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BURMANS NAMED IN MAHADEV APP SCAM

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DEEPAK KUMAR JHA **NEW DELHI**

More skeletons have the infamous Mahadev App betting scam case, with the latest revelation being the involvement of family members of the country's top brand name, Dabur, in the ₹20,000 crore scandal.

The Mumbai Police have registered an FIR against the promoter of the Khiladi app, a subsidiary of the Mahadev app, which has named 31 accused, including industrialists Mohit Burman and Gaurav Burman. According to a copy of the FIR accessed by The Pioneer, accused number 32 has named "other unknown persons". According to a top Mumbai police official, this has expanded the "scope" of probing other prominent individuals in the country, as the betting scandal has garnered attention during the ongoing Assembly elections. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi has attacked Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for his alleged involvement in the Mahadev scam. Baghel, however, has denied allegations against him. The FIR was filed on Tuesday at Matunga police station, following a directive from the Kurla magistrate court. In the FIR, social activist Prakash Bankar from Matunga, had alleged that a fraud of approximately ₹15,000 crore as of now had been committed through

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online betting apps, since 2019. Fraudulent activities like these have gained popularity due to endorsements by multiple celebrities, including the Dabur family, bringing disrepute to the over-century-old household brand of the country.

Hareshbhai Kalabhai

In its probe, the Enforcement Directorate has named 14 persons in the chargesheet, including alleged app promoters Saurabh Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal, along with other accused Vikas Chhapariya, Chandrabhushan Verma, Satish Chandrakar, Anil Dammani, Sunil Dammani,

Vishal Ahuja and Dheeraj Ahuja. Bollywood actors Ranbir Kapoor, Shraddha Kapoor and Huma Qureshi too have been summoned for questioning

Whosoever, however high you may be, the law is not above you. We shall probe the involvement of family members of Dabur. The FIR has named Gaurav and Mohit Burman so even they will be interrogated as per the court directions," said the senior police official.

The FIR allegedly established facts that there is a link between

Mumbai-based accused Mohit Burman, Dinesh Khambhat, Rohit Kumar Murgai and Gaurav Burman.

They are directly involved in the cricket league and hold direct equity in the associations participating in the league. Through their collaboration, they control and operate the player booking website/portal. As participants in the league, they are implicated in the criminal acts of match-fixing in cricket matches through their participating associations, the complaint has charged. While fifth generation scion of Dabur family, Mohit, is the chairman of Dabur India Ltd, the world's largest Ayurvedic and natural healthcare company, Gaurav is the controlling shareholder of Dabur India Ltd. The company is currently the largest consumer-goods company, which Burman's great-great-grandfather founded in 1884.

Gujarat, Ahmedabad

In the FIR, the complaint also mentioned that the accused Saurabh Chandrakar is associated with several influential personalities and senior political leaders affiliated to the



The complaint mentions that Chandrakar, actively participated in match-fixing, to earn profits through unofficial means and the role of Burmans

will be investigated. Bankar who is also an RTI activist has alleged that the results of most matches were manipulated and decided by Chandrakar and his close associates residing in London — Dinesh Khambhat and Chander Agarwal — who are known as match-fixers in India. According to the FIR, the complainant has stated that he learned from reliable sources that a thorough investigation will reveal that another accused, Chander Agarwal, was involved in the cricket league and had played a direct and/or indirect role in both previous and ongoing matchfixing activities.

Further the complaint says, Chandrakar had 1,200 branches, earning ₹2.40 lakh per day from each branch. In a month, both promoters together earned ₹860 crore, resulting in significant profits. A substantial portion of the profit is alleged to have been sent to him by syndicate members through hawala, and a considerable amount of the earned money had been converted

into cryptocurrency. As per the FIR, Chandrakar used his Bitcoin wallet to receive and transfer money Currently, his Bitcoin wallet holds \$2,078,318.38, which is equivalent to ₹17.3 crore in Indian currency.

Bitcoin, Apart from Chandrakar had an Ethereum coin wallet with \$26,224,576, which, in Indian rupees, is valued at ₹218 crore. The FIR alleges that Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal are the master-minds behind the app. Additionally, 32 syndicate operatives, based in Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chhattisgarh, are purportedly overseeing the entire betting business, matchfixing, converting earnings that run into crores, into cryptocurrency.

Delhi deafened on Diwali eve

Illegal bursting of firecrackers defies SC order on noise pollution

STAFF REPORTER

The festive atmosphere was overshadowed on Saturday for many residents on the eve of the festival of lights due to the unauthorised bursting of firecrackers, in clear defiance of the Supreme Court's directive. It caused disruptions, escalating noise pollution in the city.

Despite a categorical ban on the sale, manufacturing, storage, and use of fireworks, secret dealings involving firecrackers continued unabated in the national Capital. The surreptitious circulation of firecrackers has raised concerns regarding the Capital's pollution levels, as the noxious emissions from these incendiary devices further compound the already elevated levels of noise pollu-

Several senior citizens have expressed their distress, citing sleepless nights on the eve of Diwali. Regrettably, their repeated appeals for assistance to Resident



Welfare Associations (RWAs) have remained unanswered

A resident of Sainik Farm in South Delhi, requesting anonymity, said, "The noise from firecrackers in my neighbourhood has become intolerable. I attempted to reach out to the RWA and the emergency number, but my calls have gone unanswered. I even called emergency numbers but to no

The continued sale and usage of firecrackers have left many experts perplexed.

According to some shopkeepers, these firecrackers are sneaked in from Uttar Pradesh and then sold across Delhi. Most shopkeepers have stored these firecrackers inside their houses and are selling them only to known persons in

their localities. In the South, Outer, North East, and East districts, the noise of firecrackers going off can be heard. Experts fear that if the volume of firecrackers burst increases again this year, the air quality is likely to deteriorate fur-

Board (CPCB), a day after rain in the national capital and surrounding areas washed away the toxic haze, providing some relief to residents and marginally

improving air quality. At 7 am, the Capital's air quality index (AQI) stood at 219, which is a marked improvement compared to Thursday's 24-hour average

AQI of 437. A survey by LocalCircles indicated that 32 per cent of people in Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR) are likely to burn firecrackers this Diwali. The Delhi Police conducted a flag march in overcrowded markets on Saturday, revealing that they had seized over 11,000 kg of firecrackers between October 16 and

November 9 "A flag march was conducted in South Delhi, starting Virat Chowk, Ambedkar Nagar, in view of the ongoing festive season. Security has been tightened

in other markets such as encompasses the manufac-The air quality across Delhi remains in the "poor" cate-Place, Sarojani Market, Connaught remains in the "poor" cate-Place, Sarojani Market, and sale of all types of crackgory, as reported by the Khan Market, Chandni ers, including green crack-Chowk and Sadar Bazar said a senior police official. In light of the festive season, SHOs (Station House Officers) in different areas have already been directed to maintain a strict vigil. We have requested the traf-

fic police to arrange proper facilities for parking and issue alerts regarding traffic jams for the convenience of commuters," officials added. The Arvind Kejriwal Government has imposed a complete ban on crackers. In line with the latest Supreme Court order rejecting a petition by the Firecracker Manufacturers Association to include Barium in green crackers, various State Governments across India issued directives regarding permissible crackers and the allowed window for their use.

The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) on October 9 notified a blanket ban on firecrackers across the national Capital until January 1, 2024. This ban

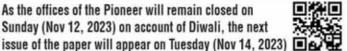
Earlier, the Delhi Government announced the "Diya Jalao, Patakhe nahi" campaign in the city on Friday amid concerns of rising pollution after the Diwali festival. But it seems the City Government's cam-

paign has failed. Meanwhile on Saturday, the Delhi health department advised a slew of measures in view of the pollution. The advisory, published in major dailies, has also underlined that pregnant women, patients with underlying medical conditions, children and the elderly population should be more cautious and avoid exposure to air pollution.

However, intermittent rains on Thursday night and Friday brought major relief from the hazardous air lingering over the national capital for two weeks. It also prompted the Delhi government to postpone the implementation of the oddeven car rationing scheme.



As the offices of the Pioneer will remain closed on Sunday (Nov 12, 2023) on account of Diwali, the next



Kerala Christians Light A Lamp for Israel

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

hristians in Kerala are all **∪**set to join their Hindu brethren in celebrating Diwali the national festival of India. On Sunday evening, Christians in the State will light hundreds of diyas with the theme 'Light A Lamp for Israel.' This marks the first time Christians in Kerala will be observing Diwali, the festival of lights.

"Though it is a time for celebration, for us Christians, this Diwali is special. Each lamp we light up on Sunday evening is for the safe return of more than 200 soldiers of Israel held hostage by Hamas, a dreaded terrorist organisation," said Kevin Peter, president of the Christian Association and Alliance for Social Action



(CASA), an umbrella organisation of various Christian sects in Kerala.

CASA's decision to "observe" Diwali by lighting up diyas is in response to a call by Naor Gilon, Ambassador of İsrael in India. The Ambassador, in a social media message, requested everyone to join the Israelis in lighting a diya for the hostages in Gaza. "Please join us in lighting a diya for the hostages in Gaza," he had said in the message

"240 of our loved ones have been held hostage by Hamas terrorists for a month. Every Diwali, we celebrate Lord Ram's return by lighting diyas. This Diwali 2023, we invite you to light a diya ones return," said Gilon in a heart-rending message.

The CASA's response to the Israeli Ambassador comes at a time when mainstream and fringe political parties in the State vie with one another in holding rallies in all districts of Kerala expressing solidarity with Hamas. No one mentions the background of the October 7 massacre of hundreds of Israelis by Hamas terrorists and blames the State of Israel, using cliché-ridden terms like 'Zionist imperialism and cruelty to the poor Arabs. "The last few months have seen missiles being launched against Israeli establishments, including schools for children. Since the Kerala media is experts in blacking out news that goes against the support-

ers of Hamas, the common

man is ignorant of the happen-

Mazhuvancherry, a Christian activist. The true colours of Hamas

have been exposed by Mahdi Abdul Hadi, a Palestinian social and political scientist who describes the treachery committed by Hamas.

"Hamas won the 2006 elections in Gaza by repudiating terrorism and claiming that it stood for Change and Reform," says Hadi in his foreword to Hamas: From Resistance to Regime," authored by Italian historian Paola Caridi.

Dr Hadi says Hamas changed tack after winning the election to the Gaza Council. Instead of the Change and Reform slogan, what Israel got was a fusillade of missile attacks that claimed the lives of hundreds of Jews,

ings in Gaza," said Jaison including a Keralite nurse

named Sowmya. No political leaders in Kerala visited the house of Sowmya, while the staff of the Israeli embassy and consulate accompanied the mortal remains of Sowmya, whom Israelis describe as the angel from Kerala.

Though a Christian MLA by the name of Mani C Kappen took to social media to condole the killing of Sowmya, he was forced to remove the same by his political masters, the CPI-M," said Kevin.

"The rallies being held by various Islamist organisations in the State feature Hamas leaders addressing the gathering through video screens, and they make provocative speeches against two communities in

Prof MG Sasibhushan, a historian and art critic, pointed out that the bonds between Jews and Kerala date back to the first century, while Islam is a late arrival. "At no point in time were there any skirmishes between the Malayalam-speaking people and the Jews. The ties remain intact even today," said Kevin. The CASA has made Diwali 2023 a memorable event in Kerala's politics. Many Christian priests and members of hardline organisations describe Ramayana and Mahabharata as works of fiction authored by different individuals at different times. For the CASA, what matters is

Indianisation of

Christianity, and Diwali 2023 is

the beginning.

India," said Jaison

Only PM Modi could abrogate Art 370, stop infiltration: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said that it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government that has the courage to stop infiltrators in the country and it is not pos-sible for the Congress and leaders of the opposition bloc

INDIA to do so.
"Modi ji has done the job of stopping infiltrators in the country and it is not possible for Congress and INDIA bloc leaders to do so. Whether infiltrators should be stopped or not," he asked while addressing a public meeting at Manawar in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh ahead of the November 17 assembly elec-



that abrogated Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir despite

The home minister hit out a the Congress for what he called destroying the culture of the country and said it was the Modi government which nurtured and prevented it. Shah also blamed the Congress

in the state for stopping sever-al welfare schemes, including 'Teerth Darshan Yojna, when it was in power for 15 months after the 2018 elections.

Urging people to vote for the BJP, he said that this time people will celebrate three Diwalis first, on Sunday; second on December 3, when results of the assembly polls will be announced; and the third, on January 22, when the consecration of Lord Ram will take place in Ayodhya.

BJP to release Telangana election manifesto after Diwali, says Kishan

The BJP will release its manifesto for the November 30 Assembly polls after the Deepavali festival, Union Minister and Telangana BJP chief G Kishan Reddy said on Saturday. Speaking to reporters here,

Reddy said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address poll rallies on November 26 and 27. Besides him, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah and chief ministers of UP, Goa and Assam will also address various rallies in the state, he said.

"The BJP will intensify its campaign after Deepavali, by undertaking several programmes," Reddy said.



the candidates' list, a lot of

BJP and eight of its NDA partner, Janasena have submitted nomination papers for the polls, the Telangana BJP chief said. Hitting out at the Congress and BRS, the union minister said both the parties are unleashing malicious campaign against the BJP.

"We do not need certificates from without the Common and t

from either the Congress or from KCR (Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao). Both the parties are try-ing to mislead Telangana people with their malicious campaign," he slammed.

Reddy alleged that "financial health" was completely ruined in Telangana, while the Congress party miserably failed in Karnataka.

Cong fulfilling Jinnah's vision: Himanta on T'gana 'minority declaration'

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday lashed out at the Congress for its 'minority declaration in poll-bound Telangana, claiming that the party is "fulfilling the vision of Mohammad Ali Jinnah's Muslim League".

In an apparent reference to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi without naming him, the BJP leader alleged that those who have "appropriated the Gandhi surname have revived the policies of Jinnah".

The Congress' Minority Declaration released on Thursday said that if the party comes to power in Telangana, it would ensure fair reservation for all backward classes including, minorities in jobs, education and government schemes. In a series of posts of X, Sarma

"In my long political career I could have never imagined that Cong will stoop so low in their attempt to capture the vote bank of one religion. By coming up with religion specific manifestos, Cong is ful-filling the vision of Mohammed Ali Jinnah's Muslim League."

Sharing a screenshot of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee's minority declaration, Sarma said all "Bharatiyas" should question the Congress Haq a smokescreen to bring back the illegal reservation for Muslims?" Hailing the caste survey con-



ducted by the Bihar government, Gandhi had on October 2 used the phrase 'Jitni Abadi Utna Haq' (rights should be proportionate to population) in

Sarma also asked whether taxpayers' money should be used "pay salaries for Mullahs and fund other divisive schemes". The Congress has said that if voted to power in Telangana in the November 30 assembly elections, it would increase the budget up to Rs 4,000 crore annually towards minority welfare, besides conducting the caste census within six months. The party also promised Rs 1,000 crore per annum to provide subsidised loans to jobless minority youths and women. Sarma said Mahatma Gandhi had led his life in fighting the separate electorate system advocated by Mohammed Ali

"And now those who have appropriated the Gandhi surof Jinnah. This insult to our Swatantra Senani will neither be forgiven nor forgotten," the chief minister added.

Shiv Sena (UBT) 'shakha' razed: Those high on power will be taught lesson, warns Uddhav

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi

claiming that it would lead to

a bloodbath but nothing hap-

PTI ■ THANE

Attacking the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena for "bulldozing" a 'shakha' (local level office) controlled by the Shiv Sena (UBT), its chief Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday said those high on power will be taught a lesson.

Thackeray, along with top leaders of the Sena (UBT), went to Mumbra here to visit the razed shakha but had to face resistance from workers of the CM's Shiv Sena, who also showed black flags.

As the situation turned tense, Thackeray and his party colleagues left the site, just metres away from the razed shakha. Mumbra is a Muslim dominated area in Thane, which is the stronghold of CM Shinde.

Addressing party workers in Mumbra, Thackeray said, 'Those who are high on power bulldozed the shakha. I have come here to show you the bulldozer. Our posters were torn. We will tear your arrogance into pieces in the polls."
Alleging that the administration

had become helpless, the former CM said, "Our land (shakha) has been encroached upon. We have all the documents."

The shakha will assemble everyday, the Shiv Sena (UBT) asserted. Cautioning the administration and the police, Thackeray said, "You are not protected the thieves, but the thieves have disturbed the honeycomb. Now the honeybees

Bihar to 'name and shame' farmers who burn crop residue



PTI PATNA

Amid rising air pollution caused by the burning of crop residue, the Bihar government has decided to identify farmers who are indulging in this practice and put up their names at the block offices, officials said on Saturday. Besides naming and shaming,

directions have also been given to initiate action against such farmers under CrPC section 133 that deals with unlawful obstruction or nuisance, they

"The state government has banned crop residue burning to check air pollution, and protect the fertility of the soil. It has issued a strict warning to farmers that if they indulge in stubble burning, financial assistance and subsidies under government schemes would be denied," Agriculture Minister Kumar Sarvjeet told PTI.

"The state offers electricity to farmers at a cheaper rate, and diesel at subsidised prices, among others. Therefore, farmously for the benefit of the people and also the environment," he added.

It was also decided at a meet-

ing chaired by Chief Secretary Amir Subhani that the names of farmers who were earlier prosecuted for crop residue burning would be put up at the block offices, officials said.

Bihar State Pollution Control Board (BSPCB) chairman Devendra Kumar Shukla said the decisions were taken to discourage farmers from stubble burning and harming the environment.

"The state government has taken several measures to discourage farmers from burning crop residues. The state government has undertaken awareness campaigns, and giving subsidies to farmers on various farm equipment," he said. Poor air quality, especially during winter, in different cities of the state has always remained a matter of concern, he added. Several farmers in Rohtas, Kaimur, Buxar, Nalanda, Gaya and Patna districts were penalised by the Agriculture Department in April for violating norms related to crop residue burning.

cases were reported from Rohtas at 1,298, followed by Kaimur (438 cases) and West Champaran (279 cases).

Sub-inspector arrested for raping minor in Rajasthan

The police sub-inspector accused of raping a minor girl in Rajasthan's Dausa district has been arrested and a case registered against him under relevant sections, including POCSO Act and the SC/ST Act, officials said on Saturday.

The police officer was detained and suspended on The opposition BJP attacked

the Congress government in the state over law and order after the case surfaced, alleging that while the Centre believes in "beti bachao", the Chief Minister Ashok Gehlotled dispensation in Rajasthan stands for "rapists bachao". Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra condemned the incident, saying it brings shame to the entire society, and instructed Director General of Police Umesh Mishra to take strict action in the case. The minor was allegedly lured into a room by Sub-Inspector Bhupendra Singh and raped on Friday afternoon, police said, adding that Singh was suspended on Friday itself and a report of his misconduct was sent to the IGP of Jaipur Rural for further The incident which took place

in the Lalsot area sparked a huge protest. Local people in large numbers gheraoed the Rahuwas police station and

A video has surfaced online purportedly showing a mob dragging the sub-inspector



on the road and beating him ited the spot on Friday and with shoes and sticks as his clothes were torn away.

The minor underwent a medical examination and her condition is stable. The girl's exact age is yet to be determined but is estimated to be around four to five years, police said.

Police Vandita Rana said an FIR has been registered against the accused under sections of the Indian Penal Code, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act based on a complaint by the girl's parents. "The case is being investigated by an additional SPthe victim girl has been recorded and further action is being taken," she added. BJP MP Kirodi Lal Meena vis-

demanded justice for the

Dausa Superintendent of

Governor Mishra spoke to DGP Mishra over the phone

At a press conference on

Saturday, BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla cited a number of cases of atrocities against women and children, including those involving police and other government officials, to allege that rapists have "high confidence" in

poll-bound Rajasthan. Noting that the child is only four years old and comes from a Dalit family, Poonawalla alleged that the FIR was registered only after protests erupted amid efforts to save the guilty person and remove evidence.

ensure proper arrangements for law and order and public safety and to take such inci-**Death toll in**

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NIA files chargesheet in KTF recruitment, arms smuggling case

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he National Investigation}}_{\text{Agency (NIA) has filed a supplementary charge-sheet}}$ against four people in the Khalistan Tiger Force recruitment and arms smuggling case, an official said on Saturday.

The charge-sheet was filed before the Special NIA Court, New Delhi, against Amritpal Singh alias Ammy and Amrik Singh, both deported from the Philippines, and Jassa Singh and Gagandeep Singh alias Mithi, a spokesperson of the federal agency said. Earlier, the agency had filed a

charge-sheet against nine accused persons in the case नगर पालिका परिषद, मुनिकीरेती-ढालवाला दिहरी गढ़वाल



on July 22

Twelve other members of the Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) terrorist outfit and their associates, linked with the Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and the KTF, are under investigation for their role and involvement in this terror conspiracy.

The spokesperson said that a "listed individual terrorist", Canada-based Arshdeep Singh alias Arsh Dala, in association with accused Manpreet Singh alias Peeta, had indoctrinated and recruited Amritpal, Amrik, Jassa and Gagandeep into his terrorist group, spokesperson said.

Operating from Philippines, Amritpal and Amrik were actively engaged in recruiting youngsters. Their activities extended to smuggling of arms and explosives from Pakistan as well as carrying out extortion and subsequently channelising the

extortion proceeds for terrorist activities, the official During the course of investigation, the NIA successfully got Amritpal and Amrik Philippines, the spokesperson

'The charge-sheeted accused persons played a pivotal role, at the behest of Arsh Dala, in a larger conspiracy, primarily focused on raising funds for the proscribed KTF," the

spokesperson said. The official said Arshdeep and his arrested accomplice Manpreet arranged the recruitment of potential members, forming terrorist gangs in Punjab, and carrying out targeted killings and firings at the residences of potential victims, coercing them into complying with their extortion demands.

"Investigations have also revealed that extortion funds were being systematically channelled to various foreign countries through both banking and non-banking chan-

These illicit financial transactions were aimed at fuelling terrorist activities in India, the spokesperson said. The agency said investigations

have further revealed that KTF operatives based abroad were involved in regular recruitment and handling of their terror syndicate associates. "They were also involved in

smuggling of arms, ammunition, and explosives from across the border through drones etc. These terror hardware supplies were then used for carrying out terrorist activities on Indian soil," the spokesperson said.

Gujarat man robbed of gold worth ₹50 lakh he smuggled from Dubai

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 $T^{\text{wo men allegedly posing as}}_{\text{officials of the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) abduct-}}$ ed and robbed a man of two gold capsules, worth Rs 50 lakh, which he had smuggled into the country from Dubai, police said on Saturday.

The complainant, Danish Sheikh, informed the police that he flew to Dubai on October 9 at the behest of his acquaintance in Vadodara who arranged for his tickets and accommodation and paid him Rs 20,000 to smuggle gold, an official said.

Sheikh allegedly concealed two gold capsules in his rectum and landed at Ahmedabad airport in the wee hours of October 28, he said.

After completing immigration formalities, the complainant walked to the airport's parking lot to a van sent by his acquaintance to take him to Vadodara, the official said.

As per the first information report (FIR), two men approached the van claiming to be ATS officials as he was about to get into the vehicle, which had a driver and an acquaintance of his.

The duo threatened the complainant saying they knew everything about the smuggled gold, and asked him to accompany them to the ATS office, it stated.

The accused drove the van



along with the victim and the other two occupants and took it to an isolated place, where they asked him to get into a car, leaving the others behind. The car was then driven to a

high-rise building and Sheikh was taken to a flat on the 10th floor, where he was thrashed and forced to take out the gold capsules that were concealed in his rectum, the FIR stated. The duo took gold capsules

weighing 850 gm and worth Rs 50 lakh, and some cash from the complainant and took him to a bus station in an autorickshaw and dropped him off. An FIR has been registered against unidentified persons

under sections of the Indian Penal Code pertaining to voluntarily causing hurt during robbery, abduction, criminal intimidation, and personating a public servant, he said.

There was a delay in reporting the offence as the complainant was scared to approach the police, and investigations were underway, police sub-inspector R H Pandav said.

Haryana's spurious liquor case climbs to 18



PTI ■ YAMUNANAGAR

With the death of six more people, the death toll in a suspected case of poisoning due to the consumption of spurious liquor has jumped to 18 in Haryana, officials said on Saturday. Six deaths were reported in Yamunanagar in the last 24

hours where earlier 10 people had died after having the suspicious liquor while two died in Ambala. Yamunanagar Additional Superintendent of Police Himadree Kaushik on Saturday said, "On the basis of

total of 16 people have died in the district so far." She said seven people have already been arrested in this

information which we have, a

case. During questioning, names of some more people have come up and they will soon be arrested, the officer said. "We have visited villages and informed villagers about this unfortunate incident," she

Police have asked villagers not to consume liquor whose source of procurement they were unaware of.

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Atishi initiates enquiry into plaint against Chief Secretary

day after Delhi Chief Aminister Arvind Kejriwal sent a complaint alleging benefit of ₹315 crore to the son of Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar in land acquisition on the Dwarka Expressway, Vigilance Minister Atishi initiated an inquiry into a complaint against Chief Secretary Kumar, summoning all the files on Bamnoli land acquisition for further action.

According to sources, Atishi wrote to the Director Vigilance and Divisional Commissioner regarding the alleged corruption involving Kumar. The minister has directed that "no files concerning the matter are to be processed through the Chief Secretary, since he is the subject of inquiry and therefore

Atishi has directed divisional commissioner and vigilance director to provide all the files related to Bamnoli land acquisition to her by 7 pm Saturday. In separate notes to the divisional commissioner and vigilance director, the minister directed that "no files concerning the matter are to be processed through the Chief Secretary, since he is the subject of inquiry and therefore has a conflict of interest."

The Chief secretary reacting to the complaint against him, has maintained that it was an act of "mudslinging" by "disgruntled" persons facing vigilance investigations. A complaint has been received by the Chief Minister regarding this acquisition of land in Bamnoli village for the Dwarka Expressway,

"It has been alleged that the Chand Kathuria and Vinod Kathuria — are family members of a business associate of the son of the current Chief Secretary of Delhi, Naresh Kumar," read the minister's note. "DM South West overturned a 2018 decision by the adjudicating authority, the additional district magistrate, granting compensation of Rs 41.52 crore for the same parcel of land based on a valuation of Rs 53 lakh per acre," said the

Atishi stated that the Vigilance Directorate has already examined the issue of the acquisition of the Bamnoli village land and the involvement of Hemant Kumar. "However, the role of the Chief Secretary has not

आम आदमी पार्टी been examined yet. An inquiry

has been initiated on this, on the directions of the Chief Minister," she said. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal

on Friday marked the complaint for inquiry and sought a detailed report from the vigilance minister.

In May 2023, then district

magistrate (south west Delhi) Hemant Kumar awarded Rs 353 crore as compensation to two individuals for 19 acres of land in Bamnoli village, at the rate of ₹18.54 crore per acre. The land was acquired by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for Dwarka expressway construction in

The document accessed by the pioneer revealed the Directorate of Vigilance in its finding noted that there is a delay on the part of DM (South-West) to a considerable time to the extent of about two months. "It is noticed that DM (South-West) has facilitated opposite party to approach the court by allowing fre-quent adjournment and granting time to file replies. So much so that the claimants on 20.06.2023(105/C) have filed an application before the High Court for keeping the application in abeyance before DM

"Before answering this question, it may it may be noted that

bonafide?

(South-West) for one week.

Now, the question is whether

the ADM (South-West) on 02.04.2018 has determined the value @ Rs.53 Lakhs Per Acre and awarded a total compensation of Rs. 41.52 Crores (Approx.) in contrast DM (South-West) who had awarded Rs. 46,200 per Sq. Mtr. which amounts to Rs. 18.54 Crores per Acre. The financial implication

between these two is about Rs. 311 Crores, which is an amount that the government may have to pay if the arbitration award is implemented. Besides this, it may have implications on other similar cases/ projects. Prima facie, the principle reason for such escalation the delay is malafide or is the base on which the Arbitrator has determined this rate. The Arbitrator had considered it as Urbanized

passed considering it as an Agricultural Land," it said. Earlier, the Delhi High Court has nullified an award of over Rs 300 crore issued by District Magistrate (DM) Hemant Kumar, who was suspended from his position, in a matter of compensation for land acquisition in Bamnoli village, southwest Delhi on Dwarka Expresswav.

award dated 02.04.2018 was

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs referred the case to the CBI for investigation on October 20 and concurrently, Kumar was transferred to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on October 19. He was subsequently placed under suspension with immediate effect on

Avoid morning walks, Delhiites advised

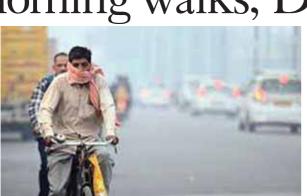
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The Delhi Government Health Department has issued a public advisory on pollution on Saturday, saying the people of the national Capital must avoid morning walks and other physical exercises in view

of the health emergency.
The air quality index (AQI)
across Delhi remains in the
"poor" category, a day after rain
in the national Capital and surrounding areas washed away rounding areas washed away the toxic haze, bringing some relief to residents and improving air quality marginally. In Anand Vihar, one of the national Capital's pollution hotspots, the AQI was recorded at 282, while it was 220 at RK Puram.

Punjabi Bagh registered an AQI of 236, and in ITO, it was at 263 on Saturday. The Delhi government is anticipating severe AQI in the national

capital after Diwali. The advisory asked people not



to smoke tobacco products. It also asked the masses to avoid burning mosquito-repellent coils and avoid burning wood, leaves, waste and crop residues. The advisory also tells people to wash their eyes with running water, have regular gargles with lukewarm water, and eat a healthy and balanced diet, including fruits and vegetables. The advisory has also underlined that pregnant women, patients with underlying medical conditions, children and

the elderly population should be more cautious and avoid

exposure to air pollution. However, intermittent rains on Thursday night and Friday brought major relief from the hazardous air lingering over the national capital for two weeks. It also prompted the Delhi government to postpone the implementation of the oddeven car rationing scheme. As the AQI usually deteriorates around and immediately after

Diwali, the public health advi-

of Health Services of the Delhi government has asked people to not burn firecrackers. "Avoid places with high air pol-

lution like slow and heavy traffic roads, areas near polluting industries, construction/demolition sites, etc. Avoid outdoor morning and late evening walks, jog, run, physical exercise, specifically during days with severe AQI," the advisory reads.

'Consult a doctor in case of breathlessness, giddiness, cough, chest discomfort or pain, irritation in eyes (red or watery), use public transport or car pools, practice wet mopping instead of sweeping, inside homes and workplaces," the advisory further reads.

Patients with underlying medical conditions (particularly chronic pulmonary and cardiovascular problems), pregnant women, children, and elderly persons should remain

Data from the Consortium for Research on Agrosystem Monitoring and Modelling from Space (CREAMS) run by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) revealed Punjab on Saturday reported 104 farm fires, taking the total number of stubbleburning incidents to 23,730 while air quality indices in Haryana and the border state were in 'satisfactory' and 'moderate' categories.

The fresh figure of farm fires in Punjab was much lower than what the state was witnessing a few days ago. Out of 105 stubble-burning incidents reported on Saturday, crop residue burning was seen in only 10 districts in Punjab. Sangrur district topped with 43 cases, followed by 22 in Mansa, 13 in Fazilka, eight in Fatehgarh Sahib, four each in Ludhiana and Muktsar, three each in Malerkotla, Patiala and Bathinda and one in Ferozepur.

Pre-Diwali liquor sales up 37 per cent in Capital

Pre-Diwali sale of liquor in Delhi has registered a growth of more than 37 per cent on the average number of bottles sold during the fortnight before the festival compared to the same period last

According to excise department figures, 2.26 crore bottles of liquor were sold two weeks before Diwali last year. This year, in the last fortnight, 2.58 crore bottles were sold.On Monday, 14.25 lakh bottles were sold. The figure rose to 17.27 lakh bottles on Tuesday and 17.33 lakh on Wednesday. During the three days before Diwali last year, 13.46 lakh, 15 lakh and 19.39 lakh bottles were sold, respectively.

The average number of bottles sold over a period of two weeks

profitable festival in this regard before Diwali last year was 12.56 lakh. This year so far, the figure is at 17.21 lakh, which means a jump of more than 37 officer said.

With the sales figures for Thursday, Friday and Saturday yet to be accounted for, there will be a further rise in the number, he said.

per cent, an excise department

officer said.

"During the festival season, liquor sales pick up in the city with larger volumes bought by and sales have been better this year compared to last year," the

The peak of the sale was likely to be Dhanteras (Friday) and Chhoti Diwali on Saturday as people were expected to buy iquor not only for personal use but also for gifting, officials

Diwali is a dry day with liquor vends in the city closed. There are over 650 liquor stores across

Vigilance Dept serves show-cause notice on Kejriwal's personal secretary

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In a fresh round of tussle between the bureaucracy and the Kejriwal Government, the Directorate of Vigilance (DoV) issued a show cause notice to Chief Minister Arving Kejriwal's personal secretary (PS) Bibhav Kumar, stating that his engagement is criminal case against him. The case pertains to Kumar allegedly obstructing a public servant from discharging his duty and abusing/threatening him. The case against Kumar was lodged in 2007 in Noida. "Kumar is hereby directed to provide within a weeks' time from the date of issuance of this notice about the status of the above mentioned criminal case and as to why his engagement shall not be terminated on expiry of one month from the date of issuance of this notice, on account of the such pending criminal case before



the Court of Law in light of violation of above mentioned DoPT's instructions,"the DoV said in the notice.

Terming his engagement illegal as personal secretary (PS), the DoV said Kumar was appointed by the government subject to the outcome of an FIŔ against him under Sections 353 (assault to deter public servant), 504 (insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), and 506 (intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code that is grave in nature and gross violation of the instructions issued by the month prior to termination or

Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) and his appointment was not cleared from a vigilance angle.
The DoV said the initial engagement of Kumar is void-

ab-initio and not in conformity with the extant rules as his engagement is to be governed as per the instructions issued by the DoPT, which General Administrative Department (GAD) to the then Lt. Governor while putting up the proposal for approval of his engagement in

The services of Bibhav Kumar is to liable to be terminated as per the provisions of the Central Civil Services (Temporary Service) Rules, and Rule 5 of the said Rules which provides that engagement of a temporary government servant can be terminated from service by serving a notice in writing of one

it can be terminated forthwith after putting an entitled claim equivalent to amount of his pay for the purpose of his notice," reads the notice.

"Accordingly, it is requested that all the Ministries/Departmentsmay strictly comply with the directions issued by the Prime Minister's Office in this regard. entertain any request for antedating of appointment of nongovernment officials in the personal staff of Ministers in future," the notice said.

The DoV added that the continuation of service of Kumar, who has a history of "criminal antecedents", is in "gross violation" of the instructions issued "from time to time" by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

The notice also said that the Enforcement Directorate had called Kumar in February in connection with the alleged Delhi liquor policy scam.

in former regime, claims Mayor Shelly **STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi on Saturday said the workers of the city's municipal corporation witnessed a "dark Diwali" under BJP's rule but the AAP-ruled MCD has now changed the sce-

At a press conference, she the leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has always been pro-workers and treated them as its family members. There was no immediate reaction from the

She wished everyone a very happy Diwali on behalf of the municipal corporation.

"In the last 15 years, the BJP was ruling the civic body, and its (MCD) workers, employees have only seen problems. To get salaries they had to sit on dharna, for bonuses, they struggled and had to run from pillar to post for their

DCPCR refutes allegations



MCD workers witnessed dark Diwali

rights.

And, every year, the Diwali was a 'dark' one for them," the mayor alleged.

But, now the AAP is in power, and it works for the welfare of workers and treats them as its family members, she said.

'This is the first Diwali after the AAP came to power in MCD. Now, they are getting their salaries on time. We have also given them a bonus, and the process to regularise them has also started," the mayor said.

AÁP had won the December 4 civic polls last year, wresting power from the BJP and ending its 15-year rule in the civic body, and councillor Shelly Oberoi was elected as the city mayor earlier this year.

The erstwhile municipal corporation was trifurcated in 2012 and then merged into a single entity in May 2022. The

BIP ruled the MCD from 2007-12, and the three smaller corporations — NDMC, SDMC and EDMC — from 2012-22.

In the last 15 years, the workers and other employees did not buy gifts for their family members and friends, and it was always a "dry Diwali", Oberoi said

Diwali for them, she said. Deputy Mayor Mohammad Iqbal said the party under the leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has attempted to change their status from 'diwaliya' (bankruptcy) to one worthy of

'Getting salaries on time was a dream at then, so was getting a bonus. And, now, we want other festivals too, be it Eid, Christmas or Guru Nanak Jayanti, all festivals should be a festive occasion for the MCD employees," he

Cops seek URL of account that shared actor video in deepfake

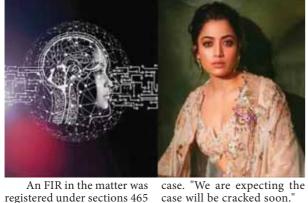
STAFF REPORTER ■ **NEW DELHI**

The Delhi Police has writ-The Delli Folice Inc. URL of the account from which the 'deepfake' video of actress Rashmika Mandanna was shared on social media, officials said on Saturday.

The move came a day after the city police filed an FIR in connection with the incident. Deepfake videos are synthetic media in which a person in an existing image or video is replaced with someone else's likeness.

Hemant Tiwari, DCP of the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit, said the Delhi Police has also sought the information about the people who shared the fake video on social media.
"We have written to Meta

to access the URL ID of the account from which the video was generated. We have also started doing technical analy-Deputy Commissioner of Police said



(forgery) and 469 (forgery for purpose of harming rep-utation) of the Indian Penal Code and sections 66C and 66E of the Information Technology Act at the IFSO unit of the Delhi Police's Special Cell after a complaint was received from Delhi Commission for Women tify it. after the Commission took suo-moto cognisance of the deepfake

video of the Indian actress. The official said a dedicated team of officers has been constituted to crack the

Rashmika First

Mandanna and then Katrina Kaif. AI generated morphed videos of the two actors created a flutter last week, highlighting the urgent need to stop the misuse of deepfake technology and prompting calls for better ways to iden-

The debate, in the backdrop of the Israel-Hamas conflict that saw a surge in the use of deepfake video to spread disinformation and manipulate public opinion, also led to many questions.

of misuse of Govt funds **STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI $R^{ m efuting}$ the allegations of misuse of Government

funds, a member of the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR), Abhinandita Mathur has accused the Lieutenant Governor to save the school run by the BJP leader Kuljeet Chahal in east Delhi.

Mathur alleged the LG ordered an investigation into the fund's misuse purportedly to save the school of BJP leader Kuljeet Chahal, located in East Delhi. "The school received serious complaints from parents, and during the DCPCR investigation, several norms were found to be violated, leading to actions against the school. The reality is that the LG's actions of ordering this investigation are to retaliate and display alleged loyalty towards the BJP. If the LG genuinely cares about children and wants to investigate, they should first take action against the BJP leader's school," Mathur said.

Terming the LG's action as

malafide and baseless, she



stated, "It's unfortunate that Delhi's LG is working for the BJP instead of Delhi's children. We received several grave complaints and a school based in East Delhi, owned by the BJP's leader, Kuljeet Chahal. There were many norms which weren't followed by the school. Upon the parents' complaints against grievances, an inquiry was set up regarding the same." The DCPCR member further

added, "In this inquiry, many unacceptable things were unraveled. This issue concerned the safety and wellbeing of children, and the DCPCR took routine action against the school, irrespective

of who's the owner of the school. This inquiry and audit by the LG is in the line of retaliation against the DCPCR's inquiry allegedly. To prove his alleged loyalty towards the BJP by saving the BJP leader's school, the LG has initiated the inquiry and audit. We have no problem with the inquiry. The DCPCR is an important body, where routine measures are taken." Mathur revealed shocking

details about Chahal's school saying the school goes up to nursery class, but they had illegally started a first-grade class, which parents complained about. When the DCPCR inspection

team visited, they found fire safety norms were not being followed. No one in the entire school knew how to operate fire safety equipment. Moreover, the toilets for boys and girls were the same, although they should have been separate. Several toilets were placed in one room without partitions, compromising children's privacy and securi-

ty," Mathur added.

Journalist claims fraud by dating app woman, pays ₹16,000 date bill

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Ajournalist reportedly fell prey to a fraud where he paid a bill of over ₹15,000 after ĥe met a girl on a dating app in Delhi's Rajouri Garden. The journalist alleged that he was approached by a girl on Bumble and asked to meet at Rajouri Garden, to which the journalist agreed. The woman then took him to a bar and ordered a few drinks for herself after which the victim received a bill of Rs 15,886, which he paid.

Taking to social media platform X, Archit Gupta detailed the unfolding of events, describing what he went through as "not just a fraud but emotional harassment".

He recalled how a woman named Divya Sharma (an alias, later identified by Truecaller as Aifya) initiated contact on the Bumble dating app, expressing interest in a meaningful connection. The 'deceptive date' led him to an establishment called "The Race Lounge and

reservations about — in west Delhi's Rajouri Garden, where he allegedly ended up footing a bill of around Rs 16,000 for sub-par drinks and food. "I thought, let's take a chance

on Bumble and see if there is a genuine person to date. A girl named Divya Sharma (fake name) approached me and asked me to meet her at Rajouri Garden. She convinced me that she was looking for something meaningful," he wrote in the note shared on X. Upon returning from the restroom, Gupta discovered that the bill he left on the table had disappeared. "She took me to a bar, The Race Lounge and Bar. Despite not being convinced of the place, Aifya (her real name, as per Truecaller) insisted that I sit there. She ordered some drinks for herself. I don't drink, so I just ordered a Red Bull. The bill for a hookah, 2-3 glasses of wine, 1 vodka shot, chicken tikka, and a water bottle was Rs 15,886," he further stated.

Crop residues can be climate solution: Study

t a time when stubble At a time when start the burning is choking the national Capital besides contributing to climate change menace, a study has suggested that such discarded material can instead be a climate solution with India having potential to sequester 53 per cent of its emissions in the form of biochar, a charcoal made from heating such crop residues.

The study, "Potential for Biochar Carbon Sequestration from Crop Residues: A Global Spatially Explicit Assessment," published in the journal GCB

new maps made from a first-ofits-kind high-resolution global dataset of crop residues.

The research found that 12 countries have the technical ability to sequester over 20% of their current total greenhouse gas emissions by converting crop residues to biochar. Bhutan leads the way with the potential to sequester 68 per cent of its emissions in the form of biochar, followed by India, at 53 per cent.

'We are entering an unprecedented era in which even a rapid and profound reduction in fossil fuel use will not be to both humans and ecosystems from climate change, said co-lead author Dominic Woolf, a senior research associate in the School of Integrative Plant Science at Cornell University.

We also need to draw down excess CO2," he said. "Making biochar from crop residues is one of the few tools we have that can do this at scale without competing for land."

Biochar improves soil fertility and benefits plant growth, while also offering a way to remove CO2 from the atmos phere. When added to soils



the soil for centuries.

The biochar market is estimated to reach a valuation of \$7.9 million in 2023 and \$26.5 million in 2033, according to yet another report.

Biochar is a form of charcoal typically produced through the pyrolysis of biomass or waste materials in an oxygen-deprived environment. This material is carbon-rich and can be used as a soil amendment, contributing to enhanced plant growth, increased crop yields, improved soil quality and various other benefits. The study finds that if the total

erated by agriculture globally were converted into biochar, it would sequester a maximum of one billion metric tons of carbon stored annually. Threequarters of that carbon would remain sequestered after 100 years, which represents enough to offset about 80% of all greenhouse gas emissions from

agriculture. 'Even when considering limitations on sustainable residue harvesting and competing usage for crop residues – such as livestock feed – the global biochar production potential is approximately half of that

When considering these limitations, potential global biochar production amounts to 510 million metric tons of carbon per year, with roughly 360 million metric tons remaining sequestered after 100 years.

The high-resolution maps of crop residue production and biochar sequestration will provide valuable insights and sup-port decision-making related to biochar production and investment in biochar production capacity," Woolf said.

The study was funded by the Nature Conservancy and the

Medical insanity cannot be ground for acquittal: Panel

Aparliamentary panel has observed that mere medical insanity cannot be a ground for the acquittal of an accused and legal insanity is required to be proved for claiming a valid defence. The Parliamentary Standing

Committee on Home Affairs, headed by BJP MP Brijlal, also recommended that the word "mental illness" in the proposed new criminal law may be changed to "unsound mind" as mental illness is too wide in its import in comparison to unsound mind and it appears to include even mood swings or voluntary intoxication within its ambit. The observations have been made by the panel in its report prepared after examining the proposed three new criminal laws. The proposed laws are Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS-2023), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS-2023) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA-2023.

The three bills, which were introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 11, will replace the Indian Penal Code, 1860, Criminal Procedure Act, 1898, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. The panel's reports were submitted to the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

The committee observed that in the Indian Penal Code, the term, a person of unsound mind, carried a restricted interpretation according to judicial precedents and was accused. "The committee is said.



of the view that mere medical insanity cannot be a ground for acquittal of the accused and legal insanity is required to be proved for claiming a valid defence," it noted.

However, the panel said, the term mental illness is too wide in its import in comparison to unsound mind, as it appears to include even mood swings or voluntary intoxication within its ambit. The committee is also of the view that such a frivolous claim, if recognised as a valid defence, will spell doom for the prosecution as all defences will be claimed under this provision, thereby defeating the very purpose of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

"The committee accordingly recommends that the word 'mental illness' in this Sanhita may be changed to 'unsound mind' wherever it occurs, as the present one can create problems during the trial stage as an accused person can simply show that he was under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the time of the commission of a crime and he cannot be prosecuted even if he has committed the

187 genetic variants identified to predict prostate cancer

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team led by researchers at A team led by researchers at Keck School of Medicine of University of Southern California Researchers has identified 187 new genetic variants linked to prostate cancer that can help predict who would or wouldn't develop the condition. The team had in its earlier

research also found 150 genetic variants that were replaced by variants in nearby spots on the DNA double helix that better correlated with prostate cancer risk through the lens of the larger, more diverse sample.

"It's an important refinement to find markers that are better at capturing risk across populations," said Haiman, who is also director of the USC Center for Genetic Epidemiology. "The idea of precision medi-

cine and global medicine for all rely on including and integrating information across populations, because the best marker determined in whites might not be the best marker overall."

The variants, derived from genomic information from close to 950,000 men, can help even distinguish between the likelihood of aggressive and less-serious cases.

In the study, published in the journal Nature Genetics, the researchers compared genomic data from 156,319 prostate cancer patients with that of a control group total-From the previous study,



there was an 87 per cent increase in the number of prostate cancer cases included from men of African ancestry, 45 per cent from Latino ethnicity, 43 per cent from European ancestry and 26 per cent from Asian ances-

Because many prostate cancer cases diagnosed today might never reach the point where they are life-threatening -leading to unnecessary treatment that can degrade quality of life -- differentiating between risk for aggressive disease is key. Up until now, the scientists'

system for calculating risk scores has correlated with likelihood of developing prostate cancer, but lacked predictive value about how serious a given case may be. 'We'll continue to improve this risk score, and look for markers that help to distinguish aggressive from less aggressive disease," Haiman

"Clinical trials will be required to evaluate the effectiveness of the risk score in helping doctors and patients make decisions about screen-

Congress Govt in Rajasthan stands for 'rapists bachao': BJP

he BJP on Saturday hit out ■ at the Rajasthan Congress government over the rape of a child allegedly by a policeman, saying while his party at the Centre believes in "beti bachao" (save daughter) the dispensation led by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot stands for "rapists bachao."

BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla cited a number of cases of atrocities against women and children, including those involving police and other government officials, to allege that rapists have "high confidence" in the poll-bound Rajasthan.

A minor girl was allegedly raped by a police sub-inspector in Rajasthan's Dausa district

Noting that the child was only four years of age and came from a Dalit family, the BJP spokesperson alleged that an FIR was registered only after protests erupted amid efforts to save the guilty person and remove evidence.

The state government's action is marked by incompetence and connivance, he said.

Protectors have become predators because the state government has a "pro-active" and institutional system to help save rapists, he alleged, adding that family members of some Congress leaders have been involved in brutalisation of

"This is the guarantee the Congress government in Rajasthan has delivered,"



such incidents are reported from the state every day, he said, and also alleged Rajasthan has become number one in cases of atrocities against women and Dalits.

He also cited some comments of Gehlot and minister Shanti Dhariwal to accuse the government of "victim-shaming."

Taking a jibe at Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who had come up with slogan, "ladki hoon lad sakti hoon," he said women in Rajasthan are asking "ladki hoon Bach sakti Will the Congress continue to

save rapists and criminals? he asked and went on to claim that women voters in Rajasthan have decided to throw out the most "anti-women and anti-Dalit" government in the coun-Ássembly elections are due in

Rajasthan on November 25. The BIP spokesperson referred

to some comments made by Congress ally and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar as he highlighted the work done by his own party's government to bring down fertility rate through women empowerment and slammed the "Nitish mind-Anywhere between 18 and 22 opposition parties.

PM Modi condoles death of noted actor Mohan



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed anguish at the death of noted Telugu actor Chandra Mohan and said his powerful performances and unique charisma enchanted audiences for generations. "Deeply saddened by the

demise of noted Telugu actor Shri Chandra Mohan Garu. He was a luminary of the world of cinema. His powerful performances and unique charisma enchanted audiences for generations," Modi said on X. The prime minister added,

"His departure leaves a void in the creative world that will be hard to fill. My thoughts are with his family and countless admirers. Om Shanti." Chandra Mohan (82), known for his versatile roles in a career spanning over five decades, was taken to a private super-specialty hospital on Saturday morning after

Bezos Earth Fund. **Jaishankar** to visit UK, to review



India and the United Kingdom will review the entire spectrum of their bilateral ties during External Minister S Jaishankar's visit there beginning Saturday. He may also discuss about preparations of likely visit of British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to India in the next few months. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will be on an official visit to the United Kingdom from November 11-15, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)here said.

'India and the UK have a growing bilateral partnership. During his visit, the external affairs minister will be holding discussions with his counterpart, Foreign Secretary Sir James Cleverly and will meet several other dignitaries," it said in a statement. The MEA also referred to the "warm and thriving" relationship between the two sides.

The India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership was launched in 2021 along with the India-UK Roadmap 2030 that seeks to expand ties in a range of areas.

The roadmap is a commitment to a partnership that delivers for both the countries. The external affairs minister's visit will give a new impetus to

was modified to include meat

while still remaining low-fat.

Exercise was not part of the

program, meaning the study solely focused on diet as an

Compared with the control

group, the active group of participants revealed significant

improvement in fatigue,

which was gauged through the Modified Fatigue Impact Scale. Every four weeks, par-

ticipants answered standardized questions measuring

intervention.

नगर पालिका परिषद, मुनिकीरेती-ढालवाला टिहरी गढ़वाल

निविदा सूचना

एतत द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर पालिका परिषद, मुनिकीरेती-ढालवाला द्वारा कूड़ा

निस्तारण स्थल प्लाट में लीगेसी वेस्ट के निस्तारण किया जाना है। जिस हेतु इच्छुक ठेकेदारो / फर्मों / कम्पनियों से निविदायें कार्यालय नगर पालिका परिषद, मुनिकीरेती – ढालवाला में दिनांक 25.11.2023 को अपरान्ह 02:00 बजे तक निविदा दो लिफाफा प्रणाली (Double bid system) के अन्तर्गत "तकनीकी भाव पत्र" (Technicial Bid) एवं 'वित्तीय भाव पत्र'' (Financial Bid) के माध्यम से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। जो कि उसी दिन सायं 04:00 बजे निविदा समिति के द्वारा निविदादाताओं के सम्मुख खोली जायेंगी। तकनीकी बिड में सफल निविदादाताओं की ही वित्तिय बिड निविदा द्वितीय चरण में खोली जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र पालिका कार्यालय, मुनिकीरेती — ढालवाला पर से दिनांक 25. 11.2023 तक 11:00 बजे तक निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य जी०एस०टी० सहित कुल कार्यालय में नगद जमा कर प्राप्त किये जा सकते है। कार्य सम्बन्धी विस्तृत सूचना एवं अन्य निविदा शर्ते निविदा प्रपत्र के साथ संलग्न हैं। जो कि कार्यालय, मुनिकीरेती— ढालवाला में किसी भी कार्यदिवस में देखी जा सकती हैं। निविदा को बिना कारण बताये . स्वीकृत / अस्वीकृत / निरस्त करने का अधिकार अध्यक्ष, निविदा समिति को होगा।

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from

the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to dea with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Girdhar Gopal Agarwal/ Vinita Agarwal/ LBDEL00001192128	Flat No. BF- 43 Aditya City Centre, Situated at Plot No. 3, Vaibhav Khand Indirapuram Ghaziabad- 201014/ November 07, 2023	July 19,2023 Rs. 3,02,259/-	Delhi & NCR
2.	Uday Kumar/ Minu Kumari/ LBDEL00002901155	Flat No. A- 1/14, 1st Floor, Tower A, Himalaya Pride, Plot No. 10b, Tech Zone Iv, Plot No. 10/B, Greater Noida, Noida/ November 07, 2023	July 31,2023 Rs. 32,16,281/-	Delhi & NCR/ Aurangabad
3.	Jubair./ Anisa/ LBGUR00005769003	Apartment No. 12, 3rd Floor (Apartment No. 312, Block F-II) Block F-II Southend Apartment, Charmwood Village Surajkund Road, Village Lakkarpur Faridabad/ Nov 06, 2023	July 19,2023 Rs. 41,26,977/-	Delhi & NCR
4.	Madhu Kumari/ Gaurav Kumar/ LBFDB00004937278	Flat No-F-508, 5th Floor, Floridaa- Tower F Sector-82 Faridabad- 121006/ Nov 06, 2023	July 19,2023 Rs. 17,22,837/-	Delhi/ NCR & Begusarai

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 Authorized Officer

Date: November 10, 2023 Place: Delhi/NCR ICICI Bank Limited

'MS patients could benefit from low fat diet'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Deople with multiple scle-Prosis, or MS, could benefit from a low-fat diet to improve the fatigue that's a debilitating, and often-underappreciated, symptom of the condition, according to new research from Oregon Health & Science University.

The study, published online in the Multiple Sclerosis Journal, is the latest in a line of OHSU research dating back a decade testing the principle that diet matters, especially for people with MS.

"Fatigue is very disabling for these patients," said principal investigator and senior author Vijayshree Yadav, professor of neurology in the OHSU School of Medicine and director of the OHSU Multiple Sclerosis Center. "There is no FDA-approved drug for



fatigue, but we know that fatigue greatly affects their quality of life.

In the new study, researchers conducted a randomized controlled trial in which 39 people with MS who experienced fatigue were divided into two

groups: 19 people were placed in the control group and received diet training at the completion of the study after 16 weeks. The other 20 received nutrition counseling from dieticians and then adhered to a low-fat diet,

which was confirmed through routine blood sampling revealing clear signals of reduced caloric intake.

"You cannot really fudge the biomarkers," Yadav said. In contrast to a 2016 study that tested a purely plant-

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aspects such as their ability to pay attention, concentrate and to carry out routine physical activities. "The results reinforced what we had seen before," Yadav

"A low-fat diet can truly make a difference in a patient's fatigue level, even without

going so far as to make it a

पुनः निविदा सूचना एतत द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर पालिका परिषद

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नगर पालिका परिषद, मुनिकीरेती-ढालवाला दिहरी गढ़वाल

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for regulation of trading of cryptocurrencies

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has refused to entertain a petition seeking a direction to the Centre and others to frame guidelines for regulation of trading and mining of cryptocurrencies.

Cryptocurrencies are blockchain-based digital or virtual currencies which operate independently of a central

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said the main reliefs sought in the plea were more in nature

of a legislative direction. The bench, also comprising

Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, observed that though the petition was under Article 32 of the Constitution, it was evident that the "real purpose is to seek bail in proceedings which are pending against the petitioner."
"We are unable to subscribe

to this course of action. The petitioner would be at liberty to move the appropriate court for the grant of regular

Insofar as the main reliefs are concerned, they are more in

tion which the court cannot issue under Article 32 of the Constitution," the bench said in its order passed on Friday Article 32 deals with right to

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constitutional remedies and 32 (1) grants a citizen the right to move the apex court for enforcement of rights.

The bench noted that reliefs sought in the plea filed by the Uttar Pradesh-based man also included a direction for prosecution of cases involving digital assets/cryptocurren-

Court orders return of Nawaz's seized assets

n a temporary relief to Nawaz Sharif, an accountability court in Pakistan has ordered authorities to release all movable and immovable properties seized from the former prime minister in 2020 in connection with a corruption case.

Judge Muhammad Bashir of the Islamabad accountability court on Friday heard the Toshakhana corruption case against the 73-year-old Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo who returned to Pakistan on October 21 after about four years of self-imposed exile in London, The Express Tribune newspaper reported.

In 2020, an accountability court ordered the confiscation of the property owned by the former prime minister in the Toshakĥana vehicles reference after he was declared an absconder by the Islamabad High Court.

Accountability judge Bashir was informed that since Sharif had surrendered and his warrant of arrest had been cancelled, the order for attachment of his properties may be withdrawn.

Misbahul Hasan Qazi, the counsel for Sharif, informed the judge that his client had gone abroad for his medical

of the high court. However, a National Accountability Bureau case was filed against him and proceedings for attachment of his properties were initiated.

The Toshakhana case file against Sharif accuses him of obtaining a vehicle from Toshakhana (the gift deposithe price of the car. According to reports, Sharif was not holding any public office in 2008 but was given a vehicle without any justification.

A gift from any country to the head of the state and deposited in the Toshakhana remains the property of the government unless sold at an open auction. Rules allow officials to retain gifts with a market value of less than Rs10,000 without paying anything. More than 1,650 canals (over 200 acres) of agricultural land, a Mercedes Benz car, a Land Cruiser, and other vehicles were confiscated by the three-time prime minister in 2020 after he was declared a proclaimed offender in the Toshakhana case, according to the report.

The court had ordered the seizure after the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) submitted a report to an accountability court, providmovable and immovable assets, during a hearing of the Toshakhana case.

Sharif had gone to London in 2019 after getting a medical bail following his conviction in the Avenfield Apartment and Al-Azizia corruption cases.

Ahead of Sharif's arrival tory) by paying 15 per cent of in Pakistan, his legal team approached the Islamabad High Court, which granted him a protective bail until October 24 in the Avenfield and Al-Azizia cases. An anticorruption court suspended his arrest warrant in the Toshakhana case.

During the hearing, the NAB prosecutor contended that Sharif had surrendered, therefore, his arrest warrant should be cancelled. "If the warrants are cancelled, then the trial can move forward," he said. The judge subsequently confirmed Sharif's bail in the case against surety bonds of Rs 1 million. The hearing of the case was adjourned till November 20.

The former premier is all set to lead the PML-N during the general elections, which are scheduled to be held on February 8. Earlier this month, he directed his party leaders to begin their preparations for the national elec-

Pak EC criticises President Alvi

election commission has accused President Arif Alvi of making inappropriate moves after he rallied behind concerns raised by jailed former prime minister Ímran Khan's party demanding a level playing field in the next general elections.

Pakistan, which is facing both political and economic instability, is going to the polls on February 8.

Alvi, who was a founding member of Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) before being appointed as President in 2018, is frequently accused of siding with the jailed prime minister's party on political

In a recent letter to caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar, Alvi said the president of Pakistan represented the unity of the republic as head of state under the Constitution and was, therefore, duty-bound along with the premier and all institutions to protect the rights of the citizens, the Express Tribune

newspaper reported. Alvi said, it was for this very reason, that he was sending the letter containing PTI's allegations, which had also been debated in the media, of enforced disappearances of individuals with known political affiliation.

The president asked interim Prime Minister Kakar to look into these issues.

Expressing its strong discontent over the president's move, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in a statement said, "An attempt is being made by a high official to make the transparency of the upcoming election suspicious?

"This behaviour is not appropriate," it said, adding that the ECP is determined that the elections will be fair and transparent, and the same will be ensured.

Caretaker Information Minister Murtaza Solangi also berated Alvi for advocating for the PTI party's line.

In a post on X, the interim government's spokesperson said the statements made by the president in connection with the upcoming general election seemed to be in conflict with his constitutional role.

Solangi urged Alvi to allow the constitutional institutions, specifically the ECP, to perform their duties without interference.

Anti-graft body summons Fawad Chaudhry

Islamabad (PTI): Fawad Chaudhry, a former federal minister and an ex-member of jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan's party, has been summoned by the country's accountability watchdog for his alleged involvement in a dual carriageway project.

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on Friday directed Chaudhry to appear before a joint investigation team at the bureau's Rawalpindi office at 10 am on November 13, The Express Tribune newspaper reported on Saturday. According to the NAB, a

preliminary inquiry found that Chaudhry allegedly exerted undue political influence in the planning of the Jhelum-Pind Dadan Khan dual carriageway project during his tenure as a federal minister. It also alleged that the former federal minister for information and broadcasting unlawfully gained advantages from the contractor and their associates, the report said. "Furthermore, you, along with other members of your family, acquired land along the dual carriageway project. During the land acquisition for this project, a significant loss was incurred by the national exchequer," the NAB summons

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT (ESTATE-WING)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Dozens of Chinese ships chase Philippine vessels

AP ■ ABOARD THE BRP CABRA

As a US Navy surveillance plane flew in circles, keeping a close watch, dozens of Chinese coast guard and accompanying ships chased and encircled Philippine vessels in the latest confrontation in one of the most dangerous flashpoints in the South China Sea.

At the height of Friday's four-hour faceoff in the high seas, a Chinese coast guard ship blasted a water cannon toward a Philippine motorboat delivering food and other supplies to Filipino forces at a marooned, rusting warship that serves as the country's fragile territorial outpost at Second Thomas Shoal.

China has steadfastly stood by its claim to virtually the entire strategic waterway, clashing with its smaller neighbours and drawing in the United States, Manila's treaty ally and China's main rival in the Asia-Pacific region. Washington and its allies have deployed navy ships and fighter aircraft to promote freedom of navigation and overflight, build up deterrence and reassure allies like the Philippines.

There are fears that the recurring confrontations at Second Thomas Shoal could ignite an armed conflict that could pit the US and China. Philippine officials said Saturday they would never take any step that could ignite a larger conflict but would not be deterred in defending the country's sovereign rights in the South China Sea.

Despite the Chinese blockades and coercive maneuvers, the Philippine contingent managed to deliver supplies to the handful of Filipino marines aboard the BRP Sierra Madre and left without incident. The slightly listing Philippine warship, donated by the US, has been crumbling with age but is still actively commissioned, meaning an armed attack would be considered by Manila as an act of war. Two Associated Press journalists and several other members of the media who were invited on board three Philippine coast guard ships securing two supply boats witnessed the dangerous cat-and-mouse maneuvers in rough waves. It's part of a shame campaign Philippine officials said they would press on to expose China's growing aggression in one of the world's most important trade routes. Filipino forces would continue to adhere to the rule of law and would not be provoked by China's strong-arm tactics,

Philippine coast guard Commodore Tarriela said.

Missile strike targets Kyiv

 R^{ussian} forces targeted Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, as part of an overnight bombardment felt across the country, local officials said on Saturday, while drones that Russian officials blamed on the Ukrainian military targeted areas around Moscow and the region of

A ballistic missile was shot down as it approached the Ukrainian capital, said Serhii Popko, head of the Kyiv City Military Administration. He said that no one was injured.

The Ukrainian air force later confirmed an Iskander-M missile ballistic missile was used in the attack, the first attempted missile strike on Kviv in almost two months. The missile was destroyed by the country's Patriot air defense system.

Ukraine's air defence systems actively repelled attacks in Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Poltava, Sumy, and Kirovohrad regions. The country's air force said Russian troops launched 31 Shahed-136/131 drones, of which 19

The strike in the Odesa region damaged the city's port infrastructure and a small community of cottages, injuring three people including a 96year-old woman, said regional governor, Oleh Kiper.

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shelters. And some families

have to choose who eats.
"My kids are crying

because they are hungry and

tired and can't use the bath-

room," said Suzan Wahidi, an

aid worker and mother of five

at a UN shelter in the central

son, Yuri Ihnat, also said they launched an X-31 aircraft missile, an Onyx anti-ship missile, and an S-300 anti-aircraft guided missile targeting Ukraine overnight, but did not give further details

Russia's defence ministry also said it shot down two Ukrainian drones over the Smolensk and Moscow regions. Smolensk governor, Vasiliy

Anokhin, said that no one was hurt in the attack. Meanwhile, trains carrying cargo in Russia's Ryazan region were derailed Saturday morning due to "unauthorised inter-

ference," Moscow rail operator

MZHD said. Russian law enforcement said 15 train carriages had been derailed southeast of the capital, while MZHD reported the number as 19. Several Russian media outlets also reported that an explosion was heard in the vicinity on Saturday morning, although this could not be independently verified by The

Associated Press. Russian officials have previously blamed pro-Ukrainian the country's railway system since Moscow invaded the country in February 2022, although no group has claimed responsibility for the damage. Kyiv has not commented

on Saturday's attacks.

War threatens to unravel

Gaza's close-knit society

US journalist's husband appeals for her release in Russia

AP ■ PRAGUE

This wasn't how Pavel Butorin expected to celebrate his anniversary this week, with his wife of 21 years in a Russian prison and barely any communication available.

Russian-American journalist, Alsu Kurmasheva who works as an editor for US government-funded Radio Free Europe — has been detained in Russia for almost a month and charged with failing to self-register as a "foreign agent." "Alsu should be celebrating

this anniversary with me and our children at home, not in a Russian prison," Butorin told The Associated Press in an interview in Prague on Friday. We want her back. Alsu must be released as soon as possible, he said, visibly shaken.

Kurmasheva was detained on Oct 18, becoming the second US journalist detained in Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich was arrested on espionage charges in March. She is being held in a detention centre, awaiting a trial that could sentence her to up to five years in prison.

Imran's wife may be arrested in a corruption case: Report

Islamabad (PTI): Bushra Bibi, wife of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan, may find herself in serious trouble in the near future, including being jailed in an alleged corruption case, a media report said on Saturday.

National Accountability Bureau (NAB) is cross-checking certain pieces of "evidence" pertaining to some financial transactions that Bushra Bibi allegedly received, The International newspaper reported.

The anti-graft watchdog received some fresh evidence, which, if confirmed, will change Bibi's status from a "witness" to "accused", sources

An Expression of Interest Notice invited for Allotment of 3.8 Acres of Port land for were quoted as saying by the construction of Mega Modern Shopping Mal at Marine Drive Road in the Port Township of

They added that apart from becoming an accused of the NAB, Bibi, 49, may be arrestchairman was arrested in August this year after a case was filed against him for disclosing a secret diplomatic cable (cipher) sent by the country's embassy in Washington in March last year. Meanwhile, the NAB has

also accelerated its probe towards the conclusion of Khan's alleged corruption cases Toshakhana and the UK's NCA (National Crime Agency) GBP 190 million, also known as the Al-Qadir Trust case.

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Paradip. The date of available of notice in the website is upto 08.12.2023. For details, please PPA/PR/58/2023-24 dtd.10.11.2023

WORLD BRIEFS

MAJOR TERROR BID FOILED IN PAKISTAN

LAHORE: Pakistani counter-terrorism officials on Saturday claimed to have foiled a major terror plot to target key installations in the Punjab province by arresting five suspected terrorists from banned terror outfits. The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of the Punjab police said it conducted 179 province this week, in which five terrorists were arrested. The CTD said that it foiled a major terror plot by arresting the terrorists linked to the Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP) and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) militant groups as the militants had planned sabotage across the province and wanted to target important installations. "The arrest of these terrorists was carried out during intelligence-based operations in Sahiwal, Pakpattan, Bahawalpur and Rawalpindi," the CTD said in a statement.

SUNAK SHARES DIWALI, BANDI CHHOR GREETINGS

LONDON: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, a "devout Hindu", issued his greetings for Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas on Saturday expressing hope for a brighter tomorrow. The 43-year-old leader referenced his Indian heritage in the customary festive message from 10 Downing Street for Hindus and Sikhs in the UK and around the world. "Happy Diwali to all those celebrating around the world and across the UK, and a very happy Bandi Chhor Divas to our friends in the Sikh community," said Sunak. "With the lighting of the diyas, let this be a moment we can look to the future with hope. My guiding light as Prime Minister is the determination to change things for the better, and as a symbol of the triumph of light over darkness, I believe Diwali is a poignant representation of the endeavour for a brighter tomorrow," he said.

4 WOUNDED IN ALABAMA SHOOTOUT

BIRMINGHAM: A confrontation over an allegedly stolen car in Birmingham, Alabama, ended on Friday in a shootout on a busy interstate that wounded four people, including two who had life-threatening injuries, police said. The shooting took place shortly after 4:30 pm on southbound Interstate 59 near the 20th Street Ensley exit, police said. "We believe that a group of individuals saw their stolen vehicle, or alleged stolen vehicle, and they began following that vehicle," Officer Truman Fitzgerald said at a news conference. "This party sees their possible stolen vehicle and they took it upon themselves to confront this group. A shootout ensued between both groups," Fitzgerald said.

CALL FOR PARLIAMENT'S DISSOLUTION IN VANUATU

TOKYO: Government ministers in the Pacific nation of Vanuatu are asking the president to dissolve parliament, adding to political disarray after lawmakers introduced a no-confidence against the prime minister, local media said on Saturday. National elections would be held if President Nikenike Vurobaravu, the largely ceremonial head of state, dissolved the parliament and the government headed by Prime Minister Charlot Salwai. Vanuatu, which gained independence in 1980, has had three prime ministers since August and Salwai would be removed if legislators adopted the no-confidence motion filed earlier in the week. The stability of the government is increasingly important as China and the United States jockey for influence in the region.

POPE FORCIBLY REMOVES TEXAS BISHOP

ROME: Pope Francis on Saturday forcibly removed from office the bishop of Tyler, Texas, a conservative active on social media who has been a fierce critic of the pontiff and some of his priorities. A one-line statement from the Vatican said Francis had "relieved" Bishop Joseph Strickland of the pastoral governance of Tyler and appointed the bishop of Austin as the temporary administrator. Strickland has emerged as a critic of Francis, accusing him in a tweet earlier this year of "undermining the deposit of faith", and particularly his recent meeting on the future of the Catholic Church.

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QUARTER ENDED

Extract of Unaudited Statement of Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 (in Lacs

Pr. Year 30.09.2023 30.09.2022 30.09.2023 | 30.06.2023 | 30.09.2022 31.03.2023 **PARTICULARS** (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Audited) Total income from operations (net) 12,754.00 14.894.90 19.573.35 27,648.90 38,766.25 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and / or extraordinary item. 82.48 185.05 261.83 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax After Extraordinary items) 82.48 261.83 412.77 8,747.17 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period After tax (after 412.77 82.48 179.35 185.05 261.83 8.722.28 Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items) Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income 91.84 227.55 229.25 271.19 456.97 id un En Rs. 10 each) 3,130.81 3,130.81 3,130.81 3,130.81 3,130.81 3,130.81 Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year) Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items (of Rs.10/- each) (Not annualised) a) Basic 0.26 0.57 0.59 0.84 1.32 b) Diluted: 0.26 0.57 0.59 1.32 0.84

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half yearly ended on 30th September 2023 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Statement of standalone Audited Financial Results are available on the websites of the BSE _imited (www.bseindia.com).

The above financial results were reviewed by the audit committee and approved by Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting neld on 11-11-2023. For and on behalf of Board

Date:-11-11-2023 Place: New Delhi (PREM NARAIN VARSHNEY) MANAGING DIRECTOR DIN: 00012709

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NANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEP 30, 2023 Amt. in Rs. except per share data Quarter Ended HALF YEAR ENDED Year Ende 30-Sep-23 30-Jun-23 30-Sep-22 30-Sep-23 30-Sep-22 31-Mar-23 Total income from operations (gross) Total income from operations (net) 6.85 6.28 13.88 12.32 Net Profit for the period (before tax and exceptional items) 0.47 3.38 2.12 3.85 4.61 9.83 Net Profit for the period before tax (after exceptional items) 4.61 5 Net Profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items) 0.35 2.53 1.59 2.88 3.45 3.69 Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Pro-2.53 2.88 for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehe 7 Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each 512.24 8 Other Equity 70.87 9 Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each Diluted 0.01 0.05 0.03 0.06 0.07

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1	Total income from operations (gross)	7.03	6.85	6.28	13.88	12.32	25.
2	Total income from operations (net)	7.03	6.85	6.28	13.88	12.32	25.
3	Net Profit for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	0.47	3.38	2.12	3.85	4.61	9.
4	Net Profit for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	0.47	3.38	2.12	3.85	4.61	9.
5	Net Profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	0.90	2.81	1.83	2.88	3.45	4.
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	0.90	2.81	1.83	2.88	3.45	4.
7	Equity Share Capital	512.24	512.24	512.24	512.24	512.24	512.
8	Other Equity	-	-	-	-	-	78.
9	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)						
	Basic:	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.07	0
	Diluted:	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.07	0

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Nikhil Bansal Director Cum CFO DIN : 00815132

town of Deir al-Balah, where hundreds of people share a single toilet. "I have nothing for With the Israel-Hamas war in its second month and more than 10,000 people killed in Gaza, trapped civilians are struggling to survive without electricity or running water. Palestinians who managed to flee Israel's ground invasion in northern Gaza now encounter scarcity of food and medicine in the south, and there is no end in sight to the war sparked

by Hamas' deadly October 7 attack. Over half a million displaced people have crammed into hospitals and UN schoolsturned-shelters in the south. The schools — overcrowded. strewn with trash, swarmed by flies — have become a breeding ground for infectious dis-

Since the start of the war, several hundred trucks of aid have entered Gaza through the southern Rafah crossing, but aid organisations say that's a drop in the ocean of need. For most people, each day has become a drudging cycle of

The sense of desperation has strained Gaza's close-knit society, which has endured decades of conflict, four wars with Israel and a 16-year blockade since Hamas seized power from rival Palestinian forces.

searching for bread and water

and waiting in lines.

Some Palestinians have even vented their anger against Hamas, shouting insults at officials or beating up policemen in scenes unimaginable just a month ago, witnesses say.

"Everywhere you go, you see tension in the eyes of people," said Yousef Hammash, an aid worker with the Norwegian Refugee Council in the southern town of Khan Younis. "You can tell they are at a breaking Supermarket shelves are

nearly empty. Bakeries have shut down because of lack of flour and fuel for the ovens. Gaza's farmland is mostly inaccessible, and there's little in produce markets beyond onions and oranges. Families cook lentils over small fires in the streets. "You hear children crying in the night for sweets and hot food," said Ahmad Kanj, 28, a photographer at a shelter in the southern town of Rafah. "I can't sleep.'

Many people say they've gone weeks without meat, eggs milk and now live on one

"There is a real threat of malnutrition and people starving," said Alia Zaki, spokesperson for the UN's World Food Program. What aid workers call 'food insecurity" is the new baseline for Gaza's 2.3 million people, she said.

Famed Gazan dishes like jazar ahmar — juicy red carrots stuffed with ground lamb and rice — are a distant memory, replaced by dates and packaged biscuits. Even those are hard to find. Each day families send their most assertive relative off before dawn to one of the few bakeries still functioning. Some take knives and sticks they say they must prepare to defend themselves if attacked, with riots sporadically breaking

out in bread and water lines.

"I send my sons to the bakeries and eight hours later, they've come back with bruises and sometimes not even bread," said 59-year-old Etaf Jamala, who fled Gaza City for the southern town of Deir al-Balah, where she sleeps in the packed halls of a hospital with 15 family members. One woman told The

Associated Press that her nephew, a 27-year-old father of five in the urban refugee camp of Jabaliya in northern Gaza, was stabbed in the back with a kitchen knife after being accused of cutting the line for water. He needed dozens of stitches, she said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Soon, 4-wheelers will have inbuilt collision warning signal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has proposed the installation of an inbuilt 'moving off information system' (MOIS) in certain category of four-wheelers passenger and commercial vehicles to reduce the possibility of collision with pedestrians and cyclists in close

MoRTH in a draft titled Approval of motor vehicles with regard to the Moving Off Information System for the Detection of Pedestrians and Cyclists' has specified the automotive industry standard for MOIS and will be notified after public consul-

Moving Off Information System (MOIS) means a system to detect and inform the driver of the presence of pedestrians and

cyclists in the close proximity and if deemed necessary, based on manufacturer strategy, warn the driver of a potential collision. "Low-speed moving off from rest manoeuvres that involve collisions between M2, M3, N2 and N3 vehicle category vehicles (subject vehicles) and pedestrians and cyclists have serious consequences for these vulnerable road users (VRUs)," the draft report said.

According to the draft report, in the past, VRU safety was raised by increasing the number of mirrors to provide better visibility of the area in front of the vehicle.

"Since collisions with these characteristics still occur and advanced driver assistance systems have been introduced in a lot of vehicle segments, it is obvious to use such assistance systems for avoiding accidents



between subject vehicles and VRUs," it added.

Vulnerable Road User (VRU) means an adult or child pedestrian or an adult or child cyclist. 'Collision warning signal' means a signal emitted by the MOIS with the purpose of warning the

vehicle driver when the MOIS has detected a potential frontal collision with a VRU in closeproximity to the front of the "Therefore, this standard

requires the activation of a proximity information signal in case

pedestrians or cyclists enter the critical blind spot area in front of the vehicle, should the subject vehicle either be preparing to move off from rest in a straight line or be travelling straight ahead at low-speeds," the MoRTH said.

The road ministry proposal assumes significance as the number of road accidents in India went up by an alarming 12 per cent to over 4.6 lakh in 2022, resulting in the deaths of 19 persons every hour. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has set a target to reduce the number of accidents in the country and the resulting deaths by half by 2024.

'Hit from Back' accounted for the largest share in total accidents deaths (19.5 per cent) in 2022, followed by 'Hit and Run' and 'Head on Collision' which accounted for 18.1 per cent and 15.7 per cent, respectively.

Realtor Raj plans to raise up to ₹500 crore

Realty firm Anant Raj Ltd on Saturday announced plans to raise up to Rs 500 crore through issue of securities to institutional investors.

The company will seek shareholders' approval through a special resolution. It did not disclose the objective of the fund raising. In a regulatory filing, Anant Raj Ltd said the board of directors has inter-alia considered and approved "issuance of equity shares or other convertible securities by way of Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP), for an aggregate consideration not exceeding Rs 500 crore."

The board also approved the notice of Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) for seeking approval of shareholders by way of special resolution for approval for issuance of the securities. Recently, Anant Raj announced plans to launch three new hous-

construction of 1,900 affordable Sector 63A Gurugram, comprising over one million sq ft of housing projects at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh.

ing projects in Gurugram and The company also has plans to launch plots and villas, having a Andhra Pradesh in the next 6-9 months with an estimated sales value of Rs 4,000 crore, as it seeks saleable area of around 1 million to expand business amid strong sq ft, in its nearly 200-acre township 'Anant Raj Estate' in demand for residential proper-Gurugram Anant Raj has also started the Anant Raj Ltd will launch a luxury group housing project in

IHCL opens doors of third Taj property in the metropolis

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Leading hospitality chain Lindian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) of the Tata group, on Saturday announced opening of the doors of a Taj property located at New Town which will be its third luxury hotel in the metropolis after Taj Bengal and Taj City Centre.

Christened Taj Taal Kutir, the property has been developed by the Ambuja Neotia group at a cost Rs 160 crore, and is the second such hotel in New Town. Taj City Centre in New Town has also been developed by the Ambuja Neotia group. Taj Taal Kutir will have 75 rooms along with an adjacent convention

Puneet Chhatwal, MD&CEO of IHCL, said with the opening of the new Taj property, IHCL is addressing the growing demands of emerging micromarkets in the metropolis. "West Bengal has been the

launchpad for the eastern region of the country with seven properties being operational in the state under different brands like Taj, Vivanta and Ginger and SeleQtions. There are several properties under development in the state, he said, adding that the West Bengal government's decision to grant industry status to the hospitality sector will fuel growth in this segment creating numerous job opportunities. IHCL is also working closely with the West Bengal government to develop homestays in the state, he added.

According to him, IHCL will have a total of 325 properties under its fold by 2025-26, from the present number of 280. "IHCL will have a ratio of 50-50 of owned and managed properties by then", he said

Chairman of Ambuja Neotia group Harshvardhan Neotia said the partnership with IHCL is growing stronger with the opening of the new Taj proper-ty. The group had already collaborated with IHCL for setting up Ganga Kutir, Chia Kutir and Raaj Kutir in West Bengal.

ONGC Q2 net profit drops 20 per cent on lower oil prices, output

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ctate-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) reported a 20 per cent drop in September quarter next profit on decline in oil prices and lower output. The company reported a net profit of Rs 10,216 crore in July-September (second quarter of current 2023-24 fiscal year), compared to Rs 12,826 crore earning in the same period last year, a statement said.

This is the second consecutive quarter of a decline in net profit for ONGC, India's top crude oil and natural gas producer. The firm had reported a 34 per cent drop in April-June profit.

ONGC earned USD 84.84 for every barrel of crude oil it produced and sold from nomination fields against a gross realisation of USD 95.50 per barrel last year and USD 76.49 earning in the preceding quarter. Oil prices globally had risen sharply in April-June 2022, after Russia's inva-

sion of Ukraine led to uncertainties over supply and demand. Rates have this year cooled. They were in the USD 80-90 range in the second quarter. ONGC Director (Finance) Pomila Jaspal said the main reason for the decline in net profit is lower oil prices. Also, oil and gas production was slightly lower than last year. This will however reverse in the current quarter (October-December), as the company brings to production a prolific



oilfield in the KG basin.

'We will be starting production from KG-DWN-98/2 this month and this will help raise the output and thereby earnings," she said.

Last year, the company had a Rs 1,900 crore reversal of impairment which had boosted earnings. This year there is no such exceptional income. Crude oil pumped out of below

ground and seabed is refined in

refineries to produce petrol, diesel and other fuels. Natural gas is used to generate electricity as well as burn kitchen stoves and run automobiles (CNG). Gross revenue fell 8.2 per cent to Rs 35,162 crore mainly because it realised lower oil prices.

ONGC said crude oil production was 1.9 per cent lower at 4.54 million tonnes, while gas output fell 3 per cent to 5.01 billion cubic meters

"The reduction in production output can primarily be attributed to decline in some of the matured fields and marginal fields. To counter this decline, ONGC is taking proactive steps by implementing well interventions and advancing new well drilling activities within these fields," the statement

Furthermore, in a bid to bolster evacuation capacities and modernize off-

shore facilities, a shutdown was undertaken in Panna-Mukta for commissioning of a new crude oil pipeline, post taking over from joint venture Partner. The shutdown resulted in a temporary loss of production.

"Another factor impacting production was Cyclone Biparjoy struck in June 2023. This event disrupted both offshore and onshore production oper-

"Further, oil production of a Southern Asset was hampered due to the stoppage of wells caused by the cessation of crude oil receipts by a refinery, following a leak in its pipeline. ONGC, however, acted swiftly and devised an alternate method for the evacuation of crude oil through tankers, thus resuming production," it added.

The current decline in production from matured fields will be compensated in upcoming quarters with commencement of additional production from upcoming projects, which are under various stages of development. Jaspal said the current decline in production is temporary and the same will be compensated in upcoming quarters with commencement of additional production from new projects; especially by crude oil production commencement from KG-DWN-98/2 in Q3 2023-24.

(02 in Onland and 03 in Offshore) during FY 2023-24 in its operated

ONGC said it made five discoveries

BRIEF



ONLINE APPLICATION FOR BTECH/ MTECH (INTEGRATED) **ENTRANCE EXAMS LAUNCHED**

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Delhi-NCR Ghaziabad, Vadapalani, and Trichy, also for SRM University at Sonepat-Haryana and SRM University — Andhra Pradesh. For further details, visit srmist.edu.in

Future Retail heads for liquidation as lenders fail to get suitable buyer

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Luture Retail, once the crown jewel of Kishore Biyani-led Future Group, is now heading for liquidation as its lenders could not get any reasonable buyer of the debt-ridden firm. As the Committee of Creditors (CoC)

rejected the sole resolution plan submitted

by Space Mantra after four extensions in the deadline to complete the corporate insolven-cy resolution process (CIRP), the RP of the company has now approached NCLT to initiate liquidation of Future Retail (FRL).

'The resolution plan submitted by Space Mantra Private has not been approved by CoC of FRL, kindly note that, the Resolution Professional (RP) has filed an application, before the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench, for initiation of liquidation of FRL," said a regulatory filing from FRL. Last month FRL had informed that Rs 550 crore bid submitted by Space Mantra for FRL, failed to get the required number of votes in the e-voting process of the CoC. The NCLT had granted four extensions to



FRL for completion of CIRP and the last date was September 30, 2023, and after that there was no extension in the time frame.

The insolvency proceedings against FRL were started by the tribunal on July 20, 2022. The Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC) mandates the completion of CIRP within 330 days, which includes time taken during litigations. As per Section 12 (1) of the Code the CIRP shall be completed within a period of 180 days from the date of initiation. However, NCLT may grant a one-time extension of 90 days. The maximum time within which CIRP must be mandatorily completed, including any extension or litigation period, is 330 days.

Earlier, FRL had said it had received six bids from prospective buyers by May 15, which was the last date for submission of resolution plans.

The deadline for submission of resolution plans was May 15, 2023, for 48 companies, which were in the final list of 'Eligible Prospective Resolution Applicants'.

This has happened despite FRL lenders coming with revised Expressions of Interest (EoIs) and inviting fresh bids after dividing its assets into clusters. Future Retail has a debt of around Rs 30,000 crore and the company is going through CIRP.

On March 23, 2023, creditors of FRL invited new EoIs, whereby prospective buyers can bid for the debt-ridden firm "as a going concern or individual cluster or a combination of clusters of its assets", as it failed to attract a resolution plan in more than four months. FRL operated multiple retail formats in both the hypermarket supermarket and home segments under brands such as Big Bazaar, Easyday, and Foodhall. At its peak, FRL was operating more than 1,500 outlets in near-

BSE Q2 net profit jumps to ₹118

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

eading stock exchange BSE Lhas reported a four-fold jump in net profit at Rs 118.4 crore for the quarter ended in September

In comparison, the exchange had posted a net profit of Rs 29.4 crore in the year-ago period, BSE said in a statement.

The bourse's revenue rose 53 per cent to a record Rs 367 crore in the July-September quarter of the current financial year (FY24), from Rs 240 crore in the year-ago period.

"We shall continue to invest in development of human resources, new products, technology infrastructure, etc, and thus pursue long-term growth shareholders and deliver on our mission of Vibrant BSE 2025, the exchange's MD & CEO, Sundararaman Ramamurthy



turnover in the equity segment increased to Rs 5,922 crore in the quarter under review, from Rs 4,740 crore in three months

ended September 2022. Also, the board of directors of BSE in their meeting on Friday have approved the fund infusion of Rs 22.36 crores in India International Exchange (IFSC) Ltd (India INX) and Rs 33.88 crore in India International Exchange (IFSC) Ltd (India ICC) towards purchase of equity shares through subscription of

The exchange's average daily

rights issue. sustain growth momentum.

"The strong positive under-current in the markets and our

demonstrated ability to grow

rapidly in a consolidating envi-ronment will add further

strength. We remain focused on

ensuring profitable growth with

increased efficiency and superior returns for our stakehold-

Shriram Properties Ltd (SPL) is

one of south India's leading res-

ers," he said.

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Executive Directo

Shriram Properties Q2 sales bookings up 40 per cent

million sq ft — up 14 per cent

year-on-year (y-o-y) — and

Realty firm Shriram Properties Ltd has clocked 40 per cent growth in its sales bookings to Rs 608 crore in the second quarter of this fiscal year on better demand for its housing projects. Its sales bookings stood at Rs 435 crore in the yearago period.

According to an investors' presentation, Shriram Properties sales bookings grew 14 per cent to 1.15 million sq ft during the July-September period of this fiscal from Rs 1.01 million sq ft in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Shriram Properties attributed the growth in bookings value to strong sustenance sales in ongoing projects and contribution from new phases launched dur-



sales values of Rs 1.066 crore ing the July-September quarter. Higher sales values reflect the up 43 per cent y-o-y change in product mix and improved pricing, it said. In the first six months of the ongoing fiscal, Shriram Properties Ltd remarkable growth trajectory," achieved sales volumes of 1.9

"We are encouraged by the continuing strong performance that exhibit consistent and

He expressed confidence to

Murali Malayappan said.

Shriram Properties CMD

idential real estate development companies, primarily focused on the mid-market and affordable housing categories. SPL's key markets include Bengaluru, Chennai, and Kolkata, together accounting

for nearly 85 per cent of its development activities. The company has delivered 40 projects with a saleable area of

22.4 million sq ft, mostly in Bengaluru and Chennai. It has a strong development

pipeline comprising 49 projects with an aggregate develop-ment potential of 51.1 million sq ft as of September 30, 2023.

Place: New Delhi

DJOKOVIC FACES 'YOUNG GEN' CHALLENGE

ovak Djokovic has already done well enough at holding off the rise of the so-called "Next Gen" by keeping players like Alexander Zverev, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Daniil Medvedev from winning more titles.

Now, for the first time at the ATP Finals, Djokovic is joined by the three players who are being labeled the "Young Gen." Carlos Alcaraz, 20 years old and already a U.S. Open and

Wimbledon champion, is making his debut at the season-ending tournament for the year's top eight players after missing the event last year with an injury. Jannik Sinner, 22 and coming in red hot after recent titles in China and Vienna, will be playing before a home crowd with the Italian ranked a career-high

Holger Rune, 20 and already with two wins over Djokovic, will renew his budding rivalry with the 24-time Grand Slam champion in the featured match when the tournament opens Sunday on the fast indoor court at the Pala Alpitour.

the age - Next Gen, Young Gen - I don't know where I fit it, in which kind of gen group," the 36-year-old Djokovic said

"Being able to be compete with the young guys is always extra motivation for me, because I know that they are hungry and have big goals and objectives to win these kinds of tournaments. ... So that inspires me even more to play my best ten-

Djokovic sure has been at his best lately, riding an 18-match winning streak stretching back to his five-set loss to Alcaraz in the Wimbledon final in July.

Now Djokovic needs just one more match win to secure the year-end No. 1 ranking for a record-extending eighth time.
RIVALRY WITH RUNE

Djokovic will be meeting Rune again nine days after overcoming the Danish player in a nearthree-hour contest in the Paris Masters quarterfinals which came a year after Rune beat Djokovic in the final of the same tournament.

None of the four meetings between Djokovic and Rune



the series tied at 2-2. After their last match, Djokovic

said it feels a little bit like looking in the mirror when he faces Rune. What's more is that Rune now has Boris Becker — one of Djokovic's former coaches — in his box.

"Our games and our styles of tennis are quite similar. We both move well, defend well. He's a very complete player, and we both bring a lot of intensity and energy to the court," Djokovic said. "I expect another close match.

Added Rune: "The key word is keep fighting until the end, because tennis is never over before the last point."
SUPPORT FOR SINNER

Sinner first played in the finals two years ago as an alternate after Matteo Berrettini was injured.

Having qualified this time with weeks to spare, Sinner has become the tournament's poster boy and has been mobbed by fans wherever he's gone since arriving in Turin.

"Obviously it's a big event here in Italy, being an Italian player," Sinner said. "I will try to take a lot of positive energy with the crowd. It's going to be a lot of fun

— I have to also enjoy this moment. I know what I'm capable of."

Sinner plays the tournament's opening match against Tsitsipas on Sunday.

The top two finishers from each four-man group advance to the

semifinals. ALCARAZ 100%

Alcaraz missed last year's finals due to an abdominal injury and also had a short layoff recently due to a left foot injury and muscle fatigue in his lower

Then Alcaraz was beaten by Roman Safiullin in straight sets in his opening match at the Paris Masters

"I'm feeling great now. I'm 100%," Alcaraz said. "I'm really excited to (make) my debut

here and do it at 100%. GROUPS (seedings in parentheses) Green group: Novak Djokovic

(1), Jannik Sinner (4), Stefanos Tsitsipas (6), Holger Rune (8). Red Group: Carlos Alcaraz (2), Daniil Medvedev (3), Andrey Rublev (5), Alexander Zverev

OLYMPIC QUOTA & MALE BOXERS WIN IN ASIAN GAMES BFI to meet next week to decide future plan of action

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

After a bittersweet Asian Games campaign that resulted to four Olympic quotas but none in the men's section, the Boxing Federation of India will decide the future plan of action next week with only two more Paris Games qualifiers

The Indian boxing contingent met its target of winning three to six Paris Olympic quotas by winning four.

However, all of them came in the women's section — from Nikhat Zareen (50kg) , Preeti Pawar (54kg), Parveen Hooda (57kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) With the next Olympic qualifier — the World Qualification Tournament slated to take place in Busto Arzizio, Italy from February 29 to March 12 —, the high performance unit, led by Bernard Dunne, has put forth some proposals, including calling last year's men's World Youth Championships medallists directly into the senior nation-

"The HPD has sent a few proposals. We will be conducting a

meeting in the coming week where we will discuss all of them," a BFI official told PTI.

"Those youth boxers who won medals last year are in senior category now. They will have to compete and perform at the upcoming Nationals to enter the camp because it has been a year since their performance at the Worlds. "We need to see and evaluate their performance now and that will happen at the Nationals," he added.

The men's senior National Championships are scheduled to

take place in Shillong from November 25.

The margin in the performance between senior and youth is immense. There is no match between the two," said a coach in the know of things, hinting that even if the youth boxers get the nod, they may not be sent for the qualifiers. While the four semifinalists in

the women's category won Olympic quotas, barring two weight classes, at the Asian Games, only the gold and silver winners made the cut for the Paris Games in the men's event. 'The qualifying in men was very tough. Only the top two per category got quota and most of the top boxers in men's boxing are

"We are looking to change certain things. We are just waiting for the nationals. Some weight categories need change. There are only two qualifiers left now." The final qualifying event will take place in for Bangkok from May 23 to June 3 next year. Veteran Shiva Thapa, who competes in the 63.5kg, has not been

German goalkeeping legend Oliver Kahn has launched

his academy in India, aiming to

"transform the landscape of

football education" and develop-

He has entered into a partner-

ship with Pro 10 in Maharashtra.

The Oliver Kahn Academy aims

to become the hub for complete football education that would

focus on grooming players along with well-rounded athletes.

It has plans to establish acade-

mies across the country, in col-

ment in the country.

Asians," the coach said.

PTI MUMBAI

at his best for some time now. The 29-year-old failed to win medals at the Commonwealth Games and World Championships. He had the best chance to clinch an Olympic quota after he received a fairly easy draw at the Asian Games but couldn't cap-

italise on the opportunity. In the 57kg, Sachin Siwach couldn't make his mark in the absence World Championships bronze medallist Mohammad Hussamuddin, who underwent a knee surgery in June. The coaches are eagerly tracking Hussamuddin's progress.

There is also a proposal to directly include World Championship bronze medallists Deepak Bhoria (51kg), Nishant Dev (71kg) and Hussamuddin and Asian Games bronze winner Nerender Berwal (+92kg) in the national camp, exempting them from competing at the

According to the current selection policy, the top three boxers per weight class at the senior Nationals make it to the national camp. An assessment is conducted ahead of any big tournaments to select the squad.

Rohit reappointed as India's Davis Cup captain

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) on Saturday reappointed Rohit Rajpal as the non-playing captain of the Indian Davis Cup team until December 31, 2024.

The AITA said the decision was taken after careful consid-

was taken after careful consideration and evaluation of Rajpal's successful tenure as captain. "We are delighted to extend Rohit Rajpal's tenure as the captain of our esteemed Davis Cup team. His leadership qualities, vast knowledge of the game, and ability to bring out the best in our players make him an invaluable asset," secretary general Anil Dhupar said in a statement. 'We have full faith in his capabilities and believe that he will continue to steer the team towards greater success in the

Rajpal was named as non-playing captain of the Indian team in 2019, when Mahesh Bhupathi said that the side will not travel to Pakistan, forcing the tie to be played in Kazakhstan

upcoming Davis Cup cam-



Thereafter, Rajpal has been the non-playing captain for ties against Croatia, Finland, Denmark and Norway.

India's only victory was a 4-0 win against Denmark on the grass courts at the Delhi Gymkhana Club, in March, 2022.

The Indians lost the away tie to Denmark 2-3 in February this year, and got relegated to World Group-2

In September this year, India completed a 4-1 rout of Morocco in Lucknow to secure a place in the 2024 Davis Cup World Group I playoffs under Rajpal's



qualifiers

PTI BANGKOK

Dhiraj Bommadevara clin-ched India's first Paris Olympics quota in archery when bagged a silver at the Asian Continental Qualification After his senior colleague Tarundeep Rai's last-eight exit, Bommadevara was the lone Indian in fray and the 22-yearold did not disappoint, cruising into the final with two straightset wins.

The Asian CQT offered individual quotas to the two countries who made the finals in men's

and women's sections.
But Dhiraj failed to win the gold, losing to his Chinese Taipei rival Zih-Siang Lin 5-6 (29-28, 27-29, 28-28, 30-28, 25-26) (9-10) in an interest short off

10) in an intense shoot-off. Dhiraj first ousted Sadegh Ashrafi Bavili of Iran 6-0 (28-27, 28-25, 28-27) in the quarterfinal,

then in the semi-final he knocked out another Iranian Mohammadhossein Golshani 6-0 (30-27, 29-25, 29-27). India however failed to secure a

quota in the women's individual section after Ankita Bhakat made a quarterfinal exit, losing to Ziyodakhon Abdusattorova of Uzbekistan. The Tata Academy archer was

leading 3-1 after a solid first set but only to slip away and go down 4-6 (29-23, 27-27, 24-25,

India thump South Africa 5-1 at IC Rod Laver Junior Challenge for 4th win in a row

PTI SAN DIEGO (USA)

The Indian team extended its dominant run at the IC Rod Laver Junior Challenge with a 5-1 thrashing of South Africa, here. The Indian team logged its fourth straight win in the tournament and will now clash with Argentina, aiming for the gold medal. Manas Dhamne and Rushil Khosla

won their respective boys singles match against Guy Victor Vorwerk (6-3 6-1) and Simphiew Ngwenya (6-0 6-2) to put India ahead 2-0. Asmi Adkar though lost the girls singles 3-6 1-6 to Mari-Louise Van Zyl but Sohini Mohanty handed the side a 3-1 lead with her 6-4 7-6(7) win over Kaitlyn Leigh Ramduth. The team then recorded fluent doubles win to close the tie.

"Asmi is struggling at number one position. Thankfully Sohini is a fighter and she really dominates in doubles as well. The boys are doing well," India captain Vikram Anand

Tottenham allows stoppage | Oliver launches his football academy in India time goals in 2-1 loss to Wolverhampton

PTI ■ WOLVERHAMPTON (ENGLAND)

 $W^{\rm olverhampton\ scored}_{\rm twice\ in\ stoppage\ time}$ to beat Tottenham 2-1 in the Premier League on Saturday, handing Spurs back-to-back losses for the first time this season.

Mario Lemina struck in the 97th-minute after Pablo Sarabia had evened the score six minutes earlier at Molineux Stadium. The visitors led from

Brennan Johnson's goal after just three minutes and were poised to regain first place from Manchester City. Instead, new manager Ange Postecoglou's team remained one point behind the defending champions after having gone unbeaten in the first 10 games of the

Tottenham lost 4-1 to Chelsea on Monday after having two players sent off. The game at Molineux was going to be a test of its character and Johnson's early goal was the perfect response.

Sarabia evened the score when he controlled Matheus Cunha's cross and volleyed a left-footed shot past Guglielmo Vicario at the near post.

For the winner, Sarabia was the provider with an incisive pass into the box. Lemina connected with a first time shot from close range to find the bottom corner of Wolves' late goals sparked

wild scenes that could see

laboration with football clubs, sports academies and educational institutions. Besides, goalkeeper academies will also be established in various parts of India.

Kahn believes that the country has a wealth of untapped talent. "India is a country with great potential in football. This country requires the right football education, a disciplined curriculum, and world-class facilities to develop the game," he said in a Spurs drop down to fourth by the end of the weekend. statement. "Our goal is to make India a bet-



ter-playing nation, and I am confident that this country has the potential to flourish on the global football stage.'

Earlier, on Tuesday, All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Kalyan Chaubey welcomed Kahn on his arrival to

"Had an absolute honour in welcoming Mr. @OliverKahn to India," he had written on X (formerly Twitter).

"In our informal discussion on #IndianFootball we deliberated & explored on many topics of development, including the scope of having a Goalkeeping

Academy. I wish him a pleasant stay in India.

Kahn's last visit to India was back in 2008 when he played his farewell game for Bayern Munich against Mohun Bagan at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, which the German club won 3-0.

27-27, 24-26).

Czech Republic wins doubles to beat United States 2-1

AP SEVILLE

 $B^{\text{arbora Krejcikova and}}_{\text{Katerina Siniakova sent the}}$ Czech Republic into the semifinals of the Billie Jean King Cup by beating American duo Danielle Collins and Taylor Townsend 6-3, 7-5 in their decisive doubles match

Siniakova and Krejcikova completed a 2-1 coméback against the U.S. Team on the indoor hard court in Seville to eliminate the Americans. The Czechs will face Canada in Saturday's semifinals. Italy will face Slovenia in the other semifinal on the indoor hard court in Seville. "The U.S. Were there, just waiting for the winning moment," said Czech captain Petr Pala. "It

got to the wire and it could have

gone either way, but we have a world-class doubles team."

Krejcikova, the 2021 French Open champion, has also paired with Siniakova to win seven major doubles titles including this year's Australian Open. Their champion pedigree showed in a dominant performance that included converting six of eight break points.
"I was very happy when we

sealed the winning point today," Siniakova said, before talking about her continued success with Krejcikova. "Everyone wants to beat us, and they are coming and trying to find things. I wouldn't say our part-nership is natural. You just held to work hard and we both like practicing and trying to improve ourselves, which is a big part."



Siniakova had started the day by losing to Collins, who won their opening singles match 6-3, 6-2 to give the U.S. A 1-0 lead in a matchup to decide which teams would advance from Group A. But Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova pulled the Czechs level at 1-1 after she brushed aside Sofia Kenin 6-1, 6-1. It was the final appearance for U.S. Captain Kathy Rinaldi, who will be replace by Linsday Davenport after having led the team for seven years, the fourth longest stint in team history.

"I loved my position as captain. I'll miss it greatly," Rinaldi said. "My saying was 'What happens at Billie Jean King Cup stays at Billie Jean King Cup.' So I'm not giving anything away."

These are the the two most suc-

most titles with 18 and the Czechs the second most with 11. But the Czechs have now won their last three meetings with the Americans. The Americans were without their two highest-ranked players. No. 3 Coco Gauff and No.

cessful teams in the competition's history - the U.S. Has the

5 Jessica Pegula both played in the WTA finals in Mexico, which finished just before the Billie Jean King Cup Finals. The U.S. Beat defending champion Switzerland in their groupphase opener on Thursday. Canada advanced by winning its two matches over Spain and

Poland in Group C earlier this week. Slovenia made it to the semifinals for the first time despite losing 2-1 to Kazakhstan. Varvara Gracheva.

thanks to the best sets win-loss record of the three teams after Slovenia, Kazakhstan and Australia all finished with a 1-1 record and with three match victories each. "It's pretty unbelievable that we're here," said Slovenia's Kaja Kuvan, whose 6-1, 6-0 win over

Slovenia finished atop Group B

Anna Danilina helped send her team through. "I don't think any of us dreamed of the semifinal." France beat Germany 3-0 with both having already been eliminated in group D, where winner Italy advanced after beating both rivals earlier this week. France's Clara Burel beat Laura Siegemund 6-4, 6-3, while Germany's Tatjana Maria had to retire from her match against

NETHERLANDS TO FACE MARAUDING INDIANS

The marauding Indians have not put a foot wrong in their authoritative run in the World Cup and it won't be a surprise if they go about plundering Netherlands in their final league game, where Virat Kohl will have a perfect opportunity to scale 'Mount 50' at his spiritual home

India have already qualified for the semifinals while the eliminated Netherlands are on their way home, and this situation casts a perception of insignificance on their fixture.

But in reality, there are no academic-natured matches in a World Cup, where teams constantly try to better their best in the quest for ultimate glory.

India are no different as they look to maintain the momentum while ticking off a few team goals against the Netherlands, hence a large-scale change to the hosts' playing eleven looks unlikely at this stage.

Since cricket is often a game of outcome and numbers, an approaching historic personal milestone gives this game an exciting undertone as well, which also carries importance from the team's perspective.

Kohli had equalled Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 ODI hundreds against South Africa on for his 50th ton.

Kohli may like to insulate himself from the outside noise and focus on the job at his hand continue churning out runs but expectations have only grown that he gets the milestone hundred at his IPL home.

So far, he has amassed 543 runs, leading India's batting chart and this is also the first time Kohli is going past the 500-run mark in the 50-over World

He had made 282 runs in 2011, 305 in 2015 and 443 in 2019, while Tendulkar, Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma played the lead roles with the bat in those editions

Hence, Kohli will not want any slip up in India's last league game, using it as preparation ground to return to his sharp self ahead of the semifinals after a week-long gap following the match against the Proteas.

From a team point of view, the management might just want to see some runs against Suryakumar Yadav's name. He has made 85 runs from four matches at an average of 21.25. He is the only missing individual piece in this Indian line-up where other frontline batters have made at least one fifty and the whole turn of events corroborates with his modest run in the



ODIs as well.

Suryakumar got into the eleven after the injury-enforced absence of Hardik Pandya, but the Mumbaikar has not really cashed in on the opportunity yet.

Netherlands gives him a good chance to correct that anomaly. Similarly, the Indian batting upfront has a minor glitch, one that has gone a bit unnoticed in the flow of their eight successive

wins in the tournament. Openers Rohit and Shubman Gill have stitched together three fifty-plus stands in the tournament, but in five other matches

they were separated quickly.

But in those three games, they went off the blocks quite quickly, putting the opposition

through the wringer.
They have made 88 runs in 12.4 overs against Bangladesh, 71 in 11.1 overs against New Zealand and 62 in 5.5 overs against South Africa. South Africa.

But on other times, their alliance was snapped at 5, 32, 23, 26 and 4. The thinktank would like them to expand the footprint of those three matches, and Netherlands, no respect lost here, give them a perfect platform to do that.

India's bowling, on the other hand, remained largely trouble free with the three pacers and the two spinners delivering fre-

Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Sirai have made run-making a hazardous option for opposition batters, but a bit more consistency in line and length from Siraj could be welcomed by the management.

But overall, this ultra-efficient five-man unit will be looking for one final rehearsal ahead of the last four match, potentially against New Zealand at Mumbai

Turning to the Dutch camp, they will be a happy bunch to give at least a few rough moments to this red-hot Indian side.



Our middle-order played critical role, says Dravid

PTI ■ BENGALURU

There was a hint of concern surrounding the Indian middle-order, particularly around KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer ahead of the World Cup, but head coach Rahul Dravid on Saturday expressed his delight over the manner in which they responded to the task at the showpiece. Rahul returned from a tendon

injury during the recent Asia Cup while Iyer had to battle against a back spasm before getting fit just in time for the marquee event.

While they have not set the stage ablaze, Rahul's tally of 245 runs and Iver's 293 runs have allowed India a good degree of batting solidity in the tournament.

"How well your middle-order performs in challenging situations under pressure, is going to probably decide how well you do. While our top order batters performed exceptionally well, I think our middle-order played very critical roles," Dravid said. Dravid was not worried about the fact that the numbers of players like Rahul and Iyer were not as glossy as some other batters

in the side. 'You can't judge them by numbers. It only gives you half of the picture, but it's actually some of those 30s, 40s, critical knocks. I can look back at the contributions of our middle-order and they'll come only in sort of spurts — a Shreyas (Iyer), or a KL (Rahul), or a Surya (Suryakumar Yadav), and "At the World Test Cham-Jaddu's (Ravindra Jadeja) important knock in Dharamsala. These small things actually what

Dravid. The former Indian captain was impressed the way Iyer made his comeback into the side after his tributions

really gives you those ticks," said

"He brings temperament — one of the things Shreyas has shown us from the time I have seen him at India A — the way he handles success and failure. He's able to bring the best out of himself under those pressure situations, said Dravid

India also had injury worries

But both the players recovered well in time to play in the qua-drennial big bash, and made a telling impact. Bumrah's spells — in the Power Play or at the death — have

given India an undeniable edge, and the 29-year-old so far has taken 15 wickets from eight matches. Dravid acknowledged the effort these players have put in to make a comeback and also credited

the National Cricket Academy and team support staff for helping them recover efficiently. "Obviously, a lot of thought and planning have gone into it. You need a little bit of luck as

well. I think it's been great for us to have those guys back fit and ready just in time for this tournament. Our margins were tight," he said. We knew that some of them

would be coming in just at the Asia Cup and prior to this tournament. So, we had to make some contingency plans.

"But the fact that they were able to come into this tournament is a tribute and to their own hard work, the efforts of the NCA, the physios, the trainers for ensuring that, we stuck to those timelines," he said.

Dravid said the Indian side responded nicely to the challenges despite losing left-arm spinner Axar Patel ahead of the tournament and all-rounder Hardik Pandya during the event to injuries.

pionship, we missed a couple of guys. Even here we have missed a couple of guys, one before the tournament and one during the tournament. But we've been able to respond really well so far. "It's not easy. Sometimes people think, oh, it's easy to get injured players playing. It's not that simple. You know, when you getting back to normal office work is easy, but getting back to people to professional sport is not easy. So, well done to every-

one so far," he said.

to conditions across different venues during this tournament. India have played all their eight matches so far at different stadiums and Bengaluru will be their ninth in as many games. "I think we've maintained some really high standards — in terms of our execution and intensity I think we've travelled the length and breadth of this country and played in eight venues. This is our ninth venue. We know we have nine boxes to tick, and we've ticked eight," he conclud-

Dravid was also impressed with

the way India managed to adapt



Australia beat Bangladesh by 8 wickets

PTI PUNE

Mitchell Marsh smashed his way to an unbeaten 177 off 132 balls as Australia warmed up nicely for their semi-final against South Africa with an easy eightwicket victory over Bangladesh in their final World Cup league game on Saturday

Australia thus finished their league engagements with seven wins on the trot. They ended third due to inferior net run-rate compared to South Africa despite having same number of points (14) with the Proteas. Put in to bat, Bangladesh made

306 for 8 in 50 overs In reply, Marsh hit 17 fours and nine sixes to end the match in

44.4 overs. He added 120 for the second wicket with David Warner (53) and 175 for the unbroken third wicket stand with Steve Smith (63 not out). Batting first, Towhid Hridoy slammed a fifty as Bangladesh produced their best batting effort to post a competitive 306 for 8 against Australia. The 22-year-old Hridoy

smashed a 79-ball 74, studded with five fours and two sixes, but none of the other Bangladeshi batters could convert their starts after being invited to take first Josh Hazlewood (0/21) was on

the money with the new ball, while Adam Zampa (2/32) scalped two to take the top position in the list of most wicket takers in this World Cup and Sean Abbott (2/61), playing his first game, also took two.

While Australia have already

sealed their semifinal berth, the match holds significance for Bangladesh as a spot for the 2025 Champions trophy is on the line. Bangladesh showed the right intent with openers Litton Das (36) and Tanzid Hasan (36) giving them a good start on a belter of a wicket as they were 76 for no loss at one stage. However, both frittered away their starts. Hazlewood began the proceedings with a maiden over but Pat Cummins, sharing the new ball in the absence of Mitchell Starc, gave away 10 runs in his open-

ing over. Cummins was taken to the cleaners by Tanzid in the sixth over with two fours.

Litton joined the party with three boundaries in the eighth over off Sean Abbott as Tanzid brought up the team fifty with another four off Mitchell Marsh in 49 balls Marsh then conceded 13 runs

but Abbott produced the first breakthrough with a short ball which Tanzid top-edged to hand the bowler a caught and bowl Najmul Hossain Shanto (45) also

looked in fine fettle, producing two hits to the fence off Marsh as Bangladesh scored 100 for one in 15.1 overs.

However, Zampa came on board to have Litton caught by Marnus Labuschagne at long-on.

Hridov smashed two sixes en route to a 63-run alliance with Shanto off 66 balls but Labuschagne produced a terrific throw after a superb fielding to run out the stand-in skipper. Mahmudullah (32) clobbered three sixes and a four during his 44-run stand with Hridov as 200 was up for Bangladesh in 32nd over. But, he fell for another unnecessary run-out with Labuschagne once again in

Hridoy picked up his fifty in 39th over but Mushfiqur Rahim (21) became the second victim of Zampa after adding 37. Mehidy Hasan Miraz then blasted four boundaries before Abbott sent him back.

Hridoy was out in the 47th over when he swung at a full-toss from Stoinis only to be caught by Labuschagne at mid-wicket. Abbott was in action as he dismissed Mehidy off his own bowling and then ran out Nasum Ahmed as Bangladesh could add just 67 in the last 10

BRIEF SCORES:

Bangladesh: 306 for 8 in 50 overs (Towhid Hridoy 74, Najmul Hossain Shanto 45; Adam Zampa 2/32, Sean Abbott 2/61). Australia: 307 for 2 in 44.4 overs (Mitchell Marsh 177 not out, David Warner 53, Steve Smith 63 not out).

Sessions with Paddy Upton helped me find perspective again: Kohli

Virat Kohli has been pretty open about his struggles with mental health issues and the former India captain acknowledged that sessions with national team's ex-mental conditioning coach Paddy Upton helped him in regaining the perspective during T20 World Cup in Australia

Kohli hit an unbeaten 53-ball 82 (6x4s, 4x6s) including a stunning straight six over Pakistani bowler Haris Rauf's head to turn the game upside

Upton, who was Gary Kirsten's assistant during India's 2011 World Cup campaign, was brought back by the Indian board on a short-term basis for the 2022 global T20 meet.

The modern day batting great said having coninto a strong space.

"I had a lot of conversations with him, and I really appreciated him in that moment because he constantly kept me in check with my checkpoints of being present. Keep doing things that you did when you were playing good cricket," Kohli told Star Sports.

"What I went through, what is the cycle of having a long career, the ups and downs because he understood from a cricketing perspective (Paddy Upton); he's played cricket himself. And after that becoming a sports psychologist is a different kind of space," Kohli said.

Those who have played elite sports can explain the hardships that modern day stars face in a more relatable manner.

'If you haven't played and you are explaining struggles and challenges, then it's different. The one who has played knows the margins of the game, the inches and the centimeters of a run-out or a catch being taken, a great short hit, but it went to the fielder if it was a foot away, something else," Kohli



It was while engaging in a post-match bear hug with erstwhile head coach Ravi Shastri that Kohli

"I saw Ravi Bhai and he hugged me, and I was totally into it as it was that big a hug. And I know he was also emotional on that night. Because throughout that period that I was going through whatever, he saw it from the closest quarter, from a cricketing point of view, I had a lot of conversations with him too," Kohli said.

Many have acknowledged that only Kohli could have done what he did in Melbourne on that night, but for the player, the realisation of the impact that he had had came sometime later.

"I feel blessed. I feel very, very blessed. I don't know what I have done to be here. But all I feel is gratitude and I feel very blessed. After this match, the messages I received, those made me very emotional" he said

Whatever happened on the ground happened, you played. To a certain extent, you try to figure out the problems. But the ones who do not have any control over these things but they still have the equal amount of nervousness, anticipation, and for them to have this experience is more intense you know," he said.



England crush Pakistan by 93 runs

PTI ■ KOLKATA

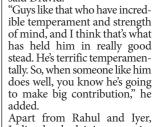
England crushed Pakistan by 93 runs to end an otherwise forgettable campaign in the World Cup on a winning note here on Saturday.

337 for nine in their last game of the tournament, and then stopped Pakistan at 244 in 43.3 overs. Agha Salman (51 off 45 balls) was the only Pakistani batter to score a half-century. Playing in his last game in England colours, David Willey

(3/56) grabbed two early wickets to peg Pakistan back at the start of their chase. A 53-run partnership for the last

wicket between Haris Rauf (35 off 23) and Mohammad Wasim Ir (16 off 14) only delayed the inevitable. Batting first, Jonny Bairstow

(31) and Dawid Malan (59) added 82 runs for the first wicket before star all-rounder Ben Stokes smashed 84 runs off 76 balls with the help of 11 fours and two sixes.



over pacer Jasprit Bumrah and left-arm spinner Jadeja in the run-up to the World Cup.

Next progression to have bigger pool of players: Af coach "So, there's certainly a bigger

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

oach Jonathan Trott rued the missed chances but took pride in the way Afghanistan were able to win matches in this World Cup with not just their bowling and hoped to have a bigger pool of players going for-

With four wins in nine games, Afghanistan have been the story of the World Cup as they notched up victories over former champions England, Sri Lanka and Pakistan to come close to snatching a semifinal berth.

The players from the strifetorn nation ended their campaign after a defeat to South Africa by five wickets on Friday. "If you'd said we won four games you probably would have taken it - especially after losing the first game against Bangladesh," Trott said during the post-match press conference. "But it's still a case of sitting here today thinking there's a few other games that we left out there that we could have perhaps

"So as a coach and as a member of the team, we're disappointed

with that, but you can't have everything. You can't win always. But I see some good improve-

Bowling has always been their strength but in this World Cup, Ibrahim Zadran (376), Azmat Omarzai (353), Rahmat Shah (320) and skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi (310) shone with the bat as Afghanistan managed to chase down targets in three of their four wins

"Normally, with the side, you'd say bowling would be the strength," Trott said.

'So, you'd try and put the pressure on the bowlers - but to be able to knock off targets in pretty comfortable fashion and responsible fashion certainly shows that we're not sort of one way inclined to win cricket games. We can win in various

"I'M ANXIOUS TO WATCH IPL AUCTION WHEN HIS NAME COMES UP'

Heaping praise on Azmatullah Omarzai, who remained unbeaten 97. Trott said he will keep a watch on IPL auction to see the all-rounder's name come

There's plenty of raw talent, it's the case with a guy like Azmat, very ambitious but also works incredibly hard, good work ethic. I've obviously seen him for a year and three months, four months, and I've always been amazed at how he can time the

'Very special talent and I think hopefully will only develop and become a fantastic player for Afghanistan. I'm anxious to



name comes up? Trott said "next progression is to have more of a squad with regards to more players.

'It's for the first time really been able to sort of select a side depending on the conditions whereas before you'd normally have 11 but you're seeing now the emergence of players, with the experience of franchise cricket they are becoming very,

pool I think than in the past to be able to select from, or certainly experienced players or wellknown names to be able to call upon, like Naveen [ul-Haq] coming in and playing ODI cricket, and we saw the impact, he very nearly got us a win against Australia with all the wickets with the new ball. "So, the future's bright, it's our job as a side and us as manage

ment coaches to make sure we nurture that and make sure that we're going in the right direction. Ahead of the game, captain Hashmatullah Shahidi had bat-

ted for more ODIs and Tests

going forward and coach Trott

too echoed his views. "There certainly are Test matches and a few ODIs and T20s There is ambition to grow in all three formats of the game, so

that's exciting.
"And I think that's brilliant that they're able to play against other nations in the longer format of the game, the purest form as some people would say. That's always a work in progress, so

exciting times ahead."

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"Be happy with being you. Love your flaws. Own your quirks. And know that you





Mathews' timed-out turmoil has sparked a heated debate. The cricket world is grappling with a nadir in sportsmanship and rule interpretations in the World Cup spectacle, writes ASAD

he ongoing Cricket World Cup has been a rollercoaster of emotions. Virat Kohli's feat of equalling Sachin Tendulkar's record with 49 ODI centuries, the rise of India's pace battery, and Glenn Maxwell's once-in-acentury epic knock left cricket enthusiasts spellbound. However, the lowest ebb of the gentleman's game was Sri Lankan Angelo Mathews' timed-out, a gut-wrenching moment. The adrenaline surged during the high-octane clash between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in the 25th over at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi on November 6. Lankan all-rounder Mathews walked in to take a stance on the crease after the fall of the wicket of Sadeera Samarawickrama. Just two minutes into the

game, pandemonium erupted as Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan appealed for Mathews' timed-out dismissal.

The unfolding events left both those watching live and in the stadium in complete disbelief, especially since Mathews had not even faced a ball vet.

Initially, many couldn't discern what had occurred until the commentators clarified the situation by explaining the International Cricket Council's World Cup playing conditions and rule 40.1.1, which states, "After the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batter, the incoming batter must, unless time has been called, be ready to receive the ball or for the other batter to be ready to receive the next ball within two minutes of the dismissal or retirement. If this requirement is not met, the incoming batter will be out, timed-out." At times, the nuances of cricket rules can be as enigmatic as a magic trick, revealing their secrets only when someone unravels the

mystery. The seasoned 36-year-old batsman, boasting an impressive record of 106 Test matches, 224 ODIs, and 78 T20 appearances for Sri Lanka, displayed a strong reluctance to step back at the crucial moment when his team was struggling at 134 with four wickets down. Mathews went as far as persuading the Bangladesh skipper, laying out the details of his predicament with the broken helmet strap

and requesting additional time for a replacement. However, despite his reasoning with the opposition, success

Sporting a concerned look, Mathews engaged in an animated conversation with the umpires, Marais Erasmus and Richard Illingworth, to no

On Shakib's insistence of adhering to the rules of the game, the umpires took the historic call of declaring the Lankan batter timed-out. Visibly upset by the unconventional dismissal, one of Lanka's all-time greats exited the field, expressing his displeasure by slamming his helmet down as he crossed the boundary rope. Head coach Chris Silverwood stepped in to offer consolation during this moment of frustration.

Consequently, Mathews etched his name in history by becoming the first batsman to be declared timed-out in the ODI World Cup, marking a unique occurrence in the 146-yearold history of international cricket. Even in domestic cricket, timed-out dismissals have occurred rarely. Six instances have been recorded, the latest being the case of Zimbabwean Charles Kunje in a Logan Cup

The timed-out dismissal has triggered passionate discussions within the cricketing community this time around. Shakib found himself at the heart of controversy, facing criticism for "tarnishing" the spirit of the game. Expressing visible displeasure with Shakib's actions, Bangladesh coach Allan Donald said Bangladesh should have afforded Mathews the necessary time to

replace his broken helmet.

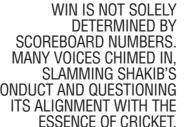
However, the Lankan batter could have avoided the embarrassment if, upon reaching the crease, he had faced the first ball from the spinner Shakib without a helmet, instead of persistently insisting on replacing his malfunctioned helmet. The inability to make that critical decision in the heat of the moment ended up costing Lanka the crucial wicket of Mathews, who was dismissed without even

facing a ball. Even though Bangladesh secured victory by dismissing Lanka for 279, a target they successfully chased down in 41.1 overs, the



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Many voices chimed in, slamming Shakib's conduct and questioning its alignment with the essence of cricket.

scoreboard.

An outpouring of support inundated Mathews, as former South African bowler Dale Steyn characterised the incident as "uncool", Australia's Usman Khawaja deemed it "ridiculous", and former Indian captain Gautam Gambhir bluntly labeled it "pathetic". Former Pakistan fearsome pacer Waqar Younis said in a TV broadcast, "I didn't enjoy what I saw out there. That wasn't good for the spirit of

The cricket community voiced their opinions in a straight forward manner, devoid of any embellishments. In the post-match Press conference, Mathews didn't hold back, launching a relentless critique against Shakib. He deemed Shakib's appeal for the controversial dismissal as "disgraceful". The tension between the two teams escalated to the extent that, after the match, Lankan players opted not to partake in the customary handshake with Bangladesh batters Tanzim

Hasan Sakib and Towhid Hridoy in the middle — an unusual departure from the usual norms of cricket camaraderie. There were no efforts from the Bangladesh camp to ease the tension; however, the support staff from both sides did exchange handshakes.

Mathews, in a post on X, conveyed that he had taken his position with only seconds to spare before the chinstrap on his helmet broke, necessitating the arrival of a replacement. He supported his stance with time-stamped video screenshots and further reinforced his claims by sharing a video post. He wrote, "Video evidence shows I still had five more seconds even after the helmet gave away! Can the fourth umpire rectify this please? I mean safety

"This is clear cheating; I want justice," he added

The discussion about the timed-out decision remains fervent even five days after the incident. Many individuals, including iconic

cricketers and influencers, are joining in, and comments are escalating, adopting an unusually acrimonious and personal tone — an uncommon occurrence for cricket, which was previously known for on-field sledging, especially by the Australians.

Shakib, whose outstanding performance with bat and ball earned him the player-of-thematch award, maintained a resolute stance regarding the episode.

During the post-match Press interaction, Shakib revealed that the umpire had inquired whether he intended to reconsider Mathews' dismissal after the appeal had been validated. "I said he is out, if you call him back, it doesn't look good. So I said I won't call him back ... yes unfortunate but within the rules. We had to win this match. When you are fighting a war for your team or country, I believe everything is fair. One of our fielders came to me and said, 'If you appeal, the law says he's out because he hasn't taken guard within the timeframe," Shakib said.

When asked about whether he regrets that his appeal breached the spirit of the game, Shakib responded assertively, stating, "Then (the) ICC (International Cricket Council) should look into it and change the rules."

Although Marylebone Cricket Club, the custodian of the rules governing the game, has endorsed the umpires' decision and the ICC has emphasised that the spirit of cricket is not the exclusive possession of any individual player, country, or culture, the Bangladesh team's insistence on cashing in on a strange rule has certainly dented the image of sportsmanship. The current discourse centres on whether there

should be revisions to these rules to prevent similar controversies in the future. Also, the incident seems to have initiated a more extensive conversation about striking the right balance between following the rules and preserving the essence of the game. The longstanding debate over the Mankad issue has also prominently come to the forefront. It seems cricket appears to be wrestling with questions around sportsmanship and rule interpretations, making these debates an integral part of the sport's ongoing

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HANDLING DIABETES AMID FESTIVITIES

Diwali is all about the festival of lights, joy, prosperity and family bonding. However, for those suffering with erratic blood sugar levels or diabetes as well as hypertension or high blood sugar levels, it can turn out to be a traumatic experience too. On the eve of the festival of lights and the World Diabetes Day being round the corner on November 14, health experts in a chat with THE HEALTH PIONEER, suggest a few tips to help the patients enjoy the festival to the hilt

eavily sugar loaded sweets are strictly no, the doctors say. They warn that overdosing on such sweet items can be harmful for people suffering from various health conditions, especially those suffering from erratic blood sugar levels or diabetes as well as hypertension or high blood pressure.

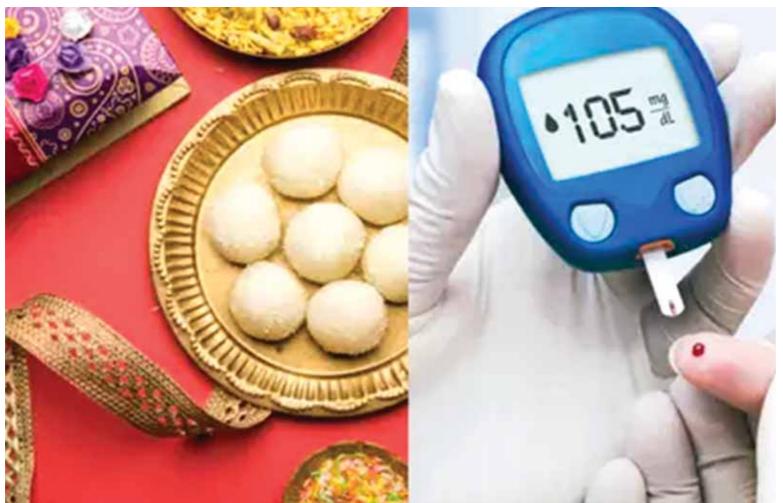
The doctors have also suggested the diabetic patients not to skip the meal. They must ensure that it is eaten on time as during the festivals and guests around most of the time the diabetes patients forget their health status and are busy in preparing for the celebra-tions or hosting the guests. Eating after a long gap can result in a spike in blood sugar levels. Thus, make sure to have 5 meals a day instead of 3 big meals, as per the doctors.

It is very important for diabetics to be mindful of their diets around festivals, because eating whatever you like might lead to disastrous consequences. Not just the sweets, even the drinks that are served and distributed during the festival are laden with calories and added sugar. Sweets are a constant among so many recipes and dishes on a table during a Diwali party. While they are not healthy for anyone, they are especially harmful for diabetics.make sure to include diabetic-friendly snacks for people who cannot eat sugar or normal sweets. These include olives, nuts, and

Dr. Dinesh Kumar Tyagi, Director of the Internal Medicine Department at Fortis Hospital (Greater Noida), says that individuals with high blood sugar, especially those whose blood sugar spikes rapidly, should steer clear of traditional sweets and fried foods. Traditional sweets are often laden with refined sugar, which can cause an immediate spike in blood sugar levels. Go for more diabetic-friendly options, he suggests, as per a

People who are cooking and trying new recipes during the alternatives instead of unhealthy refined sugar. You can use fruit extracts, organic honey, jaggery, and healthy alternatives available in the market.

news agency.



Drinks are also a constant in a Diwali party and the games be no fun without drinks. Firstly, it is best to avoid the alcoholic menu on Diwali. Second, replace cold drinks and soft drinks with water, lime juice, and coconut

Do not forget your dietary restraints during the festival. White rice does no harm to diabetes patients if consumed moderately. But try to avoid white rice or recipes using white rice since they have a high glycemic index and can cause a spike in blood sugar levels, the doctors say.

Even if you consume alcohol during Diwali, do not indulge in the over-consumption of alcohol since it has high sugar and can cause harm to diabet-

ic patients.
Stick to healthy routine as much as possible, the doctors say, emphasizing that it's important for diabetics to maintain a healthy routine and fixed meal and snack timings. Also, diabetics should strive to stick to their healthy routines as much as is possible. If it's not possible to eat at regular timings during Diwali, break the meals up into snacks to ensure intake of calories is as similar to pre-festival days as possible. People suffering from insulin dependent diabetes need to be extra cautious about their

diet during Diwali. It's not okay to overdose on sweets at any given day of the festival. However, for those who have non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, they may indulge but even that should be in moderation. Ideally, diabetics should reach out for the

healthiest options on offer Diabetics should be very aware of their symptoms and should hear what their bodies are telling them. If your levels of sugar and HbA1c have been doing well in the last two times you've got them tested, then you may indulge. But nonetheless, don't overdo sweets.

In the event of elevated blood sugar levels, Dr. Tyagi recommends taking prompt action. If your blood sugar rises, make sure to take your prescribed medications on time. Regular exercise can assist in controlling blood sugar levels, so consider incorporating physical activity into your daily routine. If your sugar levels are still high, you may want to reduce your calorie intake and opt for lighter, more balanced meals. Staying well-hydrated is essential, and drinking sufficient water can aid in blood sugar management. If blood sugar levels remain elevated despite these measures, it is advisable to seek immediate medical

attention to ensure proper dia-

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Mindful eating (i.e., paying attention to our food, on purpose, moment by moment, without judgment) is an approach to food that focuses on individuals' sensual awareness of the food and their experience of the food. Eating your main meals quietly without distractions before the guests pour in is important. Plan your guests' visits in such a way that you have your 15 min to complete your meals without distractions. You'll not only feel more satisfied and fuller after meals but also have lesser cravings for

sweets. **AFFIRMATIONS ABOUT YOUR PURPOSE**

It's very natural to feel low or left behind sweet or food the way others are. That's why it's important to remind yourself why you are doing what you are doing.

FOCUS ON EMOTIONS AND NOT FOOD

Diwali is a time to bond with your loved ones. You must be meeting most of them after a long time, thanks to the lockdown. So, focus on sharing your emotions and love. People are now craving for these and

If you're not planning to meet or talk to people, you could try journaling, mandala activity, painting/colouring when you feel sad or heavy-hearted.

MAKE THIS A HEALTHY DIWALI FOR

Most people have put on weight – living with diabetes or not. So, think of healthy treats this time, not just for you but also for your guests. are some healthy recipes you could try. **USE PROGRESS REMINDERS**

Whether it's your HbA1C or blood sugar



reports, your weight readings or your before and after photos - keep them handy as reminders of your progress. Sweets are no reason to give up on your progress, isn't it? And of course, you always come first. Don't forget that!
PLAN YOUR DESSERT INTAKE IN

Desserts are a meal in themselves, so do not have them as part of another meal. You know what dessert you crave for. Make space for only a small portion of that and nothing else. Time it in such a way that you get some exercise immediately afterwards. If you do not know what you want to eat, try some healthy recipes

If you've managed to have a healthy Diwali, gift yourself that pair of jeans/shoes/vacation or anything else that you've always

wanted. After all, rewards reinforce healthy behaviour in the future as well. **GET SOME ME-TIME & MEDITATE**

It's easy to get overwhelmed with guests pouring in or meeting many people, especially after the lockdown situation. All this stress could lead to emotional overeating. So, do not overschedule and get some metime to destress. If you could meditate for short periods of time, even better.

DON'T SKIP EXERCISE

Lack of exercise, the stress of being overwhelmed by too many people can lead to a lack of feel-good hormones. Getting some exercise before your day starts can lead to a surge in these and keep you going works for you, you always need someone to help you through the process.

Source: Fitterfly website

FORTIS HOSPITAL DOCS GIVE NEW LEASE OF LIFE TO ROAD MISHAP WOMAN

A team of doctors at the Fortis Hospital in Greater expand without being squeezed Noida saved a woman's life who had suffered a severe head injury after hitting a road divider while driving. She was brought in the hospital in a critical condition, with no movement in the eye pupil and a major clot on the right side of the brain.

She was put on a ventilator to sustain her breathing. Dr. Prashant Agarwal, Consultant, Neurosurgery said, "When we examined the patient, she had laboured breathing. It was important to check the injury in the patient's brain; thus, a CT scan was performed, which suggested that she had a blood clot on the right side of the brain with bleeding in the internal part of the brain as

A decompressive craniectomy, a neurosurgical procedure in which part of the skull is expand without being squeezed was performed on her.

"The clot was removed from the patient's brain after an intensive surgery. Gradually, her eye pupil had returned to its normal size and started reacting, which was positive. The woman was retained in the ICU on the ventilator for the next 48 hours for close monitoring. To be able to remove the patient from the ventilator, a tracheostomy was also per-formed. It is a procedure to help air and oxygen reach the lungs by creating an opening into the trachea (windpipe) from outside the neck", added Dr Agarwal. The patient is now conscious and recuperating, said Pramit Mishra, Facility Director at the Hospital. Mishra added, "Operating a head injury is highly critical, and time management is the key to saving a life."



"The mountaineer sustained a fall from an altitude of approximately 70 meters in sūbzero temperatures into a deep crevasse, from where he was subsequently rescued after three days and initially managed in Nepal. He was air-lifted to AIIMS on May 11 where he was admitted under the Department of Plastic Reconstructive Surgery," doctors from the institute said. They added that his injuries

this year in April.



included a severe frostbite on both hands, gangrenous thumbs, multiple affected fin- induced deep burns on his blockage on the right side and

gers, gangrenous toes on both feet, as well as extensive cold

trunk. Additionally, he suffered from subclavian artery

multiple deep venous blockages in one lower limb. His condition was further complicated by acute kidney injury and pleural effusion with

infected wounds. Maloo's 174 days journey towards recovery commenced with a series of numerous reconstructive surgeries and comprehensive medical interventions. Between May 13 and September 23, he underwent seven surgeries for infection control and later reconstructive surgery for his wounds by skin grafting. He was being managed by a multidisciplinary team involving specialities including Plastic Surgery, Critical Care,

Anaesthesiology, Cardiology, Nephology, Trauma Surgery, ENT, Psychiatry, and Urology. Dr Maneesh Singhal, head of plastic surgery department, said, "Maloo's wounds have healed and he is actively regaining his strength under our rehabilitative care." A team of reconstructive surgeons, included Dr Suvashis Dash, assistant professor, Dr Shashank Chauhan, Dr Shivangi Saha, Dr Karthick G and Dr Shruthi C. Dr Kapil Dev Soni from Trauma Surgery Department added that they have treated frostbite cases in the past, but not of the magnitude sustained by

MDNIY GETS YOGA THERAPY ROOMS

In a significant endorsement of the Lintegration of Yoga therapy into the healthcare system, the Union Ayush Ministry has set up Yoga Therapy Rooms at the premises of the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga's (MDNIY) in the national capital.

Union Minister for Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the facility additional Yoga Therapy Rooms today at Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga's (MDNIY) premises located in New Delhi. The event highlighted the institute's dedication to the promotion and propagation of Yoga and holistic wellbeing.

Addressing the event in the presence of Vikram Singh, Director of the the MDNIY and Padma Shri awardee Dr Ravindra Kumar, former Vice



Chancellor of Chowdhary Charan therapy in daily lifestyles as a means Singh University, Meerut, Sonowal to enhance self-awareness, self-realhighlighted the need to include yoga isation and overall holistic health.

A RAY OF HOPE FOR PATIENTS WITH **BALANCE DISORDERS AND VERTIGO**

The Army base hospital here has Lestablished a "comprehensive vestibular lab" that is expected to immensely benefit patients with balance disorders and vertigo, officials said recently.

The cutting-edge technology laboratory was inaugurated by Lt Gen Arindam Chatterjee, DGMS (Army) and Col Comdt AMC, on November 7, the defence ministry said in a state-

"The Army Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt, has added another state-of-theart healing intervention to its already impressive armamentarium by establishing a comprehensive vestibular lab, which is expected to immensely benefit patients with balance disorders and vertigo," it said.



On the occasion, Lt Gen Daljit Singh, DGAFMS, congratulated the base hospital team on the establishment of the lab. Lt Gen Singh said the lab will open newer diagnostic horizons and incorporate best practices in the training of ENT surgeons.

Lt Gen Chatterjee said with this facility being available in multiple AFMS ENT centres, the potential for multicentric research should be tapped, it



Israel, Palestine's quest for lasting peace

The ongoing war between Israel and Hamas demands a study of the context and history of one the most prolonged conflicts in West Asia. It is a vexed question, and its roots predate the establishment of the independent State of Israel in May 1948. The question of Palestine started with the First World War. During that time, this part of West Asia wherein Palestinians were living was under the control of the Ottoman Empire. It continued that area from the early 16th century till most of the parts of West Asia had passed on to the suzerainty of the British Empire after the First World War. At the same time both the Palestinians and the Jews were fighting for wresting control over these areas, but no single group was ever successful in their efforts.

During the First World War, attempts were being made by the Great Powers to reshape the map of West Asia, including the territories already occupied by the Palestinians. But way back in 1799, Napoleon Bonaparte offered Palestine as a homeland to Jews. Then in 1882, a Zionist settlement named Rishon Le Zion was established in Palestine. By 1885, the word "Zionism" was first coined. Theodor Herzl published "Der Judenstaat" in 1896 which urged for the creation of a Jewish state.

The most remarkable event in the history of the establishment of Israel was no other than the Balfour Declaration of 1917. In fact, it was a simple letter of just 67 words written by then British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour on November 2, 1917, to the figurehead of the British Jewish community named Lionel Walter Rothschild. It directly got the British Government involved in facilitating the creation of a Jewish state where more than 90 per cent of the people were

Later, in 1923, a British mandate was established and persisted until 1948. During this period, a significant migration of Jews to Palestine occurred, with many fleeing to escape Hitler's brutal Nazi agenda in Europe. In the 1930s, Arabs launched various revolts in protest of rapid Jewish settlements, but the imperial British forces crushed them with extreme brutality. According to British records, nearly 3,76,415 Jewish immigrants arrived in Palestine from different parts of Europe.

According to UN Resolution Number 181, adopted by the UN General Assembly on November 29, 1947, Palestine was to be divided into two states: an Arab state and a Jewish state. The Palestinians opposed the plan because, at that time, Arabs constituted 67 per cent of the population, while Jews made up only 33 per cent.



Additionally, the Jews possessed only 6 per cent of the land, whereas the Palestinians controlled 94 per cent. Consequently, the UN Partition Plan allocated 55 per cent of the land to the Jewish State and 42 per cent of non-contiguous land to the Arab state. Unfortunately, this plan was never implemented in practice.

However, as the British Mandate over Palestine came to an end on May 14, 1948, Zionist military forces began drawing the boundaries of their new state. The very next day, May 15, 1948, the formation of the Jewish state was announced. Between 1947 and 1949, within two years, thousands of Palestinians were displaced, and hundreds of villages, towns, and cities were demolished to establish the state of Israel.

were known as the First Nakba, or catastrophe in the Arabic language. With the Nakba in full force, 78 per cent of the lands of Palestine were captured to create Israel. The on South Israel and the remaining 22 per cent of the area was divided into the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The tragedy of the first Arab-Israeli War was that, although it ended with an armistice between Israel and Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria, it had little significant impact on the position of the Palestinians. However, by December 1948, the UN General Assembly passed Resolution 194, calling for the right of the return of

Palestinian refugees. Since the rise of the first and second Intifada, the signing of the Oslo Accord, and the death of PLO Leader Yasser Arafat in 2004, the fate of the Palestinians has hardly changed. Over the years, the Palestinian Authority (PA), an interim government given limited self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip under the leadership of Mahmoud Abbas after Arafat's demise, has been These chaotic incidents unable to realise the dream of an independent homeland for

the Palestinians. The current stand-off, starting from October 7 with the attack of Hamas militants counter-offensive launched by the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) deep into the Gaza Strip,

seems to be leading to a war of unknown magnitude. It would be challenging for Israel to limit the frontiers of the clash. The history and creation of the Israeli State are full of mistrust and complexity between Jews and Arabs, leading to the ongoing experience we all share. There is no end to this hate and war-mongering attitude on

It is a wonder whether we will have a final settlement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority on their contested demands. It would be a miracle if the issue is put to rest forever. However, achieving this clearly demands sacrifices from both sides. Equally surprising is the fact that in the coming centuries, we will witness more wars than ever before.

Many of these wars, conflicts, and civilian outbursts against the state will be backed by extremely advanced information and communication technologies, with a deep impact on humanity.

A two-state solution is the only way to achieve permanent peace in Israel. Today, the call for a halt to mindless violence is growing on both sides -Israel and Palestine. However, the first step towards this reality demands the immediate dismantling of the Hamas terror machine and preventing Israeli settlements in occupied

Undoubtedly, pleas to stop the barbaric torture over Gazans are growing louder, but both warring parties are not agreeing to a ceasefire. US President Joe Biden recently said, "When this crisis is over, there has to be a vision of what comes next," and he urged a two-state solution as the "path for peace. The US support for this formula is not new to the world. Various international experts, diplomats, and defence strategists believe that lasting peace must follow the current bloody war between Israel and

For a long time, various world leaders have advocated for a two-state formula, urging the division of the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean into two independent, sovereign Israeli and Palestinian states coexisting side by side. However, for decades, the two sides have

struggled to agree on this idea. Both claim parts, if not all, of Ierusalem, the holy city, as their capital. The ground reality is that both Jews and Arabs disagree on where to draw the dividing or border line in Jerusalem. To this day, they continue to contend over Jewish settlements in occupied territories.

Another critical question is how to settle the millions of Palestinians who fled their homeland after the creation of the independent state of Israel in 1948. This displacement of the Palestinians, known as Nagba or disaster by the Arabs, has left nearly 5.9 million Palestinian refugees scattered worldwide. A two-state solution would recognise a 1967 demarcation line, called the Green Line, for dividing lands between Palestinians and Israelis, subject to land swaps based on negotiations.

Finally, it would involve dividing Jerusalem city between the two states. This seems purely imaginary considering the deep-seated hatred developed between Israelis and Palestinians over the decades.

The moot question is

whether there exists any state or global governance mechanism to halt conflicts between states or between the state and non-state actors.

Perhaps not, as 21st-century states are pursuing more resources, power, and influence in a manner different from colonial powers in the past. Ironically, the global governance system is entirely controlled by these globe-trotting powers, and they show no inclination to halt their expansionist agenda. Hence, wars like the current ones between Israel and Hamas, chaos in Yemen, Libya, Iraq, and Syria, etc, simply indicate what humanity may encounter in the coming

For Israelis and the Palestinians, lasting peace is the only solution. The status quo is failing both the Israelis and the Arabs, especially the Palestinians. Then why not sit down and embrace peace rather than arming with mindless violence and hatred. Give peace a chance!

(The writer is currently president of the Global Research The enduring **Israel-Palestine** conflict, rooted in a turbulent history dating back to World War I, continues to unfold with the recent Israel-Hamas clashes. As global leaders call for a two-state solution, the path to lasting peace remains elusive amid deep-seated mistrust. Can a resolution emerge from the shadows of a troubled past?



PERSPECTIVE -

Caste Census sparks paradoxical social regression

We need an imaginative political paradigm to address the new socio-political reality rather than seeking the old elixir of caste based social justice



PANKAJ KUMAR KAPADIA

 $F_{\text{caste census results by the}}^{\text{ollowing the release of the}}$ Bihar Government and the All India Congress Committee (AICC) support for the demand for a caste census, it appears that "caste" has regained prominence as the focal point of the electoral sea-

While the Opposition communalism, and others. (INDIA alliance) views "caste census" as their "Brahmastra" capable of breaking through the Hindutva fortress of the BJP, our Left liberal intelligentsia perceives it as the unfinished agenda of Mandal 1.0.

The fundamental rationale behind caste census is that it will provide empirical data to ensure representation of marginalised groups which have been left behind by the socalled "Mandal revolution". However, the need of the hour is to look into the matter in a dispassionate manner without getting bogged down by the

polarising rhetoric and the lofty ideals associated with this

During the establishment of our republic, the vision of the Constitution makers was to utilise the Constitution as a tool for "social transformation" in a society marked by evil issues such as patriarchy, casteism,

At the same time, Constitution makers had the wisdom to ensure that instruments used to realise the ideal of an egalitarian society are not parochial in nature. Hence, they had the sagacity to use the word "backward class" instead of "backward caste" while mandating the State to provide equal opportunity in employment in Article 16.

Also "proportional representation" was rejected in favour of "first past the post system" on the grounds that it will promote communal consciousness in a country which has just been through the trauma of partition

However in subsequent years the very crucial distinction between caste and class has been forgotten and our political class has been using the caste-based reservation as a simple solution to the very complex problem of social transformation of a feudal society towards modernity.

The Supreme Court in its judgment in Ram Singh vs Union of India case said, "Backwardness is a manifestation caused by the presence of several independent circumstances which may be social, cultural, economic, educational or even political. Owing to historical conditions, particularly in Hindu society, recognition of backwardness has been associated with caste.

"Though caste may be a prominent and distinguishing factor for easy determination of backwardness of a social group,

this Court has been routinely discouraging the identification of a group as backward solely on the basis of caste."

The SC has urged the State to focus on emerging backward groups like "third gender". This observation is pertinent in the regard that while no one can deny the role of caste in the Indian social matrix, equating backwardness with caste alone and attempts to use "caste census" as a proxy for "proportional representation" are tantamount to undermining the

wisdom of constitution makers. While the bogey of "proportional representation" at the time of drafting of Constitution was rejected as an indirect attempt to smuggle "separate electorate" today the same bogey is used to invoke another type of parochialism of "casteism'

Three decades since implementation of "Mandal commission" report provides ample

proof that using caste as a unidimensional instrument has not only failed to provide a level playing field to the truly marginalised but it reinforces the existing social fault lines by concentrating the benefits of reservation within the "privi-

leged backwards". Hence any meaningful conversation around social justice without addressing the intersectionality of caste, class, gender is futile.

The SC while adjudicating the Economic Weaker Section (EWS) case held that it is not the "formal" but "substantive" equality which was envisioned by the constitution makers.

It also held that "economic deprivation" should be taken into account in the discourse around "equality". The EWS reservation is passed through Parliament by an overwhelming majority which shows political consensus in broadening the spectrum of reservation

from 1990 to 2019.

Making the discourse of backwardness centred only on the issue of caste is to take the wheel of social revolution back-

After seven decades of Independence and three decades of economic reforms, the time has come to expand the discourse around substantive equality by taking into account factors like digital poverty, LGBT discrimination, degree and quality of urbani-

sation etc. If the causality of backwardness is multidimensional how can its remedy be unidimensional located only in caste, hence "caste census" and subsequent "proportional representation" thus it can only be a cosmetic exercise by providing an easy way out for political class using the rhetoric of social justice.

Both the Backward Class Commission was constituted in

1952 and 1978 in the pre-liberalisation era. In the 90s Indian society took a leaf of faith by embarking on the path of economic reforms which has qualitatively altered the character of our society.

These economic reforms have been sustained by a political consensus by every type of political combination at both central and state level.

Hence there is a fundamental contradiction between demands of "caste census" by the Congress and the new reality of Indian society which itself is the product of policy of the Congress party. Hence today we need an imaginative political paradigm to address the new socio-political reality rather than seeking the old elixir of caste based social justice.

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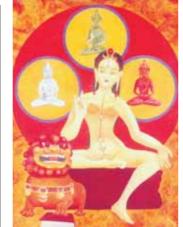




ARIES March 21-April 19

This week bodes well for your financial growth and professional advancement, leading to a sense of contentment. Your natural curiosity and innovative ideas are especially vibrant now, infusing your days with enthusiasm. You possess a youthful energy and a zest for life. It's a period where the joy and achievements of younger ones close to you add to your sense of fulfillment. You navigate life with a lightness, seemingly untouched by material concerns, and you're adept at adapting to and initiating change. However, the path of personal connections may be less smooth. There's potential for new beginnings or the stirrings of affection, yet these nascent bonds may not blossom as hoped. Should you seek to deepen an existing bond, be aware that your efforts may face challenges during

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Blue Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week, you'll find yourself deeply immersed in spiritual practices, finding satisfaction in such pursuits. However, be wary as there may be an undercurrent of discord and antagonism directed towards you. The craftiness of others could threaten your achievements, presenting a significant challenge. Exercise caution and guard your strategies closely. Should you encounter moments of doubt, reflecting on your journey can rekindle your determination, showing you that your efforts are indeed propelling you forward. Midweek brings a surge of financial gain, enhancing your sense of abundance. As the week progresses, you'll have reasons to celebrate personal triumphs, welcoming joyful gatherings and heartfelt connections that underscore your recent successes. Embrace this wave of progress, for it may also pave the way for future opportunities that align with your innermost aspirations.

Lucky number 14 | Lucky colour Teal Lucky day Tuesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week, your inner fortitude and intellectual prowess are at their peak, inviting grand visions and deep introspection. Exhibiting patience and mastering desires signify a strong resolve emanating from within. Such inner vitality is a gift you carry. Embracing a spiritual path, you seek inner balance through reverence and reflection, finding stability through an enlightened state of being. This pursuit elevates your consciousness, accompanied by shifts in both outlook and habit. Embracing meditation nurtures your holistic well-being. As the week concludes, the dedication to your personal growth yields tangible rewards, enriching you both in material abundance and robust health. Your journey is marked by the clarity of thought, guiding you to make wise decisions that align with your higher goals. This clarity not only enhances your personal growth but also allows you to radiate positive energy, influencing those around you in meaningful ways.

Lucky number 21 | Lucky colour Lavender Lucky day Thursday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

You possess a vivid imagination, allowing you to envision and shape your existence with creativity and autonomy. This period heralds the arrival of joyful news, often associated with new beginnings and celebrations of life. At your core, you embody the essence of romance—tender and caring. You hold a deep appreciation for serenity and harmony, preferring to steer clear of discord and strife. To others, you may appear lost in thought, yet beneath your serene exterior lies a resilient spirit, armed with the courage to pursue your visions with unwavering resolve Expect the unexpected, as life is poised to bring a fortuitous twist, ushering in a wave of novelty and prosperity, especially in your ventures or career. Having diligently worked towards equilibrium, you now find vourself in a place of contentment and repose.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Monday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week beckons you to act with purpose and urgency. A wave of clarity and positive momentum is set to sweep in, dispelling doubts and energizing connections, propelling you forward. It's a time when important paperwork or approvals could reach completion, paving the way for long-distance journeys. Expect a profound shift in your perspectives, as if a new understanding dawns upon you, aligning various elements of your life into a harmonious whole. To enrich this phase, reach out and forge new bonds, and infuse a touch of kindness into your dialogues to avoid the shadows of isolation. Embrace a thoughtful and equitable approach to your finances and relationships; such wisdom promises to yield substantial benefits during this opportune time.

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Saturday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week unfolds favorably for you, encouraging you to harness your innate abilities and seize the burgeoning opportunities that come your way. Your belief in a higher power strengthens your resolve. Your imaginative spirit thrives, heralding new beginnings and the joy of fresh ventures. Expect triumphs in your professional endeavors and a harmonious balance in your personal spaces, bringing fulfillment and tranquility. Life's richness is plentiful, embracing you in all its diversity. You'll find joy and gratification in your current circumstances, laying a solid groundwork for what lies ahead. Previous concerns fade into the background, allowing you to embrace a promising and luminous future. A deep sense of satisfaction permeates every aspect of your being—emotionally, physically, and in pleasures of the senses.

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Olive Lucky day Wednesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week is marked by significant effort and an intense focus on professional responsibilities, leaving little room for household pursuits. Despite a strong commitment and sincerity in your tasks, your objectives may still seem distant, leading to a sense of fatigue and monotony. Emotional sensitivity may run high, with minor issues triggering disproportionate reactions. During moments of impatience and fluctuating moods, seeking guidance from a mentor or advisor could be beneficial. Be aware of heightened competitive dynamics; those vying for the same success could act aggressively or undermine your efforts. Maintain vigilance and discretion in your decisionmaking process, carefully guarding your strategies to prevent any potential harm or setbacks from those with malicious intentions

Lucky number 23 | Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, you find yourself grappling with persistent emotional challenges that disrupt your peace, including regret and worry, which may keep you awake. There's a sensitive area in your life that feels exposed and at risk. The first step toward healing is to dismiss unfounded worries, allowing you to identify and neutralize the real issues before they escalate. As the week progresses, you'll discover a tranquil sanctuary within yourself, even as external pressures persist. This respite provides a chance for rejuvenation, helping you to heal and dispel any lingering uncertainties or doubts. The possibility of a journey may arise, offering a fresh perspective. You'll find the strength to master a spectrum of emotions, leading to a renewed sense of self-worth as you overcome your fears.

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Indigo **Lucky day** Sunday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Disheartenment isn't necessary, as unseen guidance seems to be illuminating your journey. Moments of quiet introspection are on the horizon, promising profound insight and inspiration. You're entering a phase brimming with creative vigor, urging you to embrace new ventures that demand quick, decisive action. Now is the moment to channel your energy towards achieving your goals. A sense of robust well-being accompanies you; any lingering ailments are likely to fade, allowing you to revel in your dynamism. In collaborative endeavors, your integrity and the inspiring atmosphere you foster earn you admiration. Your recognition of perseverance's value helps you triumph over any challenge that comes your way. Embrace this surge of purpose, for your efforts are set to weave the fabric of your future successes

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Cream Lucky day Saturday



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CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, your natural sensitivity is heightened, stirring a rich inner life where dreams and reflections occupy much of your time. Use your innate sense of knowing to navigate through choices, balancing thoughtful analysis with your deeper insights. Keep a watchful eve on your finances: it's important to exercise restraint and prioritize necessary expenditures to avoid stretching your resources too thin. Your plate is full of multiple endeavors demanding your attention, and it may be wise to pare down to manage them effectively. Embrace change and personal growth as your guiding principles during this period. By focusing on evolving both mentally and physically, you'll be able to weather the emotional ebbs and flows without being

Lucky number 8 Lucky colour Maroon **Lucky day** Friday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week calls for introspection and could challenge your emotional resilience. You may find yourself in a reflective mood, possibly feeling a bit low. It's important to maintain nurturing relationships with close female figures in your life. Engaging in positive literature, and embracing a spiritual outlook could be beneficial in regaining your inner equilibrium. Pay attention to your well-being, particularly as the week progresses, since there's a tendency to fall into a sluggish state. Keeping an optimistic perspective is crucial as the fulfillment of your aspirations is still ahead of you. Professional growth is on the horizon, with advancements for those employed and promising opportunities for job seekers. Expect a swift shift in circumstances. By week's end, prepare for an exciting proposal from afar that will boost your morale and be a source of pride.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Beige Lucky day Monday

Enlighten mind and enjoy its



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week, you'll find yourself radiating a captivating presence that effortlessly draws others in. Your innate charm and articulate manner make you particularly persuasive, and you're adept at steering situations in your favor. You're well aware of your goals and possess a clear understanding of the path to achieve them. Your life's direction is firmly in your hands-you shape your own destiny with your actions and decisions. Recognition and respect could come your way during this time. An eagerness to learn and a desire for novel experiences will enrich your perspective, making even challenging tasks enjoyable. Your intellect is sharp, allowing you to dissect and navigate complex issues effectively. Furthermore, your inclination towards generosity and spiritual enrichment contributes to a profound impact on those around you, amplifying the positive influence you cast.

ucky number 5 | Lucky colour Black

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wholesome power organism. Purposely to complement and happy Diwali. On this solemn supplement each other's efforts to carry

occasion, we worship Mother on the productivity cycle to its logical Goddess Lakshmi seeking wealth needed Interestingly, Diwali is celebrated on the to meet our individual and collective darkest night of the year. For, it is schedexistential needs. You may appreciate that no productivity could happen in isolauled on the New Moon Day of Kartik tion. It always needs group efforts. The month, when seen from India's perspecproduce must finally move into the martive, the Sun and Moon together are at ket for others to share. Also, the money their farthest end. We burn earthen we earn does also go out in circulation, lamps to dispel darkness. Here onwards which in turn, boosts overall economy. the Sun begins its upwards course to progressively be available with its full glory. Unless the societal economy is in shape, our produce will not have the market This festivity coincides with a new proneeded to bear desired fruits. The occaductive cycle and hence worship of sion is accordingly designed to get us Goddess Laxmi, the epitome of wealth. It needs be appreciated that it is not just reminded about the need to join hands for our wellbeing. So, in our prayer your wish or simply physical efforts that can bring in wealth. The task needs to be schedule, we first offer obeisance to lord Ganapati before Goddess Lakshmi. carried on intelligently. It is only when Ganapati is so named because he is the you work clearheadedly that you could lord (Pati) of all creatures (Gana-s). negotiate the callings of the year ahead in Unattached, He, with his force of selfless all strength and with ease and comfort. If, love, holds them all together as a unified however, mind is clouded, you may miss

opportunities in sight. Also, you will fail to visualise the challenges coming your way in time. Success may then elude you. On this occasion, you clean your homes and workstations, reorganise them afresh, and lighten them to amplify the ambience. Similarly, we need to clear off the clutters of mind and enlighten the mind. We may then be able to remain alert enough to do justice to the callings of the emerging times.

It will not be out of place to mention here that we are all born carrying limitless potential, which if unfolded in full will know no limits. The paradox, however, is that major part of our mind space remains untapped, as it remains clouded by lot of inherent limitations. Truth be told - ordinary mortals are hardly able to use 5 to 7 percent of their mind power. But here again, even what is available, if judiciously used, can enable us to negotiate life with ease and comfort. The irony, however, is that more often caught up by



our flirtatious mind, we misdirect a major part of our mind power towards unproductive ends - unnecessarily worrying, brooding, contemplating, attending fear and inconsequential thoughts. When we face failure, we try to find escape in the call of destiny. It, however, has not happened because destiny would be so scripted. You rather, have not strived sufficiently to unfold immense power within. So said Swami Vivekanand. What's the way forward? Reflect upon yourself. Identify and acknowledge your own limitations. Address them consciously through fresh educative inputs. The best in you will then unfold. The problem, however, is that our ego doesn't let us dispassionately analyse our mind and the least of all admit one's weaknesses. Here comes astrology to our aid. It reads energy map of the heaven at the time of one's birth, which reflects with a fair amount of precision our inherent traits. For energy knows no bias.

Here is a case in point who lost heavily and earned bad name. The Sun is placed adverse to Saturn, which points to indwelling seeds of fear and insecurity. It brings down his confidence level. His inherent sense of inertia will not let him act in time. In the event of failure, instead of identifying his own weaknesses, will blame others. Mars is placed adverse to Neptune, which implies that when faced with adversity, he may develop inferiority complex. Venus also placed adverse to Neptune would tempt him to impulsively make indiscrete investment, causing loss. Also, his perverse tendencies would earn him ill-repute. If, however, he addresses these inherent weaknesses, the same energies that caused problems, will take a positive turn to his full advantage.

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