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compensation for riot
victims, deployment of
more forces in Manipur

PTI ■ CHURACHANDPUR/
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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 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 from the Kuki community to 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

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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 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.

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 Court judge to probe the incident.

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 charter of demands to be taken immediately to help bring peace and normalcy 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 again.

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 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.

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 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.

UWW hits out at detention of grapplers, threatens WFI ban

Khap, farmer leaders convince wrestlers not to immerse medals in Ganga river

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

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.

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 protesting wrestlers at Jantar Mantar where they were manhandled and detained by police for trying 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 (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 WFI.

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."

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**

Delhi girl's killer bought knife 15 days ago: Police

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The 20-year-old AC mechanic arrested for his 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.

Politicos of all hues line 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 family members and even making announcements of compensation.

The leaders from BJP, AAP, and Congress met and condoled 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 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 harshest 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 passers-by 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 Dairy murder case and offered her condolences.

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

PNS ■ JAMMU

Ten 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 travellers 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



Passengers injured after a bus met with an accident in Jhajjar Kotli area, being shifted to GMC Hospital, in Jammu district, on Tuesday.

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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.

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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 end-to-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.

Man assaults AI crew member on 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.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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



Vaikuntha Vishnu

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-



G Kishan Reddy with artefacts

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.

Drive to repair defunct hand pumps and towers to address water crisis

SKILLED TECHNICIANS AND ENGINEERS MOBILISED

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

In response to the pressing water crisis that has plagued the fringe areas for months, the local administration has initiated a comprehensive plan to repair defunct handpumps and solar water towers. This proactive step aims to alleviate the acute shortage of clean water faced by the residents.

The dire situation prompted the administration to prioritize the restoration of essential water infrastructure. With a firm commitment to ensuring access to safe drinking water for all, the local department has allocated significant resources to

this endeavour. Potka, Patamda, Baghera, Jugsalai, Pursudih and Karandih, have been the worst affected areas.

Under the ambitious repair programme, a team of skilled technicians and engineers has been mobilized to identify and fix malfunctioning handpumps across the region. These handpumps, which were once a reliable source of water, fell into disrepair due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance. The administration has acknowledged the need for immediate action and has pledged to restore these crucial water sources within a specified timeframe.

Furthermore, the adminis-

tration has also focused its attention on rehabilitating the solar water towers, which play a vital role in supplying water to remote areas. The solar-powered infrastructure had fallen into a state of disarray due to insufficient maintenance and outdated equipment. However, the administration's repair initiative aims to rectify these issues, ensuring a sustainable and reliable source of water for communities in far-flung regions.

To ensure the success of the repair program, the administration has collaborated with local NGOs, community leaders, and water management experts. These

stakeholders will work together to expedite the repair process, promote community awareness about water conservation, and establish sustainable water management practices.

The administration's proactive response to the water crisis has been widely appreciated by residents who have long endured the hardships caused by inadequate access to clean water. Local community members have expressed their gratitude for the swift action taken by the administration, hoping that it will lead to a significant improvement in their daily lives.

In addition to the repair

efforts, the administration has emphasized the need for long-term solutions to address the underlying issues contributing to the water crisis. Plans are underway to invest in modern water infrastructure, including the installation of advanced filtration systems and the establishment of water treatment plants. These measures aim to ensure the availability of clean and safe water for the region in the years to come.

As the repair program progresses, the administration remains committed to maintaining open lines of communication with residents. Regular updates and public awareness campaigns

will be conducted to keep the community informed about the progress made and any additional measures that may be implemented to combat the water crisis effectively," said an official.

The local administration's dedicated efforts to repair defunct handpumps and solar water towers demonstrate a proactive and responsible approach to addressing the water crisis. With an unwavering commitment to improving water access and management, the administration is taking significant strides toward resolving this pressing issue and providing sustainable solutions for the benefit of all residents.

EPFO conducts 'Nidhi Apke Nikat' program at SAIL, Ranchi

PNS : RANCHI

Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) Ranchi and SAIL, Ranchi Units jointly organised "Nidhi Apke Nikat 2.0" district contact program at the lecture hall of SAIL RDCIS, Shyamali Colony. In this programme, information related to the benefits, needs and processes related to Employees Provident Fund (EPF) was given. EPFO officials also said that for the latest information about Provident Fund (PF), Pension and Employees Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) scheme, stay connected to our website www.epfindia.gov.in and various social media platforms. Along with this, you can also get its information in mobile from the app named "UMANG" of EPFO. In this program, A "Help Desk" was also created by EPFO Ranchi to resolve the problems of the employees of SAIL Ranchi unit as well as the contract workers. In this program, Regional PF Commissioner Rajesh Pandey from EPFO Delhi, Sujit Kumar, Lallan Prasad Yadav, Rajeev Kumar from EPFO Ranchi as well as GM Asit Kumar Mahanty, RK Jha , Rahul Srivastava from P&A Department of SAIL Ranchi Unit and GM Manik C Mahato, Alok Kumar, Brij Kishore, CS Narayan and Saurabh Jha from Finance Department were present.



'Construction of library in Hazaribag must be completed by 30 June'

SHAILESH SHARMA : HAZARIBAG

Deputy Commissioner Hazaribag, Nancy Sahay today said that the construction of library building work must be completed by June 30 this year. Basic amenities like health, drinking water, roads and education facilities must be available to the residents of coalfield areas in the district. Primary health centres should also be equipped with all medical equipment and facilities, she said in the review meeting of DMFT (District Mineral Foundation Trust) on Tuesday.

The DC further said that we are getting regular complaints of the residents of coalfield areas that they are not getting basic amenities. She instructed the concerned department to be careful that the residents are getting the facilities of education, medical, drinking water and child welfare in the locality.



The DC said that for the welfare plans, which are going on in the district, the concerned officer must submit the feedback of every plan to the district headquarter. The engineers should not compromise in the quality of the plan.

She further said that if any problems came in the plan, the solution must be found with the proper coordination between block officers and

the departments which are involved in the plan.

In the meeting the members have passed the proposal of deep boring near the anganbari kendras. The members have also passed the proposal of medical equipment, repairs of buildings, construction of staff nurse quarters, approach roads, appointment of human resource and payments of bills.

CMPDI distributes certificates to women trainees



RANCHI

CMPDI's team on Tuesday distributed course completion certificates to 50 women candidates of Jharkhand, who had successfully completed a four months training program of (Theory and on the Job Training) General Duty Assistance (GDA) under CMPDI's CSR Initiative. Certificates

were distributed to candidates at Prayas (Juvenile Aids Center), Center, Ranchi. On this occasion CSR team from CMPDI, and Prayas JAC team were present. In General Duty Assistance training program, Candidates will be trained to provide basic nursing care and treating of ill patients etc. These certified women candidates can work in Hospitals, Old Age Homes, Patient's Homes, Community Care Centers and Mental Health Institutes. Till date 12 Women candidates were placed in different Hospitals.

The project aims to uplift the women from poverty and enable them to be self-reliant.

Earlier in September 2022, MoA was exchanged between R K Mahapatro, General Manager (HRD/CSR), CMPDI (HQ) and Indu Rani Singh, Executive Director, Prayas JAC Society for the training program at a cost of 10.98 Lakhs.

'Update and get double ration' — Cyber crooks' new trap

PNS : BOKARO

Now, cybercriminals have opted for a new modus operandi to cheat innocent people by asking for 4 digits of OTP to update their ration cards.

Cybercriminals were enticing people into their trap, offering them a double quantity of ration after upgrading their ration cards.

Now-a-days, incidents of online fraud are on the rise. Cybercriminals come up with different reasons to trap poor people and steal their money kept in banks. However, the government and the police are struggling to decrease the number of these criminals effectively. When cybercriminals call their victims, they often pretend to be bank managers, supply department officers, or power department employees. Sometimes, they also pretend to be officers from the supply department when they call people.

One such incident occurred when Surendra Kumar, a resident of Sector-9, Bokaro received a call from the number 7204524146 at around 9:30 a.m.; the caller claimed to be an employee of the Lucknow Ration Card Department and stated that 4-digits OTP would be sent to update his card. The caller further warned that if the card was not updated, he would no longer receive rations starting from the next month. However, he would receive a double quantity of ration if the card was updated.

Surendra was suspicious because he had not yet received his ration card. He immediately received a 4-digit OTP on his phone. He confronted the caller in response, expressing his disappointment in their attempts to deceive vulnerable individuals. Upon hearing this, the caller disconnected the call, told Surendra.

BSL to organize various programmes on World Environment Day

R SHARMA : BOKARO

June 05 is celebrated as World Environment Day. Under the joint aegis of Environment Protection and Sustainability Department of BSL and Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, various programmes are being organized for the awareness of environmental protection. Under this, an awareness campaign related to plastic pollution will be organized in the morning of May 31 in Sector-5 Hatia. Quiz and poster competition related to bio-medical waste at BGH on June 2, cleaning of Sun Temple reservoir through public participation on June 3, quiz competition and speech for officers and personnel in Executive Director (Operations) seminar room on June 3. Speech competition, painting and environmental quiz competition for school children and environmental quiz competition for parents and housewives will also be organized in the Institution of



Engineers on 5th June.

Notably this year, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has envisaged celebrating World Environment Day 2023 with emphasis on Mission LIFE. Concept of LIFE, i.e. Life Style for Environment. These events are open to all and have an emphasis on life themes i.e. save energy, save water, stop single use plastic,

reduce waste, adopt a healthy lifestyle and reduce e-waste. Maximum participation of children, parents and housewives has been called for in this campaign of environmental protection by participating in various programs being jointly organized by the Environment Protection and Sustainability Department of Bokaro Steel Plant and the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board.

After Pro VC, VC exit who to run NPU?

M F AHMAD : DALTONGANJ

It is some hours from now when the pro VC and VC of the Nilamber Pitamber university will be demitting their offices on completion of their three years tenure.

Pro VC Deep Narayan Yadav is to complete his 3 years term on May 31. Similarly VC Ram Laxhan Singh is to exit on June 1.

The two from UP would be given a send off on June 1 together, said the registrar of the NPU Dr Rakesh Kumar.

The Governor's secretari-

at has made an alternative arrangement for the Kolhan University Chaibasa where on the exit of its Pro VC and VC, the divisional commissioner of Kolhan was notified as acting VC of the Kolhan University.

However, Palamu division is sans any divisional commissioner. For a couple of days Pravin Kumar Toppo joined as divisional commissioner Palamu but after his joining here he was called back to Ranchi leaving Palamu division without any divisional commissioner.



It's now a big question as to who will be given charge of the NP university following the exit of the Pro VC and the VC here since like Kolhan University here there is no divisional commissioner of Palamu who can take charge of the NP university Daltonganj.

Sources said the Governor's secretariat may like to notify DC Palamu Anjaneyulu Dodde as its Administrator till the appointment and posting of the regular VC here in the NP university.

Ganga Dussehra program held at origin of river Damodar

VINOD PRASAD : LOHARDAGA

Damodar Bachao Andolan Lohardaga and, under the joint aegis of Yugantar Bharti, Nature Foundation, Damodar Kshetra Vikash Trust, Devnad Damodar Festival program was concluded on Tuesday under the leadership of Omprakash Singh at Chulhapani Salgi, the origin of Damodar river. River Puja Havan and Maha Aarti and Kirtan were organized on the occasion. On the occasion, former MLC Praveen Singh said that the water here is like nectar. Just in contrast to the way the Damodar river was polluted, the water nectar of Chulhapani, the origin of the Damodar river, is clean and pure. He said that the efforts of Saryu Roy's movement paid off.

Successful efforts have been made to make polluted rivers like Damodar pollution free through movement. Omprakash Singh said that the development of Chulhapani is progressing slowly and Saryu Rai's efforts paid off. In 2004 it was difficult to travel on foot, but today a four-wheeler is going up to Chulhapani. Zonal Officer Kudu Praveen Singh

said that we will try to bring all the schemes of the government to the ground, electricity has reached here, the access road has been made, we are trying to build good clean drinking water and good roads soon. Kirtan was organized in the program under the leadership of Muneshwar Sahu.

Sub-Divisional Police Officer Senior Narayan Singh said that if there is a forest, then it is auspicious. Everyone is requested to plant and save one tree in a year, only then we will be able to save the environment, only then we will get pollution free water if trees remain planted. The program was organized by Damodar Bachao Andolan, Damodar Area Development Trust, Yugantar Bharti Nature Foundation. While tourism as a sponsor was done by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Sports, Youth Program, Government of Jharkhand. On this occasion, City Manager of Municipal Council Bijay Kumar planted three saplings of camphor near the place of origin from the visiting guests. Balakrishna Singh, Jaynarayan Prajapati, Raju Singh, Lal and others were present in the programme.

BIADA holds Industry Association workshop to bridge demand-supply gaps in manpower

PNS : BOKARO

Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS) in partnership with IPE Global Limited, New Delhi (an international development sector consulting organization) and with the support of Jharkhand Industrial Area Development Authority (JIADA), Bokaro Region has conducted an Industry Association workshop at Bokaro Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) Bhawan . Notably JSLPS has partnered with IPE Global Limited for conducting a statewide "SKILL GAP ANALYSIS" under DDU-GKY scheme in Jharkhand. This study aims to understand the gaps in the demand and supply of skills in the labour market and forecast the projected job requirements in various sectors for the next five years. The workshop will enable better alignment of demand and supply of skills in the labour market and would also help in addressing the mismatch between the industry requirement and



the current educational and training ecosystem in the state.

The workshop witnessed the participation of government representatives and industry partners from Bokaro, Dhanbad and Giridih. The event started with a welcome note by Keerthishree G, IAS, DDC, and Regional Director- JIADA Bokaro, followed by an inaugural address by Bishnu Parida, COO, JSLPS.

Saidatta Mukতিকanta Swain, Consultant-Placement, Industrial Partnership & Job Fair Coordination, JSLPS then briefed the scope and the intended outcomes of the project which was then followed by initiatives of various sessions with the industry representatives. Gaurav Verma, Associate Director, IPE Global, moderated the sessions covering areas like gaps and challenges in the

demand and supply of manpower, the industry's involvement in strengthening the skilling ecosystem, and best practices to reduce out-migration and enhance diversity and inclusions. The participants shared their views on labour and employment status of the state specific to their region, the impact of automation in the industry and their readiness for industrial revolution 4.0.

Thieves attempt burglary at Bank of India's Kolabira branch

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

A daring burglary attempt at the Bank of India's Kolabira branch was made by the criminals. The incident, which unfolded in the wee hours of the day, has raised concerns about the security measures in place at the bank.

The criminals made a bid of burglary at the Bank of India's (BoI) Kolabira branch under Seraikela thana area in the adjoining Seraikela-Kharsawan district on Tuesday. According to information, though the burglars succeeded in barging inside the bank premises by breaking the grill, they could not reach the vault. A police party from Seraikela police station rushed to the spot followed by a team of BoI management. After verification, the bank management declared that the cash and other valuables in the vault were intact.

The criminals had entered the bank premises on the first floor, breaking the grill. They had climbed onto the first floor by means of pipes.

As the doors were locked from the outside, the house owners had a tough time getting rid of the situation.

Sub-divisional police officer, Seraikela, Harvinder Singh confirmed that an abortive burglary attempt was committed at the BoI's Kolabira branch on the intervening night of Tuesday.

The attempted burglary highlights the significance of the security measures implemented by financial institutions and the vital role played by law enforcement agencies in safeguarding public assets. Bank officials have expressed their gratitude for the prompt response of the local police, which prevented potential damage to the bank's property and ensured the protection of customers' assets.

The local community has expressed concern over the attempted burglary, highlighting the need for heightened security measures and increased police patrolling in the area. Residents have called for a collaborative effort between law enforcement agencies, financial institutions, and the community to address security challenges effectively and ensure the safety of public establishments.

ED raids at MLA Pradeep Yadav's premises across State

Yadav and his close associates are also on ED radar

PNS : RANCHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday conducted raids on the premises of Congress MLA Pradeep Yadav and his associates across Jharkhand in connection with a money laundering case.

Several teams of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) were conducting raids at 12 places in Jharkhand capital including the locations of Congress' Poraiyahat MLA Pradeep Yadav, at Deoghar and other places in State. The raids were conducted at 12 locations across Jharkhand, including four in Ranchi and eight in Deoghar and surrounding areas.

"The ED is investigating the case under the Prevention

of Money Laundering Act. The case is related to income tax actions on Pradeep Yadav and others. The Income Tax department had conducted raids a few months ago," informed sources. Already Yadav is on IT radar for tax evasion.

The raids started simultaneously in the morning and continue so far. On November 4, 2022, the income tax department team had raided the locations of Yadav and his close ones. It is said that on the basis of an income tax department report, this raid has been launched.

Other prominent locations of the ED raids besides Yadav's residence is the house of builder Shiv Kumar Yadav at Cheshire Home Road and Neeraj Singh's residence at



CRPF personnel at a location linked to Congress MLA Pradeep Yadav during a search by Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials in connection with a money laundering case, in Ranchi on Tuesday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

Ratu Road is also being raided.

The five-time legislator from the Poraiyahat seat of Jharkhand is the deputy leader of the party in the state Assembly.

The searches were in connection with an alleged tax evasion probe against groups in coal trading and transportation, execution of civil contracts, extraction of iron ore and production of sponge iron in Jharkhand.

Many close people of Pradeep Yadav are also under the radar of ED. According to the information received, ED is conducting this raid in case of disproportionate assets. Raids are being conducted at the close relatives of Congress MLA Pradeep Yadav. It is being told that on November

4, 2022, a report was prepared after the raid by the Income Tax Department team. The same report was sent to ED on the basis of which ED has conducted this raid today.

Yadav is second Congress MLA who is on ED radar, the Income Tax Department last year raided the premises of Congress MLA Pradeep Yadav as well as Bermo MLA Kumar Jaimangal Singh alias Anoop Singh on 4 November 2022. IT raided Pradeep Yadav's residence in Ranchi and Godda and Anoop Singh's official residence in Bermo and Ranchi. Many people are on target in this raid. It is being said that ED has come with a long wait and full preparation in case of disproportionate assets against Pradeep Yadav.



Deputy Vice Chairman of Eastern Region of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) SK Behera meets Chief Minister Hemant Soren at his official residence in Ranchi on Tuesday. PNS

JJMP Area Commander surrenders before State Police

PNS : RANCHI

Area Commander of banned militant organization Jharkhand Jan Mukti Morcha (JJMP) Raghunath Singh Kherwar alias Raghu surrendered before the police on Tuesday in Latehar. Latehar SP Anjani Anjan and CRPF 214BN 2ic Commandant Abhinav welcomed the surrendered militant with a bouquet in the programme organized for surrender.

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DDUGKY crucial in self-employment generation in Pakur: Alamgir



Rural Development Minister Alamgir Alam, Pakur Deputy Commissioner Varun Ranjan during rising Pakur programme in Pakur on Tuesday. PNS

PNS : RANCHI

The contribution of Deendayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDUGKY) is very important in moving Pakur district towards self-employment, said Rural Development Minister, Alamgir Alam while inaugurating Rising Pakur programme on Tuesday in Pakur.

Under the DDUGKY, run by the Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS), a workshop was organized on Tuesday in the presence of Alam in Pakur Deputy Commissioner (DC), Varun Ranjan. During this, Alam and Ranjan formally inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp.

Addressing the gathering Alam said that JSLPS, under DDUGKY, the trainee will not have to bear any kind of expenditure for training from three months to two years. "The Government provides accommodation, food and other facilities to the trainees during the training. At present, there is a lack of awareness among people about the scheme. For this purpose, this workshop has been organized

in which this scheme should be made successful with the participation of all you public representatives, officers of various departments, police officers and others.

"All the public representatives, your contribution is very important in the successful operation of the scheme. The media representatives should play an important role in connecting the eligible and needy people with the scheme. If this scheme is implemented properly, then this scheme will prove to be a milestone in the development of Pakur district," said Alam. On the occasion, the Pakur DC in order to give detailed information to everyone regarding the DDUGKY, said that under this scheme, with the aim of moving people towards self-employment in rural areas, the scheme is operated under which women are given various technical skill training along with sewing embroidery, nursing and men are given various fields. At the same time, under the launch of Rising Pakur, it has been started to remove the economic and social backwardness of Pakur district, which will lead to the development

of Pakur, he added.

"An action plan has been prepared for the Department of Education, Health and Child Development and work is to be done in two phases under this. He said that the problems of all the three departments are faced and for this the Project Rising Pakur has been started and definitely a big change will be seen in these three areas in the coming time. The police officers should organize workshops at the police station level and play an important role in making the youth aware of the scheme," said Ranjan.

Assets were distributed at the end of the program, under which movement letters were given to five participants of DDUGKY kits to Job Resource Person, citation to JRP and BPM for doing better work in the last financial year, Birs Irrigation Well Scheme and Distribution of acceptance letters to the beneficiaries of Birs Harit Gram Yojana and selection letters to Anganwadi workers and Sahiys. Simultaneously, 33 unemployed youths and women were sent to Ranchi and Hazaribagh for training.

KEEPING RIVERS CLEAN IS A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY: GUV

Radhakrishnan attends Damodar Mahotsav in Rajrappa

PNS : RANCHI

Governor CP Radhakrishnan today said that it is our collective responsibility to safeguard the lifeline of people and restore its pristine glory. Efforts have been made to address these challenges, with initiatives focused on river conservation, pollution control, and sustainable development. As responsible citizens, we must support these efforts and become custodians of the Damodar River. We must strive to conserve its waters, protect its ecosystem, and promote sustainable practices in our daily lives.

The Governor was addressing a gathering on the occasion of Devnad Damodar Mahotsav in Rajrappa, Ramgarh on Tuesday in the presence of former Minister Saryu Roy and other prominent persons of the State.



Governor CP Radhakrishnan, MLA Saryu Roy and others participate in Aarti at Damodar River in Ramgarh on Tuesday. PNS

"I am delighted to be here at this holy place of Rajrappa today. Rajrappa is a famous religious site, and devotees from all over the country come here for worship at the 'Maa Chinnamastika Temple.' Today, I also had the privilege

of having the opportunity to worship at the temple. I pray to the 'Maa Chinnamastika' for the happiness and prosperity of our state residents. May the blessings of the Maa be with all," he said.

The Governor said that the

'Damodar River' is Jharkhand's lifeline and is considered a holy river. It holds immense significance for Jharkhand and the entire region wherever it flows. It is not just a water body; it is the lifeblood of Jharkhand, nourishing the land and its people. It traverses through the heart of the state, weaving its way through its diverse landscapes and playing a vital role in shaping the lives of the communities it touches. The river's importance can be seen in various aspects of life in Jharkhand. It serves as a crucial water source for irrigation, facilitating agricultural practices that support the livelihoods of countless farmers. I am delighted to be present among all of you in the "Devnad Damodar Mahotsav" organized by Yugantar Bharti, an NGO that is always vigilant in the field of the environment. I congratulate the

Jharkhand Legislative Assembly member, Shri Saryu Rai Ji, for taking a remarkable initiative toward environmental protection.

The source of the Damodar River is the village of Chulhapani. The local people believe that Chulhapani is the abode of deities. Several dams and power plants harness its fast-flowing waters and drive economic growth. It is unfortunate that later it has become one of the most polluted rivers in the country.

The Devnad Damodar Mahotsava is a celebration of our cultural heritage and an occasion to raise awareness about environmental conservation and sustainable practices. It reminds us of our responsibility to protect the Damodar River and its ecosystem, ensuring its cleanliness and preserving its natural beauty for future generations.

37, 309 students appear in Schools of Excellence entrance



Students appear for the entrance exam for admissions to the CM Schools of Excellence (SoEs) in Jamshedpur on Tuesday. PNS

PNS : RANCHI

Ruby Das, a resident of Jamshedpur, is beaming with renewed hopes for the future of her daughter. Her daughter Anjana Das will now be able to attend English medium school. Ruby Das was not able to send her meritorious daughter to a CBSE affiliated school due to financial constraints. The financial deterrent that people face in the path of providing better educational facilities towards their children has been done away with by the recent launch of the Schools of Excellence by Chief Minister Hemant Soren. While narrating how much of a difference will this move brings to the future of her daughter Ruby Das got emotional. This was a common scene at exam centres across the state today where the entrance for securing admissions to the SoEs got conducted. It may be noted that the step to secure standardization in education and providing equal opportunities to students across all sections of the society through the launch of SoEs by the Chief Minister has been received well by the students of the state. Parents have come forward to extend their heartfelt thanks to the government for taking this historic step.

There was an air of enthusiasm among the students regarding admissions to the Schools of Excellence (SoEs). A total of 37,309 students appeared in the entrance test for a total of 11,986 available seats. Maximum 3,915 students appeared in Deoghar, 3,344 in Palamu, 2,517 in Lohardaga, 2,352 in Chatra, 1,818 in Seraikela-Kharsawan, 1,693 in Giridih, 1,638 in East Singhbhum, 1,607 in Ramgarh, 1,554 in Ranchi.

Keeping in view the demand of the parents, the deadline for submission of applications in Schools of Excellence (SoEs) was extended till May 25, 2023 for which the entrance was conducted on Tuesday. Further, the first merit list will be released on June 7 and enrollment will start from June 12 onwards according to the merit list.

JAC declares Intermediate Arts and Commerce results

Hazaribagh district tops, Ranchi on 10th position



Director Secondary Education Sunil Kumar, Chairman JAC Anil Kumar Mahato alongwith others release JAC board 12th Arts and Commerce results at JAC office in Ranchi on Tuesday. Pix by Vinay

PNS : RANCHI

The Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) today declared the Commerce and Arts results of Class 12 at their official websites. The overall pass percentage in JAC Class 12 commerce is 88.6 per cent, while it is 95.9 per cent in arts. Kashish Parveen is Arts stream topper while Shrishti Kumari tops the Commerce stream.

In the top 10 rank of Arts, there are four students at the seventh position, six at the eighth position, three at the ninth position and three at the tenth position. The girls of Ursuline Inter College Ranchi have once again outperformed others in this list. In the entire list, 15 girls are from Ursuline Inter College Ranchi only,

while the total number of girls in the list is 21. JAC Board President Dr. Anil Kumar Mahato has given best wishes to all the students who have passed. He wished that all of you touch new heights. He said that Jack Board is continuously striving towards improving its performance. The session has been regularized during the last two years. Also, our students have brought laurels by securing good marks. Best wishes to the teachers and parents of all the students.

However, toppers giving the result of Ranchi Inter Arts and Commerce have not been able to make a better place in the district. After being equipped with all the facilities and being under the watch of the authorities, the result of capital Ranchi has not been



Students celebrate their success after the announcement of 12th class results by Jharkhand Academic Council Examination in Ranchi on Tuesday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

better. Jharkhand Academic Council has released the list of topper districts in the result. Capital Ranchi is at 10th position in the list of arts. At the same time, it is not even included in the top ten in the list of commerce. Ranchi district ranks 11th in the list of commerce. In this way, Hazaribagh is ahead in Arts results and Jamtara is ahead in Commerce results.

Last week, the results of matriculation and Intermediate Science were declared. In matriculation results Shreya Songiri from Purna Pani Adivasi High School (Jamshedpur) has topped the matriculation examination securing 490 out of 500 marks. Her percentage is 98 per cent. Followed by Songiri, Dumka boy Saurabh

Kumar Pal is second securing 489 (97.8 per cent). Deeksha Bharti from Hazaribagh Chas Indra Gandhi Girls High School is third getting 488 (97.6 per cent). Similarly, in intermediate science too this year's topper is a girl student. Divya Kumari from GM + High School (Ramgarh) is intermediate science topper scoring 479 out of 500 marks. Her percentage is 95.87 per cent. Followed by Divya Kumari, the second and third topper are girls. Khushi Kumari from Ursuline Convent Ranchi is second topper getting 476- 95.2 per cent, while Priyanka Ghosh from Ursuline Convent Ranchi 95 per cent is third getting 475 marks. Pawan Kumar Rana (Hazaribagh) too has secured 475- 95 per cent marks.

Governor holds dialogue with rural folks in Ramgarh

Encourages women to be self-dependent and contribute to nation building



Governor CP Radhakrishnan interacts with villagers during a programme in Ramgarh district on Tuesday. PNS

PNS : RANCHI

Governor CP Radhakrishnan visited Bhuchundhi Panchayat under Chitarpur Block and interacted with the villagers at Panchayat Bhawan.

Bhuchundhi during his visit to Ramgarh district on Tuesday. On the occasion, he obtained information from the villagers about the status of implementation of various schemes of the Central and State Government there. Appreciating the women for their awareness about the schemes of the government, the Governor said that if women are self-reliant, they can ensure not only the education of their children, but also a good future for their entire family. During this, he made the villagers aware about Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, various pension schemes, Ayushman card and other schemes and instructed District Administration, Ramgarh to provide benefits to those beneficiar-

ies who could not get the benefit of the scheme due to any reason.

On the occasion, the women of the self-help group gave information to the Governor about the benefits they got after joining the group. The Governor said that women who have benefited from the schemes of the government should also take inspiration from them and become aware, as well as take initiative in the direction of benefiting other people of their area by making them aware of the schemes of the government. During the programme, the Governor gave a cheque of Rs 10000 to Mangoti Devi under Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojana, Savitri Devi under Phulo Jhano Ashirwad Yojana, acceptance letter to Mahima Kumari under Savitribai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojana, Dhaneshwari under Sona Sobran Dhoti Saree Yojana, Devi, Birs under Harit Gram Yojana Tarannum Ara (Rs 179000 under MGNREGA) sanction letter.

Will keep working harder, says Modi

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said his every decision was guided by the desire to improve the lives of people, as his government completed nine years in power.

“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.

The Bharatiya Janata 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 and chief ministers, had on Monday highlighted the government’s achievements in a nationwide outreach.

From India’s “rising”

global stature to emphasis on 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

The 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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

capacity building, conservation of architectural monuments, defence cooperation, including de-mining, parliamentary 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 high-level 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 Jinping.

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, Russia, 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

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/UNITED NATIONS

Appreciating 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



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

East and Western Sahara.

“India is a major player in the 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 “engagement 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 peacekeeping.”

The UN marked 75 years of peacekeeping and commemorated the International Day of UN Peacekeepers on May 29 with this year’s theme of “Peace begins with me”.

Three Indian peacekeepers, who lost their lives serving under the UN flag last year, were honoured posthumously with the prestigious Dag Hammarskjöld Medal at a solemn ceremony last week.

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

Becomes first Indian Def Min to visit African nation

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/ABUJA

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 on ‘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.

Rajnath highlighted India’s growing importance on the world stage owing to its fast-expanding 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



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attends the swearing-in ceremony of Nigerian President-elect Bola Ahmed Tinubu, in Abuja on Monday PTI

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. Indian-owned or operated companies and businesses are among the largest employers in the country.

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Statement of Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2023					
(Amounts in INR millions, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated)					
Particulars	Quarter ended 31 March 2023	Quarter ended 31 December 2022	Quarter ended 31 March 2022	Year ended 31 March 2023	Year ended 31 March 2022
	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
Total Income from Operations	99	85	85	719	835
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(65)	(42)	(39)	223	209
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(65)	(42)	(39)	223	209
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(86)	(10)	(20)	149	171
Total Comprehensive Income for the year [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(86)	(10)	(20)	149	171
Paid up Equity Share Capital	153	153	153	153	153
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	1,726	1,813	1,577	1,726	1,577
Securities premium	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366
Net worth	1,879	1,966	1,730	1,879	1,730
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	2,639	2,827	3,002	2,638	3,003
Debt Equity Ratio	1.54	1.66	1.77	1.54	1.77
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
1. Basic :	(5.64)	(0.63)	(1.32)	9.73	11.20
2. Diluted :	(5.64)	(0.63)	(1.32)	9.73	11.20
Debt Service Redemption Reserve	151	276	296	151	296
Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	5.88	1.49	0.09	2.49	0.98
Interest Service Coverage Ratio*	0.65	0.92	0.98	2.26	2.00
Current ratio*	2.55	2.87	2.50	2.55	2.50
Long Term Debt to Working Capital*	1.76	1.68	2.04	1.76	2.04
Current Liability Ratio*	0.23	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.21
Total Debts to Total Assets Ratio*	0.52	0.54	0.58	0.52	0.58
Debtors Turnover Ratio*	0.22	0.12	0.11	1.41	1.05
Inventory Turnover Ratio*	107.63	134.04	–	781.73	–
Operating margin (%)	0.12	(3.82)	(0.07)	0.51	3.91
Net profit margin (%)	(0.87)	(0.11)	(0.24)	0.21	1.52

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- Ratios have been computed as follows :
 - Earning per share = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares
 - Debt Equity Ratio* = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital, share premium, loan from Related party and excluding unamortized fees)
 - Interest Service Coverage Ratio* = Profit before interest, tax and depreciation / Total Interest Expense.
 - Current Ratio* = Current Assets/ Current Liabilities
 - Long Term Debt to Working Capital* = Non- Current borrowing including current maturities of Non-current borrowings/ (Current Assets - Current Liabilities excluding current maturities of Non-Current borrowings)
 - Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio* = Bad debts / Average Trade receivables and Average unbilled Revenue.
 - Current Liability Ratio* = Current Liabilities/ Total Liabilities
 - Total Debts to total Assets* = Total outstanding debts/ Total Assets
 - Debtors turnover= Revenue from operation/ Average trade receivables and Average unbilled Revenue
 - Inventory Turnover: The company does not generate revenue from selling of inventory, hence this ratio is not applicable.
 - Operating margin(%) = (Profit before tax + Finance costs - Other income+ Carbon credit (net of expenses))/ Revenue from operations + Income from carbon credits
 - Net Profit Margin (%) = Net profit after Tax/ Revenue from Operations
 - Debt Service Coverage Ratio* = (PAT based on Project Revenues realised (excluding non-cash adjustments, if any) + Depreciation + Interest (Interest, Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents)) / (Interest + Principal Repayment+ Guarantee fee).
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange(s) under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the website of National Stock Exchange of India Limited and the listed entity (URLs : <https://www.nseindia.com> & <https://renewpower.in/renew-wind-energy-limited-jath/>)
- For the other line items referred in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and can be accessed on the URLs <https://www.nseindia.com> & <https://renewpower.in/renew-wind-energy-limited-jath/>
- The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” (Ind AS 34) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 (“the Act”) read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies.
- The company is in the business of development and operation of wind power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 “Operating Segments”.
- The financial results for the year ended March 31, 2023 have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 30-May-2023.
- India Ratings and Care Ratings has assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to “IND AA (CE)” with negative outlook and “CARE AA (CE)” with stable outlook, respectively.
- Previous period figures have been re-grouped / re-classified wherever necessary, to conform to current period’s classification in order to comply with the requirements of the amended Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013 effective from 1 April 2021.

For and on behalf of the
ReNew Wind Energy (Jath) Limited
(Sd/-) Balram Mehta
Managing Director, DIN : 06902711
Place : Gurugram
Date : 30 May, 2023

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EXTRACT OF AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023						
(Rs. In Lakhs)						
S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
		(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	4293.80	2074.97	1457.12	9751.16	6550.24
2.	Net Profit for the period (before tax & exceptional items)	(3178.95)	538.76	696.81	(2470.76)	1137.43
3.	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after exceptional items)	(3178.95)	538.76	696.81	(2470.76)	9492.32
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	(3127.95)	538.76	728.81	(2419.76)	9524.32
5.	Total Comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(3127.95)	538.76	728.81	(2419.76)	9524.32
6.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- per share)	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29
7.	Earnings Per Share					
	i) Basic in Rs.	-5.40	0.93	1.26	-4.18	16.46
	ii) Diluted in Rs.	-5.40	0.93	1.26	-4.18	16.46

Notes:-

- The above audited results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and thereafter approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. The results have been audited by the Statutory Auditors of the Company and they have issued unmodified report.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) and the Company Website (www.himalayafoodcompany.com).
- Additional information on standalone financial results is as follows:

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
		(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1.	Income from Operations	4293.80	2074.97	1457.12	9751.16	6550.24
2.	Profit before tax	(3178.83)	538.76	696.81	(2470.64)	9492.32
3.	Profit after tax	(3127.83)	538.76	728.81	(2419.64)	9524.32

- The financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time.
- During the 1st quarter ending 30th June 2022 the Company had fire in their Gujarat plant. Stocks of around Rs. 16.21 crore have been burnt. The Company is expecting to receive the Insurance claim of around Rs. 28 crore against the fire lost stocks & the loss of building & plant & machinery around Rs. 52.14 crore is submitted to the agencies deployed by the Insurance Company. The depreciation charged during the FY 2022-23 has been an old block before the fire and post after the fire.

For and on behalf of the Board
Sd/-
Man Mohan Malik
Director
(DIN: 00696077)
Date:- 30.05.2023
Place:- Gujarat

ED raids locations in probe against J’Khand MLA case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday conducted searches at various locations in Jharkhand linked to Congress MLA Pradeep Yadav and others as part of a money laundering probe.

The five-term legislator from the Poraiyahat seat of the State is presently the deputy leader of the party in the State Assembly. Sources said about a dozen locations linked to the MLA in the State were searched as part of a probe being conducted against him and others under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

In 2022, the Income Tax Department had searched the premises of Yadav, and another party legislator as part of a tax evasion probe against some business groups engaged in coal trading and other illegal trading activities in Jharkhand.

Ludhiana court blast case: Supplementary chargesheet filed

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The NIA has filed a supplementary chargesheet against two persons in the Ludhiana court complex bomb blast case, in which one person was killed and six others injured on December 23, 2021.

One of the chargesheeted accused, Lakhbir Singh alias Rode of Moga district of Punjab, is reportedly in Pakistan from where he had smuggled IEDs into India for triggering explosions across Punjab. He is Chief of banned outfit, Khalistan Liberation Forces (KLF) and International Sikh Youth Federation (ISFY).

The other accused chargesheeted in the case on Tuesday, Harpreet Singh alias Happy Malaysia of Amritsar district, was arrested in December 2022 from the Indian Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), Delhi.

One can’t malign judicial officers by using social media, says SC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

One cannot malign judicial officers by using Social Media, the Supreme Court observed on Tuesday while dismissing a plea challenging a Madhya Pradesh High Court order that sentenced a man to 10 days in jail for making corruption allegations against a District Judge. A vacation bench of Justice Bela M Trivedi and Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra said it was not inclined to interfere in the matter.

“Just because you don’t get a favourable order doesn’t mean that you will malign the judicial officer. Independence

of (the) judiciary doesn’t just mean independence from (the) executive but also from outside forces. This has to be a lesson for others also.

“He should have thought twice before casting any aspersions on the judicial officer. He maligning the judicial officer. Think of the damage done to the judicial officer’s image,” Justice Trivedi observed orally. The apex court was hearing a plea filed by Krishna Kumar Raghuvanshi, challenging the High Court judgment in a suo motu criminal contempt case initiated against him for making allegations of corruption against a District Judge.

‘Will return awards if Manipur’s territorial integrity compromised’

PTI ■ IMPHAL

International and national award-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



Manipur, we will return our 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

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 hand-over the memorandum to him then,” Chanu said.

The memorandum is also signed by other Arjun awardees

from the state. They are Oinam 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 controlling the violence despite “Kuki terrorists challenging the integrity of Manipur” by killing people and burning houses.

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

The 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, Manipur and Mizoram.

“Meiteis are allowed to settle 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 memorandum added.

Mamata destroyed political culture of Bengal: Congress

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Congress has slammed Mamata Banerjee for destroying the political culture of Bengal by indulging horse-trading which was hitherto 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 president 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 Assembly segment said.

Biswas, a Left-backed Congress candidate, had won

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,” Chowdhury said.

Didi seeks Centre’s permission to visit Manipur

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA



Close on the heels of accusing the BJP for trying to foment “Manipur-like” conflicts in her own State, Bengal Chief Minister 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.

Quoting Banerjee a senior 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 elections.

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 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 Jangalmahal area.

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 children.

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



with her husband, Sakshi, who travelled in an ambulance along with her husband’s dead body, told reporters in village Thial, “after bringing food Deepak 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 also transferred a sum of Rs 3000”, confirmed his elder brother Raju while waiting to receive his mortal remains in 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 mud-house 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 wife.

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.

NCP slams Tendulkar for failure to bat for wrestlers

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

On Tuesday when the Maharashtra government appointed him as its ‘Smile Ambassador’ for its ‘Swachh Mukh Abhiyan’, the Opposition NCP took a pot-shot 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 the 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



chief minister Devendra 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

@BJP4India, to support their 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 is your duty to support your fraternity. Hope you speak up 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.

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 Ganga.

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 released from detention on Sunday night.

Niti Aayog appreciates ‘Black rice’ initiative in Chandauli

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 district.

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



problems in marketing the black rice in the absence of its GI (geographical indication) tag.

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 two-thirds of the population is engaged in agricultural sector, providing ideal conditions for the production of all types of paddy.

BJP to begin Maha Jansampark Abhiyan from May 31

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The 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



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

“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 beneficiaries of 10 key Union

government schemes and has decided to organise gatherings 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 J 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 rallies, he said.

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

PTI ■ NAGPUR

The Reserve Bank’s announcement of withdrawal 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 Tuesday.

The police in the Naxal-affected 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 police.

The Reserve Bank of India recently announced the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 notes from circulation and asked people to deposit them in banks or get



them exchanged till September 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 incidents in Chhattisgarh, he said.

22 MLAs and 9 MPs from Shinde Shiv Sena could quit party, claims rival Shiv Sena (UBT)

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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 Thackeray-led 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-respect.

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.”

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Confident Congress

The party hopes to reconcile the differences between Gehlot and Pilot

Victory, 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-holds-barred 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

PM 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 Nepali 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 two-thirds 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. People

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 Maoists.

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. It 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

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

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 MW whereas Kathmandu wants to sell 1000MW of 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 historic.

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 PM. In some ways they are interdependent. *(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)*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Humiliating wrestlers is shameful



One 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

as anti-national activities is wrong the brutality done 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 building PM says Naya Joshi, Naya Umang, Naya Safar, Naya Soch, Naya Disha, Naya Drishti and Naya Sankalp but another side he is maintaining stoic silence when there are tears in his eye sports persons 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 | Kazipet

realised in four years of rule is no small fete and is commendable.

DVG Sankararao | Vizianagaram

STATISTICAL JUGGLERY

Sir — If the attainment of the statistical 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 instead of getting educated in schools; then there lies no doubt to the fact that the New Parliament building that was

recently inaugurated in New Delhi will also make every Indian "proud"! 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!

Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

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Innovative ways to beat the smoking urge

Owing to increasing consumption of tobacco across the world, the WHO dedicated May 31 to commemorate 'World No-Tobacco Day' in 1987

Consumption 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 worldwide, 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.

- **Embrace Nicotine 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 swift-acting 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



AMBARISH JOSHI

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. *(The writer is Senior Consultant, Pulmonology, Primus Super Speciality Hospital, New Delhi)*

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 Akhnour 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 people.

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 masses. That ninety-eight per cent of promises in the party's manifesto got

FIRST COLUMN

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

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

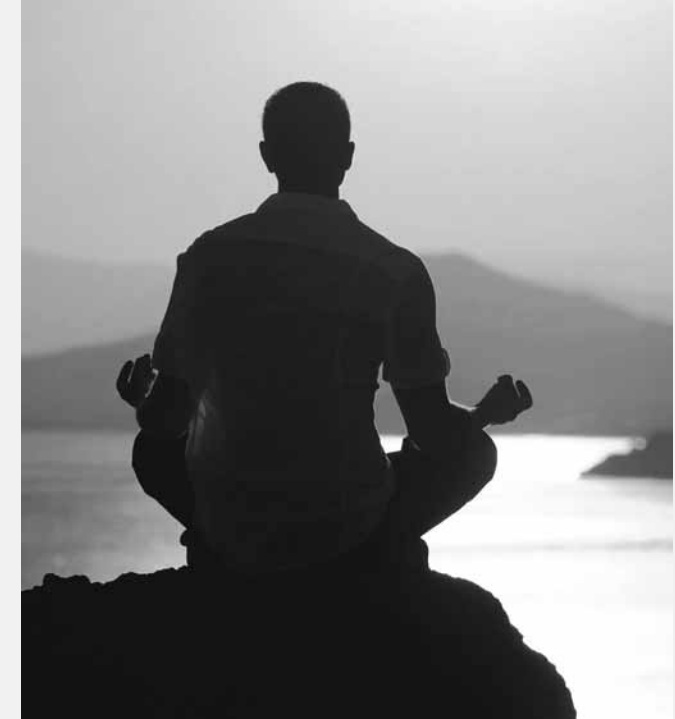


SAKSHI SETHI

A 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 implications.

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.

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Modi and his ‘India First’ governance

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



TARUN CHUGH



Prime 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 economy. 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 360-degree 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 Kutumbkam'.



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

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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 without any bias and hindrance to bid for the procurements by the government departments. It 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 were backed by actions, and they 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 Companies Act were decriminalized to instil confidence among 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 self-reliance in the manufacturing of chips. Two big-ticket FDI's have come to Gujarat and Karnataka to help India achieve self-reliance in the manufacturing of chips.

India's First policy again was in action when PM Modi

launched the Atmanirbha campaign 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 working in the defence area. Also, a number of startups have joined the Atmanirbha 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 to the economy.

Children with disabilities need robust policies for support

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

India 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.



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

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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 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.

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 Swabhimana, a community-

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?

Khan appears before anti-terrorism court

PTI ■ LAHORE

Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan on 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 pre-arrest bail till June 2.

"Khan appeared before the ATC Lahore judge Ijaz Ahmad Buttar and submitted surety bonds worth PKR 100,000 each in the four terrorism cases in which he had already been given pre-arrest bail till June 2," a court official told PTI.

As the 70-year-old chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party appeared in the court amid high security, a group of lawyers chanted slogans in his favour.

Khan's counsel also challenged the search warrants of the former premier's Zaman Park Lahore residence in the anti-terrorism court. The judge summoned the Punjab



police DIG (operations) for next hearing and directed him 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. The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi was also attacked by the mob for the first time. Khan was later released on bail.

Sharif: Anarchists don't qualify for dialogue

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday hinted that his government was unwilling to talk with Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, saying the "anarchists and arsonists" who wear the garb of politicians and attack the symbols of the state do not

Law enforcement agencies have arrested over 10,000 workers of Khan's Pakistan party across Pakistan, 4,000 of them from Punjab. Police put the death toll in violent clashes to 10 while Khan's party claims 40 of its workers lost their lives in the firing by security personnel.

Meanwhile, two lawyers of Khan appeared before a joint investigation team probing

qualify for a dialogue. Khan, 70, who was ousted via a vote of no confidence in April last year, said he is ready to speak to "anyone who is in power" after his party's top leaders began to quit the party following the May 9 riots in which sensitive military installations were attacked.

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 instead.

JIT summons ex-Pak PM

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 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 registered 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 party workers May 9 stormed the Jinnah House and set it on fire after vandalising it.

No meeting between US, Chinese defence chiefs, says Beijing

AP ■ BEIJING

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 security conference in Singapore.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning on Tuesday blamed the US, saying Washington should "earnestly respect China's sovereignty and security interests and concerns, immediately correct the wrongdoing, show sincerity, and create 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 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.

US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin is scheduled to 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 sides.

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 force.

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 since then, with only side meetings on neutral territory.

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.

He later met with the Communist Party's senior foreign affairs adviser Wang Yi in Austria.

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

China launches first spaceship with civilian

Beijing/Jiuquan (PTI): China 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 mission.

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).

About 10 minutes after the 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 journey of less than seven hours.

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 the three astronauts.

The other two are mission's commander Jing Haipeng, who is also making history by becoming the first Chinese astronaut to go into space for a record fourth time.

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 said.

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 2030.

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.

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.

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(₹ in lakhs)						
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		31.03.2023	31.03.2022	31.12.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
		Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations	4,147.68	4,211.61	3,952.51	15,318.31	13,701.06
2	Net Profit for the period before Tax	11.94	99.26	48.48	90.50	250.90
3	Net Profit for the period after tax	0.68	96.32	53.35	68.05	192.01
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	3.67	116.93	53.35	71.04	212.30
5	Equity Share Capital	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10
6	Other Equity				4,239.43	4,168.39
7	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10 each)					
(a)	Basic (₹)	0.02	2.31	1.28	1.64	4.61
(b)	Diluted (₹)	0.02	2.31	1.28	1.64	4.61

Notes :-

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under 33of theSEBI(Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange Websites (www.bseindia.com/corporates) and on the Company's website www.cosco.in.

2 The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at meeting held on May 30, 2023.

By Order of the Board
for Cosco (India) Limited
Devinder Kumar Jain

Place: Delhi
Date : 30.05.2023

Managing Director and CEO
DIN : 00191539

Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Ramnagar, (Nainital)		
(E-mail : eecdunjramnagar@gmail.com, Phone: 05947-251259)		
Letter No. 818 / Vividh-14 / 47	E-Tender Notice	Date:- 29-05-2023
E-tenders are invited through single bid system for the construction work of OHT, Rising main, providing, laying & jointing of distribution system and appurtenant works for the following drinking water schemes of Kotabagh and Ramnagar blocks of Nainital district under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme with supply of all materials, labour and T&P etc complete including testing, commissioning & handover etc. of the following schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme.		
Name of Schemes:-		
1- Mohanpur Rautela W/S Scheme, Block- Kotabagh, Period of Completion of work- 10 Months		
2- Sobanpur MVS (Tubewell) W/S Scheme, Block- Ramnagar, Period of Completion of work- 10 Months		
3- Gumanpur MVS (Tubewell) W/S Scheme, Block- Ramnagar, Period of Completion of work- 10 Months		
4- Devipur Muliya GOV W/S Scheme, Block- Ramnagar, Period of Completion of work- 10 Months		
5- Basai SVS W/S Scheme, Block- Ramnagar, Period of Completion of work- 10 Months		
1	Date of Calling of tenders	29-05-2023
2	Date of Online publication	05-06-2023 at 17:00 hrs.
3	Document download : Start Date / End Date	06-06-2023 at 11:00 hrs. / 20-06-2023 at 17:00 hrs.
4	Pre Bid Meeting	12-06-2023 at 13:00 hrs.
5	Bid Submission : Start Date / End Date	14-06-2023 at 11:00 hrs. / 20-06-2023 at 17:00 hrs.
6	Offline submission of documents (Cost of bidding document, Bid Security, Original Affidavits & all the Supporting Documents in support of qualification)	21-06-2023 upto 17:00 hrs.
7	Date of Single Bid Opening	22-06-2023 at 15:00 hrs.
Note:- For full details of the tender, corrigendum and cancellation etc., please log-in to the website www.uktenders.gov.in		
Executive Engineer		

ADDI INDUSTRIES LIMITED											
CIN : L51109DL1980PLC256335											
REGD.OFFICE: A-104 3rd FLOOR DDA SHED OKHLA PHASE-2 NEW DELHI- 110020											
Tel.: +91-11-45025409; E-Mail: addilnd@gmail.com											
EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023											
₹ (in Lakh, except per share data)											
Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated						
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended	
		31.03.2023	31.12.2022		31.03.2023	31.12.2022		31.03.2023	31.12.2022		
1.	Total income from operations	106.03	101.93	72.92	391.94	216.40	109.63	105.16	76.12	405.12	229.35
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and exceptional items)	86.78	69.45	35.67	289.44	(87.31)	90.32	72.58	38.85	302.33	(74.52)
3.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, after exceptional items)	87.23	69.45	36.29	2,119.00	4,564.52	90.77	72.58	39.46	2,131.89	4,577.31
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	73.27	50.22	133.45	1,692.68	3,727.78	76.34	53.00	136.31	1,704.05	3,739.47
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the Period after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income after Tax)	72.76	50.35	133.50	1,692.59	3,728.34	75.83	53.13	136.35	1,703.96	3,740.03
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value 5/- each)	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00
7.	Earnings Per Share (of 5/- each)										
(a) Basic		0.67	0.47	1.24	15.68	34.53	0.70	0.49	0.22	15.78	34.63
(b) Diluted		0.67	0.47	1.24	15.68	34.53	0.70	0.49	0.22	15.78	34.63
Notes :-											
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarter/annual financial results filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the quarter/annual financial results are available on the websites of the stock exchange. (URL- www.bseindia.com) and Company website: http://www.addiindustries.com .											
2. The above results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and then approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on May 30, 2023. The financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2023 have been limited reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.											
3. There is no change(s) in accounting policies which have impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s).											
4. Exceptional items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind-AS Rules.											
For and on behalf of Board of Directors											
Addi Industries Limited											
Sd/-											
Chaman Lal Jain											
Managing Director, DIN: 00022903											
Place : New Delhi											
Date : 30.05.2023											

INBREW BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED											
CIN : U99999DL1972PTC318242											
Regd. Office: 406 Kusul Bazar 32-33 Nehru Place New Delhi, 110019, South Delhi											
Website: www.inbrew.com. E-Mail: info@inbrew.com, Ph: 011 410 70148,											
EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR											
THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023											
₹ in millions, except per share data											
Sl. No.	Particulars	Three Months Ended			Year Ended						
		31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2022	31.03.2022				
		(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)				
1	Income Revenue from operations	23,775.31	22,648.34	601.86	48,953.20	3,489.43					
2	Loss before tax	(130.80)	(176.20)	(192.26)	(532.94)	(292.74)					
3	Net loss for the period/year	(130.80)	(176.20)	(192.26)	(532.94)	(292.74)					
4	Total other comprehensive income (net of tax)	(5.63)	0.03	1.71	(4.40)	1.71					
5	Total comprehensive income for the period/year	(5.63)	0.03	1.71	(4.40)	1.71					
6	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of 10 each)	53.38	53.38	37.47	53.38	37.47					
7	Reserve (including Revaluation Reserve)	(3,874.05)	(3,737.62)	(3,336.72)	(3,874.05)	(3,336.72)					
8	Security Premium Account	5,314.59	5,314.59	4,057.32	5,314.59	4,057.32					
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	0.31					
13	Earnings per share (face value of 10 each) (not annualized)										
	(i) Basic	(13.61)	(19.63)	(37.47)	(73.25)	(51.93)					
	(ii) Diluted	(13.61)	(19.63)	(37.47)	(73.25)	(51.93)					
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-					
15	Debitum Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.02	1.02	(2.35)	0.97	(0.52)					
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.20	0.40	(21.48)	(0.01)	9.27					
Notes :											
1) 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 www.inbrew.com											
2) The above results have been reviewed by the audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 29 May 2023.											
3) The impact on net profit/ loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial 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 assessment 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 AS 18. Accounting policies, Change in Accounting Estimates and Errors) and have been accounted for prospectively from 1 st January 2023. The impact of above change for the year ended 31 st March 2023 is as follows:											
Particulars		For the year ended 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		(65.09)									
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 change in estimate for the future periods, therefore the same has not been disclosed.											
(3b) On 30 September 2022, the Company acquired the business undertaking comprising 33 brands and franchise of 11 other brands from United Spirits Limited (USL) for a total consideration of " 10613.59 million which includes deferred consideration of " 2383.59 million recognised at fair value as per the terms and conditions of the Stump Sale Agreement. The business combination accounted these aforesaid "11 other brands with an intangible asset 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 at 30.09.2022 (₹ in millions)		Provisional fair value as at 30.09.2022 (₹ in millions)							
Purchase Consideration* Less: assets acquired: Property plant and equipment's Intangible Assets (Brands, distributor network, licensing agreements, franchisee relationships and franchisee rights) Net working capital Goodwill		10,613.59 1,133.90 5,408.70 4,002.59 68.40		10,563.86 596.55 13.14 4,033.61 5,920.56							
* The purchase consideration has changed due to working capital true up adjustment as per the terms of stump sale agreement.											
Restatement in the Unaudited Statement of financial results profit and loss for the quarter ended 31 March 2022 :											
Particulars		Restated for the Quarter Ended 31.12.2022 (₹ in millions)		Impact (₹ in millions)		Reported for the Quarter Ended 31.12.2022 (₹ in millions)					
Depreciation and amortisation expense		226.23		132.99		93.24					
Loss before tax		(178.20)		(132.99)		(45.21)					
Restatement in the earnings per share :											
Particulars		Restated for the Quarter Ended 31.12.2022		Reported for the Quarter Ended 31.12.2022							
Loss per share (face value Rs. 10 each)											
(i) Diluted											
(ii) Basic		(19.63)		(2.35)							
(iii) Diluted		(19.63)		(2.35)							
Date : 29.05.2023											
Place : Gurugram											

Russia: Moscow buildings lightly damaged, while Kviy bombarded

AP ■ KIVY

A rare 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 off course.

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

Two people received treatment 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 evacuated.

Andrei Vorobyov, governor of the wider Moscow region, said some of the drones were “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 gaps” in the system.



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

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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 Reay.

“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 important new course to life,” he said.

9 hurt in shooting near beach in Hollywood



Police investigate a shooting near Hollywood Beach on Monday in Hollywood.

HOLLYWOOD (US): Nine people were injured Monday evening when gunfire erupted along a beach boardwalk in 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.

A preliminary investigation shows that an altercation between two groups resulted in gunfire, police said. One person has been detained and another suspect is being still being sought.

The shooting happened about 6:30 p.m. on the boardwalk near a convenience store, a Ben & Jerry’s ice cream store and a Subway sandwich shop.

Alvie Carlton Scott III said he 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 boardwalk, said several young men were fighting in front of the stores when one pulled a gun and started shooting. Videos posted on Twitter on Monday evening showed emergency medical crews responding and providing aid to multiple injured people.

“The Kyiv regime ... 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 Kremlin-allied think tank.

“It is, of course, a clear indication of terrorist activity,” Asked by The Associated Press whether there is high-level 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 the war.

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 “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 votes.

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

ed, while liberals decry policy changes such as new work requirements for older Americans in the food aid programme.

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 to be fully satisfied with the final product.

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 to passage.

‘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.

Sunak clamps down on free vapes for children

PTI ■ LONDON

“My daughters are 10 and 12, and I don’t want the way vapes are marketed, promoted 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 getting into the hands of schoolchildren.

Taking to Twitter, the father of schoolgirls Anoushka and Krishna said: “My daughters are 10 and 12, and I don’t want the



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, promoted and sold to be attractive to them.” “That’s why I am launching a new crackdown today to protect children and go

after the rogue companies and online crooks who are putting vapes into their hands,” he said. A loophole that allows retailers to give free samples of vapes to

children in England is set to be closed under the new plans. While selling vapes to under 18s is illegal in the country, businesses have been found to be targeting children with colourful packaging of free samples. The UK government has also announced that there will be a review into banning retailers 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 more to do.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



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



DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF HOTEL, CONVENTION CENTRE AND EXHIBITION CENTRE AT LUDHIANA ON PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) BASIS

Dated: 31st May, 2023

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, Convention Centre 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 **31st May, 2023 onwards**.

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-procurement 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 liability and without assigning any reason thereof.

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NA/12/16707/2023/24476 Dated CHD - 5/29/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client R. Amrith Sharma is in process to avail the loan facility with the HDFC Bank Ltd. against his Flat bearing No. 7469, on Second Floor, Pocket 7, Sector D, Situated in the layout plan of Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, whereas he has lost the following document/s pertaining to the said property although he has also lodged an online FIR in lieu of that on dated 30/5/2023.

1. Original Allotment Letter dated 15.06.1989 issued by DDA in favour of Rajiv Prabhakar

2. Original Possession Letter issued by DDA in favour of Rajiv Prabhakar

3. Original GPA, ATS and Will dated 01.05.2000 executed by Rajiv Prabhakar in favour of R. Amrith Sharma

All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)
Unit No. FF-2, First floor, Mahalaxmi Metro Tower Sec-4, Vashi, Gzb., U.P., Mob. 9810063351

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client **M/s Dr. Madhus Ultrasound Clinic** is in process to avail the loan facility with the KMBL against the Property Bearing No. 30, Area Measuring 100 Sq. Yds., Situated at Mall Road, Kingsway Camp, Delhi (Except Ground and First Floor), whereas they have lost the following document/s pertaining to the said property although they have also lodged an online FIR in lieu of that on dated 29/5/2023.

Original Conveyance Deed dated 15.10.2015 executed by POI in favour of Vijay Kataria, Veena Kataria and Chander Parkash Kataria (Doc. No. 15999)

All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Original Conveyance Deed dated 21.10.2010 executed by DDA in favour of Rajeshwar Nath Gupta HUF, Anil Goyal & Sunil Goyal (as doc no. 17360).

All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I, NARESH KUMAR S/o Ram Chander, Cont. 9518081391, Email: - dj028415@gmail.com, R/o, Ward No-18 Old Anaj Mandi Salidon Jind Haryana, have lost my all original documents of shop area measuring 34 sq yards (18'x17') with roof rights out of Khana No 639, Situated At Main Road Siraspur Delhi 110042, i.e. General Power Of Attorney, Agreement To Sell, Payment Receipt, Possession Letter, Affidavit, Will, Special Power Of Attorney somewhere at Libasapur Road Bahli Delhi. An F.I.R to this effect has been lodged in police station on dated 23/05/2023. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/ contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice & can personally contact to me.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is informed that my clients **Shri Rajpal son of Late Shri Babir Singh & Smt. Sumitra Devi** wife of Shri Rajpal both residents of House No.648, Type-3, New Complex, Tihar Jail, New Delhi-110054, have discovered their son namely **Mr. PRADEEP and his wife Mrs. Anika** from their all moveable and immovable properties due to their disrespectful behavior, out of control, and my clients have severed their relations with them for all intents and purposes with immediate effect. My clients and their other family members will not be liable for their acts, whatsoever done by them to anybody in future.

Ashok Kumar Tyagi & Associates
Advocates
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PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I, Neeru Kapoor And Manish Kapoor, S/o Late Sh. N.N. Kapoor, Cont. 9998866551, Email: - mkapoor1980@gmail.com, R/o, DDA MIG Flat No 37 Ground Floor Block-D Pocket-10 Sector-7 Rohini Delhi, has applied for the conversion of aforesaid property. The original documents like Demand Cum Allotment Letter, DDA Possession Letter, Water And Electric NOC, Site Possession Slip issued by DDA, of aforesaid property have been lost somewhere in DDA Market Rohini Delhi. An F.I.R to this effect has been lodged in police station on dated 26/05/2023. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/ contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice & can personally contact: Deputy Director (LAB Rohini) C-block, 3rd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My self Abhishek Jain owner in possession of Property (0.1762 hectare) Kharsa No. 389 Village Masuri, Ghaziabad want to Set up a Business/CNG Station on my Share of said property. If Any Other Land Holder is having any Objection Related to above subject, Please Register Your Objection on the below Email id With Proof of Documents Within Seven Days of This Notice. Otherwise, It Will Be Understood That No one have Any objection.

Email: abhinjan_84@rediffmail.com, mohd.akhlad@igtl.co.in
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Ch. No.-742, Civil Court, Raj Nagar, GZB

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EXTRACT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2023.
(Rs. In Lacs)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone Results		Consolidated Results	
		Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		31.03.2023	31.03.2023	31.03.2023	31.03.2023
		Audited		Audited	
1	Total Income from Operation	449.24	1152.8	3235.76	3304.07
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-314.33	31.58	-325.81	194.27
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-314.33	31.58	-325.81	194.27
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-286	38.53	-345.54	183.97
5	Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associates	-	-	-	10.79
6	Net Profit/(Loss) after share of Profit / (Loss) of Associates	-286	38.53	-345.54	183.97
7	Equity Share Capital	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82
8	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	1229.75	1298.21
9	Earnings per equity share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (a) Basic and Diluted (In Rs.)	-5.62	0.78	-6.72	3.26

NOTES: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results is available on the Company's website at www.rampurfert.com and the same has been also sent to stock exchanges to upload on their websites i.e. www.cse-india.com and www.mseil.in respectively.

By order of the Board
Sd/
Anshuman Khahtan
(Managing Director)

Place : Rampur
Date : 30.05.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles. **VEHICLES FOR SALE**

1) EICHER 10.95- REG. NO. DL1MA4453-YOM -2019
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE -522193

2) TATA LPT909CH CHASIS REG. NO. DL1MA1740-YOM- 2018
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE - 484098

3) TATA LPT909CH CHASIS REG. NO. DL1MA1785-YOM- 2018
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE -484098

4) TATA LPT909CH CHASIS REG. NO. DL1MA1863-YOM- 2018
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE- 484098

UNDER HYPOTHECATION WITH M/S KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IS UNDER SALE IN ITS "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" INTERESTED PARTIES CAN GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS (ONLINE/ OFFLINE) WITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THIS PAPER PUBLICATION I.E. ON OR BEFORE 14.06.2023 (PLEASE NOTE THAT CLOSING AUCTION DATE WOULD NOT BE A WEEKLY OFF / HOLIDAY).

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

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).

b) 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)

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/
Shakti Nath
Director
DIN: 00017090

Place:- Noida
Date:- May 29, 2023

India’s growth momentum to continue in FY24: RBI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Tuesday said that India's growth momentum is likely to continue in 2023-24 even as it made a case for pushing structural reforms to deal with the geopolitical developments and also to achieve sustained growth in the medium-term.

The Reserve Bank's annual report flagged slowing global growth, protracted geopolitical tensions and a possible upsurge in financial market volatility as possible downside risks to growth.

The report notes that volatility has ebbed in global financial markets and risks to financial stability from the failure of banks in some advanced economies (AEs) in March 2023 have eased. Resolute policy actions have stemmed the tide of confidence runs for now.

"Amidst strong global head-



winds, the Indian economy is expected to have recorded a growth of 7.0 per cent in real GDP in 2022-23," it said.

A sustained recovery in discretionary spending, particularly in contact intensive services, restoration of consumer confidence, high festival season spending after two consecutive years of COVID-19 induced isolation and the government's thrust on capex provided impetus to the growth momentum. In the second half of the year, however, the pace of year-on-year growth moderated because of unfavourable base effects, weakening private consumption demand caused by high inflation, slowdown in export growth and

sustained input cost pressures, it said.

"On the back of sound macro-economic policies, softer commodity prices, a robust financial sector, a healthy corporate sector, continued fiscal policy thrust on quality of government expenditure, and new growth opportunities stemming from global realignment of supply chains, India's growth momentum is likely to be sustained in 2023-24 in an atmosphere of easing inflationary pressures," the report said.

Slowing global growth, protracted geopolitical tensions and a possible upsurge in financial market volatility following new stress events in the global financial system, however, could pose downside risks to growth.

"It is important, therefore, to sustain structural reforms to improve India's medium-term growth potential," the 311-page report said.

RBI working on light weight, portable payment system for critical transactions during catastrophic events

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India is working on a light weight and portable payment system, a "bunker equivalent in payment systems", that can be used for critical transactions during catastrophic events like natural calamities and war.

The proposed Light weight and Portable Payment System (LPPS) will be independent of conventional technologies and can be operated from anywhere by a bare minimum staff, according to the central bank.Existing conventional payment systems like RTGS

(Real Time Gross Settlement), NEFT (National Electronic Funds Transfer) and UPI (Unified Payments Interface) are designed to handle large volumes while ensuring sustained availability. These systems are dependent on complex wired networks backed by advanced IT infrastructure.

However, catastrophic events like natural calamities and war have the potential to render these payment systems temporarily unavailable by disrupting the underlying information and communication infrastructure, RBI said in its latest annual report released on Tuesday.

CBDC pilot expanded; to include more banks, locations: Reserve Bank

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Tuesday said the scope of the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot is being expanded gradually to include more banks and locations.

The first pilot in the Digital Rupee - Wholesale Segment (e rupee-W) commenced on November 1, 2022. It was followed by the first pilot for retail digital rupee (e rupee-R) was announced on December 1, 2022.

Retail digital rupee offers features of physical cash like trust, safety and settlement finality in digital mode.

It can be held or used to carry out transactions, similar to how currency notes can be used in physical form, the RBI said in its annual report.

The pilot was launched in Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar,



comprising participating customers and merchants in a closed user group (CUG).

Other locations, including Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Gangtok, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna and Shimla are also being added to the pilot in phases.

The pilot began with four banks -- State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank and IDFC First Bank -- while four other banks -- Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank have joined subsequently.

Hardening interest rates, geo-political risks impacting FDI inflows: DPIIT Secy



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hardening interest rates globally and worsening geo-political situation have impacted the foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into India in 2022-23, a top government official said on Tuesday.

Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Rajesh Kumar Singh said that the department would analyse the reasons for the contraction in FDI in five important sectors like computer hardware and software; construction, education, automobiles and metallurgical industries.

"I cannot think of any other reason. It is not as if our FDI policies have become protectionist. On the contrary, we have kept it very very liberal ... The decline is combination of hardening of interest rates along with geo-political risks going up around the world. In general the appetite may be less," Singh told PTI in an interview.

These five sectors had a share of USD 30 billion in India's total FDI in 2021-22 and in the last fiscal year, overseas inflows have almost halved.

"Why exactly in those sectors (FDI) has come down is to be analysed. We will have to analyse," he added.

FDI equity inflows into India declined by 22 per cent to USD 46 billion in 2022-23. The investments during the January-March 2023 quarter plunged by 40.55 per cent to USD 9.28 billion.

Though the computer software and hardware sector attracted the highest inflows of USD 9.4 billion during the last financial year, these inflows are down as compared to USD 14.5 billion in 2021-22.


Similarly, FDI in the automobile industry dipped significantly to USD 1.9 billion in 2022-23 as compared to about USD 7 billion in 2021-22.

However, the secretary added that the government is doing investment promotion on a large scale and the inflows would start recovering.

The secretary added that sectors which have received healthy inflows include information and broadcasting, agri machinery, railway-related components, medical appliances, defence industries and scientific instruments.

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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023									
(Rs. in million)									
S. No.	Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated		31-Mar-23 Audited	31-Mar-22 Audited	31-Mar-23 Audited	31-Mar-22 Audited
		Quarter ended	Year ended	Quarter ended	Year ended				
		31-Mar-23 Unaudited	31-Mar-22 Unaudited	31-Mar-23 Unaudited	31-Mar-22 Unaudited				
1	Total Income from Operations	4,360.56	6,375.39	17,657.62	25,486.65	4,479.40	6,525.14	18,318.99	26,420.63
2	Net profit/(loss) for the period/year (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	673.23	1,817.80	97.07	1,894.47	399.50	1,839.35	(76.74)	2,250.33
3	Net profit/(loss) for the period/year before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	673.23	1,817.80	(1,186.78)	1,894.47	399.50	1,839.35	(1,360.59)	2,250.33
4	Net profit/(loss) for the period/year after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	673.23	1,817.80	(1,186.78)	1,894.47	392.14	1,828.83	(1,408.38)	2,168.01
5	Total Comprehensive income/(loss) for the period/year [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period/year (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	674.17	1,823.56	(1,178.99)	1,907.93	398.46	1,823.30	(1,454.34)	2,165.46
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(36,830.20)	(35,651.22)	(36,830.20)	(35,651.22)	(34,141.89)	(32,937.56)	(34,141.89)	(32,937.56)
8	Net Worth	(35,136.33)	(33,957.35)	(35,136.33)	(33,957.35)	(35,136.33)	(33,957.35)	(35,136.33)	(33,957.35)
9	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	77,412.87	65,560.88	77,412.87	65,560.88	77,412.87	65,560.88	77,412.87	65,560.88
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio	(2.06)	(1.82)	(2.06)	(1.82)	(2.28)	(2.02)	(2.28)	(1.88)
12	Earning / (Loss) Per Share (in Rupees) (Basic & Diluted)	3.97	10.73	(7.01)	11.18	2.32	10.64	(8.25)	12.37
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Debtenture Redemption Reserve	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.07	1.16	0.12	0.54	0.95	1.17	0.12	0.56
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.43	2.23	0.63	1.32	1.26	2.25	0.81	1.38
Notes:									
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with stock exchange under regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full formats of financial results are available on the website of the stock exchange www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.in.emaar.com.									
2. For the other line items referred in regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange and can be accessed on the website of stock exchange www.bseindia.com.									
3. The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on May 29, 2023.									
For and on behalf of Board of Directors of Emaar India Limited									
Sd/-									
Jamal Majed Khalfan Bin Theniyah									
Director									
DIN - 07534810									
Place: Gurugram									
Date : May 29, 2023									

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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31STMARCH, 2023										
(Fig. in Lacs unless otherwise stated)										
Sl No	Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated		31.03.2023 Audited	31.12.2022 Audited	31.03.2023 Audited	31.03.2022 Audited	31.03.2022 Audited
		Quarter Ended	Year ended	Quarter Ended	Year ended					
		31.03.2023 Audited	31.12.2022 Audited	31.03.2023 Audited	31.03.2022 Audited					
1	Total Income	1,204.43	983.40	963.54	3,925.58	4,388.52	4,686.74	3,548.64	4,554.16	16,241.95
2	Net Profit before exceptional items and tax	340.42	378.33	24.39	921.48	1,202.04	2,719.55	2,679.10	2,253.54	10,679.22
3	Net Profit after exceptional items before tax 340.42	378.33	24.39	921.48	1,202.04	2,719.55	2,679.10	2,253.54	10,679.22	12,771.24
4	Net Profit after tax	279.95	310.93	(32.05)	777.50	932.79	1,883.11	2,052.49	1,562.43	9,597.07
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Net of Tax)	278.73	311.96	(33.77)	779.38	936.92	1,180.30	2,799.39	2,226.47	7,687.45
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 5/- per share)	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68
7	Other Equity	-	-	-	20,900.75	20,121.37	-	-	-	1,10,358.31
8	Earnings Per Share (Face Value Rs. 5/- per share)									
- Basic (Rs.)	2.40	2.67	(0.27)	6.67	8.00	16.15	17.67	13.40	70.07	82.79
- Diluted (Rs.)	2.40	2.67	(0.27)	6.67	8.00	16.15	17.67	13.40	70.07	82.79
NOTES: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31stMarch, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchange (BSE Ltd.) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and company's website www.istindia.com.										
By order of the Board For IST Limited										
Sd/-										
(S.C. Jain)										
Executive Director										
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Extract of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended 31st March 2023

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Year ended 31.03.2023	3 Months ended 31.03.2022 (Refer Note No. 3)	3 Months ended 31.03.2022 (Refer Note No. 3)	Year ended 31.03.2023	3 Months ended 31.03.2022 (Refer Note No. 3)	3 Months ended 31.03.2022 (Refer Note No. 3)
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	11,182.95	2,030.73	3,070.99	11,049.10	2,126.05	3,168.18
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax,Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	975.86	0.37	550.55	948.33	51.10	566.43
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	975.86	0.37	550.55	948.33	51.10	566.43
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	697.69	(5.42)	386.77	668.21	45.00	401.07
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	693.58	(9.53)	380.80	604.20	17.63	386.49
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value Rs. 10/- each)	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	5,147.07			4,574.21		
8	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)						
	(a) Basic (Rs.)	6.80	(0.05)	3.77	6.52	0.44	3.91
	(b) Diluted (Rs.)	6.80	(0.05)	3.77	6.52	0.44	3.91

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Year ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Year ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.sunilhealthcare.com)
- As the Company's business fall within a single primary business segment viz. sale of capsule, the disclosure requirement of Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS-108) "Operating Segments" prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the relevant rules issued thereunder, is not applicable.
- The figure for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 are the balancing figures between audited figures for the full financial year and the published year to date figures for the nine months ended.
- The figures for the previous periods have been regrouped/ rearranged, wherever considered necessary, to conform current period classifications.
- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their respective meetings held on May 29, 2023.

Anil Khaitan

(Chairman cum Managing Director)

DIN 00759951

Place : New Delhi

Date : 29.05.2023

Jadeja proved fairy tales exist in sport: Fleming

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Stephen 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 his 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 added.

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 take a lot of batting.

"The start was really important because we were still shell-shocked from the fielding. The first four or six overs started to give us the belief and 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 added.

Fleming praised Gujarat Titans 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.

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

"We have talked about that all the

Only you could do a miracle: Srinivasan tells Dhoni

PTI ■ CHENNAI

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'.

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 victory.

"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 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 pre-season 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 in the tournament and he was the big

catalyst behind it, so he cemented that No. 3 spot.

"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.

'RAYUDU WOULD LEAVE A BIG HOLE'

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 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



PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

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 Tuesday.

He added that among all the India players only veteran batter Cheteshwar Pujara was well acclimatised to the longer format as he has been playing county cricket.

"They (India) have only 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 them."

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 34-year-old's experience of English conditions will be beneficial to the side.

"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, I do believe he has a point to prove. I still feel he has got plenty of cricket left in him, and this is a wonderful opportunity for him."

Hard thing would be to work hard for nine months and try to play another IPL: Dhoni



PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Chennai Super Kings' triumphant 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 another season.

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

clash here on Monday.

"Circumstantially, this is the best time to announce my retirement. But the amount of love I have received all over, the easy 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 IPL," Dhoni said after the final.

Dhoni has been the cynosure of all eyes ever since the Indian Premier League began this year and in a fitting end to

the finale, the captain finished with a record-levelling fifth trophy. 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.

"It would be a gift from me, won't be easy on the body. You

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 what I am, I don't try to portray something I'm not. Just keep it

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 batting 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. Ajinkya (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.

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 Monday.

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

the heartbreaking loss.

"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 all-rounder 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.

Jadeja, 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 slower balls."

GT failed to defend their title but Pandya said he would

not have asked more from the team.

"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 ■ 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 medalist PV Sindhu remained static at 13th spot, while Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also stayed at the 15th position in women's doubles.

Sameer, Kiran, Ashmita enter main draw of Thailand Open

PTI ■ BANGKOK

Indian shuttlers Sameer Verma, Kiran George and Ashmita Chaliha notched up straight-game 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 BAT'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

Batting legend Ricky Ponting feels that India should have 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 winner-takes 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 saying 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 T20Is, he has scored 1271 runs from 87 matches and scalped 69 wickets.

Pandya led Gujarat Titans to maiden IPL triumph in 2022 but lost to Mahendra Singh Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings in this season's final on Monday.

MEDVEDEV OUT OF FRENCH OPEN

AP ■ PARIS

World 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 lead.

Medvedev made him pay, levelling the tie and then claiming a double break in the third set.

But the Brazilian hit back, a double break of his own in the fourth set levelling the clash as a fractious Medvedev bickered with the crowd.

In the final set, Seyboth Wild twice saw breaks retrieved by the Russian before he finally backed up a third break with a hold for 5-3.

He held his nerve to clinch the four-hour 15-minute match courtesy of two giant forehands and will face either Guido Pella or Quentin Halys for a place in the last 32.

Medvedev arrived in Paris buoyed by winning his first ever clay court title at the prestigious Italian Open last week for his fifth trophy of 2023.

But he has endured a bitter-sweet relationship with the French Open, losing in the first round in his first four visits. He ended that streak with a run to the quarter-finals in 2021.

ZVEREV WINS

Alexander Zverev made a winning return to Roland Garros on Tuesday with a straight-sets win over Lloyd Harris in the French Open first round,



12 months since suffering a serious ankle injury in the semi-finals.

The German had to retire injured from a dramatic last-four clash with Rafael Nadal last season after twisting his ankle and did not play again in 2022.

That match had already reached three hours and was locked at 6-6 in the second set after Nadal won a first-set tie-break when Zverev suffered torn ankle ligaments and had to be taken off Court Philippe Chatrier in a wheelchair.

Zverev, who was the third seed last

year, is only seeded 22nd this time around after struggling to recapture his best form since returning to the ATP Tour.

But the former US Open finalist had enough to beat South African Harris 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (7/0), 6-1.

"It's nice to be back. I've marked this day in bold on my calendar since last year," Zverev said.

"I was obviously very disappointed with how that tournament ended for me (last year).

"That's why I think I appreciate even more when I play in a full stadium and the crowd is behind me."

Zverev went out in the first round in 2017 and needed five sets to win his opening tie at Roland Garros in both 2019 and 2021.

"No (not happy with his performance). But I'm happy that I won in three sets. Normally I start with five-set matches so I'm happy to win in three."

Zverev will next face Slovakia's Alex

Molcan as he tries to reach the third round for a sixth straight year.

He came back to the Tour at the start of 2023 but has since slipped from 12th to 27th in the rankings.

Zverev, who has won three of his five Masters titles on clay, failed to reach the quarter-finals in each of Monte Carlo, Madrid and Rome this season.

"Get some more wins. Get six more wins in the next two weeks," said the Olympic champion when asked what he wants to improve.



Van der Sar to quit as Ajax chief after 'tough period'

AP ■ THE HAGUE

Former Netherlands goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar on Tuesday announced that he was quitting as Ajax chief executive, after "an incredibly tough period" of more than a decade at the helm of the Amsterdam powerhouse.

Van der Sar's resignation comes on the back of the worst season in 14 years for the top Dutch club which finished third in the Eredivisie after a 3-1 drubbing by FC Twente on Sunday.

"After almost 11 years on the board, I am done," Van der Sar, 52, said in a statement.

"We have experienced wonderful things together, but it has also been an incredibly tough period," the former Manchester United keeper said, who retired from professional football in 2011. Ajax have failed to qualify for the Champions League after finishing third in the Eredivisie behind Feyenoord and PSV Eindhoven.

Media reports including the NOS public broadcaster and daily tabloid De Telegraaf said supporters held Van der Sar responsible for the club's drop in success, following the departure of sporting director Marc Overmars and trainer Erik ten Hag.

Former Dutch international Overmars quit after admitting sending inappropriate messages to female staff at Ajax, while the successful Ten Hag left for Manchester United in April last year.

Van der Sar said he needed to "take some distance, to get some rest, and to do other things."

Ajax supervisory board chairman Pier Eringa said the club "wanted Edwin to stay, but he had made his decision. We have to respect that."

Van der Sar's contract ran until June 30, 2025.

"The last season does not reflect the entire period that he has been in charge of Ajax," Eringa stressed.

Regarded as one of the world's all-time best goalkeepers, Van der Sar played for Ajax from 1990-1999, winning the Champions League in 1995.

He went on to lift the European Cup again in 2008 with Manchester United after spells at Juventus and Fulham.

Van der Sar returned to Ajax in 2012 as director of marketing before being promoted four years later to CEO. He is also the second-highest capped Netherlands player of all-time with 130 international appearances.

PERFECT MIX OF LOOKS, SAFETY & NATURE CARE

Advait 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 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. 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 350-kW charger, making it perfect for long drives.

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 pedal.

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), 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!**

