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## AB KI BAAR, 100 PAAR ON THE HORIZON

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

India are poised to celebrate a historic century of medals at the Asian Games after wrestlers bagged three medals the sport of sepaktakraw added a historic bronze and the men's hockey team reclaimed the gold to take the country's tally to 95 here on Friday.

India are already assured of six more medals in different disciplines - kabaddi (2), archery (3), hockey (1), badminton (1) and cricket (1), and once the competition folds in these event, the country will cross the coveted 100-medal mark for the first time ever on Saturday

At least four more wrestlers are in contention on the penultimate day of the competition and it won't be a surprise if more medals are added to the

India had won 70 medals in the last edition in Indonesia where the country's athletes won 16 gold, 23 silver and 31 bronze medals to record their best-ever performance.

On the back of a splendid show by the shooters (22) and track and field athletes (29 medals), who contributed 51 medals, India had already surpassed its best-ever show on Wednesday.

The Indian contingent won many surprise medals, the biggest being a women's table tennis team bronze by Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee, who humbled the mighty China in the semifinals.



Parul Chaudhary's sensational dash in the last 30 metres of the women's 5000m event will also be remembered for a long time as the Meerut runner snatched a gold by edging Japan's Ririka Hironaka in a close finish.

Javelin thrower Kishore Kumar Jena's astonishing 86.77m throw that gave him lead over superstar Neeraj Chopra for a brief period in the men's javelin event was another unforgettable moment.

Later Chopra won the gold, while Jena finished behind him to settle for a silver medal. Canoers Arjun Singh and

Sunil Singh Salam's historic bronze in the men's double 1000m along with Ram Baboo and Manju Rani's third place finish in the mixed 35km race walk were perfect examples that if athletes refuse to bow down to the hardships life throws, excelling in sports is

India reclaimed the Asian Games hockey gold with 5-1 drubbing of Japan and qualified for Paris Olympics.

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh led admirably as the Indian men's hockey team mauled defending champions Japan 5-1 to reclaim the Asian Games gold, their fourth in the continental showpiece, after



Gold medallist Indian players with team officials pose for photos during the presentation ceremony of the men's hockey event at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou in China on Friday. The Indian team won the final against Japan 5-1 and qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics

nine years and qualify for next year's Paris Olympics here on Friday

The Indians, who had to be content with a bronze medal in the last edition in Jakarta, thus won their fourth Asian Games gold and first since the 2014 Incheon edition.

India's other gold medals came in 1966 and 1998, both

times in Bangkok. South Korea won the bronze medal after eking out a

close 2-1 win over hosts China.

Harmanpreet (32nd, 59th minutes) scored a brace through penalty corners, Amit

Rohidas (36th) also sounded the board from a set-piece, while Manpreet Singh (25th) and Abhishek (48th) found the net from field efforts to register the famous victory for India. Seren Tanaka converted a penalty corner for Japan in the 51st minutes.

Harmanpreet, thus, finished the tournament as India's top scorer with 13 goals, one ahead of striker Mandeep.

The Indians, who ended the tournament unbeaten, were by far the better side against Japan, whom they had defeated 4-2 in the pool stages.

The Indians mostly used the flanks to great effect to build their attacks and also used down-the-line long balls to perfection. The Tokyo Olympics

bronze medallists were quick to get off the blocks and made quite a few circle penetrations

but failed to convert them into goals in the first quarter. India played high-press hockey and constantly put the Japanese defence under pressure.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded Indian men's hockey team for winning the gold medal in the Asian Games, saying their unwavering commitment, passion and synergy have not only won the game but also the hearts of countless Indians.

"An exhilarating Gold

Medal triumph by our Men's Hockey Team at the Asian Games! Congratulations to the team for this outstanding performance. This team's unwavering commitment, passion and Archery Academy.
Meanwhile, the Indian synergy have not only won the game but also the hearts of countless Indians. This victory is a testament to their spirit. Best wishes for the endeavours ahead," he posted on X.

In archery, Ankita Bhakat, daughter of a milk vendor, and Bhajan Kaur, who took to the sports after trying her hand in shot put, were right on target when India won their first medal, a bronze, in women's recurve event after 13 years at

the Asian Games on Friday.
Ankita and Bhajan, the youngest of the trio at 18, teamed up with Simranjeet Kaur to overcome some crunch moments to bring the bronze, the country's first in Olympic recurve section Guangzhou Games 2010, where they had won three medals.

"This medal will rank at the top. I've won many medals at the World Cup but to win at the Asian Games is different and definitely this will rank higher," the senior most member of the team Ankita, who suffered a heartbreak in Jakarta Games 2018, told PTI.

The daughter of a milk vendor in Bidhan Park area near Baranagar, Kolkata, Ankita struggled for six years and could not afford to buy a recurve bow. "I shot with an Indian bow and won the here on Friday.

Nationals too, but my family could not afford a recurve bow. So, my career never progressed beyond that," Ankita, who hails from Sithi More, recollected her days at the Kolkata

men's kabaddi team thrashed arch-rival Pakistan 61-14 on Friday to take their designated place in the final of the Asian Games here after the shock bronze-medal finish in the 2018 edition in Jakarta. The India women, the two

time former champions, too stormed into their fourth successive games final with a commanding 61-17 win over Nepal. Pakistan men were hardly a match for the nippy and tech-

nically superior Indian counterparts who took a massive 30-5 lead at the end of the first session, securing two bonus points along with the 22 and six points they earned through "outs" and "all outs" respectively. Winners of seven consec-

utive gold medals at the continental showpiece, the Indian men's team had suffered a shock semifinal loss to Iran at the Jakarta Games, making it the first time the big boys of the sport had failed to make it to the final since the sport was included in the games in 1990.

In cricket, title favourites India confirmed a medal in men's cricket competition with a crushing nine-wicket win over Bangladesh to storm into the final of the Asian Games

## **Canada whittles down** its presence in India

RAHUL DATTA ■ NEW DELHI

s diplomatic ties between Athe two countries continue to strain, Canada has reportdiplomats from India to either Kuala Lumpur or Singapore.

This move came after New Delhi asked Ottawa to withdraw nearly 40 of its diplomats from India, with a deadline set for October 10.

India had also issued a warning that diplomatic immunity would not apply if the Canadian staff failed to adhere to the deadline.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, on Thursday said, "Our focus is on ensuring parity in Canada's diplomatic presence. We have sought parity in Canada's diplomatic presence in India, and discussions are ongoing.

Bagchi said Canada currently has a higher diplomatic presence, and discussions are taking place to achieve parity. "In discussions on achieving parity, given the significantly higher presence of Canadian diplomats and their interference in our internal matters, we have sought an equal diplomat-



presence. Discussions are ongoing, but we would expect a reduction in the Canadian diplomatic presence."

As regards to Canada evacuating its diplomats, the report in CTV News, a privately owned Canadian television network, came after India earlier this week asked Canada to withdraw several dozen diplomats from its missions amid the escalating diplomatic row that erupted following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegation linking Indian agents to the killing of Khalistani separatist Nijjar in

India rejected the allegations as "absurd" and "motivated" and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-fortat move to Ottawa's expulsion

of an Indian official. The Indian Government has given Ottawa until October 10 to reduce the number of anadian diplomatic staff in the country to match the number of Indian diplomats in Canada, as reported by CTV

Previous reports had suggested that 41 diplomats would need to leave, but sources cited by CTV News specify that the

request aims to achieve parity. The report said, "A majority of the Ĉanadian diplomats working in India outside of Delhi have been relocated to either Kuala Lumpur or

Singapore." Global Affairs Canada, the department responsible for managing the country's diplomatic and consular relations, had previously said, "With some diplomats having received threats on various social media platforms, it was 'assessing its staff complement in India.' Consequently, and as a precaution, the department decided to temporarily adjust its staff presence in India, shortly after Trudeau's accusation of Indian Government

## **Assembly Poll dates on Monday BJP mocks Congress**

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA

The dates for the Assembly elections in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Mizoram are likely to be announced on

Monday. are expected to be held during the third week of November after the festive season and before the commencement of the Winter Session, which may convene in the last week of November.

Government sources said several projects are scheduled to be announced over the weekend by both the BJP-led Central Government and the State Governments, including Congress-ruled Rajasthan and

Chhattisgarh. While Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, and Telangana are likely to have single-phase elections, polling in Chhattisgarh is expected to take place in two phases due to extremism concerns, said sources.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already announced projects and foundations worth a lakh crore rupees, while Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi have been unveiling schemes to retain

Chhattisgarh and have also

been conducting rallies.

on December 17.

rently governs the northeastern corrective actions as and when The terms of the legislative Assemblies in Telangana,

Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and

Madhya Pradesh are scheduled

to end on different dates in January next year. Telangana is ruled by the K Chandrasekhar Rao-led Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), while the BJP governs Madhya Pradesh. The Congress rules

Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. While addressing a Briefing Meeting for Observers to be deployed for the forthcoming elections to five States, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Friday directed the commission's observers to ensure a level playing field by working in a coordinated manner to ensure free, fair, and

inducement-free elections. The CEC also emphasised the commission's focus on inclusivity, by facilitating the participation of persons with disabilities (PwD), senior citizens (80+), and particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTG) through special provi-

power in Rajasthan and sions such as home voting and accessible polling stations.

Election Commissioner The term of the legislative Anup Chandra Pandey empha-Assembly in Mizoram expires sised that elections should not only be fair but also seen as fair. The Mizo National Front He instructed the observers to (MNF), an ally of the BJP, curmonitor social media and take

> Election Commissioner Arun Goel urged the observers to carry out their work diligently, ensuring the rule of law. He emphasised that observers serve as the eves and ears of the Election Commission of India and should address complaints promptly.

Senior DECs/DECs and DGs also briefed the observers on various important themes related to elections, including EVM, electoral rolls, MCC expenditure, legal provisions, IT initiatives, MCMC, and social media related SOPs.

Approximately 1,180 officials attended the sessions at the Constitution Club of India, New Delhi. Officers drawn from IAS, IPS, IRS cadres, and other account services from across the country are deployed as general, police, and expenditure observers.

The Election Commission completed the pre-poll review in Telangana on Thursday. The EC has already completed this exercise in other four States.

## for list delay in MP

Congress for not yet releasing ates for th upcoming State Assembly elections scheduled for November this year.

The BIP has taken the lead by announcing two lists, each comprising 39 candidates, with the third list featuring only one candidate, while the Congress has yet to disclose its choices.

Umashankar Gupta, the chief of Madhya Pradesh BJP's Election Management Committee, told media persons on Friday that despite the continuous campaigning by senior Congress party leaders in Madhya Pradesh for several days, they have been unable to finalise a single list of candidates.

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi and Congress general secretary Priyanka Ğandhi

have toured different parts of the State in the recent past. The BIP claimed that factionalism and infighting within the Congress have paralysed the party, leading to the percep-

tion that it has already conced-

ed defeat. The ruling Bharatiya Janata
Party (BJP) in Madhya
Pradesh has taunted the

Gupta alleged that ever since Congress national general secretary Randeep Surjewala Gupta alleged that ever arrived in Bhopal for the elections factional evident within the Congress

> releasing the list of candidates is due to the internal infighting. Surjewala is active in central politics and has been a Congress loyalist, while Kamal Nath is a veteran who became prominent in the Sanjay

party. He claimed the delay in

Gandhi era. Recently, during a joint Press conference by both the leaders, Nath had clearly mentioned that he did not believe in meeting media persons because he remains busy. He had stated that since Surjewala is here, media persons should

contact him only. Gupta said this was the reason that the meeting of the Congress Screening Committee lasted for nine hours, but after seeing protest

by Surjewala camp, Nath walked out. He said, "To keep Digvijay

Singh away from the Congress screening committee meeting in Delhi, he was sent to count the chairs in the rally".

the neighbouring northern part

of West Bengal through which

the Teesta river flows, the chief

Management Authority (SSDMA) said in its latest bul-

letin that 25 people have died

so far and 143 have gone miss-

ing. While 15 people, including

six army personnel, died in

The Sikkim State Disaster

minister said.

## **Andheri Tiger Reserve struggles with male dominance**

involvement in the murder."

**ARCHANA JYOTI** ■ NEW DELHI

In a span of nine years, Maharashtra's Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve (TATR) has witnessed male tigers killing as many as 18 out of the 25 cubs born to two female big cats in the core of the habitat.

A team of Wildlife Institute of India (WII) scientists who conducted the study to understand the cub survival rate in the reserve found that between 2014 and 2023, as against the two female tigers (T7 and T12), there were as many as 7 male apex predators in their territories which led to greater competition among them for mating with their female counterparts and killing of cubs not fathered by them

In their study titled, "Cost of prime realty: Survival of tiger cubs under the influence of



wildlife experts were keen to understand the survival rates of two tigresses in core area of the tiger reserve which is brimming with the royal big cats as per the latest

The study underscores the need to strengthen connectivity through corridors and expand the reserve wherever possible, as per the experts.

WII expert A Krishnan at WII's Internal Research Seminar held last month at the Dehradun-based wildlife It revealed that the 2

research institute. tigresses (T7 and T12) in the core area of the reserve had to sacrifice their cubs as they tried to hold their respective

males have been observed to occupy highly or completely overlapping territories in prime territories. "During the period of the areas of the tiger reserve such

to 5 litters each ranging from 1–5 cubs per litter. Only 2 (both males) out of 13 cubs born to tigress T12 survived till dispersal, while 5 (3 females and 2 males) out of 12 cubs born to T7 survived till dispersal. The number of males within the territory of these 2 females ranged from 2–7 during this period," said Krishnan. The expert noted that in a

study, both females gave birth

high-density tiger reserve such as TATR, the turnover rate of male tigers in prime areas of the forest is high which leads to high cub mortality due to infanticide. "In TATR due to the high tiger density along with high male turnover rate multiple

as areas around Jamni and Pandharpauni lakes, where the females T7 and T12 have their territories, respectively.

"This leads to high competition between the males for mating with these females. Males kill cubs that are not sired by them so that the females will mate with them and it becomes difficult for the female to protect her cubs from all the males that roam in her territory and provide food to the cubs simultaneously. "Due to high competition, cubs are also forced to disperse at a very young age which makes them prone to death," said Krishnan.

Principal investigators of the study included WII senior Prem announced an ex-gratia compensation of ₹4 lakh to the scientists Dr Bilal Habib, Capt Dr Parag Nigam, Dr Jitendra Ramgaokar, Nandkishore Kale families of those who died in the flash flood in the State. He and Kushagra Pathak. also declared an immediate

#### **Himalayan Disaster** Search for the remaining is PTI ■ GANGTOK/JALPAIGURI relief of ₹2,000 each to all continuing both in Sikkim and

rmy and NDRF teams,

Army and NDRF teams, both on foot and in boats, have recovered 25 bodies including seven Armymen from the slush and debris of the flash flood which swept through Sikkim's Teesta river, officials said on Friday.

The flood which was trig gered by a cloudburst in the early hours of Wednesday also resulted in a large number of people going missing. Officials said 143 are still

missing though some 2,413 people have been rescued and are in shelters. Sikkim Chief Minister Singh Tamang

those who are being sheltered in relief camps. 'There ĥave been dam-

ages worth thousands of crores of rupees. We cannot give exact details about damages, it will be revealed once a committee is formed and it completes its analysis. Our first priority is to save those who are stranded and provide them immediate relief," he told PTI Video. "Road connectivity

between districts has been cut off and bridges have been washed away. Communication in North Sikkim has been severely affected," Tamang said. Of the 23 army personnel

who had gone missing from

Bardang area, the bodies of

seven have been recovered

from different areas down-

stream while one had been res-

cued earlier.

Pakyong district, Mangan and Gangtok districts accounted for four and six deaths respectively, the SSDMA said. Nearly 25,100 people have been affected by the calamity.

The chief minister said that he has spoken with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, President Droupadi Murmu and other Union min-

## New disability pension rules to Govt hospital deaths: Uddhav nrotect nenuine interests: CDS seeks probe into drug purchase protect genuine interests: CDS

nommitted to safeguard the interests of the sol-✓diers, the new rules for granting disability pension to Armed forces personnel were brought out following wideranging discussions among the three services and they are aimed protecting interests of the "genuine" people and ensuring a fitter military, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan said on Friday.

The provisions of the revised entitlement rules will be applicable for the armed forces personnel who retired after September 21 and there will be no retrospective implementation of the norms, he said.

The new rules titled 'Entitlement Rules (ER) for Casualty Pension and Disability Compensation Awards to Armed Forces Personnel, 2023 were brought out based on the recommendations of a study involving the three services, Armed Forces Medical Services and the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare.

"The aim of the study was to protect the genuine interests



of personnel who acquire disability during service while preventing the exploitation of its liberal provisions from misuse," the Chief of Defence Staff said at a media briefing in presence of Navy Chief R Hari Kumar, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari and Vice Chief of Army Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar.

The new rules were brought out over five months after the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) asked the defence ministry to carry out an analysis of disability among soldiers after finding out that nearly 40 per cent of the officers, and 18 per cent of personnel below

issues relating to conflict of inte-

rest arising out of Abhishek and

his relatives allegedly receiving

professional fees from organi-

zations with which he may ha-

ve dealt with as Secretary DPIIT

and Chairman of Forward Mar

ket Trading. In November, the

ED submitted a supplementary

report to the Lokpal and sought

an open enquiry against Abhishek. The Lokp[al allowed

the ED plea for an open enquiry to investigate Abhishek's rela-

tives and private parties. Meanwhile, the Delhi High

Court in May dismissed a petition by Abhishek challenging

the Lokpal orders relating to the

ED enquiries against him. Follo-

wing the supplementary report

by the anti-money laundering

probe agency and the dismissal

of Abhishek's petition by the

Delhi High Court, the Lokpal is

set to initiate the probe against

him who is alleged to have taken

benefits from several private

companies between 2020 and

2022 after his retirement from

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service, sources added.

officer rank, who retire every year, were drawing disability pensions.

There have been apprehensions among certain quarters of the ex- servicemen after the new rules governing the grant of disability pension were unveiled.

The CDS said most of the concerns of the ex-servicemen community were addressed by a panel of officers at a meeting on October 3. In the new rules the defence ministry introduced a new concept of 'impairment relief' that is largely aimed largeat addressing lifestyle related

The armed forces personnel

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

get higher payouts of up to 30

per cent of their pension emol-

uments based on the percentage

"The provisions of the revised ER for grant of disability pension will be applicable for

"It does not, in any manner, alter the emoluments of war

widows, family pensioners or

veterans. There is no change in

the entitlement for any catego-

compensation for death or dis-

"disability element" has been

renamed as "impairment relief

in respect of only those person-

nel who are not invalidated out

due to their nature of disabilities

"The change in name to

and continue to serve till their

impairment relief does not affect

the nature of entitlement or

quantum of emoluments," he

said. He said the new rules

were brought out also to

enhance the efficiency of the

overall functioning of the three

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

 $oldsymbol{H}$  olding that the accused deserved bail on parity, the Bombay High Court has granted bail

to Vaibhav Raut, an accused in the 2018

Nalasopara arms haul and terror plot case, and

ordered his release on a personal bond of Rs

trial court order that had rejected Raut's plea seek-

ing bail, a HC division bench of Justices Revati

Mohite-Dere and Gauri Godse noted that the

accused has been in custody for the last five years

and he deserved bail on parity.

The HC bench granted bail to Raut (44) on

the ground that the Supreme Court had grant-

ed bail to co-accused Avinash Pawar in August

2022 citing long incarceration and no likelihood

of early conclusion of trial, while the high court

had granted bail to co-accused Pratap Hajra and

Liladhar Lodhi in March 2023 on similar gro-unds. The HC bench noted that Raut deserved

granting bail to the co-accused, in which the high

court had noted that Sanatan Sanstha was not

declared to be banned or terrorist or frontal

Govansh Raksha Samiti and Sanatan Sanstha was

arrested in the 2018 Nalasopara arms haul and terror plot case under the Unlawful Activities

bench also noted that the Prosecution intended

to examine about 417 witnesses and only four

It may be recalled that the Maharashtra Anti-

Terrorism Squad (ATS) had in 2018 booked 12

people under provisions of UAPA, Explosive

Substances Act, Explosives Act, Arms Act and

Maharashtra Police Act, as well as offences of

organisation by the Centre as per UAPA.

In its order granting bail to Raut.

The HC bench relied on a March 23 order

Vaibhav Raut (44), a member of the Hindu

Quashing and setting aside a December 2022  $\,$ 

50,000 and a surety for an equal amount.

term of engagement."

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General Chauhan said the

of disability.

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ability," he said.

Upping the ante over the recent deaths in two major hospitals in Maharashtra, former chief minister and Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray on Friday rooted for a CBI enquiry into the alleged corruption in the purchase of drugs for government hospitals in the State.

those personnel who retire after September 21. It has no retrospective application," Gen Talking to media persons here, Uddhav hit out at the Shinde government for lack of money to purchase drugs at the government hospitals in the state. "The health care system is reeling under major crisis due to massive corruption in the purchase of drugs, rate-card postings, commission in deals and other problems," he said. Recalling the wonderful

performance of the state health administration when he was the chief minister, Uddhav said: "This was the same healthcare setup that I had when I headed the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government during the Covid-19 pandemic. At that time we had the same doctors, the staff, infrastructure and other things. We had performed extremely well during the Corona crisis, but see what is the status of the health sys-

**Accused in 2018 Nalasopara** 

arms haul case gets bail

tem now. What has gone wrong

The Sena (UBT) chief took a pot shot at chief minister Eknath Shinde for being away in the national capital attending an official meeting on the Maoist menace at a time when people are dying here in gov-ernment hospitals...."The chief minister and both Deputy CMs (Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar) should have gone to Nanded, studied the situation and taken remedial measures, Uddhav said.

Alluding to the reported shortages of medicines and other requirements in government hospitals, Uddhav said: "During the Corona pandemic, the MVA government used to supply medicines and vaccines to people in far-flung areas, so much so that we used

Code for their alleged involvement in the

alleged Nalasopara arms haul and terror plot case.

Khan and Aniket Pardeshi had told the high

court that the accused was in custody for more

than five years and there was no prospect of the

trial against him concluding in the near future.

diary recovered from a garage having the appel-

lant's handwriting could not be corroborated by

any witness. However, the ATS denied the claim.

that the house from where eight crude bombs

were recovered was not in his name but in his

father's name and that the godown from which

12 crude bombs were recovered was in the name

of Om Sai Developers and there was no docu-

ment to show the godown was purchased by

Raut. Among other things, the Prosecution had

claimed that Raut and other co-accused were

active members of Hindu outfit Sanatan Sanstha,

whose alleged objective was to form a 'Hindu

Rashtra' by secretly forming a terrorist gang with-

accused, who were part of the conspiracy, had

conducted a reconnaissance of the places where

the bombs were to be planted and one of their

aims was to prevent the screening of movies,

holding of western cultural programmes and

organisation of events such as the 'Sunburn' music

2018, said that from a bungalow and other

premises at Nalasopara, it had 20 live country

bombs, 2 gelative sticks, 4 electric and 22 non-

electric detonators, 2 complete and one incom-

plete PCB circuits, 6 battery connectors and 6

transistors, 4 relay switches, 2 gelatine sticks, safe-

ty fuse wires, a multimeter, soldering machine

and soldering equipment, 2 one litre bottles on

which word "poison' was written and different

varieties of explosive substances.

The Maharashtra had ATS had in its charge-

The ATS alleged that Raut and other

in Maharashtra and adjoining states.

Arguing for Raut, Advocates Sana Raees

Khan argued that the contents in the alleged

The HC bench accepted Khan's submission

drones to reach medicines to inaccessible areas in the state.

"See the irony. There is no pandemic now. But, we have a tragic situation. This government has money to take MLAs to Gujarat and Guwahati to bring down the MVA regime, release advertisements and to send ministers and bureaucrats on foreign jaunts. The ruling constituents are squabbling among themselves for ministerial posts, but there are no funds for the poor patients,"

the Sena president.

Demanding the resignation of the Health Minister Tanaji Sawant over the scores of 100odd deaths in the two state-run hospitals in Nanded and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar districts in Maharashtra in a span of 24 hours, the Sena (UBT) chief said: "The minister is seen only seen in advertisements and posters A traitor MP Hemant S. Patil had the audacity to force Acting Dean of Nanded Hospital Dr. S. R. Wakode to clean toilets/urinals," Uddhav said.

Uddhav demanded to know as to why only the Nanded Civil Hospital dean had been booked on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

here will be no let up in the

There will be no set up - indefinite dharna outside

the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata until Governor CV Ananda

Bose met the Trinamool

Congress delegation against

alleged withholding of the

MNREGA funds by the Centre,

party general secretary Abhsihek Banerjee on Friday

indefinite sit-in on Thursday

outside the Raj Bhavan in

Kolkata after a reportedly

botched agitation in Delhi,

where he went to see the Union

Rural Development Minister

with a delegation of 2,500 peo-

ple including a bevy of MPs,

MLAs and State ministers and victims of the alleged "central

MP and the number two in the

TMC hierarchy reportedly by

dint of his being the nephew of

Chief Minister Mamata

Banerjee on Friday said, "I

will stay here and won't move

an inch until the Governor

answers our questions" as to

why the Centre was withhold-

ing the wages that should have

been rightfully paid to the poor people who had worked

in the 100-days' work scheme.

governor and sent him multi-

ple mails ... But I was denied an

appointment. I will follow the

"I have tried meeting the

The Diamond Harbour

deprivation."

Banerjee had started an

said.

MNREGA dharna: Governor

meets TMC delegation

Seven killed in Mumbai high-rise building blaze

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

At least seven persons, including five women, were killed and 69 others injured in a massive fire that broke in the stilt parking lot of a high-rise building at Goregaon (West) in north Mumbai in the early hours of Friday. The fire brigade personnel battled with the blaze for more than three and a half hours before they extinguished it at around 6.45 am.

The fire, which was reported at 3.05 am at Jay Bhavani building, a Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) building located near Azad Maidan at Unnat Nagar, Goregaon (west), spread up to the seventh floor of the building through the lift.

Of the seven persons killed, there were three women, a man and two minor girls, while one body remained unidenti-

The injured have been admitted HBT, Kasturba, Cooper, Life Line and Matoshree Gomati hospitals. Of the injured, the condition of five persons was reported as critical, while the condition of 47 injured were stable. Eight injured were discharged against medical advice, while two others were discharged after treat-

example of my leader Mamata

Banerjee and will not leave till

I get the answers to my ques-

tions," Banerjee said, alleging

the Governor was conducting himself like a Zamindar (land

on X, "After raising our voices

in Delhi, we seek justice from

the ZAMINDARS of BJP! How

long will it take for the self-pro-

claimed custodians of democ-

racy to answer the people? For

how long will you keep run-

ning away from the people?

Clock is ticking. Bengal is wait-

ing."
The Governor immediate-

ly replied back saying "going to

zameen (mati) is not zamindari

... rather controlling the farm-

ers from the cozy city palaces

is neo-zamindari... Going to

the villages means going to the Maati that is the grassroots which in Bengali means

Meanwhile, in a related development the Raj Bhavan

suffered a blow in the

Governor-State Government

tug of war regarding the

chancellors with the Supreme

Court on Friday stopping Bose

from appointing V-Cs at will.

the interim appointment of

VCs by the Governor the Apex

Court restrained the Governor

from making further appointments adding interim VCs will

not be entitled to any perks.

Expressing discontent over

intment of 11

Trinamool."

The Governor also wrote

#### Lokpal likely to begin probe against ex-secretary of DPIIT directed the ED to look into the

With the Enforcement Directorate (ED) submitting a detailed report of alleged corruption by former Secretary of DPIIT Ramesh Abhishek, the Lokpal is likely to initiate a probe in the matter soon, sources said.

Abhishek is facing allegations of abuse of official position and disproportionate assets.

The Lokpal had in early 2022 directed the ED to conduct an enquiry on two aspects, one concerning the valuation of the property situated at E-72, Greater Kailash, Part II and whether there was any conflict of interest in terms of remuneration received from private companies by Abhishek or his relatives.

Following this, the ED submitted an interim report in April and a final report in July, 2022 to the Lokpal. However, the Lokpal noted that several issues flagged were not looked into in the final

report submitted by the ED. In August, 2022, the Lokpal

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#### Illegal immigrant from Myanmar obtains Aadhaar in Poonch

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE** ■ JAMMU

the Poonch district police, a case FIR no 117/2023 u/s 420, 465, 468, 471, 109, 120-B IPC has been registered at Police station Gursai against Mohd Noman, an

ing at the residence of Nazir Hussain, in village Dhargaloon of Balakote tehsil, after marrying his criminal conspiracy with some of the employees and had obtained illegal/ forged documents I.e Adhaar card and Ration card.

420, 465, 468, 471, 109, 120-B IPC has been registered at Gursai police station to carry out further

## THE PIONEER O

#### **CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Vasudha Agnihotri wife of Siddharth Sharma resident of House No.22, Prem Nagar Market, Near Thyag Raj Stadium New Delhi-110003 Vasudha Agnihotri (before marriage) will be known as Vasudha Sharma (After marriage) for all future

#### criminal conspiracy, destruction of evidence and harbouring an offender under the Indian Penal

(Prevention) Act (UAPA).

have been examined to date.

A notice of intended marriage has bee received from Mr. Achal Kumar S/o Mr Surendra Kumar R/o 240. Eastern Bazai 232101 and Ms. Regina Priya Massey D/o Mi Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) in the office of the undersigned, any person interested therein may file objections to it on any day upto 10-10-2023 in the office of the undersigned.

City Magistrat

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### **SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Police failed to do what the Delhi Police could in the infamous Nirbhaya case. That is the common refrain among the people of Kamduni, a nonedescript hamlet in the northern-fringes of Kolkata.

In what could do sufficient harm to Trinamool Congress' women vote base, the Calcutta High Court on Friday set free a person convicted with capital punishment and lowered the death sentences of his two partners to imprisonment for life besides setting other three persons free — all on account of lack of strong evidence.

The villagers and the family members

exploded inside the High Court premises alleging how the police connived with the guilty because they came from the family of local Trinamool Congress leaders includ-

life imprisonment terming their act rarest of the rare as per the Apex Court guidelines the High Court going into the law points set one of the death row accused free for lack of evidence and converting death sentence of the remaining two into sentence for entire life. The remaining accused persons were set free, some for having completed their term commensurate with their crimes and some others because they were adjudged

not-guilty. Bengal's own Nirbhaya a college student the first graduate of her village — was not only gang-raped on June 7, 2013 but while perpetrating the crime her two legs were torn apart by the convicts because Bengal's own Nirbhaya refused to cooperate. The aftermath of the rape led to a political upheaval when Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee allegedly confronted the locals for acting and agitating at the behest of opposition parties.

unrest in its wake she however later said that the guilty would be brought to book.

#### ED summons 2 associates of Sanjay Singh

STAFF REPORTER **NEW DELHI** 

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday summoned two associates of arrested AAP MP Sanjay Singh for questioning in the Delhi excise policy linked money laundering case.

Sarvesh Mishra and Vivek Tyagi are expected to be confronted with the evidence seized by the agency during the investigation and it is understood that they will be confronted with Singh too. The agency will record their statements under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLÁ), officials said.

#### fellow jawans detained **MOHIT KANDHARI** ■ JAMMU cers. A separate Court of as he had suffered grievous Inquiry is most likely to be iniinjury in the indiscriminate firtiated by the Indian army after day after a Major rank

Major who targeted

And allegedly went berserk and opened fire on his colleagues and exploded grenades inside a camp of the Rashtriya Rifles Unit in the Thanna Mandi area of Rajouri district, several senior army officers went into a huddle on Friday to thoroughly investigate the matter so as to pinpoint the exact trigger point which may have 'provoked' him to target fellow soldiers of the same unit during a firing

practice session. The accused officer has been detained and subjected to questioning by the senior offiface long-term eyesight issues

completing the necessary formalities. Meanwhile, two senior

officers who were shifted to the Command hospital in Udhampur on Thursday were operated upon and their condition was stated to be stable. According to official

sources in the Northern Command headquarters, both officers have been operated upon in the command hospi-

Their condition was stated to be stable by the team of doctors. However, one of them may injury in the indiscriminate fir-

After the Major rank officer was captured late Thursday evening, the White Knight Corps of the army posted on X (previously Twitter), "On 05 Oct 23 one officer was injured in a likely grenade accident at a post in Rajouri sector. Officer evacuated and stable post initial treatment. Further investigation of the incident in progress".

According to local residents of Village Dara, located in the close vicinity of a forward Naili post, the firing started in the afternoon on Thursday.

After Kishtwar police launched an investigation and registered an FIR against a senior Revenue officer and two others for issuing a fake Domicile certificate to a Rohingya woman, Poonch district police have now exposed another illegal immigrant from Myanmar for obtaining an Aadhaar and Ration card from the local authorities.

According to a spokesman of

illegal immigrant from Myanmar. According to the police spokesman, Mohd Noman, staydaughter had entered into a

## investigation in the case.

that purpose.

### Villagers upset after court gives respite to death-row convicts

Marriage Officer Noida Gautam Budh Nagar

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#### ing panchayat members. While the sessions court had awarded capital punishment to Amin Ali, Saiful Ali, and Ansar Ali, while Imanul Islam, Aminul Islam and Bhola Naskar were sentenced to

Sensing the magnitude of the crime and

## Air dips to 'poor', Quality panel asks for coal ban

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), on Friday directed authorities in the National Capital Region to enforce a ban on coal usage in hotels and restaurants, and to take punitive measures against polluting industries and thermal power plants as the air quality in Delhi plunged into the "poor"

category.
This action comes as part of the central government's pollution control plan known as the 'Graded Response Action Plan' (GRAP) which is imple-

bat air pollution during the winter season.

While comprehensively reviewing the air quality scenario in the region as well as the air quality forecasts made available by IMD/ IITM, it was noted that there has been a sudden dip in air quality in the last 24 hours leading to the air quality of Delhi moving into the 'Poor' category. It is essential to invoke Stage-I of GRAP immediately throughout the entire NCR to take steps to prevent further deterioration of air quality in the region," the commission said in a state-

advised people to keep engines of vehicles properly tuned; Maintain proper tyre pressure in vehicles; Keep PUC certificates of vehicles up to date; Do not idle their vehicle, also turn off the engine at red lights; prefer hybrid vehicles or EVs to control vehicular pollution; do not litter / dispose wastes, garbage in open spaces and report air polluting activities through 311 App.

According to Commission's statement, a 27point action plan as per Stage-I of GRAP is applicable with



immediate effect from Friday in the entire NCR including proper guidelines for dust mitmeasures Construction and Demolition (C&D) activities and sound environmental management of C&D waste, ensure regular lifting of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste, and Hazardous wastes from dedicated dump sites and ensure that no waste is dumped illegally in open land areas, carry out periodic mechanized

on roads and ensure scientific disposal of the dust collected in designated sites/landfills.

The Commission also advised the authorities to ensure that diesel generator sets are not used as regular source of power supply; Enforce complete ban on coal/ firewood in Tandoors in Hotels, Restaurants and open eateries and Ensure hotels, restaurants and open eateries use only electricity/ clean fuel gas-based appliances.

The CAQM, is responsible for proactively implementing GRAP, reported a "sudden

ters in the region over the last 24 hours, with Delhi's AQI reaching 212 (in the 'poor' category)

GRAP categorizes actions into four stages: Stage I - 'Poor' (AQI 201-300), Stage II - 'Very Poor' (AQI 301-400), Stage III - 'Severe' (AQI 401-450), and Stage IV - 'Severe Plus' (AQI >

Stage 1 mandates the suspension of work at private construction and demolition projects with a plot size equal to or exceeding 500 sqm that are not registered on the state government's portal for remote measures.

Authorities are also tasked with enforcing a complete ban on the use of coal and firewood in tandoors at hotels, restaurants, and open eateries, along with taking punitive action against polluting industrial units and thermal power plants within 300 kilometers of Delhi.

Ensuring the proper implementation of guidelines for dust mitigation at construction and demolition project sites and sound environmental management of resulting waste is also part of Stage 1.

## Vigilance seeks recovery from AAP MLA for illegal use of Government residence

Directorate of Vigilance (DoV) has sought recovery of damages from AAP MLA from Model Town Akhilesh Pati Tripathi for the misuse of the Government accommodation through the Delhi Assembly secretariat.

The DoV has requested the Delhi Assembly to deduct the damages from his salary and credit it to the Public Works Department (PWD) along with penal interest from November 2, 2019 till date. In a letter to the Secretary, Delhi Assembly, the DoV has pointed out that Tripathi was not entitled for residential accommodation and

family in the guise of office accommodation so recovery should be made from his salary.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva has welcomed the DoV move to recover money from AAP MLA.

"In case, if the amount is not credited within a fortnight, Department may explore for recovering it as Land Revenue arrears. If the damages are not paid to the department, DoV shall recommend to Revenue Department not to issue any 'No dues Certificate to Tripathi. In case, Secretary, Delhi Assembly challenges the order, it is requested to ensure that all the facts are properly placed before the Court without any suppression of facts



by impleading all the parties. This is being advised in view of the fact that in the recent past facts were suppressed while filing and challenging the decisions of the Department," reads

Tripathi was allotted a flat type V (H-3) DDA flats, Model Town for office purpose for the

was told by the PWD that he will vacate the residence on October 04, 20 l6. lt was established that he is using illegally for the purpose of his residence instead of Office purpose. Nearly, Rs 27.4 Lakh (Approx.) is pending from November 22, 2019 for recovery against the MLA that was not paid so far. The damage from November 23, 2019 to as on today needs to be calculated and added further," the DoV said in

Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva and Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri have welcomed the final decision of Vigilance Department of Delhi Government to write to Delhi

ing the proceedings to recover Rs 27.4 lakh from AAP MLA pending against him for misuse of office accommodation alloted for six months as a family residence for almost three years and then vacating it without paying

relevant rental charges.

Taking a dig at the AAP,
Delhi BJP President has said that Tripathi is a glaring example of dirty anarchic politics brought to Delhi by Arvind Kejriwal. 'Within days of becoming MLA, this AAP leader was involved in a riot attack on Burari Police Station in which he has been punished by Court, thereafter he did a scam of giving fake medical bills which is under investigation," he said.



Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee workers and supporters protest against the BJP over the objectionable social media poster of Rahul Gandhi at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Friday

## BJP Mahila Morcha forms groups to aware public about liquor scam

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday lashed out 1 at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and said that the way names of AAP leaders are coming up in corruption cases shows that corruption is now a common thing in AAP.

Meanwhile, BJP's Mahila Morcha workers on Friday formed 38 groups in Delhi and launched a public awareness campaign against the liquor scam and corruption of the Arvind Kejriwal Government at major intersections. Under this campaign, women workers stood at various places carrying placards on which it was written - 'AAP' drowned Delhi in liquor, now

liquor will drown 'AAP'.
"...One of their (AAP) Ministers, Satyendar Jain, went to prison in a corruption case and he was not granted bail either, then they (AAP) went a step higher with (Delhi) going to prison and now MP Sanjay Singh is also on remand on corruption charges..this shows that corruption is now a common thing in AAP. The frequent arrests of its leaders have exposed the claims made by the party led by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal," BJP spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP Sudhanshu Trivedi said at a press conference on Friday.

Trivedi further said, "...the

Delhi BJP workers holding placards protest against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejrwal near Rail Bhawan on Friday in New Delhi to play a new role," Trivedi said, proofs that have come so far claiming that the AAP has show that a change in the policy (liquor excise policy) was shown how tragic and danger-

made and this was a tactical ous such experiences can change which shows that the whole party (AAP) was involved...they withdrew the policy as soon as the CBI inquiry started and then they defended the policy as well which has made the party sink even more in this matter..."

that the case is baseless, the Rouse Avenue Court has clearly observed that prima facie, the material placed before it nowhere shows that the arrest in the present case is unwarranted and unreasonable," he

"Those who speak of having new experiences in politics ... It is no more the era of experimental politics. India is emerging strongly on the world stage

In a related development, the BJP Mahila Morcha on Friday held demonstrations to demand the resignation of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal following the arrest of AAP leaders in connection Carrying placards bearing slogans against the AAP and its national convenor Kejriwal, activists of the Mahila Morcha's Delhi unit held demonstrations at major intersections of the national capital.

Participating in the demonstrations at ITO and Rail Bhawan, Virendra Sachdeva, chief of the BJP's Delhi unit, said Kejriwal will also go to jail in the "scam".

## Liquor scam fake, Sanjay Singh arrest 'vendetta' politics: Kejriwal

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

the Enforcement ADirectorate summoned two associates of arrested AAP MP Sanjay Singh, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal cited Supreme Court's observation and said that the entire liquor scam is fake and termed AAP leader Sanjay Singh's arrest as the Centre's "vendetta" against Opposition. Kejriwal further main-

tained a carefree stance when asked about Congress' conditional support to the AAP on karein (if they don't want to support, let them be)," said Kejriwal when asked about backing by the Congress, who is a part of I.N.D.I.A alliance along with Kejriwal's AAP. Congress general secretary KC Venugopal on Thursday said that law enforcement agencies were being used to settle political scores.

But in the next two paragraphs of his post on X,



Venugopal brought up the arrest of Congress MLA Sukhpal Khaira last month in connection with a 2015 drugs case and that of party leader and former Deputy Chief money-laundering probe Minister OP Soni by the linked to the 2021-22 Delhi Punjab Vigilance Department excise policy case.

Responding to media queries, Kejriwal said false cases are being slapped in an attempt to subdue and threaten Opposition leaders and parties, and an "atmosphere of fear" has been created, which is not good for the country. The Chief Minister was interacting with reporters during his visit to the Ĝhazipur landfill site in east Delhi. "We are seeing how false

cases are being slapped in an attempt to subdue and threaten opposition leaders, opposition parties," Kejriwal said. In many instances, people are being "split" to induct them into the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is not good for democracy, he charged. Kejriwal's comments came two days after senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with its

only Ópposition leaders, but many businessmen are "also being targeted". "An atmosphere of fear that has been created in the country, not just in politics, but also in business and trade and industry, this atmosphere of fear is not good for the country. A country cannot grow (like this). The country will not progress by playing this agency-agency game," he said.

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on Friday alleged that the Hauz

If any officer talks about

taking action against any unau-

#### Rattled by INDIA bloc, BJP has unleashed agencies on Opp leaders, alleges Atishi STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI fied. First, it was the journalists

The AAP on Friday claimed the BJP is afraid of losing to the Opposition INDIA bloc in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and the party's Government at the Centre has unleashed all its agencies to suppress the alliance. Addressing a press conference, senior AAP leader and Delhi Minister Atishi said that ever since there have been talks of different Opposition parties coming together, leadraids by the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation.

She shared a list of names of such leaders, including Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Trinamool Congress president and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

"In the last week, the action by these agencies has intensi-

thorised constructions then

the AAP MLAs and coun-

cilors try to mislead the com-

plainant by accusing MCD

officers of corruption. Councilor of Patel Nagar doing

such mischief is a case in point,

Delhi Municipal Corporation

Sardar Raja İqbal Singh and

Councilor Shikha Rai also

attended the Press conference.

Both Singh and Rai asserted

that since the Aam Aadmi

Leader of Opposition in

who were raided and their mobiles and laptops were taken away as they had been raising their voice against the rise of unemployment under the Modi government. "Then it was TMC leader

she reached Krishi Bhawan for raising her voice. Then Sanjay Singh was arrested," Atishi said. The BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi are They know that they will lose the 2024 Lok Sabha elections to the INDIA alliance. They have

unleashed all their agencies to

trouble the leaders of the

alliance and suppress the voice

Mahua Moitra who was dragged by Delhi Police after

of the bloc," she alleged. Delhi Police arrested NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha and human resources head Amit Chakravarty on Tuesday after searching nearly 50 locations.

Party has come to power, not

only illegal construction but

also illegal occupations are

increasing in Delhi. Whenever the MCD takes any action

against such activities, the Aam

Aadmi Party leaders take to the

streets and stop legitimate

action against the illegal con-

Sachdeva said, "Today I am

placing before you the case of

House No. 2 of Hauz Khas vil-

lage, which comes under Green

Park Municipal Corporation

struction.

# Many Illegal constructions happening under AAP patronage: BJP

ward, in which Aam Aadmi Party's Delhi Mayor Dr Shaili Oberoi has played a suspicious role which needs to be

Elaborating on the facts of the case, Sachdeva said the Hauz Khas village case involves an 800-yard plot of which 120 yards has a business establishment of the family of an Aam Aadmi Party MP who was running it till June 2023.

"Illegal construction started in this 120 yard portion in June, 2023 and because this property falls within 115 meters of the protected monument Hauz Khas, which is a regulated area and any kind of construction is

200 stolen smartphones

prohibited here. In the month of June, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) sent its first letter to the Delhi Municipal Corporation on June 6, 2023, directing it to stop the construction," Sachdeva said.

After receiving the ASI letter, the Building Department of Southern Zone of MCD made several attempts to stop the construction but when they could not stop it, work stop notices were given twice on July 27 and August 8, he said.

### Kejriwal visits Ghazipur landfill, says clearance work 'unsatisfactory'

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

After Bhalswa and Okhla, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday visited the Ghazipur landfill site and said the progress on the clearance of garbage from the massive dump was "unsatisfactory". Interacting with reporters, Kejriwal said he has suggested that two more agencies be hired to expedite the work, with the approval of the standing committee of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi once it comes into place.

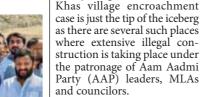
He said that three companies in a joint venture are tasked with processing the waste at the Ghazipur landfill. However, since they started working on the project, the three agencies "have been at loggerheads", the Chief Minister said, adding that the progress on garbage removal from the landfill is "not satisfactory at all".

"There is already a plan to hire another agency, so I have told them to hire two agencies instead of one, so that work can pick up speed and we can clear out this mountain of garbage as soon as possible," Kejriwal added.



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, with Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi and others, speaks to the media during his Delhi on Friday

The chief minister said once the standing committee is in place and provides clearance for the hiring of two new agencies, "we will think if the current agencies are to be retained or not". "I have been told that the MCD has done its paperwork pending the standing committee's approval," he added. The civic officials had earlier said that the deadline to flatten the Ghazipur landfill is December 2024. In 2019, the height of the Ghazipur landfill was 65 metres, only eight metres less than the height of Qutub Minar. In 2017, a portion of the Ghazipur landfill had fallen on an adjacent road in which two people were



visit to the Ghazipur landfill site, in New

Dwarka.

### L-G reviews 'Yashobhoomi' readiness for P20 Summit

Sachdeva said.

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

With just six days left for the 9th P20 Summit, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Friday reviewed the status and preparedness of "Yashobhoomi", the India International Convention Centre (IICC), and its surroundings in

During the inspection, Saxena has directed the departments concerned to spruce up neighbourhoods in the vicinity of the IICC in Dwarka. Saxena also directed the departments to ensure that the areas surrounding the venue are plastic free. After hosting Heads of

G20 countries during the G20 summit last month, the national capital is now getting ready to host the P20 Summit (meeting of G20 Parliamentary Speakers / Presiding Officers) at the India International Convention and Expo Centre Yashobhoomi -- at Dwarka from October 12 to 14. The theme of the Summit is

"Parliaments for One Earth,

One Family, One Future",

which draws inspiration

from the ancient Indian phi-

losophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. "Speakers/pre-

siding officers from more than

30 countries have confirmed their participation for the summit, scheduled on October 12-14, the Raj Niwas said in a statement.

In a review meeting on Thursday, Saxena took stock of the beautification work in and around the venue.

He asked for coordination among the departments to develop the IICC's surroundings along the lines of Bharat Mandapam, where the G20 Summit was held last month.

The Lt Governor stressed that the IICC is a zero-discharge green campus and should be free from plastics, the

## worth ₹50.91 lakh recovered

**STAFF REPORTER** NOIDA

Nearly 200 missing smart-phones worth around Rs 50.91 lakh belonging to Noida residents have been recovered and handed over to their owners. The police has recovered these phones from parts of Delhi-NCR, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar with many of them being used by people who purchased the devices from the secondhand market.

The phones included devices which were either stolen, snatched or went missing from the possession of owners without their knowledge, the police said. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Noida) Harish Chander said, "A special initiative named 'Operation Sahyog' was carried out over last three months to recover these phones."

"As many as 191 smartphones worth around Rs 50.91 lakh have been recovered and are being handed over to their owners after due procedure," Chander said. Additional DCP Shakti Mohan Avasthy said the department had taken a database of complaints regarding mobile phones missing from

May 2022. "We ran a search of their IMEI numbers to find out which of those mobile phones are being used even now," Avasthy

told reporters. "There are mobile phones which were sold in second-hand market and were being used by people who bought it unbeknownst to them that their device was stolen," he He said the initiative was

called Operation Sahyog since it required cooperation of many people who were using these as second-hand purchases. "Sometimes when we called

up the persons using such phones, they doubted our identity as police officials and only after we assured them of our authenticity did they agree to cooperate and return the phone,"

## We will uproot Naxalism in 2 years: Shah

PNS NEW DELHI

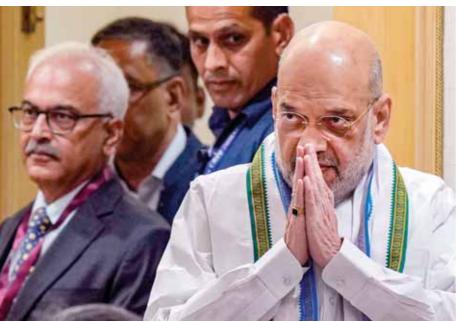
rnion Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday asserted that Left Wing Extremism (LWE) will be totally eliminated from the country in two years and stressed the need for constant surveillance in the areas freed from Naxals to check any possibility of revival.

Chairing a meeting to review the security situation in LWE-affected States, Shah said the Modi government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance against left wing extremism since 2014.

As a result, he said, the year 2022 saw the lowest level of LWE violence and deaths in the last four decades. "Naxalism is a curse to

to uproot it in all its forms," Shah The review meeting was attended by the Chief Ministers

humanity and we are resolved



Union Home Minister Amit Shah greets the gathering upon his arrival at a review meeting on Left Wing Extremism, in New

Pradesh and Jharkhand. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also attended the meeting where Odisha, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh were represented by State ministers.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said the face of Naxal-affected areas in the state was changing for the better due to development schemes.

According to a statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) in Mumbai, Shinde said urban Naxalism is being propagated through the internet and social media, and there is a need to create an effective mechanism to stop it, he

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren also advocated continued deployment of paramilitary forces to battle the problem. The chief minister also sought the fixing of the

tenure of the IG of CRPF deputed in the state for at least three years in order to maintain continuity in anti-Naxal opera-

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy Friday affirmed that LWE is on the wane in the State and Maoist activities are confined only to a few pockets.

Home minister Shah said all the affected States need to make efforts by forming a joint team of civil and police administration to dismantle the network of financial support of LWE. Shah said the NIA and the

ED are working closely with all State agencies to attack the financing of the LWE. There is also a need to

monitor Naxals from areas where this problem has been eliminated and do not take shelter in other states, he

5 data, India has significantly

reduced the neonatal mortali-

ty rate to 24.9 per 1000 live births, down from 29.5 in the

previous survey. Its share of the

global newborn mortality bur-

den came down from one-

third in 1990 to below a quar-

ter now. But the country still

registers the highest number of

neonatal deaths across the

world. While preterm births are

not the only reason for neona-

tal deaths, they remain one of

In its report 'Born Too

Soon' released in May 2023, the

WHO has noted that prema-

ture births as one of the two

the most significant causes.



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla briefs the media on the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) at the Parliament House complex, in New Delhi, on Friday

### **G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit** on October 13, 14

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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P-20) will be held in the Parliament House Complex and at the newly constructed India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC), Yashobhoomi, Dwarka on October 13 and 14.

On October 13, the summit will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Yashobhoomi.

Birla said that apart from G-20 countries, 10 other countries and international organizations will participate in the Summit and so far, 50 Parliamentarians and 14 Secretaries General including 26 Presidents, 10 Vice Presidents, 01 Committee Chairman and the IPU President have confirmed their participation. The President of the Pan African Parliament

will be participating in the P-

20 Summit in India for the first time, said Birla.

"With the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam -One Earth, One Family, One Future, India aims to provide consensus-based solutions to complex global issues towards a more inclusive, peaceful and equitable world, said Birla. He also said four high-level

sessions will be organized during the P-20 Summit, which is as follows: Accelerating SDGs, Sustainable Energy Transition, Women-led Development, Transformation in People's Lives through Public Digital Platforms.

These sessions will bring together G-20 members and guest countries for wide-ranging discussions on "how Parliaments can effectively advance the objectives of the P-

Birla said the Summit will conclude with a joint statement urging G-20 governments to provide solutions to major global challenges based on equality, inclusivity and peace.

## Sharad meets Kharge, Rahul for future INDIA plan



meeting with NCP chief Sharad Pawar at his residence, in New Delhi on Friday PTI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Friday met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi to chalk out the plan forward for the opposition alliance INDIA and the prospect of both the parties as well their third partner Uddhav Thackeray led Shiv Sena in Maharashtra as MVA coalition.

A day earlier Pawar had said after Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra, the former Congress ly and someday he would provide leadership to the nation.

Sources said the three top leaders discussed the current political situation including the unleashing of the probing agencies like ED, IT, CBI against the opposition members which includes Parliamentarians treated as criminals.

The meeting lasted around 40 minutes where they also chalked out plans for the next meeting of the INDIA bloc. Some opposition leaders are suggesting that the next meeting of be held in West Bengal while Delhi is already on the discussion.

The first meeting of Opposition leaders was convened by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar at Patna followed by second meeting at Bengaluru where the alliance name as INDIA was coined and the third held last month in Mumbai.

After the meeting with Pawar, Kharge later posted pictures of his meeting with Pawar

on social media and stated the meeting was to further raise the voice of the people of the country. "We are ready for every challenge," he said while using INDIA bloc's tagline - 'Judega Bharat, Jeetega INDIA (India will unite, INDIA will win)," Kharge mentioned.

Pawar also posted his pictures of the meeting on social media and said, "Paid a cour-tesy visit to INC President MP Malikarjun Kharge at his residence. MP Rahul Gandhi, NCP MLA Jitendra Awhad and Gurdeep Sappal, INC CWC Member were also pre-The leaders also discussed

Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) nine-member coordination committee, consisting of three leaders from each constituent, to discuss seat-sharing in Maharashtra for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Maharashtra, which has 48 Lok Sabha seats is the second highest after Uttar Pradesh (80) and the India alliance is looking for a better show. MVA allies have agreed that winnability should be the criteria for distribution of Lok Sabha constituencies. Congress will hold a regionwise review of all the 48 Lok Sabha seats in the state from

October 7 to October 12 Friday's discussions come after a joint public meeting of the INDIA alliance in Bhopal in October was cancelled. It could not be held following opposition by Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath over statements by DMK including Udhayanidhi Stalin, against

'Sanatan Dharma'.

### Preterm births in India highest in world Family Health Survey (NFHS)

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India contributed 20 per cent of all preterm births (3.02 million), the highest in the world followed by Pakistan, Nigeria, China, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the US, according to a study published in The Lancet.

A preterm birth is defined as a baby who is born before the 37th week of gestation, as opposed to the normal term of 40 weeks. Preterm births have a higher chance of neonatal mortality (children dying within one month of birth).

The analysis revealed that India has not shown any

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The Delhi High Court on Friday sought the response

of Delhi Police on the pleas filed

by NewsClick founder Prabir

Purkayastha and human

resources department head

Amit Chakravarty challenging

their arrest in a case lodged

under anti-terror law Unlawful

Activities (Prevention) Act

(UAPA). Justice Tushar Rao

Gedela also asked the police to

file replies to their applications

seeking interim release till the

matter for further hearing on

October 9 as the first case.

The High Court listed the

improvement in reducing preterm or premature births in the previous decade, a trend which was in contrast with the improvements that the country has made in other maternal and child mortality indicators over the same time period.

The paper analysed preterm births in 2020 across 194 countries and compared them with trends from 2010. It found that the preterm birth rate - i.e., the number of births that took place prematurely every 1000 live births - was 13.0 in 2020, almost identical to the rate of 13.1 in 2010.

However, the authors said that these absolute numbers must be interpreted with few caveats, two being the reflec-

Chakravarty were arrested by

the Special Cell of the Delhi

Police on October 3 and were

ordered to be in their custody till

October 11. Police have sealed

the NewsClick's office in Delhi.

The portal has been accused of

receiving money to spread pro-

large amount of funds to the

news portal came from China to

"disrupt the sovereignty of India"

and cause disaffection against

the country. It also alleged

Purkayastha conspired with a

group — People's Alliance for

(PADS) — to sabotage the elec-

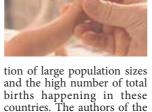
toral process during the 2019

These foreign funds were

Lok Sabha polls.

According to the FIR, a

China propaganda.



countries. The authors of the paper added that these high numbers of preterm births were also reflective of "weaker health systems that are unable to deliver high-quality family planning, antenatal care, and childbirth services to all individuals who need them".

According to the National

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member of the propaganda

department of the Communist

Party of China, Neville Roy

has also challenged the trial

court's order remanding them in

police custody and sought quashing of the FIR in the case.

investigating officer to produce

the case diary before it on

Monday and ensure the medical

condition of Chakravarty, who

is differently-abled, is not com-

Mehta, representing the Delhi

Police, said replies to the inter-

im prayers will be filed within a

day. He urged the court to grant

promised.

Besides their arrest, the duo

The High Court asked the

Singham, said the FIR.

underlying causes of low birth **High Court seeks Delhi Police response on NewsClick plea** 

him some time to get instructions and list the matter for Monday. As the counsel for Purkavastha and Chakravarty urged the high court to order Monday, Justice Gedela said interim relief cannot be grant-

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Purkayastha, said a raid was conducted at the residence of his client on the morning of October 3 and he was taken to the office of the Special Cell at Lodhi Road.

He was arrested the same evening at around 7 pm. The next day, he was taken to the residence of the idence of the trial court judge at around 6-6:30 am for production where the prosecutor and legal aid counsel were present but the family members or counsel of Purkavastha were not informed, argued Sibal.

bers and counsel were later informed about the remand proceedings. They objected when told that the remand

WhatsApp and he can file his objections using the same mode. The remand application was sent through WhatsApp message to Purkayastha's counsel at around 7:07 pm after which he sent a document containing detailed objections to the grant of remand on the same number, the senior lawyer said.

application will be sent through

However, they came to know that Purkayastha had already been sent to police custody for seven days and the trial court's order records that it was signed at 6 am, which could not order was passed at least till 7 AM when the petitioner's family member was called to join the

## SC seeks reply from Centre, States on plea for national programme to tackle muscular dystrophy

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

he Supreme Court on The Supreme Court on Friday sought responses from the Centre, AIIMS and States on a plea by 251 children suffering from muscular dystrophy seeking reliefs, including a direction to them to launch a national programme for awareness and treatment of the rare debilitating disease. Muscular dystrophy (MD)

refers to a group of genetic diseases that cause progressive weakness and degeneration of skeletal muscles. These disor-

ders vary in age of onset, severity, and the pattern of the affected muscles. All forms of MD grow worse over time as muscles progressively degenerate and weaken and many patients eventually lose the ability to walk.

A bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala took note of the submissions of lawyer Utsav Singh Bains and issued notices to the Centre and others on the plea. The petition said the public at large needed to be educated about the disease and a standard



policy or scheme for issuing unique ID cards be put in place for the patients so they could avail themselves of the treatment free of cost in government and private hospi-

The plea also sought formulation of a policy to allow free prenatal test for pregnant women for prevention of birth of children with muscular dystrophy and setting up of gene therapy centres in every state capital and in union territories. Medicines to treat muscular dystrophy should it said, adding trials for gene therapy be also started. According to medical journals, a conservative estimate of overall prevalence of the disease is 29 people per one

lakh population.

be made available free of cost,

#### plea against approval to probe babus for graft PIONEER NEWS SERVICE interjected. "Sanction for pros-

SC to hear on Nov 20

The Supreme Court said on The Supreme Court care
Friday it will hear on November 20 the arguments on a plea challenging the consti-tutional validity of a provision of the anti-graft law which mandates obtaining prior sanction from the competent authority before launching an inquiry against a public servant in a corruption case.

The plea came up for hearing before a bench comprising Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for petitioner NGO 'Centre for Public Interest Litigation' (CPIL), told the bench that the plea relates to a "very important matter". "It is challenge to the amendment to the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA) which says that no inquiry or investigation in any corruption case can be done without the prior approval of

The apex court had on November 26, 2018 issued notice to the Centre seeking its response on the plea against the validity of amended section 17A (1) of the PCA. During the hearing on Friday, Bhushan said as per the amended section, no inquiry, enquiry or investigation in a corruption case can be done without the prior sanction of the overnment.

One of the aspects of pros-

ecution is there. We are not challenging that. We are only challenging the sanction for inquiry or investigation," Bhushan said. The bench posted the matter for hearing on

the amended section curtailed investigation against corrupt officials at the threshold, and it was the third attempt by the government to introduce a provision which has already been held unconstitutional by the apex court twice.

It said that according to the amended Act, prior sanction for inquiry or investigation is required only where the alleged offence by a public servant is relatable to any recommendation made or decision taken by such public servant in discharge of his official functions

"It would be extremely difficult for the police to determine whether a complaint about an alleged offence is relatable to any recommendation made or decision taken by a public servant, especially as even an enquiry cannot be made without prior sanction,"

alleged offence is relatable to any recommendation made or decision taken by a public servant could become a matter of litigation and will impede timebound action in cases of cor-

### Focus on trauma care to save lives of trauma patients and South Africa. The preva-

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Aglobal comparative study on road accidents has highlighted the need for a national law on Trauma Care Calls for establishment of the Right to Emergency Medical Care, with a special focus on trauma care, to save lives of trauma patients.

The demand has come after nearly 4,00,000 deaths in India were designated as "accidental deaths" with majority of them caused by road crashes. Between 2017 and 2021 alone, over 700,000 people have been killed in road crashes.

A 2020 report by the Ministry of Home Affairs states that well-established trauma care systems greatly help to reduce such deaths by nearly 20-25 per cent and serious disabil-

ities by more than half. The 2020 Vital Statistics of India data released by the MHA mentioned that approximately 45 percent of the total fatalities registered during the year, amounting to 36.5 lakh people, died without receiving any medical As per the Emergency and

Injury Care at District Hospitals in India report by NITI Aayog and AIIMS published in 2021, compliance with availability of overall recommended biomedical equipment and critical equipment was largely deficient in district hospitals, to the tune of 45-60 percent.

The report also revealed that none of the district hospitals studied had all of the essential emergency medicines recommended for emergency

To gauge where the gap lies with regard to the available emergency medical care in India, both in terms of written statutes and systems available SaveLIFE Foundation, in collaboration with the Thomson Reuters Foundation's TrustLaw Network has undertaken a global study to report on the preva-

lence of legal statutes to guar-

antee emergency medical care as a Statutory Right and the sub-sequent availability of commensurate systems in the stud-

ied countries The selected countries include a mix of both develop-

ing and developed nations,

including the USA, Germany,

England and Wales, Malaysia,

Australia, Brazil, Japan, Pakistan

has also been studied and included in the report. The study investigated five distinct aspects of emergency medical care in these countries

lence of such legal guarantees

and grassroots systems in India

including availability of guaranteed/statutory right to emergency medical care; existence of separate federal and state laws and/or guidelines on the right and access to emergency medical care, and the ways in which they are harmonised and enforced.

'Trauma care helps preserve our fundamental right to life, but delivery of such care requires a system with interlinked sub-systems and uniform standards. Such standards can very well be established without an explicit 'Right to

tion would ensure that a framework to establish such standards and systems exist with appropriate authority, accountability and long-term sustainability. The 'Right to Education

Act, 2009 is a classic example of how legislation can spur the creation of systems to ensure that the country progresses ahead.

This report documents the recedent of such actions taken y high as well as low- and middle-income countries. We hope that it will motivate a muchneeded discourse amongst all stakeholders, with saving lives being at the front and centre of all discussions," said Piyush Tewari, CEO and Founder, SaveLIFE Foundation which is closely working with the Union

Road Transport and State

Transport Ministries.

the government," he said.

ecution is sanction, the bench

November 20. The plea pointed out that

said the petition.

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## **DRDO** chairman honours meritorious students

Secretary, Department of Defence (R&D) and Chairman, Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Dr Sameer V Kamat honoured the meritorious students with medals and awards at the 12th convocation ceremony of Indian Institute of Technology (Banaras Hindu University) at Swatantrata Bhawan in BHU here on Friday as the chief guest. A total of 108 medals (106 gold and two silver) and awards were given to 66 students.

In the convocation ceremony, degrees were awarded to 1,660 students of various courses of the institute, including 954 BTech, 247 IDD, 223 M Tech/ M Pharma and 44 MSc students. The doctoral degrees were also awarded to more than 192 research scholars. Divyansh Chandra Roy, B Tech, Electronics Engineering, was awarded five gold medals and two awards, including the President's Gold Medal for overall excellent performance in academics at the B Tech level in the IIT (BHU) and demonstrated excellent performance in all areas and organisational and leadership abilities. Raghav

#### 12TH IIT (BHU) CONVOCATION



in Varanasi on Friday

Soni, B Tech, Electronics Engineering was awarded the Director's Gold Medal for his contribution.

The prize distribution function was conducted by Dean of Academics, Prof Shyam Bihari Dwivedi. During this, Chairman of the Board of Governors Padma Shri Dr Kota Harinarayan, Director of the institute Prof Pramod Kumar Jain and Registrar (in-charge) Rajan Srivastava were also present on the stage. Before this, the function started with garlanding of the statue of Bharat Ratna Pt Madan Mohan Malaviya, lighting of lamp,

chanting of Vedic mantras and recital of 'kulgeet'. The commencement of the convocation was announced by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Padma Shri Dr Kota Harinarayan. After this, Director Prof Pramod Kumar

Jain read the report of the

achievements of the institute. After this a total of nine alumni were honoured with the Distinguished Alumnus/ Alumna Student Award 2023-24 in the convocation programme. These include Ghanshyam Prasad (Electrical-88) in the professional field, Prof Alok Gupta (Mining-88)

in the academic field, Sudhir Singh (Civil-93) in the industry/entrepreneurship field, Manu K Vora (Chemical-68)) for public life, Vikas Agrawal (Chemical-95) and Soumya Sarkar (Mechanical-79) for distinguished service to the institute and Prateek Maheshwari (Mechanical-11), Dr Akshay Kumar Rathore (Electrical-03) and Abhilash Sreedharan (Metallurgy-08) were awarded the Young Alumnus Achiever Ghanshyam Prasad, Dr

Akshay Kumar Rathore and Prateek Maheshwari were present in the ceremony, who were honoured with the prestigious Alumni Award 2023-24 by the Director and given a cheque of ₹51,000. The awards were announced by Dean (Resources and Alumni) Prof Rajeev Srivastava. Dean of Research and Development Prof Vikash Kumar Dubey, Dean of Student Affairs, Prof LP Singh, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Dr RK Singh, members of the Senate, heads of departments of all departments, coordinators, members of the Board of Directors, teachers, officers, students and their parents were also present at the ceremony.

### Air show: Full dress rehearsal conducted

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

he full dress rehearsal of the **I** Indian Air Force (IAF) took place on Friday ahead of the air show to be held here on October 8. This rehearsal was organised at Central Air Command (CAC) headquarters, Bamrauli. The para jumper jumped down from a height of 8,000 feet at a speed of 150 kilometres. The soldiers separated the entire moving part of the gypsy and then tied it in the same way. It took only five minutes for the brave men to do all this. After a while, Surva Kiran's team created the shape of Tejas in the sky through smoke, while Sarang helicopters created a heart and an arrow piercing it. The 91st Foundation Day of the IAF will be celebrated here on October 8. In the air show to be held on this day, 120 aircraft and helicopters like Tejas will be seen performing stunts. Before it Air Force fighter planes are rehearsing. CO of Sarang team SK Mishra said the team will perform aerial stunts over the Sangam for 12 minutes. The team includes 18 people including women personnel Squadron Leader Kshipra. Alok Kumar from Surya Kiran team said nine planes will fly past simultaneously in the air. Tejas will perform tricks in the air by making various shapes like dolphin leap, diamond ring

through smoke from MiG-29. To make this air show historic, the entire team of Air Force officers from across the country has camped here. The Sangam area has been declared a no-flying zone. The Sangam area has been completely evacuated. Whatever temporary shops were set up in front of Hanuman temple in Sangam, the administration has got them all removed. No shop of any kind has been allowed to be set up at Sangam Nose till October 8.

WILDLIFE WEEK: In support of Prime Minister's Vision to protect Environment, College of Forestry of Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (SHUATS) is celebrating the 69th edition of Wildlife Week from October 2 to 8 with the theme 'Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation'. The Wildlife Week celebration is a momentous occasion dedicated to raising awareness about wildlife conservation in India and underscores the vital role of collaborative efforts in preserving the nation's rich biodiversity. Chief guest on the occasion Prof Dr Antony Joseph Raj, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dean, College of Forestry informed that India is one of the richest biodiversity hotspots comprising seven-eight per cent of all recorded

ly about 91,797 species of animals and 46,340 species of plants. Prof Antony proudly mentioned that India, with great wealth of biological diversity, is home to 411 species of mammals, 1,232 birds, 456 reptiles, 219 amphibians, 2,546 fish, 83,436 kinds of invertebrates and over 50,000 plant species. He highlighted the importance of wildlife conservation efforts in our country which has scripted a remarkable success story in the growth of tigers with the help of 53 tiger reserves and it is a proud moment for India for increasing the tiger population from 1,411 in 2006 to 2,967 in 2018 and finally to 3167 in 2022.

He said the significant mammals of pride of India are Asiatic lion, Royal Bengal tiger, Asiatic elephant, snow leopard, leopard, Indian rhinoceros, Indian bison, lion-tailed macaque, langur, deer, black buck etc. Prof Dr Antony urged the students and young people to stand as a significant stride in raising awareness and instilling a sense of responsibility for conservation of India's remarkable wildlife. In his welcome address, Dr Afaq M Wani, Head of Forest Biology, Tree Improvement and Wildlife Sciences, stressed the significance of wildlife conservation in India and our moral responsibility to preserve the faunal

future generations. He also emphasised the significance of awareness celebrations to raise knowledge of students about wildlife conservation. Dr. Afaq added that the stress on wildlife habitat has been caused by population growth. Dr Abhishek James, Associate Dean of College of Forestry, proposed the vote of thanks. Dr lames thanked Prof Dr Antony J Raj, Pro-Vice Chancellor and chief guest), Dr Afaq M Wani (Head), all faculty members and students for making the Wildlife Week celebrations in College of Forestry a grand success. The important events and competitions for the students were quiz competition, drawing competition, wildlife photography competition and scientific name (wild animals and birds) writing competition. Certificates and prizes were distributed to the deserving winners of the competitions. The organising committee members of the wildlife week celebrations were Dr Satyendra Nath (Head, Environmental Science), Dr Neelam Khare (Head, Forest Products), Dr Harsh Bodh Paliwal, Dr Sameer Daniel, Dr Hemant Kumar, Dr Ekta P Mishra, Dr Bipasha David, Dr Iba, Dr Joĥn, Dr Amreen Hasan, Mohd Sameer, Satish Kumar, Clint Sones, Anup Kujur, Sanjeet Kumar and Sanjay Kumar.

## ICMR-RMRIMS, BHU sign MoU

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The Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences (ICMR-RMRIMS) Patna and Banaras Hindu University (BHU) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at BHU here on Friday for the exchange of academic activities between the two institutions. Prof Arun Kumar Singh, Registrar, BHU, Prof Rakesh Kumar Singh, Department of Biochemistry, BHU, Prof S Shrikrishna, HoD, Department of Biochemistry, BHU, Dr Krishna Pandey, Director, ICMR-RMRIMS, Jagdish Rajesh, ADG (Admin), ICMR New Delhi, Dr Ashish Kumar, Scientist, ICMR-RMRIMS, Dr Kumar Abhishek, Scientist, ICMR-RMRIMS and Udai Kumar, Senior ACO, New Delhi, were present during the signing ceremony. Dr Krishna Pandey, Director, ICMR-RMRIMS, Patna, and Prof Arun Kumar



The RMRIMS, Patna, and BHU officers at the MoU signing function in Varanasi on

Singh, Registrar, BHU signed the MoU documents in the presence of Jagdish Rajesh, ADG (Admin), ICMR New Delhi and exchanged with each other. During the programme, Dr Krishna Pandey and Prof Rakesh Kumar Singh emphasised that this understanding between the two institutions will definitely help the students and research scholars of this region to undertake research zon of research areas in the

activities and utilise the modern facilities available in both institutions. The exchange of knowledge between the two institutions will further help in strengthening human research capacity building. The Registrar of BHU was of the view that the academic exchange of students and faculties between the two institutions will generate a new hori-

coming days and was hopeful that both institutions will work shoulder to shoulder to achieve the target. The BHU Registrar in his address said that both central institutions will work closely for the betterment of academics among students. During the signing ceremony, the faculties and research scholars were present. Prof Rakesh Kumar Singh proposed the vote of thanks and anchored the programme. The delegates of BHU and ICMR-RMRIMS were also present.

INTERACTION: In an endeavour to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real world industry practices, the School of Biochemical Engineering at IIT (BHU) hosted a dynamic Student Enrichment Activity- Industry Expert Interaction. The event brought together aspiring students and a seasoned industry professional Rajesh Date of SFC Environmental Environmental Technologies, Mumbai.

## RED North inaugurates Suraksha Sthal

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 $R_{(North)\ Praveen\ Saxena}^{egional\ Executive\ Director}$ inaugurated Suraksha Sankalp Sthal constructed inside the NTPC Rihand plant premises in Sonbhadra district on Thursday. This place has been developed with an aim to showcase the safety first approach in this largest power generating company of Uttar Pradesh. Speaking on the occasion, Saxena gave information to the employees and contract workers about various aspects of security along with security pledges. He, along with Rihand Project Head Sanjeev Kumar, also honoured 'Suraksha

After that the RED (North) visited Stage-2 with a capacity of 500 MW and inspected all the major places. Saxena also held several review meetings with employees and officers at workplaces and highlighted the opportunities as well as



RED (North) Praveen Saxena at the inaugural function of Suraksha Sankalp Sthal at NTPC Rihand in Sonebhadra district on Thursday

challenges in the power sector. Pankaj Mediratta, GM (O&M), Srivastava, (Operations), RN Sinha GM (Maintenance), SS Pradhan, GM (ADM), Jimmy Joseph, AGM (Security), Zakir Khan AGM (HR) and employees of NTPC Rihand and others were also present on the occa-

NTPC Meanwhile, Rihand Rajbhasha Section

organised the 'kavi sammelan' in Tarang Auditorium with the aim of promoting the official language and showcasing its prevalence. The 'kavi sammelan' was started with the devotional offering of flowers to Goddess Saraswati and lighting of the lamp. In this 'kavi sammelan', veteran poets from different corners of the

country, including famous

poets Arun Gemini, Pratap

Praveen Saxena, Chairperson of Uttara Mahila Club Dr Neelam Saxena and other distinguished guests and poets. The programme was conducted by Dr Sarita Sharma. Speaking on the occasion, the RED (North) expressed his happiness to be a part of such a rich cultural programme. He said poetry transcends boundaries and connects people together through the beauty of language and emotions. Project Head NTPC Shaktinagar Rajeev Akotkar, Chairperson of Vanita Samaj Piyusha Akotkar,GM (O & M) of NTPC Vindhyachal Rajesh Bhardwaj and Chairperson Suhasini Sangh Subha Bhardwaj and many

others were also present.

Singh Faujdar, Dr Sarita

Sharma, Sudeep Bhola and

Neelotpal Mrinal participated.

Sanjeev Kumar welcomed the

chief guest and RED (North)

In the beginning, Project Head of NTPC Rihand

### Awareness programme on muscular dystrophy

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¬he Centre for Genetic

Disorders (CGD) led by Prof Parimal Das and Prof Ashok Kumar, Institute of Medical Science (IMS), Banaras Hindu University (BHU), in a collaborative effort with the Special Abled Foundation and Prof SP Ray Chaudhuri Memorial Foundation organised a comprehensive one-day awareness programme on muscular dystrophy under the aegis of 'Mission Programme on Paediatric Rare Genetic Disorders'. This event aimed to raise awareness about muscular dystrophy, emphasising the significance of early detection, prevention, and community support. About 20 muscular dystrophy patients and their family members joined the programme offline.

The event commenced with a warm welcome to the guests, followed by a floral tribute and garlanding ceremony in honour of Pt Madan Mohan Malaviya. Prof Parimal Das delivered the welcome address, setting a tone of empathy and inclusivity.

Chief guests Prof SC Lakhotia and Prof AN Gangopadhyay emphasised the importance of genetic testing in disease prevention, urging society to eliminate the taboo associated with such testing encouraging more people to come forward for genetic testing. Dr Akhtar Ali, Coordinator, CGD, shared the organisation's ongoing efforts in diagnosing and supporting patients referred from IMS (BHU) for genetic testing and their families affected by muscular dystrophy.

Prof Rajiva Raman gave an insightful public awareness lecture, which delved into the scientific basis of the disease,

tions can lead to debilitating conditions. He also highlighted the latest therapies and treatment options available, offering hope to affected indi-

Ojha of Special Abled Foundation and Dr Tulsi from DISCC shared valuable insights on disease management and the importance of rehabilitation. Dr Ojha emphasised government relief grant schemes and stressed the necessity of collaboration between scientists, clinicians and patient families to expedite drug approvals. Dr K Thangaraj, former Director, CDFD and JC Bose Fellow of CSIR CCMB Hyderabad and Dr Ashwin Dalal, Coordinator of the Mission Programme shared their thoughts online. Dr Subha Phadke, SGPGIMS, Lucknow also shared her message for the

programme was the panel discussion on 'Muscular Dystrophy: Current Challenges and Steps Towards Disease Management' moderated by Dr Chandana Basu. This panel had representation of clinicians, researchers, and affected families and allowed interaction and opportunity to ask questions. The panel, com-prising experts like Dr Tulsi, Dr Deepika Joshi, Prof Rajiva Raman, Prof Ankur Singh, Dr Akhtar Ali and Dr Neela Visha Lakshmi provided valuable insights, fostering an informative and interactive session. A lot of myths and stereotypes related to muscular dystrophy

Jain, MPDF, BHU

NGO founders Dr Uttam

A pivotal moment in the uperintendent of Police (SP) records updated.

were addressed. All the patients were given a custom designed coffee mug. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr Garima

#### **LIVIU reviews preparations** Mukt Bharat Abhiyan at the

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Sandeep Chaudhary reviewed the preparations for making the third and final phase of the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 successful. The campaign will start in the district from October 9. Presiding over the meeting of the District Task Force at his office here on Thursday, he directed the officers concerned to prepare the micro plan as soon as possible in which special emphasis should be laid on covering children from birth to five years of age and pregnant women who are missing regular vaccination. The CMO also gave emphasis on high risk, urban slums and remote areas in the campaign to ensure 100 per cent vaccination of those families who are indifferent towards vaccination. "Maximum publicity regarding the locations of vaccination sessions should be done through call slips, so that families can easily get their children and pregnant women vaccinathe said. ACMO (Immunisation) Dr AK Maurya said that all preparations for the campaign have been completed and all superintendents and incharge medical officers have been directed to ensure 100 per cent vaccination of all the left out children and pregnant women in this last phase of the campaign so that in future there is no need to run anymore such campaign. He said that regular vaccination sessions are being conducted in the district every Wednesday and Saturday. Despite this due to some reasons many children and pregnant women are left out. Vaccination protects children

and pregnant women from serious diseases as well as complications from vaccine-preventable congenital diseases and it develops immunity in children, he added. In the meeting, ACMOs Dr SS Kanojia, Dr Sanjay Rai, Deputy CMOs Dr Amit Kumar Singh, Dr Nikunj Kumar Verma, Senior Medical Officer Dr Yatish Bhuvan Pathak, superintendents and medical officer in-charges of CHCs and PHCs, DHEIO Harivansh Yadav, DUHC Ashish Singh and representatives of NHM, WHO, UNICEF, UNDP and others were also present. Meanwhile, a one-day training workshop was organised on the topic 'TB Mukt Panchayat Abhiyan' and new initiative 'TB Family Care Giver' under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) and Prime Minister TB

same place. On the occasion, 28 health workers and five gram panchayat officers were made master trainers. This training is being conducted in two batches and in the next (second) batch of 31 health workers and three gram panchayat officers were trained on Friday. In the training, District Programme Coordinator (DPC) of NTEP Sanjay Chaudhary, District PPM Coordinator Naman Gupta and State Level Observer from WHO Dr VJ Vinod gave detailed information to all the participants about the TB Mukt Panchayat Abhiyan. DPC Sanjay Chaudhary said that till now a treatment supporter was an ASHA worker but now to take care of the patient, the responsibility of caregiver will be assigned to his/her family or someone close to him.

## inspects weekly parade

CORRESPONDENT MIRZAPUR

**S**Abhinandan inspected the weekly parade at Police Lines on Friday morning. The SP inspected the drill and emphasised on physical fitness. The SP inspected the mess, kitchen, Police Lines premises and directed the officials to maintain cleanliness in entire area, including barracks and residential quarters. During inspection of PRV 112 he asked the officials concerned to ensure regular repair. The SP during the inspection of office directed the staff to keep the

The SP was accompanied by Circle Officer (CO) Lalganj Manjari Rao, reserve inspector and incharges of all branches located at Police Lines during the inspection.

ARRESTED: Two miscreants carrying a reward of ₹25,000 each were nabbed after

an encounter on Thursday. Mamta Tiwari of Babura village under Vindhyachal police station had lodged a case on September 30 alleging that her purse was snatched by two unknown motorcycle-borne miscreants near Patengara under Vindhyachal police station when she was on the way. She said her purse contained about ₹14,000 cash and other documents. After registering the case

the police started the investigation and through CCTV cameras the miscreants were identified and efforts were on to nab them. On Thursday Station House Officer (SHO) Vindhyachal Arvind Mishra was tipped off by an informer about the location of the miscreants near Dadar hillock.On seeing the police the miscreants opened fire. The police team also retaliated in self defence. As a result the criminals were

shot in the legs and caught by

the miscreants and recovered ₹10,500 cash, two 315 bore countrymade guns, two empty cartridges and one live cartridge from their possession. The motorcycle of the micreants was seized. Abhinandan said the miscreants were involved in several cases of snatching. After the arrest the criminals were sent to hospital for treatment. SHO Vindhyachal Arvind Mishra and SOG incharge Madhav Singh led the police team in the operation.

**MEETING:** A meeting jointly presided over by District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjan and SP Abhinandan was held in Police Lines on Thursday to consider help to victims of acid attack, under POCSO Act, Dowry Act and other cases related to harassment of women under Rani Laxmi Bai Samman Kosh scheme. In the meeting file related to various

cases of harassment of women was submitted by Probation Officer Shakti Tripathi after completing all formalities, including proper inquiry for approval of the proposal.

The meeting was also attended Development Officer (CDO) Srilaxmi VS, Additional District Magistrate (Finance and Revenue) Shiv Pratap Shukla, City Magistrate Vinay Kumar Singh, ASPs, Women Welfare Officer Manju Yadav and other officials concerned. TEENAGER JUMPS

INTO RIVER: A teenager jumped into the Ganga from Bhatauli bridge on Thursday. Akash Saroj (18) of Lendu Chapaur under Dehat Kotwali police station jumped into the river on Thursday evening. On getting information the Kachhawaan police reached the spot and a search is being done by engaging divers, last

reports received here said.

### Disclose information under RTI Act effectively: Uprety



State Information Commissioner AK Uprety addressing public information officers of BHU in Varanasi on Friday

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State Information Commissioner Ajaya Kumar Uprety has called upon the public information officers (PIOs) and first appellate authorities to effectively disclose information under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, so that the objectives of this law of empowering the general public can be achieved. He was communicating with the PIOs and first appellate authorities of various departments of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) at the Central Office in BHU here on Friday. Uprety said that the objective of the RTI Act is to provide easy access to the information necessary for public interest and to maintain transparency in government work. He gave the 4C formula to the public information officers for effective implementation of the RTI Act. He said that by communicating with the information seeker, cooperating in presenting the information request in the correct form, maintaining contact with the applicant and making efforts towards understanding the RTI Act correctly, the PIOs and first appellate officers can effectively discharge their duty.

Regarding the practical challenges faced by the PIOs, he also suggested solutions in the light of the Act. He said that

PIOs should understand all the provisions of the RTI Act properly and dispose of the applications related to information efficiently. He also mentioned several important decisions taken by the Supreme Court and various High Courts regarding the effective implementation of the Act. BHU Registrar Prof Arun Kumar Singh while throwing light on the origin of the RTI Act and said that the intention of this Act is to ensure the public continues to get information. He said that the RTI Act has today become an important medium of empowerment of the common citizen. In his presidential address, BHU Rector Prof VK Shukla said through this dialogue programme, PIOs have become aware of many practical aspects which they face regularly. He suggested that such communication programmes should be organised regularly for public information and first appellate officers, so that effective, transparent and efficient functioning of the system can be possible. Joint Registrar (Administration-Teaching) and Nodal Officer of RTI Act, BHU, Dr SP Mathur introduced the chief guest. The directors of various institutes, deans of faculties, heads of departments, and PIOs and first appellate officers of various departments and units of the university were present in the www.dailypioneer.com

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

## **Deluge of apathy**

Sikkim flash flood has claimed several lives after decade-old warnings were conveniently ignored

■irst Uttarakhand, then Himachal Pradesh and now Sikkim. India may be consistently breaking new ground on all parameters of progress, human index, economy, technology and infra development, but its decades-old intrinsic habit of biding time before any tragedy just refuses to go away. It is a sad commentary on the state of affairs that rather than taking preemptive action when red flags are raised years in advance, the authorities choose to react to natural calamities only after the nation records avoidable losses. On October 4, the picturesque Sikkim became the latest Himalayan State to be struck by calamity when a cloudburst over Lhonak lake triggered a flash flood in Teesta river, causing widespread loss to life and property. As the torrential waters flowed into the Teesta, its banks swelled, leading to extensive flooding in the Lachen Valley. The floodwaters also inundated several towns in Teesta basin, leaving a trail of destruction in their wake. Besides



22 Army men, over 3,000 tourists found themselves stranded in various parts of Sikkim due to the rising waters and damaged infrastructure. In response, rescue operations were initiated and issuance of tourist permits for popular destinations such as Tsomgo lake, Baba Mandir and Nathula was halted. The schools and colleges have been closed till the October 15. The loss of lives, homes, and livelihoods has cast a pall of grief over Sikkim. The disaster will have far-reaching implications for Sikkim's tourism industry, which is a significant contributor to its economy.

Though all calamities are tragic, the ones which occur despite warnings are the saddest. Red flags were raised even a decade back when Government agencies and researchers warned about the chances of a deadly glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF) in Sikkim. The latest warning came in 2021, but it was again ignored. The South Lhonak Lake, located in Sikkim's far northwest, is identified as one of 14 potentially dangerous lakes susceptible to GLOF with a 42 per cent disaster probability. Even in 2016, an expedition led by Sonam Wangchuk had warned about the threat of a GLOF event. The authorities did take some piecemeal measures but ignored the satellite data that indicated a disaster in the making. As rescue and relief operations continue, the people of Sikkim come together to support one another, displaying resilience and unity. But, as it turns out, we learn no lessons and wait for yet another disaster. A global assessment reported that three million Indians in the vulnerable Himalayan region are at risk of flooding following GLOF events. The Himalayas have over 7,500 glacial lakes, and the number is steadily growing. It has a fragile ecosystem which can play havoc if disturbed. There is an urgent need to deal with it on priority rather than wait for another disaster to happen.



India and the US armed personnel during the joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2023,' in Alaska, USA

## De-risking is better than decoupling



Globalisation has become so strong that complete economic decoupling of a country or region is not feasible. De-risking and realignment is the way forward

his is not a world of decoupling, rather it is of de-risking and realignment. Ukraine war has thrown many questions on the existing world order, including on the effectiveness of the United Nations. However, one thing that has emerged is that globalisation in the last two decades has become so strong that complete economic decoupling of a country or region is neither feasible nor justifiable. De-risking and realignment is the only way forward for Nations to make economic progress. Most powerful nations have openly stated that they want to build economic resilience for themselves, based on a strategy of "diversifying and deepening partnerships and derisking, not decoupling".

Despite the best of efforts by NATO it has not been able to decouple Russia. Russia continues to trade within Asia and also with Europe and Africa. For example, the Russian commercial nuclear technology industry has been used in Europe, to meet the energy requirements of the West. It has been well realised that the priorities of nations for trade may change with each other. However, the isolation of one country by a group of countries leads to disruption in trade and a lack of development of nations at large. Isolation of Nations may therefore not be a good idea in the future particularly if the sustainable development goals of the UN are to be met. "We are totally opposed to the idea of decoupling. Decoupling is an illusion," French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said. He added, "There is no possibility of having any kind of decoupling between the American, European and Chinese economies.

It has also been well recognised by now that decoupling of China may not be possible however 'de-risking' of economies vulnerable to debt trap diplomacy of China is a must for an overall just World. The US treasury secretary during his Beijing visit acknowiedged that decoupling from China was virtually impossible. Tit-for-tat exchanges over tariffs have reinforced the popular view that so-called decou-

pling has largely involved discouraging imports, which is not decoupling, it is more or less protection of one's own industry which has been happening for decades and is nothing new. From the Chinese perspective, however, derisking is a strategic shift whereby China switches its focus from economic growth to economic control. The term dual circulation is used for this control which refers to complete control of external and internal trade, this is more of an expansionist trade policy that goes hand in hand with its military policy. This kind of expansionist 'de-risking' by China is threatening the world trade order and therefore countries have started talking about 'decoupling' from China.

India's approach to cooperation and mutually beneficial trade between countries is likely to gain traction globally, particularly in the countries of the Global South. It's about time, the Global South is given its due as far as the dividends of trade are concerned. De-risking their economies from China could be an important step in that direction. De-risking economies also include catering to climate change and the changes associated with it. The trans fer of technology to enable change towards clean energy by the Global South is also a process of de-risking not only

for these nations but also for humanity.

So when the West has already realised that decoupling from China is not possible and de-risking is essentially important, what are the steps for de-risking economies of the Global South? The policy of de-risking and plans for developing the Global South are two major strategies that go hand-in-hand. Economic globalisation is essential for the Global South, and essentially transfer to technology is important for them. De-risking the Global South would entail building its infrastructure and transfer of technology so that it can self-sustain in times of natural calamity and pandemic-like situations. Making their economies dependent on foreign investments is not the way forward. India has been taking the initiative to de-risk the economies of the Global South by including them in a policy framework that is more equitable.

The other thing that is emerging is that countries must de-risk themselves from countries like China to check its expansionist policy, which goes beyond economic realms and also fiddles with the political and social fabric of countries. De-risking must curb China's access to top-notch innovation around the world, Unlike decoupling, de-risking should not seek to curb access

to less sophisticated technology. De-risking should also aim to slow the progress of the Chinese military. Preventing the Chinese army from accessing advanced technology with military applications should be done at all costs. This highlights how de-risking spans both economics and

Over-reliance on exclusive Chinese products also needs to be reduced in the world for eg wrt the transition to clean energy. The world must ensure the safety of supplies for critical raw materials required for shifting to green energy (such as lithium), technologies (including electricvehicle batteries), and equipment (such as solar panels) that will be crucial to net-zero emissions are not an exclusive property of one country alone.

Yes, this is not an era for war and may be not for decoupling either but it is definitely an era of de-risking. An era when humanity needs to strive towards common goals, derisking itself from those who have monopolistic tendencies. Larger good must always prevail in our minds cutting across borders and selfish interests. If the sustainable development goals of the UN are to be met any time soon this is a prerequisite.

(The writer is expert on geopolitics and international Affairs. The views expressed are personal)



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#### THE EDITOR

## The unstoppable 'Udaan' of India's civil aviation



India is the world's third-largest domestic civil aviation market after China and the US. The Indian domestic passengers have doubled since 2014

we are to believe an aviation release, the domestic aviation industry witnessed a significant monthly growth rate of 23.13 per cent in August 2023 alone, with domestic passenger traffic increasing to 148.27 lakh. This upward trend in passenger growth reflects the industry's resilience and the sector recovering from the challenges posed by the global pandemic. According to the latest data analysis and aviation experts, the number of passengers carried by domestic airlines from January to August 2023 reached 1,190.62 lakh, which is a huge increase. 38.27 per cent compared to the same period last year. It is worth noting that the overall cancellation rate in August 2023 was a mere 0.65 per cent.

During August 2023, scheduled domestic airlines received a total of 288 passenger-related complaints, a complaint rate of approximately 0.23 complaints per 10,000 passengers. This low complaint and cancellation rate is a testament to the industry's efforts to prioritise customer satisfaction and provide reliable and efficient



services to passengers. Lauding the growth in the aviation sector, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia said this sustained growth is a testament to the collective efforts of airlines, airports and the Ministry of Civil Aviation in promoting safe, efficient and customercentric aviation.

Today, India is the world's third-largest domestic civil aviation market after China and the US. The number of domestic passengers in the country has doubled from only 60 million in 2014 to about 145 million. There has also been a significant increase in international air passengers, from just 23 million to more than 35 million. There is no doubt that the "UDAN Scheme" has democratised India's civil aviation by adding new first-time fliers. Apart from this, growth in the aviation sector is also provid-

ing employment and business

opportunities to lakhs of peo-

country. After the stupendous success of the UDAN Scheme, which has completed its highly successful 5 years since the launch of its first flight on 27 April 2017, now the Ministry has launched the 5th round of the Regional Connectivity Scheme – UDAN. It aims to further enhance connectivity in remote and regional areas of the country and achieve last-mile connectivity. UDAN has significantly increased regional air connectivity in the last five years. There were 74 operational airports in 2014, now this number has increased to 141. 68 underserved destinations have also been added under the scheme, including 58 airports, 8 heliports and 2 water airports. With 425 new routes, UDAN has provided air connectivity to more than 29 states across the country. Now more than one crore passengers have taken advan-

ple in small towns of the

tage of this scheme. Under the UDAN scheme, it is targeted to provide air connectivity to unconnected destinations in the country with 1000 routes to 220 destinations by 2026.

954 routes have already been allocated to connect 156 airports. Undoubtedly, the success of UDAN is a demonstration of the Modi government's commitment towards the vision of 'Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik', which is playing a vital role in the transformation of the aviation industry. The government expects India to welcome 40 crore passengers through civil aviation in the coming 3-4 years. Now, UDAN 5.0 is a new and stronger version of the old scheme.

The key features of UDAN 5.0 are even more attractive. The new phase of flights focuses on Category-2 which includes 20-80 seats and Category-3 which includes less than 80 seats. The 600 km length limit of the first phase has also been removed, and there is now no restriction on the distance between the origin and destination of the flight. Now the day is not far when along with rail transport and road transport, civil aviation will also become the stronghold of transportation in India.

(The writer is a senior journalist; views are personal)

#### **HAIRY STORY**

Sir—The allure of Indian hair is often referred to as 'black gold' in the global market for wigs and extensions. Tarlo, a researcher, explains that Indian hair is also valued for its finer texture, slight waves, and compatibility with European hair

Few know that thousands of poorly paid hair pickers and untanglers oil the wheels of the multi-million-dollar global wig and extension business. According to some reports, ragpickers mention that hair collection is much more lucrative than collecting paper, plastic, or iron scraps. For instance, they are paid ?2k-?3k for selling a kilo of hair as opposed to ?3-?20 for picking and

selling scrap. Indians must realize that saving waste hair can be a great source of income for ragpickers. In China, with its extensive network of human hair processing factories, it is the primary destination for most combings where hair is treated chemically and transformed into wigs. Leveraging this hidden network of vital traditional recycling communities sis a crucial intervention. To increase awareness among this network, hair donation campaigns should be organized on social media, and separate bins must be installed in each locality/house/society. These businesses should also get a boost, as wigs come to the rescue of cancer survivors who lost their hair due to chemotherapy.

Gourja Soni New Delhi

#### **PROPORTIONATE RIGHTS**

Sir—This refers to the editorial, "Raising the Pitch" (October 5, 2023). Rahul Gandhi's slogan, "Jitni abadi, utna haq" (Share in proportion to the population), is based on the foundation of democracy. "Jitni abadi utna haq" is a much-needed safeguard against dictatorship where political power is concentrated in the

hands of a small group.

Every state in India gets representation in the Lok Sabha based on "jitni abadi

### Flash floods in Sikkim



ourteen people have been killed, and 102 others, including 22 soldiers, are missing after the cloudburst over Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim triggered a flash flood in the Teesta river basin, officials said on Thursday. According to figures released by the state government, 26 people have been injured so far,

and over 2,000 have been evacuated. Eleven bridges have been washed away, and a population of over 22,000 has been affected, the state government has said. It is a sorrowful piece of news. However, we are ourselves responsible for this to some extent. Illegal and unregulated construction has significantly contributed to environmental problems in Sikkim and Bengal.

This is what happens when we alter natural landscapes without careful planning and consideration for the environment. The natural flow has been disturbed and disrupted, leading to such flooding everywhere. The local authorities were diligent in enforcing rigorous regulations and conducting frequent inspections to curb the issues. Furthermore, public awareness and proper education on responsible land use and construction practices should also be on the agenda of the government and local NGOs.

Jahangir Shaikh | Mumbai

utna haq." This is absolutely necessary for the existence of a federal structure. Similarly, reservation for SC, ST, and OBC in proportion to their population is needed in government institutions to

ensure social justice. Caste is a social reality in India. According to the India Human Development Survey (IHDS-2) in 2011-12, 27 percent of respondents across India reported maintaining the practice of untouchability in their lives. According to studies conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research in 2016, about 5% of marriages in India are inter-caste marriages.

Every minute, discrimination, oppression, exploitation, and atrocities based on caste are taking place in our country. That's why we need to make caste reservations more accurately proportional based on present data. Here lies the importance of caste census

Sujit De Kolkata

#### TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT

Sir—The Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) instrument mounted on Chandrayaan 3 Rover has detected the presence of Sulphur (S) on the lunar surface near the south pole through its first-ever in-situ measurements. NASA's project scientist, Noah Petro, says that the Apollo and Luna missions of Russia and America also detected the presence of Sulphur in the 1970s; however, the discovery made by Chandrayaan is an accurate confirmation. Elements like Manganese, Silicon, and Oxygen have also been confirmed. This Oxygen is present in the soil and rocks of the Moon and not in the atmosphere as O2 gas. The top layer alone has enough oxygen to sustain 8 billion people for 100,000 years.

Anansha Godani Ujjain

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## **FIRST COLUMN**

### **ALCOHOLISM IS A DISEASE, BUT CURABLE**

To get out of alcoholism one needs strong will power and breathing techniques



Icoholism is a disease and I was afflicted by it for several years. The affliction impacted me immensely. In those trying moments, my wife and parents stood by me apart from a couple of other good Samaritans. My wife enrolled me on the Part 1 Course of the Art of Living while I was posted in Jaipur. Winter had arrived and the weather was chilly.

Yet my wife faithfully dropped me to the centre and picked me up from there for the seven days when I had undertaken the course. Addicts need to detoxify their minds and bodies to rediscover their mojo. It is paramount that they discard emotions of futility, guilt, and self-rejection. Such craftsmanship and techniques are encompassed in the Pragna programme of the Art of Living and are providing succour to addicts

How does one conduct the course for hardened alcoholics and drug addicts, who are perpetually in a state of self-denial? They look at the teacher in the most disgusted manner possible, with disbelief writ large on their faces. The breathing technique begins to slowly unfold, which has a positive impact on the mind. Slowly an addict can upend the pyramid.

One recalls the gloomy but riveting movie, One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest; how the inmates lodged in a mental asylum had reached a state where they were determined to break the bondage and run away. Similarly, an addict becomes determined to break the four walls of the rehab centre. After the initial treatment at the rehabilitation centre and subsequent exposure to the unique rhythmic breathing technique of Sudarshan Kriya, they began to believe in the efficacy of living in the present moment.



The concepts of the Power of Now or the Present Moment have been postulated by several masters of the past, in the Oriental and Occidental world. In India, Maharishi Patanjali, Gautama Buddha and the Advaita saint Adi Shankara have written and spoken about it extensively. In present times the rhythmic breathing technique of Sudarshan Kriva transmogrifier the human mind to the present. Every day is a new day, a harbinger of hope and the addicts realise their self-worth and begin giving themselves positive strokes.

Authors like Eckhart Tolle, Deepak Chopra and Louise Hay have emphasised reengineering the human mind to remain in the present moment to combat various challenging situations in life. In Gorakhpur, there is a rehab centre run by a doughty lady whose hus-

As a goodwill gesture, the couple inaugurated the centre and have made it their mission to provide shelter and comfort to those suffering from alcoholism.

The inmates of the centre could remain for half an hour without alcohol, could you? This is the question that resonates in my mind, the question I pose to any addict. The answer is simple; it is possible only through surrender to the supreme intelligence of the

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## Factsheet of bad loans in the banking sector



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The Indian banks, especially the public sector banks, are yet to benchmark the criterion for NPA and keep risk in tolerable limits while disbursing loans



coming elections in 3 states followed by parliament elections next year will heat up the debate on freebies, loanwaiver etc. Very often the opposition targets the ruling party for favouring the corporates while ignoring the plight of farmers and small businessmen. There could be debate on the economic models adhered to by different ruling coalitions and their pros-cons but there is no second thought that India needs more industrialization to create more jobs for its aspiring youth. Apart from jobs, taxes, export earnings, wealth creation etc., the corporate sector has played its role in nation-building right rom the pre-independence era. Business houses like Tata, Birla, Hirachand Walchand, Thapar, Dalmia etc. created the foundation of an industrialised India and provided financial support to the freedom struggle. Very recently, our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic would not have been possible without the active support of our scientists and industrial community. Every business has its inherent risks

that cannot be eliminated. Financial institutions also take the risk while lending to businesses for which they are compensated by way of interest which takes into consideration the borrower's creditworthiness, amongst various other factors. If the business is failing despite the best efforts and honest intentions of the management then a loss to the bank should be viewed as a mere commercial decision but it becomes a political topic in our country because large-scale lending is done by the Public Sector Banks (PSBs).

Banks are the backbone of any economy and therefore it is necessary to under-



LOAN WRITE-OFF

IS OFTEN QUOTED IN THE DISCUSSION ON BANKS' **PERFORMANCE** AND AMOUNTS WRITTEN-OFF BY **BANKS ARE** PROJECTED AS A BENEFIT GIVEN TO THE **CORPORATE** SECTOR BY THE **PSBS** 

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stand the trend to draw a meaningful conclusion. Profit of PSBs crossed the magic number of Rs. 1 lakh crore in FY23 and the asset quality has also been improved. In 2005, the Gross Non-Performing Asset (GNPA) of the PSBs was Rs. 46,599 crores while the gross advances were Rs. 870,851 crores. Annual loan growth during the UPA era was in double digits and gross advances of PSBs reached to Rs. 5,215,920 crores in 2014, recording a CAGR of 22%! Quality of loan is very important and if proper due diligence is not done then there is always a risk that such advances will eventually turn bad in the near future. This phenomenal credit growth during the UPA era is often cited as 'phone banking' by PM Modi and even former RBİ governor Raghuram Rajan accepted that many bad loans were given during UPA

The NPA crisis of the Indian banks was called the 'twin balancesheet issue' which means a scenario where the bank balance sheet is under stress while the corporate balance sheet is over-leveraged. This problem emanated from reckless lending where loans were made to well-connected promot-ers who had a history of loan default. The NDA government initiated the NPA clean-up and simultaneously started infusing money for bank recapitalisation. The Modi government has infused more than Rs. 3.1 lakh cores via recapitalization bonds to avoid

stress on fiscal deficit position. This recapitalisation was needed to improve the economic capital of the banks and enhance their lending capability. Loan write-off is often quot-

ed in the discussion on banks performance and amounts written-off by banks are projected as a benefit given to the corporate sector by the PSBs. First, there is a difference between loan waiver and write-off and second, write-off is a commercial decision that happens in private sector banks also. If a loan write-off indicates corruption or inefficiency then it should be kept in mind that since 2015, ~28% of loan write-offs are by private sector banks out of overall write-off by SCBs and this ratio is almost the same during UPA tenure. PSBs wrote off ~Rs. 10 lakh crores since 2015 and out of this amount, Rs. 5.65 lakh crores were on technical grounds. Technical write-off is a normal banking practice undertaken by lenders to cleanse the balance sheets. Such technical write-offs do not entail any waiver of claims against the borrower and thus the lenders' right to recovery is not undermined in any manner. A willful defaulter or a fraudster cannot access the institutional finance for 5 years even if a compromise has been reached with the lender, notwithstanding that any compromise with the lender shall not abate the criminal complaint against the borrower. Write-off decisions are taken on account of multiple considera-

tions in which income tax deduction is a prime concern. Banks continue to chase for recovery in case of write-offs which is different from loan waivers and a smear campaign against the banks/government on a merely accounting construct is uncalled for.

It should be noted that the reduction in NPA due to actual recovery has increased from Rs. 145,618 crores (over 10 years from 2005 to 2014) to Rs. 542,664 crores (over 9 years from 2015 to 2023). Resolution of cases under the Insolvency Law enacted in 2016 has also helped in recovery from the borrowers, though the haircut under the recovery process is still a matter of debate.

In a response to the RTI application, RBI said that it does not maintain the details of the amount recovered from fugitive economic offenders and it does not collect the information related to yearwise sanction of loans which turns out as NPA. The issue of bad loans takes a political colour in our country and therefore it would have been better had this information been also collected by the central bank. Our banks are yet to adopt the global benchmark concerning the measurement of NPAs which are referred to as the 'Expected Credit Loss (ECL)' model in the financial reporting standards and the numbers reported under the existing framework give an impression that consistent policy initiatives have yielded pos-

## Silent revolution: Ending open defecation in Rajasthan

A closer look at India's open defecation mission in villages of Bikaner and what it means for its women and girls

t is indeed a matter of concern that even 75 years after **⊥**gaining independence, a significant section of India's population still finds itself compelled to practice open defecation. As per the 2011 census, a staggering 53.1% of households in the country did not have access to proper toilet facilities. This unfortunate reality has far-reaching consequences, especially for women and girls, who not only endure psychological distress but also suffer adverse health effects due to the necessity of venturing outdoors. Open defecation not only subjects women and girls to psychological trauma but also has a detrimental impact on their overall health. The absence of household toilets often forces them to travel considerable distances



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before sunrise, putting their safety in jeopardy. This daily ordeal exposes them to various Although the government

of Rajasthan, on April 3, 2018, declared 43,344 villages, along with 295 panchayat samitis and 9,894-gram panchayats, as open defecation-free, signifying that toilets had been constructed in every household within these regions, the onground situation often deviates from official declarations. Despite this official declaration, numerous households in Binjarwadi village, situated in Rajasthan's Bikaner district, still lack proper toilet facilities. This incongruity highlights the challenges of translating government initiatives into tangible benefits for all citizens.



village, has shared that following the construction of household toilets, women no longer need to venture into the open, particularly during their menstrual cycles. This substantial improvement in health conditions and the reduction in the prevalence of diseases is note-

that there are houses that do not have toilets to date. She remains uncertain about whether her village has been officially declared open-defecation-free and is unaware of the reasons behind the absence of toilets in some households. Jashoda acknowledges that a

lack of awareness has led many villagers to miss out on various government schemes.

Mani Ram, a dedicated social worker from the same village, recounts that when a majority of households lacked toilets, women and girls faced significant hardships. In 2014-15, nearly 90% of households in Binjarwadi did not have access to toilets. To address this issue, he tirelessly encouraged villagers to construct toilets within their homes, elucidating not only the health advantages but also facilitating loans for construction. Although initial resistance and adherence to traditional beliefs were obstacles, sustained awareness campaigns eventually led to the recognition of the significance of in-house toilets.

persist, including bureaucratic inefficiencies in disbursing funds for toilet construction. Despite these difficulties, individuals like Mani Ram remain unwavering in their commitment to eradicating open defecation. Another dedicated social worker, Neelam, underscores that while India has initiated the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, numerous places, families, and villages still lack adequate sanitation facilities. Access to clean and safe toilets is of paramount importance, particularly for women and girls, as it is an essential requirement during menstru-

Nevertheless, challenges

Therefore, it is imperative to ensure that no household is left behind in this monumental government initiative. To

chayat level becomes imperative. The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, operating under the Central Ministry of Jal Shakti, recently reported that over 4,31,350 villages across the nation have self-proclaimed themselves as "ODF Plus." While this news brings a sense of optimism, it is essential to scrutinise how effectively this campaign has been translated into real-world impact. These issues are intricately connected to the selfesteem and dignity of women and girls. Addressing them with utmost diligence is necessary to ensure that this initiative moves beyond paperwork and yields tangible results at the community level.

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the grassroots level at the pan-

## **Zelenskyy seeks more Western support: Officials**

AP HROZA (UKRAINE)

Russian rocket blast turned Aa village cafe and store in eastern Ukraine into rubble on Friday, killing at least 51 civilians in one of the deadliest attacks in the war in months, according to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and other top officials in Kyiv. Rescuers climbed over the wreckage as they searched for survivors in the remains of the only cafe in the village of Hroza. Body parts were strewn across a nearby children's playground that was severely damaged by the strike. Cellphones were collected and put in a courtyard nearby, waiting to be claimed. Occasionally, one of them rang, lighting up a shatple, including children, were in the cafe attending a wake when the missile hit, Ukrainian officials said.

Zelenskyy, attending a summit of about 50 European leaders in Spain to drum up support from Ukraine's allies, denounced the strike as a crime" and "a completely delib-

According to preliminary information from Kyiv, the village was hit by an Iskander mis-

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the strike was "horrifying," and said it demonstrated why the United States is doing everything it can "to help the brave people of Ukraine to fight for their freedom, to fight for their democracy."

Hroza, which had a population of about 500 before the war, is in the northeastern Kharkiv region and was seized by Russia early in the war before being recaptured by Ukraine in September 2022. It's only 30 kilometres (19 miles) west of Kupyansk, a key focus of the Russian military effort. Zelenskyy visited the area Tuesday to meet with troops and inspect equipment supplied by the West.

Dmytro Nechvolot told The Associated Press he was looking for his 60-year-old father, who attended the wake

died last year but who was reburied after being identified by DNA. He kept walking up to his father's red car, which was still parked nearby, as he waited for confirmation that his father had been killed.

"I have lost a man I looked up to, a beloved father, and an unforgettable grandfather," he

On Thursday, Zelenskyy was at a summit of the European Political Community in Granada, Spain, where he asked for more Western sup-port, saying that "Russian terror must be stopped."

"Russia needs this and similar terrorist attacks for only one thing: to make its genocidal aggression the new norm for the whole world," he said in a statement posted on his Telegram channel. "Now we are talking with European leaders, in particular, about strengthening our air defence, strengthening our soldiers, giving our country protection from terror. And we will respond to the terrorists." "The key for us, especially before winter, is to

there is already a basis for new agreements with partners," he told the group, which was formed in the wake of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

Heeding Zelenskyy's cry, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said Germany will supply Ukraine with another Patriot missile air defence system as he expects Russia will again target crucial infrastructure and cities across Ukraine in the winter months. 'This is what is now need-

ed the most," Scholz said after meeting Zelenskyy, according to the German news agency dpa. Last winter, Russia targeted Ukraine's energy system and other vital infrastructure in a steady barrage of missile and drone attacks, triggering continuous power outages across the country. Ukraine's power system has shown a high degree of resilience and flexibility, but there have been concerns that Russia will again ramp up its strikes on power facilities as winter draws near-

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In this photo provided by the Ukrainian Police Press Office, smoke raises after a Russian rocket hit a multi-storey building in central Kharkiv on Friday.

French judges file charges against

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#### Nearly 50 European leaders stress support for Ukraine AP GRANADA (SPAIN) more. But the US is something irreplaceable for the support of

lmost 50 European leaders Almost 50 European Readern Spanish city of Granada on Firday to stress that they stand by Ukraine at a time when Western resolve appears weak-ened. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that besides maintaining such unity, more military aid to get through the winter was essential.

Despite the political, economic and military support, the desperate struggle to rid Ukraine territory of invading Russian forces has ground to a stalemate, and Zelenskyy insisted that it was no time for wavering in the face of Russian President Vladimir Putin. And especially now that questions about continued support are growing in the United States too.

"Europe must be strong" despite what happens in other places like the United States, Zelenskyy said, calling on the leaders to provide for more air defence systems, artillery shells, long-range missiles and drones. He said that victory or

defeat in Ukraine would determine the fate of all of Europe.

President French Emmanuel Macron seized upon the view and insisted that even if US President Joe Biden had this week reassured everyone that Washington's commitment remained strong, it was first and foremost for Europe to act. "Even if we are lucky to have such a committed American partner, we ourselves have to be totally committed, because this is in our immediate neighbourhood," Macron said. Yet, even if the European Union promised Thursday to continue its support for Kyiv, it could never replace Washington's contribution if funds were to dry up there, EU foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell "Certainly we can do

Ukraine." That was a worry lingering over the third meeting of the European Political Community forum, which was formed in the wake of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 that drastically reset the continent's political agenda and fundamentally undermined long-held beliefs on peace and stability on the continent. Support from Europe has become all the more important after US Congress hastily sent President Joe Biden legislation over the weekend that kept the federal government funded, but left off billions in funding for Ukraine's war effort that the White House had vigorously backed. Biden called other world powers on Tuesday to coordinate on Ukraine in a deliberate show of US support at a time when the future of its aid is questioned by an important faction of Republicans who want to cut off money to Kyiv.

"Everybody is looking at the situation with obviously a lot of vigilance," said Macron.

Europe too has to deal with its doubters. Last weekend's election in Slovakia, where pro-Russia candidate Robert Fico was the big winner, and Hungary's continued recalcitrance to fully back Ukraine have cast increasing shadows on Europe's commitment. That counts especially for the European Union where many decisions on Ukraine need unanimity among the bloc's 27 members. In Slovakia early this week, the president refused a plan by her country's caretaker government to send further military aid to Ukraine, saying it doesn't have the authority and parties that oppose such support are in talks to form a government following last week's elec-

### 'Russian lawmakers to consider rescinding ratification of global nuclear test ban'

Russian lawmakers will consider revoking the ratification of a global nuclear test ban, the parliament speaker said Friday. The statement from Vyacheslav Volodin, the speaker of the lower house, the State Duma, followed Russian President Vladimir Putin's warning that Moscow could consider rescind-

ing the ratification of the international pact banning nuclear tests since the United States has never ratified it. There are widespread concerns that Russia could move to resume nuclear tests to try to discourage the West from continuing to offer military support to Ukraine. Many Russian hawks have spoken in favour of resuming the tests. Volodin reaffirmed Moscow's

claim that Western military support for Ukraine means the US and its allies are engaged in the conflict. "Washington and Brussels have unleashed a war against our country," Volodin said. "Today's challenges require new decisions." He said that senior lawmakers will discuss recalling the 2000 ratification of the nuclear test ban at the next

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T is for general information that I, Dharmendra Kumar Tewari S/o Sri Vidya Nivas Tiwari R/o 2/530 Vikalp Khand-2, Gomti Nagar Lucknow - 226010, presently residing at C-303, New Jyoti Apartment, Plot No. 27, Sector-4 Dwarka, New Delhi-110078 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Dharmendra K Tewari in School record of my minor son namely Prashan Tewari aged 14 years. The actual name of mine is Dharmendra Kumar Tewari which may be amended accordingly.

It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in

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#### OFFICE OF THE PROJECT MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION UNIT. UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM E-Tender Notice

I.Name of the work:- Construction of remaining works of proposed building at G.I.C.Kapkot, Distt.- Bageshwar

2.Estimated Cost:- Rs. 68.83 Lakh (With GST) 3. Period of Completion: 12 Month 4.Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the

portal:-04-10-2023(17.00 hrs) 5.Online Bid submission: End date: - 18-10-2023 (17.00 hrs)

6.Date & Time of Technical bid Opening: 20-10-2023 (11.00 hrs) 7.Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid:- Project

Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam Ranikhet. B.Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place: 09-10-2023 (11.00 hrs) Project Manager, Construction Unit

Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Ranikhet. 9.For further details, details of subsequent Amendment

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Place: Gurugram

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| IFSC Code                                    | YESB0000136               | SCBL0036025            |
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### Nawaz submits medical reports to court for protective bail

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before deciding whether to send the case to trial.

Sarkozy is suspected of having

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French media report that

Pakistan's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif who has been living in the United Kingdom for the last four years in selfimposed exile on Friday submitted his medical reports to a top court here in anticipation of seeking protective bail ahead of his scheduled return to the country on had left for London in November 2019 on 'medical grounds' after the Lahore High Court granted him a four-week bail. He had been serving a seven-year jail term at Kot Lakhpat Jail in Lahore in the Al-Azizia Mills corruption case before securing bail for his treatment abroad.

The PML-N says Nawaz, 73, will manage to secure protective bail ahead of his scheduled arrival and he will surrender to court in the Al Azizia corruption case after addressing the nation at a rally at the Minare-Pakistan, Lahore, on October 21.

Nawaz's medical report was submitted to the Lahore High Court by his counsel Advocate Amjad Pervez. The report says Nawaz has "some residual anginal symptoms which require frequent follow-up country.

investigations in London and Pakistan. The report has been signed by Professor Carlo Di Mario, a consultant cardiologist at the Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals.

The Election Commission of Pakistan has announced the end of January 2024 for holding of general elections.

#### 'NO DELAY IN FORMER PM'S RETURN'

Sharif's party has dismissed speculation that he may delay his plan to return from self-imposed exile in London on October 21 amid reports that a group within the party had advised him that the time was not right for the move.

Nawaz Sharif, the 73-year-old threetime prime minister is expected to lead the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party in the next general election which will be held in January. The Express Tribune newspaper, citing sources, said that the "party's reconciliatory group" believed that the people, currently worried about the rising inflation, unemployment and excessive utility bills, were not interested in the PML-N supremo's return to the

### Gandhi Museum opens in Houston

Along-awaited dream of having the first free-standing Gandhi Museum in North America, dedicated to the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of peace, is finally a reality and open for the public in the US city of Houston in Texas. The Eternal Gandhi Museum is the only Gandhi-related Museum in the United States, dedicated to Gandhi, to preserve and promote his ever-lasting legacy of nonviolent conflict resolution. The museum officially opened its doors to the public on August 15, but the Grand ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on October 2, the 154th birth anniversary of Gandhi.

The outer walls of the semi-circle-shaped museum depict various peace activists including Maĥatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Betty Williams, and more. A statue of Gandhi stands in front of the museum. Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi and Martin Luther King's nephew, Isaac Newton Farris Jr., CGI

Houston D Manjunath, were the special guests amongst several invited guests Monday afternoon, to celebrate the grand opening of the Museum. "EGMH will encourage humanity to get beyond hate, violence, and supremacy," Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, said.

"For a great many in the world, Gandhi and King are symbols of dignity, of peace, of equality." The 13,000 squarefoot museum's architecture is based on Gandhi's twentyfour-spoke Chakra spinning wheel which he used to seek independence from colonial rule. EGMH offers insights into different chapters of Gandhi's life, including his childhood in India, early adulthood as a lawyer in Africa and followed by the Satyagraha movement and nonviolent fight for indepen-

The interactive and engaging exhibits tell the story of Gandhi's life and visitors experience it in three parts: "His Journey," "Our Journey" and "My Journey."

### Singapore facing another COVID-19 wave

**PTI** ■ SINGAPORE

Cingapore is experiencing Sanother COVID-19 wave, with more people expected to fall sick and be hospitalised in the coming weeks, Health Minister Ong Ye Kung warned on Friday. Ong said that the estimated daily cases have risen from about 1,000 three weeks ago to 2,000 over the past two weeks. However, the government will treat this as an "endemic disease", he said.

The spate of these recent cases is driven by mostly two variants - the EG.5 and its sublineage HK.3 - both of which are descendants of the XBB Omicron variant. "Together, they now

account for over 75 per cent of our daily cases," Ong told Channel News Asia here.

However, he added that there are no plans to impose any social restrictions, as with the last wave which occurred from March to April. During the peak in April, the number of infections rose to about 4,000 cases

## **Turkish warplanes hit Kurdish** militia targets in northern Syria

¬urkish warplanes have car-Tried out airstrikes on sites believed to be used by a USbacked Kurdish militia in northern Svria, after the US military shot down an armed Turkish drone that came within 500 metres (yards) of American troops, officials said

A Turkish defense ministry statement said the Turkish jets targeted some 30 sites in the Tal Rifat, Jazeera and Derik regions, destroying caves, bunkers, shelters and ware-

Ankara said the locations were used by Kurdistan Workers' Party, PKK, a designated terrorist group behind a decades-long insurgency in Turkiye — as well as its allies from a Kurdish militia in Syria, known as People's Defense Units, or YPG.

The YPG is part of Syrian Kurdish-led forces — known as the Syrian Democratic Forces — backed by the United States.

The Syrian Kurdish fighters have been close US allies in the war against the militants from the Islamic State group.

Turkiye has been carrying out strikes on Kurdish targets in Iraq and Syria following a suicide attack outside the Interior Ministry building in Ankara, the Turkish capital, early on Sunday.

The PKK claimed the attack in which one attacker blew himself up and another would-be bomber was killed in a shootout with police. Two

police officers were wounded. Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan has said the two



Smoke rises after an alleged Turkish strike on Hasakah, Syria.

assailants had arrived from Syria, where they had been trained. He said PKK and YPG positions in Iraq and Syria have now become legitimate targets.Kurdish authorities in northeast Syria said Thursday evening that Turkish bombing had struck 21 sites and that 11 people were killed by the "Turkish aggression" — five civilians and six members of the local Kurdish government's Internal Security Forces.

The US-backed and Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces in northeast Syria have denied any connection to the Ankara attack and accused Turkiye of using the attack as a pretext for a new military incursion.

In Washington, the Pentagon said Thursday that a Turkish drone bombed targets near the US troops in Syria, forcing them to go to bunkers for safety. Air Force Brig Gen Patrick Ryder, the Pentagon press secretary, said the deci-

within the Syrian military,

which failed to prevent it

despite the fact that the army

has regained control of most of

Syria in recent years with the

backing of Russia and Iran. The

last such large-scale killing

against government forces

came in 2014, when the Islamic

State group killed more than

160 Syrian government troops

at a military base in the north-

ern province of Raqqa. In a video released at the

time, dozens of terrified young

conscripts were made to run

while stripped down to their

the Syrian military fired

machine guns toward another

drone that flew over Homs, two

pro-government media out-

lets, Al-Watan and Sham FM,

reported. It was not immediate-

ly clear if the drone was shot

down. The city of Homs is

about 100 kilometres (60 miles)

south of rebel-held areas, indi-

cating that insurgents might

have acquired weaponised

long-range drones. Fearing

retaliation from the govern-

ment, religious authorities in areas held by the opposition in

northern Syria said Friday

prayers will not be held in

mosques and called on people to pray at home instead "out of

concern for the safety of

statement Thursday that drones

laden with explosives targeted

the ceremony packed with

young officers and their fami-

lies as it was wrapping up.

Indian-origin couple, 2 children

found dead inside home in US

Syria's military said in a

Muslims.

Around noon on Friday,

sion to shoot down the drone of a NATO ally "was made out of due diligence and the inherent right of self-defence to take appropriate action to pro-

There was no indication that Turkiye was intentionally targeting US forces, he said.

Turkiye's Foreign Ministry on Friday blamed the downing of the drone on differing evaluations of what it called a "deconflicting mechanism" operated between the sides.

Necessary measures were being taken to ensure a "more effective operation" of the mechanism, the ministry said without elaborating.
"The incident did in no

way affect the execution of the ongoing operation and the strikes against targets that were identified," the ministry said. Both Defense Secretary

Lloyd Austin and the new Joint Chiefs chairman, Gen. CQ Brown, spoke with their Turkish counterparts quickly

the value they place on their relationship with Turkiye but also the need to avoid any similar incidents in the future and ensure the safety of US personnel. The US has about 900 troops in Syria conducting missions alongside Syrian Kurdish forces to counter IS

The downing of the Turkish drone occurred as a drone attack killed at least 89 people in the Syrian government-controlled city of Homs on Thursday.

In that attack, explosiveladen drones were detonated during a military graduation ceremony attended by young officers and their families.

An additional 277 people were injured, according to Syria's health ministry.
Syria's military blamed

insurgents "backed by known international forces," without naming any particular group, and threatened to respond with "full force."

The Turkish defense ministry said Thursday's aerial operation in Syria was aimed at securing Turkiye's borders from threats from the PKK and YPG. Separately, the ministry said Turkiye had retaliated to an attack on a Turkish base in the Dabik region in northern Syria late on Thursday, "neutralising" 26 attackers. Meanwhile, Turkiye's state-run Anadolu Agency reported Friday that Turkish intelligence agents killed a PKK militant in an operation in Iraq's Sinjar region. The agency identified him as Ilyas Biro Eli and said he was responsible for an

### calls on Kosovo and Serbia to return to talks

Pristina (AP): The NATO-led peacekeeping force on Friday called on both Kosovo and Serbia to return to the negotiating table to resolve their issues to prevent violence like the recent shootout between masked Serb gunmen and Kosovo police that left four people dead and sent tensions soaring in the region.

Kosovo Force commander Maj. Gen. Angelo Michele Ristuccia called on both countries to "refrain from inflammatory and counterproductive rhetoric and help to create the necessary conditions for lasting security in Kosovo and across the region".

Ristuccia told a news conference that KFOR fully supported European Union-facilitated dialogue to normalise their ties. In February, the EU put forward a 10-point plan to end months of political crises Kosovar Prime Minister Albin Kurti and Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic gave their approval at the time, but with some reservations that haven't been resolved.

"If the parties do not come back to the table ... and do not find a common solution and do not negotiate for a political solution, I think this balance will become more fragile and volatile in the future," Ristuccia said.

On September 24, around 30 Serb gunmen killed a Kosovar police officer and then set up barricades in northern Kosovo before launching an hours-long gunbattle with Kosovo police. gunmen Three killed.

## KFOR commander | Biden admn resuming deportation flights for Venezuelan migrants

AP MEXICO CITY

The Biden administration **⊥** will resume deporting Venezuelan migrants, the largest single group encountered at the US-Mexico border last month, back to their economically troubled country as their arrivals continue to grow. The process is expected to

begin shortly, said two US officials, though they did not provide specific details on when the flights would begin taking off. The officials were not authorised to disclose details of the government's plan and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity. The resumption of depor-

tation comes not long after the administration increased protected status for Venezuelans

who arrive to the US, so if someone arrived to the US before July 31 of this year, but not after, they'd be eligible for protections. The decision reflects the larger strategy by President Joe Biden to not only provide expanded legal pathways for people arriving, but also to crack down on those who illegally cross into the country from Mexico.

The officials would not discuss details about how frequently deportation flights would be going to Venezuela or describe how Venezuela agreed to accept back their citizens except to say that, like other countries around the world, the US has long encouraged Venezuela to accept back its nationals. Cuba, another US adversary, announced earlier

accepting Cuban deportees but a month.

there has only been one flight The US had been returning some Venezuelans via com-

mercial flights, but in relatively small numbers and through third countries. In Venezuela, the govern-

ment said it had reached an agreement with US officials for a safe and orderly repatriation.

"Venezuelan migration in recent years is a direct result of the application of unilateral coercive measures and a blockade of our economy," Venezuela's foreign ministry said via X, the platform formerly known as Twitter. It said the government would deploy a program to support repatriat-

### **Trump endorses Jordan to succeed McCarthy as House speaker**

President Donald Trump is officially backing Rep Jim Jordan of Ohio, the pugnacious House Judiciary Committee chairman and longtime Trump defender, to succeed Kevin McCarthy as House speaker.

"Congressman Jim Jordan has been a STAR long before making his very successful journey to Washington, DC, representing Ohio's 4th Congressional District," Trump wrote on his Truth Social site shortly after midnight Friday. "He will be a GREAT Speaker of the House, & has my Complete Endorsement!"

The announcement came hours after Texas Rep. Troy

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Trump had decided to back Jordan's bid and after Trump said he would be open to serving as interim leader himself if Republicans couldn't settle on successor following McCarthy's stunning ouster.

Trump, the current GOP presidential front-runner, has used the leadership vacuum on the Hill to further demonstrate his control over the Republican Party. House Republicans are deeply fractured and some have been asking him to lead them — a seemingly fanciful suggestion that he also promoted after inflaming the divisions that forced out McCarthy as speaker. Trump had been telling people in recent days that he preferred Jordan for the post, according to two Republicans familiar with his thinking and granted anonymity to discuss it. But it was unclear whether he intended to announce it before Nehls' tweet.

"Just had a great conversation with President Trump about the Speaker's race. He is endorsing Jim Jordan, and I believe Congress should listen to the leader of our party," Nehls wrote late Thursday on X, formerly known as Twitter. In an interview later with

The Associated Press, Nehls, who had been encouraging Trump to run for the post himself, said the ex-president instead wanted Jordan.

### Funerals held in Syria for dozens of victims

of some of the victims of a deadly drone attack on a crowded military graduation ceremony that killed scores gathered outside a military hospital in the central city of Homs on Friday to collect the bodies of their loved ones, who died in one of Syria's deadliest single attacks in years.

Thursday's strike on the Homs Military Academy killed 89 people, including 31 women and five children, and wounded as many as 277, according to the health ministry.

The death toll could rise as critical condition. Syria announced a three-day state of mourning starting Friday.The attack is likely to lead to a renewed wave of violence in the country's opposition-held northwest, where front lines have been relatively calm since Russia and Turkey, who support rival sides in the country's conflict, reached a cease-fire in March 2020, ending a threemonth Russian-backed government offensive against insurgents.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for Thursday's attack as Syria endures its 13th year of conflict that has killed half a million people. In the aftermath, Syrian government forces intensified their shelling and airstrikes on rebel-held regions and insurgents fired back toward areas held by President Bashar Assad's forces.

The attack was an indication that the war is far from

origin couple and their two

children were found dead in

their home in the US state of

New Jersey and police are

investigating the matter as a

homicide. Tej Pratap Singh, 43,

and Sonal Parihar, 42, were

found dead alongside their

10-year-old son and 6-year-old

in their Plainsboro home

sometime after 4:30 pm on

Wednesday, the Plainsboro

Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone

and Chief Eamon Blanchard of

the Plainsboro Police

County

Police Department said.

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**Ramaswamy** says protesters rammed his campaign's car Washington Republican US presidential

aspirant Vivek Ramaswamy said two protesters, apparently angry over his vehement opposition to aid for Ukraine, intentionally rammed their vehicle into his campaign's parked SUV in Iowa, gave his team the middle finger and drove off. But police said there is no evidence to support the claim that the crash was inten-

The incident happened in Grinnell, Iowa, on Thursday ven by a female with one passenger inside allegedly hit the rear of his campaign's SUV. The SUV was parked. The alleged protestors left the scene immediately. "Had a civil exchange with protestors today, right before two of them then got into their car & rammed it into ours. Those two should be held accountable, but the rest of the peaceful protestors shouldn't be tarred by the behaviour of two bad actors," Ramaswamy, The 38-year-old biotech entrepreneur, posted on X. "Thankfully, no one was hurt," Ramaswamy said in a statement after the event. He was not in the car when the incident happened. "I was attending a campaign event earlier today and was met by a small group of protesters. I respectfully answered their questions and thanked them for expressing their views even if I disPUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client that Mr. Deepak Chhabra is the owner of First Floor built on Portion Pvt. No. 4, 5, and 6, area measuring 100 sq. yds., built on Property No. I-16/ 471, situated at Bapa Nagar, Military Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi, vide GPA & Will dated 19.05.2004. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner wants to self the said property to a person who intends to obtain loan from our client against the said property, if anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of above owner over the said floor, its sale/mortgage //litigation, and any other objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the beliow mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

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alleged assassination unit.

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IT is Brought to the Notice of Public at Large that my client Mrs Kiran Ahuja W/O Sh. Suresh Ahuja R/o E-312, Greater Kailash-2, New Delhi-110048 has Disowned her Son Namely Yash Ahuja from all her Movable and Immovable Properties my client shall not be Responsible for any Acts/Deeds (Civil/Criminal) done by him.

Ankit Kashyap (Advocate) Ch. No. 604, Patiala House Court, New Delhi -110001

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| Particulars                                  | Previous<br>Bank Accounts | New<br>Bank Accounts    |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bank Name                                    | Yes Bank Ltd.             | Standard Chartered Bank |
| IFSC Code                                    | YESB0000136               | SCBL0036025             |
| Master Collection Account No. (100%)         | 013672500000081           | 53105108272             |
| RERA Account No. (70%)                       | 013672500000141           | 53105108280             |
| Promoter Free Cash Flow<br>Account No. (30%) | 013681400002040           | 53105108299             |

M/S Signatureglobal Homes Private Limited Date: 07/10/2023

Place: Gurugram

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M/S Signatureglobal Homes Private Limited

Date: 07/10/2023 Place: Gurugram

#### NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SSA-19015/1/2023-Media/I/291471/2023

Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Axom, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites EOI through e-Tendering process for Empanelment of Advertising/ Media Agencies.

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal https://assamtenders.gov.in by themselves. The Bidder may be downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in.



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

#### **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY KANKE, RANCHI-834006, JHARKHAND

**WALK IN INTERVIEW** 

It is proposed to fill up the following Group 'A' posts at Central period of one year or till the post is filled up on regular basis whichever is earlier. Accordingly applications are invited from the eligible and desirous candidates fulfilling the qualifications for the posts mentioned below. Applications on plain paper either typed or handwritten along with two passport size photographs, photocopies of the certificates of educational qualifications experiences etc., may be submitted to the undersigned on or before 28.10.2023. After submission of application candidates have to turn up alongwith their original certificates on the date of interview. No interview letter will be issued separately.

The interview shall be held at Central Institute of Psychiatry, Kanke, Ranchi-834006, Jharkhand, on 31.10.2023 at 09.30 a.m.

| SI.<br>No. | Name of post                    | Consolidated pay per month in 1st year | No. of post                         |
|------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1.         | Asst. Prof. of (Anesthesiology) | Rs.95,000/-                            | 02 (UR-2)                           |
| 2.         | Asst. Prof. of Psychiatry       | Rs.95,000/-                            | 06 (UR-1,<br>EWS-1,<br>OBC-3, SC-1) |
| 3.         | Asst. Prof. of Neurology        | Rs.95,000/-                            | 03 (UR-3)                           |
| 4.         | Asst. Prof. of Neurosurgery     | Rs.95,000/-                            | 02 (UR-2)                           |
| 5.         | Asst. Prof. of Radio-diagnosis  | Rs.95,000/-                            | 01 (UR-1)                           |
|            |                                 | TOTAL                                  | 14                                  |
| Det        | ails of qualifications and age  | limit of the abo                       | ve posts are                        |

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| Master Collection Account No. (100%)         | 013672500000021 | 53105108221             |
| RERA Account No. (70%)                       | 013672500000131 | 53105108248             |
| Promoter Free Cash Flow<br>Account No. (30%) | 013681400002060 | 53105108256             |
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M/S Signatureglobal Homes Private Limited Date: 07/10/2023

Place: Gurugram

Department announced on Thursday that a homicide is currently under investigation. On the evening of October 4, authorities received a 911 call requesting a welfare check at a residence in Plainsboro.

Police Department discovered four deceased victims in the house," they said in a joint statement. "This tragedy remains under investigation and autopsies are being performed today," they said, adding an initial investigation determined that there is no threat to the public. Anyone with information

or surveillance footage of the area is asked to call the Plainsboro Police Department. A joint message from Mayor Peter Cantu and Chief

Eamon Blanchard, Director of Public Safety, said that the Plainsboro community experienced a heartbreaking loss of life. "We are all saddened by this tragic event. What happened in our community is beyond comprehension," statPlainsboro police officers

agreed with them," he said.

are currently working with their law enforcement colleagues to conclude the inves-"Please be assured that

this is an isolated occurrence and there are no additional concerns for the safety and well-being of the community related to this incident," Blanchard said. "Our public safety personnel remain vigilant and

resilient, and will continue to

ensure the safety of the

Plainsboro community," the

As of Thursday morning, the family's home on Titus Lane still had crime scene tape posted around the lawn, footage from News 12 New Jersey showed.

## 'India poised to become new growth engine of world'

ndia is poised to become the new growth engine of the world, Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday as the central bank retained the country's GDP growth forecast at 6.5 per cent for 2023-24, notwithstanding the slowing global economy.

Kautilya's Invoking Kautilya's Arthashastra, Das said macroeconomic stability and inclusive growth are the fundamental principles underlying a country's progress.

"The policy mix that we have pursued during the recent years of multiple and unparalleled shocks has fostered macroeconomic and financial stability," he said, while unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy review.

He said the external sec-

manageable. Das further said the twin balance sheet stress that was encountered a decade ago has now been replaced by a twin balance sheet advantage with healthier balance sheets of both banks and the corporate.

"India is poised to become the new growth engine of the world," he said, observing the global economy is slowing under the impact of tight financial conditions, protracted geopolitical tensions and increasing geo-economic fragmentation.

Global trade is contracting, headline inflation is easing but rules above the target major economies.

"Ín contrast to global trends, domestic economic activity exhibits resilience on the back of strong domestic demand," the governor said.

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Domestic demand conditions are expected to benefit from sustained buoyancy in services, revival in rural demand, consumer and busi-

ness optimism, the government's thrust on capex, and healthy balance sheets of

banks and corporates.

factors like geopolitical tensions, volatile financial markets and energy prices, and climate shocks pose risks to the growth outlook," he added.

into consideration, the RBI projected the real GDP growth for 2023-24 at 6.5 per cent, with Q2 at 6.5 per cent, Q3 at 6 per cent, and Q4 at 5.7 per cent, with risks evenly bal-

Real GDP growth for the first quarter in 2024-25 is projected at 6.6 per cent.

In the August monetary policy too, the GDP growth was projected at 6.5 per cent.

The governor also said the Indian economy is forging ahead in a challenging global environment, drawing strength from its underlying macroeconomic fundamen tals and buffers.

While growth remains on track, the declining trend in inflation was interrupted in July-August 2023 due to price shocks in certain food items,

retained the projection for Consumer Price Index-based retail inflation at 5.4 per cent for the current financial year.

"Our commitment to ensure financial stability reinforces our emphasis on price stability and anchoring of inflation expectations," Das

The RBI expects the inflation to ease in September from high levels observed in July and August on back of cooling prices of vegetables, and the decision of the government to cut prices of cooking gas (LPG).

CPI inflation is projected at 5.4 per cent for 2023-24, with Q2 at 6.4 per cent, Q3 at 5.6 per cent and Q4 at 5.2 per cent, with risks evenly balanced. CPI inflation for the first quarter in 2024-25 is projected at 5.2 per cent.

expectedly left its key interest rate unchanged on Friday as

inflation remains a major risk,

and signalled it would keep liq-

uidity tight using bond sales to bring prices closer to target.

The monetary policy com-

### **Das: ₹3.43 L** cr of ₹2,000 notes have come back

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Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said Rs 3.43 lakh crore of Rs 2,000 denomination notes have come back to the system so far, and reminded the public that they can return the withdrawn notes at 19 RBI offices from October 8.

Addressing the customary post-policy press meet here, Das said 87 per cent of the notes which have been returned have been deposited into bank accounts, while the rest have been exchanged over the counter. At present, over Rs 12,000 crore of notes are still in circulation, Das said, reiterating that the notes can be returned even after the end of the extended period. It can be noted that on May

19, the RBI had surprised all by announcing its intent to withdraw the Rs 2,000 note introduced in 2016 for quick remonetisation, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement to suck out over 88 per cent of currency in circulation by banning the Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes. The RBI, which had initially given time till September 30, for getting the notes deposited or exchanged, extended the same by a week till October 7, on the last date.

Maintaining that the notes continue to be legal tender, the RBI had also announced a new system for getting them deposited or exchanged.

... thereafter (from October 8) it can be, you know, deposited in or exchanged in the Reserve Bank in the issue offices of the Reserve Bank, which is there in almost every state capital we have presence. So there are 19 of them," Das told reporters

objective of withdrawing the notes, which was also driven by the need to take care of old notes, has been "largely met".

## Stock markets rally for 2nd straight session

for a second straight session on Friday after the Reserve Bank maintained the status quo on policy rates, resulting in gains for rate-sensitive sectors like financial, realty and auto.

European markets also bolstered the investors' sentiment,

climbed 364.06 points or 0.55 per cent to settle at 65,995.63. During the day, it jumped 464.24 points or 0.70 per cent to hit 66,095.81.

points or 0.55 per cent to end

BSE benchmark climbed 167.22 points or 0.25 per cent, and the Nifty was up 15.2 points or 0.07 per cent.

tion led the RBI to become

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Blueti Airtel Among the Sensex firms,

Hindustan Unilever, Asian

0.66 per cent and smallcap index climbed 0.56 per cent. "Realty shares hogged the

TOP LOSERS

-0.80 - HUL

-0.54 Coal India

-0.41 - ONGC

mittee, which has three mem--0.30 - Bharti Airtel

Among the indices, realty rallied 3.01 per cent, consumer durables jumped 1.47 per cent,

bers from the central bank and a similar number of external members, held the bench-

mark repurchase rate (repo) at 6.50 per cent in a unanimous decision for the fourth consecutive meeting in a row. It retained a 'withdrawal of accommodation' stance. "Global shares mostly rose

on Friday. He added that the original

#### 83.21 against \$ PTI MUMBAI "According to the RBI, The rupee appreciated 4 paise to settle at 83.21

paise to close at

Rupee rises 4

(provisional) against the US dollar on Friday amid positive equity markets as the Reserve Bank kept the repo rate unchanged in its fourth consecutive monetary policy

Selling pressure from foreign equity investors amid elevated levels of the greenback, however, restricted the upward movement of the local currency, according to forex traders.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 83.21 against the dollar and traded between a high of 83.28 and a low of 83.18. It finally settled at 83.21 (provisional) against the dolclosing level of 83.25.

The six-member monetary policy committee of the Reserve Bank of India on Friday held the benchmark repurchase rate (repo) at 6.50 per cent in a unanimous decision for the fourth policy review meeting in a row.

Noting that inflation remains a risk, the RBI also signalled that it would keep liquidity tight by using bond sales to bring prices closer to the target.

Choudhary, Anui Analyst at Research Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said: "Indian rupee appreciated slightly as the RBI maintained status quo and kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent in its monetary policy meeting so as to achieve its medium-term target of 4 per cent inflation.

Indian economic activity has shown resilience, and the overall macroeconomic indicators remain favourable with strong manufacturing and services PMI numbers. GDP and CPI inflation projections too were maintained."

He further said that positive domestic markets and a decline in crude oil prices supported the rupee. Also, the softness of the US dollar may support the domestic curren-

"A no-surprise monetary policy by the RBI may also support the domestic curren-However, FII outflows may cap a sharp upside. Traders may take cues from US nonfarm payrolls reports, average hourly earnings and unemployment rate data. USD/INR in a range of Rs 82.80 to Rs 83.70," Choudhary added.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.02 per cent lower at

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, were 0.08 per cent up at USD 84.14 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 364.06 points, or 0.55 per cent, higher at 65,995.63, while the broader NSE Nifty advanced 107.75 points, or 0.55 per cent, to 19,653.50.

Foreign institutional investors remained net sellers in the capital market on Thursday, offloading shares worth Rs 1,864.20 crore, as per stock exchange data.

#### (0.71 per cent) and consumer TOP GAINERS TOP GAINERS discretionary (0.63 per cent). $B^{\rm enchmark\ equity\ indices}_{\rm Sensex\ and\ Nifty\ rallied}$ Telecommunication 5.97 Bajaj Finserv 4.05 Bajaj Finance Change ( +107.75 emerged as the only laggard. The Reserve Bank of India

A firm trend in Asian and

traders said. The 30-share BSE Sensex

The Nifty advanced 107.75

On the weekly front, the

'The risk of higher infla-

more realistic in their policy approach. The central bank maintained a hawkish tone on liquidity management, as they may consider OMO to contain liquidity in the system, which led to India's 10-year yield inching higher.

"The market, however, reacted positively, as the status quo on the growth rate and a further drop in oil prices provided near-term support," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Bajaj Finserv jumped nearly 6 per cent, and Bajaj Finance climbed nearly 4 per cent. Titan surged 2.98 per cent, followed by IndusInd Bank, ITC, JSW Steel, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Tata Consultancy Services and Maruti.

Paints, Bharti Airtel and HDFC Bank were among the lag-

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge jumped limelight after taking the ham-

mering in recent trades amid hopes that no change in interest rates may boost home sales, especially during the festive season," Amol Athawale, Vice President - Technical Research, Kotak Securities Ltd, said.

services (1.12 per cent), IT

on Friday in guarded trading ahead of a report on the US jobs market due Friday. Economists expect it to show hiring slowed to a pace of 1,63,000 jobs added in September from 1,87,000 in

> and added that the gross nonimproved in June quarter, if

#### Central bank flags financial stability risks from unsecured loans be well advised to strengthen that in the last two years, the Das explained that the

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Outlier growth in the retail unsecured loan segment prompted the RBI to flag the risks that can arise to financial stability, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

announcing the bi-monthly monetary policy review are just an advisory and the central bank is not announcing any macroprudential measures at this point of time, Governor

Swaminathan said.

"We would expect, as the first layer of defence, the banks, NBFCs and fintechs, to take appropriate internal controls," he said, warning that the RBI will "examine" the aspect if it does not see action Comments by Governor on it.

> certain components of personal loans are recording very high growth and the RBI is closely monitoring the same for any signs of incipient

"Banks and NBFCs would

their internal surveillance unsecured retail credit has mechanisms, address the build-up of risks, if any, and institute suitable safeguards in their own interest," he added.

reports of the banking regulator being concerned about flag the issue. cured loans like credit cards, personal loans and microfinance, which has led to speculation over whether it will follow up with regulations to discourage such loan growths.

Swaminathan explained

grown by 23 per cent as against an overall credit growth of 12-14 per cent in the system, making it an "out-There had already been lier" segment, which immediately prompts the regulator to

> surveillance mechanisms so that any risks that may likely be building up is handled upfront, rather than coming to grief at a later time," Šwaminathan said, addressing the financial institutions.

them (lenders) that you have to be careful, you have to just And nose also open. You have to smell where the crisis is likely to come up," Das

lem at present.

He also said that at the moment, both the banks and non-bank lenders are stable,

objective of his flag was to

make the lenders aware and

mindful of a future risk, and

made it clear there is no prob-

"We are only sensitizing

performing asset ratio has we were to go by the unaudited financial results presented by banks.

Swaminathan acknowledged that the use of digital alternatives to extend the unsecured books for many

Das said that if there is any specific issue related to a bank, RBI's supervisors will take it up with such an entity

### **'Housing sales to get boost during festival season'**

Housing sales will get a boost during the upcoming festive season with the RBI deciding on Friday to keep repo rate unchanged, according to real estate developers. However, builders demand-

ed that the key interest rate should be brought down in the next RBI policy review. Commenting on the RBI policy, realtors apex body CREDAI President Boman Irani

sales during the festive season." Many investors and fence sitters would come to the fore and buy residential properties,

"We however reiterate the crucial need of a rate cut in the next MPC meet as current interest rates have been the highest among the last few years, that need to be brought down," Irani



tain the momentum in housing Naredco President Rajan Bandelkar said, "The stability in interest rates is a relief for developers who are navigating a complex economic scenario.

This decision will benefit everyone, ensuring liquidity in the market and adding to the festive cheer, he added. Anarock Chairman Anuj Puri said the unchanged repo

rate is a festive bonanza for

"We are entering the festive quarter with a very strong momentum in housing sales and unchanged interest rates will act as a major catalyst for growth in the residential market," Puri said. Proptech firm Reloy, which helps builders in generating referral sales, founder and CEO Akhil Saraf said: "The RBI holding rates is great news for the real estate industry. It will help in sustaining housing demand, which has only accelerated despite previous hikes."

Dhruv Agarwala, Group

CEO, Housing.Com, Proptiger.Com, said the banks will have more leg room to offer homebuyers better incentives during the upcoming festive season. "Considering the demand for residential property in the country is at an all-time high right now, this augurs remarkably well for India's real

estate," Agarwala said. Mohit Jain, Managing Director, Krisumi Corporation, said the RBI decision augurs well for the housing sector and demand is expected to remain robust over the next few months.

Ashwin Chadha, CEO, India Sotheby's International Realty, said, "This steady repo rate is anticipated to foster stability in home loan lending rates, which is encouraging ahead of the festive season, where we expect the demand for homes to remain strong."

### Jio, Airtel roll out special plans to woo cricket fans during World Cup

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for Rs 49.

With the start of the World Cup cricket tournament, Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel have rolled out plans to woo cricket fans.

Reliance Iio has started offering multiple prepaid plans bundled with Disney+ Hotstar where users will be able to watch World Cup cricket matches. Bharti Airtel has launched two plans, which include unlimited data for 2 days against a payment of Rs 99 and 6GB of additional data with 1-day validity

On the other hand, Jio has rolled out monthly, quarterly and annual plans bundled with data, unlimited voice, and subscription to Disney+ Hotstar mobile.

Jio's basic plan is priced at Rs 328 and comes with 1.5 GB high-speed data per day for 28 days and a 3-month Disney+ Hotstar mobile subscription.

In addition, Jio has also introduced a Rs 758 plan, which offers 1.5 GB of highspeed data per day for 84 days and comes with a 3-month Disney+ Hotstar mobile subscription.

Similarly, plans priced at Rs 388 and Rs 808 offer 2 GB of high-speed data per day for 28 and 84 days, respectively, and come with 3 months of Disney+ Hotstar mobile subscription.

In addition, the 84-day Rs 598 plan and the annual Rs 3,178 plan offer users one year of Disney+ Hotstar mobile subscription and 2GB high-speed data per day.

## India Battery Manufacturing Vision aims 500GWh annual capacity by 2035

**▼**ndustry body India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) on Friday unveiled its 'India Battery Manufacturing Vision' targeting over 500GWh capacity by 2035, having potential to create over 2.6 million jobs and bring investment worth USD 35 billion in the country.

IESA is focused on the development of advanced energy storage, green hydrogen, and e-mobility technologies

"IESA has also set a vision to further scale this capacity to over 500 GWh by 2035 considering the demand growth for both stationary storage and emobility in India," said Rahul Walawalkar, Chair, WESD, Founder and President of IESA, and president & MD, Customized Energy Solutions (CES) India, in a statement.

He explained that with

ate over 2.6 million jobs and bring in USD 35 billion investments by 2035. IESÁ is anticipating that

the first gigafactory (manufacturing facility that produces components linked to electrification and decarbonization technologies) in India will start commercial production in 2024 and installed manufacturing capacity of ACC (Advanced chemistry cell) batteries should scale to over 50 GWh by 2027-

Based announcements, Indian gigafactories should scale to over 150 GWh annual capacity by end of 2030.

In addition, there is a great opportunity for localising key components of gigafactories such as cathode-anode separator, electrolytes etc. With the need for alternate supply chain in developed markets such as US and European Union, he

Indian battery supply chain

1,000 GWh manufacturing capacity with enabling policy and regulatory framework, he pointed out, saying, "We are excited with the immense response received from Niti Aayog, MHI (Ministry of Heavy Industries) and Ministry of Mines for this vision."

industry could scale to over

The estimates of the IESA is based on the deliberations made by industry players and experts from over 70 countries during Global Virtual Conference &

World Energy Storage Day (WESD) 2023 last month. The experts also discussed how energy storage and electric

Expo on the occasion of the

mobility can align with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a greener India. The conference's focus on e-mobility trends in the R2 region, encompassing India and SAARC nations, provided a powerful platform for stakeholders to delve into the nuances of EV adoption.

#### TCS TO CONSIDER SHARE BUYBACK PROPOSAL New Delhi: IT major TCS will consider share buyback proposal in its board meeting to be held next week, the company said on Friday. The company had last announced share buyback of up to Rs 18,000 crore entailing 4 crore shares at Rs 4,500 apiece which

closed in March 2022.

SHASHTRI'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED New Delhi: The nation celebrated on 2nd October 2023, the 119th

birth anniversary of the late Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. The occasion was marked by various programmes held in the capital beginning with bhajans at his Samadhi at Vijay Ghat organised by the Government of NCT of Delhi. Excerpts of Shastri's speeches

**BUSINESS BRIEF** 

'FMCG CONSUMPTION SHOWING IMPROVEMENT' New Delhi: Helped by encouraging macro indicators, FMCG consumption is showing improvement year-on-year, though the

recovery has been gradual, Dabur India said in its quarter updates.

'India Battery Manufacturing Vision, the country can gener-

## LIVERPOOL TOO GOOD FOR SAINT-GILLOISE



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iverpool closed in on the Europa League knockout ⊿rounds with a 2-0 win over Union Saint-Gilloise on Thursday, while Brighton fought back to secure their first European point in a thrilling 2-2 draw at Marseille.

West Ham's 2-1 win at Freiburg saw them set a new record unbeaten streak for an English team in Europe, while Romelu Lukaku was among the scorers in Roma's 4-0 win over

Jurgen Klopp named a strong side at Anfield with the Reds keen to make sure of top spot in Group E and progress directly to the last 16.

Saint-Gilloise goalkeeper Anthony Moris had been in inspired form to deny Mohamed Salah early on, but his fumble from Trent Alexander-Arnold's effort left Ryan Gravernberch with a tap-in for his first Liverpool goal on the stroke of half-time. Klopp sent on Alexis Mac

Allister at half-time as he came up against his brother Kevin, who started for the Belgians.

"Today my dad was here but I am sure everybody in our family was watching the TV, so it

was special," said Alexis Mac Allister. "I guess he (his dad) cried a little bit.

Liverpool were made to wait until stoppage time to secure the points as Diogo Jota burst clear on goal and produced a cool finish.

The Reds travel to Brighton in the Premier League on Sunday and the Seagulls may well be fatigued after their efforts to snatch a point in southern

Marseille have struggled so far this season but went 2-0 up thanks to two goals in two minutes midway through the first

Chancel Mbemba swept the French side into the lead before a slip from Brighton captain Lewis Dunk allowed Jordan Veretout to make it 2-0.

Brighton seemed destined for a third consecutive defeat in all competitions, but the momentum swung when Pascal Gross was picked out by Kaoru Mitoma to halve the

Joao Pedro then levelled from the penalty spot after Tariq Lamptey had been upended inside the box two minutes from time to leave Brighton just one point adrift of Marseille and Ajax in Group B.

"I think we are not playing well, it's a very tough period for us in this moment," said

Brighton boss Roberto De Zerbi. To close the first half at 2-0, this reaction is incredible. For it I am very happy.'

AEK are the surprise leaders of the section on four points after coming from behind to draw 1-1 with Ajax.

#### **WEST HAM SET RECORD**

West Ham are well on course for the last 16 after stretching their unbeaten run in Europe to 17 games.

"It's a brilliant achievement, I've said to the boys we need to keep it going," said Hammers boss David Moyes.

"Winning the game tonight was most important."

Lucas Paqueta put the Europa Conference League winners in front after just eight minutes with a towering header.
Roland Sallai levelled for

Freiburg early in the second-half. But the Hammers were not to be denied as Nayef Aguerd headed home James Ward-Prowse's corner. European competitions have also been Roma's strong point under Jose Mourinho and the Italians put their poor Serie A form to one side against Servette.

Lukaku opened the scoring before an Andrea Belotti brace either side of Lorenzo Pellegrini's strike made it two wins from two for Roma in Group G.

Rangers did not get any reaction from the sacking of Michael Beale as the Glasgow giants slumped to an embarrassing 2-1 defeat to Aris Limassol.

Former Gers midfielder Steven Davis took temporary charge but could only oversee Aris registering their first ever European group stage victory.

Alex Moucketou-Moussounda and Shavy Babicka scored on a famous night for the Cypriots as Abdallah Sima's header proved nothing more than a consolation for Rangers.

All four sides in Group C are now on three points after Real Betis bounced back from their 1-0 defeat by Rangers with a 2-1 win over Sparta Prague.

In the Europa Conference League, Aston Villa left it very late to see off Bosnian champi ons Zrinjski Mostar 1-0 as John McGinn headed in a 94th minute winner.

Villa badly needed the win after a 3-2 defeat at Legia Warsaw two weeks ago.

"It's huge because of how we started the group," said McGinn. "Tonight was a must win."





## Newcastle can be world's biggest club: Howe

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 $E^{\text{ddie Howe believes Newcas}}_{\text{tle have the potential to}}$ eventually become the biggest club in the world.

Revitalised by Howe's astute management and the financial muscle of the club's Saudi owners, Newcastle are developing into a global brand.

Newcastle chairman Yasir Al-Rumayyan has made no secret of his long-term ambition, saying in the recent documentary 'We Are Newcastle United' that he wants to establish the club as number one in the world. Howe, who spoke to Al-Rumayyan after the PSG game, acknowledges they are still some way from holding the power and prestige of clubs like PSG, Manchester City, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich

But asked on Friday if there was any reason why the Magpies could not be football's biggest club, Howe said: "No, but we're not the world's number one club at the moment.

"We've got to try to work towards that, and these things take time. There is no magic wand. Being smart, making good decisions and working hard every day. "If that is the ultimate aim, then we will try our best to try and get that.

"We have to be calm and recognise we are in the early stages of the season. We've got a lot to prove before we can say anything about what we've done.

'We've just put ourselves in good position in our Champions League group and we are still formulating our Premier League position.

#### **BERHALTER RECALLS**

Borussia Dortmund's Gio Revna will re-unite with United States national team coach Gregg Berhalter for the first time since their bitter public dispute after the midfielder was named in the squad for this month's





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 $G^{\mathrm{oalkeeper}\ \mathrm{Sergio}\ \mathrm{Romero}}_{\mathrm{was}\ \mathrm{the}\ \mathrm{hero}\ \mathrm{as}\ \mathrm{Boca}}$ Juniors beat Palmeiras 4-2 on penalties after their Copa Libertadores semi-final, second leg ended 1-1 on Thursday, to set up a clash with Brazilian

club Fluminense in the final.

Edinson Cavani had put Boca ahead in the 23rd minute but after the Argentine club had defender Marcos Rojo sent off in the 66th minute, Joaquin Piquerez grabbed a leveller only for Boca to triumph in the shoot-out with Romero making two huge saves.

"I'm 36 years old and I'm at an age when I like to have fun, and for me penalties are fun, said former Argentine national team keeper Romero who

had helped his team to penalties wins in the previous two

rounds. Boca now have a chance to match Independiente's record of seven Libertadores titles when they face a Fluminense team who are looking for the first triumph in South America's top club competition.

"You dream about these kind of days when you are a kid and so to live it is a unique, special experience," said Boca midfielder Ezequiel Fernandez.

"It's history but we know how big we are, how great we are but it is still a dream," he added

Fluminense beat Internacional 2-1 on Wednesday to book their place in the November 4 final, which will be held at their home venue, the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro.

### Nagelsmann recalls Hummels in Germany squad

Japan's Olympic champion Daiki Hashimoto bounced back after struggling in qualifying to successfully defend his men's all-around title at the world gymnastics championships in Antwerp on Thursday.

Hashimoto scored 86.132 points to finish over a point ahead of Ukraine's Illia Kovtun,



American teenager Frederick

Richard taking a surprise bronze

Only two competitors from each country can compete in the all-around final and Hashimoto

could have been left out. But his team opted to retain him at the expense of Kazuma Kaya, who had finished ahead of

him in Sunday's qualifying. It proved a good decision by Japan, who won team gold two

ond straight year.

days earlier. On Thursday, Hashimoto started his evening with an almost perfect floor routine but was frustrated after taking a big step forward on his final landing.

But the 22-year-old regained

his composure, delivering an otherwise flawless performance which gave him the most coveted title in gymnastics for a sec-

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## PAK BOWLERS THRASH NETHERLANDS

**PTI** HYDERABAD

etherlands' star allrounder Bas de Leede did all he could, but Pakistan put up an improved bowling effort to pick up an 81run victory in their World Cup opener here on Friday.

De Leede took four wickets with his medium-pace as a resolute Netherlands limited Pakistan to 286 all out in 49

The Dutch were in the run chase till opener Vikramjit Singh (52 off 67) and de Leede (67 off 68) were in the middle but the end of their 70-run stand for the third wicket led to their downfall. They were eventually bowled out for 205 in 41 overs

Pakistan's bowling, which was found wanting in the warmup games, delivered in the mid-dle-overs.

Haris Rauf (3/43) hurried the middle-order duo of Teja Nidamanuru and Scott Edwards to strike twice in the 27th over.

Shaheen Afridi trapped Saqib Zulfikar in front with a fast and full ball to make it 158 for six and when left-arm spinner Mohammad Nawaz dismissed De Leede with a beauty, it was game over for the associate team in the competition.

Under fire vice-captain Shadab Khan also raised his game with the ball.



With minimal foot movement, Vikramjit's stroke play against Shaheen in the powerplay was effective as he collected three boundaries off the star pacer. De Leede's six over wide long-on against the turn off Nawaz stood out in his sublime

In the end, de Leede was left to do too much on his own.

Earlier, Pakistan suffered two mini collapses in their innings, one at the top of the order and the other one after a 120-run stand off 114 balls

between Mohammad Rizwan (68 off 75) and Saud Shakeel (68 off 52) for the fourth wicket.

While de Leede got the important breakthroughs in the middle-overs, off-spinners Aryan Dutt (1/48) and Colin Ackermann (2/39) got a lot out

of the Hyderabad surface. Playing their first World

Cup game in 12 years, Netherlands used as many as eight bowling options after opting to field.

Dutt opened the bowling for Netherlands alongside Logan

van Beek who got his outswing (inswing to the left-handers) going in the powerplay.

Pakistan were in a nervy state after losing Fakhar Zaman (12), skipper Babar Azam (5) and Imam Ul Haq (15) by the 10th over.

Van Beek had the out-of-form Zaman caught and bowled before Ackermann got the prized wicket of Babar whose attempted pull landed straight into the hands of the mid-wicket fielder.

Paul van Meekran struck on his very first ball as his short ball got big on Imam who pulled it straight to fine-leg, leaving Pakistan at 38 for three.

Rizwan and Saud gave the innings much-needed stability. Shakeel, playing only his seventh ODI, was particularly impressive against the spinners. His effort included nine fours and six via a slog sweep off Roelof Van der

De Leede broke the stand by removing Rizwan with a ball that cut back in to sneak through the batter's defence.

From 188 for six, Nawaz (39) and Shadab (32) forged a 64-run partnership to take the team past 250.

Pakistan were on course to reach 300 but De Leede got rid of Shadab and Hasan Ali off successive balls to put the brakes on their scoring.

against Afghanistan (Oct 11) and Pakistan (Oct 14) in case the recovery takes more time. "Let's not jump the gun. If it's normal viral fever, he could play on antibiotics but it's com-

the source said. Gill, who has scored 1,200 runs this season, has forged a successful opening stand with skipper Rohit Sharma of late. If he is absent for a long period of time, it could well be a big setback for the Indian team.

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I'm a Kiwi, but proud of

Indian roots: Rachin

**PTI** ■ AHMEDABAD

 $R^{a chin} \ Ravindra \ takes \ pride \\ Ravindra \ takes \ pride \\ India \ connect$ and ethnicity, which only deepened with his maiden ODI ton in the World Cup opener in Ahmedabad, but the all-rounder considers himself a "complete Kiwi" just like teammate Devon Conway.

Born to Indian parents in Wellington, Ravindra has his family roots in Bengaluru, while Conway migrated to New Zealand from South Africa in 2017 for better cricketing opportunities. And on Thursday, Ravindra (123 not out off 96 balls) and Conway (152 not out off 121) hammered England's bowling attack into submission to power New Zealand to a comfortable nine-wicket win over the

defending champions.
"We're both sort of Kiwis now. I was born in New Zealand and my family's from India, but I completely see myself as a Kiwi and obviously very proud of my roots and my ethnicity, Ravindra said at the post-match press conference on Thursday.

"I think Devon (Conway) would be the same. I think he's sort of adopted New Zealand as his home for the last 5-6 years and I'd say he's completely Kiwi. So, I mean, being able to win a game for your nation is always special," he added.

Chasing England's 282 for 9. the duo shared an unbeaten 273, the fourth-highest partnership for any wicket, to canter to victory in 36.2 overs.

Talking about the scintillating partnership with Conway, Ravindra said the plan was to keep things simple. "It was just (about) trying to

keep it pretty simple. I think the way me and Dev (Conway) sort of went about it, being able to check in with each other ball after ball and making sure what's important stays important," he

"The process and your rou-

tines, as opposed to just blindly trying to take someone down or do something rash.' Ravindra was named after

two Indian cricket icons -Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar, whom he idolises. His first name Rachin was

derived from 'Ra' of Rahul Dravid and 'chin' of Sachin Tendulkar. "I think those two (Dravid and Tendulkar) are pretty special cricketers," he said. "Obviously, I've heard a lot

of stories and watched a lot of footage. I guess the influence from my parents and my dad, sort of, and the old-school Indian cricketers was pretty

"Being able to watch a lot of their highlights and stuff... obviously, I idolise Sachin Tendulkar, I think a lot of people do. I think the way he batted, his technique was beautiful to watch," he added.

#### **PTI** CHENNAI

The Indian team's worries ahead of its opening World Cup game against Australia have been compounded with inform Shubman Gill suspected to be suffering from dengue and the batter is a doubtful starter for Sunday's match against Australia here Ishan Kishan could open

the innings in case Gill is ruled

#### Gill down with dengue, could be out for multiple games the nature of the illness.

"He's under the weather, the

medical team is closely monitoring him. We are hoping he gets better soon. We will have to wait on more updates from the medical team," the medical update from BCCI stated.

Gill, India's most prolific batter in ODIs in recent times, is reportedly down with high The BCCI is yet to confirm fever and will be tested for

fered an injury and Antim Pan-

semifinals after he beat weak

opponents in the Philippines' Ronil Tubog (8-1) and Bahrain's

Alibeg Alibegov (4-0).
Sonam Malik (65kg) and

Kiran (76kg) also lost their

respective semifinals in the

women's competition to go out

of the gold medal race as four of

the five Indians in action fell at

In the men's 57kg competition, Aman moved into the

quarterfinals with an easy 6-1

win over Korea's Kim Sungg-

the last-four stage.

medal in Hangzhou.

ession by winning a bronze



dengue on Friday before a final call is taken on the matter. "Shubman has had high

fever since landing in Chennai. His tests are being done. He will have tests on Friday and a call will be taken on his participation in the opening game," a BCCI source privy to the developments told PTI on condition of anonymity.

It is learnt that Gill is being

tested again for dengue and, if it is confirmed, he could well miss a couple of games.

The recovery from dengue normally takes 7-10 days for a player to be match-fit again. However, if there is a significant drop in the platelet count, it could take much more time.

While Gill could be a nonstarter against Australia, there is a high chance that he won't play

scored a brace through penalty corners, Amit

Rohidas (36th) also sounded the board from

a set-piece, while Manpreet Singh (25th) and

Abhishek (48th) found the net from field

efforts to register the famous victory for India.

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Harmanpreet, thus, finished the tourna-

unbeaten, were by far the better side against

Japan, whom they had defeated 4-2 in the

## medal in women's sepaktakraw

India clinched their first-ever medal in women's sepaktakraw at the Asian Games with after losing to powerhouse Thailand in the semifinals here on Friday. The Indian women's team of Ayekpam Maipak Devi, Oinam Chaoba Devi, Khushbu, Elangbam Priya Devi and Elangbam Leirentombi Devi lost 10-21, 13-21 in the semifinals.

India had finished second in their group behind Vietnam to make it to the semifinals.

Thailand are the defending champions in the event. The two er after the match.

In sepaktakraw, both the semifinalists are awarded a bronze medal each. This was India's first-ever medal in women's sepaktakraw at the Asian Games, and only the second for the country in the sport.



**PTI** MUMBAI

Ajinkya Rahane was on Friday retained as captain while all-rounder Shams Mulani named his deputy as Mumbai announced a 16-member squad for the upcoming Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy.

The tournament will be held at five different venues from October 16 November 6.

Mumbai had won the pre-vious edition of India's premier domestic T20 cricket competition last season, defeating Himachal Pradesh by three wickets in the final at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

The squad also features lefthanded explosive batter Yashasvi Jaiswal and all-rounder Shivam Dube, who are currently on national duty in the Asian

Games. Defending champions Mumbai will face Meghalaya on October 17 in their first match

of the tournament. Mumbai are placed in the

eight-team Group A of the T20 competition. The other teams in the group are Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Hyderabad, Baroda, Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram and Meghalaya. The league stage of the Syed

Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament will be held at Mohali, Mumbai, Ranchi, Jaipur and Dehradun whereas all knockouts matches will be played in Mohali from October 31 to November 6.

Mumbai squad: Ajinkya Rahane (c), Shams Mulani (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Sarfaraz Khan, Shivam Dube, Prasad Pawar, Hardik Tamore, Tanush Kotian, Atharva Ankolekar, Tushar Deshpande, Dhawal Kulkarni, Mohit Awasthi, Royston Dias, Ajit Yadav, Sairaj Patil.

## India reclaim Asian Games hockey gold India win first-ever Asian Games eking out a close 2-1 win over hosts China. Harmanpreet (32nd, 59th minutes)

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Bajrang Punia, who entered the Asian Games after escap-

ing the selection trials, suffered

embarrassing defeats to make a

medal-less exit from Hangzhou

even as three other Indian

wrestlers, including the talented

Aman Sehrawat, won bronze medals here on Friday.

who spent a major part of this

year protesting against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh,

began with two easy wins but

appeared clueless against the for-

midable Iranian Rahman

Amouzadkhalili and Japan's

Kaiki Yamaguchi. Vishal Kaliraman had won

the Asian Games trials but the IOA ad-hoc panel, led by Bhupender Singh Bajwa, had

handed Bajrang a direct entry, a decision which invited criti-

cism from the wrestling frater-

nity.
Sending defending champi-

on Bajrang, someone who was terribly short of competition

time this year, in the tough men's

65kg competition proved to be

a mistake by the Bajwa-led

ing face of the wrestlers' protest,

was spared from the trials but,

Even Vinesh Phogat, a lead-

panel.

An under-prepared Bajrang,

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh led admirably as the Indian men's hockey team mauled defending champions Japan 5-1 to reclaim the Asian Games gold, their fourth in the continental showpiece, after nine years and qualify for next vear's Paris Olyi

The Índians, who had to be content with a bronze medal in the last edition in Jakarta, thus won their fourth Asian Games gold and first since the 2014 Incheon edition. India's other gold medals came in 1966

and 1998, both times in Bangkok. South Korea won the bronze medal after

Bajrang makes medal-less

exit; Aman wins bronze



## **Prannoy signs off with**

n error-prone HS Prannoy signed off An error-prone FIS FIGURE 1 Was Asian Games bronze, India's first medal in men's singles in 41 years, after going down in straight games to reigning All England champion, China's Li Shi Feng, in the semifinals here on Friday.

The World No.7 Indian, who is playing with a back niggle, committed too many unforced errors to go down 16-21 9-21 against the home favourite and world No. 8 Li in a 51-minute contest.

It was India's second medal in men's singles since Syed Modi claimed a bronze in the 1982 edition in New Delhi. Prannoy was also part of the silver



medal-winning Indian men's team last

The 31-year-old from Thiruvananthapuram made a good start but lost the plot midway through the opening game,

mainly due to the errors he committed while looking for precision in his return, going wide and long in the process.

"Credit to Li. He played a really solid game out there. I had more chances in

the first game but it drifted away from me after 14-14. At my current fitness level, I'm happy enough to play the semifinal on such a big stage," said Prannoy.

"It's the first time he's beaten me and

maybe my fitness played a part, but today he was much better prepared. The crowd gave him confidence. I think a combination of factors gave him the edge.

The shuttler also indicated that the taxing Paris Olympics qualification schedule was taking a toll and he will have to "take core" of his picture. to "take care" of his niggles.

before that (2024 Olympics). A whole year of qualifications and so many tournaments can be cruel for some badminton players. I need to take care of these issues (back injury) so now it's important to get back and check my whole body to make sure I'm fit the entire

"Sadly, there are tons of tournaments

Prannoy also conceded the difference in age between him and Li could also have been a contributing factor for his

"I think age is a factor because some of them (players) are 21 or 22, and they're flying all over the court. We have to manage these youngsters but there is also some fun in that.

#### Bridge: Indian men gal got to compete and made an settle for silver Bajrang was routed 1-8 by Iran's Amouzadkhalili in the

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The Indian men's team stumbled on the final hurdle against Hong Kong, and settled for a silver medal in the bridge competition at the Asian Games here on Friday.

India, a gold and two bronze-medal winner at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games, lost to Hong Kong 152-238.1 in the

gold-medal match at Hangzhou. Hong Kong emerged a clear 38-17 winner to all but seal the match for the nippy and technically superior Indian counterparts gold with a 4-1 lead. who took a massive 30-5 lead at the

## Indian men's, women's kabaddi teams enter finals

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 $T^{\text{he Indian men's kabaddi team}}_{\text{thrashed arch-rival Pakistan}}$ 61-14 on Friday to take their designated place in the final of the Asian Games here after the shock bronze-medal finish in the 2018 edition in Jakarta.

The India women, the two-time former champions, too stormed into their fourth successive games final with a commanding 61-17 win over Nepal. Pakistan men were hardly a

end of the first session, securing two bonus points along with the 22 and six points they earned through

'outs' and 'all outs' respectively. Winners of seven consecutive gold medals at the continental showpiece, the Indian men's team had suffered a shock semifinal loss to Iran at the Jakarta Games, making it the first time the big boys of the sport had failed to make it to the final since the sport was included in the curriculum in

India will meet the winners of the second semi-final between Iran and Chinese Taipei in the title

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