

Gita Bhawans will be built in each urban area of the state: CM

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Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said that Gita Bhawans will be constructed in the urban bodies of Madhya Pradesh during next three years. Gita Jayanti Mahotsav is being organized by the state government in the entire state. The teachings of Karmavad are obtained from Shrimad Bhagavad Gita which were uttered by Lord Shri Krishna. Not only in India, people all over the world are following the teachings of Gita. Shri Krishna Patheya is being constructed in Madhya Pradesh, under which all the places related to Lord Shri Krishna present in the state will be developed as pilgrimages. Geeta ji will be included in the curriculum in Madhya Pradesh. Yadav said that on the occasion

of Geeta Jayanti on 11th December, a world record of Gita recitation will be created by the Madhya Pradesh government through more than 5 thousand Bhagwat devotees in Bhopal and Ujjain. He called upon the organizers of the International Gita Mahotsav to join the Gita recitation virtually. Yadav also urged to make Madhya Pradesh a coparticipant in next year's International Geeta Mahotsav. Yadav was expressing his views in the Sant Sammelan under the ongoing International Geeta Mahotsav in Kurukshetra (Haryana). The programme was attended by Punjab Governor Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, Swami Avadheshanand, Swami Ramdev, Swami Gyananand and Shri Champat Rai of Vishwa Hindu Parishad. Yadav extended congratulations to organizers

of the International Geeta Mahotsav. On this occasion, the Chief Minister Yadav visited the temple for prayer located at Geeta Gyan Sansthan along with museum. He also visited the Haryana Pavilion built in Kurukshetra and the pavilion of the festival partner Orissa state. Notably, the International Geeta Mahotsav is organized by the Haryana Government on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shrimad Bhagavad Geeta. During Geeta Mahotsav, various cultural, religious, and educational programmes centered on Shrimad Bhagavad Gita are organized. Yadav said that the world is becoming enlightened with the wisdom of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita. The flag of Sanatan culture is flying high everywhere, and

the entire world is benefiting from the teachings of Shrimad Bhagavad Geeta. Lord Shri Krishna established the importance of education. Lord Shri Krishna made Ujjain proud by visiting Sandipani Ashram to pursue education and also established that no matter how important a person is, he must pursue education. Yadav said that the disciple is identified with his Guru, from this point of view Shrimad Bhagavad Geeta reveals the greatness of Acharya Sandipani and the sanctity of the Gurukul system and its advanced form. The wisdom of Gita from the mouth of Lord Krishna amidst the fierce war shows the pride and cultural prosperity of education system on Indian soil. Yadav informed that arrangements have been made in Sandipani Ashram to acquaint

the general public with all the pastimes of Lord Krishna. Along with this, a museum named Krishnayana has been developed in Ujjain. Yadav said that activities were conducted on various topics related to the life of Lord Shri Krishna in educational institutions on Janmashtami in Madhya Pradesh. Janmashtami was organized with great pomp by the state government. Lord Shri Krishna has shown us a unique way of worshipping nature through Govardhan Puja. Accepting this, Govardhan Puja was organized everywhere in Madhya Pradesh. To take care of handicapped, destitute, and sick cows, it was decided that cow shelters in the state will be operated by the state government. The grant to cow shelters run by social organizations has been doubled.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav addresses the International Gita Mahotsava in Kurukshetra, Haryana on Monday. Pioneer photo

Vidisha woman accuses uncle, a BJP leader, of rape

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BJP Vidisha District Vice President Yogendra Solanki Khader has been accused of rape in Vidisha. The 23-year-old victim is Solanki's niece. On her complaint, the Nateran police have registered an FIR. Police teams are raiding the possible hideouts of absconding Solanki who went missing after the complaint was made. Solanki has sent his resignation to the party's district president Rakesh Jadoun on Monday morning. Congress has demanded strict action and has demanded a bulldozer to be run on the accused's house. The victim said that Solanki has been raping her continuously for about 4 years. He had threatened that if she would reveal anyone about this, he would murder the girl's parents and

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brothers. Mustering courage, she registered a case in Nateran police station on December 5. The victim stated in the FIR that Yogendra Solanki lives in Basoda. He keeps coming to the village for farming. One day, about 4 years ago, he came to our house. At that time, Mummy-Papa and brother had gone out of the village for work. I was alone at home and taking advantage of he sexually assaulted by threatening me. He said that if I tell anyone, I will get

your parents and brothers murdered. I was scared. That is why I did not tell the family members. After this, whenever Yogendra came to the village, he used to rape me by threatening me. Once I went to Basoda. As soon as Yogendra came to know, he forcefully took me with him. He raped me there too. I was fed up with this. When I reached home, I told the family members about Yogendra's act.' Vidisha BJP District President Rakesh Jadoun said that Yogendra Solanki has resigned from the post of District Vice President. He said that till I am not acquitted of the allegations made against me, I will remain out of the party. His resignation has been accepted. The District President said that 'No matter what Jeetu Patwari says, an FIR has been lodged in this case, it will be investigated.

There is no protection of the Bharatiya Janata Party. BJP believes in the Constitution. Be it my family or anyone, action should be taken according to what the Constitution says.' Nateran Police Station Incharge Ashutosh Singh said that the matter has been taken under investigation. The accused will be arrested soon. At the same time, Congress District President Mohit Raghuvanshi said, 'BJP talks about conduct, character and face but its leaders are tearing apart relationships. If they are not leaving the women of their own house, how will they protect other women?' He said that the accused should be arrested soon and sent to jail. Also, a bulldozer should be run on his house. Otherwise, Congress will take to the streets and protest to get justice for the victim.

Man murdered for objecting to blaring DJ music

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A 30-year-old man was brutally murdered after he went to request miscreants who were playing DJ at high volume late on Sunday night under the influence of alcohol at Ayodhya Nagar late in the night on Sunday; the deceased was blessed with a baby boy 4 days ago who was not able to sleep due to loud noise. The incident took place at 1.30 pm on Sunday night in the 84-acre slum area of Ayodhya Nagar police station area. The accused first assaulted Manoj Chore and during the fight two accused held his hands and feet while the third silted his throat and cut the vein of his wrist. The man tried to escape and ran for some distance but fell unconscious. The family took

him to the hospital. Doctors declared him dead. The police have arrested accused. According to eyewitness Shivkant Kushwaha, Prahlad Kushwaha, Raju and Pradeep were playing songs loudly in their slum. They were also making noise under the influence of alcohol. Manoj Chore, who lives in the neighborhood, objected. When Manoj went to ask them to stop the DJ, the three accused started fighting and the dispute escalated to the level that Prahlad took out a knife and slit Manoj's throat. After the incident, the three accused fled from the spot. Shivkant said that Manoj ran towards his slum in an injured condition, but fell unconscious on the way. Hearing the noise, family and neighbors came out. Immediately informed the police about

this incident. Meanwhile, family and neighbors took Manoj to Hamidia Hospital. Where the doctor declared him dead. Manoj's brother-in-law Rakesh Kushwaha said that despite giving immediate information, the police did not come for a long time. Later we reached the police station by auto and returned to the spot with the police. By then the accused had fled. The main accused Prahlad Kushwaha had come to live in the locality only 8 months ago. Late at night the police took Pradeep and Raju into custody. Prahlad is being searched. Manoj used to work as a labourer. He got married just 4 years ago. He has two sons. The elder son is two years old, the younger one was born 4 days ago.

AIIMS launches grief counseling initiative

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The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has introduced a structured grief counseling initiative for faculty and staff as part of its efforts to establish a brain-dead organ transplant program. This initiative reflects the institute's commitment to address the emotional and psychological challenges associated with managing brain-dead donors and supporting grieving families. The grief counseling sessions were conducted by a multidisciplinary team comprising transplant surgeons, anesthesiologists, trained psychologists, and counselors specializing in trauma and bereavement care. Highlighting the importance of this initiative, AIIMS Bhopal ED Prof Singh said, "The launch of a brain-dead organ transplant program is a significant milestone for AIIMS Bhopal. While it holds immense potential to save lives, it also demands a profound understanding of the emotional dynamics involved. These counseling sessions are a vital step in preparing our team to handle these situations with sensitivity and professionalism." Dr. Vijender Singh, Dr. Sunaina, Dr. Surendra, Dr. Ketan and psychologist Mohit Kumar actively participated in this program, showcasing their commitment to enhancing the institute's preparedness for this critical initiative. These sessions aimed to equip healthcare professionals with the necessary tools to handle emotional stress, engage compassionately with grieving families, and maintain professional composure in high-pressure situations. Interactive workshops included role-playing exercises, case discussions, and strategies for self-care, providing participants with practical skills to navigate the complexities of this sensitive healthcare domain.



LIC State Manager (Commercial) GK Jaina with women beneficiaries at the launch of 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' online by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at Samanvay Bhawan in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

Collector cracks the whip, 3 Patwaris suspended for running pvt offices

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Bhopal Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh on Monday placed three Patwaris in the district under suspension amid reports of impropriety and running private offices to discharge official duties. The suspended Patwaris are Kishore Dangi of Beenapur on Berasia Road, Nidhi Nema of Neelbad Bhauri, and Pawan Shukla of Pura Chhindwara. All three areas have witnessed significant commercial activity in recent times. The three were found to be running private offices where they met stakeholders and cut murky deals to undermine the land revenue system. The administrative action aims to curb the trend of revenue officials acting as private agents while brokering land deals and agreements between landowners in their jurisdictions. The Collector ordered an investigation into the charges against the three revenue officials. ADM Siddharth Jain will conduct the inquiry. Further action will follow the submission of the report. Patwaris wield immense

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power in the land revenue circles under their charge and are known to seek monetary benefits to bend rules and accommodate requests for land demarcations, mutations, and other revenue-related work. In several areas bordering the city, Patwaris allegedly help developers make millions in profits by altering land use and brokering lucrative land deals between farmers, gram panchayats, and dubious land sharks. Organised in powerful unions, these key revenue functionaries are known to bring processes to a standstill, stonewall disciplinary action, and obstruct attempts for reforms in the outdated revenue system.

Maggi packets worth Rs 10.71 lakh stolen

Bhopal: A truck loaded with Maggi packets valued at Rs 10.71 lakh was stolen under mysterious circumstances while en route from Ahmedabad to Cuttack. The truck, owned by Shabbir, a resident of Bhopal, was dispatched on November 28, but the consignment never reached its destination. Shabbir reported that he lost contact with the driver when his phone was found switched off. Days later, on December 4, the driver called from another number, claiming that unknown individuals had drugged him and the truck's cleaner before stealing the vehicle and its contents. After an intensive search, the truck was located abandoned in Kolta, Odisha. Police opened the container in Shabbir's presence and found it completely empty. All the Maggi packets were missing, and even the truck's fuel had been siphoned off. Shabbir disclosed that the driver was a recent hire, having joined him just a month ago. CCTV footage from a toll plaza about 11 kilometers from where the truck was found showed the vehicle intact and its doors locked. However, it was discovered abandoned just 5 kilometers further, stripped of its contents.

Moti Nagar residents demonstrate at Collector office against displacement

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Massive protest was witnessed at the District Collectorate by the residents of around 381 shanties and about 100 shops of Moti Nagar which will be demolished near Subhash Nagar Vishram Ghat in Bhopal for laying the fourth railway line. MP Nagar SDM LK Khare has also issued notices. These huts and shops will be demolished for the fourth line. On the other hand, the protest against their demolition has also started. On Monday, a large number of people reached the Collectorate under the leadership of Congress leader Manoj Shukla and demonstrated. People surrounded the Collectorate and told Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh that the district administration is handing over notices one after the other and they are scared of this. There are also shops of daily use items in Moti Nagar which is the source of their living. On Monday, people reached the Collectorate in protest against the removal of shanties and met Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh. 'If people are removed, they will

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become homeless. Congress leader Shukla told Collector Singh that former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had earlier promised that those who are living where they are, will be settled there. Then why is Moti Nagar colony being removed without any arrangement? If the slums are removed, hundreds of families will become homeless. There is no problem with the fourth line, but the residents of Moti Nagar should be shifted to a proper place. All basic necessities and facilities should also be there at the new place. Shukla said that if no concrete steps are taken in this regard, then soon he will hold an indefinite dharna with the residents outside the bungalow of former Chief Minister Chouhan and remind him of his promise.



Congress leader Manoj Shukla with local residents of Moti Nagar Basti near Subhash Nagar crematorium meets district collector after their houses were demolished without their proper rehabilitation, at the collectorate office in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

Gita is the path to prove the meaning of life: CM

Bhopal: Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that organizing Gita Mahotsav at the international level is a matter of happiness and pride. The Haryana government has an important role in shaping this event. Yadav extended best wishes to the countrymen, people of the state, and Haryana Government on Gita Mahotsav and Gita Jayanti. Yadav said that Kurukshetra

located in Haryana is the same place where the epic 'Gita' was composed after Lord Shri Krishna imparted the teachings of Karmavad to Arjun during the war between Kauravas and Pandavas five thousand years ago. Revolutionaries like Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad, and Rajguru took inspiration from the book written by Lokmanya

Bal Gangadhar Tilak based on the teachings of Karmavad and fought for the independence of the country. Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, a narration by Lord Krishna explaining the mystery of life in a sacred spirit, is still readable and contemporary for everyone. For us, Shrimad Bhagavad Gita is not only a holy book but also a path to prove the meaning of

Welfare benefits will be made available at camps: CM

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Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that in the " Mukhya Mantri Jankalyan Abhiyan" starting from December 11, the implementation of 45 beneficiary-oriented and target-based schemes of the Central and State Government will be ensured at the field level. The eligible beneficiaries who have been deprived of the benefits of these schemes will be identified and given benefits. For this, camps will be organised in all the gram panchayats and all the wards of the urban bodies of the state. Benefits will be distributed to the selected eligible beneficiaries in the camp itself. Yadav has instructed all the collectors to constitute camp in-charge and support team

for the camps to be organised in urban and rural areas. The date, place and time of organising the camps should be decided and publicized so that maximum number of eligible beneficiaries can be benefited from the schemes. Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat for rural areas and Commissioner Municipal Corporation/Chief Municipal Officer for urban areas will be the nodal officers. The action plan for organising the camps will be prepared under the guidance of the Minister in charge of the district and will be implemented as per the roster determined by the Collector. The 45 beneficiary oriented schemes to which eligible beneficiaries will be linked under Mukhya Mantri Jankalyan Abhiyan include

Divyang Scholarship, Indira Gandhi National Disabled Pension Scheme, Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, Grant-in-Aid Scheme for Multiple Disabilities and Mentally Retarded Disabled Persons above the age of 6 years, Disabled Marriage Promotion Scheme, Mukhya Mantri Kanya Abhibhavak Pension Scheme, Mukhya Mantri Kalyani Marriage Assistance Scheme, Mukhya Mantri Disabled Education Promotion Scheme, Fee, Subsistence Allowance, Transport Allowance Scheme for Higher Education for Disabled Students of Madhya Pradesh, Housing Assistance Scheme for Cent Percent Hearing and Visually

Impaired Students, Civil Service Promotion Scheme for Divyang Persons, Registration of Construction Workers (Building and Other Construction Workers Board), M.P. Registration of building construction workers under the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, providing benefits of Maternity Assistance Scheme, providing benefits of Marriage Assistance Scheme, providing benefits of Ex-gratia Assistance Scheme in case of death, providing assistance in case of permanent disability in case of accident during construction work, Funeral and Ex-gratia Scheme-2014 in case of death of unregistered worker while working at construction site and reward scheme on success in the examination of State Public

Service Commission and Union Public Service Commission are included. Similarly, target based schemes include PM Swanidhi, National Livestock Mission (Entrepreneurship Development), Kisan Credit Card (Animal Husbandry), Kisan Credit Card (through Commercial Banks), Kisan Credit Card (through Cooperative Banks), Kisan Credit Card Issuance, Fisherman Credit Card Scheme, Chief Minister Rural Roadside Vendor Loan Scheme, Mukhya Mantri Udyam Kranti Yojana and Chief Minister Economic Welfare, Micro Irrigation and Under Intervention under Drop More Crop under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana and Special Financial Assistance



Preparations underway ahead of the Gita Jayanti celebration at Motilal Nehru Police Stadium in Bhopal on Monday.

Trident Group announces Rs 3,000 crore investment

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Chief Minister Mohan Yadav held significant discussions with Shri Rajinder Gupta, Chairman of Trident Group, regarding investment opportunities and industrial expansion in the textile sector. The meeting took place during the "Invest Madhya Pradesh": Regional Industry Conclave, Narmadapuram, underscoring the state's growing stature as a preferred destination for industrial development. While addressing the gathering at the event, Rajinder Gupta expressed his gratitude to the Madhya Pradesh government, he highlighted Trident's remarkable journey in the state. "We ventured into Madhya

Pradesh a few years ago and invested ₹5,000 crores. Today, our finished products from M a d h y a Pradesh are exported to 122 countries, with demand continually rising," he shared. Looking ahead, Gupta announced Trident Group's plans to invest an additional ₹3,000 crores in the state's textile sector which will expand employment opportunities here at Trident Group from current 12,000 to over 15,000. "We are committed to ensuring that the benefits of our operations stay within Madhya Pradesh, from sourcing cotton to producing finished goods.



The state is an ideal confluence of sustainability, inclusive growth, and green energy, with immense potential for solar and wind energy development," Gupta said. He also emphasized Trident's focus on skill development and women empowerment, with 50% of new employment opportunities reserved for women. Praising the Chief Minister's visionary leadership, Gupta noted that fostering collaboration between intellectuals and industrialists has energized innovation and regional development. This initiative reinforces Madhya Pradesh's reputation as a hub for sustainable industrial growth and inclusive progress, further cementing its appeal to investors worldwide.

Manipal's OPD at Akshaya Hospital

Bhopal: Delhi-based HCMCT Manipal Hospital once again demonstrated its commitment to providing top-notch healthcare services by successfully conducting a special OPD for heart patients in Bhopal on Monday. The consultation, led by Dr Yugal Kishore Mishra, Chairman, Manipal Institute of Cardiac Sciences, took place at Akshaya Heart and Multi-Specialty Hospital, Bhopal, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Patients availed expert consultations and guidance on managing heart-related conditions such as hypertension, coronary artery disease, and heart failure. Dr. Yugal Kishore Mishra, Chairman, Manipal Institute of Cardiac Sciences, HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Delhi, said, "We are seeing an increase in heart diseases, especially in the

cold weather as it can lead to the constriction of blood vessels, increased blood pressure, and heightened strain on the heart. Minimally invasive cardiac procedures, such as transcatheter valve replacements, angioplasties, and robotic-assisted surgeries provide safe and effective treatment options. These advanced techniques minimize the need for large incisions, resulting in faster recovery, reduced risks, and improved outcomes." The consultation also emphasized recognizing early warning signs of heart issues, such as chest pain, shortness of breath, and fatigue, along with adopting healthier lifestyle practices. This special OPD marked another step in HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Delhi's ongoing effort to extend quality healthcare services to the people of Bhopal.

Sanitation inspector's salary deducted

Bhopal: Municipal Commissioner Harendra Narayan, on Monday, ordered a 15-day deduction in the salary of a sanitation inspector and issued notices to municipal officials for failing to meet cleanliness standards in their jurisdictions. Narayan visited several neighbourhoods to supervise cleanliness systems and called for better coordination between those responsible for sanitation in the city. Expressing dissatisfaction with the cleanliness in Zone 17, Narayan ordered the deduction of 15 days' salary from the area sanitation inspector. Notices were also issued to the Assistant Health Officer and Nodal Officer for sanitation in Zone 17. Narayan reiterated the need for better coordination among ward-level officers, drivers,

and sanitation staff to improve cleanliness. He instructed the Assistant Health Officers and Nodal Officers in Zones 16 and 17 to address the issues immediately and ensure waste collection vehicles operate on schedule. During the inspection, Narayan found significant waste accumulation in Ward 75 and ordered a thorough clean-up. He also instructed the enforcement of fines for illegal waste burning, following an incident in Ravishankar Nagar, where he levied a spot fine on a resident for burning waste. Narayan directed that all waste collection vehicles operate at full capacity and on time. He told officials to ensure that garbage and debris are removed immediately from Ayodhya Bypass and BMHRC.

Dhar SP reviews crimes in meet

Dhar: Superintendent of Police Dhar Manoj Kumar Singh organized a crime review meeting of the officers of Dhar Police in the SP office and prepared an action plan to crack down on crimes, as well as gave important guidelines to the officers for the early resolution of pending serious crimes, CM Helpline complaints and the proposed National Lok Adalat on Dec 14. SP Manoj Kumar Singh held a crime review meeting of Police Unit Dhar in the Superintendent of Police Dhar office. District Judge of Legal Services Authority Umesh Soni and all the gazetted officers and law officers of the district Trilokchandra Billore were present in the meeting. In the meeting, while doing a comparative review of pending crimes, challans, complaints from before, important guidelines were given to all the

gazetted officers for 100% resolution. Superintendent of Police Dhar Manoj Kumar Singh told the officers in the meeting that if the organized gangs involved in crimes like robbery, dacoity, theft, vehicle theft, Arms Act, NDPS Act, Excise Act etc. in the police station area are identified and arrested immediately, then the crime rate in the district can be curbed to a great extent. Along with this, how to maintain the image of the police among the public and how they have to behave with the public and the criminals etc. were also explained in detail. In the meeting, all the gazetted officers were given guidelines regarding effective implementation of the "Cyber Awareness, De-addiction and Road Safety Awareness Campaign" being run by Madhya Pradesh Police in their respective section areas.

Ensure benefits reach each individual: Sanjeev Singh

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Divisional Commissioner Sanjeev Singh on Monday said beneficiary camps will be organised in each ward of all gram panchayats and urban local bodies of Bhopal division as part of the Chief Minister's Jan-Kalyan Campaign and Festival. The camps will help people directly receive benefits under various welfare initiatives of the state government during the festival, which will run from December 11 to January 26. Singh instructed officials to ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach all eligible individuals. He also reviewed pending complaints related to CM Helpline topics identified for the upcoming online grievance redress programme and issued instructions for the prompt resolution of the complaints.

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The Divisional Commissioner was conducting a review of the complaints with Joint Commissioner Vinod Yadav, Revenue Deputy Commissioner Kiran Gupta, and other concerned officials. The officials reviewed district-wide progress and action plans for the Dharti Aaba Tribal Village Utkarsh Campaign. Singh directed the Agriculture, Cooperation, Marketed, and Food Departments to ensure the timely procurement of soybean and the availability of fertilisers.

Singh called for the monitoring of piped water schemes assigned to various departments and directed officials to ensure that all households receive a water connection. He also emphasised the need to continuously review the benefits, issues, and effectiveness of the schemes. A review was also conducted on the targets and achievements of beneficiary-oriented schemes under the Fisheries, Agriculture, Horticulture, and Cooperation Departments. Singh directed Women and Child Development Department functionaries to expedite the construction of Anganwadi buildings. He also reviewed the management of stray cattle under the Animal Husbandry Department and the status of registration and operation of Goshalas in coordination with the Cow Conservation Board.

Ban on Chinese Manja

Bhopal: Police Commissioner Harinarayan Chari Mishra on Monday imposed a ban on the use, sale, and storage of Chinese thread for kite flying within the city limits. The thread is known to cause harm to avian and human life. On several occasions, it has even led to the death of birds. This thread also causes injuries to pedestrians and two-wheeler riders on the roads during the traditional kite-flying season. The strength of this thread and the glass shards attached to it are the main causes of these accidents. The order, passed under Section 163(2) of the Indian Civil Defence Code, 2023, comes into immediate effect. This order will remain in force for the next two months unless revoked earlier.



Students appear in the half yearly exams of class 10th and 12th of Madhya Pradesh Board of Secondary Education, in Bhopal on Monday.

Free eye checkup camp for SBI employees

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Free eye checkup camp for staff and retired SBI employees and their family members will be organized on December 14th, 2024 at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bhopal. Staff and Pensioners can avail this facility from 10 am to 2 pm. This camp will be held at IHL block of Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital. Managing Trustee of Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital AC Sadhwani has appealed the SBI staff and pensioners to get benefit of this free eye check-up camp on the said day.

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Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (for immovable property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL)** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1	(Loan Code No. 00600004165 & 07000000234 / Bhopal (Old Branch Mandideep) Branch) Bano Bee (Borrower), Naseem Miyan (Co-Borrower), Najim Khan (Guarantor)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Part of Kh No 747 1 House No 1396 Ward No 39 Tamoli Katila Garam Gadda Road Kammu Ka Bag Tehsil Huzur, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh- 462010 Boundaries: East- Property of Gama Khan, West- Naala, North- House of Khushboonisha, South- Gall 10 Ft wide	06-09-2024 & ₹ 47,425/- & ₹ 2,94,687/-	05-12-2024

Place : Madhya Pradesh **Authorised Officer**
Date : 10-12-2024 **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

ICICI Home Finance Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri- Kuria Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India
Branch Office for Sale - 106, 1st Floor, Pukhray Corporate, Navkhola Indore - 452001
Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty.
Branch Notice for Offer of Immovable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(8)/r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs. 15,00,000/- Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below-described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is",

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with/without encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price/ Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Stage	Sarfaesi Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Ranjeet Ahuja (Borrower) Seerat Ahuja, (Co-Borrower) Divya Ahuja, (Co-Borrower) Sandeep Ahuja, (Co-Borrower) Gobind Ram, (Co-Borrower) Rajesh Ahuja (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LH2MG00001326645 & LH2MG00001343366	Flat No. 101 On First Floor In The Building Known As "Shikha Apartment" On Plot No. 51, Rajmahal Colony, Indore	Rs. 23,94,735.4/- November 28, 2024	Rs. 15,00,000/- November 28, 2024	December 20, 2024 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM	December 27, 2024 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	December 26, 2024 before 04:00 PM	Physical Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- e-auctions.samil.in) of our auction agency Shriram Automail India Ltd. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or before December 26, 2024 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or before December 26, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.
The general public is requested to submit their bids higher than the amount being offered by the interested buyer mentioned above. It is hereby informed that in case no bids higher than the amount being offered by the aforementioned interested buyer is received by ICICI HFC, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 8(8)/r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the sale or submission of bids, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit <https://www.icicifhc.com>.
Date : December 10, 2024, **Authorised Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited"**
Place : Madhya Pradesh **CIN Number U65922MH1999PLC120106**

Didi's lollipop barb for Bangla netas' 'annex Bengal' threat

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday lobbed a tart "lollipop" at Bangladesh leadership advising them to "stay calm and have peace of mind" and hold down their "occupy Bengal" dreams because India would not sit quiet if they resorted to any kind of misadventure. Speaking on a recent aggressive remark made by a senior Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader who said that their country had a legitimate right over three Indian States, Banerjee said, "it is unusual for us to speak on the foreign affairs a responsibility that has been entrusted with the Ministry of External Affairs and it is our declared stance that we will abide by all the advisories from the

Government of India... "But we have heard about some politician from Bangladesh saying that they have a right over Bengal, Bihar and Odisha ... I wish them mental peace and health and advice them to stay calm ... but at the same time I will remind them that we will not lick lollipops while their forces will try to occupy our land," Banerjee said to a thumping roar inside the House. Amid ongoing attacks on the minority Hindus and vandalism of their religious places a section Bangladesh Ulama and the political leaders have been pouring venom on India asking people to boycott Indian consumer products and preaching Gazba e Hind (subjugate India). The BNP leader in that context had told a gathering that his country



had "a legitimate right over Bangla, Bihar and Odisha as they were once ruled by our Nawab Siraj ud Daulah." The Chief Minister's statement came on a day when Indian Foreign Secretary met his counterpart during when he made a candid expression of India's stand on the repression of minorities. Accordingly Banerjee said, "We are quite conscious and active enough. We also test patience because we learnt it from Rabindranath Tagore," reminding India's patience was not to be misconstrued as its weakness. "I don't say that our politics should match theirs ... I don't say that the politics of the two countries should be interconnected but I can forcefully say that India and its Constitution is emphatically

secular and we will practice secularism," advising the people on this border against walking into the "communal traps being set up by some vested interests." She said, "I ask all and sundry to act rationally and stay calm and not get influenced by communal forces," she said. Bengal Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari however "refuse" to take Banerjee's speech "on face value." He said, "the Chief Minister knows that the people on this side of the border are tremendously agitated about what is happening in Bangladesh ... she also knows that the people in Bengal are angry with her appeasement politics ... so she has made such statement as a face saving measure." Wondering why the Chief Minister would not take any

action against her senior Cabinet colleague Siddiquallah Chowdhury who had allegedly praised Bangladesh interim Chief Advisor Md Yunus the Opposition Leader said, "if she is really concerned about the Hindu minorities of Bangladesh then why she has not dismissed and taken action against her own Cabinet colleague Siddiquallah Chowdhury who openly praised Md Yunus and criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi ... and why her Government refuses permission to Sanatani protesters to organize rallies whereas it gives permissions to communal people like Firhad Hakim and Twaha Siddiqi... I think Mamata Banerjee's statement will have no bearing on the people ... they will never believe in her."

CPI(M) files intervening application in SC on Places of Worship Act, 1991

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The CPI(M) on Monday filed intervening application in Supreme Court opposing the petitions which challenge the constitutionality of the Places of Worship Act, 1991. The party's petition represented by polit bureau member Prakash Karat, said the Act preserves India's secular fabric and sought the top court's intervention in stopping survey orders on mosques by several courts across the country. The polit bureau in a statement cited that many such surveys of ancient mosques to verify the presence of temple ruins lying underneath is creating communal tensions in many places. "After Varanasi and Mathura, in Sambhal, a survey was ordered of a 16th century mosque by a lower court. This resulted in vio-



lence in which four Muslim youth were killed. Following this, a similar petition has been entertained in the civil court in Ajmer regarding the Ajmer Sharif Dargah," the party said. In a statement here after a two-day meeting of the CPI(M) Politburo on December 7-8, the Left party said it is unfortunate that the Supreme Court has not intervened to put a stop to such lit-

igations. "The 2019 five-member bench judgment of the Supreme Court on the Ayodhya dispute had categorically upheld the validity of the law and its enforcement. Given this direction, it is incumbent on the apex court to intervene to put a stop to legal proceedings, which are violative of the Act," the CPI(M) said. Several litigations filed in various courts related to tem-

ple-mosque disputes have come into the limelight, including on Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi, Shahi Idgah Mosque in Mathura, Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal, Ajmer Dargah of Sufi saint Moinuddin Chishti and Budaun's Jama Masjid Shamsi, where petitioners have claimed that these were built after destroying ancient temples and sought permission to offer Hindu prayers there. The Supreme Court has constituted a special bench to hear a batch of PILs challenging the validity of certain provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 law that prohibits filing a lawsuit to reclaim a place of worship or seek a change in its character from what prevailed on August 15, 1947. The headed by Chief Justice of India is scheduled to hear the matter on December 12.

Manipur violence: SC asks State to give details on arson, property encroachments

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Manipur Government to submit a detailed sealed cover report on the number of properties that were fully or partially burnt, looted, or encroached upon during the ongoing ethnic violence in the State. The bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar emphasised the need for the State to address the grievances of the displaced persons and take steps to restore their properties. The Bench asked the Manipur government, represented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, to provide specific details such as "buildings burnt or partially burnt, buildings looted, buildings trespassed or encroached upon". The report should also provide information about the owners and current occupants



of these properties, along with the details of any legal actions taken against trespassers, the CJI said. "We also direct the State Government to provide the following details: 1. Buildings burnt and partially burnt, 2. Buildings which are looted; and (3) the buildings trespassed and encroached upon," the SC order stated. The bench further directed, "In all these, give details of the name and address of the owner as well as the person, if any, in occupation of the

property. The report shall also indicate the steps taken by the state government to ensure that the persons who have trespassed are proceeded against as per the law. The said list be given in a sealed cover." "You have to take a decision on how you want to deal with it or in terms of criminal action as well as to ask them (encroachers of the properties) to pay 'mesne profits' for the use of the occupation..." noted the apex court. Mesne profit is the com-

pensation paid to a rightful owner of a property by a person who is in unlawful possession of it. The top court further asked the state government to respond to the issue of release of funds for temporary and permanent housing as flagged by the three judges panel headed by Justice Gita Mittal, the former chief justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court. Senior advocate Vibha Makhija, appearing for the judges panel, said it took several steps with the support of some officials on the rehabilitation, skill-building, and resettlement of the displaced individuals. Makhija said the committee filed over 34 reports addressing the crisis beginning 2023 and lauded its pro bono efforts. The bench directed for the committee's reports to be shared with the Union Home Ministry and the Manipur Government to facilitate further remedial actions.

NMC issues new guidelines to identify 'fake patients' in medical colleges

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In a first the National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued new guidelines aimed at identifying "fake patients" in medical colleges and institutions seeking approval for new establishments or an increase in undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) seats. The guidelines are aimed at addressing concerns about medical institutions admitting fake patients—individuals who do not require inpatient treatment—just to meet bed occupancy requirements. These guidelines are being introduced after instances were reported where some medical institutions or colleges admitted fake patients (i.e., individuals who do not require treatment or inpatient care) to fulfill bed occupancy and investigation requirements. According to the guidelines, admission of large numbers of patients on the day of inspection or the previous day, admission of multiple patients from the same family or the admit-

ted patients having no or minor problems which can be treated on OPD basis with oral medications, could be a parameter for identifying "fake patients". Patients, who are admitted without any evidence of investigations like X-ray, blood tests etc. (before or after admission) or treatment which is generally done for admitted patients like intravenous (IV) fluid, injections, catheterization, giving medicines etc can also be an indication. Another parameter assessors should keep in mind is if most of the admitted children are found to be playful and joyous without any significant problem in the paediatric ward or if they observe that patients were admitted in large numbers through preventive health checkups or camps. The NMC has laid down the guidelines while inviting applications for establishment of new medical colleges/institutions intending to offer undergraduate courses and increase in the number of UG seats in established medical/institutions for the Academic year

(AY)2025-2026. The Commission said "fake patient practice" will be considered as a serious violation and will invite punishment as per the regulations. For the purpose of training the students, certain minimum clinical exposure of patients have been defined in the minimum standards of requirements criteria of undergraduate and postgraduate in the form of bed occupancy requirements, etc. "It has been observed for a long time that some medical institutions/colleges indulge in admitting fake patients (people who do not require any treatment or inpatient treatment) to fulfil the requirement of bed occupancy, investigation, etc," the NMC said. As per the guidelines, the Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) will choose the best possible team of assessors for optimal output. For UG courses, assessment will be conducted for one or more days and for PG courses, assessment will be conducted for one or more days.

'More than 24 lakh cases registered by NHRC since its inception'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

More than 23 lakh cases have been registered by the NHRC since its inception in 1993 and total relief amount worth Rs 256.57 crore has been recommended to victims of human rights violations during the period, the rights panel said on Monday. President Droupadi Murmu will be the chief guest at an event on Tuesday to mark the Human Rights Day, the National Human Rights Commission said in a statement. Human Rights Day is observed on December 10 every year to commemorate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which was adopted and proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. The UDHR serves as a global benchmark for the protection and promotion of human rights. The NHRC said it views Human Rights Day as an opportunity for various stakeholders worldwide to reflect on their actions and responsibilities, ensuring that they do not contribute to the violation of human rights.



"The UDHR embodies the principle that all human beings are born free and equal, with the right to life, liberty and security, and equality before the law, and freedom of thought, conscience, religion, opinion, and expression," the statement said. This principle is also reflected in India's Constitution and the Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993, which provided the legal framework for the establishment of the NHRC on October 12, 1993. "During more than three decades, it registered a total of 23,14,794 and disposed of 23,07,587 cases, including 2,880 cases based on suo motu cognisance, and recommended about Rs 256.57 lakh as monetary relief to the victims of human rights violations," the rights panel said. During the last one year, from December 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024, the NHRC registered 65,973 cases and disposed of 66,378 cases, including those carried forward from previous years, the statement said. "It took suo motu cognisance in 109 cases and recommended Rs 17,24,40,000 in monetary relief to victims of human rights violations during this period of the last year," it added. The Commission also held a camp in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

To mark Human Rights Day, the NHRC is organising a programme at the Vigyan Bhavan here. NHRC's acting chairperson Vijaya Bharathi Sayani, Secretary General Bharat Lal, along with senior officers, members of statutory commissions and SHRCs, diplomats, civil society, and other dignitaries will be present on the occasion. The event will be followed by a national conference on 'Mental well-being: Navigating stress from classroom to workplace'. The three sessions include 'Stress among Children and Adolescents', 'Mental health challenges in institutions of higher learning', and 'Stress and burnout at workplaces'. The conference aims to explore the psychological impacts of stress at various stages of life - from education to employment and propose recommendations to promote mental well-being across different sectors, the NHRC said. The theme for this year's Human Rights Day -- 'Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now' - emphasises that human rights are not just aspirational but also a practical tool for

empowering individuals and communities to create a better future. Embracing the transformative potential of human rights can help build a more peaceful, equitable, and sustainable world. Now is the time to renew global action for a future rooted in human dignity, it added. "The Commission has consistently worked to ensure the protection of both civil and political rights, as well as economic, social, and cultural rights. It has made significant contributions to mainstreaming a human rights-centred approach in government policies and programmes, and in raising awareness among public authorities and civil society through various initiatives," the statement said. It continues to foster human rights discussions at national and international fora and engages in dialogue with civil society, NGOs, human rights defenders, experts, statutory commission members, state human rights commissions, and government officials. The NHRC, India has conducted numerous spot investigations, open hearings, and camp sittings since its inception.

Fifth edition of IYC spokesperson talent search competition launched

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Youth Congress on Monday launched the 5th edition of its flagship program 'Young India Ke Bol'. On this occasion, National President of Indian Youth Congress Uday Bhanu Chib and National AICC Incharge of NSUI Kanhaiya Kumar launched the poster of the program and appealed to the youth across the country to join the program. Speaking on the occasion, Bhanu Chib said that this year the event will focus on two of the most serious and worrying problems that our country is facing today - the alarming rise in unemployment and the rampant drug menace, which are deeply affecting the youth of India and future generations. "The rampant problem of unemployment and drug addiction is hollowing out the roots of our society. The

scourge of these problems is affecting the lives of the youth and hampering the development of the entire society. We have to make united efforts to find solutions to these challenges," he said. "The BJP had promised to provide 2 crore jobs every year to tackle unemployment, but the reality is that in the last decade, since the Modi government came to power in 2014, only 0.3% of the candidates who applied have got government jobs. That is, only 3 out of every 1,000 applicants got permanent government jobs," Bhanu said. He further said, "In 2022, Union Minister Jitendra Singh admitted in Parliament that out of the 22 crore applications received by the government since 2014, only 7,22,311 candidates were appointed. This statement makes it clear that the Modi government is not giving 2 crore jobs every year. The government has completely

failed to fulfill its promise of 2 crore jobs. The number of 22 crore applications reflects the deplorable state of employment in the country. The BJP has taken only electoral posturing and superficial steps to deal with the problem of unemployment, which exposes its careless mindset towards this serious issue," said the IYC chief. Before the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP made a false promise of filling government vacancies in the name of 'Rojgar Mela', but what was the result of it? The situation has become more frightening. Not only unemployment, but the problem of drug addiction in the country has also taken a serious turn, Bhanu mentioned. "Mudra Port, which is under the control of Adani, has become a major route for the entry of drugs into India. In 2021 alone, 3000 kg of heroin (the country's largest drug seizure case so far) and another



consignment of 75 kg was seized in 2022. This problem is continuously increasing. After all, by whom and why is Adani being protected? These facts not only highlight the failures of the BJP government, but also confirm its far-reaching negative impact on the youth and society of the country," Bhanu added. Talking about the Young India Ke Bol program, Bhanu Chib said the horrific national inci-

dents have inspired the Indian Youth Congress to involve the youth of the country in the struggle against the BJP government. Under this idea, a spokesperson search program called 'Young India Ke Bol' was started. This year, the main focus of the 5th edition of 'Young India Ke Bol' will be on the complete failure of the BJP government to deal with the problem of drug addiction

and unemployment. This program is in line with the national campaign of Indian Youth Congress 'Naukri Do, Nasha Nahi', which aims to provide a platform to youth, students, professionals, grassroots workers and political enthusiasts, so that they can raise their voice and reach this irresponsible government," stated an IYC statement. The application process for this competition will start from 15 December 2024 through 'With IYC App'. Interested participants will have to submit their videos on both these issues. Participants of this program will be invited at the state and national level, and they will be given the unique opportunity to become the state and national spokesperson of the Indian Youth Congress. Also, they will get a chance to express the party's views on relevant issues, further said the statement. Bhanu appealed to the youth

of the country to participate in this program in large numbers and force the government to take effective steps to control the problem of unemployment and drug addiction. This is a golden opportunity to raise your voice and be a part of the change," he said. NSUI's national in-charge Kanhaiya Kumar said that Youth Congress constantly fights for the issues of the youth of the country. "We have been doing many creative programs to change the situation of the youth in the country, to solve their problems. 'Young India Ke Bol' is a platform for the youth of the country to present their side and join us. In this platform, the youth will express their views against unemployment. Today, the youth in the country do not have employment. The situation is such that even those from IIT-IIM are not getting employment," Kanhaiya said.

He also said that India is the youngest country in the world. 55% of the population is young, every fifth youth in the world is an Indian. "India has never been so young. Such a young population, educated people, but what is the reality? Two youths are committing suicide in an hour. Youth suicide has also crossed the farmer suicide rate. It is such a painful thing that the suicide rate has overtaken the population growth. Why is this happening? The reason for this is that on one hand, an educated youth does not have a job of Rs 5000, while on the other hand, Rs 5000 crores are being spent on the marriage of another youth. As part of a conspiracy, these youth are being pushed into drugs. If the youth is in his senses, he will ask for a job. That is why a conspiracy is being hatched to push him into drugs," Kanhaiya added.

Fadnavis wins trust vote in Maha Assembly

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MUMBAI

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis Mahayuti led Mahayuti alliance government in Maharashtra comfortably won a confidence vote in the State assembly on Monday. The trust motion, tabled by Shiv Sena MLA Uday Samant and others, was passed by a voice vote on the last day of the three-day special assembly session.

Speaker Rahul Narwekar, elected unopposed for a second straight term earlier in the day, announced that the trust motion has been approved by the newly-constituted House. The BJP-Shiv Sena-NCP 'Mahayuti' coalition has a commanding majority of 230 seats in the 288-member assembly, where the majority mark is 145. "The confidence motion has been passed with a majority," Narwekar said. Fadnavis was sworn-in as the chief minister for a third time on December

5 at a grand ceremony in Mumbai's Azad Maidan. Eknath Shinde (Shiv Sena) and Ajit Pawar (NCP) took oath as deputy CMs at the ceremony attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The 15th assembly officially began its tenure on December 7, two weeks the poll results were announced. With the BJP-led alliance enjoying a super majority in the lower House, the floor test was a mere formality. Shiv Sena leader and former minister Samant, BJP legislator Sanjay Kute, former minister Dilip Walse Patil (NCP), and independent MLA Ravi Rana tabled the proposal for a confidence motion in the lower House. With Narwekar's appointment as Speaker, the ruling coalition now enjoys the support of 229 MLAs, including small parties and independent MLAs. Narwekar (47), the BJP MLA from Mumbai's Colaba seat and a lawyer by training, was elected unopposed as the



Speaker of the 15th assembly. Opposition alliance Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), which has less than 50 MLAs, did not put up a candidate. Fadnavis, in his congratulatory speech, highlighted that Narwekar is only the second member of the lower House to be re-elected to the post since the state's formation in 1960. "Balasaheb Bhardhe was the only Speaker of the legislative assembly to be re-elected to the post twice since 1960 when Maharashtra was formed. After Bhardhe, Narwekar is the second member of the assembly to receive the honour," the chief

minister said. He pointed out that Kundanmal Firodia was the first Speaker of the House to be reappointed, but it was during the time of Bombay state, and Sayaji L Silam was elected to the post before the formation of Maharashtra, and he was re-elected after the state came into existence. During his first tenure, Narwekar had ruled that the party led by Eknath Shinde was the "real" Shiv Sena after a split in the Uddhav Thackeray-led party in 2022. He also held that the faction under Ajit Pawar was the "real" Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), which was founded by Sharad Pawar. Making a cursory reference to the verdict on the disputes involving the Shiv Sena and NCP, Fadnavis said, "During his first tenure as Speaker, Narwekar underwent some excruciating tests of his mettle, such as the decisions related to recognising the parties in the House. It was his 'agnipariksha' (trial by fire). His

legal acumen proved invaluable during several debates in the chamber." In the evening, Governor C P Radhakrishnan addressed a joint sitting of the legislature where he said Maharashtra has emerged as the No.1 destination among all states in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI). Maharashtra contributes more than 14 per cent to the country's GDP, he said.

The government has set a very ambitious target of making Maharashtra the first state to achieve the target of becoming a USD one trillion economy by the year 2027-28, the Governor emphasised. The state government has announced a policy of giving anchor industry status to mega projects and hi-tech manufacturing sector like semiconductors, electric vehicles, aerospace and defence, chemicals and polymers, lithium ion batteries, steel and other products, the Governor noted.

CM Hemant Soren takes oath as member of Jharkhand Assembly

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ RANCHI



Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Monday took oath as a member of the Jharkhand Assembly on the first day of the four-day session of the House. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Radhakrishna Kishore, Revenue and Land Reforms Minister Deepak Birua and Labour Minister Sanjay Prasad Yadav were among the ministers in the Hemant Soren cabinet who also took oath as members of the assembly. The CM and the ministers were among 80 elected representatives who were administered the oath as MLAs by the assembly's pro-tem Speaker Stephen Marandi soon after the proceedings of the House began at 11 am. The House was adjourned till 11 am on Tuesday after the oath-taking ceremony. "All MLAs and ministers took oath today. We will move for

next proceedings tomorrow," the CM later told reporters. The Speaker's election is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, an assembly official said. Kishore said Nala MLA Rabintra Nath Mahato is likely to be elected as Speaker of the House unopposed as all members, including those of the BJP, have given their consent for it. The four-day session will conclude on December 12. Besides Speaker's election, governor's address, presentation of the second supplementary bud-

get and debate on the governor's speech are also scheduled during the session, the official said. Hemant Soren took oath as the 14th chief minister of Jharkhand in a grand ceremony here on November 28, while 11 MLAs took oath as state ministers on December 5. The JMM-led alliance on November 23 stormed to power in Jharkhand for the second time in a row, securing 56 seats in the 81-member assembly, while the BJP-headed NDA managed 24.

Assam CM Himanta effects major reshuffle of portfolios

PNS ■ GUWAHATI

A major reshuffle of portfolios was effected by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday, and four newly inducted ministers were assigned their departments. Sarma will hold Home, Public Works Building and National Highways, Public Works Roads, and Medical Education and Research departments, with some portfolios assigned to other ministers. He will also be in charge of Personnel and any other department not assigned to other ministers, an official notification said. Among the new ministers, Prasanta Phukan has been allotted Power and Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship departments, and will assist the chief minister in the Medical Education and Research department. Kaushik Rai will hold Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs, Mines and Minerals, and the newly created Barak Valley Development departments. Departments of



Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, and Fishery have been allocated to Krishnendu Paul, who will also assist the CM in Public Works Roads department, the notification signed by Chief Secretary Ravi Kota said. Rupesh Gowala has been given Labour Welfare and Tea Tribes and Adivasi Welfare departments, besides assisting the CM in the Home department. Ajanta Neog retained both her departments - Finance and Women and Child Development. The Health and Family Welfare

department was assigned to Ashok Singhal, who retained the Irrigation department. Atul Bora has been given charge of the Excise department, besides his existing portfolios of Agriculture, Border Protection and Development, Horticulture and Implementation of Assam Accord. Among the departments allocated anew are Tourism department to Ranjeet Kumar Dass, Revenue and Disaster Management to Keshab Mahanta, Parliamentary Affairs and Housing and Urban Affairs to Jayanta Malla Baruah.

BJP demands CBI probe into settlement of Rohingyas in Jammu

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The Jammu and Kashmir Unit of the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) Monday demanded a thorough CBI probe to identify all those responsible for rehabilitating illegal immigrants from Myanmar and Bangladesh in Jammu to change the demography of the region. For the last couple of days, several Rohingya settlements in and around Jammu have come on the radar of security agencies following which a fresh security audit was launched to verify their records. Rough estimates indicated over 6500 Rohingyas are camping across different localities in and around Jammu. In the ongoing drive, the intelligence agencies stumbled upon credible evidence linking the involvement of Kashmir-based Non-Government organizations (NGO's) in rehabilitating these illegal immigrants in the close vicinity of several vital security installations. Taking serious note of these developments, the UT administration launched a massive crackdown against some of



the landlords who have rented out accommodation and vacant plots to these illegal immigrants and booked them as per the law of the land. The UT administration also decided to disconnect the power and water supply to these plots and properties to evict them at the earliest. Taking note of these crucial developments, Chief Spokesman of the Bharatiya Janta Party Sunil Sethi along with senior party leaders Monday urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to

order a CBI inquiry to investigate and identify persons involved in bringing in and facilitating the settlement of Rohingyas and Bangladeshis in Jammu. Sethi said that such persons/elements should be booked for anti-national activities and punished. The people should know as to who have been showing sympathy with the illegally settled foreign nationals and advocating their cases in the court of law. Earlier, Jal Shakti Minister Javed Ahmed Rana, a mem-

ber of the council of ministers led by Omar Abdullah issued verbal instructions to the concerned authorities not to deprive them of essential water and power supply till the government of India takes a call on their issue. Referring to the recent diktat issued by the National Conference, Minister Sunil Sethi questioned him to explain if they respect and follow the law of the country or they are above the law and have liberty to go to any extent to appease the illegal

settlers. By siding with the Rohingyas and Bangladeshis, the NC is also playing with the future of the unemployed youth of the UT, as the Rohingyas and Bangladeshi nationals have engaged themselves in different jobs here. "It is a matter of security concern that Rohingyas and Bangladeshis have settled in J&K UT, particularly in Jammu for years now, which is a few kilometers away from Pakistan. The BJP has been repeatedly raising questions on their entering Indian territory illegally, traveling thousands of kilometers, crossing half a dozen states and settling in Jammu, said Sunil Sethi. Sethi said that anyone wishing to settle in a country can apply through proper procedure and may get permission to come and settle but in case of these Rohingyas and Bangladeshis, they have crossed over illegally, and traveled so long with the motive of settling in Jammu. They are illegal and a threat to security as well. Any yardstick cannot justify their settlement near the border. The only solution is their immediate deportation, he said.

Court commissioner seeks more time for Shahi Jama Masjid survey report

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The court-appointed commissioner, Ramesh Singh Raghav, has sought additional time to submit the survey report of Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal, citing health issues. The report, initially due on November 29, was delayed after Raghav requested an extension, which the court granted until December 9. On Monday, Raghav again approached the court, requesting 15 more days, which the court approved. He informed the court that while the report is almost complete, his ill health has delayed its finalization. He assured that the report would be submitted in a sealed envelope once completed. The Muslim side has expressed strong reservations over the repeated extensions. Zafar Ali, representing the Muslim petitioners, said, "We have filed our objections before the court. It now depends on the court's decision. Any further legal steps will be taken based on direc-



tives from the High Court and the Supreme Court." The dispute began on November 19 when a petition was filed in the Chandausi Civil Judge (Senior Division) court, claiming that the Shahi Jama Masjid was originally a Harihar temple. Acting on the plea, the court appointed a commissioner and ordered an immediate survey of the mosque premises. The first survey was conducted the same day, followed by a second one on

November 24. However, the second survey triggered violent clashes, resulting in five deaths and several injuries, including to police personnel. In response, police and PAC forces have been deployed across Sambhal to maintain peace. The delay in submitting the survey report has intensified the controversy. The Muslim petitioners have strongly opposed extending the deadline, accusing the commissioner of negligence.

However, Raghav has maintained that health issues have hindered the report's completion and assured the court that the report would be filed soon. Meanwhile, police teams are intensifying their search for suspects involved in the violent riots that erupted on November 24 during the Jama Masjid survey in Sambhal. The clashes, marked by stone-pelting, arson, and gunfire, claimed five lives, left many injured, and saw 29 policemen wounded. According to police investigations, hundreds of alleged rioters have fled their homes to evade arrest. Many are believed to have taken shelter in Delhi, prompting authorities to deploy teams there. "Raids are being conducted continuously, and surveillance technology is being used to trace the suspects," said Superintendent of Police Krishna Kumar Vishnoi. "A specialized unit has been formed to track key suspects involved in the deaths and attacks on security personnel, he said.

A startling revelation from the ongoing Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe is the use of foreign-made ammunition during the riots. Police recovered spent shells from Pakistan- and US-made cartridges of different bores at the site. "The seized shells will be sent for forensic analysis to determine their origin and possible smuggling routes," SP Vishnoi confirmed. Many injured victims are still undergoing treatment at local hospitals, while the condition of some remains critical. Police are also focusing on identifying those responsible for the deaths during the riots. SP Vishnoi assured the public that strict action will be taken against those involved. "We are committed to ensuring that all accused are arrested soon. No one involved in this violent incident will be spared," he stated. The investigation continues as authorities expand their search operations and intensify security in the region to prevent further unrest.

IIT-M develops AI-driven app to assess truck driving behaviour

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/CHENNAI

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has developed an AI-driven mobile application to assess truck driving behaviour on safety and energy efficiency, officials said on Monday. The mobile application also sends anticipative alerts designed to inform drivers of inadequate driving behaviour relative to the static context of road infrastructure and will enrol drivers of diesel trucks who are operating in long distances of minimum of 4,000 km per month, they said. The Centre of Excellence for Zero Emission Trucking (CoEZET) at IIT Madras has launched two major projects during "Get ZET- Shifting Gears to Zero Emission Trucking". According to IIT Madras Director V Kamakoti, the objective is to accelerate adoption of Zero Emission Trucks (ZET) like electric trucks in India as despite trucks representing

only 5 pc of the vehicle fleet, they consume nearly 65 pc of diesel, leading to substantial pollution and fuel consumption costs. "Awareness, Acceptance and Adoption - that is the process being taken. This first step is to make these stakeholders aware of the different aspects of truck electrification - the trends, advantages, challenges and technologies. The idea is to build a strong relationship based on trust. Once that relationship is in place, we plan to engage with them in order to help them accept the electrification journey - appreciating the benefits that accrue to them as well as the country and world at large," Kamakoti said. "Finally, we will help them adopt truck electrification with the right tools, training and preparations. There are many people who are working with different Stakeholders for Truck Electrification - IITM is engaging with this mostly neglected community that is going to be most critical in the Adoption of e-Trucks," he

added. The IIT Madras Director explained that India's trucking industry is on a fast growth trajectory with freight movement making up 70 pc of road-based transportation. "Such initiatives, launched early and with prolonged engagement, is expected to help India accelerate the Electrification of Trucks, thereby saving import costs of petroleum, improving competitiveness, reducing emissions and increasing driver comfort and well-being," he said. The institute will also generate awareness about Zero Emission Trucking (ZETs) among the truck drivers and operators. "This layer of stakeholders consisting of drivers, cleaners, operators, mechanics, dhabba owners, masseurs, barbers and pump operators, among others, widely called the 'User Layer', will be the most critical layer from a psychological acceptance perspective," said CS Shankar Ram, Head, Department of Engineering Design, IIT Madras.

Rest in peace, Vipul sir. Your light will never fade

GYANESHWAR DAYAL ■ NEW DELHI

The world of journalism lost one of its brightest stars on December 8, with the untimely passing of Vipul Nautiyal. And that too at an age when many are at the peak of their career, his departure has left a profound void. A celebrated journalist, a fighter with an indomitable spirit, and an empathetic human being, His relentless dedication to his craft and his humanity touched the lives of all who knew him. An integral part of The Pioneer family, Vipul Nautiyal was much more than just a journalist—he was an ardent soldier of truth. He minced no words when he disagreed

and voiced the bitterest truths when they needed to be told. Yet, he was equally generous with praise for work that impressed him or touched his soul. I first got to know him through a common friend. From then on, our friendship blossomed during meetings at the Press Club, and I grew to admire him deeply. At the time, I was contributing op-ed articles to The Pioneer, and when he asked me to join the paper full-time, I did so without hesitation. I knew I had much to learn from him—and learn I did. As a mentor and guide, Vipul sir played a pivotal role in shaping my understanding of various nuances of editing. He helped me manage the edito-

rial and op-ed pages, setting high standards for every piece. His ruthlessness when it came to quality was legendary—stories that didn't meet his standards were dropped, regardless of the writer's stature. This unwavering commitment to excellence was a rarity and something I greatly respected. His journey in journalism was neither easy nor conventional. He rose through the ranks, trying his hand at various roles—from marketing to circulation—before finding his true calling in journalism. A self-taught professional, he had an intuitive understanding of the craft, coupled with integrity and an unmatched dedication to his work. In his early days of career



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when he worked as reporter, his reporting was meticulous, fearless, and insightful, often shedding light on socio-political complexities and amplifying the voices of the marginalised. In his last days despite his illness, he maintained a level of professionalism and passion that was awe-inspiring. Deadlines, late nights, and the high-pressure demands of the newsroom never fazed him, making him a role model for many aspiring writers. The past one year was a testament to his resilience. Despite battling a prolonged illness, he never let his struggles dampen his positivity or generosity. Friends and family remember him as a beacon of strength, facing adversity

with grace and courage. This same tenacity defined his career and inspired those around him. Beyond his professional achievements, Vipul sir will be remembered for his kindness and empathy. He was always ready to mentor young journalists, support colleagues, and lend a listening ear to those in need. For me, he was not just a boss but a friend, philosopher, and guide. I called him Vipul sir which sometimes annoyed him. Despite my insistence that he was my superior, he affectionately called me "Gyan sir," jokingly proposing that we be "sirs for each other." But perhaps, deep inside, he carried a sense of brokenness—a quiet melancholy he

rarely shared. There was a void within him, one he sought to fill in moments of solitude, often with a glass in hand. It was a battle he fought in silence, yet it ultimately took its toll and eventually his life. His passing has left a void that will be hard to fill, but his legacy endures in the lives he touched and the stories he told. He exemplified what it means to stand by one's principles, persevere through hardships, and approach life with compassion and integrity. Mr Vipul Nautiyal may no longer be with us, but the impact of his life and work will continue to inspire generations. Journey well, Vipul sir. You will always be with us!

Renewed vigour

PM Modi and the King Wangchuck’s meeting strengthens ties with the Himalayan kingdom and lays the groundwork for future collaboration

India and Bhutan share a relationship rooted in historical ties, cultural affinity and a deep commitment to mutual progress. This bond was reaffirmed during a recent high-level meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bhutan’s King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. The meeting underscores the enduring importance both nations place on their friendship amidst a dynamic geopolitical landscape. The foundation of India-Bhutan relations was laid with the signing of the Treaty of Friendship in 1949, which established perpetual peace and friendship, free trade and mutual cooperation. This treaty was updated in 2007 to reflect evolving dynamics, It continued to emphasise close cooperation on defence, trade and cultural exchange. India has been a steadfast partner in Bhutan’s development journey, assisting in key sectors such as hydropower, infrastructure, education and health. Bhutan, in turn, has been a reliable neighbour, sharing India’s security concerns and supporting its diplomatic endeavours.



The recent interaction between PM Modi and King Jigme Khesar sought to address emerging challenges and explore avenues for deeper collaboration. Hydropower is a cornerstone of India-Bhutan relations. Bhutan exports surplus electricity generated from its rivers to India, a mutually beneficial arrangement. Discussions focused on scaling up hydropower projects, ensuring sustainable energy practices, and addressing financial challenges related to project execution. India remains Bhutan’s largest trading partner and the leaders explored ways to diversify trade and enhance connectivity. Emphasis

was also placed on digital infrastructure and technology transfer to support Bhutan’s aspirations for modernisation. Geopolitical developments, particularly in the Indo-Pacific and Himalayan region, were key discussion points. Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to regional stability and countering security threats, including transnational crimes and emerging cyber risks. Recognising the importance of fostering people-to-people ties, leaders pledged to expand scholarship programmes, skill development initiatives and cultural exchanges. These efforts aim to empower the youth and deepen cultural understanding. The dialogue between India and Bhutan holds broader geopolitical significance. As China increases its outreach in South Asia, including in the Himalayan region, India’s proactive engagement with Bhutan reaffirms its commitment to its smaller neighbours. Bhutan’s strategic location makes its partnership vital for India’s security and regional influence. India’s support for Bhutan’s participation in global forums reflects its willingness to amplify Bhutan’s voice on international issues, including climate change. As both nations work toward common goals, their relationship serves as a model for regional cooperation based on trust, benefit and mutual respect.

PICTALK



Farmers carry harvested cauliflower at a field on a winter morning, in Kolkata

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Be receptive to contrary point of view!

As social beings, our lives are deeply intertwined with communication, but the same can often become a source of conflict

We are social beings. Communication with others is as integral to us as breathing. We often find conflicting conversations blowing out of proportion, sometimes leading to even a break in relationships. Unpleasantness can be avoided if we are mindful of others. We had lived in bungalows in well-planned colonies for a better part of our lives.

It was easy to be more social in such surroundings when we met only on social occasions. We, and more like us, have moved to condominium complexes only over the past few years. Private spaces are diminishing as neighbours fall over each other, literally and figuratively. This is a new life that we are still adjusting to. I noticed something different about a neighbour recently as we gathered for a meeting. We indulged in some idle banter before the start of serious business. It was a light-hearted conversation, over which we could smile or chuckle. Or so I thought, till I received his call the next day. I got the message loud and clear that he was upset over



the reference to his receding hairline. I apologised profusely for the faux pas. He does not seem to have forgiven me and has stopped greeting me when we cross each other during walks. He is the same person who does not think twice before breaking into a sarcastic verse on the community WhatsApp group, without considering the hurt he might cause to the intended victim. We have regular meetings with the governing body of our welfare association. There are arguments galore on any subject, which would not be such a bad thing, and may sometimes even be considered as a humorous interlude in an otherwise charged environment, were it not

for the seriousness with which the adversaries try to push their viewpoint to the exclusion of even listening to the other’s perspective. One morning, one of the members told me that it was good that he was now a part of the management body, otherwise he would have vehemently opposed some of the proposals. I could not fathom the logic. A wrong could not have been right only by his being inside the team. In yet another instance recently, two ladies insisted that they were right in their respective contentions.

As the arguments went back and forth, I could see the gradual stubborn look on the faces of both, an indication that they were no longer listening to each other. As an independent observer, I realized that both were talking the same, albeit in different words. They were not taking the time to pause and reflect before responding. There is one more incident that I may not forget easily. I felt aggrieved enough to write to the promoter of our condominium complex about the

supposed transgressions of a neighbour in handling the community affairs. The latter was still working as an employee with the builder. I was upset and did not deem it fit to consider the latter’s point of view or the adverse impact that it might have on his professional prospects. I apologised to him in later years. He has moved on and continues to accord me respect. However, I could have avoided the unpleasantness had I taken the time to talk to him about my grievances. It would be good for everyone to be more respectful and less impulsive in an argument.

If only we could follow the words of Chinese philosopher Zhuangzi, “We cling to our own point of view, as though everything depended on it. Yet our opinions have no permanence; like autumn and winter, they gradually pass away.” *(The writer is an author, speaker, coach, arbitrator and strategy consultant. He conducts workshops on creative writing for young adults and corporate executives. The views expressed are personal)*



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the Vietnam War was fought between the forces of the North (supported by the Soviet Union and China) and those of the South (supported by the United States of America). While it lasted twenty years (1955 to 1975) the direct involvement of the American troops lasted about a decade from 1965 onwards. The scars of 58,281 US fatalities and 303, 644 wounded had tired the spirits, emotions and morale of the Americans, and they secretly negotiated a pull-out plan under the garb of the Paris Peace Accords that the Americans knew would not hold up. The Americans made many insincere and knowingly immoral promises to intervene on behalf of its ally, the Southern side, but when the push came to shove, it pushed the Southern side under the bus with non-intervention or support. Later day US President Ronald Reagan was to coin the term ‘Vietnam Syndrome’ to suggest a reluctance to support an international military intervention, beyond a point. A similar renege of support after almost a decade of direct military intervention was to face the Soviet-propped puppet government of Afghanistan, under Mohammad Najibullah. Ultimately the political and popular will of the Soviets had waned as the human and financial cost of continuing the war in Afghanistan had waned. A few years later, exactly as it had happened in Vietnam, the Afghan government was ousted in a bloody offensive and Najibullah’s corpse was dragged behind a truck through the streets of Kabul. Eventually, the Soviets left him to his fate. It was the sort of end of a regime that was far less than ideal as the land of many ‘Great Games’ earlier i.e., Afghanistan, had seen similar consequences of bloodlust with the British troops leaving Afghanistan in Jan 1842 (only one survivor had managed to reach the British controlled township of Jalalabad). Sadly, even Najibullah’s ouster wasn’t to be the last of the ‘abandoning’ of a regime in Kabul. In 2021, an exhausted and dispirited American force ‘abandoned’

Superpower retreats and their fallout

Russians abandoning Assads is a stark reminder of the fact that promises of steadfast allegiance can falter when geopolitical will and resources wane



its ally i.e., the Ashraf Ghani government, in Kabul on the pretext of a deal signed between the Taliban and the US in Doha.

Everyone knew that the deal would not hold up and lo behold the Taliban stormed into Kabul, soon after. The ‘longest war in US history’ with a two trillion financial cost, a no-win situation, and mounting pictures of ‘US body bags’ had yet again forced the Americans to push their ally under the bus. By blindsiding its purported ally, the Americans had unilaterally let down its ally after making promises to defend the same. Afghan Vice President Amrullah Saleh was left mocking the US on its pusillanimous stand, “when a superpower decided to become a mini power”.

Recently, and yet again, it was the decisive reluctance of a major power and ally i.e., Russia and Iran, that left the beleaguered Syrian Government of Bashar Al Assad, to its inevitable fate and within days of some token support, the Syrian capital of Damascus fell to rebels, who routed the Russia-Iran supported Bashar Al Assad regime. To be fair, the ‘abandonment’ of Bashar Al Assad cannot be compared to the Vietnam or Afghanistan situations, as the principal power



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behind the Syrian regime no longer had the wherewithal to continue supporting, even if they wanted to.

Russia is already bleeding and reeling under the humiliating and costly stalemate on the Ukrainian front, whereas the Iranians and their strategic regional proxies (e.g. Hezbollah and the Houthis) were getting systematically decimated and attacked with literal impunity.

After the Syrian rebels had taken over Idlib and were dashing the next profile target of Homs, the Russian fighter planes did bomb some rebel strongholds, but it simply wasn’t enough. Soon, the Syrian rebels made the kill for Damascus, and the isolated and unsupported forces of Bashar Al Assad simply couldn’t hold on. History repeated itself and in the face of supporting foreign allies failing the regime, it was tantamount to pushing the same under the bus!

The lessons are substantial for other regions facing similar belligerence or circumstances i.e., counting on declared allies cannot be assumed, definitely and certainly not, infinitely. When there were grave tensions on Indo-Sino borders in 2020, then President Donald Trump (author of a book aptly titled, ‘The Art of Deal’) made mean-

ingless offers to ‘negotiate’ between the two sides, as opposed to denouncing Chinese expansionism and aggression, unequivocally. While certain military orders with Delhi were indeed signed and expedited – the same made great transactional and commercial sense to the American defence sector. This is something that the already cornered Ukrainian President Zelensky must be fearing as President-elect Donald Trump sheepishly talks about yet another ‘deal’ to supposedly end the Russia-Ukraine war. History is instructive of the consequences that await whenever similar ‘deals’ (read, abandonment) are made by a Superpower, be it the Americans or most recently, the Russians in Syria. Reveling on the latest situation in Syria, Donald Trump tweeted, “Assad is gone. He has fled his country.

His protector, Russia...led by Vladimir Putin, was not interested in protecting him any longer” – while it is true, it has been no different for the US, throughout history. Trump too has the blood of letting down Afghanistan on his hands.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WEST ASIA IN TURMOIL

Madam — This refers to the editorial on the developments in Syria (December 9). In West Asia, mostly countries are dominated by Muslims, the people have hardly anything to feel elated about. The hate against the subjects of the same religion is dominating the scene in most of the countries there. Each group is in constant war against the other not for economic benefits but for an upper hand over the other group. In the process the struggling groups have taken the path of terrorism forgetting that the one who wins is not the permanent winner and victories are purely ephemeral. In Syria also the number of such groups divided by sub-divisions of the same religion, culture, etc., is too many, and this makes it clear that whoever has won now is only for a temporary period, as the deprived groups will always be waiting to take revenge and capture power. In this entire game, the real beneficiaries are the developed nations whose main plank of economy is weapon trade. Selling weapons to every terrorist and warring group is a flourishing trade. Therefore, either of the groups is provoked, promoted, and equipped with enough weapons and the fire is kept alive. In the case of Syria, though Assad has fled the country, bowing to the rebels, the civil war among the groups will continue to be there. But all the groups call it a jihad meaning I am killing you to satisfy the same God whom we both worship piously. Terrorism knows no economy, no logic, no rationality, and no ideology, and it is simply a mental affair capable of destroying anything and nothing constructive.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

AUSTRALIA DEFEATS INDIA

Madam — Indian cricket is not in the pink of health and the second test at Adelaide was a highly disappointing one for the fans by this indigestible defeat. The scores of 180 and 175 in the first and second innings, respectively, by Indian batters were a little more than 19 runs behind the chase for the Aussies in the second innings, winning this

World Meditation Day declared



Meditation is a timeless element that connects the soul’s depth, offering humanity a path to mental peace, physical health, and spiritual growth. Recognising December 21 as World Meditation Day honours this ancient practice and symbolises global recognition of India’s cultural heritage. In modern life, meditation has evolved as a science for holistic development, offering hope to those grappling with stress and spiritual unrest.

The winter solstice, marking the start of Uttarayan in Indian tradition, is especially sacred for meditation, as the flow of energy in nature fosters spiritual awakening. Amid personal, social, and economic challenges, meditation offers mental stability, reduces stress, and enhances concentration while alleviating disorders like anxiety and depression. Its benefits extend to physical health, stabilising blood pressure, heart rate, and boosting immunity. World Meditation Day, endorsed by the UN, reflects India’s cultural strength and influence.

R K Jain | Barwani

cricket. With 1 win each, the remaining tests will be the test of time for the future of Indian cricket.

A P Thiruvadi | Chennai

MORE SCHOOLS FOR RURAL AREAS

Madam — PM Modi’s Saturday-X post, stating the Cabinet decision to open the 85 new Kendriya Vidyalayas and 28 Navodaya Vidyalayas across the country and make accessible school education maximal, is a top-notch contribution. From the vantage point of the present, it seems that, ostensibly, rural students are still under scrutiny over facilities as compared to urban. There are far fewer schools, poorly qualified teachers, and miserable schools, grinding the little students’ study zeal and future immeasurably. The government must consolidate the correlation of urban development with rural. Pull up its socks to upgrade the situation of being more adept.

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BRAIN ROT IN THE DIGITAL AGE

There is alarming cognitive decline linked to overindulgence in mindless digital content



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In a world saturated with endless entertainment, constant notifications and superficial distractions, the human brain faces unprecedented challenges. The term brain rot refers to the perceived decline in cognitive abilities or intellectual engagement due to excessive consumption of mindless or unproductive content. While it is colloquial and not a clinical diagnosis, it describes mental fog, reduced attention span and diminished problem-solving abilities often linked to prolonged screen time or low-value content. Studies suggest that heavy screen usage can correlate with reduced grey matter in the brain, which may impair critical thinking and memory, particularly among younger individuals. It also contributes to mental health issues like anxiety and depression, driven by constant comparisons and exposure to idealised online content. The rise of social media, streaming platforms and short-form content has revolutionised how we consume information and entertainment. While these platforms offer unprecedented access to global knowledge, they also foster habits of passive consumption. Endless scrolling and binge-watching also lead to mental fatigue and reduced attention spans, making it harder for individuals to engage with more complex ideas or tasks. Brain rot can also stem from a lack of intellectual stimulation. Activities that challenge the brain such as reading, problem-solving, or engaging in creative pursuits are often sidelined in favour of easier, low-effort distractions. Over time, this neglect can lead to a decline in critical thinking, memory retention and problem-solving skills.



The modern lifestyle, characterised by high levels of stress and constant multitasking, can contribute to cognitive decline. It is often said that chronic stress impairs brain function, particularly in areas responsible for memory and learning which creates a vicious cycle where individuals turn to mindless activities to escape stress, further exacerbating mental stagnation. Moreover, a sedentary lifestyle, coupled with a diet lacking in nutrients essential for brain function, can also lead to cognitive decline. In maintaining mental clarity and overall brain health, physical exercise and a balanced diet play crucial roles. The effects of brain rot are far-reaching and can manifest in various aspects of life. A lack of focus and motivation often results in decreased efficiency and the inability to complete tasks effectively. Overindulgence in passive entertainment stifles the ability to think creatively or generate original ideas. The overuse of escapist media can lead to a disconnect from real-world emotions and experiences, fostering feelings of emptiness or dissatisfaction. Excessive reliance on digital communication can impair interpersonal relationships and the ability to engage in meaningful, face-to-face interactions. Addressing brain rot requires a multifaceted approach that emphasises mindfulness, discipline and a commitment to personal growth. Setting boundaries for screen time and being intentional about the type of content consumed can help reduce the effects of brain rot. By choosing educational or thought-provoking material over passive entertainment the mind can be stimulated; by prioritising physical health such as regular physical exercise, a balanced diet and setting goals for personal and intellectual growth learning can help foster mental resilience and creativity. They will also help reduce stress and combat mental inertia.

(The writer is an educator; views are personal)

Addressing Hindu persecution in Bangladesh

India must take decisive action to safeguard the persecuted and assert its role as a defender of minority rights, cultural identity and regional stability



PRASHANT TEWARI



The escalating persecution of Hindu minorities in Bangladesh cloaked under the guise of political shifts and regime change, underscores an alarming resurgence of communal violence. With reports of systematic targeting and atrocities emerging over months, the role of the current regime, reportedly influenced by Jamaat-e-Islami, demands scrutiny. India, as the world's largest Hindu-majority nation and a protector of minority rights, cannot afford to stand as a passive observer. Instead, it must respond with decisive and proactive measures to safeguard not only the Hindu minority in Bangladesh but also its own cultural and historical ethos. Reports of widespread violence against Hindus in Bangladesh reveal a pattern of calculated aggression. From desecration of temples and destruction of property to orchestrated violence, these acts are not isolated incidents but part of a broader, systematic campaign. The roots of this antagonism can be traced back to the Great Bengal Partition of 1905 when radical elements sought to establish an Islamic dominion in the region. Although temporarily disrupted by Bangladesh's liberation in 1971, the vision of Darul-ul-Islam—a dominion governed by Islamic law—has been rekindled. Under the current regime, these historical grievances have been weaponised to erode Hindu culture and population. What makes the situation more alarming is the reported nexus between the Bangladeshi government, Pakistan's ISI, radical jihadi groups, and influential ideologues like Jamaat-e-Islami. These forces seem united in their goal of reshaping Bangladesh's demographic and cultural landscape to align with extremist ideologies. **Mohammad Yunus and the Shadow of Global Influence** Central to this crisis is the controversial figure of Mohammad Yunus, a Nobel laureate who reportedly plays a significant role in the regime's ideological alignment. While his global repu-



INDIA MUST SUPPORT THE EMERGENCE OF A FAVOURABLE AND INCLUSIVE REGIME THAT CAN COUNTER EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES. THIS APPROACH, WHILE CONTROVERSIAL, ALIGNS WITH INDIA'S STRATEGIC AND HUMANITARIAN INTERESTS

tation as a microfinance pioneer lends him an aura of credibility, his alleged affiliations with anti-Hindu policies and his ties with external powers, including China and certain factions in the United States, raise concerns. These alignments have not only emboldened the regime but have also enabled it to criticise India under the pretext of democracy and human rights violations. This geopolitical manipulation, leveraging both soft power and hard alliances, directly challenges India's sovereignty and its role as a regional stabiliser. India must counter these narratives with truth and assert its position as a defender of minority rights. The current crisis mirrors the challenges faced by India in 1971. The liberation of Bangladesh under Indira Gandhi was driven by humanitarian and strategic imperatives—protecting millions of refugees and dismantling a regime that perpetuated genocide. Today, the targeting of Hindus in Bangladesh represents a similar humanitarian catastrophe and a strategic threat. India, home to the largest Hindu population in the world, bears a unique responsibility to safeguard its diaspora and kin. The Narendra Modi government has a historic opportunity to emulate the bold decisions of 1971, reaffirming India's role as a protector of justice and a regional powerhouse. **A Strategic Path Forward** India's response to the crisis must be multifaceted, encompassing aggression, diplomacy, and strategic recalibration. India's security apparatus must transcend reactive measures. By identifying and dismantling rogue elements within Bangladesh that orchestrate attacks on minorities, India can send a strong message. Targeted strikes, similar to Israel's preci-

sion operations, could serve as a deterrent and emphasise India's commitment to protecting its Hindu diaspora. Bangladesh's economic reliance on India provides a powerful tool. By imposing strategic trade sanctions and mobilising international opinion, India can isolate the current regime, pressuring it to reconsider its policies. Efforts must also focus on highlighting the human rights abuses faced by minorities in Bangladesh, garnering global support for the cause. Long-term stability in Bangladesh hinges on a government that respects minority rights and values democratic principles. India must support the emergence of a favourable and inclusive regime that can counter extremist ideologies. This approach, while controversial, aligns with India's strategic and humanitarian interests. A bolder proposition involves addressing the demographic realities of 1971 when Hindus comprised around 21 per cent of Bangladesh's population. Securing territories proportional to this demographic could provide a haven for minorities while addressing historical injustices. Such a solution would echo the decisive territorial realignments of 1947 and 1971, albeit adapted to contemporary challenges. The Hindu community worldwide must unite against these atrocities. India, with its population of over one billion Hindus, should lead by example, adopting a robust stance to counter persecution. Strengthened solidarity, coupled with decisive government action, can set a precedent for minority protection globally. **Rebuilding Regional Stability** The crisis also necessitates a reevaluation of India's relationship with Bangladesh. Despite India's pivotal role in Bangladesh's

liberation, successive regimes have displayed hostility and indifference. This lack of gratitude underscores the need for a recalibration of India's foreign policy toward its neighbour. Through a combination of economic, social, diplomatic, and military strategies, India must assert its dominance in the region. The message should be unequivocal: any violence against Hindus or hostile actions will be met with resolute action. Israel's unwavering commitment to its sovereignty and people offers valuable lessons for India. Despite being a small nation, Israel has consistently demonstrated the effectiveness of decisive measures in safeguarding its citizens. India, with its vast resources and geopolitical influence, must adopt similar strategies to protect its minorities and assert its regional leadership. **A Turning Point for India** The Bangladesh crisis represents more than a regional issue; it is a defining moment for India's foreign policy and its identity as a nation. By taking bold and proactive measures, the Narendra Modi government can reaffirm India's role as a defender of justice and humanity. Protecting Hindus in Bangladesh is not just about addressing a humanitarian crisis—it is about asserting India's sovereignty, preserving its cultural identity, and ensuring regional stability. Instead of hoping for UNHRC intervention, the Indian government must rise to the occasion, transforming the crisis into an opportunity to redefine India's role in South Asia. With decisive action, India can prevent history from repeating itself, ensuring that justice prevails and that the legacy of protecting minorities endures. (The writer is prominent columnist and Public Policy Expert; the views expressed are personal)

The imperative of continuous learning in India's AI-driven future

The rapid growth of AI, has intensified the demand for skilled professionals. Yet, a stark talent gap threatens this progress

Technology has become an integral part of our daily lives and work, making continuous learning essential to stay relevant. The rapid adoption of automation and advanced digital technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI), is not just transforming industries but also reshaping the skills employers expect from their workforce. By 2027, it is projected that 80 per cent of engineering roles will require employees to undergo training and development to meet the changing demands brought about by AI advancements, according to Gartner. In India, the demand for skilled professionals in technology-driven fields, especially AI, is growing significantly. Reports by BCG and NASS



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COM indicate that the AI market in the country could grow to \$17 billion by 2027, with an annual growth rate of 25–35 per cent. However, this growth is accompanied by a stark shortage of experts in advanced technologies. NASSCOM estimates that over a million skilled engineers specialising in AI and related technologies will be needed in

the coming years. Alarming, the talent gap could rise from 25 per cent to nearly 30 per cent by 2028, emphasising the critical need for skill development among both new graduates and experienced professionals. One significant challenge is the disconnect between formal education and the practical skills required in the job market. Every year, approximately 1.5 million engineering graduates enter the workforce in India, yet only a fraction secure jobs aligned with their field of study. This mismatch is not due to a lack of opportunities but stems from the gap between the theoretical knowledge imparted in academic institutions and the hands-on skills sought by employers. Beyond technical expertise,

companies now prioritise candidates with interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence, essential for thriving in collaborative and dynamic work environments. The India Skills Report 2024 highlights this concern, noting that while some states, such as Telangana, have made strides in job preparedness among the 18 to 21 age group, critical skill gaps persist. For roles reliant on AI and emerging technologies, the gap ranges from 60 per cent to 73 per cent. These statistics underscore the urgent need for educational institutions to revamp their curricula to better align with industry demands. Updating academic programmes is vital to bridging this gap. Universities and colleges must incorporate indus-

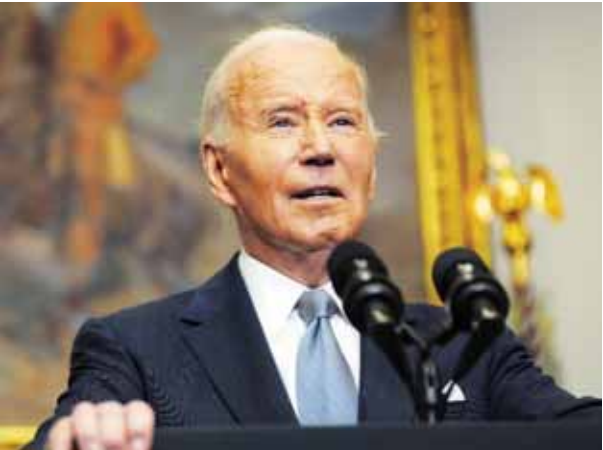


try trends and practical learning experiences into their courses. Today's workforce needs to think critically across disciplines and understand the broader implications of technology on economic, social, and cultural contexts. Flexible and continuous education plays a pivotal role in closing the divide between academic knowledge and the realities of the job market. Digital learning platforms offer

a promising solution in this context. With over 50 per cent of Indians actively using the internet, online education provides accessible opportunities to acquire new skills. Edtech platforms specialising in skill enhancement allow individuals to enroll in tailored courses and programmes, preparing them for rapidly evolving job landscapes. The benefits of continuous learning extend beyond career advancement. Employees who are adaptable and committed to enhancing their knowledge contribute to organisational innovation and help businesses navigate shifting market dynamics. For instance, as AI becomes more integrated across industries, the demand for experts in these technologies will continue to rise.

Forward-thinking companies are already investing in employee training programs to stay competitive and ensure their teams are equipped to handle emerging challenges. Despite these efforts, many traditional educational institutions struggle to meet industry needs. Relying heavily on lecture-based teaching, these institutions often focus on theoretical knowledge at the expense of practical skills. Students have limited access to industry-standard equipment or opportunities for hands-on problem-solving, leaving them ill-prepared for the workforce. Integrating real-world applications into academic learning bridges the gap between theoretical instruction and practical expertise, ensuring graduates are ready to meet

employer expectations. Upskilling is not just about addressing current deficiencies—it involves cultivating a mindset of continuous improvement. In a world where industries evolve rapidly and the shelf life of skills is shrinking, professionals must adapt to new technologies and methodologies quickly. Skills once considered indispensable can become obsolete within a few years, making the ability to learn and relearn critical for success in today's professional environment. For individuals and organisations alike, embracing continuous education is a strategic move to navigate the present and excel in the future. (The writer is CEO at Scholars Merit, views are personal)



President Joe Biden speaks about the sudden collapse of the Syrian government under Bashar Assad from the Roosevelt Room at the White House in Washington

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Fall of Assad regime ‘historic opportunity for people’ of Syria: Biden

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The fall of the Assad regime that brutalised, tortured and killed thousands of innocent Syrians over the past half a century is a historic opportunity for the people of the country, outgoing US President Joe Biden said on Sunday. Biden spoke at the White House hours after rebel groups took over the country following more than a dozen years of violent civil war and decades of leadership by Bashar Assad and his family. “After 13 years of civil war in Syria and more than half a century of brutal authoritarian rule by Bashar Assad and his father before him, rebel forces have forced Assad to resign his office and flee the country. We’re not sure where he is, but there’s word that he’s in Moscow. At long last, the Assad regime has fallen,” Biden said. “This regime brutalised, tortured and killed hundreds of thousands of innocent Syrians. The fall of the regime is a fundamental act of justice. It’s a moment of historic opportunity for the long-suffering people of Syria to build a better future for their proud country,” he said.

It is also a moment of risk and uncertainty, Biden said, adding that over the past few weeks, the support of Hezbollah, Iran and Russia to the Assad regime had collapsed. He observed a new opportunity for the people of Syria now. The Syrian opposition that brought down Assad is led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, which the US says is a terrorist organisation with links to al-Qaida. However, the group says it has since broken ties with al-Qaida. “Looking ahead, the United States will do the following. First, we’ll support Syria’s neighbours, including Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Israel, should any threat arise from Syria during this period of transition. I will speak with leaders of the region in the coming days. I had long discussions with all of our people earlier this morning. I’ll send senior officials from my administration to the region as

well,” he said.

“Second, we will help ensure stability in eastern Syria, protecting our personnel against any threats, and our mission against ISIS will be maintained, including security of detention facilities, where ISIS fighters are being held as prisoners. We’re clear-eyed about the fact that ISIS will try to take advantage of any vacuum to reestablish its capabilities and create a haven. We will not let that happen,” he said. “Just today, US forces conducted a dozen precision strikes, airstrikes, within Syria, targeting ISIS camps and operatives. Third, we will engage with all Syrian groups, including within the process led by the United Nations to establish a transition away from the Assad regime towards independent and sovereign Syria, with a new constitution, and a new government that serves all Syrians. And this process will be determined by the Syrian people themselves,” Biden said. A day earlier, Trump ruled out any role for the US in Syria. “In any event, Syria is a mess, but is not our friend and THE UNITED STATES SHOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. THIS IS NOT OUR FIGHT. LET IT PLAY OUT. DO NOT GET INVOLVED!” he wrote on Truth Social. US Secretary of State Tony Blinken said the US would closely monitor developments as they unfold and engage with our partners in the region. “We will support international efforts to hold the Assad regime and its backers accountable for atrocities and abuses perpetrated against the Syrian people, including the use of chemical weapons and the unjust detention of civilians such as Austin Tice,” he said. Blinken said the United States strongly supports a peaceful transition of power to an accountable Syrian government through an inclusive Syrian-led process. During this transitional period, the Syrian people have every right to demand the preservation of state institutions, the resumption of key services, and the protection of vulnerable communities, he said.

Will make it easier for people to come in legally, says Trump

Insists on deporting all illegal immigrants

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Incoming US President Donald Trump on Sunday said he would go ahead with his plans to deport all illegal immigrants after entering the Oval Office and said at the same time he would make it easier for people to come in, a move that could be helpful to Indians who mostly enter the US legally. “I think you have to do it,” Trump told NBC News in an interview when asked if he plans to deport everyone who is here illegally over the next four years. “You have to have, rules, regulations, laws. They came in illegally. People that have been treated very unfairly are the people that have been online for 10 years to come into the country. We are going to make it very easy for people to come in terms of they have to pass the test. They have to be able to tell you what the Statue of Liberty is. They have to tell you a little bit about our country. They have to love our country,” Trump said.

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Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer meets Director General Youssef Alobaidli as he visits the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, during his three day visit of United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Cyprus.

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Israeli strikes in Gaza kill 6, target chemical weapons sites in Syria

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Palestinian medical officials said Monday that Israeli strikes in the central Gaza Strip overnight killed at least six people, including one woman. The strikes came as ousted Syrian leader Bashar Assad fled to Moscow on Sunday and received asylum from his longtime ally, according to Russian media, hours after rebels seized control of Damascus.

The UN Security Council plans to hold emergency closed consultations on Syria later Monday at Russia's request. Among the dead in the overnight Israeli strikes were Raed Ghabaeni, who was released from Israeli detention in 2014, according to the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, where the casualties were taken.

He was killed along with his wife when an Israeli strike hit their tent in the central town of Zuweida, the hospital records showed. Two other people were killed in a strike that hit their house late Sunday in the built-up Nuseirat refugee camp. Another two were killed in a strike in the Wadi Gaza area early Monday.

An Associated Press journalist counted the bodies at the hospital's morgue.

Israel's offensive has killed over 44,500 Palestinians in the Gaza since the start of the war, according to local health authorities. They say most of the dead are women and children but do not distinguish between fighters and civilians. Israel says it only strikes militants and blames Hamas for civilian deaths because its fighters operate in residential areas.

The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on Oct 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting around 250, including older adults and children. Around 100 hostages are still inside

Gaza, at least a third of whom are believed to be dead.

Turkish foreign minister says Ankara hopes for an inclusive govt in Syria: Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said Monday that Ankara hopes the fall of the Syrian government will usher in a new era where different ethnic and religious groups can live peacefully under an inclusive new government.

Fidan also said his country hopes that a "new Syria" would maintain good relations with its neighbors and bring stability to the volatile region.

"The developments in Syria yesterday have given us a glimmer of hope," Fidan said in a speech to Turkish ambassadors. "We expect international actors, especially the United Nations, to reach out to the Syrian people and support the formation of an inclusive government." The minister said Turkey would continue to support Syria's territorial and political unity and work toward the country's "prosperity, security and stability."

But Fidan said it was important that the Islamic State group and Kurdish militants do not take advantage of the situation, adding that Turkey "would work with determination" to prevent Syria from turning into a "haven for terrorism."

"Turkey, which has reached out to its Syrian brothers during difficult times, will also be by their side, as the new page opens in Damascus," Fidan said. "We believe that the Syrian people will also make good use of this golden opportunity."

Israel says a drone that appears to have originated in Yemen hit a city in central Israel: The Israeli military said Monday that a drone that appeared to have originated in Yemen slammed into a city in central Israel.

Video posted by Israeli news sites showed a large burst of smoke erupting from a high-

rise apartment building. The military said sirens were not sounded to warn of the incoming drone. There were no immediate reports of injuries. Iran-backed militants in Yemen have been attacking Israel since Hamas' assault on southern Israel in October 2023.

Their drones have at times evaded Israel's sophisticated aerial defence system.

Turkey-backed forces take full control of Syrian city from US-backed and Kurdish-led force: The Turkish-backed forces known as the Syrian National Army launched an offensive against the Syrian Democratic Forces in the northern Syrian city of Manbij on Dec 6, days after expelling SDF fighters from the city of Tal Rifaat.

Turkish security officials said Monday that "control of Manbij has been secured," without providing further details. The officials provided the information on condition of anonymity, in line with Turkish regulations.

Turkey views the SDF, which is primarily composed of a Syrian Kurdish militia group, as an extension of the banned Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, and a terrorist organisation. The force, however, has been a key partner of the United States in the fight against the Islamic State group. Separately, the US-backed Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces said in a statement on Monday that a Turkish drone strike in the village of al-Mistriha north of Raqqa in eastern Syria killed 12 civilians, including six children.

Top aide to Assad's brother found dead, war monitor says: A Syrian opposition war monitor says a top aide to the brother of Syria's ousted president was found dead in his office near the capital, Damascus. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Maj Gen Ali Mahmoud, who was in charge

of Maher Assad's office, had led a 2018 military campaign in southern Syria.

A video that circulated on social media allegedly showed Mahmoud covered in blood while sitting on a chair. His clothes appear to have been set on fire. It was not clear if he was killed by Maher Assad or he committed suicide, the observer's chief Rami Abdurrahman said.

Maher Assad was in charge of the army's 4th Armored Division which played a major role in Syria's conflict since it began in March 2011.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Suresh Kumar had acquired Property Plot No. 243-A, area measuring 104 Sq. yds., (Part of Plot no.243 measuring 204 Sq. yds), out of Kharsa No. 10/17/2 & 10/18/2, situated at Village Nangli Sakrawati, about known as Laxmi Vihar, Najafgarh, New Delhi vide G.Pa. Dt. 22.10.2024 along with ATS & Will executed by Mrs. Chanchal Kumar and Now Mr. Suresh Kumar is the undisputed owner of the said property.

OR

Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance however or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) H No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi - 110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Sushil Kumar, Mr. Tilak Raj & Mr. Pawan Kumar had acquired Portion of Plot No. 28 & 29, area 95.5 sq. yards, out of Plot No. 191 sq. yards, Kharsa No. 15/1, situated at Village Ranthoula Hassal, Delhi State Del. Dt. 21.10.2024 along with ATS & Will executed by Mrs. Mr. Shiva Bhagat Singh & Mr. Sushil Kumar. Mr. Tilak Raj & Mr. Pawan Kumar are the undisputed owners of the said property.

OR

Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance however or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Ram Prakash Saxena had acquired Part of Plot No. 03, area measuring 190 sq. yards out of Total Land area measuring 300 sq. yards, Kharsa No. 10/24, situated in the area of Village Johri Pur alias Jeeva Pur in the abadi of Shani Bazar Road, Ilaga Shadarda, Delhi vide G.Pa. Dt. 10.04.2024 along with ATS & Will executed by Mr. Hari Kishan Jindal and Now Mr. Ram Prakash Saxena is the undisputed owner of the said property.

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Public Notice Lost and Found

This is to inform the general public that Sh. Nizamuddin, S/o. Sh. Mohd. Yasin, R/o A-28/29, First Floor, Abu Fazal Enclave, Part I, Jamia Nagar Okhla, New Friends Colony, P O New Friends Colony, District South East, Delhi-11002, has the sub-leasehold rights of Dwelling Unit No. 1505, Tower- CS-12 on the 15th Floor, in the Complex known as "Capetown" Built on Group Housing Plot No. GH-01/A, Sector-14, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.), having a Super area of 1150 Sq. Feet (i.e. 106.83 Sq. Mtrs.) along with one covered Car Parking, fully registered vide Document No. 9199, registered at Sub-Registrar II, Noida, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 8387, Page No. 85 to 126, as Document No. 50581, dated 22/06/2018.

A Lost Article Information Report Registered by e-hans dated 25/06/2024, vide L.A.R. No. 2024 000539220 had also been registered by Smt. Paromita Roy W/o Sh. Anurudha Roy for the same. If anyone has any right/claim/interest/claims over the undermentioned property, they are advised to approach the undersigned within 10 days along with necessary proof to substantiate the claim. If no response is received within 10 days, it is presumed that the property is free from any charge/claim/encumbrance, and they shall proceed with the mortgage.

Details of the Property - Sub-Leasehold rights of Dwelling Unit No. 1505, Tower-CS-12 on the 15th Floor, in the Complex known as "Capetown" Built on Group Housing Plot No. GH-01/A, Sector-14, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.)

Details / Contact: Sh. Nizamuddin, S/o Sh. Mohd. Yasin, Contact: 9717052086

S Korea's Justice Ministry imposes travel ban on President Yoon over martial law

AP ■ SEOUL

South Korea's Justice Ministry on Monday imposed an overseas travel ban on President Yoon Suk Yeol as authorities investigate allegations of rebellion and other charges in connection with his short-lived declaration of martial law last week.

Yoon's martial law decree last Tuesday, which brought special forces troops into Seoul streets, plunged South Korea into political turmoil and caused worry among its key diplomatic partners and neighbours.

On Saturday, Yoon avoided an opposition-led bid to impeach him, with most governing party lawmakers boycotting a parliamentary vote. But the opposition parties vowed to submit a new impeachment motion against him this week.

Bae Sang-up, a Justice Ministry official, told a parliamentary hearing that it banned Yoon from leaving the country following requests by police, prosecutors and an anti-corruption agency as they expand their probes into the circumstances surrounding Yoon's power grab. On Monday, a senior National Police Agency officer told local reporters in a background briefing that police can also detain Yoon if conditions are met. The contents of the briefing were shared with The Associated Press.

While a sitting South Korean president has immunity from prosecution while in office, that does not extend to allega-

tions of rebellion or treason. This means that Yoon can be questioned and detained by police over his martial law decree, but many observers doubt that police will forcefully detain him or search his office because of the potential for clashes with his presidential security service.

In the case of former President Park Geun-hye, who was thrown out of office in 2017 after being impeached by parliament over a corruption scandal, prosecutors failed to search her office and ended up receiving documents outside the compound because presidential officials turned them away. After refusing to meet with prosecutors while in office, Park underwent questioning by them and was arrested after the Constitutional Court approved her impeachment and ruled to dismiss her as president in March 2017.

The main opposition Democratic Party called Yoon's martial law imposition "unconstitutional, illegal rebellion or a coup." It has filed complaints with police against at least nine people, including Yoon and his former defence minister, over the rebellion allegations.

South Korean prosecutors on

Sunday detained former Defence Minister Kim Yong Hyun, who allegedly recommended that Yoon declare martial law. He became the first person detained in the martial law case. The Defence Ministry last week separately suspended three top military commanders over their alleged involvement in imposing martial law. They were among those facing the opposition-raised rebellion allegations.

On Saturday, Yoon issued an apology over the martial law decree, saying he won't shirk legal or political responsibility for the declaration. He said he would leave it to his party to chart a course through the country's political turmoil, "including matters related to my term in office."

Since taking office in 2022 for a single five-year term, Yoon, a conservative, has been on a near-constant collision course with his liberal rivals who control parliament. The liberals have introduced a slew of motions seeking to impeach some of his top officials and launched a fierce political offensive against Yoon over a spate of scandals involving him and his wife.

In his martial law announce-

ment on Tuesday night, Yoon called parliament a "den of criminals" bogging down state affairs and vowed to eliminate "shameless North Korea followers and anti-state forces."

Yoon's martial law decree lasted only six hours because the National Assembly voted it down, forcing Yoon's Cabinet to lift it before daybreak Wednesday. Some members of Yoon's governing People Power Party cast ballots against Yoon's decree, but the party later decided to oppose his impeachment.

Experts say Yoon's party fears losing the presidency to liberals in a by-election if he is impeached and ousted, as they did after Park was removed from office. PPP leader Han Dong-hun said Sunday his party will push for Yoon's early and orderly exit from office in a way that minimizes social confusion, but he didn't say when that would happen. He also said Yoon will not be involved in state affairs, including foreign policy. Critics say Han likely wants to buy time to help his party restore public confidence. His comments on sidelining Yoon from state affairs have also sparked widespread concern and criticism that it violates the constitution.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I Mr. Vijay Kumar (Aadhar : 9249-9870-4884) S/o Late Daya Ram Chandok R/o D- 65, Aruna Park, Shankarpur, Delhi - 110092 the above named deponent do hereby solemnly affirm and inform that I have debarred my son Mr. Monish Chandok from my all moveable and immovable properties including Property No. D- 65, (Old No. 44) sq. yds. situated at the abadi of Aruna Park, Shankarpur, Delhi - 110092 due to his mis - behave and non co - operative behavior towards me and other family members. I will not be responsible for any liability of my son Mr. Monish Chandok.
Vijay Kumar

LOST AND FOUND
I, Sushil Kalra S/O Om Parkash have lost the following original documents pertaining to property no. A-2/237, Janakpuri , Delhi - 110058

Document Date	Document No.	Document Description
7/1/1971	No. F.21 (248)/70	Auction letter by DDA
7/3/1972	No. F.21 (248)/70 - LSB R	Possession Letter by DDA
10/9/1980	No. F.22(274)/73	Occupancy Certificate
18/01/1973	3442	Perpetual Lease Deed

Finder of the above documents may please contact 98119212400

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that I, Kuldeep Singh Kahlon, S/o Pitam Singh Kahlon, R/o Flat No 2478, Catil, Second Floor, Sector-C, Ph-2, Vasant Kunj Delhi-110057, Tricokpuri, Delhi from Mrs. Leena Golewalkar, Mr. Rajiv Narain Mathur & Mr. Sanjay Narain Mathur who became owners after the death of Late Mr. Vishnu Narain Mathur and same to be financed & mortgaged by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd. That, Mr. V.N. Mathur became owner vide Conveyance Deed dated 31.01.1996 (vide Doc. No.547) executed by POI through DDA, further Mr. Vishnu Narain Mathur died on 03.11.2013 & his wife Mrs. Pushpa Mathur also died on 24.04.2017 leaving behind their legal heirs namely Mrs. Leena Golewalkar (Daughter), Mr. Rajiv Narain Mathur and Mr. Sanjay Narain Mathur (Sons). If any Person having any type of claim/right/interest over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 10days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, liens etc. Lucen Legal LLP B-93B, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank Sector 2 Noida, UP-201301>Contact No:9120-4269379

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is publically notified that flat No.- 30B, Block-U-3, Sector-11, Noida has been allotted in the name of Anil Kumar Murjani S/o Late Parmanand N. Murjani R/o Flat No.-30B, Block-U-3, Dhalwalgiri Apartment, Sector-11, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar (U.P.) and GPA was executed in favour of Varinder Kumar Murjani S/o Shri Hari Lal P. Murjani R/o BG-3/65C, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi, Delhi-110063, and the GPA executed at Noida Vide Book No 1 Volume No. 1782 on pages 331-336 at Document No. 968 dated 28-10-2002. So with the help of the notice it is informed the transfer of the above house in favour of Jyoti Murjani W/o Shri Varinder Kumar Murjani R/o BG-3/65C, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi, Delhi-110063 and the Agreement to Sell was not registered. If any one has any objection he/she may submit his/her, objection in the Housing Department of Noida Authority along with sufficient proofs within 30 days of the publication this notice.
N. K. Yadav (Advocate)
Gautam Buddha Nagar

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of our client, Mr. Gurmeet Singh S/o Mr. Jagan Singh R/o Behind Gesta Bhawan, Jeevan Puri Store, Ekta Nagar, Palwal, Haryana, 121102 ("Owner"), Mrs. Pinki was the owner of a schedule property by virtue of Sale Deed which was duly registered with the concerned Sub-Registrar-Palwal (as Document No. 9750 on Addt. Book No. 1, on 04.10.2011) as per the said deed, an FIR (Haryana Police Crime Services) bearing Application No. 132607/12401659 was also lodged. (LOST SALE DEED DOCUMENTS). Public are warned not to deal with the Document and any person receiving or dealing with the said Document would be at their own risk and responsibility (including criminal liability) and our client shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss incurred by such person (s) on account of any such unauthorized dealing, our client will proceed to take such action including applying to concerned authorities for issue of duly Certified Copies/Certified True Copies/ Duplicate Copies of the Document.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Property area measuring- 120 sq. yds., Kharsa No. 1156 (2-10), Situated at Wakia Mauza Ekta Palwal Under Had Nagr Panchsah Palwal Town & District, Palwal.

Sachin Maheshwari & Associates (SMA) Law Offices,
Sachin Maheshwari Advocate
Badnapur Border, New Delhi.
Mob. 9911380328 / Ph. 011-69653588.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Jagtap Sujata Raju W/o- No. 14647201X Hav Jagtap Raju Bhagwan, R/o- Vill- Astagaon, Teh- Parner, Dist- Ahmednagar, Maharashtra- 414005, have changed my Name from Jagtap Sujata Raju to Saguna Raju Jagtap, vide affidavit dated 09/12/2024 before Notary Public Delhi

PD(1039)C
I, Neha Sharma spouse of Amit Kumar Sharma R/o H.No. B-26, Tower wali Gali, Ajanta Colony Garh road, Meerut (U.P.)250004 have changed my name from NEHA SHARMA to NEHA GAUR.Vide Affidavit Number IN- UP70157840960773W dated 21/11/2024 at Meerut.

PD(1040)A
I, Indresh S/o Jagdish Kumar Gaba R/o House. No. 200, Sector-04 Rewari-123401, Haryana, have Changed my Name to Indresh Gaba for all future purposes.

PD(1041)A
I, Jagdish Kumar S/o Mohan Lal R/o. House No. 200, Sector- 04, Rewari-123401, Haryana, have Changed my Name to Jagdish Kumar Gaba for all future purposes.

PD(1042)A
I, Rajkumari, W/O, Chhaviraj Singh, R/o, 19 - M - Block, Anandvas, J J Colony, Shakurpur, Delhi - 34, My Name Malti Singh, Wrongly Written In documents, Correct Is Rajkumari.

PD(1043)C
LOST & FOUND

I, Roop Narayan Garg S/o Shri Jagdish Prasad R/o Mohalla Purani Mandi, Narnaul, Haryana declare that I Am Owner of Flat No. 9-0, Pocket- 2, Kondli Gharoli, New Delhi. My Property Demand Letter has been Lost at Delhi.

PD(1044)C

Landslides, flash floods hit Indonesia's Java island

AP ■ SUKABUMI (INDONESIA)

Indonesian rescuers recovered 110 bodies that were swept away in flash floods or buried under tons of mud and rocks that hit hilly villages on the country's main island of Java, officials said Monday. Two people are still missing.

Torrential rains since last week have caused rivers to burst their banks, tearing through more than 170 villages in Sukabumi district of West Java province, as mud, rocks and trees tumbled down mountainside hamlets, said Lt Col Yudi Hariyanto, who heads a rescue command post in Sukabumi.

Landslides, flash floods and strong winds devastated 172 villages and forced more than 3,000 people to flee to temporary government shelters, Hariyanto said. Authorities have warned nearly 1,000 people to evacuate as more than 400 houses are threatened by extreme weather.

also damaged more than 3,300 other houses and buildings, the local Disaster Management Agency said.

Rescue workers on Monday pulled out 10 bodies in the worst-hit villages of Tegaleleud, Simpenan and Ciemas, including three children, and rescuers are searching for two villagers who are reportedly still missing, Hariyanto said. Videos circulating on social media showed flash floods caused by heavy downpours in Sukabumi swept away almost everything in their path, including cars, motorbikes, buffaloes and cows.

Footage released by West Java's Search and Rescue Agency showed roads that were transformed into murky brown rivers and villages covered by thick mud, rocks and uprooted trees as soldiers, police and rescue workers pulled mud-caked bodies from a devastated hamlet. Seasonal rain from about October to March frequently causes flooding and landslides in Indonesia, an archipelago of 17,000 islands where millions of people live in mountainous areas or near fertile flood plains.

Taiwan says China sent naval ships into nearby waters

AP ■ BEIJING

China's military appears to be preparing for widely anticipated drills in response to a recent visit by Taiwan's president to Hawaii and Guam. Taiwan's defence ministry said Monday that it detected Chinese naval and coast guard ships entering the Taiwan Strait and the western Pacific and that China had restricted airspace along its southeast coast through Wednesday.

There was no immediate confirmation from the Chinese side.

A Taiwan defence ministry statement said it has set up an emergency response centre and launched combat readiness exercises. It did not say what those exercises entailed.

The Chinese government says Taiwan is part of its territory and opposes American support and military sales to the self-governing island. Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te made stops in Hawaii and Guam during a weeklong tour of the Pacific that ended Friday. China maintains that Taiwan is a province that should not have its own president or foreign relations.

उत्तराखण्ड सामाजिक अंकेक्षण, जवाबदेही एवं पारदर्शिता अभिकरण

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The minimum tenure of post shall be of one year and can be extended upto the maximum tenure of 3 years or 65 years of age whichever is earlier. The maximum age at the time of recruitment shall not be more than 62 years. Interested persons fulfilling the above conditions are required to submit their CV/application along with photocopies of certificates/credentials on email: sau.ukrd@gmail.com by 09-01-2025 till 5.00 pm in the Office of Director, Uttarakhand Social Audit, Accountability and Transparency Agency (USAATA), 92/1 Guru Teg Bahadur Road, Lane No. 4, Dehradun-248001.

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Director Social Audit



Development in every sector with mantra of ‘Reform, Perform and Transform’ is visible : PM Modi

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the development following the mantra of ‘Reform, Perform and Transform’ is visible in every sector. Addressing the inaugural session of the Rising Rajasthan Summit here, Modi said today every expert and investor in the world is very excited about India. “In the last ten years, India has become the 5th largest economy from the 10th largest. In the last ten years, India has almost doubled the size of the economy. India’s exports have also almost doubled in ten years,” he said. Modi stressed on the importance of having a large manufacturing base in India. “Today the world needs an economy that continues to function strongly even during the biggest crisis. It should not be disrupted. For this, it is very important to have a large ‘manufacturing base’ in India,” he said. He said that it is a great achievement in itself that democracy is flourishing in a diverse country like India. “Welfare of humanity while being democratic is at the core of India’s philosophy. The people of India are voting for a stable government in India through their democratic right. The youth power is taking this forward,” he said. The PM said that India is going to be among the youngest countries in the world for many years to come. “India will have the largest pool of youth as well as the largest skilled youth segment. For this, the government is taking many decisions one after the other,” he said. The Prime Minister said India

has shown how the democratisation of digital technology is benefiting every sector and every class. “India is showing the world the real power of ‘Democracy, Demography and Data,’” he said. PM Modi said our government is working on the mantra of development as well as heritage, and Rajasthan is getting huge benefits from it. He said the priority of the post-independence governments was neither the development of the country nor the heritage and Rajasthan has suffered the loss due to this. “Rajasthan is not just rising but also proving to be reliable. The state is receptive to change and knows how to refine itself over time. Recently, Rajasthan’s “R-factor” has gained an additional dimension, with the people electing a responsive government led by the BJP,” he said. Modi said in a short span of time, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma and his team have delivered impressive results and his commitment towards the state’s development are highly commendable. “Under the leadership of the current government, new opportunities are being created for the youth, while infrastructure projects like road and electricity developments are progressing rapidly. The government’s swift action in controlling crime and corruption has instilled confidence among investors and people,” he said. Highlighting the potential of the state, he said Rajasthan is rich in natural resources, with a vast land area and a strong, skilled young workforce.

Air India to purchase 100 more Airbus aircraft



PTI ■ MUMBAI

Private carrier Air India on Monday announced placing an order to purchase 100 more Airbus aircraft, comprising 10 wide-body A350 and 90 narrow-body A320 family aircraft including A321neo. These 100 new aircraft are in addition to the orders of 470 aircraft that Air India had placed with Airbus and Boeing last year, Air India said in a statement. The airline also announced it has tied up with Airbus for component and maintenance support for its A350 fleet. The latest order takes the total number of aircraft that Air India ordered with Airbus from 250 to 350. The order placed in 2023 for 250 planes comprised 40 A350 and 210 A320 family aircraft. Air India in February 2023 announced that it would place an order for 470 aircraft, with an additional 370 options. This was confirmed in June 2023, with the order comprising 40 Airbus A350s, 20 Boeing 787s and 10 Boeing 777-9s wide-body aircraft, as well as 210 Airbus A320/321 Neos and 190 Boeing 737 MAX single-aisle aircraft. However, in December last year, the airline rejigged this order with 140 neo planes and 70 A320neo, as against the earlier order of 140 A320neo and 70 A321 neo aircraft.

Besides, it also reshuffled its A350 order with 20 A350-900s and 20 A350-1000s as against six A350-900 and 34 A350-1000s ordered in February 2023. “With India’s passenger growth outpacing the rest of the world, its significantly improving infrastructure and an aspirational young population increasingly going global, we see a clear case for Air India to expand its future fleet beyond the firm orders of the 470 aircraft placed last year,” said Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons and Air India. These additional 100 Airbus aircraft will help position Air India on the path to “greater growth” and contribute to our mission of building Air India into a world-class airline that connects India to every corner of the world, he said. With the order for 100 additional aircraft, Air India currently has a total of 344 new aircraft incoming from Airbus, having received six A350s so far, it said. Air India in 2023 had also placed orders for 220 wide-body and narrow-body aircraft with Boeing, of which 185 aircraft remain to be delivered, the company said. Meanwhile, Air India on Monday also said it has selected Airbus’ Flight Hour Services-Component (FHS-C) to support the maintenance of its growing A350 fleet.

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The Borrowers, in specific and the public in general are here buy notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledge in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Axis Bank at the below mentioned Branch. The below mentioned Borrowers has availed the credit facility from the Axis Bank Limited against the pledge of gold ornaments ("Gold Loan Facility") in favour of the Bank towards the security. The Demand notices were issued to the Borrowers/ Guarantors calling up the Borrowers/ Guarantors to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold loan facility availed. As the Borrowers/ Guarantors have failed to repay the outstanding loan amount, the bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and proposed to conduct an e-auction sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in schedule of property hereunder on 20-12-2024 at 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm on "As In Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" and "No Recourse Basis". Details of Borrowers and outstanding amount.						Arvindra Kumar Yadav	X0000000005716	65818	04-11-2024	17.550	16.500	Asha	X00000000002185	103014	27-09-2024	26.000	23.200
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						Rajesh Sonakiya	X0000000003218	37963	04-08-2024	9.580	9.000	Tejubai	X00000000008764	29984	20-07-2024	7.600	7.300
						Vinod Shukla	X0000000005523	137700	20-11-2024	40.030	38.000	BRANCH : KARELI C2841 MP					
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						Deepak Meena	X0000000005619	87514	20-11-2024	28.300	27.300	BRANCH : NAGDA, UJJAIN (UJJ MP					
						BRANCH : HARDA [MP]						Amar Sharma	X0000000006582	737300	20-11-2024	194.300	153.200
						Mukesh Didel	X0000000007129</										

Nine-year-old boy becomes youngest Indian to beat a chess Grandmaster

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Nine-year-old Delhi boy Aarit Kapil has become the youngest Indian to beat a chess Grandmaster as he emerged victorious against Raset Ziatdinov of United States in the ninth and penultimate round of the KIIT International open tournament here.

At 9 years, 2 months and 18 days, Aarit is the youngest Indian and third in the world to beat a GM under the classical time control.

The youngest player in the world to beat a GM is Indian-origin Singapore boy Ashwath Kaushik who won against Jacek Stupa of Poland when he was just 8 years and six months old earlier this year.

Ziatdinov, 66, is certainly past his prime if the game was any indication. As is usually the case when an experienced GM plays against a youngster,



Ziatdinov did many things right positionally to get the upper hand thanks to his better pawn structure. To Aarit's credit, he fought on

after standing slightly worse with his white pieces. It was a long-drawn endgame wherein Ziatdinov made the final mistake and lost a

knight on Sunday. The resulting position just needed decent calculation and the young lad from Delhi had no troubles whatsoever

in converting his advantage in to a well-deserved win. The game lasted 63 moves. While the victory places Aarit among the elite young talents, it remains to be seen how he performs in upcoming tournaments. The next challenge awaits him in form of under-13 national championship to be held at Durgapur later this month, followed by his own age group event, the under-9 nationals in Pune.

Meanwhile, Grandmaster Boris Savchenko of Russia won the KIIT tournament, settling for a draw with India's Sayantan Das in the final round. Savchenko scored 8.5 points out of a possible 10.

The top three youngest players to beat a Grandmaster:

1. Ashwath Kaushik (Singapore) – 8 years 2 months
2. Leonid Ivanovic (Serbia) - 8 years 11 months



Atletico Madrid stunning 4-3 victory over Sevilla

AP ■ MADRID

Atletico Madrid conceded its three-point lead over fourth-place Athletic Bilbao, which beat Villarreal earlier Sunday.

Rodrigo De Paul gave Atletico the perfect start when he lashed home a stunning opener in the 10th minute.

However, goals from Dodi Lukébakio, Isaac Romero and Juanlu Sanchez put Sevilla 3-1 up early in the second half and Atletico, without the vocal support of some home fans in a dispute over tickets, seemed lost in an unusually quiet at Metropolitano Stadium.

Simeone's side, though, is known for its resilience and it was not long before the fightback began.

Griezmann reduced the deficit in the 62nd minute and 17 minutes later, after Simeone made five substitutions in a quarter of an hour, Samuel Lino got the equalizer with a low shot from 30 yards.

Griezmann himself got the winner in stoppage time to

consolidate Atletico's third place.

The Madrid club now has 35 points, one behind city rival Real and three behind league leader Barcelona.

"We struggled to get into the game," Griezmann said. "We missed the support of the fans behind the goal. But in the end we managed to come back."

FOURTH-PLACE BILBAO BEATS VILLARREAL

Athletic Bilbao consolidated fourth place with a comfortable 2-0 win over Villarreal, the team immediately below it in the table and one of its closest rivals for a Champions League spot.

Aitor Paredes put Athletic ahead when he glanced home a corner kick in 14 minutes and Iñaki Williams made it 2-0 midway through the second half.

It was the fourth consecutive league win for Athletic but the victory was marred by a silent protest from an organized fan group. The group refused to sing or chant in response to a rift between it and the club president, who reported threats to police earlier in the week.

Several Athletic players expressed solidarity with the president and the team did not salute the fans behind the goal after the match.

"It's a very sad win and a time for everyone to pull

together," club captain Óscar De Marcos said in comments reported by newspaper Marca. "The silence was notable during the game but we need to keep doing our job."

Earlier Sunday, Real Sociedad won for the fourth time in a row, beating Leganes 3-0 at the Butarque stadium near Madrid.

Three days after his extra-time goal gave Sociedad a 1-0 win at fourth-tier Conquense in the Copa del Rey, Brais Méndez scored again to give the visitors an early lead.

Substitute Ander Barrenetxea's first goal of the league season doubled its lead 10 minutes from time and then Mikel Oyarzabal added a third in stoppage time.

It was only the fourth time in 16 matches that Sociedad has scored twice in a league game and the win lifted it into sixth, above Osasuna, which drew 2-2 with Alaves.

Alaves took only 37 seconds for Kike Garcia to put the team ahead with a diving header.

However, Ante Budimir and Rubén García scored early in the second half to put Osasuna in front before Kike Garcia got his second of the game to tie the scores at 2-2.

The point was the first for new Alaves coach Eduardo Coudet but still leaves it in 15th place without a win in five games.

Scheffler defends Hero World Challenge title

PTI ■ ALBANY (BAHAMAS)

Scottie Scheffler was at his consistent best while firing a solid 9-under 63, good enough for the World No. 1 American to defend the Hero World Challenge title on the fourth and final day here.

Scheffler finished the event with a total of 25-under (263: 67, 64, 69, 63) on Sunday.

The 28-year-old won by six shots over Tom Kim, and it was the largest winning margin at the Albany Golf Club and the biggest in the tournament history since the 10-shot margin achieved by Jordan Spieth in 2014.

South Korean Kim finished second with a final round of four-under 68 for a total of 270 (74, 65, 62, 68).

But Kim can be proud of his comeback and running Scheffler close after going 2-over on day 1 and his third round card of 62 was the best day's score by any golfer in this tournament.

"I think only two bogeys for the week and then I made a good amount of birdies. Eliminating the mistakes and making a good amount of birdies is always helpful," said Scheffler.

"I'm very thankful to be sitting here with the trophy. Winning the Hero (World Challenge), which is Tiger Woods' event, is pretty special," added the American, who was presented the trophy by Woods and Pawan Munjal, Executive Chairman of Hero MotoCorp.

Debutant Indian-American Akshay Bhatia (69) missed several putts to finish fourth at 15-under and Keegan Bradley (71) was fifth at 14-under.

Sahith Theegala (74) was eighth and Indo-British Aaron Rai (70) was tied 14th.

However, Scheffler's commanding victory kept the stats men busy.

Scheffler equalled the best-ever winning total of 25-under set by Bubba Watson in 2015.

AP ■ ROME

Danilo Cataldi texted hospitalized Fiorentina teammate Edoardo Bove to say that he would score for him and then fulfilled his promise in a 1-0 win over Cagliari.

It was Fiorentina's first Serie A match since Bove collapsed on the field during a game against Inter Milan last weekend and was placed in a medically induced coma.

The 22-year-old has been awake and alert since last Monday as doctors continue to investigate the cause of his collapse.

Cataldi found the top corner midway through the first half and that was all Fiorentina needed for its eighth straight



win in the Italian league to match the club record set in 1960.

After he scored, Cataldi ran toward a TV camera, held up four fingers to match Bove's No. 4 jersey then created a heart symbol with his fingers

as he shouted, "I told you. I told you."

"I texted him before the match, saying: Watch the game on TV because I'm going to score a goal into the top corner," Cataldi said. "He said it was impossible.' We're

pleased that he's feeling well and about these three points." Fiorentina, which has a game in hand since the match against Inter was abandoned, moved level on points with third-place Inter. Fiorentina is three points behind new leader Atalanta, which is on a nine-game winning streak, and one point behind second-place Napoli, which was beaten 1-0 at home by Lazio.

Gustav Isaksen scored for Lazio with a long-range shot late in the second half.

Lazio also moved level on points with Inter and Fiorentina.

Napoli had led for most of the season under first-year coach Antonio Conte but has now lost at home to both Atalanta and Lazio.

Mbappé reaffirms his commitment to France after missing recent games

AP ■ PARIS

Kylian Mbappé has reaffirmed his commitment to France despite missing recent games, saying "there's nothing bigger than the national team."

The 2018 World Cup winner was left out for Nations League matches against Israel and Italy last month, with coach Didier Deschamps saying "it's better that way" and adding that the player's struggles were physical and mental.

Mbappé is France's captain and was also absent from a previous gathering in October because of a minor thigh injury, but nevertheless played for Real Madrid.

"I've always said there's nothing bigger than the national team," Mbappé said on Sunday night during a television interview with Canal Plus. "My love for the France team hasn't changed."

Deschamps' reference to his mental state led some



observers to speculate Mbappé suffered from depression.

He took a moment to explain that he has not.

"There are people who really are in a depression and who should be helped. This is not a subject which should be taken lightly," Mbappé said. "I am not going to claim that (I had a depression)." However, he alluded to unfair treatment when saying "people ask a lot of me" as captain compared to his predecessor, the goalkeeper Hugo Lloris, and also took a swipe at those who questioned his dedication

to France.

"I've always put it above anything else. I even gave my nose," Mbappé said, referring to his broken nose at the European Championship this year.

Mbappé, who turns 26 on Dec. 20, is third on France's all-time scoring list with 48 goals, only Thierry Henry (51) and Olivier Giroud (57) are ahead of him.

He scored a superb hat trick in the 2022 World Cup final, but his scoring ratio has dropped recently with two goals in the past 12 games for Les Bleus.

Mbappé said he gave the television interview because he's had enough of people talking for him in recent weeks, when his struggles with Madrid have also been widely commented upon.

"When you're a star, if you don't talk, people talk in your place. That's why I'm talking now," said Mbappé, who also spoke for the first time about reports of a rape investigation in Sweden.

Botafogo wins its first Brazilian league title

AP ■ SAO PAULO

Copa Libertadores Champion Botafogo had another big reason to celebrate as the club owned by American businessman John Textor beat Sao Paulo 2-1 to win its first Brazilian league title since 1995.

Botafogo won the title for the third time with 79 points in 38 matches to finish six points ahead of runner-up Palmeiras.

Jefferson Savarino scored the first goal for host Botafogo in the 37th minute at the Nilton Santos Stadium, but a defensive mistake allowed an under-strength Sao Paulo side to equalize in the 63rd through William Gomes.

Gregore netted the winner in injury time for the Rio de Janeiro-based team. The same player was sent off after a first-minute foul in the Copa Libertadores final against Atletico Mineiro.

Botafogo overcame that difficulty to beat their countrymen 3-1 and lift its first South American crown



on Nov. 30. That earned Botafogo a spot at the Club World Cup in the United States next year.

Palmeiras, the last rival standing between Botafogo and the trophy, lost 1-0 at home to Fluminense, which managed to avoid relegation and send Athletico Paranaense to the second division instead. Kevin Serna scored in the 37th minute.

It's another welcome trophy

for Textor.

Asked if he had expected Botafogo to win major trophies in only three years since he took over, Textor replied "not at all."

"I can't really say I believed it," Textor told journalists on the field Sunday. "When you have ambition, it doesn't necessarily mean you know (you will win)," Textor said. "It happened much before we expected. We are very

excited about that."

Before the club won the Copa Libertadores, Textor was under widespread criticism from fans because of financial difficulties and poor results.

Textor's Eagle Football also owns Crystal Palace in the Premier League, French club Lyon and RWD Molenbeek in Belgium.

Textor has had his share of critics in Brazil, after making unproven allegations about match-fixing when Botafogo squandered a 13-point lead to miss out on the league title last year.

Botafogo was relegated from the league in 2020 but has risen to prominence again with Textor's investment. He was part of a wave of foreign owners who came into Brazilian soccer after a 2021 law change paved the way for private investors.

Textor has spent big on star signings for Botafogo such as Argentina midfielder Thiago Almada for \$25 million and winger Luiz Henrique for \$21 million.

F1 in 2025: Close racing, Lewis Hamilton at Ferrari and plenty of new faces

AP ■ ABU DHABI

Even before he'd parked his car after winning the last Formula 1 race of 2024, Lando Norris made a vow to be champion in 2025.

"Next year is going to be my year, too," Norris, who was runner-up to Max Verstappen this year, told the McLaren team over the radio.

After four different teams won races in 2024, next year could see an even closer contest for the title. Lewis Hamilton will be aiming for an eighth career championship at his new team, Ferrari, and there'll be ambitious young drivers joining the grid.

CLOSE COMPETITION

Major rule changes in F1 tend to shake up the established order, but can let one team gain a big

advantage.

When the same rules are in place for a while, teams tend to be more evenly matched. The season-long competition for the title in 2021 between Verstappen and Lewis Hamilton preceded a rule change for 2022.

Expect McLaren and Norris to be in the hunt next time.

"The one thing I've learned this year is probably to believe in myself a bit more," Norris said Sunday. "I've certainly not come out on top as often as I would have liked in certain moments as a driver, especially in my fights against Max. As much as it hurts sometimes, I'm probably happy about it now that I'm going to go into next season knowing that I can fight."

Some worry focusing on 2025 could hurt them in the long run, and may be



tempted to aim for 2026 instead.

Carlos Sainz Jr. On Sunday said his new team, Williams, is "preparing to maximize

that chance" in 2026. Aston Martin has Adrian Newey, widely considered F1's greatest designer, heading up its development after he left

Red Bull. Audi is turning Sauber into its works team for 2026 and General Motors is joining the grid with its Cadillac brand and may

already have a head start on development.

"Obviously, the earlier start, the bigger advantage you have," Red Bull team principal Christian Horner said, "but if there is a tight championship (in 2025) and it does go down to the wire, then that's going to be a tough balancing act."

HAMILTON AT FERRARI

A seven-time champion in Ferrari red.

Hamilton's move to the storied Italian team could bring back memories of Michael Schumacher, the only other driver to win seven titles in F1.

After an emotional farewell to Mercedes on Sunday, Hamilton's focus will shift quickly to 2025. No driver has won the F1 title with Ferrari since Kimi Raikkonen beat then-rookie Hamilton by a single point in

2007.

"Lewis has achieved so much in the sport and it will be a big motivation," his future teammate Charles Leclerc said Sunday.

Hamilton, F1's only Black driver, has also said he wants to continue his efforts to improve diversity in F1 when he joins his new team.

NEW CHALLENGERS ON THE GRID

Could 2025 be the year the next generation of drivers upsets F1's biggest names? The biggest rookie class in years arrives in F1 with plenty of hype as 18-year-old Andrea Kimi Antonelli steps up from Formula 2 to replace Hamilton at Mercedes.

Oliver Bearman joins Haas after impressive stand-in drives this year, while F2 champion Gabriel Bortoletto moves to Sauber. Alpine gave its new driver Jack Doohan,

son of a motorcycle racing great, an early taste of F1 at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, where he was 15th. Post-season tests Tuesday in Abu Dhabi offer a chance to get valuable experience.

The new arrivals mean experienced drivers will be off the F1 grid.

Ten-time GP winner Valtteri Bottas is likely heading back to Mercedes as a reserve next year after leaving Sauber.

Kevin Magnussen, Zhou Guanyu and Franco Colapinto are also without race seats for 2025.

Then there's Sergio Perez. Second to Verstappen in the 2023 standings, the Mexican driver was nowhere near his Red Bull teammate's pace this season and has faced repeated speculation he will be dropped for 2025 despite a contract extension agreed in June.

