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Canada isolated Women's Reservation as India roars

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Amid a huge diplomatic Conflagration following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, India on Wednesday issued an advisory urging its nationals in Canada and those contemplating to travel there to exercise utmost caution in view of anti-India activities in some parts of that country

This note of caution came a day after Canada issued an advisory to its nationals to remain vigilant while travelling to India.

In another development External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar reportedly briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday here about the chain of events over the last two

A day after Trudeau's allegation of India's involvement in the killing of Nijjar, the Canadian media reported that Ottawa's Five Eye allies were not keen on taking sides. Canada is part of a "Five Eyes" network which is an intelli-



gence alliance consisting of the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. They showed little inclination to wade into an escalating row between Ottawa and New Delhi over allegations.

India on Tuesday rejected Trudeau's allegations as "absurd" and "motivated" and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move to Ottawa's expulsion of an Indian official over the case.

Reacting to developments, US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti said, "Canada is a dear friend, partner and ally and happens

als there and those contemplating travel are urged to exercise utmost caution. Recently, threats have particularly targeted Indian Diplomats and sections of the Indian community who oppose the anti-India agenda.
"Indian nationals are
therefore advised to avoid

travelling to regions and potential venues in Canada that have seen such incidents. "Our High Commission/ Consulates Ğeneral will continue to be in contact with the Canadian authorities to

and politically-condoned hate

crimes and criminal violence

in Canada, all Indian nation-

ensure the safety and well being of the Indian community in Canada. Given the deteriorating security environment in Canada, Indian students in particular are advised to exer-

cise extreme caution and

remain vigilant. Indian nationals and students from India in Canada must also register with the High Commission of India in Ottawa or Consulates General of India in Toronto and Vancouver through their respective websites, or the MADAD portal madad.gov.in.

has many miles to go

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The new Parliament building, on its second day of functioning, made history by passing the long-awaited Women's Reservation Bill, rebranded as the "Nari Shakti Vandana Adhiniyam" with an overwhelming majority in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was present during the voting on the Bill.

Setting the tone of the debate, former Congress president Sonia Gandhi made a strong pitch for bringing OBC women in the ambit of the proposed law and asserting that any delay in bringing the reservation into effect would be "gross injustice" to women.

During the course of the over eight-hour-long debate, many Opposition MPs objected to the Bill, citing a delay in implementing women's reservation until after the delimitation process. However, the Bill was passed with 454 MPs in support, and only two MPs from AIMIM in opposition.

Intervening in the debate, Home Minister Amit Shah brushed aside apprehensions of a delay in the implementation of the proposed law and asserted that the next government

Lok Sabha passes Bill



Congress MP Sonia Gandhi arrives at Parliament House complex during the pecial session in New Delhi on Wednesday

will conduct a census and delimitation exercise soon after the elections, setting in motion the process to make women's reservation a reality.

The Bill will be tabled in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday and is likely to be passed there as well after a full day of debate, as scheduled. Following its passage in Parliament, the Bill will require consent from half of the total State Assemblies in the country.

Subsequently, the approval of President Draupadi Murmu will transform it into an Act.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed delight at the passage of the Bill and wrote on X: "The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam is a historic legislation which will further boost women empowerment and will enable even greater participation of women

in our political process." The constitutional amendment Bill "Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam", was introduced in the Lower House on Tuesday. Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal presented the Constitution (128th

Amendment) Bill, aiming to reserve 33 per cent of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies. The Bill has been proposed by various governments since 1996, but failed to garner consensus each time. This is

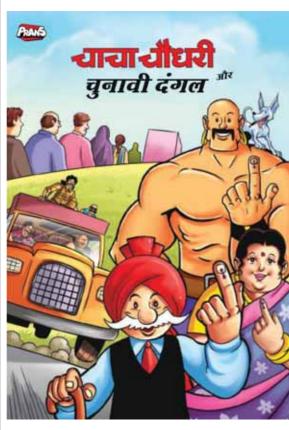
not only a historic moment for the Bill, which ensures equal representation of women in the lower house of Parliament, but it is also the inaugural Bill to be tabled and passed in the new Parliament building. Despite the majority agreeing on the importance of women's reservation, there was a heated debate over two claus-

itation" raised objections, as it would significantly postpone the implementation of the Bill. Secondly, the exclusion of OBC from the reservation,

es. Firstly, the issue of "delim-

which included quota for the SC and the ST, was contentious. A total of 27 women MPs,

spanning across party lines, including Union Minister Smriti Irani and Congress Parliamentary chief Sonia Gandhi, spoke during the Lok Sabha debate. BJP legislators supported it, while Opposition parties also backed it, demanding its immediate implementation. Currently, there are 82 women MPs in the Lok Sabha, out of a total strength of 543.



Chacha Chaudhary, Sabu entice voters

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

hacha Chaudhary, the Cindelible comic character crafted by Pran Kumar Sharma, who resides deep within the heart of every Indian, is now being used to raise awareness among new

This isn't the first instance where the Government has employed characters like Chacha Chaudhary and other iconic comic figures to promote and raise awareness, be it for projects like Namami Ganga or initiatives such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Election

The Commission (EC) will use Chacha Chaudhary, Sabu, Raaka, Dhamaka Singh, Billoo and others to create awareness about elections among new voters.

In a one of a kind effort. a comic book titled Chacha Chaudhary and Chunavi Dangal published by Pran Comics has been launched to create awareness about elections among new voters through popular comic characters. The book was launched by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar along with Election Commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Chacha Chaudharym

Sabu, Raka, Billoo and Dhamaka Singh among others will now teach voters about the importance of elections, and how to enroll as voters. The comic will comprise 10 short stories on electoral aspects.

In the comic, Chacha Chaudhary also plays a pivotal role in introducing readers to various apps developed by the Election Commission of India like cVigil and KYC, thereby empowering them to become an active and informed participant in the election process. The comic book strongly emphasises the significance of women's participation in the electoral process, aligning with ECI efforts to increase women's participation

Sikh diaspora slams Trudeau

PNS NEW DELHI

Influential Sikhs in America are upset with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations against India

to be our northern neigh-

bour. We care deeply for

Canada just as we care deeply

for India. I think that

moments like this don't

define our relationship, but

they certainly can slow down

progress...With an active

criminal investigation, I hope

that we can make sure that

perpetrators are brought to

justice and that we can all

allow the space for that infor-

mation and that investigation

to occur before anybody leaps

Ministry of External Affairs

(MEA), it said, "In view of

growing anti-India activities

The advisory issued by

to judgment.

Wednesday raised questions over the timing of the Canadian PM's allegations. Singh said Trudeau is digging a hole for himself for political gain and it can backfire. A US expert has termed

Canadian Trudeau's claim of a "potential link" between Indian Government agents and the killing of Khalistani leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the chief of the banned Khalistan Tiger Force, a "shameless and cynical action" and urged the United States not be part of it.

Participating in a panel discussion at the Hudson Institute think-tank, Michael Rubin, Senior Fellow at American Enterprise Institute, claimed Trudeau is playing into the hands of people who are looking at the Khalistani movement as a movement of ego and profit.

What is striking about Trudeau's "shameless action and cynical action" is that

while he is making a statement now, the killing of Karima Baluch that was carried out allegedly with Pakistani assistance is a police matter and has not been taken to the Prime Chairman of Sikhs of Minister's office, Rubin said.

India has strongl Trudeau's claims as "absurd and motivated" and dismissed a senior Canadian diplomat in a reciprocal move. unsubstantiated allegations seek to shift the focus from Khalistani terrorists and extremists, who have been provided shelter in Canada and continue to threaten India's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The inaction of the Canadian Government on this matter has been a long-standing and continuing concern," Indian Ministry of External

Affairs said in a statement. UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesperson told reporters that "work on the trade negotiations will continue as before" and that the UK was "not looking to conflate these issues". Soon after Trudeau's allegation, a UK Government spokesperson said Britain is in close touch with the Canadian authorities but declined to comment further.



Hubballi Ka Raja arrives: Devotees carry a 23-feet Lord Ganesha idol for Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations in Hubballi on Tuesday. Ganpati is famously called Hubballi Ka

Global warming: 2023 a climate alert

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Tust as the world sweated it out in the record-breaking hottest July, a new study has now warned that 2023 will be no exception as it is expected to be the hottest year ever, marking another alarming milestone triggered by climate change induced El Niño.

This serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need for decisive action on the climate change front.

A study based on the China global Merged Surface Temperature dataset 2.0 (CMST 2.0), from Sun Yat-sen University which has revealed these alarming facts, comes after NASA and the European Union Climate Monitor recentlv also stated 2023 to be the hottest on record.

As per NASA, July was esti-

mated to have been around 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer than the pre-industrial average for 1850-1900. It said July was 0.33 degree Celsius warmer than the previous warmest month, July 2019. In fact, Asia, Africa, and South America each had their warmest July on record

South America had its highest monthly temperature anomaly of any month on record. The hottest of these was July 6, when the average daily global temperature was recorded to be 17.08 degrees Celsius, according to reports.

For the new study published in Advances in Atmospheric Sciences, the researchers analysed the CMST 2.0 dataset and discovered that 2023 has already experienced the third hottest first half-year since records began, narrowly trailing 2016 — the warmest

year — and 2020 — the second

warmest. The global mean sea surface temperatures (SSTs) surged to an all-time high in April, while global mean land air temperatures followed suit by reaching their second-high-

est monthly level in June. This combination resulted in May being crowned the hottest month ever recorded for

global mean surface tempera-

Global temperatures will continue to rise into the second half of 2023, driven by factors, including El Niño and widespread wildfires.

Both global mean SSTs and global mean land temperatures reached unprecedented level of global temperature highs for July, shattering previ-

ous records.

"Given the current trajectory and short-term forecast results of El Niño, along with the extremely positive phase of the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation that strongly influences global surface temperatures, 2023 is expected to be the hottest year on record," said Professor LI Qingxiang from Sun Yat-sen.

"Moreover, 2024 may witness even higher global surface temperatures," added LI, also a research fellow at the Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography of the Chinese

Academy of Sciences. The CMST 2.0 dataset is one of the most comprehensive global surface temperature benchmark datasets to date. It takes into account the accuracy of both global and regional climate change, raising the monitoring to a new level. The dataset integrates over

century's worth of global land air temperature data and state-of-the-art research results from across the globe, resulting in an invaluable resource for climate scientists and policymakers. Based on this dataset, the

team was the first to point out that the much-talked-about 'global warming hiatus" during the last decade was just a statistical artefact, and in 2022, the dataset was expanded to include Arctic temperature data, further enhancing its global coverage. As global warming acceler-

ates, the likelihood of extreme weather events and disasters increases. Therefore, immediate and sustained efforts are needed to mitigate the devastating impacts of climate

Rising Dengue Cases: 36 New Positive Cases Reported

n a recent sample test conducted. alarming results have emerged as 36 individuals were found to be dengue positive in the district. This development has raised serious concerns among health officials and the general public, shedding light on the growing dengue epidemic in the area.

According to the latest data available, the district has witnessed a worrying surge in dengue cases. Out of a total of 5955 samples tested to date, a staggering 758 people have been confirmed to be dengue positive. The rapid spread of the virus has prompted authorities to take



swift action to control the situation and provide necessary medical care to those affectPresently, the healthcare

system is under considerable

currently undergoing treatment for dengue in various hospitals across the district. Out of these, 12 patients are admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), receiving critical care, while the remaining 278 patients are in the normal wards, where they are being closely monitored by medical profession-

In a ray of hope, it was reported that today, 109 indi-viduals were discharged from the hospital after showing signs of improvement and recovering from dengue. This indicates that, despite the rising numbers, effective medical treatment and care are helping some patients on

Health authorities are

working tirelessly to manage situation, with an increased focus on preventing further dengue cases. They have been conducting extensive awareness campaigns to educate the public about preventive measures, such as eliminating breeding sites for dengue mosquitoes and taking necessary precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

Local health officials are urging residents to remain vigilant and take proactive steps to protect themselves and their communities from dengue. This includes wearing mosquito repellent, using bed nets, and seeking medical attention at the earliest sign of dengue symptoms, such as high fever, severe headache, joint and muscle pain, rash, and bleeding.

The district administration is also collaborating with healthcare providers to ensure an adequate supply of medical resources and personnel to address the growing demand caused by the dengue outbreak.

As the number of dengue cases continues to rise, it is crucial for the community to unite in the fight against this mosquito-borne Public health and safety should remain a top priority, and everyone is encouraged to contribute to the efforts to curb the spread of dengue in the district.

BSL bags medal in National **Management Games**

R SHARMA: BOKARO

In the 32nd National Management Games. organized by All India Management Association (AIMA) in New Delhi, the team of Pankaj Kumar Maji, General Manager (Finance & Accounts). Ramesh Chandra, Deputy



General Manager (Finance & Accounts) Mohd. Sahabuddin, General Manager (Traffic) secured second position in the grand finale. In the grand finale organized by All India Management Association (AIMA) more than 100 teams from reputed companies like HPCL, BPCL, SAIL, IOCL, NTPC, Hero Motor Corporation Maruti, HT. Media House, NLC, NSPCL etc participated out of which 14 finalists were selected. The top management of Bokaro Steel Plant has congratulated all the team members who were able to mark their presence in such tough

Palamu Civil Surgeon inspects Health & Wellness centre

A fetoscope was found in total order at the health and wellness center at Tukbera on NH 98 today by the civil surgeon Palamu Dr Anil Kumar who officially inspected this health and wellness center but he did more a good job by just enhancing the finesse of the community health officer here by giving medical tips.

A fetoscope is used to feel the heart beat of the foetus. The community health officer of the health and wellness center at Tukbera Amisha M Beck was found well versed in using this fetoscope on pregnant women. She said pregnant women love knowing the beating heart of the

The civil surgeon said "I found this community health officer doing good. I asked her about the stages and management of the delivery. Here she was given necessary tips." Delivery is not done the pregnant woman is done

here for a check up but prefer delivering baby elsewhere, the stocking of 45 colourful baby kits here surprised the

Dr Anil Kumar said "I have asked the medical officer in charge Dr Rajendra Kumar to take away 35 out of the 45 baby kits from this centre and make use of it at the larger community-based health centre at Bishrampur."

BPL woman on the successful to convey the message that girl child is a boon. A girl child matters most." The

with all sincerity. As pregnant women come

civil surgeon much.

A baby kit is given to a

delivery of a girl child no matter if the girl child is first or fourth. The civil surgeon said "We need to protect girl child in Bishrampur. Here the gender gap is too wide. The baby kit to a BPL woman on the birth of a girl child is a move health and wellness center at



Community health officer Amisha M Beck showing a fetoscope while the civil surgeon Palamu Dr Anil Kumar looks on today at the health and wellness center at Tukbera. PNS

Tukbera has plenty of weeds and grasses making it a grassy one. The medical officer in charge Dr Rajendra Kumar has been asked to get the weeds out.

On an average a dozen patients visit this health and wellness center a day said the community health officer

space for Yoga doing but for the weeds and grassy look it is not coming here.

The civil surgeon said "We need to make this NH side health and wellness center a real health and wellness center for which all of us have to work hard and in full coordi-

Doctors' Strike in MGM Hospital: Demand for Arrest of Assaulters Intensifies

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

The ongoing strike by doctors at MGM Hospital in Jamshedpur has escalated as they demand justice for a junior doctor who was brutally assaulted by the family members of a deceased patient. The incident, which occurred on Monday night, has left the healthcare system in disarray, affecting thousands of patients who rely on the hospital's services.

The situation has taken a serious turn as doctors remain resolute in their strike until the accused assailants are arrested and sent to jail. In response to the crisis, Rural SP Rishabh Garg and Dhalbhum SDO Piyush Sinha have held meetings with the doctors, urging them to end their strike. However, the doctors have made it clear that they will not relent until justice is served.

The incident that triggered the strike involved a junior doctor who was deployed on



her tragic demise. Shockingly, the doctor was subjected to a brutal assault by the deceased patient's family members, resulting in severe injuries. In protest against this horrifying act of violence, doctors at MGM Hospital initiated their strike on Tuesday.

The strike has garnered support from nursing staff, further exacerbating the situation and causing a breakdown in the hospital's functioning. MGM Hospital is the in the region, catering to over a thousand patients daily, especially during the current surge in dengue cases and seasonal diseases. With the strike underway, the healthcare system has been severely compromised,

leaving patients in distress. In addition to the demand for the arrest of the accused assailants, doctors and nursing staff have voiced concerns about the need for improved security in the hospital. They are also calling for the implementation of the Medical Protection Act to safeguard healthcare professionals in the line of duty.

SDO Sinha has assured the medical community that efforts are underway to address the situation and apprehend the culprits. However, doctors remain sceptical of these assurances and maintain that the strike will persist until concrete action is taken to ensure justice for their assaulted colleague.

The doctors' strike at MGM Hospital underscores the critical issue of violence against healthcare workers and highlights the urgent need for measures to protect medical professionals who are dedicated to saving lives, especially during these challenging times when the healthcare system is under tremendous pressure due to the increasing

IIT-ISM teachers explain complex scientific concepts to rural students

PANKAJ: DHANBAD

More than 300 students of Upgraded High School, Sohnad situated in the tribal dominated Eastern Tundi block of Dhanbad located at a distance of about 40 kms from district headquarters, got an opportunity to understand the complex scientific concepts through the usage of 3D models and videos on

This was possible as a group of faculty members IIT-ISM Science Department of Technology visited the school as part of project, "Motivate School Students and teachers concerning the relevance of Science and Technology through innovative communication techniques"

Principal investigator of Rashmi Singh, Professor of Department of Management Studies and Industrial Engineering of IIT (ISM), explaining the working of a

wide variety of scientific models to the students and also playing the special videos before them. While explaining the models to the participating students of the workshop she also explained the role of science and technology in the digital Elaborating about the usage of 3 D techniques in teaching students Prof Singh said, "The importance of 3 D techniques is well known in the education sector as it offers visualization which is more interactive and engaging" "It also helps to develop imagination and creativity skills to understand the complex concepts of Science and allows learners to get exposed to different learning experiences and strengthen their analytical thinking process" further said Prof Singh. Niladri Das, Associate Professor of Department of Management Studies and Industrial Engineering who was also present during the occasion as along with two project staff, Sumita Biswas

and Priti Kumari said "The usage of 3 D techniques in teaching while helps to stimulate curiosity and imagination also encourages students for exploration and experimentation and innovation". Md Zakir Hussain, Principal of school who also present during the workshop said "The proceedings of workshop proved the fact that the 3 D techniques offers a better understand platform to Mathematics in a whole new way, visualizing everything from basis geometry to fractals giving them a hands on understanding of the Scientific principles that they will need to apply in future'

"The technique allows concepts to be converted from theoretical mode to physical one" further said Hussain adding that this helps students to visually and tangibly experiment with a variety of Mathematical and Scientific Concepts. Sunita Kumari (15), a class 10 student of the

Maoists put up posters for the second day, panic grips people

SURESH NIKHAR : BERMO

CPI Maoist cadres have spread panic in the entire area by putting up posters in many villages of insurgency affected Chatrochatti police station area of Gomia block. For the last decade, the activity of Naxalites had reduced in the police station area of Bermo sub-division and due to the police action being in full swing, the villagers were living fear-free.

But on the night of 19th September, there is information of CPI Maoists pasting posters at various places in Chute, Sawai, Chhotki Sthabadara and Kurkanalo of the police station area. Similarly, a poster has also been found

in IEL police station area. In this regard, Bermo SDPO Bashistha Narayan Singh said that information about pulling down of posters has been received. Investigation is being con-

A day ago, a sensation was created by pasting about 8 posters in the Lalpania main market, just five hundred meters away from the Lalpania police station area. After this, on the second day, by making posters in Chatrachatti police station area, it has been expressed that once again CPI Maoist has started expanding its organiza-

It is noteworthy that 21st September is the foundation day of CPI Maoist organization. For this purpose, they are busy making the Foundation Day a success by posting posts at various places. The Maoists had made this known by posting a day earlier, but the police department kept sleeping. Again on the second day he challenged the police by putting up posters. However, the police are busy removing the pasted posts. The people living in the area were reminded of the old days.

KGBAV Chainpur girls meet DC Palamu raising grievances, demands

PNS : DALTONGANJ

round 50 students of the A round 50 students of the KGBAV Chainpur today reached the residence of the DC Palamu Shashi Ranjan early morning today in support of their grievances and demands. Their main grievances

were the intrusion of the males into their rooms like the school guard who keeps coming an going in their rooms and also of the intrusion of the husband of the accountant of this school. The girls feel too bad about it, they

Their prime demands were regular electricity supply, water supply, exemption from performing kitchen chores like vegetables cutting or peeling off onions and even making chapatis etc.

The girls wanted 24x7 operation of the CCTV cameras as they alleged it is shut off in the evening for the whole night. DC Shashi Ranjan said we

have formed a 4 member inquiry panel led by the dis-

The Second Panel

Metaverse Era," brought

and Reskilling in the

Discussion, titled "Upskilling

together experts who delved

into the role of upskilling and

reskilling in a rapidly evolv-

Tripathi, Partner HR, KPMG

GS, highlighted the potential

of the metaverse for remote

ing metaverse. Rupesh



Girls of KGBAV Chainpur at the residence of the DC Palamu on Wednesday. Photo by PNS

trict supply officer Preeti Kisku for the mess in this school which will also see the accounts of the school like receipts and expenditures since the girls have raised red herrings on the financial deals here.

Warden KGBAV Chainpur Rani Kumari said the 10 KVA generator set of the school was stolen way back in 2021. The school has no choice but to lean on the electricity sup-

Again the electricity supply is too inadequate for which the school keeps corresponding with the electricity department officials.

When there is an electricity crisis, there is bound to be a water crisis. The girls said they miss their daily bath on account of the water crisis.

DC asked the girls not to march in the street but to keep staying at the school and their grievances would be sorted out by the official. Officials will see their demands too getting fulfilled assured the DC.

DC further said there would be a medical camp on the campus very soon as girls spoke of illness of many other inmates. A girl here is hard of hearing and needs hearing

BSL inks MoA with Samarpan Charitable Trust

Social Responsibility has coordinated with Corporate S o c i a l Responsibility (CSR) Department of Bokaro Steel Plant and the Government approved NGO Samarpan Charitable Trust" to progressively provide better drinking water to the people living in the peripheral areas

Bokaro. Notably B.S.L keeping in view the problem of severe water shortage due to depletion water level

peripheral villages of B.S.L., drying up of hand pumps, in

the year 2022-23. Hence BSL in collaboration with NGO "Samarpan Charitable Trust" is planning to provide 3000 liters of drinking water facility daily to all the villagers using solar energy and electricity based pumps. The peripheral villages of BSL to get the advantage of this collaboration are Ganjudih, Bodhnadih, Mahuar, Chiclopa and Narkara.



PNS: Jamshedpur

The Conclave Committee of XLRI, Jamshedpur, PGDM (GM) Batch 2023-24 organised the much-anticipated KRONOS - CHRO Conclave, with the theme "HR 4.0: Thriving with AI and Metaverse Innovations." The event featured a distinguished panel of senior HR professionals who provided valuable insights into the ever-evolving landscape of AI and the metaverse. Moderated by Pranav Verma, Sugandha Singh, and Md. Shadam Alam, and hosted by Anukriti Srivastava, Harsh Vardhan, Shalini Bhardwaj, and Udit Gupta, KRONOS 2023 brought together thought leaders and experts to discuss the intersection of HR, AI, and the metaverse.

The event commenced with an Inaugural Address by Fr. Donald D'Silva, who expressed his gratitude to the esteemed speakers for their valuable time and officially inaugurated the event. Fr. Donald D' Silva facilitated discussions on the critical topics of AI, Metaverse, and virtual workspaces, while also acknowledging the dedi-



cated efforts of the committee members in organizing the KRONOS Conclave. The First Panel

Discussion, titled "AI Ethics in HR: Striking the Balance, featured prominent speakers who shared their perspectives on the ethical challenges posed by AI in HR. Md. Rashid Jaffrey, Chief People Officer, Tata Steel Long Products, emphasized the importance of privacy and organizational culture when integrating technological advancements and datadriven decision-making into HR processes. Ramakrishna Vyamajala, CHRO, Home First, discussed the impact of AI on HR strategies, underlining the need to strike a balance between existing talent and new hires. Ruchira Bhardwaj, CHRO, Kotak Life, addressed the biases that can arise from AI and stressed the importance of collaboration and digital data protection. Abhishek Tiwari, Sr. VP HR, Tech Mahindra, explored AI's role in talent acquisition, virtual offices, and perform-

ance management systems, emphasizing the need for personalized learning and tracking workforce trends. Neha Dixit, VP- HR, Simpl, emphasized the significance of personalized training and the utilization of dark data for deriving insights in HR. Shanil Verma, CHRO. Turtlemint, discussed the use of AI as a screening tool, the

legal frameworks surround-

ing AI, and privacy concerns

training in challenging environments and the transformative power of AR/VR for personalized learning. Ruchi Dhawan Sharma, VP & Head HR, Indigo, discussed the adoption of technology in aviation and the pivotal role of AR/VR in training customer service agents. Ashish Bhalla, Director HR, HCL Technologies, emphasized the importance of upskilling in a constantly changing environment, along with the need for

> Discussion, titled "Managing Diversity and Inclusion in Virtual Workspaces," featured an insightful conversation on the challenges and opportunities presented by AI and the metaverse in fostering diversity and inclusion.

The Third Panel

alignment and ROI indica-

tors.

Soren do good to tribals: Lobin PRASAD

Surrounded by outsiders, how will

LOHARDAGA

Under the auspices of Jharkhand Andolankari Mahasabha Lohardaga District Committee, a one-day protest was held under the chairmanship of Executive President Amar Kindo in front of the District Collectorate on Wednesday under the aegis of Jharkhand Mahasabha Lohardaga District Committee regarding 17-point demands. In which the Andolankari of Dhanbad Bokaro Palamu Simdega Topchanchi and Lohardaga districts mainly included MLA coordinator

Jharkhand Bachao Morcha Lobin Hembram, former minister Sadhnu Bhagat, Central President Raju Mahato, Principal General Secretary Kayum Khan, Senior Vice President Ashwini Kujur, Vice President Kishore Kisku, General Secretary Prof. Lal Ajay Nath Shahdev, Central Secretary Arun Dubey, Azam Ahmed, Israr

Bhuneshwar Senapati, Rajkishore Mahato etc. were present. occasion, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's

Borio MLA Lobin Hebram

Ahmed, Convenor Prof. Vinod



ing to power, Hemant Soren

has forgotten that promise.

Today the tribal community is

becoming neglected in its own

state. Looting of water, forests

and land continues. The government is trying to weaken it by amending the CNT and SPT Acts. The agitators and Jharkhand Bachao Morcha will not tolerate this. Lobin said that despite being a tribal Chief Minister, till now neither local policy nor planning policy has been made. the Displacement Commission was also not

100th Foundation Day

RANCHI I THURSDAY I SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

CM approves prosecution against former Asst Engineer | ICAR-NISA celebrates

The engineer has been accused of financial irregularities Manoj Kumar Vidyarthi of



↑ hief Minister Hemant Soren has given prosecution sanction order against Sunil Kumar, the then Assistant Engineer, Rural Special Division, accused of misuse of official position, criminal conspiracy, fraud and embezzlement of government funds by violating procedures in the execution of

Industrial Training Institute, Barhi. On the basis of the statement plaintiff Dumridih Executive Engineer, Rural Development Special Division, Hazaribagh, case 379/2013 under Barhi police station under Hazaribagh district has been registered against the above mentioned accused under section 406 and section 34 has been included in the course of investigation. In this

the work done departmentally by paying an advance amount for the building construction work of Industrial Training Institute, Barhi of this division. Only an advance amount of Rs 1 crore 27 lakh was taken against the work described by the accused. After adjustment of Rs 1 crore 9 lakh 84 thousand 837 hundred against the advance of Rs 1 crore 27 lakh, the remaining unadjusted amount of Rs 17,17,167 was found to be still pending in the name of the accused, which constitutes a case of embezzlement of government funds.

Earlier also the CM has ordered action against several government officials accused of financial embezzlement. CM had recently approved to file a P.E. against then Executive Engineer of Minor Irrigation Department

Chaibasa Division. According to the progress report submitted by the verifier of the case, after the arrest of the accused Manoj Kumar Vidyarthi, in connection with the Rs 9,05,200 found in the search of his house, the accused took bribes and kept the bribe amount in his rented house. In the name of the accused and the wife of the accused, immovable property worth crores has been mentioned in Patna, Ranchi and their native village. During

work done by the contractors. Notably, Chief Minister Hemant Soren is continuously taking action against corrupt officials while implementing a

secret verification in the case,

it has come to light that

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Vidyarthi used to take bribes

on the basis of percentage in

lieu of paying the bills for the

accused

zero tolerance policy against corruption. Earlier, he had given approval to the proposal to register P.E. against Anil Kumar Singh, Superintending Engineer, Road Construction Department, Road Circle, Hazaribagh on the basis of the investigation report related to disproportionate money by the Income Tax Department. Earlier in the month of July, Chief Minister Hemant Soren had approved the proposal to register PE in the IR lodged by (ACB) Hazaribagh for detailed investigation against the accused then District Education Superintendent, Koderma Purendra Vikram Shahi and Principal Assistant of District **Education Superintendent Ajit** Kumar Assistant and Dharmendra Kumar, in the case of irregularities in the appointment of teachers in

labourers, women and youth

nified presence.
Addressing the farmers, connecting all sections of the village, poor, farmers.

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Agriculture,

here on Wednesday. Governor, CP Radhakrishnan,

was the chief guest at the function and MLA, Khijri,

Rajesh Kachhap was present

as a special guest. Also Dr.

Himanshu Pathak, Secretary

(DARE) and Director General

(ICAR). Government of India:

Abubakar Siddiqui, Secretary,

Husbandry and Cooperation

Department, Government of

Jharkhand; Dr. Shyam Narayan Jha, Deputy Director

General (Engineering), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. KP Singh,

Assistant Director General (Field Engineering), ICAR, New Delhi also had their dig-

Animal

guests, scientists and offi-cers/employees of the institute present in the program, Radhakrishnan said that lac is a versatile natural product and India is its largest producing country. About 18,000 tonnes of lac is produced every year in our country and almost 65 per cent of it is exported to different countries of the world. This shows the utility and commercial importance of this product. Jharkhand is the largest lac producing state in the country. Jharkhand's lac production percentage is 55 per cent of the total production of the country and neighbouring state Chhattisgarh is at second place with about 17 per cent share. Praising these 99 years of struggle, he called upon the institute to remain dedicated to the welfare of

farmers and society in future. Addressing the function, Dr. Himanshu Pathak said that envisioning the establishment of an institute in the field of lac at this place 100 years ago certainly shows a far-reaching vision. Those great people certainly have a huge contribution in today's journey. Presently in India,

Guv asks scientists to remain dedicated to welfare of farmers and society The 100th Foundation Day of the ICAR-National Institute of Secondary Agriculture was celebrated here on Wednesday.

> Governor CP Radhakrishnan, MLA Rajesh Kacchap Secretary, Department of Agriculture Research and Education (DARE) cum Director General (DG), ICAR Himanshu Pathak, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Co-operation Secretary Abubakar Siddique alongwith others releases books during 100th foundation day ceremony of ICAR-NISA, Namkum in Ranchi on

Wednesday. Pix by Ratan Lal not only the dependence on food products has ended but today we have been able to fulfill the needs of other counpossible tries but at the same time we have had to face many problems in this journey but all these problems have been solved. Today, going beyond production, nutrition security, income security and environ-

objectives, which we have to resolve to fulfill in this Amrit Kaal. Addressing the function, Siddiqui congratulated every-one on the 100th Foundation Day and said that the work of this institute is very important for the development of the farmers of the state. He informed everyone that last one month, lac cultivation has got the status of agriculture due to which the farmers of our state can benefit from various agricultural schemes. The state government is spending a huge amount for the development of the people of the state in the field of livestock and there is a provision of Rs 5 crore for research activities by the state government.

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Addressing the function, Dr. Shyam Narayan Jha said that this moment is definitely a big achievement of the institute. In these 100 years, not only has the name of the institute changed but there has also been a lot of positive change in the nature of work. Dr. Jha said that while working in the field of agriculture,

it is very important to make rural industrialization the objective so that overall development of rural areas can be

The function started with the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and special guests and the Director of the institute, Dr. Abhijeet Kar greeted the guests by giving a bou-

quet. In his welcome speech. Dr. Kar expressed his gratitude to the chief guest and special guests, other guests, farmers, news media representatives and gave information about the activities and achievements of the institute. He said that the institute is feeling very proud to have undertaken this long journey and we all are fortunate that we are witnessing this moment but this is not the final destination of the journey but just a stop from which we have to continue to move forward. While setting new heights of success, keeping the interest of the country, society and farmers paramount, we have to always keep our full potential and

On this occasion, the chief guest and special guests visited the institute's research field and museum. The Governor also unveiled books. folders and Lac Colour Index Analyser. Programme coordinator Dr. Niranian Prasad. Head of the Department and coordinator of the Centenary Foundation Day Celebrations delivered the vote of thanks.

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Kurmi agitation disrupts trains movement in State

More than 20 trains cancelled in the SER

Trains' movement in South Eastern Railway were affected on Wednesday due to Kurmi agitation in Jharkhand and Odisha. The Kurmi community has been demanding Schedule Tribe status and the inclusion of the Kurmali language in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. The Kurmi agitation is in Jharkhand and Odisha, while in Bengal the agitation was called off due to intervention of Calcutta High Around 20 trains were can-

celled due to agitation of Kurmi samaj, the major trains which were cancelled included premium Rajdhani Express and Vande Bharat Express. Apart from these the other

trains which were cancelled on Wednesday included 12810 Howrah-Mumbai (CSMT) Mail, 18114 Bilaspur-Tatanagar Express, 12130 Howrah-Pune Azad Hind Express, 12834 Ahmedabad 08108 Express. Rourkela Chakradharpur Special, 08164 Rourkela -Chakradharpur Special, 18616 Hatia - Howrah Kriya Yoga Express, 18620 Godda-Ranchi Express, 18615 Howrah-Hatia Kriya Yoga Express, 13404 Bhagalpur - Ranchi Express, 08642 Barkakana Special, 08696 Ranchi -Bokaro Steel City Special, 08151 Tatanagar-Barkakana Special. Hatia-Tatanagar Special, 13304 Ranchi Dhanbad Express, 13403 Ranchi- Bhagalpur Express, 3596 Asansol -Bokaro Steel City Special, 18619 Ranchi-Godda Express, 18622 Hatia Patna Express and 13302 Tatanagar - Dhanbad Express.

While some of the trains which were diverted included 20839 Ranchi-New Delhi Rajdhani Express journey commencing on 20.09. 2023 will run on diverted route via Ranchi-Lohardaga 18624 Hatia -Islampur Express commencing on journey 20.09.2023 will run on diverted route via Ranchi-Tatisilwai-Mesra-Barkakana-



Roko in demand for ST Status to Kurmi Community in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand on Wednesday. PNS

HazaribaghTown-Koderma, 18609 Ranchi-LTT Express journey commencing on 20.09.2023 will run on diverted route via Ranchi-Lohardaga-Tori, 18623Islampur-Hatia Express commencing on 20.09.2023 will run on diverted route via Koderma-Hazaribagh Town-Barkakana-Mesra-Tatisilwai.

The Rail Roko protest ha inconvenienced thousands of passengers and disrupted rail services in the region. The Kurmi community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status reflects a long-standing concern, and they have resorted to this protest to draw attention to their cause

Local authorities are monitoring the situation closely, and efforts are being made to engage in dialogue with the protesters to resolve the issue peacefully. Meanwhile, passengers are advised to check the status of their trains and make necessary travel arrangements in light of the ongoing disrup-

tions caused by the protest. Agitation by Kudmi Adivasi Samaj, which was cancelled yesterday as per the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Calcuuta, has taken a new turn with agitation taking place at various places in Jharkhand and Odisha.

A division bench of the

Calcutta High Court, headed by Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam, had on Tuesday declared the call for indefinite rail and road blockades by the Kurmi community as illegal and unconstitutional. Several Kurmi bodies had earlier announced the stir at nine stations in Jharkhand, West Bengal and Odisha from Wednesday, including Muri, Gomoh, Nimdih, Khemasuli, Kustaur and Harichandanpur, seeking Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for the community, and inclusion of Kurmali language in the eighth schedule of the Constitution. Our rail roko will continue until the Centre includes the Kurmi community in the ST list and our language Kurmali, in the eighth schedule of the Constitution, and a separate religion code for us. We appeal to railway passengers to bear with us since we have been left with no other

We have been agitating for the past 73 years," said AKS secretary Jairam

Modi pushed many pro-women schemes: Marandi

Kumar

BJP chief starts fifth phase of Jan Sankaln Yatra

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BJP State President and former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi started the fifth phase of his Sankalp Yatra with a public meeting in Sisai assembly constituency. Addressing the gathering, Marandi put the state government in the dock terming it as the patron of crime, loot and corruption. He said that expecting development from the present government is meaningless. Without uprooting it, the state cannot be made corruption free and development oriented.

He said that the Modi government is committed to the development of villages, poor, farmers, labourers, women and youth. Marandi said that the new Parliament House was dedicated by the famous Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi to pay tribute to women power and their empowerment. He said that with the reservation of 33% seats for women in the Lok Sabha and Assemblies through the Nari Shakti Vandan Bill, the immense energy of women power will play a leading role in the progress of the country by connecting with the parliamentary system. He said that even before this, the Modi government has set records in the direction of women empowerment by taking many important steps like construction of toilets, cleanliness campaign, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign, abolition of triple talag.

Marandi said that on one hand the BJP government is

with the mainstream of development, while on the other hand the Hemant government of the state has made the state a center of loot, crime and corruption. He said that today criminals are rampant. Incidents of murder, kidnapping and robbery are happening every day in the state. The business class is in panic. The respect of sisters and daughters is not safe even at home. In such a situation, the police are not engaged in punishing the criminals but in protecting the criminals. The job of the police is now only to make recovery. Speaking on corruption, he said that no work is done without money in the police station, block or anywhere. Money has to be paid even for the death certificate. Officials fearlessly say that the money has to be taken to the top. He said that mines, minerals, stones, sand, land and grains of the poor are being looted in the state. The Chief Minister has become the leader of robbers. By opposing the Mahajan system, the Chief Minister's family has become the biggest moneylender today. Marandi said that today in Ranchi, Dhanbad Bokaro, Dumka, the JMM family has looted the land of tribals by changing their names. He said that as soon as the BJP government comes to power, money will be recovered from the salary of such officers. Widow's house will be built.



BJP State President Babulal Marandi addresses a gathering during his 'Shankalp Yatra' at Magi Bagicha in Sisai Assembly constituency on Wednesday. PNS

Blood donation camp of Young Indians



JAMSHEDPUR: Jamshedpur branch of Young Indians organized a blood donation camp in the memory of Shyam Sundar Goyal at Red Cross Society Bhawan and Arka Jain University. The blood donation camp at the Red Cross Society was inaugurated by the chief guest Jamshedpur SDO Piyush Sinha, Red Cross Society Secretary Vijay Kumar Singh, Chamber President Vijay Anand Moonuka, Renu Goyal and Rohit Goyal by lighting the lamp. In his address, Chief Guest SDO Piyush Sinha said that he is always ahead for such noble works. Dengue is spread in the city due to which the need for blood has also increased. Patients will also get relief from such camps and people will not have to wander for blood. A total of 121 units of blood were collected in the Red Cross Society while 136 units (257 units total) of blood were collected in Arka Jain University.

Bokaro SP inspects Police Stations



BOKARO: Superintendent of Police Bokaro Priyadarshi Alok has said that his primary objective is to make Bokaro crime free and although Bokaro police is doing a good job with professional efficiency, more improvement needs to be done. Alok has been conducting surprise visits to Police stations frequently. On Wednesday, he conducted an inspection of Chatrochatti police station and I.E.L police station and gave necessary to officers/personnel present during the inspection.

Admin removes encroachment to speed up Kantatoli flyover construction Before this, the land hold-

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In a move to speed up the construction work Kantatoli flyover in the State Capital the Administration removed encroachment from the possession of two land holders who were obstructing the construction of the flyover

after six years on Wednesday. JUIDCO removed the encroachment adjacent to the boundary of HPCL petrol pump and YMCA with the help of the district administration. Police were also deployed during this time. As soon as the JUIDCO team arrived to remove the encroachment, the two land holders, Robert Minz and Anupam Ravana started protesting. But this time JUDCO did not listen to them and removed many trees standing on the marked land by uprooting them with JCB. Encroachment was removed from about 210 meters.

The place where the work has stopped is a very important place. From here, an exit ramp is to be built to go to Khadgarha, Namkum and Lalpur Chowk. The entry point for vehicles originating from Khadgarha bus stand will also be made here. Two culverts are also to be constructed here. Pipelines also have to be laid and roads have to be constructed, but due to the opposition of both the tenants, these works are stalled. The work on three pillars has also stopped.

Meanwhile, Anupam Ravana started building the boundary wall on the acquired land in front of his house. After receiving information about the matter, the JUIDCO team arrived on Tuesday. Police also came. The land holder's family started creating ruckus and started demanding measurement of the land again. The police have asked both the company and the tenants currently working there to stop working there. Earlier, petrol pump owner Robert Minz had threatened the laborers for cutting trees on the land acquired in front of the petrol pump. JUIDCO says that the tenants have received compensa-

tion in 2018 itself, yet they are not removing their encroachment. The tenants say that they have not received compensation. An official of the company, on the condition of anonymity, said that between 2018 and 2023, the land was measured several times by forming a team of the district administration, JUIDCO and Amin of the Municipal Corporation. Every time both the tenants affect the work by demanding that the land be measured. The work of the company is only related to construction.



harkhand DGP Ajay

Kumar Singh has issued an order related to the media policy of Jharkhand Police. It has been said in the order that only the DGP or the police Spokesperson authorized by him will be able to give information related to the police to the media for the police headquarters and there will be a media cell branch in every district office, In Charge of which will be the ASP or DySP at the headquarters. In the districts, related information can be given to the media by the SP or the media In-Charge

Now the Police Officer and the Station In-Charge will not communicate with the media. The purpose of issuing the order has been stated to be that it is the policy of the Police Department to provide relevant information to the media at the right time, at a time when the process of investigation is not adversely hampered or the police operations are not hampered or the police personnel are injured. Safety should not be



DGP Ajay Kumar Singh alongwith senior police officials meet Governor CP Radhakrishnan at Raj Bhawan in Ranchi on Wednesday. PNS

in danger. The legal and fundamental rights of the victim or the accused should not be violated. This should not adversely affect national interests. Generally the venue of media briefing will be the office room and the daily scheduled time will be between 4 pm to 6 pm. Information about which will be given to all media persons in due course of time. On police-related matters such as major criminal or law and order incidents, important other achievements, the District SP himself will speak

to the media. The District SP can generally communicate with the press at the media cell branch at the incident site, police station or other office depending on the circumstances of the incident. The SP and In-Charge media cell branch will conduct interviews with the media in uniform. Within 48 hours of a crime being reported, only that much information will be shared that reveals the facts of the incident and assures that the matter is being treated seriously.

Secret or technical sources regarding any crime

will not be disclosed to the media, nor will the direction or techniques of investigation be disclosed. The identity of victims of sexual violence and children and adolescents will not be disclosed to the media. When the accused are arrested, the media will be informed, but they will not be produced before the media. In matters related to national security and internal security or in other types of matters, the latest status of the ongoing police operation will not be shared, but after the operation is completed, factual information about the criminals and recovered items will be given. During the research, only factual information will be given to the necessary media from time to time. After the research is completed, information about the facts of the charge sheet and the results of the judicial trial can be given to the media at the site of any major event or unexpected event where media persons are present. At the same time, the work of media briefing will be done by the senior police officer or the police officers directed by

him, who will be gazetted officers of at least the rank of Police DSP. For the police headquar-

ters, ADG and IG rank officers will be appointed Police Spokesperson by the DGP. For the police headquarters, the DGP or the police spokesperson authorized by him will be able to give information related to the police to the media. There will be a media cell branch in each district office, in charge of which will be the ASP or DySP at the headquarters. In the districts, related information can be given to the media by the SP or in-charge media cell branch. The material provided to

the media by various police

units CID, JAP, Rail, Special

be made available to the

police spokesperson. The

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or press conferences.

Branch, SCRB, ACB, ATS will release these materials to the media through press releases Regional district level officers and commanders of various units of police will be able to instructions share information related to

NIA releases list of wanted

Five Eye allies divided over Trudeau's India allegations

day after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged Índia's involvement in the killing of a prominent Sikh separatist leader, the Canadian media reported that Ottawa's Five Eye allies were not keen on taking sides though they have said that the claims should be thor-

oughly probed. Hardeep Singh Nijjar, 45, the chief of the banned Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) and one of India's most-wanted terrorists who carried a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh on his head, was shot dead by two unidentified gunmen outside a gurdwara in Surrey in the western Canadian province of British Columbia on June 18.

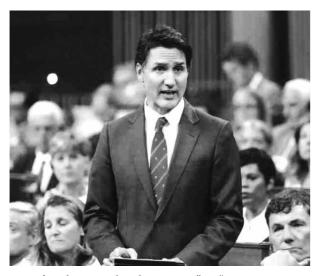
Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau told the House of Commons on Monday that he waited until he was able to raise the issue with allies and with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G20 summit in New Delhi earlier this month before telling the public about the possible link.

India has dismissed Trudeau's allegation as "absurd and baseless

"We wanted to make sure that we had a solid grounding in understanding what was going on in analysis and indeed in facts. We wanted to make sure we were taking the time to talk with our allies, to share what we knew," the Canadian Press news agency quoted Trudeau on Tuesday.

Canada is part of a 'Five Eyes' network which is an intelligence alliance consisting of the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

Trudeau has also said he does not want to make things



find out exactly what hap-

coordinator for Strategic

Communications, said in an

interview with CNN: "I'm

going to protect diplomatic

conversations and I'll leave it at

that. Certainly, the President

(Trudeau) is mindful of these

serious allegations, and they are

very serious. And we support

Canada's efforts to investigate

parent comprehensive investi-

gation is the right approach so that we can all know exactly

what happened and of course,

Anthony Albanese refused to

comment on the matter at all

even as Australian Foreign

Minister Penny Wong told a

press conference in the UN

Headquarters on Tuesday that

"these are concerning reports,

and I note that investigations

are still underway" and that

developments closely with our

partners, and we'll continue to

We are monitoring these

Australian Prime Minister

we encourage India to cooper-

ate with that," Kirby said.

"We believe a fully trans-

Kirby, who is also the NSC

pened."

"We are not looking to provoke or escalate. We are simply laying out the facts as we under stand them, and we want to work with the government of India to lay everything clear."

According to a report by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), Canada's other Five Eves allies "showed little inclination Tuesday to wade into an escalating row between Ottawa and New Delhi over allegations."

Most opted to treat the allegation as a matter still to be investigated — in spite of the fact that the Trudeau government feels it has enough information to make an accusation in Parliament and expel a diplomat, it noted. The United States, United

Kingdom and Australia have all issued statements calling for the allegations to be thoroughly probed. Terming the US National Security Council (NSC) spokesperson Adm John Kirby as "perhaps the most supportive of Canada," the CBC report said that Kirby "urged India to participate

and cooperate in that investi-

made no official announcement but its Foreign Secretary James Cleverly put out a tweet on platform X without any mention of India, the CBC report said.

"All countries should respect sovereignty and the rule of law. We are in regular contact with our Canadian partners about serious allegations raised in the Canadian Parliament. Important that Canada's investigation runs its course and the perpetrators brought to justice," read Cleverly's tweet.

On September 18, Trudeau alleged in the Parliament that Canada's national security apparatus has reason to believe that "agents of the Indian government" had carried out the killing of a Canadian citizen on Canadian soil.

Meanwhile, Canada, Liberal Party members also say they hope to maintain normal ties with a country Ottawa has selected as a key partner in the Indo-Pacific The Canadian Press reported

Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre said Trudeau must share more information about what led him to make the statement in Parliament. He said the prime minister did not share more details with him than what he had said in the House of Commons.

"We need to see more facts. The prime minister hasn't provided any facts," he told reporters on Tuesday. New Democratic Party leader Jagmeet Singh has written to the newly appointed head of the public inquiry on foreign interference, asking Justice Marie-Josee Hogue to include India in her probe. The Liberals have suggested her terms are wide enough to include any country as well as the Nijjan

"In my experience, as a Sikh-Canadian, there have always been suspicions that India was interfering in the democratic rights of Canadians," Singh wrote in the



say British Sikh MPs

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 $B^{\rm ritish~Sikh~members~of}_{\rm Parliament~Preet~Kaur~Gill}$ and Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi have reacted to "concerning" reports emanating from Canada, after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged Indian involvement in the murder of a Sikh separatist leader in the

The Opposition Labour MPs, who represent heavily Sikh constituencies in England, took to social media on Tuesday to claim they had been contacted by their constituents about allegations by Trudeau in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, 45, the chief of the banned Khalistan Tiger Force.

They said they are raising their concerns directly with the government ministers. "PM Trudeau's statement

on Hardeep Singh Nijjar's murder is deeply concerning," tweeted Gill, who is the MP for Birmingham for Birmingham Edgbaston in the West Midlands region of England.

"It is important that Canada's investigation runs its course, and those responsible see justice. I want to reassure my constituents that I and my colleagues are raising our concerns with ministers," she said.

Dhesi, MP for Slough in south-east England, also tweeted to claim many British Sikhs have been in contact with him over the issue.

"Concerning reports coming from Canada. Many Sikhs from Slough and beyond have contacted me; anxious, angry or fearful. Given that Canadian PM Trudeau stated they've been working with

close allies, we're in touch with the UK government to ensure justice is delivered," he said.

It follows Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau's statement in the country's Parliament on Monday that the authorities are "actively pursuing credible allegations" related to Indian government involvement in the murder of Nijjar, a designated terrorist,"in British Columbia in June. In an emergency statement to the House of Commons in Ottawa, Trudeau said that any involvement of a foreign government in the killing of a Canadian citizen was "an unacceptable violation of our sovereignty".

India has strongly rejected Trudeau's claims as "absurd and motivated" and dismissed a senior Canadian diplomat in a reciprocal move.

Such unsubstantiated allegations seek to shift the focus from Khalistani terrorists and extremists, who have been provided shelter in Canada and continue to threaten India's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The inaction of the Canadian government on this matter has been a long-standing and continuing concern," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement. Soon after, a UK government spokesperson said Britain is in close touch with the Canada over the "serious allegations" but declined to comment further. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesperson told reporters later that "work on the trade negotiations will continue as before" and that the UK was "not looking to conflate these

In its post, the NIA included pictures of Lawrence Chhenu Pehalwan and Sunny Dagar

Jatheri alias Sandeep, Virender Pratap alias Kala Rana, and Joginder Singh, as well as their full names. The NIA emphasized that

many of these gangsters are

information on the properties/assets/businesses they owned in their own names or in the names of associates, acquaintances, and relatives. It has also requested details regarding their business partners, workers, employees, and

"Persons shown in the NIA Cases RC-38/2022/NIA/DLI or RC-39/2022/NIA/DLI. If you have any information about properties/assets/ business owned by them in their name or in

gangsters having links with Khalistanis in Canada

he National Investigation Agency (NIA) has issued a list of wanted gangsters who have been accused in the terror-gangster nexus case, including those linked to Khalistan propagandists based in Canada, registered by the agency in August last year.

The NIA also released

posters of five such accused with reward ranging from Rs 5 lakh to 10 lakh on each of these suspects. Those named in the posters are known Khalistan supporters Lakhbir Singh alias Landa and Harvinder Singh Sandhu alias Rinda, both with a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh each for inputs leading to their arrest, and the trio of Satnam Singh alias Satbir Singh alias Satta Naushera, Yadvinder Singh alias Yadda) and Parminder Singh Khaira alias Pattu with carrying a reward of Rs 5 lakh on their head for information leading to their arrest.

Those in the list of 43 named by NIA include dreaded gangsters/criminals Goldy Brar and Arshdeep Singh Gill are known for supporting pro-Khalistan terrorists.

Taking to social media platform X, the NIA released the pictures of 43 accused gang leaders and criminals in the case numbers RC-38/2022/NIA/DLI and RC-39/2022/NIA/DLI registered in August last year.

These accused persons

have been involved in killings, extortion, and running and promoting crime syndicates. The NIA had alleged that the accused persons were allegedly involved in conspiring to carry out terror attacks in Delhi and were obtaining funds for the same through smuggling of weapons.

Bishnoi, Jasdeep Singh, Kala

based in Canada.

The NIA also asked for collection agents.

the name of their associates,

NIA

WhatsApp DM @ +91 7290009373," the NIA posted

Those named in the list of 43 are Lawrence Bishnoi, Jasdeep Singh, Kala Jatheri alias Sandeep, Virender Pratap alias Kala Rana, Joginder Singh, Rajesh Kumar alias Raju Mota, Raj Kumar alias Raju Basodi, Anil Chippi, Mohammad Shahbaz, Goldy Brar Ansari, Sachin Thapan Bishnoi, Anmol Bishnoi, Vikramjit Singh alias Vikram Brar, Darman Singh alias Darmaniot Kahlon, Arshdeep Singh Gill, Surender Singh alias Chiku, Dalip Kumar alias Bhola, Parveen Wadhwa alias Prince, Yudhveer Singh, Vikas Singh, Lakhbir Singh alias Landa, Gaurav Patyal alias Saurav Thakur, Sukhpreet Singh alias Budda, Amit Dagar, Kaushal Choudhary, Asif Khan, Naveen Dabas alias Naveen Bali, Chhotu Ram alias Bhat, Jagseer Singh alias Jagga, Sunil Balvan alias Tillu Tajpuria, Bhupinder Singh aliasBhupi Rana, Sandeep alias Bandar, Sukhdool Singh, Gurpinder Singh, Neerai alias Pandit, Daler Singh, Dinesh, Sharma, Manprit Singh Peeta, Hariom alias Titu, Harpreet, Lakhveer Singh, Irfan alias

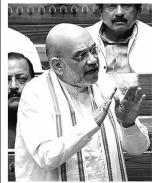
The NIA's move comes after hostilities between India and Canada have escalated after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on September 18 accused India of killing the Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil.

Without buttressing his claims with any evidence. Trudeau claimed that Canada is pursuing "credible information" about Indian agents being involved in Nijjar's killing. Post the outlandish claims by Trudeau, Canada expelled one Indian diplomat over the issue leading to a reciprocal action by India with senior Canadian diplomat

India rejected Trudeau's charge saying allegation of India's involvement in Nijjar's killing is 'absurd and moti-

posted in their mission here.

of delay in women's quota implementation



 B^{rushing} aside apprehensions of a delay in the bill's implementation, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday asserted that the next government will conduct the census and the delimitation exercise immediately after the elections and set in motion the process to make reservation for women in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies a reality.

Shah appealed to the opposition for the unanimous passage of the women's reservation bill and said shortcomings, if any, can be rectified at a later date.

Intervening in the debate on the Constitution (128th Amendment) Bill, the home minster indicated that women's reservation will become a reality after 2029.

He said the passage of the women's reservation bill will mark the start of a new era, and recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had presented the vision of women-led development at the recent G20

The Modi government has been pushing for empowerment of women since the day it assumed office, he said.

Women's security, respect and equal participation have been life force of the government, he said.

Shah said this was the fifth attempt to push a bill for

women's reservation.

"Why did it fail to clear hurdles earlier? First it was brought by H D Deve Gowda government in 1996. It lapsed. Second time, it was brought by the government under Atal Bihari Vajpayee. In 2008, a bill

was brought by UPA. It also

lapsed after the dissolution of

the then Lok Sabha. "Women have been disap pointed by this Parliament on four occasions. This time request that it be passed with unanimity. Shortcomings, if any, can be set right at a later

date," the home minister said. The constitutional amendment bill, which provides for 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies, was passed in the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

SC refers 'immunity to MPs in bribery' matter to 7-judge Constitution bench

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday referred to a seven-judge Constitution Bench the question of whether the legal immunity enjoyed by legislators under Articles 105(2) and 194(2) of the from prosecution for taking a bribe. Article 105(2) confers on Mps immunity from prosecution in respect of anything said or any vote given by them in parliament or any parliamentary committee. Article 194(2) grants similar protection to MLAs.

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in JMM bribery case involving former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao had held that Article 105(2) even protects MPs from facing bribery charges. A 3:2 majority reasoned that 105(2) applies not only to voting but anything connected to voting including taking bribes that influenced the voting. A larger bench will now be constituted to reconsider this judg-

A Bench of Chief Justice of

¬iven the strategic impor-

Utance of the Indo-Pacific

and China flexing its muscles

in the region, the Indian Army

will host a two-day conference

here of Army chiefs of the

Indo-Pacific nations next week

with an aim to evolve a com-

mon strategy to ensure peace,

delegations from 22 countries

will attend the event on

Fifteen Army chiefs and

prosperity and stability.

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NEW DELHI



India DY Chandrachud and Justices AS Bopanna, MM Sundresh, JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra noted that MPs and MLAs must be free to express their views on the floor of the house without fear of consequences, but are not necessarily immune to criminal action. "While Article 19(1)(a) recognises individual right to free speech, the object of Articles 105(2) and 194(2) does not prima facie look to render immunity from launch of penal proceedings for violation of criminal law which may arise independently from the exercise of rights and duties a member Parliament...purpose of 105(2) and 194(2) is...not to make

them separate with higher priv-

ileges than the common man

US Army is co-hosting the con-

Chiefs' Conclave (IPACC) will

deliberate on the role of mili-

tary diplomacy in mitigating

various crises, ways to enhance collaboration among the armed

forces of the region and boost-

indigenously developed

weapons, military systems and

platforms is also being organ-ised on the sidelines of the

An exhibition of India's

ing interoperability.

The Indo-Pacific Armies

Indo-Pacific nations' Army chiefs to meet on Sept 26-27

September 26 and 27 and the event. Alongside the 13th edi-

who has remedies before the criminal law," the Bench said. The five-judge Constitution Bench was hear-

ing a case dealing with the question of whether the legal immunity given to MPs and MLAs protects them from prosecution for taking a bribe even if the amount was not bribe-giver. The issue arose in a plea filed by Sita Soren, sister-in-law of current Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, who was accused of taking a bribe to vote for a particular candidate in the 2012 Rajya

Sabha Elections. A complaint was filed in 2012 with the Chief Election Commissioner of India seeking CBI probe into the case. Soren was charged with the offences of criminal conspiracy and bribery under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and for criminal misconduct by a public servant under the Prevention of Corruption Act. In 2014, while hearing her plea seeking quashing of the case, the Jharkhand High Court noted that Soren had not cast her vote for the person who had offered her the

tion of the IPACC, the Indian

Army is also hosting the 47th

(IPAMS) and the Senior

Enlisted Leaders Forum

General M V Suchindra Kumar

said here on Wednesday the

event will provide a unique

opportunity to build common

perspectives towards a shared

vision and that it will help

strengthen friendships through

Vice Chief of Army Staff Lt

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Sajjan acquited in anti-Sikh riot murder case PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

NEW DELHI

Docurt on Wednesday acquitted former Lok Sabha MP and Congress leader Sajjan Kumar and all other accused in a murder case related to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots in the Sultanpuri area. Initially, the case was filed against five accused individuals, including Kumar. However, two of the accused passed away during the trial proceedings. The former Congress leader is also accused of setting a gurdwara on fire during the riots. Kumar is already lodged in jail after Delhi High Court in 2018 con-

> ed to anti-sikh riots of 1984. The court acquitted Kumar in Sultanpuri case, giving him

victed him in other cases relat-

the "benefit of doubt". Special Judge also acquitted two other accused -- Ved Prakash Pial and Brahmanand Gupta.

the formidable and indelible "soldierly bond." The IPACC

instituted as a biennial event in

1999, is attended by Army chiefs of countries of the Indo-Pacific region, to discuss issues of mutual interest. "The current edition of this conclave is very special, as it will witness participation of full spectrum of military ranks, from Army chiefs to non-commissioned Officers from 22

Sonia backs Women's Reservation Bill, demands quota for SC, ST, OBC

While backing the Women's Reservation Bill, Congress parliamentary party chief Sonia Gandhi on Wednesday demanded that the quota be implemented immediately and SC, ST and OBC women also be given reservation following a caste census as she stressed that her husband Rajiv Gandhi was instrumental in bringing reservation to women in the local units.

Sonia initiated the debate on 'Narishakti Vandan Adhiniyam' immediately after Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal moved the women's reservation bill for passage in the Lok Sabha, saying it is a very important bill and urging members to pass it with unanimity and consensus.

Meghwal said the government will consider whatever suggestions come up during the discussion on the bill. He asserted that if Parliament decides, the quota for women can be extended beyond 15

The constitutional amendment bill 'Narishakti Vandan Adhiniyam'- providing 33 per cent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and legislative assemblies - was introduced in the Lower House on Tuesday. It was also the first bill introduced in the new Parliament building.

Reading from a prepared text in Hindi on the bill from the opposition's side, Sonia said

delay in bringing reservation into effect would be "gross injustice" to Indian "Rajiv Gandhi's dream is

only half fulfilled. It will be fulfilled with the passage of this bill. The Congress supports this bill. We will be happy with the passage of this bill but we also have a concern. I want to ask a question, for the last 13 years Indian women are waiting for their political responsibilities, and now they are being asked to wait for a few more years -two years, four years, six years, eight years," the former Congress chief said. Is such behaviour with Indian women appropriate?", she asked.

"Ît is the demand of the Indian National Congress that the bill be immediately implemented... But along with that, provision should be made for the reservation of SC, ST, OBC women after conducting a caste census," she said.

The government, the Congress leader told the House, should take the required steps

"This is the most appropriate moment to acknowledge and thank women for their contribution," she said.

"On behalf of the Indian National Congress, I demand from the government that the Narishakti Vandan Adhiniyam 2023 be implemented as soon as possible while clearing all roadblocks in its way. Doing this is not only necessary but also possible," Sonia said.

First C-295 medium tactical transport aircraft from Spain lands in India IAF at a ceremony in Hindon MW aircraft landed in aircraft will be manufactured PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ is expected to be operational by planes that entered the service NEW DELHI Vadodara today. The aircraft near Delhi on September 25. November 2024. In October over six decades back.

Giving a boost to IAF's transport aircraft fleet,

the first C-295 medium tactical transport aircraft landed in Vadodara on Wednesday, days after it was handed over to the Indian Air Force (IAF) in the southern Spanish city of Seville. The aircraft will be formally inducted into the

Chief of Air Staff Air

Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari on September 13 received the first of the 56 C295 transport aircraft two years after India sealed a Rs 21,935-crore deal with Airbus Defence and Space to procure the jets to replace its ageing Avro--748

"The IAF's first C-295

would be handed over to the #IAF in a formal ceremony on 25 Sep 23 at AF Stn Hindon by the Honourable Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh,

the IAF tweeted. Under the deal, Airbus will deliver the first 16 aircraft in 'fly-away' condition from its final assembly line in Seville by 2025 and the subsequent 40

and assembled by Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) in India as part of an industrial partnership between the two companies. The production of compo-

nationalities, and their spous-

es," Lt Gen Kumar told

nents of these aircraft has already started in the Main Constituent Assembly (MCA) facility in Hyderabad. These parts will be shipped to the Final Assembly Line (FAL) in Vadodara which

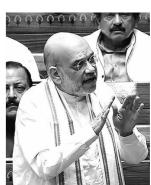
last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the manufacturing facility for 295 planes in Vadodara. It will be the first military aircraft to be manufactured in India by a private consortium.

The IAF is procuring the C295 aircraft to replace its fleet of ageing Avro-748

The C295 is known to be a superior aircraft used for tactical transport of up to 71

troops or 50 paratroopers, and for logistic operations to locations that are not accessible to current heavier aircraft. The aircraft can airdrop paratroops and loads, and also be used for casualty or medical evacuation

Shah dispels fears



Chief secy, DGP take stock of BJP gears up to make Modi's preparations for PM's visit

hief Secretary (CS) Durga Shankar Mishra, along with Director General of Police (DGP) Vijay Kumar, took stock of the preparations for the proposed visit of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the city on September 23. He instructed the officers that all security arrangements should be made carefully so that there is no negligence at any level. Addressing a meeting of officers, he directed all departments concerned to complete all preparations on time. In the meeting, Commissioner of Police (CP) Ashok Mutha Jain gave a presentation to the CS and DGP about the preparations of the Police department during the PM's visit in which he mentioned the proposed route chart, parking arrangements, preparations made at the public meeting venue and the helipads. Then Divisional Commissioner (DC) Kaushal Raj Sharma presented the proposed programmes of the PM, including the foundation stone laying ceremony of the International Cricket Stadium in Ganjari where the PM will also address a public meeting and the inauguration of the



pressing the button at the Rudraksh Convention Centre, Sigra. He said the PM will also address the Kashi Sansad Sanskritik Mahotsav (KSSM) closing function in which the district level participants will be seen and then the victorious participants will also be rewarded. He informed that the web portal regarding Kashi MP Khel (Sports) competition will also be inaugurated by the PM. The CS directed the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department (PWD) to make proper preparations in view of the possibility of rain in and around the meeting place. He also directed the municipal commissioner to ensure complete cleanliness on all pro- hostel, library, mess and appro-

posed routes up to the airport and no garbage heaps should be seen anywhere. He directed the Health, Power and other departments to make proper arrangements at the meeting venue. Before the meeting, Mishra, along with the DGP, inspected the proposed places for laying the foundation stone of the cricket stadium at Ganjari and the meeting place, during which information related to the stadium was given by District Magistrate S Rajalingam. He also inspected the Atal Residential School

built in Karsada, where they

took information about the

facilities being provided to the

students, including classroom,

priate questions and answers were also given to the children of the class. Saplings were also planted in the school premises by the CS and DGP.

Earlier, both the top state officials reached Kashi Vishwanath Temple (KVT) on Wednesday afternoon. After reaching the temple, both the officers offered prayers. Later, the CS inquired about the arrangements of the temple. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sunil Kumar Verma said for the convenience of visitors coming to the temple, a health centre has been established two days ago, which was also inaugurated by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and so far, about 100 people have taken medical consultation within two days. Apart from this, arrangements for first aid have been made in this health centre. After knowing the arrangements of the temple, the chief secretary left for his destination. A large number of officers, including District Magistrate Rajalingam, Commissioner of Police (CP) Mutha Ashok Jain, SDM Shambhu Sharan and Special Duty Officer Umesh Kumar Singh were also present.

public meeting a success

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¬he Bharatiya Janata Party The Bharatiya jamus - (BJP) has intensified its activities to make the proposed public meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Ganjari in Rajatalab area on September 23 a grand success. Meanwhile, the district administration has also made hectic efforts to complete all pending preparations and the team of Special Protection Group (SPG) visited the venue sites to see the security arrangements. At Ganjari, the PM will lay the foundation stone of an international cricket stadium.

It will be the first international standard cricket stadium to be constructed by the Board of Cricket Control of India (BCCI) itself in the country and for this land has been provided by the state government. The function may also be attended by senior BCCI officers including secretary Jay Shah and senior cricket stars of yesteryears like Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar and Ravi Shastri. However, the visits of all of them have yet not been confirmed. In order to make the public meeting unprecedented, regional BJP president (Kashi Region) Dilip Singh Patel launched the public rela-



Regional BJP chief DS Patel contacting people in Varanasi on Wednesday for proposed PM's public meeting.

tions campaign on Wednesday. He himself joined the group of BJP workers and knocked door-to-door and invited the people to attend the public meeting. He was accompanied by district general secretary Sanjay Sonkar and regional party office bearers. Patel said the PM will address a huge public meeting in Ganjari on September 23 at 11 am in which BJP workers as well as people of parliamentary constituency will participate. He said the party has decided that public representatives and BJP office-bearers will conduct intensive public relations in the villages surrounding the meeting venue. Regional spokesman Navratan Rathi said as per the plan made at the regional level, district president and MLC Hansraj Vishwakarma, Praveen Singh Gautam, Suresh Singh, Rakesh Patel, Mahendra Patel etc apart from Mandal unit office-bearers and workers did extensive public relations in Birbhanpur. Similarly, in Kundaria, Zila Panchayat Chairperson Poonam Morya did public relations with the party leaders and invited people to come to the public meeting. Former MLA Surendra Narayan Singh Odhe did public relations in Belaudi and Gangapur Bazaar areas.

In the same direction, the district president of Mahila

Morcha did public relations in Harpur under the leadership of Vinita Singh and Sunita Singh. Surendra Patel, Guddu Patel, Manish Patel did the same in Parmanandpur Devendra Pratap Singh and Jagdish Jaiswal in Nagpur. Similarly, in Kanari, Dr Ashok Rai did public relations invit-ing people to attend the public meeting of the PM.

Besides, during his visit the PM will also formally inaugurate all Atal residential schools set up at divisional level in all the 16 divisions of the state to impart standard education to the kids of construction workers as well as orphans of Covid-19 pandemic by visiting local school at Karsada. As many as 80 students have been admitted in the school of the age group of six to 14 years and they will be provided free quality education in primary, junior high school and secondary school by the state government. The school has been built on 12.25 acres with a cost of ₹66.54 crore. During his visit, the prime minister will also attend a programme at the Rudraksh International Convention Centre at Sigra where he will give awards to the winners of Kashi Sansad Sanskritik Mahotsav.

lean Station Day' observed

Atal Residential School by

Under the ongoing cleanliness fortnight to be continued till October 2, 'Clean Station Day' was observed at different stations of various categories including A1, A, B and D on the direction of Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Vineet Srivastava. For making the campaign successful, senior officers were nominated for these stations of Varanasi Division of North Eastern Railway (NER), including Banaras, Varanasi City, Prayagraj Rambagh, Mau, Ghazipur City, Mairwa and Ballia. Efforts were also made to create awareness by running a comprehensive cleanliness campaign at Bhatni, Azamgarh, Îndara, Belthara Road, Siwan and Chhapra Jn stations. By running an intensive cleanliness campaign during the day, stations were made clean and passengers were educated about single use plastic. The passengers were asked to discourage the use of plastic by using plasdrains or water outlets are not



Varanasi on Tuesday

clogged with discarded plastic bottles. All efforts have also been made to ensure that platforms at important stations should remain garbage-free. During the day the working of solar power plants/panels and solar energy equipment located at the stations was checked and adequate arrangement of dustbins was ensured at the stations. Besides, the railway users were made aware about different dustbins available at the stations for separate collection of waste apart for making extensive cleaning of drains and toi-Mechanical

Engineer (EnHM) Apoorva Swarnkar and team of chief health inspectors (CHIs) made the passengers aware by giving them more information about the use of dustbin. About 50 dustbins were distributed free of cost at Banaras station to spread awareness among passengers. Extensive cleaning of bottle crusher machines, drainage, toilets and drains was done at Varanasi City railway station. At Ghazipur City station, through the cartoon Motu Patlu, people were told about putting garbage in the Banaras railway station, Senior dustbins for dry and wet garbage. A plant distribution

programme was organised at Mau railway station and the passengers were made aware of cleanliness. At Ballia station, 'shramdaan' was done by the station superintendent and other senior officers while at Deoria station, cotton bags were distributed to the pas-Superintendent Sanjay Kumar

and others participated. A plantation programme was organised at Azamgarh station and thorough cleaning of the railway station's offices and drains was done. At Mau and Belthara Road railway stations, the passengers were made aware through pamphlets to maintain cleanliness. At Indara station DMO/Mau administered the oath of Swachhta Pakhwada and conducted a cleanliness awareness campaign by making the passengers aware on a wide scale. At Mairwa railway station, a cleanliness campaign was conducted by Senior DMO Siwan and the passengers were made aware about cleanliness. Extensive clean-Bhatpar Rani, Siwan and Chhapra railway stations.

IPEV drive of IAF begins

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

As part of Air Force Day 2023 celebrations here the 11th edition of Induction Publicity Exhibition Vehicle (IPEV) drive of IAF began on Wednesday. The drive will cover five premier educational institutes in Prayagraj and will be held till September 25. The IPEV road drive is an excellent opportunity for the youth here to interact one on one with the IAF team and know about various exciting career options available in IAF. The vehicle contains a flying simulator, touch screen kiosks, virtual reality equipment, miniature aircraft model, LED displays etc are laid down to give a glimpse of the IAF to the youth. The road drive here is a part of series of events marked to celebrate the 91st anniversarv of IAF. On the occasion of its anniversary, the IAF has also planned an enthralling air display over Sangam Area, OD Fort which can also be wit-Arail Ghat, Shastri Bridge and including high-end LED Jhunsi Area. It is open for screens will be used so that

viewing of the public on even during rainy season they October 6 and October 8 from 2:30 pm onwards. LIGHT AND SOUND

SHOW: Pilgrims and tourists visiting Sangam on any day of the entire year will get to enjoy an open-air light and sound show on the sandy banks of the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna after sunset. In a bid to provide a fillip to tourism in Prayagraj, efforts have begun to start a unique light/laser and sound shows showcasing mega religious fairs of Kumbh and Mahakumbh organised here besides highlighting the importance of Prayag itself that for centuries has remained a mustvisit site of pilgrimage for millions of Hindus. The Prayagraj Mela Authority and the Tourism department will jointly ensure starting of this proposed new attraction all throughout the year. For this the Tourism department has been instructed to prepare an action plan. Officials said for this proposed spectacle all

remain safe and functional. This will also ensure that equipment will not suffer any damage due to rain and will not need to be removed during the monsoon unless the site of installation itself gets inundated," said one of the official. The light and sound show here is a part of efforts to ensure that tourists coming to Sangam city spend some time here too and not move on to other cities like Varanasi or Lucknow after a brief stopover here. Night markets are being set up at dif-ferent places in the city beside the riverfront like roads and proper parking as well as toilet facilities near Sangam too are part of this very effort. To ensure that the light and sound show remains interesting, the present three themes of kumbh'. Kumbh/Maha 'Prayag' and 'Magh' will be expanded further once the crowd starts arriving and staying put for the show, the officials explained. Presently, the played in the 2019 Kumbh. RAM LILA: The authorities of Kaushambi's Daranagar

Ram Lila are busy these days selecting kids below 13 years who will be portraying the main characters of Ramayan in 13 different localities of Kadha Dham area of the district.

Interestingly, this is the only Ram Lila, which is being organised only during daytime at different localities. It is set to commence from October 15 and continue till October 27. While children will portray characters of Lord Ram, Goddess Sita characters of Hanuman, Jamvant, Sugreev and Angad are played by adults. Another attraction of the Ram Lila will be the historical 'Kuppi Yuddh' between the armies of Lord Ram and demon king Ravan and the event will be organised on October 24 and 25. Interestingly, visitors from across the country will be arriving to see famous 'Kuppi Yuddh', which is being played on 10th (Dashmi)

Iraining of farmers held

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farmer 'goshthi' (seminar)/ Atraining programme and farmer field visit was organised by the Department of Agronomy, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in Chakhaniya village of Chandauli district on Tuesday. This programme was mainly focused for improving productivity/livelihood of farmers of the weaker section of the society (Scheduled Caste). In this programme, Dr UP Singh, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Agronomy explained about management practices of direct seeded rice (DSR) and conservation agriculture and its significance in lowering cost, enhancing income, climate mitigation and safer environment.

He also advocated that by adopting DSR and conserva-

tion agriculture based practices, farmers can reduce 20-25 per cent (pc) cost and increase in 10-15 pc as well as conserving/enhancing the quality of the natural resource base. Prof Singh also focused on adopting a permanent No-till system (Zero Tillage) DSR-ZT Wheat-ZT Mungbean along with 40-50 pc residue retention of all the crops in view of improving resource use efficiency, soil health and biodiversity con-

A team of scientists led by Dr P Muthuraman, Head, TTT from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research- Indian Rice Research Institute Hyderabad, along with Dr P Jayakumar, Dr Brajendra, Shitanshu Kumar and Sudha Nair also participated and shared their experiences. Dr Brajendra from ICAR-IIRR Hyderabad, demonstrated the and Daina villages participatsoil testing kit and trained ed in this programme.

this programme, sprayers, fertilisers and soil testing kits were distributed to the SCfarmers. Farmers shared their positive response towards direct seeded rice and zero tillage wheat in terms of cost saving and higher productivity. Dr Nikhil Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, research scholar Kajal Verma, Sitesh Iha and Santosh Kumar, Data Collector also participated in this programme and expressed their views. The scientists' team along with farmers visited the fields and were happy to see the performance of demonstrations conducted by the BHU team. Progressive farmers Awanish Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, Prem Shankar Singh, Shashikant Rai, Ratan Singh with 100 farmers of Kandawa, Amara, Chakhaniya, Sikatha

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ Ablood donation camp was Aorganised at Central Hospital, North Central Railway (NCR) here on Tuesday in coor-

dination with Allahabad Medical Association Blood Bank, Prayagraj. Principal Chief Medical Director (PCMD), NCR/ Prayagraj Dr JP Rawat inaugurated the function. PCMD Rawat emphasised the importance of blood donation stating that one donor benefits four needy patients. The PRBC used for anaemia patients, whole blood in case of blood loss due to trauma etc, platelet concentration in case of thrombocytopenia and FFPS for patients with clotting factor requirements. He stated the donor after donating blood feels mentally and psychologically satisfied. MD Central Hospital Dr Sanjeev Kumar Handoo, ACDS Dr Manjulata Handoo and



ACHD Dr Gautam Sen were among the first three doctor donours to donate blood. It was a unique opportunity for the donors to donate blood to save a life. In this camp total 49 donors donated blood. One of the donors said, "It gives us immense contentment to be able to contribute towards our community by way of donating blood for the needy patients". After donating the blood, the donors were given refreshment

and an appreciation certificate by MD Central Hospital, Dr SK Handoo. Dr Usha SP Yadav ACHD/Microbiology, David Navin Tewari, Jitendra Verma, Ratan Mishra, Vasudeo Pandey and the team of Central Hospital put in lot of efforts for making this camp a success. This camp helped railway employees in getting awareness about their social responsibilities and showed enthusiastic participation for the same. "Someone

lives when someone donates. Sympathy alone cannot save people in chronic conditions, but blood can. A unit of blood donated is a life saved, and this was the stronghold that guided our employees into an impressive turnout for the cause," said Dr Usha SP Yadav ACHD/ Microbiology. Vasudeo Pandey along with other vol-unteers contributed immensely in this blood donation camp. In the functions ACMS/ NCR, Dr Reena Agarwal, Sr DMO Dr SS Nayak and all doctors and staff of the Central Hospital were present.

only held during special occa-

TALK SESSION: The Allahabad Management Association organised a talk session on 'How to organise life through spiritual journey' at AMA office, MG Marg, Civil Lines here. The speaker was Prof Satya Narayan, a renowned teacher of Cancer Biology at Florida University.

and has researched on multiple aspects of Bhagwat Geeta. Prof Narayan deliberated on how to organise life through spiritual journey by devoting some time to the Almighty by using the mind and using physical part of the body for family and materialistic needs. He cited many examples and stories from the religious scriptures wherein the rishis and saints attained salvation and even normal citizens were alleviated of their problems by leaving things to God. He also touched the karma path and the karmic theory. He talked about the paths adopted by Yudhishthir, Vidur and Valmiki. V Bajpai introduced the speaker and Ravi Prakash president AMA presented a memento. The programme was conducted by secretary Dr Navaneet Singh and PRO Dr Shanti Chaudhri proposed the vote of thanks.

He is also a spiritual speaker

Research work on vegetable crops reviewed

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meeting was organised to Areview the research work being done on vegetable crops under Consortia Research Project (CRP) on Agro-Biodiversity, funded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICHR), New Delhi and National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources at ICAR-Indian Vegetable Research Institute (IIVR) here on Tuesday. This project is being conducted by six research institutes of the country including Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Indian Vegetable



Progress of agrobiodiversity project being reviewed at IIVR in Varanasi on Tuesday.

Research Institute (IVRI), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Indian Horticultural Research Institute (IHEI), Bengaluru, and

National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), Thrissur. The review programme was chaired by Dr Gyanendra Pratap Singh, Director, NBPGR, New Delhi

and co-chaired by Dr TK Behera, Director, IVRI, Varanasi. Project coordinators from six institutions presented the work done and progress. In this project special research is being done on the biodiversity and disease resistance of brinjal, cucumber and ladyfinger. This programme was conducted by Dr Shailesh Tiwari, senior scientist of the institute. Dr Sushil Pandey, Dr Chitra Devi, and Dr Pragya from National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi participated. Head of the Department of Crop Improvement Division, Dr Nagendra Roy, Dr PM Singh, etc were present in this programme.

30-year-old man run over by

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

Aman was run over by a train in an area under Padari police station on Tuesday. The Padari police received information that a body was lying on the railway track near Kathinayi village. Acting on the information the police reached the spot, recovered the body and made efforts to identify the deceased. With the help of the locals the deceased was identified as Veerendra Kumar (30), a resident of Hinauti Shivagrh under Padari police station. The police informed the family members and completed the legal formalities. The deceased worked as a mason and is sur-

vived by his wife and two

daughters. **INAUGURATED:** New buildings of anganwadi centre Medhara and Pajara under were inaugurated by Lalganj BDO Sanjay Srivastava on Tuesday amidst the chanting of the Vedic shlokas along with rituals. The BDO appealed to the staff of the centres to work with the dedication for the bright future of kids in the larger interest of the nation. He said that the government had provided all the facilities for fight against malnutrition. The inaugural function of the buildings concluded with the 'godh bharai' and 'annaprashana' under which health kits were provided to pregnant women

REVENUE COLLEC-TION REVIEWED: District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjan ordered to withhold the salary of 10 officers for not achieving the target of revenue collection. She took such while reviewing the revenue collection through taxes and non-taxes at Collectorate on Tuesday. The officers whose salary has been withheld include assistant commissioner stamp and registration, district excise officer ARTO, EE electric distribution

division-l and others. **AWARENESS CAMP:** Under the plan of action of National Legal Services Authority (NLSA), an awareness camp was organised by

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) at district jail on Tuesday. In his inaugural address the ADJ and secretary DLSA Lal Babu Yadav said that plea bargaining law has been started in the country under which the undertrial prisoners could get relief. He said that under Section 436-A of the CrPC the provision was only for those cases under which the punishment was less than seven years. He appealed to the interested prisoners to avail the facility. The awareness camp attended Superintendent of Jail incharge Arun Kumar Mishra, deputy

jailer Smita Bhatia, Ashwini Upadhyay, Deepak Srivastawa

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Drifting apart

India and Canada have enjoyed warm ties but now they seem to be at loggerheads

■ n international diplomacy, misgivings, misunderstandings, upmanship and disputes are the most common pitfalls. Therefore, it is essential to sift through the perceived facts and allegations to arrive at a balanced understanding and perspective. The recent standoff between India and Canada following the killing of Khalistan sympathiser Hardeep Singh Nijjar has raised concerns. While Canada has voiced its opinion about India's alleged and implicit role in the incident, India has brushed aside the allegation. It is, therefore, crucial to examine the situation from all angles before reaching any conclusion. Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a vociferous pro-Khalistan supporter, was gunned down on June 18 outside a Sikh cultural centre in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. As he was indeed on India's most wanted list, Canada alleges that Nijjar was targeted and eliminated by Indian security forces. As it goes about demanding an explanation from the Indian Government, India has officially denied any involvement in the killing. For its part, and



as history can vouch, India has been the target of numerous terrorist attacks over the years, resulting in the loss of countless innocent lives. Given this context, India has consistently demonstrated its commitment to combating terrorism both within its borders and beyond by legal means. Besides, India has never had a policy of eliminating such wayward elements by sending assassination squads for the person in its crosshairs. It has always firmly and openly believed in following the legitimate judicial process and, in numerous cases, sought extradition of such characters. India has consistently called for united efforts to combat global terrorism and has been a significant con-

tributor to international counterterrorism initiatives. In the case of the alleged murder of Nijjar, India has emphasised the importance of credible intelligence sharing.

Accusations alone are not sufficient ground to indict a country for any perceived wrongdoing. In any legal or diplomatic context, the burden of proof lies with the accuser. Canada's allegations regarding India's involvement in Nijjar's killing must be substantiated with concrete evidence before any punitive measures can be sought or taken. Otherwise, it is a clear case of jumping the gun. It is also worth noting that India has expressed its willingness to cooperate fully with Canada in any investigation into the incident. This willingness to engage in a transparent and open process speaks volumes about India's commitment to resolving this issue through diplomatic means. Both India and Canada have shown their intent to engage in diplomatic dialogue to address the concerns surrounding the Canadian national's killing. Unfortunately, the expulsion of a senior Indian diplomat by Canada, a kneejerk move reciprocated swiftly by India, has only made things worse between the countries. As the diplomatic process unfolds, it is essential for all parties involved to maintain open lines of communication, adhere to international norms and agreements, and prioritise the fight against terrorism.



Vomen devotees chant 'Atharvashirsha' in front of Utsav Mandap on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi festival, in Pune PTI

The art of leading from the front



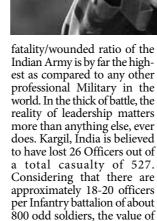
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The sacred culture of 'leading from the front' by army officers has survived despite challenges and other institutional concerns

hree recent losses of precious lives i.e., Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Aashish Donchak, and DSP Humayun Bhatt, seem to be a timely reminder of the civilisational and constitutional values in some of us, that guarantee our freedom. Distracted, as the nation was in peddling phoney controversies, fake outrage, meaningless rhetoric, or sheer bombast these men simply gave their all for the nation. They did not unleash hate or anger amongst us internally, instead, they chose to 'lead from the front' by letting their work (and lives) do the talking, not words. To reiterate, they didn't incite or order from the comfort and safety of distance, but put themselves in harm's way, fully knowing the possible consequences, as only true leaders do.

The saga of the Indian Armed Forces is not necessarily etched by the better-known Generals, Admirals or Air Marshals, in as much, if not more, by the unmatched steel, fire, and ramrod-straight posture of its juniormiddle leadership (from Junior Commissioned Officers to Unit Commanding Officers and their equivalents), who hold the fort, literally. Beyond the hagiographies of victory, the Kargil War is a grim reminder of doing the impossible with the hearts, legs, arms, and sharp minds of the junior-middle leadership, and not so much on account of any strategic brilliance by senior lead-ership, be it Military or Political. Many international Military historians marvel at the surreal conditions of impossibilities (in terms of topography, weather conditions, battlelines et al) that were neither matched, before or after, in modern battle accounts. Yet, the Indian Armed Forces had triumphed, against all odds and disproven all militaristic ratios and assumptions.

However, there was one vital and unique element that differentiated the Indian Armed Forces from all other global Militaries, which made Kargil possible, despite its counterintuitive araw of unfavourable militaristic ratios ing from the front' to overamand assumptions i.e., cliched as it sounds, 'leading from the front'! bition, misplaced bravado or momentary lapse of better Put simply, the Officer-to-Soldier sense – it may be some shades



'leading from the front', can

never be overstated. Even in the unforgiving conditions of Galwan Valley, the heroics of Col BS Babu (Commanding Officer, 16 Bihar Regiment) who was There is never a similar reportage of a leadership-level officer getting killed in action, amongst Militaries of neighbouring China or Pakistan (occasionally in ambush or IED blast, but never in combat). This culture of 'leading from the front' is borne out of an inexplicable admixture of regimentation, normalisedexpectation and esprit-decorps that has withstood the test of time, civilian morass, regression, and polarisations.

Some lazily attribute lead

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killed in action is a testimony. FATALITY/WOUNDED enemy territory in a helicopter RATIO OF THE INDIAN ARMY IS BY may never hear of such lead-AS COMPARED TO world. ANY OTHER Before Colonel Manpreet,
Major Dhonchak and DSP PROFESSIONAL Humayun had answered their

of all of the above, and the likes of Kargil were only possible thanks to that unique josh that is still fires and cranks up performance. Never forget, those who dare, do so knowing that they are in the line of fire (when they needn't be) but still choose to do so.

The irrepressible and probably the boldest Military General of the Indian Army 'led from the front' and never lost a battle in his life i.e., Lt Gen Sagat Singh. Legend of him liberating Goa, inflicting PUT SIMPLY, THE a bloody nose on the Chinese at Nathu La and Cho La (by OFFICER-TO- 1967 itself), or dashing to SOLDIER Dhaka to liberate Bangladesh by repeatedly overflying (which took bullets) to control battle, is a fact not fiction. You ership conduct in Ukraine, the FAR THE HIGHEST Middle East, or any other conflict zone, anywhere in the

calling in life, it was a well-MILITARY IN THE beaten path that had been carved by the likes of Colonel Ashutosh Sharma, Colonel MR Rai, Colonel Santosh wanaaik etc., Commanding Officers of the various Rashtriya Rifles battalions, like the 19th Rashtriya

Rifles, Commanded by the gal-

lant Colonel Manpreet Singh. As 'Commanding Officers' they could have avoided literal 'leading from the front', but still did so - while they and their families paid an irreplaceable price for the same, the Indian Army and the nation at large, remain eternally grateful for their ultimate sacrifices.

This sacred culture of 'leading from the front' by officers, especially by the juniormiddle leadership has survived so many other institutional concerns that undeniably stare. The Officer-to-Soldier ratio was 1:18 in the 1965 War, 1:20 in the 1971 War and still, 1:17 in Kargil 1999. While die-hard Infantry folks like to flex 'When it was a victory, the cavalier claimed it outright, the Gunner boasted of his guns, Signalman publicised his worth, but the Infantryman remained silent with victory at his feet. Beyond the lighthearted intra-services banter, the Indian Armed Forces have thankfully retained traditions, regimentation and culture at the juniormiddle level of the forces, and perhaps owing only to the same, it still bashes on regard-

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A paradigm shift in the automobile sector-



The New Car Assessment Programme (NCAP) policy will give a boost to the secondary car market, especially in the luxury car segment

¬he recent introduction of Bharat NCAP has been welcomed by the automobile industry. The industry players are awaiting its implementation with much anticipation starting from October 1. The overall sector is quite optimistic that the program has the potential to place the Indian automobile industry on a higher pedestal with the ability to compete in the global mar-

The policy aimed at elevating and strengthening road safety standards. After taking into account the existing Indian driving conditions and regulations, the Bharat NCAP provides a rating to the vehicle in a range of one to five stars. Evaluating the vehicles on the parameters of adult occupant protection, child occupant protection, and safety technologies in a car, not only promotes safer cars in the country but also empowers customers to make an informed decision while purchasing a

The pre-owned luxury car industry is quite hope-

ful of leveraging the assessment program to the fullest. Considering that the NCAP focuses on the safety of the car, pre-owned luxury cars are well-equipped with advanced safety technologies. Coming with innovative features like intelligent alerts, parking assistance, driver assistance features, and many more, luxury cars are adept at providing that extra protection to the occupants of the car. Moreover, luxury cars

come with some standard features such as more than six airbags, electronic stability control, improved emergency braking systems, etc. that further add to the resilience of the vehicle. Where the pre-owned luxnished with innovative safety features, the introduction of NCAP is only expected to augur the proposition of the cars in the market. Even though the pre-owned luxury car industry has come a long way, a lot of scepticism still lingers among the masses. They are highly doubtful about the condition and safety of the cars. However, with the preowned luxury cars conforming to the ratings of the new assessment program, it can instil faith among the

customers. While the organized players in the segment have been playing an instrumental role in giving a comprehensive structure to the sector, Bharat NCAP can ury cars are themselves fur- help amplify the penetration of pre-owned luxury cars deeper into the market. If the LocalCircles survey is to be believed then 72% of buyers have shown keen interest in considering Bharat NCAP as the deciding factor for making purchasing choices.

In addition to this, the online players in the preowned luxury car industry relentlessly work towards fostering a transparent buying and selling ecosystem for the customers. They ensure the pre-owned cars undergo thorough safety checks to render authentic and quality vehicles in the inventory. Therefore, looking at the benefits the new assessment program has to offer, the initiative is being highly appreciated by the industry players. They are optimistic about harnessing its benefits to inculcate loyalty among the customers. Focusing on boosting the safety of the passengers and the cars, it is very likely that the NCAP can complement the pre-owned luxury car

industry. (The author is the Co-Founder and CEO of Luxury Ride)

Sir — Regrettably, it has come to our attention that after approximately four months, an Indian Army Jawan was tragically abducted and killed while on leave in Manipur. Furthermore, in another distressing incident, a mob attempted to storm the Porompat police station in Imphal East on a fateful Saturday night, with the aim of releasing suspects. These incidents serve as glaring examples of the escalating divide between various communities in Manipur, a divide that seems to widen with each passing day. The ramifications of this growing mistrust and division are not confined to Manipur alone; they cast a shadow over the entire nation, particularly in the

North-East. It is imperative to recognize that the armed forces' effectiveness is significantly impacted by the presence of an efficient and cooperative civil and political administration. The disconcerting silence from both the state and Union government has not only unsettled the people but also demoralized the Manipur civil society. Urgent intervention by the Union government is paramount to quell this violence and facilitate a peaceful resolution to the situation in Manipur. Together, we can work towards a more harmonious future for

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STANDOFF WITH CANADA Sir —Amidst the deteriorating diplomatic relations between India and Canada, New Delhi has taken the decision to expel a senior Canadian diplomat currently stationed in India. The diplomat has been given a five-day notice to depart from India, as conveyed through a summons received by the High Commissioner of Canada to India, Cameron Mackay, on Tuesday, 19 September. The decision to expel the diplomat reflects the growing concerns of the Government of India regarding Canadian diplomats' interference in Summit, India International Convention



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ongratulations on the forthcoming implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill. set to take effect after the next delimitation exercise in 2026. We hope that the execution of this bill will be well-organized and system-

atic, ensuring that it provides opportunities for women from all walks of life, including the most economically disadvantaged.

The essence of women's rights lies in the idea that no one, regardless of gender, age, or profession, should dominate or harm others. It is crucial that this bill does not inadvertently create divisions or conflicts among women, as unity is vital for its success. The bill, known as the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' (NSVA), proposes a commendable 33% reservation for women in both the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies. Let us celebrate this milestone and work together for its effective implementation. PV Rao Sreelekha | Secunderabad

and Expo Center 'Yashobhoomi' has

been officially dedicated to the nation.

In addition to this milestone, several

noteworthy announcements are antici-

pated during the special session of the

House scheduled from 18 to 22

September. It is now crucial to enhance

the productivity of our parliamentary

sition bear a significant responsibility

towards our nation. It is imperative that

they recognize the need to move beyond

futile debates on 'dharma-adharma' or

other extraneous matters and focus on

addressing pressing issues. Such issues

encompass inflation, unemployment,

healthcare, law and order, poverty alle-

constructive and substantive debates. As

we traverse the Amrit Kaal, the

Parliament's working style must adapt to

The future of our nation hinges on

viation, and the economic landscape.

Both the ruling party and the oppo-

internal matters and their involvement in anti-India activities.

These developments unfolded in the wake of Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's emergency statement in Parliament on Monday, 18 October. Trudeau accused the Indian government of involvement in the fatal shooting of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar and stated that Canadian security agencies were actively investigating credible allegations of a potential link between Indian government agents and the mur-

India vehemently rejects these allegations, terming them "absurd and motivated." The external affairs ministry issued a statement denying any involvement in acts of violence in Canada. The possibility of India severing ties with Canada looms large, which could have serious implications, particularly for Indian citizens residing in Canada, who may fear being targeted by the Khalistan group supported by the Canadian gov-

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FIRST COLUMN WHAT IS 'SUKHA' AND **HOW TO ATTAIN IT?**

Seek 'sukha,' the real one, while enjoying 'sukha' of the mundane type



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

he word sukha has been used extensively in the Bhagavad-Geeta but in different contexts. This word essentially means: what pleases. The English words for sukha are happiness and pleasure. Lord Krishna has spoken about sukha to describe what pleases in three different ways. The first one is what is according to dharma and its only source is God. Let us call this sukha for this article. The second one is: what is according to dharma but brings good and bad results depending upon how it was obtained. This has been called 'vihara' in the Geeta. There is just one verse where this word has been used. The third kind is against dharma and brings only misery as a result. The word for this sukha is 'kama'. I will use this word for this article. There are many verses in the Geeta in this connection.

Beginning with the real sukha, I will refer to some of the verses in their order as described in the Geeta. The first one is: "In a state of having real spiritual intelligence, one transcends the feeling of material suffering." (2.65) A classical example is that of Shri Ramakrishna Paramhansa, who carried on his spiritual activities even with throat cancer. Personally speaking, I have accepted some pains, which are inevitable due to my advanced age. They don't bother me much and I go on with my life. The next verse clarifies where only real sukha can be obtained: "One must be linked with God, and one must have faith in God." Then, one will be peaceful, which is essential to be sushi." (2.66) It is quite logical, isn't it? Peace can only come from God because we, grown-ups, can feel secure only if we have taken shelter from God. How does a small child go to sleep peacefully in the lap of his moth-



The third verse is about control over kama and anger. "Unless that is accomplished, where is any scope for sukha?" This is only possible to accomplish if we are enjoying the shelter of God. (5.23) We can either be in control of kama or of God. For example, if I am indulging in sexual thoughts, I have effectively taken their shelter. The fourth verse chosen is very encouraging. It states, "God accompanies the conqueror of self, who is blissfully peaceful." (6.7) This means that such a person has fully surrendered to God, and God obliges by being with him or her. The fifth verse chosen tells us about unlimited bliss experienced through intelligence. (6.21) An advanced devotee realizes that God is responding to him; He is even using him as His 'nimitta' (instrument) to get important acts done. His sukha knows no bounds.

Now the second level of sukha is called vihar in the Geeta. Lord Krishna states, "One whose eating and recreation (vihar) are appropriate; one who strives appropriately in activities; one who sleeps and stays awake, as required suffers less." Because: "Contact between senses and their objects are givers of cold, heat, pleasure (sukha) and misery (duhkha). They, being temporary, come and go; tolerate them." (2.14) If one acts in goodness, it will be like poison in the beginning but in result will be like nectar, which is the result of spiritual knowledge, (18.37)

Now to the last type of sukha, which has been described as kama. Lord Krishna has given sufficient warnings about indulging in this kind of sukha. In verse # 16.21, the Lord warns sternly, "Kama is a door to hell; causes ruination of soul; should be given up." How? "Kill this difficult to conquer enemy in the form of kama." (3.43). So what is sensible to do? Seek sukha, the real one by linking with God earnestly. Meanwhile, sukha of the vihara type can also be enjoyed. But one must remember that it must be yukta (proper) at all times, otherwise, misery will be invited. A classic example is that of cricket fans. Not only do they spend a lot of money and time watching matches in person but suffer great disappointment when their team loses.

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Skills gap hinders future employability



It is crucial to bridge the skills gap by providing training in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning



he rapidly changing nature of jobs and skills requirements across the world is creating a skills gap that hinders employment opportunities. Business leaders need to quickly identify this gap and prepare their workforce for the future by providing clear direction to employees on how to build the skills they need to succeed. In the Asia-Pacific region, approximately 86 million workers need to acquire advanced digital skills through upskilling or reskilling to keep up with the fast pace of technological

The UNDP's Human Development Index ranks India at 132 out of 191 countries. This is a critical concern, as companies face a shortage of skilled workers while millions of educated individuals remain unemployed. To address this problem, India has been working to transform into a skill-based economy over the past decade. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneursnip and the National Skill Development Corporation have been established to bring skill development to the forefront. The Skill India Mission, which began in July 2015, aims to address the shortage of skilled workers in the country. However, there is still a huge mismatch between the number of candidates trained, certified, and finally placed, with the International Labour Organization predicting a shortage of around 29 million skilled personnel in India by 2030.

Employees across various industries are facing pressure to upskill and reskill, but many find it challenging to take time out for learning due to long work hours. A lack of support systems that prioritize worker well-being can hinder motivation for upskilling and reskilling. Organizations can create new financial incentives through skills-based compensation to encourage employees to selflearn new skills.

A skilled workforce is critical for higher growth, but only 45% of trained



INDIA **CURRENTLY** LACKS AN **EFFECTIVE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND** TRAINING SYSTEM THAT IS BOTH **ASPIRATIONAL** AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL YOUNG **PEOPLE**

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individuals in India are employable, with only 4.69% of the workforce having vocational training. This indicates a significant skill gap in the country, which can be attributed to a lack of training infrastructure and limited private-sector participation. The lack of a monitoring body for these training institutes is also a contributing factor.

India's demographic advantage will become a challenge if the young population is not skillfully upskilled, reskilled, and skilled. By 2025, an estimated 70% of India's population will be of working age, and without proper employment opportunities, unemployment will remain a significant challenge. The National Education Policy (2020) needs to make sincere efforts in skill development from the school level. There is a need to create a sound National Vocational Education and Training System that provides every child with an option to go for vocational education and training after 10 years of schooling. Most developed countries have a well-defined national vocational education and training system that facilitates job readiness among youth and encourages skill-empowered entrepreneurship.

Inadequacies in skills are directly linked to the kind of education that is being imparted right from the school level and the ecosystem we put in place to equip every job seeker with market-driven skills. If someone wishes to be a carpenter, plumber or electrician, he or she needs to have undergone at least a globally certified course for which we need to have a skill training centre in every high school where job seek-

ers should be trained in the fields of their interest during non-school hours. Similarly, education providers must support students with knowledge and skills relevant to the world of work to make them productive and able to be employed. All skill courses at school levels must be synchronised with employment for a wholesome integration between skill providers and industries will be of paramount importance.

Today, education is not confined to what is taught in schools and colleges, but the scope of learning has become wider, owing to the evolving market and technological advancement. To secure a career in the competitive and evolving job market, upskilling and remaining industry-relevant are crucial for youths. Acquiring market-driven skills will offer reat placement opportunities to the youths and help them build promising careers.

India currently lacks an effective vocational education and training system that is both aspirational and accessible to all young people. To address this issue and achieve the national goal of making India the skills capital of the world, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship should establish a National Skills University (NSU), as proposed in the National Skills Üniversities Bill 2015. This university would offer industry-relevant curricula and skill-based certificates, diplomas, and degree programs to enhance employability.

In addition to the NSU, state governments can establish Multiskills Development Centres (MSDC) in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. These

centres can identify skill gaps in major industrial clusters and provide cluster-specific Skill Development Centres to upgrade the skills of existing workers. Advanced Skill Development Centres can also be set up to provide the latest know-how and courses to meet the high-end skill requirements of the industry. The World Bank has approved the \$250 million Skill India Mission Operation (SIMO) to improve the marketability of short-term skill development courses of 3-12 months.

To keep pace with the rapid-ly evolving technological landscape, it is essential to conduct global skill gap mapping and shift recruitment from "degreebased" to "skill-based". According to a report by The World Economic Forum, 150 million new technology jobs will be cre ated globally over the next five years, with 77% of all jobs requiring digital skills by 2030. Currently, only 33% of technology jobs worldwide are being filled by skilled workers, which could hinder technological advancements on a global scale.

Therefore, it is crucial to bridge the skills gap by providing training in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), blockchain, robotics, IoT, 3D printing, drones, and data analytics. A skilled workforce capable of understanding, implementing, and driving innovation is essential to the success of these technologies and the industries that rely on them. By focusing on vocational education and the latest skills training, India can create a workforce equipped to meet

Challenges to attain net zero emissions

A multipronged mitigation strategy is necessary but many techniques such as carbon dioxide removal must be approached with caution

¬he era of global warming has ended; the era of global boiling has arrived," the UN chief recentremarked. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) highlighted in its recent report that projections based upon stated policy commitments fall short of containing the global warming levels at 1.5°C or even 2°C. So, when emissions mitigation is not happening at the pace desired and extreme climate events indicate an earlier-thanexpected tipping point, carbon capture may offer a pathway to the solution.

Challenges to Net Zero

The developmental imperatives demanding equity and justice, sub-optimal



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technology readiness levels and challenges related to lifestyle adaptations make the net zero road, a difficult terrain to tread on. Food, energy, transport and materials like cement & steel contribute significantly to emissions but are such fundamental necessities that they cannot be wished away overnight from our lives. Take the case of food, the global population has increased nearly eightfold since the early 19th century. Quite obviously, it is the fertiliser-intensive farming without which it is estimated that half of the world's population cannot be fed. These fertilisers are synthesised using fossil fuels which contribute to

Regarding electricity, renewable sources come with

intrinsic uncertainties and only reliable storage solutions can fully replace fossil fuels. This necessitates mining significant amounts of lithium which has its commercialised mining predominantly concentrated in the South American lithium triangle and notably it has a high water footprint. Additionally, mining cobalt, a key element in Li-ion batteries, is associated with ethical issues concerning child labour. Pumped hydro, an alternative to battery storage, also has environmental con-

The Concept of Carbon Dioxide Removal

Carbon dioxide removal involves capturing CO2 at various sources of generation



or directly from the atmosphere and securely storing it to prevent escape. Natural systems such as forests, rocks, and oceans act as carbon sinks, absorbing and sequestering carbon. However, a warmer climate diminishes the capacity of these systems to absorb CO2. To augment the capacities of these natural systems, conservation efforts and engineered tech-

niques for enhanced absorp-

tion are necessary.

These include afforestation, increased rock weathering which enables rocks to absorb more CO2, and enhanced ocean fertilisation which is a geoengineering technique that may result in higher organic growth in ocean systems thus implying higher carbon absorption and bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS), which introduces circularity in the emissions balance sheet. Technology-based solutions involve capturing CO2 emissions during production processes or electricity generation using fossil fuels predominantly using chemicals called amines which can absorb and release CO2 upon temperature reg-

stored in deep geological formations, preventing its release. The pumping of CO2 in the oil reservoirs for enhanced oil recovery is an established practice in the oil and gas industry. Another technology namely Direct Air Capture, involving CO2 capture from air surrounding us instead of a concentrated point source is also gaining traction however it has cost

The Pros and Cons The fact that certain techniques are already practised in the industry, builds a certain amount of confidence towards the feasibility of the proposition. However, there is scepticism over its large-scale adoption, particularly in ulation. The captured CO2 is terms of potential interfer-

ence with oceans and other natural systems. Additionally, increased afforestation and adoption of BECCS may have adverse impacts on our food supplies as well. The possibilities of CO2 leakage from geological formations too cannot be ignored. Also, it is argued that excessive reliance on carbon removal pathways may lead to complacency in emissions mitigation and adaptation efforts.

The world needs to act swiftly on climate change and undoubtedly, a multipronged mitigation strategy is necessary. However, considering the uncertainties associated with carbon removal, its deployment should be approached with caution and a gradual scaling up as we learn more about it.



US not seeking conflict with China: Biden

Will push back on intimidation'

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 $P^{resident \ Joe \ Biden \ has \ told \ world \ leaders \ that the \ US \ is not seeking \ conflict \ with \ China \ but it \ will \ "push \ back \ on \ aggression \ and \ intimidation" \ as \ his \ administration \ seeks \ to \ "responsi$ bly manage" its tense relationship with Beijing. Addressing the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, Biden said his administration is also ready to work together with China on issues where progress hinges on "our common efforts."

"When it comes to China, I want to be clear and consistent: We seek to responsibly manage the competition between our countries so it does not tip into conflict," Biden said in his address to the Heads of State and Government at the 193-member UN General Assembly on the opening day of the General Debate.

Tensions between Washington and Beijing escalated earlier this year following an incident involving a spy balloon over American airspace, China's support for Russia's conflict in Ukraine,

trade disputes and human rights.
"I've said, "We are for de-risking, not decoupling with China," Biden said.

"We will push back on aggression and intimidation and defend the rules of the road, from freedom of navigation to overflight to a level economic playing field that has helped safeguard security and prosperity for decades," Biden said as his administration sought to counter China's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific region and its military might.

Biden's comments come as his administration has increased outreach to China, even as Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping have gone nearly a year without having a face-to-face meeting. However, the Biden administration has taken the lead in having regular channels of communication with Beijing to avoid conflict.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan recently met with China's foreign minister Wang Yi. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo have both made recent trips to China for meetings with government and business officials.

Meanwhile, Chinese Vice President Han Zheng met on the sidelines of the General Assembly on Monday with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in New York on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session.

"I had a candid and constructive meeting with People's Republic of China Vice President Han Zheng about responsibly managing our bilateral relationship and addressing global and regional issues," Blinken posted on X.

US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry also met Vice President Zheng on the margins of the 78th UN General Assembly in New York City on Tuesday.

The two sides discussed the critical importance of bilateral and multilateral efforts to address the climate crisis, including promoting a successful COP 28. Secretary Kerry reiterated the urgency of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, which will require ambitious action by the United States and China. He also emphasised the need for China to raise ambition in efforts to, among other things, accelerate decarbonisation and reduce emissions of super pollutants like methane, the State Department said in a press release.

BIDEN AND LULA ARE MEETING IN NY

President Joe Biden will meet his Brazilian counterpart Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Wednesday in New York as the leaders of the Western Hemisphere's largest democracies seek areas of common ground despite some recent differences on Russia's war in Ukraine and other matters. The two are expected to discuss labour and the environment. And senior US administration officials who previewed the meeting said the two nations are rolling out a partnership on workers' rights.

Initial hopes that Lula would prove a staunch ally for Biden have been tempered in recent months, with the Brazilian leader voicing opposition on some issues and at times even seeming to thumb his nose at Washington.

That has included dismissing allegations of Venezuela's authoritarianism, calling for decreased dependence on the dollar for global trade and accusing the US of fuelling bloodshed in Ukraine by providing military aid.

In his speech at the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, Lula criticised the US embargo and sanctions targeting Cuba.

"What Lula expects is not to be lectured by the US and the White House, but treated as a partner who they will sometimes disagree with, but who they do respect," said Thomas Traumann, a Brazilian political analyst. "Not an enemy, not an opponent, someone who is on your side, but not always on your side." Biden had frosty relations with Lula's pre-

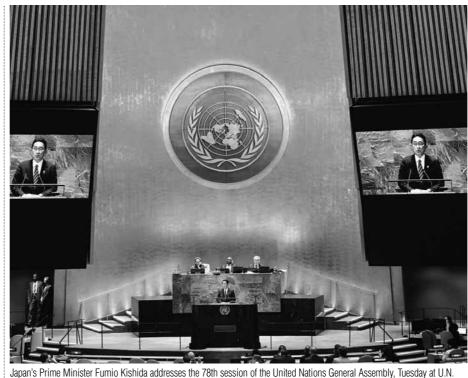
decessor. Far-right former President Jair Bolsonaro, an open admirer of Donald Trump, waited weeks before recognising Biden's 2020 election victory. Over a year passed before a bilateral meet-

ing took place in the context of US concerns that Bolsonaro, who had been casting doubt on Brazil's election system, could reject its results. After Bolsonaro's defeat, his supporters

stormed the capital in an attempt to oust Lula from power. The circumstances bore a clear resemblance to Trump and the January 6

Lula quickly travelled to Washington, where he and Biden bonded over the challenges to democracy they had both overcome.

Despite the shared experience and apparent bonhomie, the trip disgruntled Brazilian officials, who viewed the White House's reception of the newly sworn-in president as historically underwhelming, said Traumann, who worked in the prior administration of Dilma Rousseff, Lula's protege. The meeting on Wednesday will be their second. Their planned labour partnership will be a vehicle for stopping the exploitation of workers, forced labour and child labour as well as workplace discrimination, according to the US officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity to preview the announcement.



Iran's prez urges US to demonstrate it wants to return to 2015 N-deal

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

Tran's President Ebrahim Raisi said Tuesday that his country will never give up its right "to have peaceful nuclear energy" and urged the United States "to demonstrate in a verifiable fashion" that it wants to return to the 2015 nuclear deal. Addressing the annual high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly, Raisi said the American withdrawal from the deal trampled on US commitments and was "an inappropriate response" to Iran's fulfilment of its commitments. Then-President Donald Trump unilaterally pulled the US out of the accord in 2018, restoring crippling sanctions. Iran began breaking the terms a year later and formal talks in Vienna to try to restart the deal collapsed in August 2022. Iran has long denied ever seeking nuclear weapons and continues to insist that its programme is entirely for peaceful purposes

points Raisi reiterated Tuesday telling the high-level meeting that "nuclear weapons have no place in the defensive doctrine and the military doc-

trine" of the country.

But UN nuclear chief Rafael Grossi said in an interview Monday with The Associated Press that the Iranian government's removal of many cameras and electronic monitoring systems installed by the International Atomic Energy Agency make it impossible to give assurances about the country's nuclear programme. Grossi has previouswarned that Tehran has enough enriched uranium for "several" nuclear bombs if it chose to build them. The IAEA director general also said Monday he asked to meet Raisi to try to reverse Tehran's uncalled for ban on "a very sizable chunk" of the agency's inspectors. Raisi made no mention of the IAEA inspectors but the European Union issued a statement late Tuesday saying its top diplomat, Josep

Borrell, met Iran's Foreign Minister on Tuesday and raised the nuclear deal and the inspectors as well as Iran's arbitrary detention of many EU citizens including dual nationals. At his meeting with Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, the EU said Borrell urged Iran to reconsider its decision to ban several experienced nuclear inspectors and to improve cooperation with the IAEA. Borrell again urged the Iranian government to stop its military cooperation with Russia, the EU statement said. Western nations have said Iran has supplied military drones to Russia for use in the war in Ukraine, which Tehran denies. Raisi spoke to the General Assembly a day after Iran and the US each freed five prisoners who were in jails for

The US also allowed the release of nearly USD 6 billion in Iranian frozen assets in South Korea for humanitarian

response to a BBC report say-

home heating, due in 2035.

AP ■ LONDON

Russia has turned even children into weapons: Zelensky

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said that Russia is "weaponis-ing" everything from food and energy to abducted children in its war against Ukraine — and he warned world leaders that the same could happen to

them.
"When hatred is weaponised against one nation, it never stops there," he said at the UN General Assembly's annual top-level meeting on Tuesday. "The goal of the present war against Ukraine is to turn our land, our people, our lives, our resources into weapons against you — against the international rules-based

The war in Ukraine has deepened major global supply disruptions caused by the pandemic, driving a huge spike in food and energy prices, jolting the global economy and increasing hardship in many developing countries.

Decades-old energy supply

channels to Europe from Russia, a major oil and gas producer, were halted or severely disrupted by the war due to sanctions, trade disputes, pipeline shutoffs and a major push by Western countries to find alternative sources. Both Russia and Ukraine also are major grain exporters, and Russia withdrew this past summer from a deal that allowed shipments of Ukrainian grain through the Black Sea.

Zelenskyy pointed to the food and fuel crunches, and he highlighted what Ukraine says were kidnappings of at least tens of thousands of children taken from Ukraine after Moscow's invasion: "What will happen to them?"
"Those children in Russia

are taught to hate Ukraine, and all ties with their families are broken. And this is clearly a genocide," Zelenskyy said in remarks that ran 15 minutes the meeting's often-disregarded time limit. The International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant in March for Russian

Rishi Sunak signals plan to



President Vladimir Putin and another official, accusing them of abducting children from Ukraine. Russian officials have denied any forced transfers of children, saying some Ukrainian youngsters are in

Russia gets its chance to address the General Assembly on Saturday. Deputy UN Ambassador Ómitry Polýansky sat in Russia's seat during Zelenskyy's address. "Did he speak," Polyansky

asked with a wry smile when an Associated Press reporter asked about his reaction to the address. "I didn't notice he was speaking. I was on my phone."

Zelenskyy took to the world stage at a sensitive point in his country's campaign to maintain international support for its fight. Nearly 19 months after Moscow launched a full-scale invasion, Ukrainian forces are three months into a counteroffensive that has not gone as fast or as well as initial-Ûkraine and its allies cast

the country's cause as a battle for the rule of international law, for the sovereignty of every country with a powerful and potentially expansionist neighbour, and for the stability of global food and energy sup-"We must stand up to this

naked aggression today and deter other would-be aggressors tomorrow," US President Joe Biden told the assembly Tuesday in his own speech.

Azerbaijan, Armenian forces reach cease-fire deal

AP ■ YEREVAN (ARMENIA)

end two days of fighting in the separatist Nagorno-Karabakh region that has been a flashpoint for decades, officials on both sides said. An hour after the truce was announced, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said that the intensity of the hostilities in the region "has decreased drastically". Azerbaijani authorities said they had halted the military operation launched a day earlier once separatist officials

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But it wasn't immediately clear war in the region could resume if some fighting continued. between Azerbaijan and on Armenian positions in Nagorno-Karabakh — a mountainous a region that is part of Azerbaijan and came under the control of ethnic Armenian forces during a separatist war in the 1990s.Scores of people were reportedly killed and wounded in the latest fighting. The hostilities also exacerbated an already grim humanitarian situation for residents who have suffered food shortages for months. The escalation

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announced laying down arms. raised concerns that a full-scale region since the collapse of the Soviet Union. The most recent heavy fighting occurred over six weeks in 2020, when Azerbaijan retook parts of the region and areas around it that were lost in the earlier separatist war. The conflict has long drawn in powerful regional olayers, including Russia and Turkiye. While Turkiye threw its weight behind Azerbaijan, Russia has taken on a mediating role and brokered the

armistice that ended the 2020

and both sides said on Wednesday that they helped reach the current agreement. Talks between Azerbaijani officials and the region's ethnic Armenian authorities on its "re-integration" into Azerbaijan were scheduled to take place on Thursday.

The deal envisions the withdrawal of Armenian military units and equipment from Nagorno-Karabakh, as well as disarming the local defence

forces, Azerbaijan's Defence Ministry said. Armenia's Its contingent of peace- Pashinyan said his government A zerbaijan and Armenian if some ingining continued. Detween Azerbaijan and Armenia, which have been keepers, in fact, are charged didn't take part in discussing or taken note" of the decision made by the region's separatist

Azerbaijan said it fired on Armenian positions on Tuesday as part of what it called an "antiterrorist operation" and vowed to continue until "illegal Armenian military formations"

wide criticism from political surrendered. Azerbaijan has opponents, environmental groups and large chunks of UK alleged that Armenia has smuggled weapons into the territoindustry, but was welcomed by sections of the governing ry since the end of the separatist Conservative Party. Sunak issued a late-night statement on Tuesday in

Two Indians jailed in robocall scam

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Two Indian nationals have been sentenced to 41 months in prison for their role in a conspiracy to commit wire fraud by accepting illegally obtained USD 1.2 million in wire transfers from victims across the United States, US attorney said. Arushobike Mitra (29) and Garbita Mitra (25) had previously pleaded guilty before US District Judge Esther Salas to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced on Tuesday. "These defendants and their conspirators preyed upon some of our most vulnerable citizens, using trickery and threats to coerce them into sending money," Sellinger said.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court as part of an international fraud scheme, criminal India-based call centres utilised automated robocalls to contact victims across the country with the intent of defrauding US residents, particularly the elderly. After establishing contact with victims through these automated calls, other members of the conspiracy would

sending large sums of cash through physical shipments or wire transfers to other mem bers of the conspiracy, including the Mitras, a media release

victims to send money including impersonating government officials from agenating law enforcement officers quences if they did not comalleged.

coerce or trick the victims into

These conspirators used a variety of schemes to convince cies such as the Social Security Administration, or impersonfrom the FBI or DEA, and threatened victims with severe legal or financial conseply, federal prosecutors

Another method utilised by the callers involved convincing the victim they were speaking with someone from a tech support company and coercing the victim into granting the caller remote access to their personal computers. The caller would then access the victim's bank accounts and make it appear to the victim that the caller had inadvertently added money to the victim's bank account, when in fact the caller had simply transferred money from another one of the victim's



unscheduled conference call to discuss the plans ahead of a speech hastily rescheduled for Wednesday afternoon. It had been due later in the week.

ing the prime minister is con-"For too many years, politisidering extending deadlines cians in governments of all for bans on new gasoline and diesel cars — currently set for stripes have not been honest about costs and trade-offs," 2030 — and on new natural-gas Sunak said. "Instead, they have taken the easy way out, saying we can have it all." Sunak did Sunak said he would set out a "proportionate" approach not confirm details of his to the environment. He sumannouncements. He said he moned his Cabinet to an would keep a promise to reduce

net zero by 2050, but "in a better, more proportionate way". The government has previ-

ously boasted of Britain being a leader in cutting carbon emissions. UK greenhouse gas emissions have fallen by 46 per cent from 1990 levels, mainly because of the almost complete removal of coal from electricity generation.

The government had pledged to reduce emissions by 68 per cent of 1990 levels by 2030 and to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by

But with just seven years to go until the first goalpost, the government's climate advisers said last month that the pace of action is "worryingly slow".

Sunak's decision in July to approve new North Sea oil and gas drilling also spurred critics to question his commitment to climate goals.

France rolls out the red carpet for King Charles III's state visit

AP ■ PARIS

 K^{ing} Charles III of the United Kingdom starts a three-day state visit to France on Wednesday meant to highlight the friendship between the two nations with great pomp, after the trip was postponed in March amid widespread demonstrations against President Emmanuel Macron's pension changes. Charles and Queen Camilla were greeted by Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne at Paris-Orly airport. They were to attend a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe in the presence of Macron

and his wife, Brigitte.

The visit shows "the deep historical ties that unite our two countries. It is also an opportunity to showcase France's cultural, artistic and gastronomic excellence", the French presidency said. At the Arc de Triomphe, both national anthems will be played before a review of French troops and a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to "mark the shared sacrifices of the past and an enduring legacy of cooperation", according to Buckingham Palace. The jet fighters of the Patrouille de France and Britain's Red Arrows, the acrobatic teams of the two air forces, will fly above the monument. The presidential and royal couples will then head by car to the presidential palace, parading on the hamps-Elysees avenue.

Macron and Charles will hold a bilateral meeting, because the visit also "symbolises the relationship of friendship and trust" since they "have in the past worked closely together to protect biodiversity and combat global warming", the French presidency stressed.

They will also have talks on Russia's war in Ukraine and the migration issue as Italy's southern island of Lampedusa was in recent days overrhelmed by people setting off from Tunisia.

While the UK royal family long ago ceded

political power to elected leaders, members of the royal family remain Britain's preeminent ambassadors as presidents and prime ministers jockey to bask in the glamour and pageantry that follows them wherever they go. The visit comes amid a recent warming in the Franco-British relationship after years marked by Brexit talks and related disputes. At a bilateral summit in March, Macron and UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak agreed to strengthen military ties and step up efforts to prevent migrants from crossing the English Channel.



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I sraeli military operations in the occupied West Bank and unrest in the Gaza Strip have killed six Palestinians, Palestinian health officials said Wednesday, the latest spike in a wave of violence that has roiled the region for more than a year. At least three of those killed were claimed as militant

The death toll from the most recent flare-up stood at four late Tuesday. But on Wednesday the Palestinian Health Ministry raised it, saying an Israeli raid into the Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank killed four people and wounded some 30 others, while a raid in a separate refugee camp killed another Palestinian. A sixth Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire in unrest in the Gaza Strip, officials said. The deadly violence between Israel and the Palestinians over the last year and a half has surged to levels unseen in the West Bank in some two decades. Israel has stepped up its raids on Palestinian areas and Palestinian attacks against Israelis have been mounting. Tensions also appear to be

spreading to Gaza. The Israeli military said Wednesday that troops opened fire toward a Palestinian who was throwing explosives at them while they were on an overnight arrest raid in the refugee camp of Aqabat Jabr. The camp, near the Palestinian city of Jericho, has emerged as one of the focal points of Israel's raids. The Palestinian Health Ministry said Israeli forces killed 19-year-old Dhargham al-Akhras in the raid. The bloodshed in the Jenin camp hours earlier was the latest in that stronghold of Palestinian militants where the Israeli military often carries out deadly raids. In July, Israel launched its most intense operation in the West Bank in nearly two decades, leaving widespread destruction in the camp. The

army said that forces carried out a rare strike Tuesday with a suicide drone during the operation and exchanged fire with gunmen in Jenin. While leaving the camp, the army said, an explosive detonated underneath an army truck as gunmen opened fire, damaging the vehicle. No soldiers were injured.

Three of those killed in Jenin were claimed as members of the Hamas militant group or the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and were identified as Mahmoud al-Sadi, 23, Mahmoud Ararawi, 24, and Ata Yasser Musa, 29. Videos posted on social media showed medics unloading the wounded at a hospital, while in other videos, explosions and gunfire could be heard echoing in the camp. As Israeli soldiers withdrew, a crowd of young men chanted: "Oh, you who ask, who are we? We are the Jenin Brigade."

After the Israeli military withdrew from the Jenin camp, dozens of gunmen and residents poured into the streets to protest against the Palestinian Authority and its failure to protect them, according to footage shared by residents. Israel says the raids are meant to dismantle militant networks and thwart future attacks. Some 190 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank since the start of the year, according to a tally by The Associated Press. Israel says most of those killed have been militants, but youths protesting the incursions and others not involved in the confrontations have also been killed. At least 31 people have been killed in Palestinian attacks against Israelis since

the beginning of 2023. In the Gaza violence, health officials said the Israeli military killed a 25-year-old Palestinian along the volatile frontier with Israel as youths mounted violent protests at a separation fence. Unrest over the past week has escalated tensions and prompted Israel to bar entry to thousands of Palestinian labourers from the impoverished enclave.

6 Palestinians | Putin accepts invitation to visit China

 $R^{ ext{ussia's President Vladimir}}$ he accepted an invitation from his Chinese counterpart to visit China in October during the Belt and Road Summit. Speaking after a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Moscow, Putin said Russia and China are "integrating our ideas of creating a large Eurasian space", noting that China's Belt and Road Initiative is a part of that.

The Initiative is a huge programme in which Beijing has been expanding its influence in developing regions through infrastructure projects.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine, Putin has pivoted the country toward China, selling it more energy, and increasingly carrying out joint military

China has adopted a neutral stance on the war in Ukraine and even denounced

Western sanctions against Moscow. It also accused NATO voking Putin's military action and declared last year that it had a "no-limits" friendship

On Tuesday, senior Russian security official, Nikolai Patrushev, called for closer policy coordination between Moscow and Beijing to counter what he described as Western efforts to contain them as he hosted Wang Yi for security The Kremlin has continu-

ously expressed support for Beijing as Russia and China have grown closer as their relations with the West deteri-Wang arrived in Russia on

Monday on a four-day visit following his talks with US President Joe Biden's national security adviser in Malta over the weekend. Putin's plan to



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, foreground left, talks to Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Nikolai Patrushev as they arrive for their 18th round of China-Russia strategic security

UN urges Taliban govt to protect rights of detainees

he United Nations said on Wednesday it has documented more than 1,600 cases of human rights violations committed by authorities in Afghanistan during arrests and detentions of people, and urged the Taliban government to stop torture and protect the rights of detainees.

Nearly 50 per cent of the violations consisted of "torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment", the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan said.

The report by the mission's Human Rights Service covered 19 months — from January 2022 until the end of July 2023 with cases documented across 29 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces. It said 11 per cent of the cases involved women.

It said the torture aimed at extracting confessions and other information included beatings, suffocation, suspension from the ceiling and electric shocks. Cases that were not considered sufficiently credible and reliable were not included in the report, it said.

promised a more moderate rule than during their previous period in power in the 1990s. But they have imposed harsh measures since seizing Afghanistan in mid-August 2021 as US and NATO forces were pulling out from the country after two decades of

"The personal accounts of beatings, electric shocks, water torture, and numerous other forms of cruel and degrading treatment, along with threats made against individuals and their families, are harrowing," UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk said in a statement issued with the

"This report suggests that torture is also used as a tool in lieu of effective investigations. I urge all concerned de facto authorities to put in place concrete measures to halt these abuses and hold perpetrators accountable," he said.

The UN mission or UNAMA uses the term "de facto authorities" for the Taliban government.

Its report acknowledges some steps taken by govern-

ment agencies to monitor places of detention and investigate allegations of abuse.

"Although there have been some encouraging signs in terms of leadership directives as well as an openness among many de facto officials to engage constructively with UNAMA, and allow visits to prisons, these documented cases highlight the need for urgent, accelerated action by Roza Otunbayeva, the UN secretary-general's spe-cial representative for Afghanistan and head of the mission, said in a statement.

The report said of the torture and other degrading treatment that 259 instances involved physical suffering and 207 involved mental suffering. UNAMA said it believes that ill-treatment of individuals in custody is wide-

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ly under reported and that the figures in the report represent only a snapshot of violations of people in detention across Afghanistan.

It said a pervasive climate of surveillance, harassment and intimidation, threats to people not to speak about their experiences in detention, and the need for prisoners to provide guarantees by family members and other third parties to be released from custody hamper the willingness of many people to speak freely to the UN mis-

The report said 44 per cent of the interviewees were civilians with no particular affiliation, 21 per cent were former

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bers of civic organizations or human rights groups, 9 per cent were members of armed groups and 8 per cent were journalists and media workers. The remainder were "family members of persons of inter-In a response that was included in the report, the Taliban-led Foreign Ministry

sonnel, 16 per cent were mem-

It also questioned some of the report's data. The Ministry of Interior said it has identified only 21 cases of human rights

said government agencies have

taken steps to improve the

human rights situation of

detainees, and that Islamic

law, or Shariah, prohibits tor-

Ukraine's allies make legal arguments at top UN court

The Hague (Netherlands): filed into the United Nations' top court on Wednesday to support Kyiv's case against Russia that alleges Moscow

twisted the genocide convention to manufacture a pretext for its invasion last year.

The hearing came a day after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told the UN General Assembly in New York that Russia is "weaponis-York that Russia is "weaponising" everything from food and energy to abducted children in its war against Ukraine — and warned world leaders that the same could happen to them.

An unprecedented 32 states were making brief legal arguments on Wednesday to the 16-judge panel at the International Court of Justice, which is holding hearings into Moscow's assertions that the World Court does not have jurisdiction and should throw out Ukraine's case.

Kyiv filed its case two days after Ŕussia invaded Ukraine. It argues that the attack was based on false claims by Russia of acts of genocide in the Luhansk and Donetsk regions of eastern Ukraine. Ukraine insists the court has jurisdiction. Kyiv's allies supported that stance on Wednesday.

Legal representatives including Australian Solicitor-General Stephen Donaghue told judges that the case is about a dispute between Ukraine and Russia over the 1948 Genocide Convention that should be settled by the court. While most of the national presentations in the court's ornate Great Hall of Justice were dry legal arguments, Canada's representative, Alan Kessel, underscored

Thai king's estranged son urges open discussion on monarchy

n estranged son of AThailand's king who has spent almost all his adult life away from his homeland has unexpectedly gone public with his belief that open discussions about the country's monarchy should be allowed, in a rejection of a harsh royal antidefamation law. Vacharaesorn Vivacharawongse, one of the king's five sons, posted his opinion on Facebook after attending a photo exhibition in New York about people who have been charged under the law, Article 112 of Thailand's Criminal Code. The so-called lese maieste law makes insulting the monarch, his immediate family and the regent punishable by up to 15 years in prison per offence. "I love and

Tornadoes

Beijing (AP): Two tornadoes

within hours killed 10 people

and seriously injured four oth-

ers in eastern China, state

media said Wednesday. The

first tornado hit parts of Suqian

city in Jiangsu province on

Tuesday afternoon, state broad-

caster CCTV said. It destroyed

137 homes and damaged crop

land and pig farms. Five peo-

ple died and four were injured.

evening killed five people in Yancheng city, which is in the

same province about 190 kilo-

meters (120 miles) southeast of

Suqian. Videos posted online of

the first tornado showed cars

that had been tossed about,

including at least one flipped

onto its side, and debris

swirling in the air above a sev-

road service had been restored

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in the Suqian area.

A second tornado in the

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cherish the monarchy, but I believe it is better to know than not knowing. Every person has their own opinion based on their own experiences. Not listening to them doesn't make their viewpoints or opinions disappear," wrote Vacharaesorn, who works at a law firm in New York. "It's another story whether you

agree or disagree with them.

ingapore's lawmakers have

Srejected a motion by an

opposition party to suspend

Transport Minister S Iswaran,

under investigation for graft

charges, from parliament and

voted instead to consider the

matter when the probes against

him conclude. During a two-

hour debate on Tuesday, Leader

of the House Indranee Rajah

said the ruling People's Action

Party (PAP) would consider a

clawback of Iswaran's MP allowance if justified, such as if

he is given criminal charges.

is under investigation by the

Corrupt Practices Investigation

Bureau (CPIB). The investiga-

AP ■ SINGAPORE

The law is highly controversial, not only because of its tough penalties but also because anyone, not just the royal family, can file complaints about alleged violations with police. Critics say it is often used to quash political dissent and point to many arrests of pro-democracy pro-

testers by the government of

former Prime Minister Prayuth

Chan-ocha, who led a military

coup in 2014 and remained the country's leader until last month. Supporters of the law say the monarchy is the bedrock of Thai identity and should be untouchable. Vacharaesorn is one of four sons that King Maha Vajiralongkorn had with

his second wife, Sujarinee

Vivacharawongse, a former

S'pore lawmakers reject motion

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MPs - Hazel Poa and Leong

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prince divorced Sujarinee, who moved abroad with her children. Their youngest daughter was taken back by the royal family and given the title Princess Nariratana, but the four sons remain estranged and do not have any formal royal titles. Vacharaesorn, 42, who had long been out of the public eye, drew major attention in August when he made a brief surprise return to Thailand, where he visited a charity organisation and several Buddhist temples to participate in prayers and offerings. Before departing, he told reporters that he wishes Thailand will be "a country full of hope" and that Thai people will "respect one another, listen to one another, no matter who

Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Bo Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabull: Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor" the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whateve Sirivannavari there is" basis on 25.10.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 19,76,319/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLGRG00307320, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 11.09.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other elated loan document(s) w.e.f. 12.09.2023 along with legal expenses and other harges due to the Secured Creditor from MANU MALHOTRA and NEHA along with The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 14,10,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Ten Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be

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Rs. 1,41,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty One Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FIRST FLOOR (BACK SIDE / EASTERN PORTION), SHREERAM APARTMENT 137 & PORTION OF PLOT NO. 138, AREA ADMEASURING 50 SQUARE YARDS I.E. 41.81 SQ. MTRS, OUT OF KHASRA NO. 351, SITUATED IN THE REVENUE ESTATE OF VILLAGE BINDAPUR, GALI NO. 6, BLOCK - T EXTN., UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI - 110059 AND WHICH IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: WEST : FRONT SIDE / ROAD 15' WIDE SOUTH : PLOT NO. 138 For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. Fo

Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

Authorized office

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

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Care & Reconstruction Enterprise Ltd. [CIN: U65993DL2002PLC115769] "Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 25.10.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M. for recovery of Rs. 3,87,73,204/- (Rupees Three Crore Eighty Seven Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Four only) pending towards the Loan Account No D002OXVIII [old Loan Account being HHLDUB00482180], by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 11.09.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loar document(s) w.e.f. 12.09.2023 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from DEEPAK LUTHRA and MOHINI LUTHRA.

The old Loan Account along with its underlying security(ies), including the Immovable Property, had been assigned by Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. ("IHFL") to Indiabulls Reconstruction Co. Ltd. ("IARCL") vide Assignment Agreement dated 31.03.2021. The said Loan Account has been further assigned by IARCL to and in favour of the Secured Creditor, acting as a Trustee of ACRE-102-Trust, vide Assignment Agreement dated 30.11.2021.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crore only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 50,00,000/ (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

RESIDENTIAL UNIT BEING PENT HOUSE DUPLEX BEARING NUMBER A-204 HAVING CARPET AREA OF 3893 SQUARE FEET SITUATED ON THE 20TH AND 21ST FLOOR IN TOWER - A IN THE GROUP HOUSING PROJECT KNOWN AS ENIGMA" SITUATED IN SECTOR 110, GURUGRAM, HARYANA - 122001 ALONG WITH ALLOTED THREE CAR PARKING SPACE BEARING NUMBER(S) 36, 37

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.acreindia.in; For bidding, log on to

AUTHORIZED OFFICER
ASSETS CARE & RECONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISE LTD.
TRUSTEE OF ACRE-102-TRUST

Notice is hereby given that on the direction of our client Piranal Capital & Housing Finance Limited, Mumtaz wife of shahid alias sahid is in process to avail the loan from Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited, against her property bearing no. 288 measuring 125 sq. yds. out of khasra no. 30 situated at village meerpur turk in the abadi of gali no. 5, moonga nagar, karawal nagar, illaqua shahdara, Delhi-94, having acquired the same vide Gift dated 16/9/23 (doc. No. 2891) and whereas she has having undisputed possession of the said property, All persons's having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address. PUBLIC NOTICE

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M.C. Maheshwari Sodhani Resider of Flat No.23, Anekant C.G.H.S. Ltd nform that I am the Owner of Flat Anekant C.G.H.S. Ltd. Vasundhar Enclave, Delhi-110096 that Origina Co-op. Group Housing Societ imited, and the General Power o Attornery executed by Shri Suni Kakaria son of Shri Joginder Pa

Enclave, Delhi-96 at the time of getting the Photostat of the same. RAHUL KUMAR

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Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ead with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L66922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 25.10.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 21,03,219/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Three Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLLAJ00255142, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 12.09.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from LOVLESHTAK and MONIKA.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 34,40,000/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Forty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 3,44,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Forty Four Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY RESIDENTIAL FLAT BEARING NUMBER B-3/204, SECOND FLOOR (WITHOU)

RESIDEN HAL FLAH BEARING NUMBER B-3/204, SECOND FLOOR (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHT), HAVING SUPER COVERED AREA OF 900 SQUARE FEET. (I. E 83.61 SQUARE METER), COVERED AREA OF 750 SQUARE FEET (I.E 69.70 SQUARE METER) APPROX IN "VXL EASTERN HEIGHTS" AT PLOT / KHASRA NUMBER 1553, 1554, 1556, 1557/1, 1557/2 AND 1558 SITUATED IN VILLAGE MAKANPUR, NEAR NYAY KHAND - III, INDIRAPURAM, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT GHAZIABAD - 201014, UTTAR PRADESH ALONG WITH ONE

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provide on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. Fo

Date: 13.09.2023 Place: GHAZIABAD

[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

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The old Loan Account along with its underlying security(ies), including the Immovable Property, had been assigned by Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. ("IHFL") to Indiabulls Asset Reconstruction Co. Ltd. ("IARCL") vide Assignment Agreement dated 31.12.2021. The said Loan Account has been further assigned by IARCL to and in favour of the Secured Creditor, acting as a Trustee of ACRE-102-Trust, vide

Assignment Agreement dated 29.06.2022. The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,30,000/-(Rupees One Lakh Thirty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BUILT-UP FIRST FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF/TERRACE RIGHTS OUT OF

FREEHOLD PROPERTY BEARING NO. WZ-283/125, AREA MEASURING 39 SQ YARDS, (26 FT.X 13.1/2 FT.) PART OF KHASRA NO. 19/16 AND 19/14, WITH COMMON RIGHTS TO USE COMMON ENTRANCE/GATE, STAIRCASE PASSAGE AND ALL OTHER COMMON FACILITIES. SITUATED IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE KHAYALA, NOW COLONY KNOWN AS VISHNU GARDEN EXTENSION, NEW DELHI 110018 WITH THE PROPERTIONATE FREEHOLD RIGHTS OF THE LAND UNDERNEATH THE SAID PROPERTY; AND THE SAME

IS BOUNDED AS UNDER:
EAST : ROAD 15 FT
WEST : PORTION OF THE PLOT NORTH: OTHER'S PROPERTY SOUTH: OTHER'S PROPERTY For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the

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TRUSTEE OF ACRE-102-TRUST

The Progress Singapore Party's (PSP) motion had called PSP motion so that Iswaran for Iswaran to be suspended as would no longer receive the was instructed to take a leave an MP for the remainder of the MP allowance while he was not of absence. He has been inter-AND 38 SITUATED IN UPPER BASEMENT. current session of parliament. performing his duties whether dicted from duty with a He was arrested in July and

in parliament or in his West reduced pay of SGD 8,500 (USD 6,200) a month. He con-"This motion is therefore tinues to draw the full annual about the prudent use of tax-

proposing amendments to the Parliament (Privileges Immunities and Powers) Act so

duce a Private Member's Bill

that Iswaran could be reimbursed for his MP's allowance if cleared of any wrongdoing. Indranee's counter-motion, meanwhile, also affirmed the

wrongdoing.

being investigated for possible After his arrest, Iswaran

need for MPs to uphold integrity and conduct themselves lawfully and the need to deal firmly and fairly with any MP

MP allowance of SGD 1,92,500.

tion of guilt," she said. She also filed a second motion for permission to intro-

Sensex tanks 796 pts, Nifty closes below 20K

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty tumbled more than 1 per cent on Wednesday due to selling in indicate. heavyweights in tandem with weak global trends ahead of the US Federal Reserve's interest rate

Falling for the second day running, the 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 796 points or 1.18 per cent to settle at 66,800.84. During the day, it tanked 868.7 points or 1.28 per cent to 66,728.14.

The NSE Nifty declined 231.90 points or 1.15 per cent to end below the 20,000 mark at 19.901.40

19,901.40.

US bond yields surging to 16-year high levels and fears of high crude oil prices fueling commodity inflation also hit the investor sentiment, according to analysts.

Fresh foreign fund outflows and caution ahead of a host of interest rate decisions from global central banks also added to the overall bearish trend. Besides the US Fed meeting, the BoE (Bank of England) and the BoJ (Bank of Japan) are also scheduled to meet this week.



Among the Sensex firms. HDFC Bank emerged as the biggest loser, falling 4 per cent. JSW Steel, Reliance Industries, UltraTech Cement, Maruti, Tata Steel, Wipro, Tech Mahindra, Bharti Airtel and Larsen & Toubro were the other major laggards.

Power Grid, Asian Paints, Sun Pharma, Axis Bank, NTPC, ITC and Infosys were among the

The domestic markets remained under pressure due to rising US bond yields and a

stronger greenback. Concerns reigned over upcoming FED policy, interest rate trajectory

and rising oil prices. "Bank Nifty underperformed today due to rising cost of funds and reduction in deposits leading to moderation in net yield," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge fell by 0.51 per cent and midcap index

declined 0.33 per cent. Among the indices, financial services fell by 1.39 per cent, commodities dropped 1.39 per cent, metal (1.25 per cent), realty (1.20 per cent), bankex (1.05 per cent), telecommunication (0.95 per cent) and oil & gas (0.68 per cent).

Utilities and power were the

gainers. In Asian markets, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower while Seoul

settled with gains. European markets were trading in positive territory. The US markets ended in neg-

ative territory on Tuesday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude fell 1.23 per cent to USD 93.18 a barrel even as supply concerns remain due to production cuts announced by Saudi Arabia and Russia.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,236.51 crore on Monday, according to exchange

Snapping its 11-day rally, the BSE benchmark fell 241.79 points or 0.36 per cent to settle at 67,596.84 on Monday. The broader Nifty declined 59.05 points or 0.29 per cent to end at 20,133.30. Equity markets were closed on Tuesday on account of Ganesh Chaturthi

GSTN enables geocoding for 'additional place of business' address

GST Network has enabled geocoding functionality for the 'additional place of business' address of GST-registered businesses across all states and union territories.

The move is aimed at curbing fraudulent registrations under Goods and Services Tax (GST) by giving bogus addresses for the purpose of claiming Input Tax Credit (ITC).

"GSTN is pleased to inform that the geocoding functionality for the 'Additional Place of Business' address is now active across all States and Union



implemented for the principal place of business, operational since February 2023," GST Network said in an advisory to

To date, over 2.05 crore addresses have been geocoded for both principal and addition-

al places of business by GSTN. Since March 2022, all new business addresses are geocoded at the point of registration, ensuring consistent accuracy and standardisation from the

beginning, it added. **AMRG & Associates Senior** Partner Rajat Mohan said the integration of geocoding functionality assumes a pivotal role in detecting instances of tax evasion by furnishing tax authorities with precise geographical location data.

"Using tools such as heat maps and spatial analysis, tax authorities can uncover tax irregularities clusters, enabling enforcement agencies to allocate their resources more strategically. By harnessing the power of geocoding, tax authorities can elevate the effectiveness of their audit and enforcement endeavours, ultimately contributing to a more equitable and streamlined tax collection process," Mohan added.

Sai Silks IPO subscribed 7 per cent on first day of offer Silks, Mandir, and KLM Fashion received 3 per cent subscription.

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The Initial Public Offering The Initial Public Offering (IPO) of ethnic apparel retailer Sai Silks (Kalamandir) was subscribed 7 per cent on the first day of offer on Wednesday.

The IPO received bids for 26,16,752 shares against 3,84,86,309 shares on offer, as per data available with the NSE.

The category for Retail Individual Investors (RIIs) was subscribed 12 per cent and that of non-institutional investors

The public issue has a fresh issue of up to Rs 600 crore and an offer for sale of up to 2.70 crore equity shares.

The price range for the offer is Rs 210-222 a share. At the upper end of the price band, the IPO will fetch about

Rs 1,201 crore. On Monday, Sai Silks said it has raised over Rs 360 crore from anchor investors.

The Hyderabad-based company was founded by Prasad

Chalavadi, a techie turned entrepreneur in 2005

It has four store formats — Kalamandir, VaraMahalakshmi

Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors, HDFC Bank and Nuvama Wealth Management are the managers to the offer. As of July 31, 2023, the com-

pany had a network of 54 stores in four major south Indian states — Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

The equity shares of the company will be listed on the BSE and NSE.



EPFO records highest net member addition of 18.75 lakh in July

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 $R_{\text{has recorded the highest}}^{\text{etirement fund body EPFO}}$ net member addition of 18.75 lakh in July 2023, according to the payroll data released on Wednesday

The labour ministry in a statement said that the addition of 18.75 lakh during the month is the highest since the first publishing of EPFO payroll data from April 2018 covering the period of September 2017 A growing trend has contin-

ued for the last three months with an increase of around 85,932 net members over the previous month of June 2023. The data indicates that around 10.27 lakh new members have enrolled during July 2023 which is the highest since July 2022.

The majority of new members joining EPFO are in the age group of 18-25 years constituting roughly 58.45 per cent of total new members additions during the month. This shows an increasing trend in youth enrollment, who are mostly first-time job seekers joining the organized sector workforce of the country, it explained.

The payroll data demonstrates that approximately 12.72 lakh members exited but rejoined EPFO, which is the highest in the last 12 months.

These members switched their jobs and re-joined the establishments covered under EPFO and opted to transfer their accumulations instead of applying for final settlement thus, extending their social security

Gender-wise analysis of payroll data shows that during 2023 around female members have been added to the payroll Around 2.75 lakh female

members have come under the ambit of social security coverage for the first time. State-wise analysis of payroll

data denotes that net member addition is the highest in the five states of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Gujarat and Harvana. These states constitute around 58.78 per cent of net member addition, adding a total of 11.02 lakh members during the month.

Of all the states, Maharashtra is leading by adding 20.45 per cent of net members during the month

Individual pays ₹44.20 lakh to settle insider trading case with Sebi PTI ■ NEW DELHI a detailed investigation in the

An individual has settled a case pertaining to alleged violation of insider trading norms in the matter of ABC Bearings Ltd with capital mar-kets regulator Sebi after paying Rs 44.20 lakh as settlement fee. The order came after Sahir

Patel (applicant) proposed to set-tle the proceedings through a settlement order. The instant proceedings initiated against the applicant vide showcause notice (SCN)

dated September 20, 2022, are disposed of," Sebi's Adjudicating Officer Amit Kapoor said in the settlement order on Monday. The case relates to ABC Bearings Ltd (ABC), which

relating to the merger of ABC

that the price of the scrip of ABC

M&M market valuation crosses ₹2 lakh crore

with Timken India Ltd (TIL) through a scheme of amalgamation and arrangement.
Further, it was observed

matter to ascertain whether trading was done in the shares of ABC by certain suspected entities on the basis of unpublished price sensitive information relating to merger of ABC with TIL.

The investigation period was January 2017 to July 2017.
After the investigation, it was alleged that Sahir Patel had

violated the provisions of PIT (Prohibition of Insider Trading) regulations. Thereafter, a show cause

notice dated September 20, 2022, was issued for the alleged contravention of the norms.

Subsequently, the applicant had filed a settlement application with Sebi, which recommended to settle the matter on payment

Sebi fines ₹1.3 crore on 25 individuals for share price manipulation

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apital markets regulator Sebi Chas imposed a penalty totalling Rs 1.3 crore on 25 individuals for indulging in volume and price manipulation in the shares of non-banking finance company Capri Global Capital Ltd (CGCL). They have been directed to pay the fine within 45 days, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in its order said in its order.

The regulator investigated

the trading pattern in the scrip of CGCL for the period August 2019 to June 2020 to ascertain whether there was any violation of the provisions of PFUTP (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices) by these

During the investigation period, a group of 25 entities connected based on the Unique Client Code details, Know Your Client (KYC) documents and involved in volume manipulation in the scrip of CGCI by executing synchronized trades and reversal trades without changing the beneficial ownership of such shares, Sebi noted.

In this case, 24 individuals acting as group entities caused price and volume manipulation in the scrip of CGCL by executing fraudulent trades and noticee no 26 (Vijay Ghyanshambhai Pujara) transferred funds into their accounts and subsequently placed trades from their trad ing accounts to cause manipulation in the scrip of CGCL, Sebi said in its order passed on Monday.



IT company Infosys plans to train and certify 50,000 employees on NVIDIA AI technology to provide expertise to its customers across industries, the company said on Wednesday.

The development follows expansion of collaboration between Infosys and chipset company NVIDIA to provide enterprises worldwide. "Infosys plans to set up an NVIDÍA Centre of Excellence, where it will train and certify 50,000 of its employees on NVIDIA AI technology to provide generative AI expertise to its vast network of customers across industries," Infosys and NVIDIA said in a joint statement.

Infosys uses the full-stack NVIDIA generative AI platform, including hardware and enterprise-grade software to help customers create generative AI applications for business operations, sales and marketing. The broadened alliance will

bring the NVIDIA AI Enterprise ecosystem of models, tools, run-

Infosys Topaz - an AI-first set of services, solutions and platforms that accelerate business value using generative AI tech-

nologies.
"Infosys Topaz offerings and solutions are complementary to NVIDIA's core stack. By combining our strengths and training 50,000 of our workforce on NVIDIA AI technology, we try-leading AI solutions that will help enterprises on their journey to become AI-first," Infosys, Co-founder and Chairman, Nandan Nilekani said.

Through the integration, Infosys will create offerings customers can adopt, to integrate generative AI into their business-

"The NVIDIA AI Enterprise ecosystem is ramping quickly to provide the platform or generative AI. Together, NVIDIA and Infosys will create an expert workforce to help businesses use this platform to build custom applications and solutions," NVIDIA, Founder and CEO, Jensen Huang said.

₹280 CRORE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT New Delhi: Real estate developer Tulip Infratech will invest Rs 280 crore

to develop 350,000 sq ft of residential space, part of phase 2 of its project Tulip Monsella at Gurugram's Golf Course road. Phase 2 will have about 112 unit. The overall project spans over 20 acres on Golf Course Road, sector 53 and is estimated to be valued at more than Rs 5000 crore

TECHNO-MANAGEMENT FEST FROM SEPTEMBER 21



New Delhi: SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur is hosting Aaruush 2023 — a national-level technomanagement fest from 21st September to 24th September 2023 at the institute's campus. The fest will have over 100 events and will have about 250 plus national Universities/colleges and over 20 international colleges to take part. This year's edition of Aaruush boasts distinguished speakers, experts, and luminaries from various fields, making it a unique and enlightening experience for all attendees

PFC, SJVN SIGN MOU WORTH ₹1,18,826 CRORE

New Delhi: PFC and SJVN Ltd. have signed an MoU for providing financial support to various projects, including massive Renewable Energy ventures (Solar, Hydro, and Pumped Storage) totalling 12,178 MW capacity, along with a 660 MW thermal generation project for an estimated project cost of approximately Rs 1,18,826 crore. The MoU was signed by Manoi Sharma, Director (Commercial) PFC, and Akhileshwar Singh, Director (Finance) SJVN in the presence of Parminder Chopra, CMD PFC. Nand Lal Sharma, CMD, SJVN and Geeta Kapur, Director (Personnel) SJVN. Other senior officials including HK Das, ED (Projects), V. Packirisamy, ED (Entity Appraisal), and Nitin Kumar, HOU (projects-CSP) were present on this occasion

registered an increase of 19.99 per cent in one trading day. made a corporate announcement on the BSE in July 2017, Thereafter, Sebi conducted

▲ Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd crossed Rs 2 lakh crore mark, helped by a strong order book in the SUV segment and leadership position in tractor egment

M&M shares closed at Rs 1,636.85 on the BSE, giving the firm a market value of Rs 2.03 lakh crore, according to stock exchange data.

The automaker's market cap has doubled in less than oneand-a-half years - from Rs 1 lakh crore in April 2022 to over Rs 2 lakh crore this week. M&M market cap hit Rs 2 lakh crore mark on Monday.

The incremental m-cap in the last two years is more than

the incremental market value the Finance, which contributed firm had over the last decade.

have led to an overall better financial performance with several non-accretive divestments completed, analysts said adding net cash is at all-time high lev-Mahindra's auto and farm

businesses are industry leaders and it is looking to capitalize on market leadership position. It is No. 1 revenue market share in the SUV segment and has about 50 per cent market share of LCV. Its dominance in the

domestic tractor segment has seen market share rise by about 300 bps in the last two years. Mahindra's services segment includes industry pio-

neers like Tech M and Mahindra

more than 50 per cent of FY23 While Mahindra Finance

had the highest-ever disbursements in FY23 (Rs 49,000 crore, up 80 per cent) and muchimproved asset quality (4.5 per cent gross NPAs, down from 8.4 per cent), Tech-M is leveraging strength in telecom by being at the forefront of 5G.

The firm, they said, has identified 9 businesses as 'Growth Gems' that will aid a 5x growth over the next several years. The growth engines include Mahindra Lifespaces, Mahindra Holidays and Mahindra Logistics.

Monetization and partnerships with PE firms have helped value discovery, they added.



ery or checking in for a flight, directly on WhatsApp. Businesses will be able to choose from a series of flexible, premade building blocks so they can easily design rich, customisable experices for their customers.

Zuckerberg said WhatsApp Flows threads.

ives businesses the ability to create customised experiences within chat

way for customers to book an appointment to open a new account, a food delivery service can build a way to place an order from any of their partner restaurants or an airline can build a way to check in for a flight and pick up a seat. All this without having to leave the

expansion of Meta Verified to businesses on Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. This means businesses will be able to subscribe for a fee and get a

verified badge, account support, impersonation protection and premium features that help amplify their brand online and make it more efficient to chat with customers.

This will be rolling out to Facebook and Instagram business in select countries in the coming weeks, while

WhatsApp will follow. "We've been hearing from a lot of businesses that they're very eager to build more credibility and get greater visibility. So, I am excited to start rolling out Meta Verified in the coming months. And we're going to continue to evolve what's included in the toolkit to make sure that we're bringing the

than said WhatsApp is now a thriving platform even for business interactions and added that Indians are using it to debut businesses, discover businesses and interact with businesses.

"For these entrepreneurs, WhatsApp is their business, it's their website, their digital storefront, their livelihood...Our commitment to their success is unwavering. And that is why we have committed to upskilling and digitally training ten million traders in twenty-nine states across the length and breadth of our country and in eleven Indian languages over a period of three years," she said.

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WhatsApp on Wednesday announced the expansion of its payments service in India to make it easier for people transacting with businesses to pay for purchases directly in the chat, with a choice of UPI apps, including rival digital payment options,

as well as credit and debit cards. Meta founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg asserted that India is leading the world in people and businesss embracing messaging.

WhatsApp said it is working with partners Razorpay and PayU "to make paying for something as simple as sendng a message", as the Meta-owned platform unveiled a host of new features to woo businesses in India's booming commerce market. "India (is) a country that's at the

forefront of a lot of what we're going to

talk about today. You're (India is) leading the world in terms of how people and businesses have embraced messaging as the better way to get things done," Zuckerberg said during a virtual address at the business messaging conference 'Conversations' in Mumbai. A series of new tools have been announced for turbocharging business-

es, including WhatsApp Flows and Meta verified badge, to "speed up how to get things done with businesses in a

WhatsApp chat".

"Expanding our payments service in India to all Indian businesses using the WhatsApp Business Platform...People will be able to add items to a cart and send a payment using the payment method of their choice - either WhatsApp or other payment methods, including all UPI apps, debit and credit cards, and more - all without having to go to a website, open another app or pay in person," according to a factsheet by the company.

This means payments through rival services like Google Pay and Paytm can be facilitated directly within the app and not redirected away from the app to a site. The feature is already live in

Singapore and Brazil (for small busi-Zuckerberg said Meta has continued to innovate with messaging formats, group chats and broadcast chan-

"And it's the same focus that we're bringing to how we support businesses, creating simple to use and easy to scale tools so they can connect with their customers in meaningful ways," he

WhatsApp Flows is a new feature for businesses to create richer in-chat experiences for their customers like booking a reservation, ordering deliv-

Citing some examples of how this would work, he said that with 'WhatsApp Flows', a bank can build a

chat thread.

The platform also announced

best value to businesses," he said. Meta India VP Sandhya Devana-

PSG get better of Dortmund

Paris Saint-Germain got their Champions League campaign off to a winning start on Tuesday as a Kylian Mbappe penalty set them up for a 2-0 victory over Borussia Dortmund at the Parc des

The French champions had dominated the first half without overly troubling the Dortmund defence, but they went ahead four minutes after the break when Mbappe scored a spot-kick awarded for a Niklas Suele handball.

Achraf Hakimi added a memorable second, and PSG could have won the Group F encounter by a far more handsome margin in the end.

The result immediately puts them in control of the group, after AC Milan and Newcastle United drew 0-0 earlier, and coach Luis Enrique will hope they can build on this performance when they visit the English side next in a fortnight.

"It was an almost perfect evening," said Luis Enrique. "I enjoyed practically every-

thing about it, our intensity from the very beginning, the way we controlled the game for the first 75 min-

"We could have scored at least another goal but this win gives us confidence going forward. This is going to be a difficult group for

Dortmund, meanwhile, were nowhere near their best and must improve when they entertain Milan next in what is an unforgiving sec-

They are still adapting to life without Jude Bellingham and coach Edin Terzic also dropped Sebastien Haller here, with the big striker enduring a difficult start to the campaign.
PSG are in the early weeks of a

new era following the departures of Lionel Messi, Neymar and Marco Verratti, and Luis Enrique's arrival.

The former Spain coach, who won the Champions League with Barcelona in 2015, insisted on the eve of this game that he needs time to get his ideas across to his players,



Alvarez saves Man City blushes after CL first night scare

AP MANCHESTER

Manchester City overcame an early scare to get their Champions League defence off to

a solid start on Tuesday.
Pep Guardiola's City were
stunned when Red Star's Osman Bukari opened the scoring in first half stoppage time.
But Julian Alvarez continued

his sparkling early season form by levelling just two minutes after the

The Argentine then got some help from Red Star goal-keeper Omri Glazer as he flapped at Alvarez's free-kick to allow the ball to fly into the far

with a composed finish 17 minutes from time. "If we scored two goals early



in the beginning it would've been completely different," said Guardiola, who was frustrated at his side's finishing.
"Having 22 (first-half) shots

Rodri rounded off a 3-1 win on goal means you are playing really good. It has to be the responsibility of the people in front to score the goals.

City are next away to RB Leipzig, who share top place in Group E after a 3-1 win at Swiss champions Young Boys

Mohamed Simaken earned the distinction of scoring the first goal of the group stages with the 2023/24 competition only three minutes old.

many of whom also arrived over the

There were five new signings in PSG's line-up here, including Ousmane Dembele and Randal Kolo Muani in attack.

HELPING HAND

Preferred to Goncalo Ramos, Kolo Muani was starting for the first time since joining from Eintracht Frankfurt.

With him, PSG controlled the first half, while Dortmund and their five-man defence sat back and offered little going forward.

Vitinha hit the upright in the 19th minute and Dembele later forced a save from goalkeeper Gregor Kobel at his near post, but PSG had precious little to show for a share of possession that reached almost 80 percent going into the

However, they got the break-through just after half-time, thanks to a helping hand from Suele, and the

Barely 60 seconds of the second half had been played when a shot by Mbappe struck the Dortmund defender at close range

Suele survived a VAR check when the ball struck his arm in the area late in the first half but this time Spanish referee Jesus Gil Manzano immediately pointed to the spot, although the award seemed harsh.

Mbappe stepped up to stroke in the penalty for his eighth goal this season, and the home side had

done the hard part.
"The handball rule is not really clear," lamented Terzic.

"PSG naturally will say it was a handball and we will say it was not but in the end what annoys me the most is that we were just not aggressive enough.

The home side scored again on 58 minutes as Vitinha and Hakimi combined for the latter to run through and prod home from close

It was a great goal, although Hakimi was helped by Mats Hummels throwing himself to the floor rather than standing up and trying to make a block.

Howe 'proud' of Newcastle's goalless draw against Milan



Eddie Howe was proud of Newcastle United's dogged return to Champions League football after two decades away, holding seven-time European kings AC Milan to a goalless draw in Tuesday's opening Group F match.

Howe was the happier of the two managers with taking a point from the clash at the San Siro as his team were mostly on the back foot against last season's losing semifinalists.

Newcastle did little in their first fixture in Europe's top club competition since 2003, the Saudi Arabia-backed club barely creating a chance and lucky to escape with a draw on the balance of play.

Milan should have won after wasting a string of chances, particularly in the first half, and dominating the play on Sandro Tonali's return to his old stomping ground after being sold to Newcastle in July.

"Definitely pride in result and the performance and the mentality sĥown," Howe told reporters.

"Within the squad the result wasn't underestimated. Also they

are very honest players that acknowledge the fact that we can perform better.

"I think we'll get better and better as time goes on. Hopefully can grow into the tournament." 'You have to win when you play

so much better than such a good team. Unfortunately we weren't able to capitalise on the situations we created," said Pioli. "It's a shame that we didn't win

the first match because it's going to be a difficult group. We're not happy with the result... We were lacking the most important quality

MARCELINO DEPARTS

Marseille have been plunged into crisis just six weeks into the new season as coach Marcelino Garcia Toral left the French giants on Wednesday while the club's president was reportedly considering walking away too after an angry encounter with supporters.

The club said in a statement that the confrontation on Monday prevents Marcelino and his coaching staff from being able to do their job in good conditions".

"As a consequence of this deplorable situation, Marcelino and his staff will not pursue their work at Olympique de Marseille," the statement added.

The former Sevilla, Villarreal, Valencia and Athletic Bilbao coach, aged 58, was only appointed in June to succeed Igor Tudor, who had led the 1993 Champions League winners to a third-place finish in Ligue 1 last season.

Marseille are unbeaten five games into the new domestic season but supporters were furious with their insipid performance in drawing 0-0 with Toulouse at the

Felix hits double as 'best' **Barca thrash Antwerp**

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the Spanish

champions on a

stroll on a warm

night in the

Catalan capital,

helped on their

way by an own

goal, with Robert

Lewandowski

and Gavi also

scoring

worse loan at Chelsea, the

Portuguese forward finally

I am happy with the win and enjoying myself," said Felix.

now is to maintain this level.

I have started well, the team is

not the most difficult thing,

it's maintaining it. We all have

was the last in a run of four

victories over a golden decade

in the club's history, during

which current coach Xavi

Barcelona's 2015 triumph

to work hard to do that."

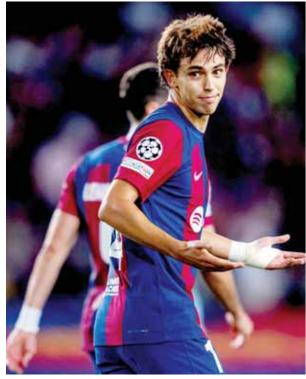
playing well.

"We all played really well,

The most difficult thing

'Getting to this level it's

seems ready to flourish.



AP BARCELONA

Toao Felix struck twice as Barcelona flexed their muscles with a crushing 5-0 win over Royal Antwerp in the Champions League on Tuesday, showing their determination to be considered among Europe's elite once

again. After consecutive humiliating group stage eliminations Barcelona are desperate to go deep in this season's competition, last winning it eight years ago.

The victory followed a 5-0 thrashing of Real Betis on Saturday, leading coach Xavi Hernandez to describe these two performances as the best since he joined the club in November 2021.

"I think these last two games are the best level we have shown with me as coach -- it's the path to follow," he told Movistar.

Felix shone for the Spanish champions on a stroll on a warm night in the Catalan capital, helped on their way by an own goal, with Robert Lewandowski and

Gavi also scoring. After a troubled spell at Atletico Madrid and an even Hernandez was a key figure in Xavi said those feats

weighed heavy on the club now, that the current team were under "brutal" pressure

It did not show against Antwerp, with Barcelona brushing aside Marc van Bommel's Belgian title-winners with ease in their first Champions League appearance at the Olympic Stadium. With Felix and Joao

Cancelo joining on loan at the end of the summer transfer window, Barcelona immediately appear a more dynamic side, with supreme creative quality in the final third reflected in successive fivegoal wins.

"Joao Felix has a lot of quality, a lot of talent and he's showing it," De Jong told

"I hope he can keep going like this. If he keeps working like now, he will give a lot to

Xavi brought on 16-yearold starlet Lamine Yamal to become the second youngest player of all time in the com-

petition's history.
Tougher challenges lie ahead, including a visit to Porto in their next European game at the start of October, but Barcelona's self-esteem is higher than at any point since Lionel Messi left in 2021.

Xavi said Barcelona's aim was to make it through the group first before worrying about bigger challenges, and this was a confident first step.

"It's an honour to watch the team play at the moment but we have to remain consistent now," warned the Catalan "We have to maintain

these performances, the hunger, the focus... the players are enjoying themselves, we're creating a lot in attack."

Xavi's opposite number, a former team-mate of his at Barcelona, praised the hosts'

"For me, Barca, with how they have developed and evolved, of course they have a chance of winning the Champions League," said

Antwerp coach Van Bommel. "But they need some luck ... there are a lot of factors."



Murray vows to make strong finish

Three-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray on Wednesday said he is "still going in the right direction" and is determined to make a strong finish to an "up and down" year.

The 36-year-old former world number one reflecting on his year so far, said: "Look, I would like the year to have gone better, for sure.

"There have been some good moments, but also some tough losses as well," said Murray, who had career-saving surgery in 2019 and now plays with a metal hip.

His five-set defeat in the second round at Wimbledon to fifth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas,

ristiano Ronaldo enjoyed

•a winning debut in the

Asian Champions League as he helped Al Nassr to a 2-0

victory against 10-man Persepolis in Iran on Tuesday

three points in Group E.

back to 2021.

Mohammed Oassem.

announced a "ground-break-

AP ■ TEHRAN

having been ahead when the match was forced into the next day because of a tournament curfew, still rankles

Murray suffered an abdominal injury at the Canadian Open last month and went out in the second round at the US Open, where he is a former champion, in straight sets to Grigor Dimitrov.

Murray, who felt he started 2023 especially well and reached the final in Qatar, said: "It's been up and down."

"I got up to my highest ranking a few weeks ago since I had the hip operation so that's positive and shows that although it's not as fast a trajectory as I would have liked, I'm still going in the right direction.

Nine-man Celtic Iose 2-0 to ruthless Feyenoord

AP ■ ROTTERDAM

ruthless Feyenoord beat an Aindisciplined Celtic 2-0 in a scrappy Champions League Group E encounter Tuesday with the Scottish champions of five minutes.

Celtic started brightly but never recovered from losing Swedish defender Gustaf Lagerbielke and Norway's Odin Thiago Holm to a straight red card for a late challenge mid-way through the second half. Feyenoord's Iranian striker

Alirezá Jahanbakhsh sealed the win for the Dutch champions in the 76th minute, finishing off a well-worked move by smashing the ball past Hoops keeper Joe Hart. The hosts had taken the lead

with only one minute left in firsthalf injury time. Dutch international Calvin Stengs drilling a long-range free kick through a poorly constructed Celtic wall and beating Hart, who was only able to palm the ball into the side

It was a bitter pill for Celtic, who enjoyed the best of the first half in which the Dutch cham-



y missing prolific goalscorer Santiago Gimenez, who was suspended.

Lashing rain and wind did not dampen the spirits, with a capacity 51,000 crowd at the Feyenoord stadium in Rotterdam, better known as "De Kuip" or "The Tub", giving the Celtic players a hostile reception throughout.

Feyenoord came into the match on a superb run of form, unbeaten in the Dutch top flight and scoring at least five goals in their last three games.

"Unfortunately for us, we got the two players sent off and it's a difficult level 11 v 11, but 11 v nine is really difficult," he said.

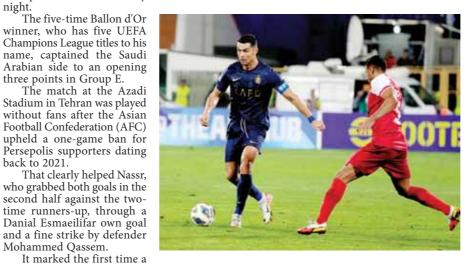
"I think it's inexperience by the two guys, you've just got to let the ball run through, you don't have to be in the fight," said the manager.

But Rodgers was heartened by the "spirit and mentality" of the nine men left on the pitch, who managed to keep the score respectable, with Feyenoord having two late goals disal-

"Overall, I'm frustrated for the players because they gave so much, but the point for me was

that their spirit was never broken," said the Hoops boss.

Ronaldo helps Al Nassr to historic Asia Cup win in Iran



month between the two coun-

Saudi club played in Iran since 2016, after the AFC tries' federations. Iran and Saudi Arabia ing agreement" earlier this severed diplomatic ties seven tral grounds.

years ago, meaning Asian Champions League matches had been since played at neu-

weights Al Duhail.

In the group's other match, Iran's Istiklol were held to a goalless draw in Dushanbe by Qatari heavy-

In Group A, 2003 winners Al Ain secured an impressive 3-0 victory at Pakhtakor in Tashkent, while Turkmenistan side Ahal defeated Saudi opponents Al Fayha 1-0 at home to record only a second win in the competition.

In the East Asian side of the draw, South Korea's Incheon United opened their Group G account with a 4-2 win over J.League champions Yokohama F Marinos in Japan.

As a result, Incheon sit on three points alongside Chinese Super League side made to work for their 3-1 victory in Manila over Kaya-FC Iloilo of the Philippines.

Shandong Taishan, who were

In Group I, South Korean champions, and 2020 Asian Champions League winners, Ulsan Hyundai won at home over Thailand's BG Pathum United 3-1, while Japan's Kawasaki Frontale saw off hosts Johor Darul Ta'zim 1-0 in Malaysia.

The group stage, which

this year returned to a homeand-away format for the first time since early 2020, runs until mid-December, with the 10 pool winners and the six best second-placed teams advancing to the knockout

That begins in February with the final taking place across two legs in May.

ASHWIN VS SUNDAR: STORY BEHIND UNEXPECTED WC TRIAL

PTI MOHALI

month and half back, Ravichandran Ashwin was eloquently explaining on his Tamil YouTube channel, why a talent like Tilak Varma should be seriously considered for the ODI World Cup.

One of India's greatest match-winners in Test cricket wouldn't possibly have envisaged that in six weeks time he would be summoned for a twomatch trial against Washington Sundar — nearly a decade and half junior to him

Close selection calls are par for course when it comes to World Cup squads.

But just two weeks before the mega event, the Indian team management has called the two off-spinners for the three-match series against Australia to keep a ready back-up option in case Axar Patel's quadriceps tear doesn't heal on time.

It will be a virtual shoot-out and their performances on flat decks of Mohali and Rajkot will be monitored by Ajit

Agarkar's selection committée. "I think Ashwin will be slightly ahead now that a bowler of his stature has been called into the mix. I have always felt that Ashwin should have been in the mix from the time the team got into the ODI World Cup mode, said former chairman of selectors MSK Prasad, who was at helm when the 2019 squad was selected.

So, who will be his pick if Axar can't make it to the World

Cup?
"Look, let us hope that Axar is fit for the final ODI in Rajkot.
Because if he is fit, however well Ashwin or Washy bowl, it will be Axar who will retain his place. If he has been your pick ahead of these two, then you have to have him if he is good to go, Prasad set the record straight.

"But this is one of the most fascinating World Cup trials



that you will get (to see). injury could just be a blessing in Question is: if they are looking disguise. The decision to have a at a 50-50 batting-bowling option then it is Washy. But if right-arm finger spinner should have been taken long back and now, perhaps, at eleventh hour, they are looking at a purely spin bowling option, then Ash holds they have got that opportunity," an edge as far as I am concerned," Prasad said. the selector, who has seen some pitched battles between previous Harbhajan Singh, however, captains and selection commit-

has a contrarian viewpoint.
The 'Turbantor' believes that

if the team management and

selectors took an informed decision to summon Washington in Colombo for the Asia Cup final

and even fielded him in the playing XI, then he should be the

Powerplays. He is a brilliant fielder and last but not the

least is a left-hander in that lower middle order. So, he does

come as a package," said

who refused to be named, had

Another national selector,

Harbhajan.

"Washington bowls well in

first-choice replacement.

tees, said. He then decoded the whole issue that the Indian team is facing.

"Not denying that Axar played two crucial knocks in the Asia Cup and one was in a winning cause against Sri Lanka. But just look at his bowling on a track that offered considerable

turn. If Charith Asalanka is picking up four wickets and you (Axar) are not even getting most of your deliveries to turn, it is a problem," added the for-

mer selector. "Mind it, Jaddu (Ravindra Jadeja) is lethal when there is help off the surface and doubly

so, if Ashwin is operating at the other end. Also, why did they call two off-spinners and not a like-for-like replacement. The next in line are Shahbaz Ahmed and Abhishek Sharma (left-arm spin and left-handed bat). These two are okay for Asian Games level but certainly not for the World Cup," he added.

"Also at the moment, they asked Ashwin to report for his fitness update at NCA (after the Super 4 against Pakistan, if one goes by his Instagram handle), you would know that he is in line and there is a clear dilemma in Rohit (Sharma), Rahul (Dravid) and Ajit (Agarkar)'s mind as to who is the best option. "Is it a bits and pieces cricketer like Washy or someone like Ashwin, who can turn a game or two on Indian tracks? Hence they called both," the selector said.

Prasad agreed to the point.

"I believe some of the tracks will offer help for spinners. In Chennai, think about Ashwin's possible match-up against Steve Smith or a left-hander like David Warner. Yes, his successes came in the red ball (cricket) but just think about the possibilities," the former India stumper added.



Siraj back to No. 1 in ODI rankings

PTI DUBAI

Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj has regained his number one spot in the men's ICC ODI bowling rankings after his six-wicket haul in the final of the recently-concluded Asia Cup. Siraj, who first grabbed the top position in January before being displaced by Josh Hazlewood in March, has surged eight spots after his memorable performance that helped dismiss Sri Lanka for just 50 runs and enabled India to complete a 10-wicket victo-

ry in the summit clash. Left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav has moved

down three places to ninth. Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah climbed up two places to 27th while Hardik Pandya

rose eight spots to 50th. Among batters, openers Shubman Gill and Rohit Sharma have retained their second and 10th spots respectively while star batter Virat Kohli

moved up a rung to eighth.
Pandya is the only allrounder in the top 20, climbing up a spot to the sixth place.

ICC confirms New York, Dallas, Florida as US venues for T20 WC 2024

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Wednesday confirmed New York, Dallas and Florida as the three venues for the USA-leg of the ICC Men's World Cup 2024. Broward County (Florida),

Grand Prairie (Dallas) and Eisenhower Park (New York) will be the three stadiums hosting the matches in the US. This is the first time the

an interesting take on the Washington vs Ashwin debate. tournament will be played in the "No offence meant but USA, and they will co-host it Axar's supposed hamstring

event to the USA in 2021. Geoff Allardice, the Chief Executive of the governing body, said, these venues have been zeroed in after an extensive evaluation process.

"We're delighted to announce the three USA venues that will host part of the biggest ICC Men's T20 World Cup ever staged, with 20 teams competing for the trophy.

"We explored a number of potential venue options in the country, and we were hugely encouraged by the enthusiasm



the event generated amongst prospective hosts," said Allardice in an ICC release. Allardice said the existing

venues at Florida and Dallas will be expanded to accommodate more fans, media and premium hospitality areas using the modular stadium solutions. He said the same technol-

ogy will be used to build a 34,000-seat modular stadium at Nassau County, New York, and he hoped to acquire the required permit from local officials by next month. "We are very excited about the opportunity to use modular stadium technology. This technology has been used at previous ICC events to increase venue capacity and it's routinely used in other major sports around the world.

"In the USA, it will give us the opportunity to increase the

size of the venues in both Dallas and Florida and create what is going to be a stunning venue in New York," said Allardice.

A number of other venues around the USA, including George Mason University in Washington, the new home of MLC team Washington Freedom, have also been identified as potential venues for pre-event matches and training. The ICC's announcement has also allayed all concerns over USA hosting the T20 WC 2024 because of the doubts surrounding the readi-

B'desh hungry to gain pre-WC boost in ODI series vs NZ Southee to undergo surgery on thumb

fter failing to reach this month's Asia Cup After failing to reach this month's Asia Cup final, Bangladesh is hungry to gain a much-needed boost ahead of the 50-over World Cup by beating New Zealand in the three-match ODI series that starts on

Bangladesh rested a host of key players for the Asia Cup, captain Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Najmul Hossain and them fresh and injury-free, although it has still not named its squad for next month's World

New Zealand has sent only five World Cup-bound players to Bangladesh, stand-in skipper Lockie Ferguson, Trent Boult, Rachin Ravindra, Ish Sodhi and Will Young.

Tamim Iqbal, who stepped down as ODI captain last month, is back for Bangladesh after recovering from a back problem. Mahmudullah, axed after the England series



in March following poor form, also returns.
Liton Das, who leads the side in Shakib's absence, said: "There are many things to achieve from the series. The first thing is to win, that will be a big achievement ahead of

the World Cup. "We won't play to show just individual brilliance. A five-wicket haul or a century doesn't matter if the team doesn't win.'

Ferguson, yet to play on Bangladesh soil. believes conditions will test his New Zealand am to the limit

"Bangladesh is very good in home conditions and is a huge challenge here," he said. "It's important for us just to focus on what's coming up tomorrow and try to adapt as quickly as possible to the conditions. Some of us haven't played here so we'll have to adapt quicker.'

New Zealand hasn't won an ODI match in the country since 2008 and Ferguson said the input of former Bangladesh bowling coach Shane Jurgensen would be invaluable.

experienced and important fig-



PTI AUCKLAND

Tew Zealand veteran fast New Zealand recent bowler Tim Southee is set to undergo a surgery on his injured right thumb on Thursday the World Cup in India will be taken next week. Southee broke and dislocated his right thumb while attempting to take a catch in the fourth ODI against England last week.

New Zealand head coach Gary Stead is hopeful the 34vear-old seamer will recover in time for the side's opening game in the mega event on October 5.

'We've got our fingers crossed the surgery goes well for Tim," Stead said.
"He'll have some pins or

screws inserted in his right thumb and, providing the procedure is a success, it will be a matter of ensuring Tim can tolerate the pain and manage the actual wound when returning to train and play.'

Ahead of their opener against defending champions England, New Zealand are scheduled to take on Pakistan and South Africa in the World Cup warm up matches on September 29 and October 2.

"Our opening game of the World Cup against England is not until Thursday October 5 in Ahmedabad, so that would be our logical target in terms of his availability.

"Tim's obviously a hugely

ure in our team and we want to give him every chance to be part of this World Cup campaign." Black Caps skipper Kane

Williamson is also recovering from a ruptured ACL he suf-fered during the IPL earlier this year and may not be available for New Zealand's opening game.



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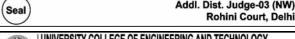
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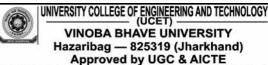
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Sreejesh eyes direct berth to Olympics through Asiad

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

t 35, PR Sreejesh is standing At the twilight of his career and the Hangzhou Asian Games is most likely his last appearance at the continental showpiece.

But the veteran Indian hockey goalkeeper is determined to win the gold at Hangzhou to give himself a chance to earn a direct entry to the Paris Olympics next year, and do better there winning a yellow-coated medal.

Eight-time champions India had won a historic bronze at the Tokyo Olympics after 41 years beating Germany 5-4 in the play-off match.

"Obviously, next year's Olympics is my main target and I want to change the colour of my medal there. But having said that, we need to qualify through the Asian Games (to Olympics) so that we get ample time to prepare ourselves," Sreejesh told Sreejesh reiterated that age

is just a number for a sportsperson and gave the example of tennis great Novak Djokovic in this regard.

"I am right now taking one game, one tournament at a time. As (Novak) Djokovic said, 35 is the new 25. So, I'm definite-



Having handled the duties

under the goal post of the Indian hockey team for more than 17 years, Sreejesh wants to groom the next generation of goalkeepers in India. "Krishan (Bahadur Pathak)

and me have been donning the goalkeeping responsibilities for a long time. We share a good rapport. There are upcoming goalkepeers like Suraj Karkera and Pawan Malik who are good and will only get better with

time.
"I just want to ensure that there is enough back-up," he

team goalkeepers, including Sreejesh, underwent some sessions under Dutchman Dennis van de Pol in the lead up to the Asian Games, which has been very helpful according to the veteran custodian. "Dennis van de Pol is a good

The Indian men's hockey

coach. It has really been beneficial to work with him. His experience and vast knowledge about goalkeeping has been very useful for us.

"He has deep knowledge about his skills and expertise and it has definitely helped us in all aspects of goalkeeping qualities," he signed off.

India face Bangladesh in must-win Asian (Games football match

 $\mathbf{p}_{ ext{their}}$ opening match after playing without any training session, India will be up against a tricky Bangladesh side in their must-win group match in the Asian Games football competition here on Thursday.

A rag-tag Indian team reached here late Monday evening and played its first match without proper rest and sleep and was hammered 1-5 by China on Tuesday. Igor Stimac's team needs to

beat Bangladesh in its second Group A game to remain in the fray for the knock-outs.

A loss on Thursday may not straightway knock India out of reckoning as the best thirdplaced teams from the six groups can also advance to the Round of 16, but that will leave the team with a lot of uncertainties in the final game.

Qualifying as one of the best four third-place teams could also set India up against tougher sides in the pre-quarterfinals. Bangladesh have never been

an easy side for India in any level and they will also be desperate for a win after losing their opening match 0-1 to Myanmar. India will, however, be

strengthened after the arrival of

defender Konsam Chinglensana

Singh, who could not travel with

the team before due to a visa

delay. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) arranged 'express visa' — which could be procured in two-three days for him and he has arrived here separately.

with very few known faces after

the Indian Super League clubs

refused to release their players.

It will not be easy for the Sunil Chhetri-led side to beat Bangladesh and log its first win of the competition as the team was assembled at the last minute

The Indians played on an even keel in the first 45 minutes but they caved in the second half, exposing the gulf in qualify between the two teams. Stimac himself admitted after the China match that he has brought a third-rung team with him.

"This is our third or fourthchoice team here. I would love to play against China with my best team. Then it would be totally opposite, but the players that are here are heroes," the

What they went through, with travelling problems, arriv-

Croatian coach said.

ing here very late, not having time to recover and handling the first 45 minutes in a brilliant way. "I was realistic and knew

that it wouldn't happen (to get a drawn match). With no-one on the bench, apart from three players which we had, we could n't make any tactical changes. We couldn't influence the game in the second half.'

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