is a wonder how can such a "dedication" arrive as a "messiah" of the billions of the downtrodden and eradicate their woes and unfathomable burning problems plaguing them day in and day out! However, if you are not "anti-national"; then such assertions should be necessarily treated as "true" as it is being repeated long, loud and convincingly enough!

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BE MINDFUL OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

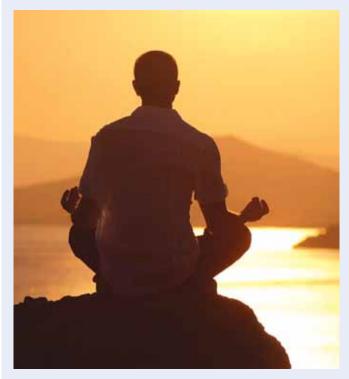
Mindfulness can be practised by anyone irrespective of any faith or religion



beautiful life is not stumbled upon rather it is built. It not only allows many alternative views to how one looks at an experience but also allows the individual to go beyond the capabilities of someone who is mindless. Mindfulness is the key to having an adventurous and exciting life. Mindfulness in its simplest form means being able to pay attention to the present moment, without judgment and criticism. Life without mindfulness is no life at all.

The origin of mindfulness is rooted in Buddhist philosophy and practice tradition which is more than two and a half thousand years old. However, this does not mean it is only for monks or priests rather it is a way of connecting with the natural quality of awareness and presence which all human beings have. Mindfulness can be practiced by anyone irrespective of any faith or religion and involves training the mind and doesn't enforce any religious belief system. When an individual gets blinded by their success it begins to change their perspective on their relationships with their peers, friends and families. The individual develops a false impression that their circle needs them more than they do.

Mindfulness means non-judgemental awareness i.e., knowledge of what is going on inside and outside ourselves, moment by moment. Various research has shown that meditation is a type that encourages mindfulness and can improve many aspects of individuals' lives. Some people just live on autopilot when in reality there are so many amazing things in our daily surroundings that are meant



to be noticed. Being mindful and becoming more aware of the present moment means noticing the sights, smells, sounds and tastes that one experiences as well as the thoughts, feelings and sensations that occur from one moment to the next. A strong impact is made on health and overall well-being by what and how an individual thinks and feels, how they talk to themselves and what views they take about what's happening in and around them.

Mindfulness is the practice of purposely focusing an individual's attention on the present moment and accepting it without judgment. It is today, one of the most talked about developments in human psychology and innumerable researches are being undertaken across the globe to understand its positive effects and impli-

What mindfulness does is that it allows an individual to reduce their stress and anxiety related to issues in the past or anticipated issues in future? It helps to recognize that it is the present -'the now' that is more important than any other moment. Remember, a person becomes what he surrounds himself with. Energies are contagious. So, one should choose carefully as it's the individual's chosen environment that makes or destroys them. (The writer is an educator)

Modi and his 'India First' governance



TARUN CHUGH

The 'India First' policy has also been guiding the nation on the path of expansion of economy. PM Modi has given special focus to infrastructure



rime Minister Narendra Modi has given India First governance in the last nine years. In each area of governance, India First has been the guiding principle. India's national interests guide the governance. In the last nine years, PM Modi has shown a 'Yes, we can do it' approach. This has worked wonders.

India is now the fifth-largest econny. The developed world wants India on its side. Developing countries want India to be their voice. The poor nations look at India with hope. The small island nations in the Pacific, Indian Ocean, Caribbean, and elsewhere have seen India as their saviour. African and Latin American nations have seen Indian healing touch when the Covid-19 pandemic wreaked havoc with death tolls.

It was PM Modi who went to Australia in 2014, after a gap of 28 years, to deepen the bond between the two nations. Now, India and Australia are strategic partners. There are several countries, including Papua New Guinea, where PM Modi's visits were the first in several years. This approach with 360degree foreign policy has helped India in gaining several friends and well-wishers all across the globe. Now, Indians in any part of the world are warmly received. The Indian passport has weight at the immigration offices. Indian tricolour is well recognized. This was made possible by PM Modi's India First policy and also by putting into practice the ancient philosophy of 'Vasudhev



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PM Modi has also freed the entrepreneurial power of the youth of the country. This he did by pushing the India First policy in the sphere of the economy. The GEM (Government e-

Marketplace) portal has eliminated the scope for middlemen. This has helped the businessmen withfor the procurements by the government departments. İt brought much-needed confidence among the businessmen that they can take part in economic activities without paying bribes.

The spread of confidence touched the youngsters. Over one lakh startups were founded in recent years. More than 100 are now unicorns, gaining a valuation exceeding \$1 billion. One such startup from Hyderabad even launched a small satellite. PM Modi's India First policy saw the government opening the space sector to private companies. Now, hundreds of startups are working in the space sector by taking advantage of the opening up of the sector.

The India First mantra brought the 'Panch Pran of Amrit Kaal' - The goal of developed India; to remove any trace of colonial mindset; take pride in our roots; unity among all Indians; and a sense of duty among citizens.

The five guiding principles launched the Atmanirbha camwere backed by actions, and they paign for the defence sector. are showing results. India improved its ranking in the ease of doing business, by moving from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2019, which now has moved to 43. Several offences in the businessmen

The India First policy has seen unemployment declining to 6.5 per cent in January 2023 from 7.2 per cent in January 2020. The skilling of the youth has gained pace. Bilateral agreements with a few developed countries for skilling the youth to their requirement has added more momentum. The state governments have also now realized that they must dedicate their resources to the skilling of the youth.

This again is the result of the India First policy of PM Modi India has emerged as the second largest manufacturer of mobile phones. India has also taken a huge stride in the automobile sector. India's First policy guided in policy thrust to gain elf-reliance in the manufacturing of chips. Two big-ticket FDIs have come to Gujarat and Karnataka to help India achieve self-reliance in the manufacturing of chips.

India's First policy again was are now giving in action when PM Modi to the economy.

paign for the defence sector. Several of the weapons, ammunition, equipment and others which were imported in the past have to be compulsorily manufactured within India. This shift has created a vibrant private sector work-Companies Act were decriminaling in the defence area. Also, a out any bias and hindrance to bid ized to instil confidence among number of startups have joined the Atmanirbhar campaign. The linkages with the research and development agencies of the government with the private sector as part of the hand-holding exercise have helped in creating competitive firms, that are competing with the best in the world.

The India First policy has also been guiding India on the path of expansion of the economy. PM Modi has given a special focus on infrastructure. PM Gati Shakti Scheme has become a key intervention.

India is also looking to become a top global destination for tourists. With the G20 presidency, PM Modi has brought the positive image of India to several countries. Now, the people in several countries are curious about India. It is to the credit of the India First policy of PM Modi that the policy attention has been given to sectors that were never paid attention to and they are now giving new dimensions

Children with disabilities need robust policies for support

The National Family Health Survey must include specific questions about disabilities to help formulate appropriate policy

ndia has 2.68 crore persons with a disability, according to the 2011 Census. However, with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, of 2016, now recognizing 21 types of disabilities, this number is expected to increase manifold. A robust policy is critical to encompass their aspirations and ensure all persons with disability achieve their full potential and play an

active part in nation-building. This is why the recent decision to drop questions related to disability from the sixth National Family Health Survey (NFHS), scheduled to begin on July 1, 2023, is inexplicable. The NFHS, conducted every three years, collects data on a gamut of development indices vital to inform policy and programmes.



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This survey, which covers approximately seven lakh households across the country, is an important tool to gather data on whether people with disabilities have access to basic amenities and other government programmes.

However, at a time when the need to ensure no one gets left behind is doubly important considering the ravages caused by Covid, the exclusion of questions on disability is an opportunity lost to gather disaggregated disability data.

An Opportunity Lost

According to the Disability Rights India Foundation (DRIF), a non-profit working for disability rights, disability disaggregated data is the cornerstone for disability-relevant services. Instead of sharp-

ening its questionnaire related to disability, NFHS has reversed the process by removing disability-related questions altogether.

Considering that India is a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this regressive move contradicts its principle of "leaving no one behind" under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. In India, PwDs experience an average loss of 10-17 years in life expectancy. Creating pathways to change this and make health services disability inclusive requires access to comprehensive health data which NFHS could have provided.

Children with disabilities are disadvantaged on most

measures of child well-being. In comparison to children without disabilities, children with disabilities are 24% less likely to receive early stimulation and responsive care; 42% less likely to have foundational reading and numeracy skills; 25% more likely to be wasted and 34% more likely to be stunted; 53% more likely to have symptoms of acute respiratory infection; 49% more likely to have never attended school; 32% more likely to face corporal punishment; 47% more likely to be out of primary school, 33% more likely to be out of lower secondary school and 27% more likely to be out of upper secondary school; 51% more likely to feel unhappy and 41% likely to feel more discriminated against.

Swabhiman, a community-Now consider the fact that

one-third of disabilities in children are preventable if detected early and empowered with timely interventions. A roadmap based on accurate data to reach about 20.42 lakh children in the 0-9 age group with some form of disabilities, either congenital or acquired, could be life-changing.

It is no secret that existing disparities were exacerbated by Covid. In the context of education, data shows that before the pandemic, more than 4.1 million girls were not going to school across India. The closure of 1.5 million schools during the pandemic impacted over 247 million children enrolled in elementary and secondary schools, including 37 million with disabilities.

A 2020 survey by

based organization working for the rights of persons with disability, in Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Chennai, Sikkim, Nagaland, Haryana and J&K found about 43% of children with disabilities planned to drop out due to hardships in online education.

It is not just the lack of access to educational aids that impedes the well-being of a PwD. They have little or no access to health services as information about disease symptoms and prevention, is not provided in accessible formats such as print materials in Braille, sign language interpretation, captions, audio provisions and graphics.

Women with disabilities are doubly marginalised on account of their disability and

their gender and face greater social barriers, discrimination and isolation. Moreover, women and girls with disabilities are three times more likely to experience gender-based violence compared to non-disabled women.

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, emphasises prevention of disability through appropriate awareness measures, investigation, and research. Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities mandates collection of appropriate information on PwDs to enable the formulation and implementation of policies. Can there be a better mechanism than the NFHS to gather data to understand the prevalence and pattern of disabilities?

(The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed are personal)

Will keep working harder, says Modi

Every decision was guided by desire to improve people's lives: PM on Govt's 9 yrs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said his every decision was guided by the desire to improve the lives of people, as his gov-ernment completed nine years

'Today, as we complete 9 years in service to the nation, I am filled with humility and gratitude. Every decision made, every action taken, has been guided by the desire to improve the lives of people. We will keep working even harder to build a developed India," he tweeted.

Party (BJP) has planned a month-long campaign from Tuesday to celebrate the ninth anniversary with various mass



connect programmes, with Modi himself scheduled to address a rally in Ajmer in Rajasthan on Wednesday.

Senior BJP leaders, including Union ministers The Bharatiya Janata and chief ministers, had on Monday highlighted the government's achievements in a nationwide outreach.

From India's "rising"

national security, welfare measures like housing and toilets for the poor, boost to piped water supply, infrastructure growth and efforts to ramp up the manufacturing sector, were among the initiatives cited at the press conferences they held in every state of the country.

'US accorded depth of friendship, strategic partnership to India'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{ ext{he US has accorded a}}$ depth" of friendship and strategic partnership to India that is unmatched in the world and it is set to expand further during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington next month, US Ambassador Eric Garcetti said on Tuesday.

In an interview to PTI, Garcetti suggested that the two countries are working on certain agreements to bolster defence cooperation and they are likely to be firmed up when Modi visits the US or President Joe Biden comes to India in September for the G20 summit.

On challenges being faced by India from China along its land border as well as in the maritime domain, he said New Delhi can depend on Washington as it stands for respecting borders, sovereignty and the rule of law.

"We will protect and



defend these principles. If one country thinks that it can unilaterally change the status quo, that is unacceptable to all of us. We also want to deter action. We would like to see a more peaceful relationship with China for both India and the United States," he said. At the same time, Garcetti

asserted that "bullying" by anybody would not be acceptable.

He said India-US partnership has assumed greater significance for the world in the context of the current geopolitical situation, asserting that the partnership is not only beneficial for the two countries but also for the globe.

India, Cambodia discuss capacity building, defence

Tndia and Cambodia on **▲**Tuesday reviewed the entire spectrum of their ties during talks here between Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni. They also held discussions on key also held discussions on key areas like capacity building, defence and parliamentary cooperation here, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. Earlier in the day, King Sihamoni was accorded a cer-

emonial welcome by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also present to greet the King at the forecourts of Rashtrapati

Modi later tweeted, saying, Delighted to welcome King HM Norodom Sihamoni of Cambodia. Our nations share deep historical and cultural ties, and we look forward to strengthening our friendship and cooperation even further. May his visit mark a new chap-



President Droupadi Murmu with Prime Minister Narendra Modi attends the ceremonial reception of the Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

ter in India-Cambodia relations.

In a tweet, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said he was honoured to call on King Sihamoni. "His visit, as our two countries celebrate 70th anniversary of our diplomatic relations, reaffirms the strong civilisational bond between us. Today that is expressed in cooperation in heritage conservation, demining, water conservation and socio-economic projects."

Discussions between Dhankhar and the Cambodian King "covered multiple areas of bilateral relations, including tion of architectural monuments, defence cooperation, including de-mining, parlia-mentary cooperation," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said. In a separate tweet, the Vice President Secretariat said Dhankhar recalled the warm welcome and good discussions during his visit to Cambodia for India-ASEAN and East Asia Summits in 2022.

"They had wide-ranging discussions on bilateral relations and other issues of mutual interest," it said.

The visiting dignitary on Tuesday morning paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat. The Cambodian King arrived here on Monday on a maiden state visit. He is accompanied by a 27-member highlevel delegation, including the minister of the royal palace, minister of foreign affairs and other senior officials.

The state visit marks the culmination of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Cambodia.

India to host SCO annual meet virtually

PNS NEW DELHI

India will host the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the virtual format on July 4. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced this on Tuesday but it did not cite reasons for holding the summit in virtual mode.

Last year, the in-person SCO summit took place in the Uzbek city of Samarkand that was attended by all top leaders of the grouping including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Chinese counterpart Xi Xinping.
India assumed the rotating

chairmanship of the SCO at the Samarkand Summit on September 16 last year.

"Under India's first-ever chairmanship, the 22nd sum-

mit of the SCO Council of Heads of State will be held in the virtual format on July 4, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," the MEA said in a statement. India hosted the foreign ministers of the SCO at a two-day conclave in Goa earlier this month. All the SCO member states — China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan — have been invited to attend the summit,

the MEA said. "In addition, Iran, Belarus and Mongolia have been invited as observer states. As per SCO tradition, Turkmenistan has also been invited as the guest of the chair," it said.

The SCO is an influential economic and security bloc and has emerged as one of the largest trans-regional international organisations.

India major player in world, says UN peacekeeping chief

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A ppreciating the role of India in various United Nations (UN) peacekeeping missions, the UN peacekeeping chief has said India is a "major partner" in the UN's strategy for the digital transformation of peacekeeping. He lauded the country's commitment and engagement through key initiatives such as ensuring accountability for crimes against the Blue Helmets. India is currently the third

largest contributor of uniformed personnel to UN Peacekeeping, with over 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. "India is a major player in the



UN Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, Jean-Pierre Lacroix PTI

world, in the UN, in multilateralism, and it's a major player in peacekeeping as well, including but not only through the importance of its contribution in terms of troops and police. We're also supported in many other ways, including in terms of the initiatives that we take to improve peacekeeping," Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix told PTI in an exclusive interview.

The UN peacekeeping chief highlighted the "important role" played by peacekeepers from India, one of the significant troop and police-contributing countries to UN peacekeeping. Lacroix said India's "engage-

ment and commitment" in support of peace operations is critical, both politically through its contribution and in support of the department's initiatives.

He further underlined the "role of India in supporting our initiative to make sure that peace operations will be up to speed in terms of digital technologies because this is absolutely critical. We have a strategy for the digital transformation of peace-

Rajnath attends swearing-in of Nigerian President, meets Indian diaspora in Abuja

Becomes first Indian Def Min to visit African nation

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Underlining the country's fast expanding economy and progressive government actions, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh highlighted India's growing importance due to these factors. He made this assertion while interacting with the Indian diaspora in Abuja, the Nigerian capital.

He arrived in Abuja on Sunday on a three-day visit, marking the first-ever visit of an Indian defence minister to the African country.

Rajnath represented India at the swearing-in ceremony of Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on Monday. Later on Monday, the defence minister interacted with the Indian diaspora in Nigeria at an event organised by the Indian High

Commission in Abuja, an official statement said on Tuesday. He emphasised the government's focus

'Aatmanirbharta' and the significant progress made in defence exports in recent years towards achieving the objective of 'Make in India, Make for the World', it said.

Niti Aayog appreciates 'Black

Rajnath highlighted India's growing importance on the world stage owing to its fastexpanding economy.

The event was attended by members of the Indian community not just from Abuja, but also from other cities of Nigeria such as Lagos.

He appreciated the positive contributions made by the Indian community in Nigeria.

He also interacted with the senior Nigerian dignitaries, including the Chief Justice and Acting Minister of Defence, at a dinner hosted by the Indian High Commissioner.

Nigeria is home to more than 50,000 Indians. Indianowned or operated companies and businesses are among the largest employers in the coun-

NCP slams Tendulkar for failure to bat for wrestlers

T N RAGHIINATHA MUMBAI

On Tuesday when the Maharashtra government appointed him as its "Smile Ambassador" for its 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyan', the Opposition NCP took a potshot at legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar for his failure to stand up for Indian wrestlers protesting against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Singh over sexual harassment allegations.

Hours after Maharashtra government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with him appointing him as its "Smile Ambassador" for its 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyan' in the presence of chief minister Eknath Shinde and deputy



Fadnavis of the BJP, the NCP's national spokesperson Clyde Crasto took to twitter to question the "silence" of the Master Blaster over the wrestlers' ongoing protests against Brij Bhushan Singh.

Wondering sarcastically if the Maharashtra government's newly-appointed ""Smile Ambassador" knew the BJP MP's continued support to



Brij Bhushan Singh "who has "Snatched the Smile" of our wrestlers", the NCP's national spokesperson asked Tendulkar to "speak up for wrestlers and be their 'Smile Ambassador' too" "Dear @sachin_rt, good to know that you are being appointed by BJP led Maharashtra government as "Smile Ambassador" for the State's 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyan'

But do you know that

MP #BrijBhushanSharanSingh, has "Snatched the Smile" of our wrestlers ?," Crasto asked. "The wrestlers are seeking

justice but BJP is turning a blind eye to protect their MP. Just like you, the women wrestlers of our country are our pride too. As a sportsperson it your duty to support your fraternity. Hope you speak up and be their "Smile and be their "Smile Ambassador" too," the NCP spokesperson said.

The NCP's sarcastic dig at Tendulkar came on a day when the wrestlers reached Haridwar to throw their Olympic medals in the river Ganga in line with the manner in which greatest boxer Muhammad Ali threw his Olympics medal in the Ohio River after 1960 games to protest against the racial abuse he had gone through.

@BJP4India, to support their However, the Indian wrestlers deferred their plans, saying that they were giving five days to the Government to respond to their protests and if there was no response from the Government in the stipulated

period, they would go ahead

with their plan of throwing

their medals into the River

It may be recalled that the Indian Olympians like Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, and Sakshi Malik and 500-odd others were dragged, lifted and put into their vans by the Delhi police while they were heading towards the new Parliament building on Sunday. The wrestlers were detained on the ground that they were violating law and order". The wrestlers and other protesters were

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government's premier ↓ policy think tank, Niti Aayog, has appreciated the Black rice initiative in Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh' noting that the unique innovation in the agriculture sector has enhanced the income of the farmers of the aspirational dis-

Because of the huge demand for black rice in the domestic as well as global market, the farmers' earnings have also shot up. "Income per hectare for farmers engaged in black rice cultivation has gone up from Rs 54,532 to Rs 2,55,500," said the think tank.

However, at the same time, it pointed out that despite high returns, farmers were facing



roblems in marketing the black rice in the absence of its GI (geographical indication)

Presently, Manipur is the only State in the country which has been awarded the GI tag for black rice in 2020.

In its report 'Best practices in social sector: A compendium 2023' released recently, the Niti Aayog said that though black rice as such is not native to the area and is produced in

high quantities in Manipur, the UP district administration in 2018 started the experiment by promoting the product initially among a small group of 300 farmers.

The aim was to reap revenue benefits from the increasing demand in the global markets. "And since, black rice farming does not require any type of chemical fertilizer, now it is cultivated in all the blocks of the district with the help of Agriculture Department Chandauli."

The district is already known as the "rice bowl of Uttar Pradesh", where twothirds of the population is engaged in agricultural sector, providing ideal conditions for the production of all types of

BJP to begin Maha Jansampark Abhiyan from May 31

PTI MUMBAI

 $T^{
m he\ Bharatiya}$ Janata Party (BJP) will begin its Maha Jansampark Abhiyan, a month-long campaign, on Wednesday, during which it will reach out to 1,000 eminent persons from every Lok Sabha constituency, a party leader said on Tuesday. Talking to reporters, the party's national general secretary Vinod Tawde said the campaign, which will begin on May 31, will continue till

June 30.

"We have prepared a list of 1,000 persons from every Lok Sabha seat in the country, who have won civilian awards such as Padma or president's medals during their service. With 543 seats in Lok Sabha, the cumulative figure comes to 5.5 lakh people in the country, who will be visited by the BJP's union ministers or senior party functionaries during the reach-out campaign," Tawde said. The visits beneficiaries of 10 key Union rallies, he said.



will be about the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government in the last nine years, he

"We will also apprise people about various developmental works undertaken or completed in the respective Lok Sabha constituency," the BJP leader said. Apart from this, some public functions can be held near the development projects, which have been completed, such as highways and railway stations among others, he said. The BJP has also prepared a list of

government schemes and has decided to organise gather-

ings for them, Tawde said. The party plans to reach out to 80 crore people in the country in one month, and around 227 leaders, including union ministers, party functionaries and state-level leaders, will participate in the drive, he said. The party has also mandated all elected representatives to spend the last 10 days of June in their respective constituencies and have door-to-door interaction with people, Tawde said. At least 12 rallies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be organised in three to four constituencies. Senior leaders P Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari and Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani among others will also hold similar

₹2K notes withdrawal a setback for Naxalites: Maha police

released from detention on

Sunday night.

PTI ■ NAGPUR

The Reserve Banks announcement of with-Reserve Bank's drawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes has come as a setback for Naxalites as their funds collected by way of extortion are mainly in this denomination, a senior police official in Maharashtra claimed on

The police in the Naxalaffected Gadchiroli district are on alert as Naxalites have become active to exchange the Rs 2,000 notes lying with them, he said.

Notably, two persons were last Thursday arrested in Bijapur district of neighbouring Chhattisgarh with Rs 6 lakh in Rs 2,000 currency notes allegedly belonging to a Naxalite commander, as per the

The Reserve Bank of India

recently announced the with-

drawal of Rs 2,000 notes from

circulation and asked people to

30. Speaking to PTI, Deputy Inspector General, Gadchiroli range, Sandip Patil said the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 notes is a "setback" for Naxalites as the money extorted by them from contractors of tendu leaves and PWD is mainly in this denomination and hidden at various places in forests.

The Gadchiroli police have got intelligence inputs that Naxalites have become active to exchange the Rs 2,000 notes lying with them, he said.

This has come to the fore from some of the recent incideposit them in banks or get dents in Chhattisgarh, he said.



The official referred to the seizure of Rs 6 lakh in Rs 2,000 notes in Chhattisgarh, and an offence registered against a person who had received currency in this denomination from Naxalites to get it exchanged. Patil said the police were maintaining surveillance in the sensitive Naxal-affected regions and keeping a watch on the jan militia and major

Naxalite supporters.

The police were also keeping a watch on tendu leaves contractors and were in touch with bank officials (for information about the exchange of Rs 2,000 notes).

Shiv Sena could quit party, claims rival Shiv Sena (UBT) **PTI** ■ MUMBAI

22 MLAs and 9 MPs from Shinde

The Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) on Tuesday claimed 22 MLAs and nine MPs from rival Shiv Sena were feeling suffocated due to "step-motherly treatment" by the BJP and could quit the group led by Maharashtra Chief minister

Eknath Shinde. Latching on to Shiv Sena MP Gajanan Kirtikar's remark that his party was getting step-motherly treatment, an editorial in Shiv Sena (UBT) mouthpiece 'Saamana' dubbed the Shinde group MLAs and MPs as "hens and cocks" imprisoned in the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) coop and that it cannot be said when

they could be slaughtered.
It said Uddhav Thackerayled Shiv Sena (then undivided) severed ties with the BJP (in 2019) due to the same "step-motherly treatment" which became unbearable, and also for its safety and self-

The Thackeray-headed Shiv Sena exited the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in 2019 and joined hands with the Congress and Nationalist Congress Party to form a government in Maharashtra. After the split in the Sena last year, Shinde joined hands with the BJP to become CM.

Kirtikar, the Lok Sabha member from Mumbai, on Friday said, "We are part of the NDA....So our work should be carried out accordingly, and (NDA) constituents should get a (suitable) status. We think we are being given step-motherly treatment."

The editorial in Saamana on Tuesday said reports are that Shinde group's "22 MLAs and nine MPs are feeling suffocated because of step-motherly treatment by the BJP and they have developed the mindset to quit the group."

'Will return awards if Manipur's territorial integrity compromised'

International and national Taward-winning sportspersons from Manipur Tuesday said that they will return the prizes given to them by the government if the state's territorial integrity is compromised. Eleven of them will submit

a memorandum to Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the issue during his ongoing s tour of the state.

L Anita Chanu (Dhyan Chand awardee), Arjuna awardees N Kunjarani Devi (Padma Shri), L Sarita Devi and W Sandhyarani Devi (Padma Shri awardees) and S Mirabai Chanu (Padma Shri and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna awardee) are among the 11 sportspersons. "If Amit Shah does not give us an assurance about the protection of the integrity of



awards given by the Indian government," Anita Chanu said at a press conference here.

If the demand is not met, then the sports persons will not represent India in the future nor will they train any budding talent, she added.

The 11 sportspersons went to submit a memorandum to Shah addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi but could not do so as the union

Manipur, we will return our home minister had left for Churachandpur to meet Kuki

victims and organisations. "We have submitted a copy of the memorandum to Chief Minister N Biren Singh, He has assured us of arranging a meeting with Shah in the evening after his return from Churachandpur. We will handover the memorandum to him then," Chanu said.

The memorandum is also signed by other Arjun awardees

Bembem Devi (also Padma Shri), N Soniya Chanu, M Biojit Singh, Y Sanathoi Devi, L Shushila Devi and M Suranjoy Singh.

In the memorandum, the sportspersons questioned the central security forces in con-trolling the violence despite "Kuki terrorists challenging the integrity of Manipur' by killing people and burning

"We condemn such attacks on unarmed civilians, specially in the peripheral areas of the valley districts," they added.

sportspersons demanded revocation of the Suspension of Operation (SoO) agreement with Kuki militant groups, restoration of peace and normalcy at the earliest and protection of unity and integrity of Manipur

'The demand to disintegrate Manipur is not acceptable under any circumstances," the memorandum said and demanded deportation of all illegal immigrants.

The sports personalities also urged the government to lift the blockade on NH 2 as it has led to skyrocketing of prices of essential commodities.

The highway runs from Dibrugarh in Assam to Tuipang in Mizoram. It passes through Assam, Nagaland, Maniaur and Mizoram Manipur and Mizoram.
"Meiteis are allowed to set-

tle only in the valley which constitutes just about 10 per cent of the total geographical area of Manipur. Where will they settle after some years if the present system is allowed to continue? So, allow Meiteis to settle in the hills of Manipur," the

Mamata destroyed political culture of Bengal: Congress

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

The Congress has slammed Mamata Banerjee for destroying the political culture of Bengal by indulging horse-trading which was hith-erto unknown to the State.

A day after the lone Congress MLA in the State Assembly Byron Biswas joined the Trinamool Congress barely three months after winning a by-election from minority dominated Sagardighi Assembly constituency, Pradesh Congress presi-

dent Adhir Chowdhury on Tuesday slammed the Chief Minister for polluting the political culture of the State.

There has been political differences, there has been violence but never had there been horse-trading and defection like this ... this massive



drop in political has taken place during Mamata Banerjee's time ... she has destroyed the political ethics of the State by engineering defections either with the help of ill-gotten money power or muscle and administrative power ... this dirty culture was unknown before Mamata Banerjee came to power in Bengal," Chowdhury in whose parliamentary constituency Sagardighi is an

Biswas, a Left-backed Congress candidate, had won

Assembly segment said.

the Sagardighi seat by a margin of more than 22,000 votes. The seat was won by the Trinamool Congress by 53,000 votes in the 2021 Assembly elections. "The Left-backed Congress candidate had won by 22,000 votes but in reality we had extracted a win by more than 70,000 votes," said the Congress leader saying the people of Murshidabad district of

which Sagardighi is a part would never forgive the TMC. "The TMC has once again proved its conduct ... the anti-Congress and pro-BJP approach that became apparent in Goa, Meghalaya and Tripura where engineered defections in the Congress and then cut the Congress votes to help the BJP ... the people of Bengal are taking note of this ... they will give a reply in days to come,"

Didi seeks Centre's permission to visit Manipur

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

Close on the heels of accusing the BJP for try-

ing to foment "Manipur-like" conflicts in her own State, Bengal Chief Ministe Mamata Banerjee has written a letter to the Centre expressing her willingness to stand by the people of the north-eastern State in their hour of need.

"I want to be with the people of Manipur ... I have no intention to breach any protocol but wish to be with the peace-loving people of the state," Banerjee said.

official too said, "the Chief Minister has been closely following the situation in Manipur and ... if the permission is granted permission then she may visit that State to stand by the people there." The Chief Minister had been quite concerned about how the situation in Manipur was unfolding, he added.

Banerjee's party had one MLA, Tongbram Robindro, in the Manipur Assembly,

who had later had joined the BJP before the 2022

Incidentally, Banerjee had attacked the BJP in Bengal for trying to foment clashes in her State among various groups. Her statement came hours after a groups of alleged Kurmi protesters attacked the convoy of TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee who was touring Jhargram district in the

Jangalmahal areas of the State. In the attack the car of Quoting Banerjee a senior Bengal minister and the Government's tribal face Birbaha Hansda was shattered. Her driver, apart from some other TMC supporters were also injured in the attack leading the TMC to promptly take their sides saying the BJP was inciting the Kurmis to foment unrest between the tribals and the Kurmis in the Janglalmahal

Young man killed in cold blood in Anatanag, leaving behind wife, parents, impaired brother

MOHIT KANDHARI THIAL

Deepu Kumar, an expectant father, working in a temporary amusement park set up by a private player in Janglat Mandi area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district, was killed in cold blood by the two motor-cycle borne terrorists minutes after he stepped out to get some milk and bottled water before breaking bread with his wife late Monday night.

He leaves behind his pregnant wife, ageing parents, an elder brother with impaired eyesight and his family of four members including two chil-

The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has approved an ex-gratia of Rs. 5 lakh for the next of kin of Deepu.

A little-known outfit, Kashmir Freedom Fighter, believed to be a shadow outfit of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, has claimed responsibility for the killing. Sharing her last interaction



stepped out to get some milk and water. While he was returning I heard sounds of gunshots. I rushed out and saw he was lying there with his face towards the ground. Weeping inconsolably, she said, "We shifted him to the hospital but he succumbed". Sakshi could not respond to a few more questions raised by the reporters to piece together the sequence preceding his killing

near their camping site.

"Minutes before Deepu

was killed in cold blood he had

his native Thial village of Majalta in Udhampur district. Deepu Kumar was working in the circus for the last couple of years. According to local villagers in the area, Deepu Kumar's family, was living in the village for almost one decade after relocating from their native Kathua district.

Sitting outside the mudhouse with two rooms, one reserved for the kitchen and livestock, Mashu Ram, Deepu's father, holding a passport size photo, asked, "What was his fault? He was there to earn a livelihood for the family." We want justice.

Abhi Sharma, the circus owner, said they were in the Janglat Mandi area for the past two months and planned to move to another destination within a day or two when the incident occurred. "The incident happened outside our camping site, which was well protected... We have our own private security," Sharma said, demanding adequate compensation and a job for Kumar's

Soon after the mortal remains of Deepu arrived in his village a large number of local residents in the area raised anti-Pakistan slogans. The last rites of Deepu Kumar were performed in the presence of local villagers. Several local politicians and senior officers of the district administration and police officers offered floral tributes to Deepu Kumar before bidding adieu to an obedient son.

PM Modi greets people on Goa's statehood day



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday greeted people on the statehood day of Goa, describing the state as an exquisite blend of serenity and vibrancy which continues to inspire with its unique culture and enduring

A former Portuguese colony, Goa became a part of India in 1961 and was made a Union Territory, which also included Daman and Diu.

It became a full-fledged state on this day in 1987. It is India's smallest state by area and is a favourite tourist des-

Modi tweeted, "Best wishes on Goa Statehood Day! Goa, an exquisite blend of serenity and vibrancy, continues to inspire with its unique culture and enduring spirit. I pray for the wellbeing and prosperity of Goans and hope they continue to strengthen India's development trajectory."

UWW HITS OUT AT DETENTION OF GRAPPLERS, THREATENS

WFI BAN

Earlier, on Tuesday, Delhi Police said it will not allow the protesting wrestlers to shift their sit-in to India Gate as the national monument is not a site for demonstrations. According to police, alternative places for their dharna will be suggested if they asked. The Delhi Police will suggest alternative sites that are designated for protests such as Ramleela Ground and Burari, the source added.

In a related development, the Delhi High Court on Tuesday issued notices to its Registrar General, the city Government and the police in order to decide which court shall hear the plea of the minor wrestler, who is among the seven female grapplers who have accused Wrestling Federation of India President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual harassment.

Later on Tuesday evening, Olympic medallists Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia and Asian Games gold medallist Vinesh Phogat arrived at Har ki Pauri to protest the inaction against outgoing Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who has allegedly sexually harassed several women grapplers.

Sakshi, Vinesh and her cousin Sangeeta were seen sobbing as their husbands tried to console them, even as scores of their supporters formed a cordon around them. The wrestlers stood for about 20 minutes in silence after reaching Har ki Pauri. They then sat on the banks of the river holding their medals and looking distressed. Bajrang joined them after 40 minutes. Sombir Rathi, husband of Vinesh, was holding the Asian Games medals won by her wife. Sakshi was holding tightly the framed Olympic bronze medal she had won in 2016 in Rio.

The whole episode was reminiscent of the 1960 incident when the legendary Muhammad Ali, then Cassius Clay, threw his Olympic gold medal into the Ohio river to protest racial segregation in the US.

However, after spending an hour and 45 minutes, they returned after several khap and political leaders urged them not to take such an extreme step. As the deadline for the immersion of the medals drew closer, senior farmer leaders Sham Singh Malik and Naresh Tikait sought five days' time from the grapplers to resolve the issue.

The wrestlers, after being evicted from Jantar Mantar on May 28 have said they will continue their protest and go on a hunger strike "until death" at the India

Meanwhile, on Justice Dinesh Kumar

notices to the Registrar General, the Delhi day-by-day, he said adding deployment on L-G takes responsibility." them to respond to the plea while listing the minor's plea for further hearing on July Senior advocate Narender Hooda represented the minor wrestler in the matter.

10 VAISHNO PILGRIMS DEAD, 66 HURT AS BUS FALLS OFF BRIDGE

A CRPF officer said 10 bodies have been recovered.

Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha approved an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh each for the next of kin of those who lost their lives and Rs 50,000 each for those seriously injured.

Condoling the deaths, he said in a tweet, "Extremely pained by the loss of lives in a tragic bus accident in Jhajjar Kotli, Jammu. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for speedy recovery of the injured. Directed district administration to provide all possible assistance and treatment to the injured." Ravinder Panday, one of the travellers,

said they felt that something hit the bus. "It lost balance and rolled down," he said. The accident site looked horrific with

bodies trapped under the mangled remains

Describing the accident, witnesses said the bus was in the left lane, but it crossed over to the right side after the driver lost control, hit the railing of the bridge and fell down into a gorge.

CDS: CHALLENGES IN MANIPUR HAVE NOT DISAPPEARED

"I would like to say that the armed forces and Assam Rifles have done an excellent job there and may have saved a large number of lives. Though the challenges in Manipur have not disappeared, it will take some time. Hopefully this will settle and the Government there will be able to do the ob with the help of CAPF (Central Armed

Police Forces) etc," he said. In his address to the cadets, Chauhan oke about the deployment of China's PLA (People's Liberation Army) along the northern borders.

"We see the war in Europe, the deploy-ment of China's PLA along the northern borders and geo-political crisis in neigh-bouring countries. These crises present a challenge to India, but the armed forces are capable of maintaining the legitimacy of India's claims and peace in the region," he

Deployment of Chinese army on

as it was in 2020.

LET SC JUDGE-LED PANEL PROBE RIOTS: CONG TO **PREZ**

The Congress party is a responsible political party and is ever ready to lend support to any initiative to restore peace, normalcy and harmony in the state of Manipur," the Congress memorandum to the President said.

They also called for firm and sustained efforts must be made to control violence in every part of the State for the immediate restoration of peace, harmony, and normalcy, and urged the President to ask the Centre to immediately take all possible measures to control and confine all militant groups (including those under SoO) and ensure that all armed civilian groups be stopped forthwith by taking appropri-

HM TALKS WITH NETAS, JANTA

During the meeting, it was also decided to ensure that essential items such as petrol, LPG, rice and other foodgrains will be made available in large quantities to cool down rising prices.

In Imphal, Shah held consultations on Tuesday with stakeholders starting with a breakfast meeting with a group of women leaders at Raj Bhavan as part of his initia-

tive to bring peace to the violence-hit State. "Held a meeting with a group of women leaders (Meira Paibi) in Manipur. Reiterated the significance of the role of women in the society of Manipur. Together, we are committed to ensuring peace and prosperity in the State," Shah tweeted.

After that he met several CSO groups and prominent personalities from the Meitei community at the Secretariat before leaving for Churachandpur.

POLITICOS OF ALL HUES LINE UP AT VICTIM'S HOUSE, OFFER SOLACE, COMPENSATION

Dairy murder case and offered her

She assured them of the full support of the Kejriwal Government and pledged ensure justice for the victim.

Atishi in her turn slammed Delhi Lt Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena and alleged Sharma of the Delhi High Court issued India's northern borders is not increasing that "such incidents can be averted if the

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vailing sense of insecurity among women in Delhi, and said, "Parents in Delhi are grappling with the question of whether they should send their daughters to college and work when girls continue to fall victim of violence on streets. As a woman and a Minister of elected Government, I earnestly request the L-G to fulfill his constitutional responsibility of improving law and order in Delhi instead of hindering the work of Kejriwal, and prioritising the safety of Delhi's daughters and women."

Another leader of the Aam Aadmi Party and Delhi Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj lashed out at the L-G over the horrific killing saying the people of Delhi have "lost faith" in the national capital's law and order system.

DELHI GIRL'S KILLER **BOUGHT KNIFE 15 DAYS** AGO: POLICE

Meanwhile a new CCTV footage has surfaced online in which the accused could be purportedly seen talking to a person just minutes before committing the crime. In the fresh CCTV footage, Sahil is seen wearing a blue T-shirt and talking to a person at the corner of the bylane just minutes before the girl was killed horrifically.

Sahil stabbed Sakshi over 20 times and then bludgeoned her with a cement slab, which killed her on the spot. She was found to have 34 injury marks on her body and her skull smashed.

Sahil has claimed Sakshi was keen to get back with Praveen since he had a motorcycle, police said.

On Saturday, Sakshi warned Sahil to stay away from her as she did not want to continue her relationship with him. She was with her friend Bhawna and her boyfriend Jhabru at the time. Jhabru too threatened to beat Sahil if he came near Sakshi, police said. The girl had broken up with Sahil eight day ago.

INDIA'S DEF EXPORTS UP 23 TIMES AT ₹16K-CR

The expenditure on defence procurement from foreign sources has reduced from 46 per cent of overall expenditure in 2018-19 to 36.7 per cent in December. India, once known primarily as a defence equipment importer, now exports a wide range of major platforms, including aircraft like the Dornier-228, artillery guns, Brahmos Missiles, Pinaka rockets and launchers, radars, simulators and armoured vehicles besides others.

The global demand for India's indige-

nous products, such as the LCA-Tejas, has to deal with such issues. Carriers is also on the rise, the statement said. Egypt and Argentina have evinced interest in procuring 20 and 15 Tejas jets respectively. Moreover, India may export Advanced Light Helicopters to the

Last year, BrahMos Aerospace and the Philippines signed a deal worth almost \$375 million for the Philippine Marines to buy three batteries of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, and Kalyani Strategic Systems Limited won an export order worth \$155.5 million for supplying 155mm artillery guns, the first such order for an

MAN ASSAULTS AI CREW MEMBER ON GOA-DELHI **FLIGHT**

On landing at Delhi airport, the passenger continued with the unprovoked, aggressive behaviour and was handed over to the security personnel. We have also reported the incident to the regulator," an A-I spokesperson said in a statement on

Tuesday. Further details about the incident

could not be immediately ascertained.
"Safety of our crew and passengers is of utmost importance to us and we strongly condemn this unruly behaviour of the passenger. We will offer all support to the affected crew members," the

spokesperson said. Earlier this month, A-I imposed a twoyear flying ban on an individual who caused physical harm to two female cabin crew members onboard a Delhi-London flight on April 10.

A-I chief Campbell Wilson said on Tuesday that unruly passenger behaviour onboard aircraft is also an international airline industry problem, and it is clearly not helpful when such incidents happen.

Wilson, who is the CEO and Managing Director of A-I said, "As an airline, we needed to and have taken a firm line on unruly behaviour onboard aircraft... There is a level of behaviour that we expect from people when they fly. Also, imparting that same message to the crew when supporting them."

While stressing that the airline has taken a much more active role in taking action when people are unruly, he also acknowledged that "unfortunately, the incidents (of unruly behaviour) continue to happen". "When they happen, we take action and hopefully in the process, we remind people of what the standard is and we remind people of consequences when the standard is not met," he said.

According to him, every airline always the rich historical legacy of Delhi.

PURANA QILA REVEALS MORE OF ITS HISTORIC

These artifacts, along with pottery and other antiquities, offer valuable insights into the ancient civilization and trade activ-

Padma Vibhushan Professor BB Lal, who had also carried out excavation works inside the fort and its premises in 1954 and 1969-73, had co-related the finding of PGWs at various sites believed to be linked with the Mahabharata with that period, according to ASI officials.

About the artefacts that have been excavated in the last one month or so, Swarnkar said a "brick platform" and a "kiln" of the Kushana period were found at the site.

A fresh trench has also been dug at the excavation site, Swarnkar added. The Union Ministry of Culture in a statement said that during the closure of the previous season's excavation, "evidence of layers predating the Mauryan period was found." Identified as an ancient settlement of Indraprastha, a continuous habitation of 2,500 years at Purana Qila was estab-

lished in earlier excavations, it said. "The findings and artefacts unearthed in earlier excavations comprise painted grey ware, belonging to 900 BC, an earthen pottery sequence from Maurya to Shunga, Kushana, Gupta, Rajput, Sultanates and Mughal periods," the

Ministry had said. Swarnkar said in the first round of excavation at the Purana Qila site, "a ring well, beads and sealings" from the Maurayn era was found, adding, some of the artefacts carry "symbols from that era" but no text, so one cannot ascertain who the Mauryan ruler was.

Among the pre-Mauryan era artefacts, beads and a bead-making set up were unearthed in the previous round of excavation at Purana Qila which was built by Sher Shah Suri and Mughal emperor

Some artefacts from the modern period have also been dug out from the site. We have found a British-era shoe polish box. The brand name is 'Parrot' with 'Made in England' printed on its side. Besides, we have also found a tiny porcelain sculpture and a cobblestone-made drain line at the upper level, said Swarnkar. Reddy shared that the Purana Qila will be re-opened, and the excavated remains will be preserved, conserved, and provided with a shed. The site will be showcased as an Open Air Site Museum, allowing visitors to experience

Russia: Moscow buildings lightly damaged, while Kviy bombarded

Arare drone attack jolted Moscow early Tuesday, causing only light damage but forcing evacuations as residential buildings were struck in the Russian capital for the first time in the war against Ukraine.

The Kremlin, meanwhile, pursued its relentless bombardment of Kyiv with a third assault on the city in 24 hours.

The Russian Defence Ministry said five drones were shot down in Moscow and the systems of three others were jammed, causing them to veer

President Vladimir Putin called it a "terrorist" act by Kyiv. The attack, causing only what Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin called "insignificant damage" to several buildings, brought the war home to civilians in Russia's capital.

Two people received treat-



A police officer walks at the parking with damaged cars in front of a multi-story apartment building which was damaged during Russian attack in Kyiv, Ukraine

ment for unspecified injuries but did not need hospitalisation, he said in a Telegram post, adding that residents of two high-rise buildings damaged in the attack were

Andrei Vorobyov, governor of the wider Moscow region, said some of the drones "shot down on the approach to Moscow."

Ukraine made no direct comment on the attack, which would be one of its deepest and most daring strikes into Russia since the Kremlin launched its

full-scale invasion of Ukraine

more than 15 months ago. Putin said Moscow's air defense "worked in a satisfactory way," but added it is "clear that our task is to plug the

attempts to intimidate Russian citizens and strikes at civilian buildings," he said at a public event, responding to a question from the head of a Kremlinallied think tank. "It is, of course, a clear

indication of terrorist activity." Asked by The Associated Press whether there is highlevel concern that the invasion of Ukraine is endangering Russian civilians, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said only that attacks on Russia reinforce the need to prosecute

Russian political analyst Tatiana Stanovaya, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center, said the Kremlin's policy is to play down the attacks.

"You ask, why is Putin behaving like this, does he really not understand and fear the consequences?" she wrote in a Telegram post.

Crucial days ahead as debt ceiling deal goes for vote

Biden calls lawmakers for support

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden says he President for bluen says he

"feels good" about the debt
ceiling and budget deal negotiated with House Speaker
Kevin McCarthy as the White House and congressional leaders work to ensure its passage this week in time to lift the nation's borrowing limit and prevent a disastrous US default. Biden spent part of the Memorial Day holiday working the phones, calling lawmakers in both parties, as the president does his part to deliver the

A number of hard right onservatives are criticising the deal as falling short of the deep spending cuts they want-

"My daughters are 10 and 12, and I don't want the

way vapes are marketed, pro-

moted and sold to be attractive

to them," British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said on Tuesday as he launched a crackdown to protect children from "rogue companies and online crooks".

Announcing the new set of

measures aimed at curbing

under-age vaping, Sunak said expressed his shock at reports of

illicit vapes containing lead get-

ting into the hands of school-

of schoolgirls Anoushka and Krishna said: "My daughters are

10 and 12, and I don't want the

Prospects for a renewed high-level military dialogue

between China and the US

remain dim, with Beijing saying their defense chiefs will not

hold a bilateral meeting while

both are attending a weekend

spokesperson Mao Ning on

Tuesday blamed the US, saying

Washington should "earnestly

respect China's sovereignty and

security interests and concerns,

immediately correct the wrong-

doing, show sincerity, and cre-

ate the necessary atmosphere

and conditions for dialogue

and communication between

the two militaries." Mao gave

no details, but tensions between

the sides have spiked over

Washington's military support

Ministry

Singapore.

Foreign

Taking to Twitter, the father

PTI ■ LONDON

ed, while liberals decry policy requirements for older Americans in the food aid

A key test will come Tuesday afternoon when the House Rules Committee is scheduled to consider the package and vote on sending it to the full House for a vote expected Wednesday. "I feel very good about it," Biden told reporters Monday as he left Washington for his home in Delaware.

"I've spoken to a number of the members," he said, among them Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, a past partner in big bipartisan deals who largely sat this one out.

"I spoke to a whole bunch of people, and it feels good," Biden said. To those progressive Democrats raising concerns about the package, the president had a simple message: "Talk to me."

As lawmakers size up the 99-page bill, few are expected

Sunak clamps down on free vapes for children

Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, right, visits a lab testing vaping products at

Kent Scientific Services in West Malling, England on Tuesday.

way vapes are marketed, pro-

moted and sold to be attractive

to them." "That's why I am

launching a new crackdown

today to protect children and go

to be fully satisfied with the

But Biden, a Democrat, and McCarthy, a Republican, are counting on pulling majority support from the political centre, a rarity in divided Washington, to join in voting to prevent a catastrophic federal default. Wall Street will open early Tuesday morning delivering its own assessment, as the US. financial markets that had been closed when the deal was struck over the weekend show their reaction to the outcome

McCarthy acknowledged the hard-fought compromise with Biden will not be "100% of what everybody wants" as he leads a slim House majority powered by hard-right conservatives. Facing potential blowback from his conservative ranks, the Republican speaker will have to rely on upwards of half the House Democrats and half the House Republicans to push the debt ceiling package

'UN watchdog closes two lines of inquiry on N-programme'

Tehran (AP): Iran's state-run news agency claimed Tuesday that international inspectors had closed off two lines of inquiry they had over Tehran's nuclear programme ahead of a scheduled quarterly report by the United Nations' nuclear watchdog.

The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, however, did not respond to questions over the report published by Iran's state-

run IRNA news agency.
Citing "knowledgeable sources," IRNA said that the IAEA had closed off its inquiry over the recent discovery of traces of uranium enriched up to 83.7 per cent purity. A quarterly IAEA report in March said inspectors found the particles in Iran's underground Fordo nuclear site, further raising nonproliferation concerns as weapons-grade material is enriched to 90 per cent.

children in England is set to be closed under the new plans. While selling vapes to under 18s is illegal in the country, busi-

nesses have been found to be

targeting children with colour-

ful packaging of free samples. The UK government has also

announced that there will be a

review into banning retailers

University of Edinburgh ties up with Indian Consulate for Hindi course

London (PTI): The University of Edinburgh's Climate Change Institute has announced its first open access course in Hindi developed through a partnership with the Consulate General of India in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Climate Solutions course is available in English, Arabic and Hindi, with versions focused on Egypt, the UAE, India and the UK.

It is designed and delivered by award-winning climate change experts, including Executive Director of the Edinburgh Climate Change Institute (ECCI) Professor Dave Reay, the university said.

"It has been a real pleasure working in partnership with the India Consulate - with whom we have an excellent link - to develop this new open access climate change course," said Professor Reav

"Huge thanks to the online course development team here at Edinburgh, and to the wonderful translation work led by our colleagues in the India Consulate, in bringing this

Pakistan's former prime

Tuesday appeared before an

anti-terrorism court in four

cases, including the attack on

Lahore Corp Commander

House, and submitted surety

bonds in connection with his

the ATC Lahore judge Ijaz Ahmad Buttar and submitted

surety bonds worth PKR 100,000 each in the four ter-

rorism cases in which he had

already been given pre-arrest bail till June 2," a court official

man of the Pakistan Tehreek-

e-Insaf party appeared in the

court amid high security, a

group of lawyers chanted slo-

gans in his favour.

As the 70-year-old chair-

"Khan appeared before

pre-arrest bail till June 2.

minister Imran Khan on

9 hurt in shooting near beach in Hollywood



Police investigate a shooting near Hollywood Beach on Monday in Hollywood, AP/PTI

Sharif: Anarchists don't

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan (PTI) party constituted a Prime Minister Shehbaz seven-member team to hold

unwilling to talk with Imran on a date for general elections

Insaf party, saying the "anar-chists and arsonists" who violence following his arrest

wear the garb of politicians and attack the symbols of the Prime Minister S

qualify for dialogue

Sharif on Tuesday hinted

that his government was

Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-

state do not qualify for a dialogue. Khan, 70, who was

ousted via a vote of no con-

fidence in April last year, said

he is ready to speak to "any-

one who is in power" after his

party's top leaders began to

quit the party following the

Hollywood (US): Nine people were injured Monday evening when gunfire erupted along a boardwalk Hollywood, Florida, sending people frantically running for cover along the crowded beach on Memorial Day.

Several of the victims were taken to a children's hospital, police spokesperson Deanna Bettineschi said. However, authorities have not yet released the ages of the victims.

The nine victims included six adults and three children, according to Yanet Obarrio Sanchez, a spokesperson for Memorial Healthcare System. All of the victims were in stable condition, she said.

gunfire, police said. One per- to multiple injured people.

Khan appears before

anti-terrorism court

son has been detained and another suspect is being still being sought.

The shooting happened about 6:30 p.m. on the broadwalk near a convenience store, a Ben & Jerry's ice cream store

and a Subway sandwich shop. Alvie Carlton Scott III said was on the beach when all of a sudden he heard numerous gunshots go off. He said he hid behind a tree and then fled the area after a police officer told people to run.

Jamie Ward, who was also on the broadwalk, said several young men were fighting in front of the stores when one pulled a gun and started shooting. Videos posted on Twitter A preliminary investigation on Monday evening showed shows that an altercation emergency medical crews

'Security treaty with Aus delayed over certain

Canberra (AP): Papua New Guinean Prime Minister James Marape said a proposed security treaty with Australia has important South Pacific Island pact with the United States that sparked protests.

said in a statement Tuesday.

Marape told Marles, who is also defense minister, that the treaty is a "work in progress and required the PNG side to consult our domestic processes and sovereign laws in relation to certain wordings and provisions," the statement said.

Marape "conveyed his apologies" to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese for the delay, the statement said.

pledged in a joint statement to conclude substantive negotiaions on the treaty by the end

enhance security cooperation and acknowledge that the neighboring nations "share a mutual strategic interest in a safe, stable, peaceful, and prosperous Indo-Pacific," was expected to

way would compromise its excellent existing bilateral relations with Australia," its most generous aid donor, the statement said. Marles' office later said he

and Marape had discussed expanding their nations' partnership in areas including defense, security, visa processing and labor mobility.

provisions'

been delayed over "certain wordings and provisions," a week after the strategically nation signed a new security

Marape informed Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles of the delay on Monday on the sidelines of an international forum in South Korea, the Papua New Guinean leader's office

In January, the two leaders The treaty, which would

be signed in June.

Marape told Marles that
Papua New Guinea "in no

"We have a proud history of working together in the interests of the region," it said in a statement. Australia and the United States are working to counter China's increasing influence in South Pacific nations including Papua New

JIT summons

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

party, has been asked to appear

before the JIT at 4 pm at the

Qilla Gujjar police headquarters

in Lahore. He has been called

for questioning in a case regis-tered with the Sarwar Road

police station against the attack.

Jinnah House (Corps

Commander House) was

torched by arsonists following

the anti-government protests against the arrest of Khan on

May 9. A large number of PTI

fire after vandalising it.

ex-Pak PM

Beijing/Jiuquan (PTI): China

The spaceship, atop a Long March-2F carrier rocket, blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China at 9:31 AM (Beijing Time), according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA).

launch, Shenzhou-16 separated from the rocket and entered its designated orbit. The crew members are in good shape and the launch is a complete success, the CMSA declared, it said. The astronauts are expected to dock with the station's Tianhe core module about 400km above the ground - after a jour-

For the first time, China has included a civilian in its rotating crew for the space station which otherwise remained a domain of the military personnel. Gui Haichao, a professor at Beihang University in Beijing regarded as a payload specialist was among

party workers May 9 stormed the three astronauts. The other two are mission's the Jinnah House and set it on

and sales of defensive weapons to self-governing Taiwan, China's assertions of sovereignty to the contested South China Sea and its flying of a suspected spy balloon over the

US Defence Secretary address the Shangri-La Dialogue on Saturday, while Chinese Defense Minister Gen. Li Shangfu will speak at the gathering on Sunday.

Austin met privately with Li's predecessor, Wei Fenghe, at last year's Shangri-La Dialogue, which appeared to do little to smooth relations between the

In his address to the forum, Wei accused the US of seeking to contain China's development and threatening to assert its claim to Taiwan by military

Chinese leader Xi Jinping and U.S. President Joe Biden met on the sidelines of the Group of 20 meeting of large economies in November in Indonesia, but contacts have proceeded only sporadically ings on neutral territory.

after the rogue companies and

online crooks who are putting

vapes into their hands," he said.

to give free samples of vapes to

Secretary of State Antony Blinken canceled a visit to Beijing in February after the US shot down a Chinese spy balloon that had crossed the United States.

Communist Party's senior foreign affairs adviser Wang Yi in

Pentagon said.

selling "nicotine-free" vapes to under-18s. "I am deeply concerned about the sharp rise in kids vaping and shocked by reports of illicit vapes containing lead getting into the hands of school children," Sunak said in a statement. "Our new illicit vape enforcement squad backed by GBP 3 million - is on the case, but clearly there is No meeting between US, Chinese

defence chiefs, says Beijing and accusations, communications on the military level have

ment. Beijing also was angered by Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-

He later met with the

China refused to take a phone call from Austin to discuss the balloon issue, the

Always beset by mistrust

yet to show signs of improve-

wen's April stopover in the U.S. that included an encounter with House Speaker McCarthy.

China's People's Liberation Army holds military exercises and sends fighter jets, drones and ships near the island to advertise its threat to attack and wear down Taiwan's defences.

China also protests movements of USNavy ships and aircraft through the Taiwan Strait and close to Chinese-held islands in the South China Sea, dispatching its own ships and planes and raising the possibility of confrontations

China launches first civilian into space

on Tuesday successfully launched the Shenzhou-16 manned spaceship, sending three astronauts, including the first civilian to its space station combination for a five-month

About 10 minutes after the

ney of less than seven hours.

commander Jing Haipeng, who



is also making history by becoming the first Chinese astronaut to go into space for a record fourth

The astronaut flight engineer Zhu Yangzhu is also making his first journey into space.

The Shenzhou-16 will be the first crew mission after China's space station programme entered the stage of application and development, Lin Xiqiang, deputy director of the CMSA told the media on Monday.The trio will stay in orbit for about five months, he

Once ready, China will be the only country to own a space station as the International Space Station (ISS) of Russia is a collaborative project of several countries. The ISS station is also set to be decommissioned by

The significant feature of China's space station is its two robotic arms, especially the long one which has the ability to grab objects, including satellites from space.After entering orbit, the Shenzhou-16 spaceship will make a fast, automated rendezvous and docking with the space station combination.

The Shenzhou-16 astronauts will conduct large-scale inorbit tests and experiments in various fields as planned. They are expected to make high-level scientific achievements in the study of novel quantum phenomena, high-precision spacetime-frequency systems, the verification of general relativity,

and the origin of life. The launch also marks the 475th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series. On Monday, the CMSA

also announced China's plan for a manned lunar landing by

China's manned lunar mission came as the US space agency NASA aims to send a second manned mission to the moon by 2025 to explore the south pole for frozen water.

Musk meets Chinese FM

Beijing: China's foreign minister met Tesla Ltd. CEO Elon Musk on Tuesday and said strained US-Chinese relations require "mutual respect," while delivering a message of reassurance that foreign companies are welcome.

US-Chinese relations are especially tense after Washington shot down a Chinese balloon believed to be gathering intelligence and warned Beijing against supplying arms to Russia for its war against Ukraine. The Wall Street Journal reported China has rejected a request for its defense minister to meet the U.S. defense secretary when both are in Singapore this weekend.

"We need to keep the steering wheel in the right direction of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation," Qin Gang told Musk, according to a ministry statement. The two sides should "avoid dangerous driving," Qin said. He gave no details of steps to improve relations.

Musk's visit comes at a time when the ruling Communist Party is trying to revive investor interest in China's slowing economy. Foreign companies are uneasy following raids on consulting firms and given the strained Chinese relations with Washington.

The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi was also attacked by the mob for the first time. Khan was later released on bail. Law enforcement agen-

to submit a reply. On May 9, violent protests erupted after the arrest of Khan by paramilitary Rangers in Islamabad. His party workers vandalised over 20 military installations and government buildings, including the Lahore Corps Commander House, Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad.

cies have arrested over 10,000 workers of Khan's Pakistan party across Pakistan, 4,000 of instead.

Khan's counsel also chal-May 9 riots in which sensitive lenged the search warrants of military installations were the former premier's Zaman Park Lahore residence in the Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf anti-terrorism court. The judge summoned the Punjab police DIG (operations) for them from Punjab. Police put next hearing and directed him the death toll in violent clashes to 10 while Khan's party claims 40 of its workers lost

their lives in the firing by security personnel. Meanwhile, two lawyers of Khan appeared before a joint investigation team probing the attack on Corps Commander House known as

Jinnah House in Lahore.

The joint investigation team - formed by the Punjab interim government to probe arson attacks on Jinnah House and the Askari Corporate Tower in Lahore on May 9 had summoned Khan for Tuesday to record his statement but he sent his lawyers naming anyone. Khan has maintained that he has no role in the attack on military installations especially the Jinnah House as he was in jail during the period. The ATC had directed Khan to join

the police investigation in the

talks with the government -

for developing a consensus

- amid a massive crackdown

a tweet acknowledged that dialogue is deeply embedded

in the political process, which

helps democracy mature and

evolve. "Many political and constitutional breakthroughs

occurred when political lead-

ers sat across the table to craft

a consensus," Sharif, the

President of the Pakistan

Prime Minister Sharif in

party workers on May 9 stormed the Jinnah House and set it on fire after vandalising it.The Punjab Home Department has constituted 10 different JITs to probe into the attacks and violent protests on May 9, which the army dubbed

Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party said without Lahore (PTI): A joint investigation team probing the violent attack on the historic Corps Commander House or the Jinnah House here on May 9 has summoned former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan on Tuesday. Khan, the chief of the

attack on high-profile Lahore Corps Commander House. A large number of Khan's "Black Day".

Khan was named in several FIRs lodged at different police stations in the province.

Jadeja proved fairy tales exist in sport: Fleming

tephen Fleming doesn't believe in fairy tales in sport but Ravindra Jadeja's near-improbable heist that took Chennai Super Kings to its fifth IPL trophy might come closest to it.

With 13 needed to win in the final over against Gujarat Titans, CSK managed only three runs off the first four balls before Jadeja smashed Mohit Sharma for a six and a four off the last two deliveries to literally snatch the Cup from Gujarat's grasp.

"They say there are no fairy tales in the sport, but it was a pretty good one today. It has been a bit difficult 18 months where, as the captaincy was difficult, the injury was difficult, it took a bit of time from out of the game for him to come back into and be reintegrated into the Test side, and then re-integrate into CSK," Fleming told the media after Chennai defeated Gujarat Titans in the IPL final here.

In fact, Fleming had in huis mind conceded defeat before final two deliveries were bowled by Mohit and the Jadeja turned it all.

'We have lost finals on the last ball which is an absolute heartache. I was gearing up myself for another heartache when Jaddu hit one for six and there could have been more heartache or more joy, I was not sure.

"But when I saw the ball go down, finally there was pure joy. This competition takes you to emotional levels that you cannot imagine," the Kiwi

Fleming was all praise for Jadeja's firepower.

"He plays a great role with the ball, but we have got so much fire power, that some ways we use him down the order, but something has to give. MS (Dhoni) has been very supportive and proactive in getting him up there and today he repaid that faith," Fleming added.

The former New Zealand skipper explained Jadeja's shot selection.

The six, I think, in particular of the ball which was pretty close to being perfect, was defining, and then left-handed drive to the fine leg. It was a great way to finish it. I could-



n't be more happy for him. There has been some frustration at times, but he is our gun player, he is a No 1 ranked player and today he delivered," Fleming added.

The CSK coach said his side was poor in the field in the first half, but kept getting better and confident as

the rain-affected match panned out. "215... I thought it was an excellent score but the rain came and we had to change the momentum. We felt with the moisture around on the pitch, it was gettable. It was going to

because we were still shell-shocked from the fielding. The first four or six once we got a little bit of taste for it, it is that type of ground where it is very hard to defend, so we knew we

had a chance. It was going to be high octane all the way through," Fleming

Fleming praised Gujarat Titans

Cricket has always been a game of fine margins, believes Fleming, who has been CSK coach for a

Only you could do a miracle: Srinivasan tells Dhoni

The thrilling last ball win by Chennai Super Kings in the IPL final against Gujarat Titans "is a miracle" and only the legend Mahendra Singh Dhoni could pull off such a show, noted industrialist and India Cements Vice Chairman N

Srinivasan said on Tuesday.
Chennai-based India Cements Ltd is the principal sponsor of the Indian Premier League team

Chennai Super Kings.
Srinivasan spoke to the CSK captain on Tuesday morning and congratulated him and his team for the "great victory".

CSK fans, said.

way through, that if you can just get on the right side of those moments, then we can stay in and it was one of those days," Fleming said.

PRAISE FOR RAHANE

Fleming heaped praise on senior India batter Ajinkya Rahane, who turned out to be one of the success stories for the CSK side with an incredibly successful season with the bat. What changed was Rahane's philosophy of not trying to be an anchor batter.

"My understanding is that we got rid of the tag of being the guy you bat around or bat through. I think that maybe hung over his head a little bit too much and didn't allow him to be the player that he can be. And once that tag was gone,

when I turned up halfway through the preseason training, I saw a guy who was in magnificent form, Fleming said.

Fleming said that Rahane didn't feature in their initial plan.

"He wasn't in our initial thoughts, but the game in Mumbai was really defining. It was one of our best wins

Srinivasan's message to Dhoni was exclusively shared with PTI.

"Fantastic captain. You have done a miracle. Only you can do it. We are proud of the boys and the team," Srinivasan told Dhoni.

He advised Dhoni to take rest following the back-to-back match schedule over the past few days, and invited him to visit Chennai along with the team to celebrate the victo-

This season has been one where the fans have demonstrated how much they love M S Dhoni. So do we," Srinivasan, who was overwhelmed by the affection shown by

catalyst behind it, so he cemented that

"He has been unwavering the whole way through he's been nothing but positive, his nets have been positive. Anytime he's been caught on the boundary or out playing a big shot, we've just reinforced how good he's playing. So a little bit of belief and just sheer ability — he's been a wonderful player for us this year," he said.

AYUDU WOULD LEAVE A BIG

The former New Zealand captain said Ambati Rayudu, who announced his retirement after this IPL final, will leave a big hole in their side.

"Ambati Rayudu has been an absolute legend. I rate him so highly as a batter and those three balls against Mohit Sharma today proved against one of the most in-form bowlers... to hit him for 6, 4 and 6 was sheer class.

"Rayudu will leave a hole, there is no doubt about it, but the game keeps moving. Doesn't it? We expected that for him to go out like that was pretty emotional within the group in the tournament and he was the big and for him as well," Fleming said.

It will be a big challenge for India to come out of T20 mould and play WTC final: Gavaskar



Legendary cricketer Sunil Gavaskar feels emerging from the IPL T20 mode will be the biggest challenge for the Indian players when they take on Australia in the World Test Championship (WTC) final

against Australia next week. Rohit Sharma's India will play the WTC final at The Oval from June 7 with a majority of the players having come through the rigours of IPL, which concluded on Monday with Chennai Super Kings lifting the trophy for a record-equalling fifth time.

"The biggest test will be the fact that just about everybody will be coming out of a T20 for-

mat, and Test cricket is a longer format. So, I think that's going to be the big challenge," said Gavaskar on Star Sports on

He added that among all the India players only veteran batter Cheteshwar Pujara was well as he has been playing county

"They (India) have only

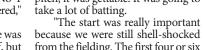
On Ajinkya Rahane, who after a long form slump has come back strongly in the IPL and helped CSK win the title this season, Gavaskar said the the 34year-old's experience of English conditions will be beneficial to

I do believe he has a point to ty of cricket left in him, and this



Cheteshwar Pujara who has been playing in the English County Championship, so he will be the only guy who has played the longer format in these conditions, so that's going to be the big challenge for

"He's got a lot of experience having played in England, having scored runs in England. So, yes, I think he is going to be crucial down at number 5. And yes, prove, I still feel he has got plenis a wonderful opportunity for



overs started to give us the belief and

bowlers Mohammad Shami and Mohit Sharma for taking the contest into the final ball of the match.

"The last couple of overs were very tight. Shami and Sharma bowled well, Mohit Sharma in particular has been very good," he said.

decade and half now.

"I think I said it a couple of days ago that this tournament is being defined by fine margins. I think the last couple of balls summed that up — if you just missed a yorker or go down the leg side.

Hard thing would be to work hard for nine

"It would be a gift from me, what I am, I don't try to portray

won't be easy on the body. You something I'm not. Just keep it

"We have talked about that all the

simple," Dhoni said.

Speaking about the final, Dhoni said, "Every trophy is special, but what is special about IPL is every crunch game you need to be ready. There were lapses today, the bowling department didn't work, but it was the bat-

ting department that took the

pressure off them today. "I do get frustrated, it is

human but I try to step into their shoes, every individual deals with pressure differently. Aiinkya (Rahane) and a few others are experienced, so you don't worry. If anyone is confused, then can always ask.'

Destiny had this written for him: Hardik on Dhoni leading CSK to fifth IPL title

PTI AHMEDABAD

Gujarat Titans skipper Hardik Pandya paid rich tributes to his mentor and rival captain MS Dhoni, saying "destiny had this written for him" to lead Chennai Super Kings to a record-equalling fifth IPL title in what could be his last season in the lucrative league.

the finale, the captain finished

with a record-levelling fifth tro-

phy. His fans from across the

country went to the venues in

large numbers to cheer for him.

chanting his name wherever

CSK have played this season.

CSK beat GT by five wickets in a thrilling rain-affected summit showdown with Ravindra Jadeja smashing a six and a four off the last two balls to chase down a revised target of 171 in 15 overs here on

"I'm very happy for him (Dhoni). Destiny had this writ-ten for him," Pandya said after

the heartbreaking loss.

do get emotional, the first game

at CSK everyone was chanting my name. My eyes were full of

water, I needed to take some

time off in the dugout.
"I realised I need to enjoy

this. I think they love me for

"If I had to lose, I don't mind losing to him. Good things happen to good people and he's been one of the best people I know. God has been kind, God has been kind to me as well but today was his night," added the India white-ball allrounder who led GT to title triumph in 2022.

Dhoni himself has not yet ruled out playing in the IPL next year but said for that to happen, his body will have to hold up.

Jadéja, who remained not out on 15 off just six balls, dedicated the title win to his skipper Dhoni. "I would like to dedicate this win to a special member of the CSK side, MS Dhoni," Jadeja said.

"Feels amazing, winning my fifth title in front of my home crowd. I'm from Gujarat and it's a special feeling. This crowd has been amazing. They were waiting for rain to stop till late night, I'd like to say a big congratulations to the CSK fans who came to support us."

On his six and four off the last two balls, Jadeja said, "I was just thinking I need to swing hard, as much as I can. Where the ball will go, I was not thinking about that, just looking to swing hard.

"I was backing myself and looking to hit straight, because I know Mohit can bowl those

GT failed to defend their title but Pandya said he would

not have asked more from the

"We tick a lot of boxes and played with our heart. We've always been a team that has stood together and no one gave up. We win together and we lose together. Maybe one of those games today. I'm not one of those guys who makes excuses. CSK played better cricket.

Special mention to Sai as well. He is going to do wonders in his life. I'm really happy for the guys. We've been backing them and their success has been their success. Mohit, Shami, Rashid everyone, the way they put their hand up. Special mention to the coaching staff as well. I can't ask anything more from them."

Satwik-Chirag pair achieves career-best ranking

PTI AHMEDABAD

er season.

Chennai Super Kings' tri-cumphant captain Mahendra

Singh Dhoni has not yet ruled

out playing in the IPL next year

but said his body will have to

hold up to feature in yet anoth-

Under the 41-year-old Dhoni's leadership, CSK won a record-equalling fifth IPL title

with a five-wicket victory over

Gujarat Titans in the summit



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's top doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty gained a place to achieve a career-best ranking of world number 4 in the latest BWF rankings issued on Tuesday. The Satwik-Chirag pair, which claimed the Commonwealth Games gold medal and French Open Super 750 crown last year and won the Swiss Open Super 300 title this season, now has 74,651 points from 12 tournaments.

Fresh for his maiden BWF World Tour title at Malaysia Masters last week, HS Prannoy jumped one place to regain the world number 8 ranking, while Kidambi Srikanth climbed three positions to get his place back in the top 20. He is 20th. Lakshya Sen, however, slipped a place to world no. 23 after an early exit from the Malaysia Masters. In women's singles, double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu remained static at 13th spot, while Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also stayed at the 15th position in women's doubles.

Sameer, Kiran, Ashmita enter main draw of Thailand Open

clash here on Monday.

"Circumstantially, this is the

best time to announce my retire-

ment. But the amount of love l

thing would be to walk away

from here, but the harder thing

would be to work hard for nine

months and try to play another

Dhoni has been the cyno-

IPL," Dhoni said after the final.

sure of all eyes ever since the

Indian Premier League began

this year and in a fitting end to

have received all over, the easy

Tndian shuttlers Sameer Verma, **⊥**Kiran George and Ashmita Chaliha notched up straightgame wins over their respective opponents in the qualifying round to progress to the main draw of the singles event at the Thailand Open Super 500 badminton tournament here on Tuesday.

On a comeback trail, former world number 11 Sameer, who won the Slovenia Open recently, beat Malaysia's Yeoh Seng Zoe 21-12, 21-17 after getting two walkovers — Indonesia's Christian Adinata and Spain's Luis Enrique Penalver in the previous rounds.

The 28-year-old from Dhar, who had won three titles in 2018, will face Denmark's Magnus

Johannesen in the opening round of the main draw. Kiran, the 2022 Odisha Open winner, outwitted fellow Indian Kartikey Gulshan Kumar 21-14, 21-18 and then defeated Korea's Jeon Hyeok Jin 21-10, 21-14 to make it to the main draw. He will face third seed Chinese Shi Yuqi on Wednesday.

In women's singles, Ashmita Chaliha, who recently topped BAI's selection trials to make it to individual events of the upcoming Asian Games, saw off fellow Indian Unnati Hooda 21-16, 13-21, 21-19 before beating Estonian Kristin Kuuba 21-19, 21-11 in the second match.

The girl from Assam will meet compatriot Malvika Bansod, who was promoted to the main draw.

Hardik could have been valuable addition for India in WTC final: Ponting

PTI ■ DUBAI

 $B_{\text{feels that India should have}}^{\text{atting legend Ricky Ponting}}$ picked Hardik Pandya in their squad for the World Test Championships final against Australia in London, saying his all-round abilities could have turned out to be the deciding

factor in the one-off game. Pandya has not played a Test since 2018 and he has opted sit out of the five-day format due to ongoing fitness concerns.

But Ponting felt Pandya could have played in the winnertakes all clash at The Oval from June 7-11. Primarily because he has bowled in more or less every game in the just-concluded IPL for Gujarat Titans which he captains.

"...I thought about the other day for India in this game is how valuable someone like Hardik Pandya could be in a one-off Test match," Ponting wrote for



the ICC Review.

"I know he is on record saving that the Test match game is probably a little bit hard on his body. But for a one-off game... He's been bowling every game through this IPL and he's bowling quick."

The former Australia captain, also the head coach of Delhi Capitals in the IPL, said Pandya

could have been the X-factor for the Indian team in the WTC final beginning on June 7. "He (Pandya) could be that X-factor there just to pick in a one-off game, come in and see what he can do with bat and ball. He could be the difference between the two teams.' The 29-year-old Pandya has played in 11 Tests till now after making his debut in 2017, scoring 532 runs at an average of

31.29 with one hundred and four fifties. He has taken 17 wickets at an average of 31.05. In the 74 ODIs he has played so far, Pandya has scored 1584 runs at an average of 33.00 and taken 72 wickets. In the

from 87 matches and scalped 69 Pandya led Gujarat Titans to maiden IPL triumph in 2022 but lost to Mahendra Singh Dhoni's

T20Is, he has scored 1271 runs

Chennai Super Kings in this season's final on Monday.

KIUG: Tanya breaks hammer throw record

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The eight day of the 3rd Khelo Indian University Games proved to be more eventful, as a total of six Games records were shattered. Among these impressive achievements was Tanya Chaudhary's exceptional performance in the women's hammer throw event. Representing the Chaudhary Charan Singh University (CCSU) in Meerut, Tanya threw the hammer an astonishing distance of 60.61 meters, setting a new Games record and earning the adoration of the local crowd.

Also on the day, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneshwar made the most impressive move up the medal standings, winning as many as four of the 17 golds on offer in track and field event at the Guru Gobind Singh Sports College.

In the tennis events played at Ekana Sportz City, Savitribai Phule Pune University won the women's tennis gold with a 2-0 win over Osmania University. The girl's of Jain University finished third. In the men's category, Anna University edged past Bharthiar University, Coimbatore 2-1 in all-South clash while the bronze went to Gujarat

University.

In the shooting event,
Guru Nanak Dev University won two golds through the 10m air pistol women's team of Devanshi Dhama, Khushi Tomar and Devanxhi and Ariun Thakur in the men's skeet competition.

Meanwhile, Anjali Patel lifted a total 149kg (67kg snatch+82kg clean and jerk) to win weightlifting gold in the women's 45kg for Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi. Gyanashwari Yadav of Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya won the women's 49kg gold by lifting a total of 173kg.

Carrying on their overall good performance at the Games, Punjabi University, Patiala made as many as three



Want to emulate Neeraj Chopra's success: Vikrant

Malik of KIIT University achieved an extraordinary feat at the Khelo India University Games Uttar Pradesh, securing his third consecutive gold medal in javelin throw.

Nursing an ankle injury, he displayed true grit and determination and participated in the event with different shoes on each foot.

Despite these adversities, Vikrant's throw soared an incredible distance of 80

"I really prepared well for this and wanted to hit around the 85 mark but because of my ankle injury which has been troubling me for the past one month, it didn't go as planned. I experienced an intense pain today and will go get my injury checked with the physio as we have important Asian Games and World University trials coming up," he said.

Vikrant Malik was the

of the six finals in the compound archery category, after their archers won their respective semi-finals on Tuesday at the BBD University ground. Guru Kashi University and Guru Nanak Dev University also made two finals each which will be played on



fourth Indian last year to breach 80 m benchmark (after Rohit Yadav, DP Manu, and Yashvir Singh) and the 10th overall in a list of country's best javelin throwers, led by Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra.

Vikrant's village is very close to Neeraj Chopra's village in Haryana as well.

Nanak Dev Guru University and Punjabi University set up a title clash in men's hockey by registering contrasting wins in the semifinals. Guru Nanak Dev University slugging it out in a shoot-out in the end to win 5-5 (4-2) over Sambalpur University while Punjabi

Vikrant holds Neeraj in high regard and considers him a great source of motivation not only for himself but for the entire country. Neeraj's historic gold medal win at the Olympics for India has left an indelible mark on Vikrant's aspirations and he is determined to emulate Neeraj's success.

University crushed Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University 7-1.

The women's hockey final will see a clash between Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak and ITM, Gwalior. **RESULTS:**

(Archery) Compound Semis

-Men's Team: Punjabi University, Patiala bt CCSU 233-227; GNDU, Amritsar bt Panjab University, Chandigarh 234-229; Women's Team: Punjabi University, Patiala bt Guru Kashi University 231-223, SantGhadke Baba Amravati University bt Rani DurgavatiVishwavidyalaya 230-230 (29-28); **Men's:** Aman Saini, Punjabi University, Patiala bt Ritik Sharma, GNDU, Amritsar 149-145; Rishabh Yadav, University of Delhi bt Deepak Kumar, RTM Nagpur University 148-142; Women's: Pragati, Guru Kashi University bt Akshita, Punjabi University, Patiala 146-145, Muskan Kirar, Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya bt Vaishnavee Ubale, Savitribai Phule Pune University 144-137; **Mixed Team:**-GNDU, Amritsar bt Punjabi University, Patiala 154-154 (20-18), Guru Kashi University bt University of Delhi 157-156 (Athletics) 20km Walk Men's-

1- Sahil, 2-Neeraj Kumar Chaurasiya, 3-Bilin George Anto, **Discus Throw Womens**: 1- Shalini Chaudhary (New record), 2-Bhavana Yadav, 3-Anisha; Hammer Throw Women's: 1-Tanya Chaudhary, 2-PreetiSharawat, 3-Ankita; Hammer Throw Men's: 1-Ajay Kumar, 2-Shantanu Rajendra, 3-Jai Chand; 4x100 Relay Women's: 1-MGU 2-GNDU, 3-Mumbai University; 4x100 Relay Men's: 1-Vinoba Bhave, 2-Thiruvalluvar, 3-Punjab University; 3,000m Steeplechase women's: 1-3,000m SusmitaTigga, 2-Maneesha, 3-Kajal Sharma; **ShotPut Men's:** 1-Samardeep Singh Gill, 2-Dhanveer Singh, 3-Shivam Choudhary (New rames record by all three); Javelin Men's: 1-Vikrant Malik, 2-Avinash Yadav, 3-Vijay Lakra; Long Jump Women's: 1-Manisha Merel, 2-Moumita Manisia Merei, 2-Moulnia Mondol, 3-Rugma Udhayan; **High Jump Men's:** 1-Md Ashraf Ali, 2-Swadhin Kumar Majhi, 3-Shaik Mohiddin; 3,000m Steeplechase Men's: 1-Shubham Shriram, 2-Siddhant Pujari, 3-Saurav Tiwari; 110m Men's: Hurdles

LOCAL EVENTS

KOOH SPORTS CRUSH PANTHER'S ACADEMY

Kooh Sports Cricket Club crushed Panther's Cricket Academy by nine wickets in a league match of the 1st Rajesh Singh Memorial Cricket Tournament at Rahas Bihari Tiwari stadium on Tuesday. Batting first, PCA were bundled out for paltry 89 runs in 32.1 overs. In reply, KSCC achieved the target in 7.3 overs for the loss of a wicket. In another match, International Sports Club beat RKB Cricket Club by seven wickets. BRIEF SCORES:

PCA: 89 (Ishaan 35, Shashwat 20; Krtu 3/7, Vinay 3/10) KSCC: 91 (Krtu 50, Bunty 30; Ishaan 1/55)

RKB: 77 (Parvei 26; Pawan 3/12, Komal 3/27, Savant 2/13) ISC: 81 (Ankit 40, Divyanshu 15; Ashutosh 1/17)

DhanushAdithan, 2-VikasKhodake, 3-Sushanth

MD: **400m Women's**: 1-Nidhi

Yogendra Singh, 2-Gug Kaur, 3-Sneha K; **400m Men's:** 1-

Nitin Kumar, 2-Karunamay Mahato, 3-Shrinath Ganpath

Dalavi; 100m Hurdles

Women's: 1-Pragyan Prasad

Sahu, 2-Anjali, 3-Sathi Patra;

Decathlon: 1-Kushal Kuma, 2-

Krishnan N, 3-Abdulla Abdul

Badminton Women's: 1-MDU,

Rohtak bt Manipur University 2-0, Adamas University, Kolkata bt LNIPE, Gwalior 2-

0, SRM University, Chennai bt

Ambedkar, Bihar University

Ambedkar, Bihar University 2-1, University of Delhi bt University of Madras 2-0, Men's: MGU, Kottayam bt University of Rajasthan 3-0, SRM University bt Punjabi University, Patiala 3-2; Shooting: 10m Air Pistol Women's: 1-S Ezhilarasi, 2-

Women's: 1-S Ezhilarasi, 2-

YuvikaTomar, 3-Manu Bhaker;

10m Air Pistol Women's: 1-

DevanshiDhama/KhushiToma

Singh/Sakshi/Shikha Narwal,

3 - Poshika/Bulbul

Sagar/HimanshiKashyap; Skeet

Women's: 1-Parinaaz Dhaliwal,

2-Talveen Gill, 3-Karttiki

Shaktawat; Skeet Men's: 1-

Arjun Thakur, 2-GurnihalGarcha, 3-Bhavteg Gill; **Tennis Women's**:

Savitribai Phule Pune University bt Osmania University 2-0; Tennis Men's:

Anna University bt Bharathiar

University 2-1; Hockey Men's:

Punjabi University, Patiala bt Veer Bahadur Singh

Purvanchal University, Jaunpur

7-1; GNDU, Amritsar bt

Sambalpur U, Odisha 5-5 (4-2):

Hockey Women's: MDU,

Rohtak bt University of Mysore

2-1, ITM, Gwalior bt Punjabi

University, Patiala 3-1; Weightlifting 45kg Womens: 1-Anjali Patel, 2-Chandrika

Tarafdar, 3-Rajeswari Byreddy;

55kg Men's: 1-Akash Srinivas

Goud, 2- Kumbeshwar Malik,

3-Prasanta Sinha; 61kg Men's:

1-Sourabh S, 2-SagarMadar,

3-A Ruthreshwar; 49kg

Women's: 1-Gyanashwari

Yadav, 2-Lakshmi B, 3-Bornali

Bhimrao

2-Bharti

Babasaheb

r/Devanxhi,

Lucknow District Chess Sports Association is organising a district women's chess championship at Precision Chess Academy on June 3-4. Four top players will take part in the UP State Women's Chess Championship to be held at Kanpur from June 8. Interested may contact on 9839001533.

SUMMER CAMP CONCLUDES



The summer camp at Delhi Public School, Eldeco concluded recently. The students took part in the camp in big numbers and honed their skills in cricket, chess, tennis, basketball, swimming, volleyball and table-tennis. Principal Manisha Anthwal and sports head Pradeep Chandre distributed the participation certificates to the students.

Medvedev out of French Open

Torld number two
Daniil Medvedev was
knocked out of the French Open in the first round on Tuesday, losing in five sets to 172nd-ranked Thiago Seyboth Wild of Brazil.

Seyboth Wild, who came through the qualifiers and had never previously won a Grand Slam match, triumphed 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (6/8), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. It was Medvedev's fifth loss in the opening round at Roland Garros in seven appearances.

"I have watched Daniil play in my junior years. It's a dream come true to beat these kinds of players on this court," said the 23-year-old Brazilian who unleashed 69 winners past the Russian.

"I just wanted to get my angles right, get to the net as much as possible and use my forehand as much as possible against his — I guess it worked pretty well."

He added: "I was cramping in the second set and couldn't really serve the way I wanted to but I tried to play my best tennis. I'm really happy with the way I played.

Seyboth Wild, without a win on the main tour since February 2022, had squandered two set points which would have given him a two-sets

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dvait couldn't have been more off the mark. At this Saturday's brunch, he was boasting to his Paso Doble class buddies they would miserably fail to find themselves an exquisite India-made car that was consummate, leave alone in convincing him that the virtues of solid safety, sleek design and care for the environment could be married together into one four-wheeler.

Soon after, the friends moodily took off and started checking various car showrooms. They didn't have to roam around much before a radiant KIA EV6 entranced Advait and his gang. The good thing was that the premium sporty electric vehicle handily met his pretty rigorous and specific demands, too: An avid trekker on most weekends and during his biannual vacations, the top honcho liked to zoom off along with his partner to faraway sylvan Soon after, the friends moodily partner to faraway sylvan surroundings. He was quite zealous about his individualism as well as possessions making a style statement without disturbing nature.

The EV6 was unlike any other electric vehicle Advait had seen before. It had a unique design (for example, viewing it from the front and back projected it as a different entity) with a sporty stance. But of course, based on KIA's new design philosophy, 'Opposite United', the EV6 left a distinct impression on every onlooker's mind.

Looks apart, the car successfully neutralises range anxiety with an ARAI certified, whopping 708 km/charge which was perfect for Advait's outings. which was perfect for Advait's outings. Another important superior feature is EV6's fast-charging capability. It comes with a long-range 77.4 kWh battery pack with 800-volt ultra-fast charging capability; a 10-80 per cent charge taking barely 18 minutes with a 350kW charger, making it perfect for long

The car's powerful all-electric motor effortlessly churns out 605 Nm of torque. Its low centre of gravity makes EV6 a sporty handling experience, powering the vehicle to 0-100 in just 5.4 seconds. The EV6 also has the latest generation of KIA's Smart Regenerative Braking System that recuperates kinetic energy to





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maximise driving range and efficiency. It comes equipped with four regenerative braking levels, where-in 'i-PEDAL' driving mode allows the car to harvest the maximum amount of energy from brakes and enables the driver to bring the vehicle to a gentle halt without needing to push the brake halt without needing to push the brake

KIA EV6 is one of the safest EVs available in India, with eight airbags, all-wheel disc brakes, ABS, ESC, HAC, MCBA, BAS, VSM, ESS, front and rear parking sensors, besides the ISOFIX child anchor. It also has advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) such as Forward Collision Avoidance Assist (FCA) for car, pedestrian, cyclist, and







junction turning, Lane Keep Assist (LKA), Blind-spot Collision Avoidance Assist (BCA), Rear-cross Traffic Avoidance Assist (RCTA), Safe Exit Assist (SEA), Lane Follow Assist (LFA), Assist (SEA), Latte Follow Assist (EFA), Blind Spot Detection (BSD), Driver Attention Warning (DAW), and Smart Cruise Control (SCC) with Stop & Go

Functionality.

Advait couldn't have been happier at being proved wrong. In the bargain, he found everything he wanted but didn't hope to find in an Indian electric vehicle - sporty design, long range, fast charging and advanced safety and driver assistance features. Now he can't wait for his next getaway in his new KIA EV6!