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Prominent BJP MPs Axed in Second LS List

nion Ministers Nitin Gadkari, Piyush Goyal, Anurag Singh Thakur, along with three former Chief Ministers Manohar Lal Khattar Trivendra Singh Rawat, and Basavaraj Bommai, and BJP media chief Anil Baluni, made it to the second list released by the BJP on Wednesday.

includes 72 The list candidates from 11 States for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Of the 72 seats for which the party announced its candidates, 20 each are from Maharashtra and Karnataka, seven Gujarat, six each from Haryana and Telangana, five from Madhya Pradesh, two Delhi. from Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, and one each from Tripura, and Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. With the new list, 267 candidates have been announced by the party. Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has been pitted from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur seat, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways

Nitin Gadkari from Nagpur,

Pivush Goval from Mumbai

North, Pralhad Joshi From

Dharwad, Minister of State

Shobha Karandlaje from

Bangalore North. This is the

first time that Goyal will be

Lok Sabha election. Gadkari had won the seat

ensure Gadkari's victory in the Lok Sabha polls. Gadkari replied saying Uddhav's ridiculous".

Manohar Lal Khattar, who



Left to right: Nitin Gadkari, Manohar Lal Khattar, Piyush Goyal, Anurag Thakur, Anil Baluni, Pralhad Joshi and Tejasvi Surya

contesting the Lok Sabha election. While Gadkari retained his

Nagpur seat after there was a little uncertainty as his name did not feature in the first list of the candidates for the 2024

consecutively in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha polls. A day before the BJP's second list was announced, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray asked Gadkari to leave the BJP if he was being "insulted". Thackeray said the Maha Vikas Aghadi will "offer" was "immature and

resigned as the Chief

DELHI: Six out of seven MPs dropped





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All former CMs accommodated

- Former Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal
- Former Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai Former Uttarakhand Chief
- Minister Trivendra Singh

Minister of Haryana on Tuesday, will contest the from Karnal Trivendra constituency, Singh Rawant from Haridwar and Basavaraj Bommai has been fielded from Haveri. Interestingly, hours before he was named as the BJP candidate for the Karnal Lok the polls citing his Sabha seat, former Haryana commitments related to candidate for the Karnal Lok

Chief Minister Khattar on Wednesday announced he was resigning as the MLA from the Karnal Assembly segment.

In Delhi, the BJP has dropped six out of its seven sitting MPs except Manoj Tiwari, who has been given ticket from North East Delhi.

Harsh Malhotra will contest from East Delhi and Yogendra Chandolia from North West Delhi.

Malhotra replaced cricketer-turnedpolitician and East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir, who earlier this month urged BJP chief JP Nadda to relieve him of political duties ahead of

Malhotra is the former Mayor of erstwhile East Delhi Municipal Corporation. Chandolia, a former Mayor of North Delhi, was fielded by the BJP, dropping outgoing MP from North West Delhi reserved constituency Hans Raj Hans who is a famous Punjabi Sufi singer.

In Úttarakhand, the BJP has replaced two former Chief Ramesh Ministers Pokhriyal Nishank and Tirath Singh Rawat represent Haridwar and (Pauri) seats Garhwal respectively in the current Lok Sabha.

BJP chief spokesperson Anil Baluni will also be fighting his first Lok Sabha poll as the BJP fielded him from Garhwal, replacing former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat.

Former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Ashok Tanwar will contest as BJP candidate from Sirsa. Haryana, the BJP

has fielded Banto from Kataria Ambala-SC parliamentary seat. The seat has been lying vacant since

the death of her husband and former Union Minister Rattan Lal Kataria last year. The party re-nominated its sitting MPs in Gurugram, Bhiwani-Mahendragarh and Faridabad - Rao Inderjit

Krishan respectively. Former Karnataka Chief

Minister BS Yediyurappa's son BY Raghavendra will contest from Shimoga Pratap Simha, the MP who came under fire for signing

the passes to those who intruded on Parliament in a major security breach, has been replaced from the Mysore seat by Yaduveer Krishnadatta Wadiyar of the erstwhile Mysore royal family.

In the Beed constituency in Maharashtra, Pankaja Munde has replaced her sister and incumbent MP Pritam Munde. Sitting MP and Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha President Tejasvi Surya will contest from Bangalore South. BJP chief spokesperson and

Rajya Sabha member Anil Baluni has been fielded from Garhwal in Uttarakhand. BIP leader Vivek Sahu will face former MP CM Kamal Nath's son Nakul Nath in Chindwara. In Madhya Pradesh, Dr Bharati Pardhi will contest from Balaghat, Savitri Thakur from Dhar, Shankar and Lalwani from Indore. In Maharashtra Sudhir Mungantiwar will contest from Chandrapur, Kapil Moreshwar Patil from Bhiwandi, Mihir Kotecha from Mumbai north east,

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Haryana new CM Saini wins trust vote in Assembly

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Nayab Singh Saini-led BJP Government in Wednesday won the trust vote by voice vote in the State Assembly here, a day after he took oath as the new Chief Minister.

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The Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) MLAs left the House when the trust vote was taken up. The JJP had issued a whip, asking its 10 legislators to remain absent from the Assembly during voting on the confidence motion. Speaker Gian Chand Gupta put the

trust vote for voting by voice vote which the Saini Government won.

State Former Home Minister and senior BJP leader Anil Vij was present in the House.

During the voice vote, besides JJP's 10 MLAs, lone legislator of the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) was also not present in the House. Congress members asked Speaker Gupta to conduct voting through secret ballot but he refused saying there was no provision in the rules for the same.



File Photo: Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

Metro corridors set to reduce travel time in Delhi

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The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved two new corridors of Delhi Metro's Phase-IV project — Lajpat Nagar to Saket G-Block and Inderlok to Indraprastha. The total project cost of the two corridors is estimated at Rs 8,399 crore, which will be sourced from the Union and Delhi Governments, and international funding agencies. These two lines will comprise 20.762 kms. The Inderlok — Indraprastha corridor will be an extension of the Green Line and will provide interchange with the Red, Yellow, Airport Line, Magenta, Violet and Blue Lines, while the Lajpat Nagar - Saket G Block corridor will connect the Silver, Magenta,

Pink and Violet Lines. The Lajpat Nagar — Saket G Block corridor will be entirely

elevated and will have eight stations. The Inderlok Indraprastha corridor will 11.349 kms have underground lines and 1.028 kms of elevated lines comprising 10 stations.

The Inderlok — Indraprastha Line will provide enhanced connectivity Bahadurgarh region Harvana as commuters from these areas will be able to travel on the Green Line to directly reach Indraprastha as well as various other areas of central and east Delhi.

These new lines will provide direct connectivity and reduce travel time for passengers, eliminating the need for long detours.

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Electoral bond details to be disclosed in time: CEC

The office of the Election Commission of India is set to witness hectic activity on Thursday as the Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar will be first analysing the data related to the electoral bonds before sharing the details in the public domain as per the directions of the

Supreme Court of India. The State Bank of India (SBI) has already submitted the data related to the electoral bonds to the Election Commission of India on March 12. The deadline to upload the data in the public domain is March 15.

"The SBI was supposed to submit the data by March 12. They have given us the details in time. I will go back and look at the data (and) would disclose it in time," Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar told reporters here in Jammu after reviewing the poll preparedness ahead of the Lok Sabha

The SBI is the authorised financial institution to issue electoral bonds. The SBI on Wednesday told the SC. that a total of 22,217 electoral bonds were purchased by donors between April 1, 2019 and February 15 this year, out of which 22,030 were redeemed by political parties.

The poll panel arrived in Jammu on Wednesday to review preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha and muchawaited Assembly polls in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir after holding consultations with the political parties in Srinagar. Sharing his assessment before leaving



Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar addresses a Press conference on poll preparedness for the upcoming Lok Sabha election, in Jammu, on Wednesday

for New Delhi, Rajiv Kumar said, "The Commission is concerned about holding Lok Sabha and Assembly elections but the final call on whether to hold two elections concurrently will be taken after thorough consultations with the security agencies and political parties." He, however, said elections will be held soon without much delay. "The majority of political parties we met in Srinagar and Jammu demanded that Assembly and Lok Sabha polls be held simultaneously," Kumar told media persons at Jammu.

Regarding holding Lok Sabha and Assembly polls simultaneously, we will take a final call after a thorough security review and consultations with the political parties. Continued on Page 2

Congress woos women voters

Pune.

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7rom ₹one lakh cash Firansfer to 50 per cent quota in jobs for women: announced five big poll promises to woo the women

voters.

Under the ambitious 'Nari Nyay Guarantee' which has promised financial assistance of ₹1 lakh to women from poor families year, Congre.

Mallikarjun every ye president Kharge said the party's guarantees were "pathar ki lakeer" and not a "jumla".

At a women specific event in Maharashtra's Dhule district, the 'Nari Nyay Guarantee', outlined five announcements 'Mahalaxmi', 'Aadhi Aabadi Poora Haq', 'Shakti Sammaan'

'Adhikar Maitri', and 'Savitribai Phule Hostel'. Kharge said words are set in stone. announcement of the "Nari This is our record from 1926 new agenda for the country's women.

He said prior to this, the Congress has announced its guarantees on participatory



justice, farmer justice and youth justice. "Needless guarantees are not empty promises and statements," he said in his

> microblogging platform. "Our platform.

post in Hindi on

Nyay" guarantee will set a till now, when our opponents were being born, we have been making manifestos, and fulfilling those declarations," Kharge said. Continued on Page 2

Pakistani Hindus in India prepare citizenship applications under CAA PIONEER NEWS SERVICE them to reside in India without seeking relaxation in the cutoff citizenship. A resident of

NEW DELHI

With the Centre opening the platform for verification regarding the notification of the implementation Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA), Pakistani Hindus living in India have now started online citizenship applications in Delhi, Nagpur, and elsewhere, according to sources in the Union Ministry of Home Affairs

About 2,000 Pakistani Hindus living in Nagpur are preparing to seek Indian citizenship, with a similar number documented in citizenship. "Do those who came the national Capital. The migrants from the neighbouring

the hassle of seeking visa extensions and other paperwork. wnile protests by certain sections against the CAA continue in Delhi, Assam, Karnataka, and West Bengal, leaders from Opposition parties question the CAA notification, alleging that only minorities are being targeted. Information

Union Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur lashed out at the Opposition, saying thousands of families neighbouring countries now living in India were awaiting from Pakistan and whose twothree generations have passed

country are navigating the have no right to citizenship?" he intricacies of filing online asked.

neighbouring countries would beneficiaries who entered the already submapplications that will enable After the partition of the be protected, but Thakur country in recent years are applications



Meanwhile, some relatives of neighbouring countries would beneficiaries who entered the already submitted their online

date to accommodate them. The Centre implemented the CAA on Monday, notifying the rules four years after the law was passed by Parliament to fast-track citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014 Vinod, who hails from the Sindh province of Pakistan, said he and

seven of his family members crossed over to India through the Wagah-Attari border on a visit visa on December 31, 2014. He said they hadn't even dreamt about the 'life-changing' event that would unfold 10 years later, referring to the CAA. He is among those who have

people who came to India six Indian months after his entry.

Nagpur's Jaripatka locality, which has a sizable population of Sindhis, Vinod mentioned that he was a cloth merchant in Pakistan when he came to India with his wife, two children, parents, and two other relatives. We have been staying here on long-term visas. We are thrilled with the implementation of the CAA as we will now become citizens of India," said Anand, his colleague. Both thanked Prime Minister

Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for making the CAA a reality. Sources said the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been

receiving requests for relaxation of the cutoff date for some

Sensex tanks 900 points **PTI** MUMBAI

Equity benchmark index Sensex on Wednesday crashed over 900 points to sink below the 73,000 level due to widespread selling pressure amid a sharp fall in smallcap and midcap indices. Besides, deep losses in utility, energy and metal stocks and recent selling by

analysts said. Benchmark indices started the session on a positive note, but the selling intensified during afternoon

foreign investors added to the gloom,

trade, with all sectoral indices ending in the red. The 30-share index tanked 906.07 points or 1.23 per cent to settle at

72,761.89. During the day, it dropped 1,152.25 points or 1.56 per cent to

72,515.71.

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Picking up from where she left on Tuesday Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee continued to spit fire on the BIP Government for tossing an electoral "lollipop" – at teeming non-Muslim refugee population — in the form of Citizenship Amendment Act, which she said was a deceitful legislation that would finally end up not in according but snatching the citizenship of the migrant population, particularly the

Matua community. The Matuas are a scheduled caste community that had migrated to India from Bangladesh in the face religious persecution and have large presence in the State's bordering districts including North and South 24

Parganas, Nadia, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Raiganj etc impacting at least 8-10 parliamentary constituencies and 55-75 Assembly seats. Speaking to the media she said,

"This is nothing but a lollipop being dangled at the poor citizens who had migrated to Bengal ... as they are telling this is not an Act that will provide citizenship ... this is an



Act that will finally usher in NRC (National Register for Citizens) which will ultimately away the people's

citizenship rights." As CAA was related to NRC so "we will never allow these to be implemented in Bengal ... we will never allow detention camps to come up in Bengal like Assam where 13 lakh Hindu Bengalis have been incarcerated ... we will not allow such things in this State ... remember this is Bengal." Warning that the BJP

Government was playing with fire Banerjee said, "NRC is bound to follow CAA ... those who are not affected by CAA now will in future be affected by NRC." Apparently the Chief Minister's statement was aimed at both the Matua and particularly the Muslim community — to arrest the post-job-scam alienation, experts like BN Majumdar

Later in Kolkata she said, "as soon as you apply for citizenship through CAA you

play into their hands ... you concede that you are not a citizen whereas you indeed are .. if you are not a citizen then how are you getting the benefits of government schemes, how are you getting ration card or government jobs or properties ... Remember if you get into this trap then you are surrendering your rights ... what will happen to your education, your children's education, your jobs, your

Banerjee who — apparently in

communities Wednesday suddenly cancelled her anti-CAA march at Siliguri said, "CAA is just a hoax a bunkum a fraud on the people

... no one will benefit from this .. this is an electoral tool to gain votes ... so as to make up for their lack of performance in the past five years."
Meanwhile, Opposition Leader
Suvendu Adhikari assured the
people from a rally at Ranghat

that CAA had nothing to do with obliteration of citizenship. "It is a law to give and not to take away citizenship as is being falsely propogated by a liar of a Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee ... I also assure my Muslim brothers and sisters not to get worried by CAA as it will not affect them," he said.

"Our liar of a Chief Minister has said that once you enroll in CAA will lose your benefits like Laxmir Bhandar and Swasthya Saathi etc but I can assure you that if we come back to power we will triple the amount you get in Laxmir Bhandar ... that is from Rs 1,000 we will make it to Rs

He also mentioned plans for

commitment of people, the chief minister stated, "The Progress is achieved when we

Describing Samajwadi Party and Congress as Congress "liabilities", Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath appealed to people on Wednesday to desist from voting for these parties that cannot ensure provision of essentials such as ration, housing, healthcare to the underprivileged nor honour people's faith by getting the Ram temple built in Ayodhya. While inaugurating and laying the foundation stones of 103 development projects worth Rs 241.26 crore in Unnao, Chief Minister Yogi emphasised, "Only those who work without bias should have the right to come to power. And there is only one unanimous voice in the country today, '2024 mein ek bar fir Modi sarkar," he said. Emphasising that the doubleengine government exists due to the support of the people, Minister Chief Adityanath remarked, "With your blessings, the temple of Ram Lalla was constructed in Ayodhya. The Congress and SP have failed to undertake the construction of Ram Lalla's

respect

Bharat."

world's third-largest economy

and herald the dawn of a

'Viksit Bharat'. From Prime

Minister Modi to 'pradhan

parshad' (every local leader), we are all dedicated to

advancing the cause of a 'Viksit

Stating that Unnao is the land

revolutionaries, Chief Minister Yogi remarked: "It was from

this very soil that the bugle of

independence was sounded by the immortal martyr Chandra

Shekhar Azad. This is the

sacred land of Pratap Narayan

Mishra, great poet Suryakant Tripathi 'Nirala', Gaya Prasad

Shukla, Acharya Nand Dulare

Vajpayee, Shivmangal Singh

Suman, Bhagwati Sharan

Verma, Dr Ramvilas Sharma,

former assembly speaker

Hriday Narayan Dikshit. From

revolution and nationalism to

litterateurs

the restoration of Satan Pasi

Asserting that 'Viksit Bharat' should be the collective prime minister has emphasised the concept of 'Panch Pran' for every citizen. Fulfilling civic duties is only possible when an individual upholds the Constitution and prioritises the nation above all. Our foremost aim should be the welfare of the country. work towards this objective."

Highlighting India's enhanced worship of literature, it shows global stature under Prime the fertility of this place." Minister Modi's leadership, the The chief minister noted that chief minister remarked, in Uttar Pradesh, a state Previously, India lacked previously overlooked by many, proposals worth Rs 10.5 internationally. However, in the last decade, lakh crore have been realised India has surged to new through initiatives like the heights of development. Today, fourth edition India stands as a global leader. groundbreaking ceremony (GBC@IV). As we enter the second year of 'Amrit Kaal', in Prime Minister Modi's third term, our aim is to propel India to become the

He emphasised the crucial role of the development of UP in India's overall progress, stating, "India will develop when UP develops, and UP will develop when districts like Unnao advance through development process. Unnaos progress, in turn, depends on the development of villages like Chandrika Kheda."

He added that every village and community was actively working towards achieving the goal of self-reliance.

On this occasion, MP from Unnao, Sakshi Maharaj, UP's Transport Minister Dayashankar Singh, District Panchayat chairperson Shakun Singh, MLA Pankaj Gupta, Ashutosh Shukla, Anil Singh, Bambalal Diwakar, Brajesh Rawat, Shrikant Katiyar, Bharatiya Janata Party's district in-charge Archana Mishra and district president Awadhesh Katiyar and others were

Mamata snaps ties with rebel brother Babun SAUGAR SENGUTPA KOLKATA

 $D_{\text{wildfire in the Trinamool}}^{\text{iscontent}} \ \text{spread like}$ Congress entering Mamata Banerjee's own household with his youngest brother Babun Banerjee on Wednesday complaining injustice and threatening to contest as an Independent candidate from Howrah, prompting the Chief Minister to publicly snap her

family ties with him.
"I regard Mamata Didi who is my elder sister as my God .. but there are some issues with the distribution of tickets ...

like in Howrah ticket was given to Prasun Banerjee who has not only insulted me but who has also failed to do his MPLAD works ... there were many other candidates like Arup Roy (minister) Rajiy Banerjee (former minister) but Prasun Banerjee ... I will not support him" Babun Banerjee

On whether he too wanted a ticket the Chief Minister's brother said that "I considered myself as an able candidate but the party did not think so ... in fact there are some people in the party who spiked my chances ... now I will have to find out these men," adding, "I am thinking of contesting as an Independent candidate ... I am a voters in Howrah and will give Prasun Banerjee a tough

Banerjee's rebellion came within hours of sitting Barrackpore MP Arjun Singh announcing his decision to defy the party lines and contest against Partha Bhowmick who has replaced him as acandidate from the constituency.

Former Congress chief

Rahul Gandhi announced the "Nari Nyay" guarantee as

part of its manifesto. Rahul

announced these guarantees,

along with Kharge, while addressing the Mahila

Sammelan as part of his

ongoing 'Bharat Jodo Nyay

Yatra'. Rahul announced five

guarantees, including Rs one

lakh annually into the bank

accounts of poor women and

50 per cent reservations in

Government jobs if his party

is voted to power in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

While Mahalaxmi Guarantee

is the annual financial

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Most TB patients have no persistent cough, more innovative diagnostics needed: Study

properties?

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A majority of tuberculosis that 82.8 per cent people with tuberculosis had no persistent cough and 62.5 per cent had of persistent cough, a study that analysed data on more than 600,000 individuals in Africa and Asia has said, underscoring the pressing need for innovative diagnostic approaches to combat the world's most deadly infection. This discovery seeks the importance of ongoing research efforts to develop more sensitive and accurate diagnostic tools, ensuring early detection and prompt treatment initiation for all TB

The study is published in the journal Lancet Infectious Diseases. The results showed no cough at all. infection

predominantly transmitted by coughing, but probably also through simply breathing, said researchers from University Amsterdam Medical Center (UMC) in the Netherlands.

"Our results indicate the probable reason why, despite huge efforts to diagnose and the disease, the tuberculosis burden across Africa and Asia is hardly declining. We already knew that there was a giant gap between the 10.6 million who got ill with tuberculosis and the 7.5 million cases that were registered by health authorities in 2022," said Frank Cobelens, Professor of Global Health at Amsterdam UMC.

"A persistent cough is often the entry point for a diagnosis, but if 80 per cent of those with TB do not have one, then it means that a diagnosis will happen later, possibly after the infection has already been transmitted to many others, or not at all," he added.

Further, the analysis of national monitoring schemes in 12 countries showed similar results. While the majority lacked cough, more than a quarter of those with TB had no symptoms at all -- these were seen more in women than men. Also a quarter of the patients without cough showed high loads of bacteria in their sputum and were probably highly infectious.

"When we take all of these factors into account, it becomes clear that we need to really rethink large aspects of how we identify people with TB. It is clear that current practice, especially in the most resource-poor settings will miss large numbers of patients with TB. We should instead focus on X-ray screening and the development of new inexpensive and easy-to-use

Haryana CM Saini wins trust ...

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motion to seek a vote of two-hour discussion took place on the motion. Saini said, "Our Government not only has the trust of the MLAs, but we also have trust of the people of Haryana."

JJP MLAs Devender Singh Babli, Ram Kumar Gautam, Ishwar Singh, Ram Niwas and Jogi Ram Sihag left the House when the trust vote was taken

In the 90-member State Assembly, the BJP has 41 members, and it also enjoys the support of six of the seven independents as well as of lone Haryana Lokhit Party MLA Gopal Kanda. The main opposition Congress has 30 MLAs.

The BJP was comfortably placed in Haryana Assembly even without the JJP's support.

The BJP named Saini as Haryana's new Chief Minister on Tuesday, hours after the surprise resignation of Manohar Lal Khattar from the post along with his cabinet ministers.

During the discussion on the trust vote, Chief Minister Saini praised Khattar for the works undertaken during his nine-year-long tenure. He said it is his first day in the House as Chief Minister and Leader of the House.

Before the Chief Minister confidence moved the motion, Congress MLAs sought to know from Speaker Gupta about the urgency of convening the Assembly session. "There was no emergency," senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda said and claimed that proper time was not given to

Party MLA B B Batra asked,

Metro ...

the increasing congestion in the city. "Today two new metro corridors have been given permission, on which Rs 8,400 crore will be spent. There will be about 8.4kilometer metro line from Lajpat Nagar to Saket G Block. It will have eight stations. The second is from Inderlok to Indraprastha, this Earlier, Saini had moved a will be a metro line of about 12.4 kilometre. It will be completed by March 2029...," Thakur said while addressing a Press conference after the Union Cabinet meeting.

"Eight new interchange stations will come up on these corridors at Inderlok, Nabi Karim, New Delhi, Delhi Gate, Indraprastha, Lajpat Nagar, Chirag Dilli and Saket G Block. These stations will significantly improve the interconnectivity among all the operational lines of the Delhi Metro network," he said. This metro stretch will provide enhanced

connectivity Bahadurgarh region Haryana. Presently, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) has about 427 km of metro network including 34 km of RRTS operational for NCR reason. The Delhi Metro currently operates on a network of 392.44 km spanning over 12 corridors in NCR, consisting of 286 stations. The Delhi Metro is already constructing a network of 65 km as part of its fourth phase of expansion. These new corridors are expected to be completed by March 2026 in stages. Over 60 lakh passengers commute on Delhi Metro every day. The Delhi Metro is now one of the fastest growing Metro networks in the world. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) has already started the pre-bid activities and preparation of tender documents. Earlier,

Government had approved Memorandums Understanding (MoUs) for the development of three Metro Rail lines and is seeking approval for three other corridors under Phase IV. The recent approval of the Charbagh-Vasant corridor in Uttar Pradesh and the commencement integrated trials for Phase-1 of the Metro-3 corridor in Mumbai are also significant

expansion of the Metro

developments

network.

role of Russian language held

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The international titled 'The Growing Role of the Russian Language in the BRICS and SCO Countries: Education, Language, and Culture, was held on Wednesday at Bharati College, University of Delhi in collaboration with the Department of Slavonic and Finno-Ugrian Studies, North Campus, University of Delhi and the Embassy of the Russian Federation, New

The event aimed to explore the increasing significance of the Russian language in the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) countries in the domains of education,

language, and culture. Yulia Aryaeva, Head, Cultural Department, Embassy of Russia in India highlighted the role of Indo-Russian relations, which have been one of friendship and international support. She mentioned the use of language as a tool for cultural diplomacy, examining the impact of literature, cinema, and other cultural artifacts in promoting cross-cultural understanding and

cooperation among BRICS and SCO nations. She shared insights into the cultural exchanges between India and Russia, highlighting the significance of language in fostering bilateral relations. Chief Guest, Professor Tatiana

Malchanova, Head of the

Russian Delegation, highlighted the role of language in promoting intercultural understanding and cooperation among BRICS and SCO nations. She spoke extensively about the long standing traditions of relations between India and Russia especially in terms of education.

No coercive action in demolition of Pakistani Hindu refugee camp: HC

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The Delhi riigh com-directed authorities not to ¬he Delhi High Court has take any coercive action in relation to the proposed demolition of the Pakistani Hindu Refugee Camp at Majnu Ka Tilla in the national capital. Justice Mini Pushkarna issued a notice to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and the Centre on a petition against a public notice dated March 4, which has been pasted in the area asking the residents to vacate the camp, failing which it will be demolished by the authority concerned.

In an interim order passed on Tuesday, the court noted that a statement was earlier made on behalf of the Centre in another matter on extending support to nationals Pakistani belonging to minority

scheme the Congress-led

Government will give 50 per

cent reservation in all

As part of Shakti ka Samman, the Congress

Government will double the

monthly honorarium of

Anganwadi, ASHA and mid-

day meal workers, while as

Adhikar Maitri, a paralegal,

i.e. legal assistant, will be

appointed in every panchayat in the form of

Adhikar Maitri to make

women aware of their rights

and to provide necessary

help. The party also promised Savitribai Phule Hostel to be set up at least one working women's hostel

in all district headquarters

across India and the number

of these hostels would be

doubled across the country.

appointed

Government jobs

Congress woos

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communities.

"Considering the statement made on behalf of the then additional solicitor general of India, as recorded in order dated 29th May, 2013 in WP(C) No. 3712/2013 that the Union of India shall make endeavour to extend all support to the Hindu community which has entered

India from Pakistan it is directed that no coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner till the next date of hearing," the court said while listing the next hearing in the matter on March 19. The petitioner has sought

directions not to disturb or demolish the Pakistani Hindu Refugee Camp at Majnu Ka

in view of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 that persecuted non-Muslim minorities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. The petitioner has stated that Pakistani Hindu refugees have

Tilla till an alternative piece of

been living at Majnu Ka Tilla for years, with basic facilities being provided by authorities, and their children are studying in the nearby government schools. The DDA's counsel said the National Green Tribunal has directed that all the encroachment on the Yamuna floodplain adjacent to the south of the Majnu Ka Tilla gurdwara on the Yamuna river

belt has to be removed. He further said although the DDA might have sympathies with the petitioner, it is bound by judicial orders.

Electoral bond details to be disclosed ...

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"One thing is sure we want early Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in J&K," he said. "We are ready for the 2024 Lok Sabha election. We will ensure free and fair elections across the country. We request voters across the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, to enthusiastically take part in the festival of democracy," the CEC said. He said a social media cell will be established in all districts to respond to fake news in real-time. "Adequate security to be provided to all candidates and Central forces will be deployed," he said.

Kumar said strict vigil will be maintained on online cash transfers through wallets in Jammu and Kashmir. People above 85 years and those with a disability will be

provided a voting at-home facility in J&K, he said.

A total number of 86.9 lakh electors will be participating in the maiden Assembly polls after the abrogation of Article 370. A record number of 2886 centurions will be casting their vote in the much-awaited polls across 11629 polling stations. Out of these, a total number of all women 93 polling stations will be

established across the Union Territory.

The election commission said 2.31 lakh first-time voters have been added in the summary revision of 2024.

BJP MPs axed

From Page 1

The BJP's Central Election Committee on Monday held its second meeting to decide on the candidates for the Lok Sabha elections as its senior leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, went through the list of probables for several States to make final choices. Earlier this month, the BJP

more than 195 candidates for the Lok Sabha polls, due in April-May. In the first list, the BJP named its candidates for 195 seats spread across 16 States and two Union Territories. However, two of them, Bhojpuri singer-actor Pawan Singh and Upendra Rawat, withdrew after their choices sparked controversies.

Prominent

had announced its first list of the MLAs.

'What was the urgency of convening the session?" Hooda asked the Speaker to adjourn the session for at least one hour so that the legislators could reach the assembly. To this, the Speaker said it was the duty of the members to reach the House on time.

Conference on From Page 1 They will also connect busy commercial areas, addressing



pposition parties speaking lies about CAA, claims BJP

The BJP on Wednesday Opposition parties of stoking communal passion by speaking "lies" about Citizenship (Amendment) Act, as the Modi government came attack over its implementation. Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva hit back at Arvind Kejriwal, charging he has hurt the sentiments of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and Christian refugees living in the country. Kejriwal on Wednesday said the

ahead of the Lok Sabha polls was "dirty vote bank politics" of the BJP and asserted that people want this law to be repealed. With this law, the BJP-led government at the Centre has opened the floodgates for the arrival of a large number of poor minorities from Pakistan and Bangladesh into India, he said at a press conference.

The Union Home Ministry on Monday notified the rules for the implementation of CAA that was passed by the Parliament in December 2019. law grants Indian

Citizenship Amendment Act religious minorities — Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Christian and Parsi — from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, who came to India before December 31, 2014. Even if 1.5 crore of the minorities in neighbouring countries come to India following the implementation of the CAA, a dangerous situation will arise, he claimed.

"It will be a migration bigger than that of 1947... Law and order will go for a toss. There could be an increase in rape Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, he said and alleged, "The BJP wants to and dacoity," said Kejriwal who is also the convener of

the Aam Aadmi Party. There spend the money of our are 3.5 crore minorities in

people in settling poor migrants from Pakistan and Bangladesh by giving them houses and jobs here.

stands to gain in the coming elections as poor minorities from the neighbouring countries settling in India will become its vote bank. Implementation of the CAA ahead of the Lok Sabha polls was a "dirty vote bank politics" of the BJP, Kejriwal

demands country scrapping of CÁA, he said and asked people to vote against the BJP if the law is not repealed. Kejriwal said that had the BJP government at the Centre done its work in its 10year rule, there would have

been no need for it to implement CAA ahead of the polls. Kejriwal said today the biggest problem facing the country is inflation and unemployment. It is becoming difficult for anyone to run a household; inflation is at its peak. On the other hand, our youth are running from pillar to post to get employment. They are being beaten up. On one hand there is a huge army of unemployed in the country and the BJP government in Haryana is sending youths to die in Israel

and provide employment to their children. "What kind of nonsense is this

to bring people from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan to India and give the rightful employment of our children to them, Kejriwal charged, adding, "In the last 10 years, 11 lakh

industrialists businessmen left India. If the BJP must bring people to the country, it should bring them back to provide jobs." The AAP supremo appealed to the citizens to demand the revocation of the CAA.

Traffic curbs in city for farmers Mahapanchayat at Ramlila today

SAMAR PANDEY NEW DELHI

7ith the Delhi Police grating permission to 5,000 member group of protesting farmers Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) for holding the 'Kisan Mahapanchayat' at the Ramlila ground in Delhi on Thursday, the Delhi Police has made elaborate security arrangements at borders so that no heavy vehicles including tractors 'sneaked' inside the city. The traffic police have issued an advisory for the commuters to avoid roads leading to Central

Deputy Commissioner of Police (central) M Harsha Vardhan said that farmers have been allowed to hold the 'mahapanchayat' with the gathering to not significantly exceed 5,000. He said the farmers have given them the undertaking where they were asked to not come with tractors, without any weapon and also promised that they will not hold any march in

Railway Station or Airport Punjab are expected to attend appropriate arrangements.



journeys with sufficient time in advance. A senior police official advised the general public to allocate ample time when scheduling road trips via the diverted routes

expected to arrive by trains, borders against the three while buses and four-wheelers central will be adorned with window stressed that it would be a stickers and organisation flags facilitate hassle-free transportation to and from advisory concerning the Delhi. Once the farmers are farmer's protest, indicating dropped off, the vehicles will that traffic flow at city borders be parked in designated spots. will be impacted by picketing According to the SKM, more and checkpoints, and urged Individuals travelling to ISBT, than 50,000 farmers from commuters

have been advised to plan their the event where a resolution will be passed to intensify the fight against policies of the Modi Government.

The umbrella body of farmers' organisations, which had spearheaded the 2020-21 The majority of farmers are farmers' protest at Delhi agriculture laws, peaceful gathering

The Police released a traffic

IIT BHU graduate held in fake cancer drug racket case

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

n IIT-BHU graduate was Aarrested for his alleged involvement in a 'fake' cancer drug racket on Wednesday, a day after the Delhi Police nabbed seven people in connection with the case.

Aditya Krishna (23), who

was arrested from Bihar's Muzaffarpur district, worked as a supplier of spurious cancer drugs in Pune and the NCR region, police said.

The Delhi Police on Tuesday arrested seven people, including Neeraj Chauhan (38), from several locations in the national capital for allegedly manufacturing and supplying spurious 'lifesupplying spurious saving' cancer chemotherapy drugs.

According to police, Krishna, a BTech graduate from IIT-BHU, operated a chemist shop in Muzaffarpur and used to purchase the fake cancer drugs from Chauhan.

Krishna was brought to Delhi and was produced before a court, the official said. 'He will be taken in

police custody for further investigation." The police on Tuesday arrested seven people, who were allegedly involved in manufacturing and supplying spurious 'life-saving' cancer chemotherapy drugs.

According to police, Chauhan, a native of Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat, has done a vocational course in medical transcription from a

private institute in Delhi. "He has worked as a manager in the Oncology Department of several reputed hospitals in Delhi and Gurgaon from 2006-2022," police said in a statement. "In 2022, he started working

with the mastermind of the racket Viphil Jain. Since then, he has grown exponentially," they added. then, Chauhan also runs his own medical tourism company and lured foreigners who come to India for cancer treatment on the pretext of providing affordable chemo injections and leveraging his medical sector expertise. He would then mint money from them in Dollars, police

Former Congress, **AAP leaders join BJP** STAFF REPORTER

where a war is going on. On

the other hand, the BJP wants

Some political leaders, including former Congress MLA Balram Tanwar, former AAP MLA from Badarpur Narayan Datt Sharma, former Councillor Ramesh Ambawat and chairman of the Delhi Government's Commission on Wednesday joined the BIP

They joined party in the presence of Union Minister Anurag Thakur, Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva and Leader of Opposition South Delhi Lok Sabha candidate Ramvir Singh Bidhuri. Thakur and Sachdeva welcomed everyone into the party by garlanding with party scarf.

Union Minister Thakur, welcoming everyone into the party, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" campaign has brought holistic development to the country, and the central government responsibilities based on an individual's merit, rising above caste and religion.

He said this time also, the lotus will bloom in Delhi, and due to the developmental policies of



Prominent former Congress MLA Balram Tanwar, along with other Councillors, join BJP in the presence of Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag

the Modi government across the country, it is certain that Narendra Modi will become Prime Minister for the third

Thakur said when Arvind Kejriwal entered politics, he

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swore not to form an alliance with Congress, not to take a bungalow, not to take a car, but today, he has built a palace worth 100 crore rupees, and a swimming pool worth 10 crore rupees in his house.

Office of The Executive Engineer, (M-II) 3" Floor, Narela Zone, Narela, Delhi-110040

Sh. Narender Singh S/o Sh. Hukum Chand, Nalla Beldar in EE(M-II)Narela Zone has been unauthorized absent from his duty since w.e.f 18.06.2018. He is hereby directed to appear before Sh. Manoj Gupta, Ex. Engineer/M-II

Narela Zone within 07 days of the publication of this notice failing which action as deemed fit under the relevant rules will be taken against him Ro No. - 97/DPI/MCD/2023-24

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Phase III of Festival Special Housing Scheme, 2024

- 7931 EWS and LIG flats in Pocket 11, Sector G-7, Narela
- LIG price: Rs. 25.2 Lakhs; Plinth Area 50 sq.m.
- EWS price: Rs. 14 Lakhs; Plinth area 35 sq.m.
- All newly constructed flats

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SCHEME COMPLETELY ONLINE

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Flats at Jasola, Rohini, Siraspur and **Loknayakpuram on First Come First** Serve basis at old price

- 8 HIG flats at Jasola, price in the range of Rs. 2.08-2.18 Cr. each
- 838 LIG flats at Rohini, price in the range of **Rs. 14.1-14.24 Lakhs** each
- **107 LIG flats** at Siraspur, price in the range of **Rs. 17.4-17.7 Lakhs** each
- **89 LIG flats** at Loknayakpuram, price in the range of **Rs. 27-28.5 Lakhs** each



Special discount of 15% for LIG flats at Ramgarh Colony and MIG (2BHK) Flats at Narela, Sector A1-4, Pkt. 1A, 1B, 1C

- **211 flats** on offer at Ramgarh Colony
- **Near Jahangirpuri Metro Station**
- Plinth area in the range of **31.9-35.3 sq.m.**
- Discounted price in the range of **Rs. 13.1-14.5 Lakhs** each
- MIG (2 BHK) Flat Cost Rs. 85 Lakhs after discount at Narela



Special Scheme for Government Employees for MIG (2 BHK) flats at Narela, Sector A1-4, Pkt. 1A, 1B, 1C

- 25% discount for all employees of Government of India, State Government, Autonomous Bodies, Local Bodies, PSUs, **Central and State Govt. Universities**
- 445 flats on offer
- Each flat cost **Rs. 75 Lakhs** after discount: Plinth area in the range of **112.7-114.7 sq.m.**











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SCs, STs, OBCs my Government biggest beneficiaries, says Modi

rime Minister Narendra Prime Minister Augustions
Modi said on
Wednesday that people from disadvantaged sections like SCs, STs and OBCs are the biggest beneficiaries of his Government's welfare schemes as he accused the previous Congress dispensations of neglecting them and never appreciating

Speaking at the launch of the PM-SURAJ national portal, he cited the election of Ram Nath Kovind and Droupadi Murumu, who come from Dalit and tribal communities respectively, as president to

their role in the country



ensure that those from deprived sections reach top positions will continue. The opposition made every effort to ensure their defeat, he said. Taking a swipe at the

and sisters like you?' He said his government's schemes for toilets and

Opposition, Prime Minister

Modi asked the gathering that

consisted of people from

disadvantaged groups, "How

can anyone say I have no

family when I have brothers

cooking gas have benefited deprived sections of society. "SCs, STs, OBCs are the biggest beneficiaries of government welfare schemes for the poor," he added. The Pradhan Mantri Samajik

Utthan and Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) Jankalyan national portal aims to provide credit support to eligible individuals across the country, including Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, and sanitation workers.

This initiative is set to financial facilitate empowerment and enable entrepreneurship opportunities for the most disadvantaged sections of society. Modi said one lakh beneficiaries from deprived sections have been given Rs 720 crore assistance till now.

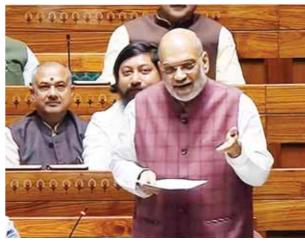
Hyderabad Liberation Day befitting tribute to freedom fighters, says Shah

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said here on Wednesday the decision to celebrate September 17 every year as 'Hyderabad Liberation Day' is a befitting tribute to freedom fighters and will ignite the "flame of patriotism" among youth. The central government had issued a notification on Tuesday on the commemoration.

In a post on 'X', Shah said it is a historic day as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decided to celebrate September 17 every year as Hyderabad Liberation Day in honour of the martyrs of the Hyderabad liberation movement.

He said the decision is a befitting tribute to the freedom fighters and the martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice to remain a part of Bharat by liberating the Hyderabad



region from the brutal Nizam rule. "I welcome Modi Ji's landmark decision, which will ignite the flame of patriotism among the youth and immortalise our icons of the freedom movement," he said. In the notification, the Union Ministry

Hyderabad did not get independence for 13 months after the Independence of India on August 15, 1947, and was under Nizam's rule. The region was liberated from Nizam's rule on September 17, 1948, after a police action namely 'Operation Polo'.

The 'Razakars', a private militia, had committed atrocities and defended the erstwhile Nizam rule in Hyderabad. When India gained independence, the Razakars called for Hyderabad state to either join Pakistan or to become a Muslim dominion while resisting its merger with the Union of India. The people of the region fought valiantly against the atrocities of the 'Razakars' to merge the region into the Union of India.

On September 17, 1948, the then Hyderabad state was annexed into the Union of India following military action, initiated by the then Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai

Modi government has been holding an event on September 17 for the last few years to commemorate 'Hyderabad Liberation Dav'. Minister Amit Shah had also attended the event in the past.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal for expansion of the

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

with the addition of three

lakh cadet vacancies. This

expansion is expected to cater

to the increasing demand for

the NCC from educational institutions throughout the

country, defence ministry

from just 20,000 cadets in

1948, the NCC will now have

a sanctioned strength of 20

said here on Wednesday. Giving details, officials said

NEW DELHI

कार्यालय, नगर पालिक निगम, रायगढ़ (छ.ग.) क्र.2722 / लो.क.वि / न.पा.नि. / 2024

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> हस्ता /-कार्यपालन अभियंता, नगर पालिक निगम, रायगढ़

APPENDIX IV-A

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcemen

Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery o Rs. 12,93,297/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOI00271167, by wa of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest til 07.03.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and othe related loan document(s) w.e.f. 08.03.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from MANZOOR ALI ANSARI and SHAISTA.
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees Eigh Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 80,000/- (Rupee Eighty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. GF-1 (L. I. G), HAVING COVERED AREA ABOUT 350 SQUARE FEET

(32.51 SQUARE METERS) ON GROUND FLOOR (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS) RIGHT HAND FRONT SIDE, PLOT NO. B-1/22 A, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, PARGANA & TEHSIL LONI, GHAZIABAD – 201005, UTTAR PRADESH.

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

Authorized officer Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

Date: 11.03.2024 Place: GHAZIABAD

Girechina Prabhag) (SH-58) in district Almora (C.M. Ghoshna 467/2019)

Under State Sector.

OFFICE OF THE NAGAR PALIKA PARISHAD HATTA - DIST DAMOH Notice Inviting e-Tenders

NIT No. 1604

Dated: 13.03.2024 Online lumpsum bids for the following works under "sbm (u) - 2.0" (estimated on uadd issr (w.e.f.

02.08.2021) are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling eligibility criteria. Name of the work Earnest Money Cost of Time of contract (in Rs) Document including (In Rs) rainy seaso Interception and Diversion work for tapping Nallah _345061_1 and setup sewage treatment plant for Used water management for Hatta Town

- Interested Bidder can view the NIT on website www.mptenders.gov.in and www.mpurban.gov.in The Bid Document can be purchased only Online from 10:30 Hrs of 14-03-2024 to 17:30 Hrs. of 16-04-2024
- Amendment to NIT, if any, would be published on web site only, and not in Newspaper
- GST shall be payable extra as per Govt. rules

CHIEF MUNICIPAL OFFICER NAGAR PALIKA PARISHAD HATTA DIST DAMOH

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE. JEYPORE

Rs. 1.06 Lac As per column no. 06 of IFB.

from 11.00 hours of 18.03.2024

10.00 hours of 03.04.2024

Undertaking

Bid Identification No. C.C.E.J.C (R&B) - 40/2023-24 Date. 12.03.2024

BUILDING WORK

No. 1165

- 1. Nature of the work
- 2. Total No. of Works:
- 4. Period of completion 5. Cost of Bid Document:
- 6. Bid Security (EMD):7. Class of Contractor:
- 8. Date & time of availability of bid Document in the portal:
- 9. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal: 17.00 hours of 02.04.2024
- 10. Opening date of Bid:

Rajnath okays NCC expansion with three lakh cadet vacancies

PUBLIC NOTICE It is hereby notified to the general public that I ANISH UNIYAL, residing at PROPERTY BEARING NO. WZ- 189, KHASRA NO. 64/14/1. SADH NAGAR PALAM COLONY

64/14/1, SADH NAGAR PALAM COLONY NEW DELHI, I am one of the rightlul owners (legal hier) of the property located at WZ-189, KHASRA NO. 64/14/1, SADH NAGAR PALAM COLONY NEW DELHI.
I declare that no transaction, transfer, or conveyance of the aforementioned property shall be deemed valid without my explicit written consent or authority. Any such unauthorized actions shall be considered null and void.

This notice serves as a cautionary measure to all concerned parties to refrain from engaging in any unauthorized dealings

RUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Mohd Amir is Recorded Owner of ONE BUILT UP TWO ROOM SET AT THIRD FLOOR, WITH ROOF RIGHTS, AREA MEASURING 50 SQ. YOSS, I.E. 41.805 SQ. METERS, PART OF PROPERTY BEARING NO. J.3/90-C, OUT OF RECT. NO. 54, KILLA NO.19, SITUATED IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE KHUREJI KHAS, ABADI OF JEXTN., LAXMI NAGAR, ILLAQA SHAHDARA, DELHI-92. from Mr. Anasuddin S/O MICHAEL STANDER SIGNED SIDE OF MR. SAID OF SAID O

CH. CHARAN SINGH UNIVERSITY, MEERUT (NAAC ACCREDITED with A++ Grade)

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Online applications are invited from eligible candidates (As per UGC notification 18 July 2018 and subsequent UP Government order no. 1190/सत्तर-1-2019-16(114)/2010 dated 15 October 2019 and first Statutes of University as amended from time to time) for appointment in the various departments in the University.

Online submission of application start from 06.03.2024 to Last date of submission of the printout of online filled form

(downloaded) is 12.04.2024. Link for the form and other details: http://www.

cesuniversity.ac. in/ccsu/recruitment in for further details and eligiblity conditions. Registrar

lakh cadets on its roles making it the largest uniformed youth uniformed youth organisation of the world.
With NCC being offered as an elective orbital. elective subject as per the National Education Policy 2020, the expansion will be a step towards meeting the aspirations of the youth towards playing a pivotal role as future leaders of the nation. The far reaching impact of this expansion will lead to

proportionate distribution of vacancies across all States and Union Territories and would reduce the waiting list of institutions aspiring for the

Office of the Superintending Engineer 1st Circle, Public Works Department, Almora

Letter No.: 1215(I)/ Nivida-01/2023-24

Phone/Fax: 05962-230295 Email: sepwdalm@rediffmail.com Dated: 12/03/2024

The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, PWD Almora invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 14/03/2024 & onwards on website http://www.uktenders.gov.in

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering)

Short Term E-TENDER NOTICE

SI. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money (Rupee in lakh)	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration for tendering
1	CD PWD Ranikhet Renewal by S.D.B.C in Bhatrojkhan-Bhikiyasen- Chaukhutiya motor road in Km 21,22,28 to 45 Under Annual Repair.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 6.78 Lakh	120 Days	06 Month (Including Rainy Season and Winter Season)	Class "A" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking
2	PD PWD Almora Renewal work by SDBC in KM 78, 79, 80, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89 and 90 of Kathgodam (Ranibagh)- Bhimtal Khutani- Padampuri- Dhanachuli Paharpani- Shaharfatak Mournaula-Devidhura- Lohaghat- Pancheshwar (SH-10) Motar Road in Jageshwar Constituency District Almora.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 5.80 Lakh	120 Days	06 Month (Including Rainy Season and Winter Season)	Class "B" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking
3	PD PWD Ranikhet Renewal work of Thalisain Boongidhar Deghat Jainal Manila Dotiyal Marchula Motor road (SH-52) by SDBC in Km 71,79,84,86,91 to 95,97,99 & by PC in Km 104,108,109,110,112.Under Annual Maintenance 2024-25.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 6.71 Lakh	120 Days	06 Month (Including Rainy Season and Winter Season)	Class "A" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking
4	PD PWD Almora Repair work of Dwarson to Kakrighat Motor Road (Almiyakandey to Dehuli Section upto Km. 7 to 26.025) Constructed under PMGSY in Tarkihet Block of Someshwar Constituency in District Almora Under One Time Maintenance.	₹ 5000.00 +18% GST	₹ 8.10 Lakh	120 Days	09 Month (Including Rainy Season and Winter Season)	Class "A" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking
5	CD PWD Almora Improvement by BM/SDBC in Km. 21 to 24 of Bageshwar Girechina Someshwar Dwarahat Vimandeshwar Era Ranikhet Motor Road (Binta Someshwar	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 6.91 Lakh	120 Days	12 Month (Including Rainy Season and Winter Season)	Class "A" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt.

The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery

ICICI Bank Vs Sander Kumar, RC NO. 90/2019,

IN OA/ 43/2017

Vehicle No.- UP16B Model - RENAULT FLUENCE, Manf. Year - 2015

Auction Date: March 27, 2024 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Place of Auction: - Godara Yard, Khewat No. 166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chowk, Behind Gyan Devi, School, Sec- 17, Sukhrali, Gurugram- 122022

Contact Person: Swapnil Upadhyay (8126013708)/ Rohit Shrivastava (8657476284) Case Details **Asset Details** ICICI BANK Vs. Vehicle No. UP16FT8014, Make and

JITENDARA BHATI AND OTHERS, (COMM) 2690/21 Model - ASHOK LEYLAND LTD PARTNER, Manu Year - 2018 ICICI Bank Vs Sanjay Kumar, CS (COMM) Vehicle No.UP14HT5870, Make & Model - Ashok Leyland Partner, Manu Year - 2019 Auction Date: March 27, 2024 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Place of Auction: Mahakal Parking yard, Khasra No 527 Village Banthla Near Indane Gas Plant Loni Ghaziabad-UP, 201102 Contact Person: Swapnil Upadhyay (8126013708)/ Rohit Shrivastava (8657476284) Terms of Sale

The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to come at auction site with original KYC documents to participate in the auction.

Successful bidder shall have to deposit sale amount within 5 days from the approval date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, Shal tower Plot no. 23, New Rohtak Road Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005 for details and

who is owner through Kelinquishment beed atted 07.02.2019 vide Document no.1046, in Addl. 30ok No.1, Volume no.17772 on pages 174 to 178 atted 07.02.2029. SRO-III New Delhi & Relinquishment Deed dated 07.03.2024 Vinel Document no. 2024/24/II2214, in Addl. Book No.1, Volume no. 2024/24/II2214, in Addl. Book No.1, Volume no. 20331 on pages 161 to176 date 80-30-2024, SRO-III New Delhi, and same to be inance Ltd. That, Original SMC of Late Mr Omraksah Kalra, & SMC of Late Mr. Wirender Kumar Gira have been lost/mispatice/or not available. If any Person having any type of claim/right/ille/interest view rhe said properly, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections within 5days from Ioday, falling which it shall be resumed that the said property is free from all type from the said property is free from all type from the said property is free from all type Sector-Zholos, lien etc. UCEM LESAL LLP Office No. B-39S, Second Floor, Opposite SBI Battlescot-2, Volida UP-201301, Contact# 0120-4265379

PUBLIC NOTICE

who is purchasing the Entire Bar round floor without roof/terrace rives



CHANGE OF NAME

I, Bhawani Singh S/o Shri Arvind Singh Tomar R/o F-11, Pushpanjali farm

Bijwasan, New Delhi-110061, I have changed my name from Bhawani Singh to Bhawani Singh Tomar for all future purposes.

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The general public is informed that the cars with the following car numbers which have completed their life Petrol Cars 15 Years Diesel Cars 10 Years. The MCD drive was

confiscated by Pine View Technology Pvt Ltd and has not been claimed by anyone til now. All these vehicle owners are informed to come to the company's office and claim the scrap value of the vehicle. Otherwise all these vehicles will be scrapped in the next three days

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राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग, उत्तराखण्ड

(निर्वाचन भवन, लाडपुर, मसूरी बाईपास, रिंग रोड, देहरादून) फोन नं0—0135—2662254 विज्ञप्ति संख्या- 573/रा०नि०आ०-स्टोर/4156/2024 दिनांक-13 मार्च, 2024 {अल्पकालिक ई-निविदा-मतपत्र मुद्रण (कागज सहित) हेतु}

राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग, उत्तराखण्ड द्वारा नागर निकाय सामान्य निर्वाचन 2024 में लगभग 1272 पदों हेतू 70 जी

एस.एम. ग्रेड–1, सफेद, हरा, गुलाबी एवं नीले रंग के कागज पर अलग–अलग प्रकार के विभिन्न चुनाव चिन्हों वं लगभग ६४००००० (चौसठ लाख) फोटो रहित मतपत्रों (कागज सहित) के मुद्रण हेतु अनुभवी फर्मों, जिनके पास पूर्व में उपरोक्त कार्य का अनुभव हो तथा ई–निविदा में उल्लिखित शर्तों को पूरा करते हों, से ही ई–निविदा वे माध्यम से ऑनलाईन (Online) तकनीकी बिंड (Technical Bid) एवं वित्तीय बिंड (Financial Bid) निम्न कार्यक्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है:-निर्घारित तिथि

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Madhya Pradesh Building Development Corporation invites online tender for the following works in various Districts of

- 06 Works PAC for each work Rs. 1183.72 Lakhs Construction, Renovation and Upgradation of Existing 100
- District Alirajpur 01 Work PAC Rs. 2900.00 Lakhs
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PAC can very at the time of uploading of tender if required in document. Any amendment/corrigendum 'if any' will be published on website only, will not be published on newspapers.

APPENDIX IV-A

(An Agency of Govt. of M.P. Public Works Department)

Telephone No.: 0755-4853297, 0755-4853295

Madhva Pradesh :-

- Bedded District Hospital into 200 Bedded District Hospital
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Renovation Work at State Shooting Academy Bhopal,

can be viewed and purchased online only from 05.04.2024 at 18:00 hrs. to 06.05.2024 at 15:30 hrs (for S. No. 1 to 8) and 18.03.2024 at 18:00 hrs. to 02.04.2024 at 15:30 hrs (for S. No. 9 only) from website www.mptenders.gov.in

M.P. Madhyam/114397/2024 MANAGING DIRECTOR

Tamil films super hero Kumar joins BJP

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

¬he "Supreme Star" and "Super Hero" of Tamil films R Sarath Kumar joined the BJP on Tuesday after disbanding the All India Samathwa Party which he had launched. Sarath Kumar, who has acted in various roles in Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada and Telugu movies has a considerable fan following in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. He announced on Tuesday that Narendra Modi was his role model and was all praise for the leadership of the Prime Minister.

What makes Sarat Kumar a super catch for the BJP is his qualities as a communicator par excellence while the other super star Kamal Haassan is yet to prove his credentials as a public speaker. Joseph Vijay, yet another super mega star in Tamil filmdom is not known for his oratorical skills. Vijay is in the race for the post of chief minister along with Kamal Hassan though it has to be seen whether they would make any impact in the Dravidian politics.

Sarath Kumar was a member of the Rajya Sabha during 2001 to 2006 as a DMK member and was a member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly during 2011-2016. He was close to AIADMK

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supremo Jayalalithaa till her breath. Meanwhile,

Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhakam, founded by late film actor Vijayakanth, shut its doors on BJP as Premalatha Vijayakanth, the general secretary of the DMDK declared on Tuesday that she was against the Citizenship Amendment Act. Premalatha said that her outfit launched by Vijayakath always stands for secularism, socialism and anti-Hindutya politics.

But R V Giri, former close aide to Vijayakant, told The Pioneer that the DMDK was facing an existential crisis 'The share of the party's votes

in the Lok Sabha elections held in 2009, 2014 and 2019 speak a lot about its state of affairs. Since Vijayakanth fell ill in 2016 the fortunes of the party suffered a setback from which it is yet to recover," said

Ujjain, Date: 13.03.2024

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E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online tenders are invited for supply of following items as per tender Specification

E-Mail: cempseb06pur@gmail.com

Name of Items (Supply of)

Aluminum Lugs 70 Sq. mm, 150

i) T Clamp for bus bar for dog to

ii)Terminal Clamp for busbar fo

Bi-metallic clamps suitable for 12

Bi-metallic clamps suitable for 20

Bi-metallic clamps for Transformer

Bi-metallic clamps Distribution

APPENDIX IV-A

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and

Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls

Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN : L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"

the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of

Rs. 22.89.830/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred

Thirty only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLLAJ00380178, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 07.03.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 08.03.2024 along with legal expenses and other

charges due to the Secured Creditor from HAKIM SINGH RAWAT and PRATIBHA @

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 18,25,000/- (Rupees

Eighteen Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit

("EMD") will be Rs. 1,82,500/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

BUILT - UP SECOND FLOOR, UP-TO CEILING LEVEL ONLY (WITHOUT ROOF / TERRACE RIGHTS) HAVING AREA MEASURING 58 SQ. YARDS I. E. 48.49 SQ.

MTRS, WITH COMMON RIGHTS OF STAIRS, PASSAGES, ONE TWO WHEELER

PARKING & OTHER COMMON FACILITIES ALONGWITH RIGHT TO INSTALL

MAINTAIN WATER TANK & T. V. ANTENA ON ROOF OF TOP FLOOR, FITTED

WITH ELECTRICITY AND WATER CONNECTION IN RUNNING CONDITION PART

OF PROPERTY NO. 4650/11 OUT OF KHASRA NO. 189, SITUATED AT VILLAGE CHANDRAWALI @ SHADHARA, IN THE ABADI OF GALI NO. 7, NEW MODERN

SHADHARA, MANDOLI ROAD, ILLAQA SHADHARA, NEW DELHI - 110032

TOGETHER WITH THE UNDIVIDED, INDIVSIBLE, PROPORTIONAL FREEHOLD RIGHTS OF THE LAND UNDERNEATH WHICH IS BOUNDED AS

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided

APPENDIX IV-A

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) an

Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulis Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor")

the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever

there is basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 16,56,644/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00384965, by way of

outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest til 04.03.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other

related loan document(s) w.e.f. 05.03.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from BHAGWAT YADAV and DEEPAK KUMAR. The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 9,30,000/- (Rupees Nine

Lakh Thirty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("ÈMD") will be Rs. 93,000/- (Rupees Ninety Three Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

RESIDETIAL FLAT BEARING NUMBER SF-4 HAVING TOTAL COVERED AREA

OF 325 SQUARE FEET I. E. 30.19 SQUARE METER, L. I. G, SECOND FLOOR WITH ROOF, REAR LEFT HAND BACK SIDE, IN "SLF VED VIHAR" SITUATED ON

PLOT NUMBER A-80, HAVING AREA OF 167.22 SQUARE METER, KHASRA

NUMBER 399, HADBAST VILLAGE SADULABAD, PARGANA AND TEHSIL LONI

COMMON PASSSAGE AND FLAT NUMBER SF-1 (H. I. G).

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

DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, GHAZIABAD - 201102, UTTAR PRADESH

PLOT NUMBER A-79,

PLOT NUMBER A-79

OTHER'S LAND.

bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in

NORTH : OTHER SLAND,
SOUTH : ROAD 9 METER WIDE, BADHUA PARK.
THE FLAT IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:
EAST : FLAT NUMBER SF-3 (L. I. G),

OTHER'S LAND.

NORTH

WEST

Date : 11.03.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD

on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullsh

NORTH: PROPERTY OF OTHERS

SOUTH : PROPERTY OF OTHERS

Authorized officer Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

Authorized officer

Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

EAST : PROPERTY OF OTHERS

WEST: ROAD 20 FT. WIDE

Date: 11.03.2024

Place: NEW DELHI

Transformer Bushing HT Side

Detailed Tender will be uploaded on 13.03.2024 onwards) M.P. Madhyam/114390/2024 SAVE ELECTRICITY

Silica Gel Breather (500gm)

30 V 15Amp. Battery Charger

Sq mm & 300 Sq mm

Panther Conductor

mm dia stud LT Side

mm dia stud LT Side

Giri, who was the election manager of Vijayakanth when the latter contested the poll for the first time in 2006 assembly election.

Giri, former chief of the Consortium of Indian Farmers Association (CIFA), disclosed that since the demise of Vijayakanth last year, the DMDK resembled a rudderless ship. "Most of the party MLAs crossed over to the DMK in search of greener pastures and the present leadership is incapable of leading the party at this critical juncture," said Giri. The best performance of DMDK was during the 2011 assembly polls when the party which fought the polls as an ally of the AIADMK emerged as the second largest outfit and Vijayakanth became the

Leader of the Opposition.

"But he cannot sustain the

momentum and had a big

fight with AIADMK supremo J Jayalalithaa which resulted in the DMDK getting disintegrated faster than it was formed," Giri pointed out. Vijayakanth, Premalatha widow of the party founder who took over as the general secretary has proved time and again that she has no mettle to lead a political party. "The DMK is out to finish off the DMDK by forcing Premalatha to join the DMK. Most of the confidantes Vijayakanth have crossed over to the DMK," said Giri.

The two options before Premalatha is either to join the AIADMK camp or the DMK. "She is asking for 5 Lok Sabha constituencies and a Rajya Sabha membership. Neither the DMK nor the AIADMK would part with five seats which she has asked for because the DMDK is a sinking ship," said a veteran political commentator close to the DMDK camp.

The DMK and the AIADMK have finalized their teams and are all set to launch the campaign. TTV Dhinakaran and O Panneerselvam, have made up their mind to join the BJP camp The PMK, an outfit of the Vanniyar said community, Wednesday that the party would decide its course of action by next week.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALLOTTEES OF PHASES [6] AND [7] OF THE CRSECENT PART PROJECT OF SARE GURUGRAM PRIVATE LIMITED

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that Sare Gurugram Private Limited (which has been taken over by KGK Realty (India) Private Limited and Dhoot Infrastructure Projects Limited pursuant to NCLT order dated 24 April 2023 approving its resolution plan under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016) is not finding it legally feasible and compliant with laws to continue with the construction of Phase 6 and Phase 7 of Group Housing project - 'The Crescent Parc' located at Sector 92, Gurugram ("Project"). This is on account of the fact that the construction was illegally commenced and the relevant approvals including building approvals were not taken by the earlier management of Sare Gurugram Private Limited for

On account of such legal non possibility of completion of construction, we are willing to refund the entire principal amount paid by allotees of Phase 6 and Phase 7 of the Project, in terms of the approved resolution plan and consequent cancellation of their units. In case of any objections kindly intimate the undersigned along with the relevant documents to support such objections within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice at the following [crm_saregurugram@eka-dhoot.com] and address CRM Office, P1 Crescent Parc, Sare Homes, Sector 92, Gurugram.

Please also note that Sare Gurugram Private Limited has already filed the affidavit dated 31.01.2024 in this regard with the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority ("HRERA") and shall also be taking necessary steps for the deregistration of Phases-6 and 7 of the Project with "HRERA". This notice is being issued in terms of inter alia order dated 15 February of the

HRERA Registration Numbers: 364 of 2017 and 275 of 2017 respectively For Sare Gurugram Private Limited

Authorised Signatory

APPENDIX IV-A Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

F-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor") the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 35,43,488/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Eight only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLRHN00501143, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 04.03.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 05.03.2024 along with legal expenses and othe charges due to the Secured Creditor from RUPESH KUMAR and SANTOSH KUMARI@SANTOSHKUMARISEN.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 27,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 2,70,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BUILT UP PROPERTY / PLOT BEARING NO. 29, ENTIRE THIRD FLOOR LAND

AREA MEASURING 80 SO, YRDS, WITH ROOF RIGHTS, OUT OF KHASARA NO 78/8, SITUATED AT REVENUE VILLAGE HASTSAL NEW COLONY KNOWN AS OM VIHAR PHASE - 03, UTTAM NAGAR DELHI - 110059, WITH RIGHT TO OF SUBMERSIBLE, SEWERAGES, INSTALLATION OF DISH TV ANTENNA ON THE ROOF / TERRACE, ENTRY PASSAGES, STAIR CASE WITH SEPARATE ELECTRIC / WATER CONNECTION ALONGWITH PROPORTIONATE LAND RIGHTS UNDER THE SAID PROPERTY. BOUNDED BY: NORTH : OTHER PROPERTY

: ROAD WEST : OTHER PROPERTY SOUTH : OTHER PROPERTY

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

Authorized office Date: 11.03.2024 Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited Place: NEW DELHI

APPENDIX IV-A Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement)

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lotice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrov Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), he physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery o Rs. 15.80.151/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty Thousand One Hundred Fifty One only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDMT00458627, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 04.03.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan locument(s) w.e.f. 05.03.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from VIMAL VERMA and DILEEP VERMA. The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 8,37,000/- (Rupees Eight

akh Thirty Seven Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 83,700/- (Rupees Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred only) i.e. equivalent DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

RESIDENTIAL FLAT BEARING NUMBER G. F-2, L. I. G., GROUND FLOOR

(WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS), FRONT RIGHT HAND SIDE, HAVING TOTAL AND COVERED AREA OF 400 SQUARE FEET I. E. 37.16 SQUARE METER, BUILT ON RESIDENTIAL PLOT NUMBER A-7/10 MEASURING TOTAL AREA OF 209 SQUARE METER IN "D. L. F. ANKUR VIHAR", SITUATED AT VILLAGE LONI, PARGANA AND TEHSIL LONI, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, GHAZIABAD - 201102 LITTAR PRADESH

PLOT NUMBER A-7/10 MEASURING TOTAL AREA OF 209 SQUARE METER ON WHICH THE FLAT IS BUILT IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: PARK, ROAD 12 METER WIDE, ROAD 9 METER WIDE, SOUTH PLOT NUMBER A-7/9. FLAT NO. G. F-2 IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:-EAST : COMMON PASSAGE, WEST ROAD 9 METER WIDE

FLAT NUMBER G. F-1 (L. I. G), SOUTH : PLOT NUMBER A-7/9 For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. For idding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in

Date : 11.03.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD Authorized office Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

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GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 200111.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and

Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of

Rs. 24,41,576/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLN0000235708, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 04.03.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other

related loan document(s) w.e.f. 05.03.2024 along with legal expenses and other

charges due to the Secured Creditor from SUDHEESH K and VRINDA SUDHEESH.
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,30,000/-

(Rupees One Lakh Thirty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. SF-4. SECOND FLOOR, REAR MIDDLE SIDE, PLOT NO. B-213/1

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and

Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever

there is" basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery

Rs. 16,01,840/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty only pending towards the Loan Account No. HHLVAS00183085, by way of outstanding

principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 11.03.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 12.03.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from AMIT CHOPRA, ANSHU CHOPRA, PREM CHAND and

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Si:

Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 60,000/- (Rupees Sixty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. F-3, FIRST FLOOR LIG, PLOT NO - E-52, BLOCK – E, SLF VED VIHAF

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on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. Fo

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PRADESH - 201005.

Place: GHAZIABAD

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Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor") the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of th Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whateve there is" basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 13,44,469/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Nine only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOD00316819, by way o outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest til 07.03.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other elated loan document(s) w.e.f. 08.03.2024 along with legal expenses and other due to the Secured Creditor from AMIT KUMAR PANDEY and AJAY KUMAR (GUARANTOR).

Lakh Sixty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be (Rupees Sixty Six Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. GF-3 (L. I. G), HAVING COVERED AREA OF 400 SQUARE FEET ON GROUND FLOOR, (BACK SIDE), CONSTRUCTED UPON PLOT NO. C-8/2, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, PARGANA AND TEHSIL LONI, GHAZIABAD - 201020, UTTAF For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provide

on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. Fo oidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in

Date: 11.03.2024 Authorized officer Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited Place : GHAZIABAD

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and

Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and

Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor") the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whateve there is" basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery Rs. 15.14.867/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Seven only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLVAS00276772, by way o outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 4.03.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 05.03.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from SUSHIL KUMAR, ANJU DEVI and PANKAJ DEVI.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 12,50,000/- (Rupee: Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. FF-3, FIRST FLOOR, REAR LEFT HAND SIDE, PLOT NO. 703, OLD NO. 293, GALI NO. 1, SHYAM PARK MAIN, VILLAGE SAHIBABAD, PARGANA LONI GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201005.

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

Date: 11.03.2024 Place: GHAZIABAD Authorized office Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

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Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

ead with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and

Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulis Housing Finance Limited [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] and Indiabulis Asset Reconstruction Company Limited [CIN: U67110MH2006PLC305312] acting as a Trustee of Indiabulls ARC - XXXI Trust (both IHFL and IARCL) are jointly and severally referred to as ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has

been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of the following amounts due to IHFL and IARCL: DUES OF INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED: Loan Account Number Outstanding Amounts (in Rs.) as on 04.03.2024

Rs. 20,99,144/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh

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DUE	S OF INDIABULLS ASSET REC	CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED:
S. No.	Loan Account Number	Outstanding Amounts (in Rs.) as on 04.03.2024
1.	D008XXXI (Old Loan Account No. HHEDMT00404509)	Rs. 17,12,129/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twelve Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine only)

The Loan Account No. HHEDMT00404509, along with all right(s), title(s), interest(s)

underlying security(ies), pledge(s) and / or guarantee(s) including the Immovable Property, has been assigned by IHFL to and in favour of Indiabulls Asse Reconstruction Company Limited ("IARCL") vide Assignment Agreement dated 21.08.2023, and the same has been renumbered by IARCL and bears new Loan Account No. D008XXXI. Consequently, IARCL has also become a Secured Credito for the said assigned Loan Account. IARCL has given its consent to IHFL to issue this The amounts mentioned in both the tables given above are pending towards the

respective Loan Accounts of IHFL and IARCL, by way of outstanding principal, arrears including accrued late charges) and interest till 04.03.2024 with applicable future nterest in terms of the Loan Agreement(s) and other related loan document(s) w.e.f 05.03.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges, due to the Secured C from DILEEP VERMA and VIMAL VERMA. The Reserve Price for the Immovable Property will be Rs. 18,00,000/- (Rupee

Eighteen Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,80,000/ (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserv DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PLOT NO. A-83, HIG FLAT NO. FF-2, FIRST FLOOR BACK SIDE, BLOCK - A KHASRA NO. 399, SLF VED VIHAR, VILLAGE SHADULLABAD, GHAZIABAD

UTTAR PRADESH - 201102. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.

AUTHORIZED OFFICER INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED Date: 12.03.2024

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property
E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and

Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 ead with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and

Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"). the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 30.03.2024 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 13,83,037/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Thirty Seven only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOD00217000, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 07.03.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and othe related loan document(s) w.e.f. 08.03.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from VIJAY JHA, RINKU JHA, HARE KANT JHA, SHER MOHAMMAD and ZUBER KASHIM.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 60,000/- (Rupees Sixty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. GF-2, GROUND FLOOR, REAR LEFT HAND SIDE, PLOT NO. B1/31 DLF ANKUR VIHAR, LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201010. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. For

Authorized officer Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

BANK LTD. ______ Regional Office At : First Floor, E-25, East of Kailasi New Delhi-110065 and one of its branch office at : Plot 1A/260, Neelam Bata Road, NIT, Faridabad-121001 (Haryana)

POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SVC Co-operative Ban imited., (earlier known as The Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank Ltd) under The

Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interes Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 29.12.2023 inder Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon Borrowers/Mortgagor (1) Mr. Atul Rai S/o: Mr. Tara Chand Rai, Principal Borrower/Mortgagor, at: House No. 64-B, PKT- C/3, Keshav Puram, Onkar Nagar, New Delhi-110035 and/or also at : Third Floor, on Plot No 100, situated at Sector-22, Urban Estate, Gurugram, Haryana, Pin - 122001 (2) Mrs. Rekha Rai W/o. Mr. Atul Rai, at House No. 64-B, PKT- C/3, Keshav Puram, Onkar Naga New Delhi - 110035, to repay the amount mentioned in the said Notice being Rs.9.05.770 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Only) as on 30.11.2023, logether with interest at contractual rate from 01.12.2023 as mentioned in the said notice plus legal costs/charges etc till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrowers/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the wers/Mortgagor and the public in general that, the undersigned Authorised Officer of SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., has taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION of the property scribed herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with the Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002

The Borrowers/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned no to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of SVC Co-operative Bank Limited., (earlier known as The Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank Ltd) for an amount of Rs.9,05,770/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Only) as on 30.11.2023, together with interest from 01.12.2023 at

contractual rate plus legal costs/charges etc. till the date of entire payment.

The Borrower's/Mortgagor'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. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY**

Equitable Mortgage of free hold D.D.A Built up shop bearing no F-25 on 1st floor land measuring 9.35 Sq. Mts., Block-B-IV, D.D.A Market LSC, situated at Lawrence Road, Keshav Puram Delhi-110035, owned & possessed by Mr. Atul Rai S/o. Mr. Tara Chand Rai. **Authorised Officer** For SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd.



SVC CO-OPERATIVE Regional Office At: First Floor, E-25, East Of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 and one of its Branch office at: Plot 1A/260, Neelam Bata Road,

NIT, Faridabad-121001 (Haryana) **POSSESSION NOTICE**

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Limited., (earlier known as The Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank Ltd) under The Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interes Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 28.12.2023 under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon Borrowers/Mortgagor (1) Mr. Atul Rai Sio: Mr. Tara Chand Rai, Principal Borrower/Mortgagor, at: House No. 64-B, PKT-C/3. Keshav Puram, Onkar Nagar, New Delhi-110035 and/or also at: Third Floor, on Plot No. 100, situated at Sector-22, Urban Estate, Gurugram, Haryana, Pin - 122001 (2) Mrs. Rekha Tomar (alis Rekha Rai) W/o. Mr. Atul Rai, Co-Borrower, at House No. 64-B. PKT- C/3, Keshav Puram, Onkar Nagar, New Delhi- 110035, and 3) Mr. Sanjay Bhatia

S/o. Shri Krishan Kumar Bhatia, Guarantor, At: House No-C-6/131, Keshay Puram, shi-110035, to repay the amount mentioned in the said Notice being Rs.49,50,224/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four only) as on 30.11.2023, together with interest at contractual rate from 01.12.2023 as ntioned in the said notice plus legal costs/charges etc till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrowers/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortpagor and the public in general that, the undersigned Authorised Officer of SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., has taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION of the property

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Section 13 of the Act read with the Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002

The Borrowers/Mortgagor 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 SVC Co-operative Bank Limited., (earlier known as The Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank Ltd) for an amount of Rs.49,50,224/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four only) as on 30.11.2023, together with interest from 01.12.2023 at contractual rate plus legal costs/charges etc. till the date of entire payment. The Borrower's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of

Description of the Property Equitable Mortgage of Built-up residential Property being Entire Third Floor having its built

up area 133 Sq mtr., with roof rights and right to use and enjoy the Common Stair Cases and Common Passage of the building and with undivided Proportionate share in the Land constructed on Plot No. 100, measuring 220 Sq mtrs. (263.12 Sq. Yds.), situated at Sector 22, Urban Estate, Gurugram Haryana - 122015.

Sd/- Authorised Officer

Date: 12.03.2024 Place: Gurgaon (Haryana)

Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

For SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd.

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 For further details regarding eligibility a Last date of receiving completed online application form: March 20, 2024 MADHYA PRADESH BUILDING

16-A, CEDMAP Building, Arera Hills, Bhopal (MP)-462011

E-mail: einc-mpbdc@mp.gov.in, ajay.nagaria@mp.gov.in 4975/GM/MPBDC/CW/24/NIT-53 Bhopal, Dtd.: 13.03.2024

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Peaceful coexistence

Tension over Ladakh calls for diplomacy; confrontation will be detrimental for the region

n recent years, Ladakh has emerged as a flashpoint for territorial control among India, China and Pakistan. Nestled in the Himalayas, the region has witnessed heightened tensions and military standoffs, casting a shadow over peace and stability. Amid this backdrop, India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has reiterated the pressing need for constructive engagement among all stakeholders. He is not off the mark: The landmass has the potential of triggering a war among three nuclear weapon States, not to mention the possible involvement of other superpowers with interest in the region. Dr Jaishankar's remarks underscore a fundamental reality: The ongoing tension in Ladakh serves neither India nor China. Instead, it perpetuates a cycle of mistrust and escalatory actions that undermine the prospects of peaceful coexistence and regional prosperity. The Galwan Valley military standoff in 2020 highlighted the fragility of status quo and the urgent need for effective mechanisms to manage and



de-escalate crises. Central to Dr Jaishankar's statement is the recognition that the resolution of tension in Ladakh requires a multifaceted approach that goes beyond conventional military posturing. While maintaining a robust defence posture is essential to safeguarding national interests, sustainable peace hinges on dialogue, diplomacy and mutual respect for territorial integrity. To put things in perspective, the Ladakh dispute has roots in history, with the main cause being an ill-defined, 2,100-mile-long border. Rivers, lakes and snow-caps along the frontier mean the line can shift, bringing soldiers face to face at many points, this sparking a confrontation.

The LAC is the de facto border between India and China, but vaguely defined. In this scenario, it is difficult to resolve the deadlock and ascertain the territorial boundary. India's stance on Ladakh aligns with its broader foreign policy objectives, characterised by a commitment to upholding the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and peaceful resolution of disputes. By emphasising the importance of dialogue and diplomacy, India seeks to create an environment conducive to constructive engagement with all stakeholders. The External Affairs Minister's remarks also highlight the critical role of Pakistan in the regional dynamics. Pakistan's support for cross-border terrorism and its destabilising activities pose significant challenges to regional peace and security. Addressing the issue of terrorism is not only a prerequisite for normalising relations between India and Pakistan but also a vital step towards fostering stability in the South Asian region. As a responsible member of the international community, India advocates for concerted efforts to eradicate terrorism. By advocating constructive engagement and mutual respect, India seeks to pave the way for a stable and prosperous future for the region. Everyone involved should heed rational voices; the last thing anyone wants to hear is the sound of a nuclear explosion.



Artistes perform 'Katha Raghunath Ki' during the Nritya Sanrachna, in Guwahati

The menace of paper leaks and cheating

Amid accolades on the global stage, the Indian education system faces critical hurdles, most notably the rampant issue of exam malpractices

ndependent India began its journey under extremely painful conditions. It was only because of the legacy of ancient democratic practices and the strength of equal respect for all religions and faiths that it could gradually create a place for itself in the global community of nations. During the last decade, India has acquired a place of adulation and admiration on the global platform. The inherited system of education was in tatters, and the literacy rate was just around 18 per cent. In spite of the tragedy of partition,

rampant poverty, and challenges of food security as well as external security, India slowly and gradually stabilised its democratic practices and that attracted the attention of those who had prophesied that India was not a nation; and after independence, it would collapse! The initial leadership consisted mostly of the freedom fighters who had made great sacrifices for the nation. It created new institutions and strengthened academic and professional centers, institutions and establishments with an eye on the future. It was an insightful initiative established by the young graduates who established themselves as the most sought-after group of young professionals in the best scientific research and technical institutions in developed countries. These young professionals established their intellectual superiority in the NASA-National Aeronautics and Space Agency of the USA. Subsequently, as is well known, Silicon Valley practically stands 'taken over' by Indian professionals. India formulated the first nation-

al policy on education in 1968 and the next one in 1986/92. After nationwide intensive consultations for over 4 years, the national education policy - NEP 2020 - was finalised and presented to the nation for implementation. This policy has received global appreciation for its insights as well as for pragmatic stipulations and realistic targets. There, however, are several concerns that threaten the smooth implementation of the policy. These require urgent effective remedial measures.

ious practice. How could one ignore the recent paper leak in the UP police recruitment examination in which over 48 lakh young aspirants appeared, then to their shock, found that the exam had been cancelled because of the paper leak?

Boards'!

In Rajasthan, 14 police subinspectors along with others have been arrested as details of a paper leak and copying during their recruitment exam have appeared recently. In Rajasthan, after 2019, on average, 3 instances of paper leaks per year have been reported. An analysis of paper leaks in 15 states during the last 5 years has brought forth shocking details that 1.4 crore young persons have suffered because of paper leaks. There are no details available on how many culprits and members of the mafia have attracted any seri ous punishment.

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still remember the touching

statement by the girl who

topped the Bihar School Board

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themselves over the years to such an extent that some of them continue to indulge in these nefarious practices on a serial basis.

Obviously, either the establishment is in collaboration, or it is the total incompetence and indulgence in corruption of those agencies that are interested in conducting these examinations. It is worth investigating whether any senior officer has ever been sacked for paper leaks in any of the examinations conducted by the school boards or those by the recruitment agencies. How silently the systems have allowed another shocking practice to flourish- solvers being arranged in Board exams and also in recruitment examinations.

Imagine a doctor appearing for a medical aspirant, and being allowed to continue in the profession. It could happen only in India! Recently, the central government has brought about a modal act in this context. Some state governments have also promised strict steps to prevent nakal and paper leaks. The past record is so bleak that people have no trust in pronouncements and assurances. If the concerned agencies were really keen to eradicate these aberrations, they could have done so even with the existing provisions of law. Suspending or merely transferring an officer is in fact a mockery of the seriousness of the crime that is being repeatedly committed. Why can't all those responsible be sacked within a couple of days?

There is a way out for long-

term reforms and it has been indicated in the NEP-2020 which recalls the recommendation of Justice JS Verma Commission, first made in 2012, that over 10,000 teacher training institutions are selling degrees. Imagine the presence of lakhs of 'trained' teachers in the system having 'purchased degrees! They did not get any training and are giving lessons on values, morals and characters in our schools. The nation must focus on a war footing in improving its teacher education institutions. These are not the places for investments and dividends. Once the right culture is generated in teacher training institutions, under sincere and committed teacher-educators, it would flow to schools and then to various professions. This is the only way out, India can no more neglect its teachers, their genuine professional education and continuous upgradation

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THE EDITOR

An astrologer's take on polls and predictions



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Even prominent figures, known for their rationalist stance, sought astrological counsel in significant moments of uncertainty

lections are a busy time for bureaucrats, politi-**⊿**cians and the media. It is also a busy time for astrologers, something that the public may not be aware of. Many leaders and candidates visit astrologers to discuss their electoral prospects. There are politicians who reject astrology and dress in progressive garb for the media while consulting astrologers

in private. Durga Das, in his book "India: From Curzon to Nehru and After," writes that, upon the advice of the then Planning Minister Gulzari Lal Nanda, Pt. Nehru consulted an astrologer in the year 1962. When the astrologer predicted a Chinese aggression, an irritated Nehru told the Jyotishi "you are talking bilge." A Chinese aggression followed soon after, and Pt. Nehru "was in a mood to listen to the astrologer," writes Durga Das. The Jyotishi, this time, warned about Pt. Nehru's health. Durga Das writes, "Fifty learned priests were engaged by his admirers to perform the prescribed rites at a temple in Kalkaji, a

suburb of Delhi." Another Parliament election



is here. I must disclose that the purpose of this note is to present a few observations based on astrology.

The questions about the election that an astrologer faces, even from an astrological viewpoint, are complicated, and precise analyses are tough. It is difficult to analyse the charts of all the candidates. Besides, astrologically too, there are numerous things that might influence an election — from the candidates' birth charts to the exact time at which the nomination is filed. Though ours is a datacentric culture, these details are hard to collect and collate. Despite these difficulties, astrologers attempt to study elections. One way to do this is to examine the chart of the current premier and other leaders. What do those charts

say? So, here is a short analy-

sis of our Prime Minister,

Narendra Modi's chart.

Modi was born on a Shuklapaksha Shashti, and his birth star is Anuradha. He is under the planetary period of Mars which started in the year 2022 and runs till 2029. It is the sub-period of Jupiter presently for him. This started last January and runs till January 2025. The lord of the ascendant, Venus, has Vargottamamsha and is posited in the 11th house along with Saturn. Mars is posited in its own house along with Moon and confers a Sasimangalayoga. Jupiter's

transit in the month of April 2024 will also be beneficial for Shri. Modi's chart, and the current time, are astrologically very good, and it can be said that he will come back without a break and lead the nation once again. The current period — the planetary period of Mars — would be the best time in his life. He

can and will execute his pet plans and projects at this time. He will win his goals and will not step back. Most likely, we will see a shift in Shri. Modi's style and focus after March 2026 as, at that

time, the sub-period of Saturn

is coming to an end. He

might contemplate a change in his ways at this time. There is also a possibility of major allegations coming up against him with an intention to defame him. From the horoscope, it can also be said that he will be active in his political career till he turns 79, that is till the period of Mars comes to an end.

The position of Jupiter suggests that he will be inclined towards a spiritual life at the later stage of his life. This inclination will get stronger after he turns 79

These are general points that one can arrive at from Shri. Modi's chart. Of course, one will have to analyse many other charts and aspects to get a clearer astrological picture. But the question is, is such a thorough examination warranted in public interest? One may say that astrological analyses are not scientific and hence should be discarded at face value. I would urge them to look at

the 'scientific' predictions from our psephologists. One can easily see that we, astrologers, are much more accurate than them.

(The writer is a vedic scholar, views are personal)

TRUMP'S ELECTION GIMMICKS

Sir — The character and face of pseudonationalist Donald Trump has been exposed. Anyway, the character of nationalists is such that they work on the lines of 'like the country, like the disguise'. Yesterday we say one thing and today we are forced to say something else. Everything about them moves and changes according to electoral mathematics. Their ideology and viewpoint are also never permanent. Now, from 2017 to 2019, Trump administration considered the Chinese app TikTok as the biggest threat to Americans. Chinese company ByteDance was accused of spying on Americans. TikTok filed a lawsuit, arguing that such actions would violate free

speech and due process rights. However, Trump was shocked by the court at that time because he could not present any evidence of espionage before the court. That is why just before the elections to be held in November, he had changed his attitude towards TikTok. Now he has started worrying about the likes and dislikes of the youth. According to Trump, TikTok is loved by many people, including a large number of young children, who would be greatly affected by its absence. Is this change of heart of Trump a surefire recipe to capture the White

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OPPENHEIMER AT THE OSCARS

Sir —The 96th Academy i.e. the Oscar Award night made Oppenheimer a cynosure for the evening. From the categories of Best Director to Best Actor to Best Supporting Actor, the movie captured seven honours in its name. This award night is a much-awaited ceremony from the performers across the globe. From the Indian perspective, the point to cherish is the honouring of Indian Art Designer, Nitin Chandrakant Desai.

However, Priyanka Chopra Jonas backed the Indian documentary "To Kill a Tiger," and just lost to booking its trophy of Best

Ignore misconceptions on CAA



ventually, the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) rules were announced. This law was approved by Parliament in December 2019. One explanation for the delay in enacting this law appears to be its widespread opposition. This protest was the result of malicious propaganda claiming that if this law is adopted, the citizenship of the country's Muslims will be jeopardised. This propaganda was carried out not only by members of the so-called civil society but also by numerous political parties. They were purposely aggravating the Muslim community by bringing it to the streets, even though this law has noth-

Mariupol," which is a bit sad point for India. However, the award gala celebration is always awaited. At this time, the award Oppenheimer, which was the story of an Atomic Bomb, picturises the bitter battle between countries in the erstwhile Cold War Era. It's time for all the winner to cherish their hard efforts and celebrate their success.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

SLEEPING ON THE JOB

Sir — A plane in Indonesia strayed off its course after both pilots of the aircraft fell asleep for 28 minutes, according to a report released by the National Transportation Safety Committee (KNKT), a government agency. The Indonesia Transport Ministry will launch an investigation into the incident that took place on January 25. According to the KNKT preliminary report, both the pilot and the co-pilot of the Batik Air BTK6723 Documentary featured to "20 Days in fell asleep during a flight from A Kendari

ing to do with any Indian person. This law grants citizenship to minorities who were persecuted for their religion in Afghanistan, Pakistan, or Bangladesh who arrived in India before 2014. Afghanistan is indeed almost devoid of Hindus and Sikhs. while Hindus. Sikhs. and other minorities face severe persecution in Pakistan and Bangladesh

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They are fighting a losing battle to save their lives. They have no choice but to die, flee or adopt Islam, even if they do not want it. It is imperative that, even after 2014, consideration be given to providing relief to tormented people who fled to India after being looted in three adjacent nations. The fact that certain state governments passed resolutions against the Citizenship Amendment Act in the Assembly demonstrates how some political parties engaged in petty politics about it. Due to cheap and corrupt vote bank politics, this operation was purposefully done against the federal framework, even though state governments had no responsibility in giving citizenship.

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in Southeast Sulawesi province to the

Indonesian capital Jakarta. However, none of the 153 passengers and four flight attendants on board the plane were injured during the flight, and the aircraft did not suffer any damage either. The flight-which lasted two hours and 35 minutes—successfully landed in Jakarta. During the flight preparation in Jakarta on January 25, the co-pilot notified his pilot that he had not had proper rest. After the plane cruised at an altitude of 36,000 feet, the pilot asked the co-pilot to take a rest, and he slept for about 30 minutes inside the cockpit. The co-pilot also known as the second-in-command pilot woke up before the plane began descending to Kenderi. It was indeed a miraculous escape for the 153 passengers and the

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CULTIVATE TOLERANCE TO FOSTER HARMONY

The root cause of predicaments lies in the erosion of moral and human values



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ately, there has been a growing realisation among a number of people that most of the problems in our lives have arisen due to lack or infringement of moral, spiritual or human values. It is now also being felt that our ultra-materialistic outlook, especially our craze for machine culture has resulted in our present predicament. We have gradually lost the human aspect of our lives and have become more or less like machines, as a result of which there is no spirit of friendship, fellow feeling and love in our lives. There are of course many values, which we must observe for a harmonious and peaceful living. Out of those tolerance is one such value, that can change a lot in our life, of course

We must know that many of our troubles, turmoil and traumas are due to intolerance. Though people have become aware of this fact there is still a lot more need for educating people to cultivate this value which, when lost, makes human behaviour uncivilised and barbaric and makes a hell of one's family, professional and community life. Just imagine, if a nation has leaders, who are intolerant, they can land their country in great conflicts and conflagration, or embroil their country in a war or can lead it even to disintegration. For, when tolerance is lost, temper is also lost and the loss of both means the loss of mental balance, calm judgement and composure.

Today we see people killing people in the name of Religion, but has any religion ever taught its followers to kill innocent people? The chronicles of mankind or of various civilisations or nations bear witness to the truth that property is worth inestimable and incalculable amount, and millions of men have been lost in the slaughterhouse of intolerance during the last 2000 years or so because of intolerance that ensued from a hurt ego, an unfulfilled selfish motives or narrow-mindedness that could not stand the existence of different views, different lifestyles, different cultures and different self-interests.



If only this virtue, called Tolerance, had been sustained—all or many other virtues also would have survived, for, when tolerance is lost, man loses his patience, self-control, spirit of non-violence, etc. Therefore it is not too late in the day, for, if even now those who are mercilessly killing innocent people begin to observe this virtue, which is greater than valour and all weapons of war put together, mankind can be saved from the scourge of wars, bloody ethnic strife, communal riots and conflict. Tolerance is a virtue and a fruit of wisdom that can come and stay if we firmly believe that all have the basic right to live peacefully, enjoying their own culture, tradition or religion. If we are self-righteous and think that our own culture and religion are the best of the whole lot and the beliefs of others are of low grade, then we develop narrow-mindedness, hatred and intolerance, resulting in conflicts of various sorts. So, if we wish to have peace and harmony, then we have to learn to respect others and adjust ourselves with them to co-exist. Along with this, we should also learn to forget and forgive some lapses and shortcomings of others in the spirit of friendliness or brotherhood, or else we cannot have goodwill, amity, cooperation and peace.

Lastly, it has been found that the role of education, media and religion becomes very important in propagating tolerance in society. For, unless and until education is value-based and media, especially electronic and film media and religion make their contribution to creating awareness for values like tolerance, humility, and mutual respect, there will not be any peace and harmony in society nor will there be tolerance, humility

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AI is revolutionising waste management



AI is reshaping waste management practices, driving the transition towards a circular economy and propelling us towards a more sustainable future



ustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have garnered increasing attention in recent years. Today, the pivotal role of technology, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), in achieving these goals is gaining prominence, sparking deeper discussions. As the world strides towards sustainable development, smart cities are embracing cyberinfrastructure to foster holistic economic growth, enhance the quality of life, and optimise resource management. However, the mounting challenge of waste management looms large over many urban areas due to the inefficiencies of traditional methods. Yet, smart cities are proactively harnessing innovative technologies like the Internet of Things (IoT), big data, and AI to revolutionise waste management, pavin cular economy (CE). This transition demands a paradigm shift towards a more sustainable supply chain ecosys-

Innovative applications of AI, from converting waste into valuable resources to reshaping societal perceptions of resource utilisation, are unravelling the complexities surrounding environmental issues. They underscore the potential of collaborative innovation and the boundless opportunities that arise from a unified global community. However, embarking on this transformative journey requires caution, for once initiated, there is no turning back. The revelations unearthed along this path could funda-

mentally alter our worldview. At the core of every challenge lies an opportunity for innovation—a chance to redefine the boundaries of what's achievable and ignite human creativity. Serving as a compass through uncharted territories where waste management, AI and the UN's 17 Sustainable



PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS, FUELLED BY DATA AND MACHINE LEARNING, HOLDS **IMMENSE** POTENTIAL IN **OPTIMISING** WASTE MANAGEMENT PROCESSES. REDUCING COSTS AND ENHANCING

EFFICIENCY

Development Goals converge, "Sustainable Solutions" charts a course towards a new planetary future. Central to this journey is the evolution of waste management, emphasising the imperative to minimise landfill-bound waste through the principles of a circular economy - reduce, reuse, and recycle. This necessitates innovative approaches from environmental service providers in recycling waste materials.

Predictive analytics, fueled by data and machine learning, holds immense potential in optimising waste management processes, reducing costs, and enhancing efficiency. As projected by the UN, the influx of people into smart cities by 2050 necessitates a radical shift in urban management strategies. With current approaches inadequate to address such growth amidst the backdrop of climate crises and strained urban infrastructure, the rise of smart cities becomes imperative. Efficient waste management emerges as a cornerstone of this transformation.

Innovation and investment serve as catalysts for economic prosperity worldwide, but realising their full potential requires conducive public policies. Establishing a supportive regulatory framework, simplifying bureaucratic processes, and safeguarding intellectual property rights are pivotal in fostering innovation-friendly environments. Additionally, investing in STEAM education, research infrastructure, and promoting collaboration between academia and industry acceler-

ates innovation ecosystems. Financial incentives such as tax credits and subsidies play a crucial role in driving innovation and investment in waste management AI tools. Public-private partnerships offer avenues for cofinancing R&D projects, incubating startups, and deploying venture capital. Moreover, nurturing entrepreneurship through mentorship programmes and providing access to seed capital fosters a vibrant startup culture

ic growth. Infrastructure development, especially in transport and communication networks, is essential for facilitating innovation clusters and attracting invest-Collaboration and clustering emerge as linchpins in fostering innovation and competitiveness. National policies that encourage the formation of innovation clusters drive knowledge sharing, resource pooling, and collaborative research, thereby creating specialised centres of excellence. However, integrating AI and robotics into waste management poses formidable challenges, including data diversity, accurate

> recycling methods. Transitioning towards a circular economy necessitates radical shifts in waste management practices to combat the escalating environmental threats posed by mounting waste. While smart enabling technologies offer promising solutions, numerous obstacles hinder their widespread adoption. Waste management

waste classification, and effective

essential for sustainable econom-

software integrated with AI and computer vision streamlines sorting processes, significantly improving waste separation accuracy. Geographical indications (GIs), often overlooked in favour of major inventions (MIs), play a pivotal role in promoting sustainable development. Examples include community energy production, organic food, and local waste management initiatives, which contribute significantly to

sustainability. Addressing the surging global waste generation requires comprehensive strategies leveraging AI and sustainable practices. As AI continues to evolve, ensuring its sustainability and environnentai friendiiness is While sustainable AI solutions hold promise in mitigating environmental challenges, careful consideration of potential unintended consequences is impera-

In conclusion, the intersection of AI, waste management, and sustainable development offers a pathway towards a more resilient and prosperous future. Embracing innovation, fostering collaboration, and implementing conducive public policies are essential to realising this vision. By harnessing the transformative power of technology and sustainability, we can pave the way for a more equitable, prosperous, and environmentally sustainable world.

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RUSA and PM-USHA: Making higher education future ready

Education, serving as the bedrock for holistic growth, empowers individuals, society and nations alike

Sustained growth in the sphere of knowledge enrichment is an essential factor for the advancement of human civilization. Needless to say, education is the backbone of holistic growth for individuals, society, and the nation. Quality contemporary education promotes economic, intellectual, and social growth by empowering youth with attributes such as critical thinking, creativity, skill development, innovation, and entre-

preneurship. These attributes are essential for inclusive growth, social harmony, and horizontal and upward mobility. Moreover, quality education fosters scientific advancement and helps create a rational and just society. With a superb demographic dividend, India's com-



mitment to providing highquality 21st-century education to its youthful population will determine the future of the

In this context, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), an overarching centrally sponsored scheme, has become a key driver for promoting equity, access, and excellence in higher education.

to create an ecosystem for the best quality higher education by strategically funding higher education institutions under state governments and union RUSA also focuses on ensur-

ing equity in higher education by promoting the inclusion of women, tribals, minorities, differently-abled persons, socially disadvantaged, and economically weaker sections. Additionally, it also aims at quality assurance, infrastructure development, faculty recruitment, and research and innovation.

RUSA is being implemented in mission mode to fund state government universities and colleges to achieve educational objectives. This has helped state governments with strate-The sole objective of RUSA is gic planning and execution for

completely revamping the higher education ecosystem to address issues of access, equity, quality, and related con-

After the completion of the first phase, it was extended as RUSA 2.0 until March 2020, with further extension provided until March 2021 under the same programmatic and financial frameworks. RUSA, a norm-based and out-

come-dependent scheme, has significantly contributed to sectoral outcomes through various focused components. In the first phase, RUSA covered a total of 2,107 institutions across different components with a budgetary outlay of 8,118 crore for infrastructural grants. Under the second phase of RUSA, around 1,050 institutions received funding, with a total allocation of 6,475 crore, of which infrastructure grants accounted for a 35% share and quality and research initiatives constituted a 31% share. Better achievement of targets in certain areas has been observed under the second phase, indicating maturity in implementation and

An independent performance review conducted by IIT Bombay in 2017 found that GER increased from 19.4% in 2013 to 25.2% in 2018, and the teacher-student ratio also significantly improved after the implementation of RUSA. While the number of accredited institutions during the scheme period has increased, a large number of institutions

are still unaccredited. Despite the high focus of the ery of quality higher education quality learning, and transfor-

scheme on infrastructure augmentation, some surveys conducted in the past highlight gaps in infrastructural availability and the quality of infrastructure in a few institutes. Limited usage of ICT-based classroom transactions has also been observed in some sampled institutes.

This new avatar of RUSA targets to reach out to the unserved, underserved areas, remote and rural areas, difficult geographies, LWE areas, the North-eastern region, aspirational districts, tier-2 cities, areas with low GER, etc., and to benefit the most disadvantaged areas and socio-economically disadvantaged groups. It also aims at revamping and re-energising the learning system for the deliv-

in tune with the key recommendations of NEP-2020. The focus of strategic funding under PM-USHA, apart from improving equity, access, and quality, has shifted to transformative reforms such as gender inclusion, multidisciplinary education and research, ICT, and enhancing employability through vocationalisation, skill upgrading, and innovations. This would support around 1,600 projects worth Rs 12,929.16 crores, with a 60:40 sharing arrangement with the

state governments. PM-USHA is the central government's commitment to meet the promises held by the rich expanse of India's state universities. The country's future lies in empowering these campuses to enhance

mative research, and promote skill development, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

As a centrally sponsored scheme, the vision of RUSA is loud and clear that at times the most important lessons of life are learned outside the classroom. This will also strengthen the bond between education and employment by bridging the skill gap and satisfying the entrepreneurial hunger of youth. Finally, it will empower youth with life skills to contribute meaningfully towards the economic, intellectual, and social imperatives of Bharat and thus realise PM Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

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Biden, Trump clinch nominations China says boundary issue with India does

resident Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump clinched their parties' presidential nominations Tuesday with decisive victories in a slate of low-profile primaries, setting up a general election rematch that many voters do not want.

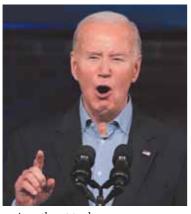
The outcome of contests across Georgia, Mississippi and Washington State was never in doubt. Neither Biden, a Democrat, nor Trump, a Republican, faced major opposition. But the magnitude of their wins gave each man the delegate majority he needed to claim his party's nomination at the summertime national conventions.

Not even halfway through the presidential primary calendar, Tuesday marked a crystalizing moment for a nation uneasy with its choices in 2024.

There is no longer any doubt that the fall election will feature a rematch between two flawed and unpopular presidents.

At 81, Biden is already the oldest president in U.S. history, while the 77-yearold Trump is facing decades in prison as a defendant in four criminal cases. Their rematch — the first featuring two U.S. presidents since 1912 — will almost certainly deepen the nation's searing political and cultural divides over the eight-month grind that lies

In a statement, Biden celebrated the nomination while casting Trump as a



serious threat to democracy.

Trump, Biden said, "is running a campaign of resentment, revenge, and retribution that threatens the very idea of America?

He continued, "I am honored that the broad coalition of voters representing the rich diversity of the Democratic Party across the country have put their faith in me once again to lead our party - and our country — in a moment when the threat Trump poses is greater than ever."

On the eve of Tuesday's primaries, Trump acknowledged that Biden would be the Democratic nominee, even as seized on the president's age.

"I assume he's going to be the candidate," Trump said of Biden on CNBC. "I'm his only opponent other than life, life itself."

Both candidates dominated Tuesday's primaries in swing-state Georgia, deepred Mississippi and Democratic-leaning Washington. Voting was taking place later in Hawaii's Republican cau-

Despite their tough talk, the road ahead will not be easy for either presumptive nominee.

Trump is facing 91 felony counts in four criminal cases involving his handling of classified documents and his attempt to overturn the 2020 election, among other alleged crimes. He's also facing increasingly pointed questions about his policy plans and relationships with some of the world's most dangerous dictators. Trump met privately on Friday with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, who has rolled back democraBiden, who would be 86 years old at the end of his next term, is working to assure a skeptical electorate that he's still physically and mentally able to thrive in the world's most important job. Voters in both parties are unhappy with his handling of immigration and infla-

And he's dealing with additional dissension within his party's progressive base, furious that he hasn't done more to stop Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza. Activists and religious leaders in Washington encouraged Democrats to vote "uncommitted" to signal their outrage

In Seattle, 26-year-old voter Bella Rivera said they hoped their "uncommitted" vote would would serve as a wakeup call for the Democratic party.

"If you really want our votes, if you want to win this election, you're going to have to show a little bit more either support of Palestinian liberation — that's something that's very important to us — and ceasing funds to Israel," said Rivera, a preschool teacher who uses they/them pronouns.

Almost 3,000 miles away in Georgia, retiree Donna Graham said she would have preferred another Republican nominee over Trump, but she said there's no way she'd ever vote for Biden in the general election.

"He wasn't my first choice, but he's the next best thing," Graham said of Trump. "It's sad that it's the same old matchup as four years ago.'

not represent entirety of bilateral ties

hina on Wednesday said Uthe Sino-India boundary issue does not represent the entirety of the bilateral ties and called for enhancing mutual trust between the two countries to avoid misunderstanding and misjudgement.

India has been maintaining that its ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas.

Bilateral ties nosedived significantly following the fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in more than four decades.

Responding to questions on External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's remarks this week that the amassing of troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has "not served either of us well", Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said, the boundary issue should be placed appropriately in the bilateral ties. "China has stressed multiple times that the boundary question does not represent the entirety of the China-India relations which should be placed appropriately in the bilateral relations and managed properly," Wang said.
While responding to a query

from a Chinese diplomat at the 'Express Adda' on Monday, Jaishankar said, "I think it is in our common interest that we should not have that many forces on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

"It is in our common interest that we should observe the agreements that we have signed. And I believe that it is not just in our common interest and it is in China's interest as well. "This tension that we have seen for the last four years has not served either of us well," Jaishankar said.

Wang, in his reply, said both China and India believe an early settlement of the situation on the China-India border serves the common interest of the two sides.

We hope that the two sides will follow the common understanding between the leaders and the spirit of the relevant agreements maintaining communication through diplomatic and military channels and find a solution to the relevant border issues that can be accepted by the two sides at an early date," he said.

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times that the boundary question does not represent the entirety of the China-India relations, which should be

placed appropriately in the bilateral relations and managed properly, he said. We hope that India will work in the same direction with us and approach the bilateral relations from a strategic height

and long-term perspective," he

Both countries should enhance mutual trust and avoid misunderstanding and misjudge-ment, he said. "We should handle differences properly to develop our bilateral relations on a sound and steady track." When pointed out that Jaishankar's comments referred to the resolution of the present standoff in eastern Ladakh where the two countries deployed thousands of troops, while China referred to the

overall boundary issue, Wang said, "The two things in nature are the same." 'We hope that India will work with us and follow the common understandings reached by the two leaders and the spirit of the agreements and maintain communication to find a solution to the border issue at an early

date", he said.

Ready to use nuclear weapons if sovereignty threatened: Putin

AP MOSCOW

 $P^{\text{resident Vladimir Putin}}_{\text{said Wednesday that Russia}}$ is ready to use nuclear weapons if its sovereignty or independence is threatened, issuing another blunt warning to the West just days before an election in which he's all but certain to secure another six-year

The Russian leader has repeatedly talked about his readiness to use nuclear weapons since launching a full-scale invasion of Ukraine on Feb 24, 2022. The most recent such threat came in his state-of-the-nation address last month, when he warned the West that deepening its involvement in the fighting in Ukraine would risk a nuclear war.

Asked in an interview with Russian state television released early Wednesday if he has ever considered using battlefield nuclear weapons in Ukraine, Putin responded that there has

noted that he doesn't think that the world is heading for a nuclear war, describing US President Joe Biden as a veteran politician who fully understands the possible dangers of escalation.

Still, the remarks appeared to be a message to the West that he's prepared to use all means to protect his gains in Ukraine. Putin said in line with the country's security doctrine, Moscow is ready to use nuclear weapons in case of a threat to "the existence of the Russian state, our sovereignty and independence".
"All that is written in our strat-

egy, we haven't changed it," he

In an apparent reference to NATO allies that support Kyiv, he also declared that "the nations that say they have no red lines regarding Russia should realise that Russia won't have any red lines regarding them either"

ly lamented that the West too often constrains itself with selfimposed "red lines" regarding Russia. He also welcomed a comment by French President Emmanuel Macron that the possibility of Western troops being sent to Ukraine couldn't be ruled out.

In the wake of recent battlefield gains, Putin argued that Ukraine and its Western allies will eventually have to accept a deal to end the war on Russian

"It shouldn't be a break for the enemy to rearm, but a serious talk involving the guarantees of security for the Russian Federation," he said.

Putin said that a recent spike in Ukrainian drone attacks deep inside Russia is part of efforts to derail the country's three-day presidential election, which starts Friday and which he's set to win by a landslide, given his near total crackdown on dissent and

Lithuania's foreign minister, Gabrielius Landsbergis, recent-political system. been no need for that. He also Russia says it killed 234 fighters while thwarting Ukraine incursion

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The Russian Defense Ministry said Tuesday night that Moscow's military and security forces killed 234 fighters while thwarting an incursion into Russian border regions earlier in the day

In a statement, the ministry blamed the attack on the "Kyiv regime" and "Ukraine's terrorist formations," insisting that the Russian military and border forces were able to stop the attackers and avert a cross-border raid. It also said the attackers lost seven tanks and five armored vehicles.

The reports of border fighting earlier on Tuesday were murky, and it was impossible to ascertain with any certainty what

was unfolding in Russia's Kursk and Belgorod regions. Crossborder attacks in the area have occurred sporadically since the war began and have been the subject of claims and counterclaims, as well as disinformation and propaganda.

Ukrainian long-range drones smashed into two oil facilities deep inside Russia on Tuesday, officials said, while an armed incursion claimed by Ukrainebased Russian opponents of the Kremlin unnerved a border region just days before Russia's presidential election.

The attack by waves of drones across eight regions of Russia displayed Kyiv's expanding technological capacity as the war extends into its third year. The cross-border ground crossed the border.

eliminating all opposition.

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Soldiers who Kyiv officials say are Russian volunteers fighting for Ukraine claimed to have

assault also weakened President Vladimir Putin's argument that life in Russia has been unaffected by the war, though he remains all but certain to win another six-year term after

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Nepal PM Prachanda wins vote of confidence in Parliament

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Wednesday secured a vote of confidence in Parliament, as the country struggled to maintain political stability amid the shifting of alliances. Prachanda, 69, a former guerilla leader belonging to the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) — the third largest party in the House of Representatives (HoR) received 157 votes in the 275member House Representatives (HoR).

Altogether 268 MPs were present during the voting in the Parliament building at Naya Baneshwor in Kathmandu.

110 votes were cast against him while one lawmaker abstained from voting. Prachanda needed 138 votes to win the trust

vote. "The Prime Minister has

won the vote of confidence," announced Speaker Dev Raj Ghimire.

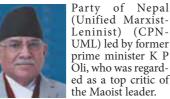
The vote comes days after the Maoist leader dumped the Nepali Congress and forged a new alliance with the

Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist). This is the third time that Prachanda sought a vote of confidence in the House in less than one-and-a-half-year.

According to constitutional provisions, a prime minister has to take a vote of confidence after an ally withdraws support to the ruling coalition.

Prachanda was required to prove his majority after he lost the support of the previous ally, the Nepali Congress, the largest party in the HoR.

Prachanda's new political alliance is with the Communist



UML) led by former prime minister K F Oli, who was regarded as a top critic of the Maoist leader. Prachanda became

the prime minister for the third term on December 25, 2022. Last year, Prachanda faced a

floor test after the Oli-led CPN-UML withdrew its support to the Prachanda-led government following a rift over backing the main opposition party's candidate for the presidential poll. In the 2017 election, Prachanda and Oli merged their parties and secured a comfortable majority. Oli became the prime minister, but their partnership ended halfway following differences between them.

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01054	Banaras	20:30	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	23:55	Thursday	14.03.24 to 28.03.24	3 Tier AC (Economy), Sleeper & General	Jn., Itarsi Jn., Pipariya, Jabalpur, Katni, Maihar, Satna, Manikpur Jn. & Prayagraj Chheoki stations.
01123	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	12:15	Gorakhpur Jn.	18:55	Friday	15.03.24 to 29.03.24	2 Tier Ac,	Thane, Kalyan Jn., Igatpuri, Nashik Road, Bhusaval Jn.,
01124	Gorakhpur Jn.	21:15	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	07:25	Saturday	16.03.24 to 30.03.24	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Khandwa Jn., Itarsi Jn., Bhopal, Bina, VGL Jhansi Jn., Orai, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn. & Basti stations
01103	Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T.)	22:35	Gorakhpur Jn.	09:30	Thursday	14.03.24 to 28.03.24	1st AC, 2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC (Economy),	Dadar, Thane, Kalyan Jn., Igatpuri, Nashik Road, Bhusay
01104	Gorakhpur Jn.	15:30	Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T.)	00:40	Saturday	16.03.24 to 30.03.24	Sleeper & General	Jn., Khandwa Jn., Itarsi Jn., Bhopal, Bina, VGL Jhansi Jn., Orai, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn. & Basti stations
05115	Chhapra	17:45	Anand Vihar (T.)	11:50	Wednesday	20.03.24 & 27.03.24	2 Tier Ac,	Siwan, Deoria, Gorakhpur, Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda,
05116	Anand Vihar (T.)	14:45	Chhapra	09:30	Thursday	21.03.24 & 28.03.24	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Burhwal, Sitapur Jn., Bareilly Jn. & Moradabad stations
05023	Gorakhpur Jn.	21:15	Anand Vihar (T.)	13:15	Sunday	24.03.24 & 31.03.24	2 Tier Ac,	Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda, Burhwal, Sitapur Jn., Bareilly,
05024	Anand Vihar (T.)	15:15	Gorakhpur Jn.	07:30	Monday	25.03.24 & 01.04.24	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Moradabad & Ghaziabad stations
05097	Tanakpur Jn.	18:25	Daurai Jn.	13:40	Fri, Mon, Wed	22.03.24 to 29.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper	Khatima, Pilibhit, Bhojipura, Izzatnagar, Bareilly City, Bareilly Jn., Chandausi, Moradabad Jn., Ghaziabad, Delhi Jn.,
05098	Daurai Jn.	16:05	Tanakpur Jn.	09:35	Sat, Tue, Thu	23.03.24 to 30.03.24	& General	Delhi Cantt, Gurgaon, Rewari, Narnaul, Nim Ka Thana, Shri Madhopur, Ringas Jn., Phulera Jn., Kishangarh & Ajmer stations.
05047	Banaras	19:20	Anand Vihar (T.)	09:30	Tuesday	26.03.2024	3 Tier AC,	Bhadohi, Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh Jn., Amethi,
05048	Anand Vihar (T.)	18:15	Banaras	08:10	Wednesday	27.03.2024	AC Chair Car	Rae Bareli Jn., Lucknow, Bareilly(Nr) & Moradabad stations
05053	Gorakhpur Jn.	09:30	Bandra Terminus	16:00	Friday	22.03.24 & 29.03.24	2nd Sitting	Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda Jn., Badshah Nagar, Aishbag, Kanpur Central, Tundla, Agra Fort, Bayana Gangapur
05054	Bandra Terminus	21:45	Gorakhpur Jn.	06:25	Saturday	23.03.24 & 30.03.24		City, Kota Jn., Bhawani Mandi, Shamgarh, Nagda Jn., Ratlam Jn., Vadodara Jn., Surat, Valsad, Vapi Palghar & Borivali stations
05005	Gorakhpur Jn.	14:40	Amritsar	09:30	Wednesday	20.03.24 & 27.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper	Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda Jn., Burhwal, Sitapur Jn., Bareilly, Moradabad, Saharanpur Jn., Yamunanagar Jagadhri,
05006	Amritsar	12:45	Gorakhpur Jn.	08:50	Thursday	21.03.24 & 28.03.24	& General	Ambala Cantt, Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar City & Beas stations
05049	Chhapra	09:55	Amritsar	09:30	Friday	22.03.24 & 29.03.24	3 Tier AC, Sleeper	Siwan, Thawe, Tamkuhi Road, Padrauna, Kaptanganj, Gorakhpur Jn., Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda Jn., Burhwal, Sitapur Jn.,
05050	Amritsar	12:45	Chhapra	14:00	Saturday	23.03.24 & 30.03.24	& General	Bareilly, Moradabad, Saharanpur Jn., Yamunanagar Jagadhri, Ambala Cantt, Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar City & Beas stations
05012	Gomti Nagar	14:00	Chhapra	00:05	Thu, Sat, Mon, Wed	21.03.24 to 27.03.24	2 Tier Ac,	Barabanki Jn., Burhwal, Colonelganj, Gonda Jn., Mankapur Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn., Pipraich, Kaptanganj Jn.,
05011	Chhapra	05:45	Gomti Nagar	16:00	Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu	22.03.24 to 28.03.24	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ramkola, Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe, Dighwadobowli, Mashrakh Jn. & Chhapra Kacheri stations
05045	Lalkuan	13:10	Rajkot	18:10	Sunday	24.03.24 & 31.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper	Kichha, Baheri, Bhoji Pura, Izzatnagar, Bareilly City, Bareilly Jn. (Ner), Badaun, Soron Shukar, Kasganj, Hathras City, Mathura Cant, Mathura Jn., Bharatpur, Dausa, Jaipur Jn., Phulera, Nawa City, Kuchaman City, Makrana
05046	Rajkot	22:30	Lalkuan	04:05	Monday	25.03.24 & 01.04.24	& General	Jn, Degana Jn., Merta Road Jn., Gotan, Jodhpur Jn., Luni, Samdhari Jn., Mokalsar, Jalor, Modran, Marwar, Bhinmal, Raniwara, Dhanera, Bhildi Jn., Patan, Mahesana Jn., Surendranagar & Wankaner Jn. stations
05193	Chhapra	15:20	Panvel	20:30	Thursday	21.03.24 to 28.03.24	3 Tier AC (Economy), Sleeper & General	Ballia, Ghazipur City, Varanasi, Banaras, Prayagraj Jn., Satna, Katni, Jabalpur, Itarsi Jn., Bhusaval Jn.,
05194	Panvel	21:40	Chhapra	08:50	Friday	22.03.24 to 29.03.24	Sicepei & General	Nasik Road, Igatpuri & Kalyan Jn. stations
09523	Okha	10:00	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	10:10	Tuesday	19.03.2024	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC (Economy),	Dwarka, Khambhaliya, Jamnagar, Hapa, Rajkot Jn., Surendranagar, Viramgam Jn., Mahesana Jn., Unjha, Siddhpur, Palanpur Jn., Abu
09524	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	13:20	Okha	13:50	Wednesday	20.03.2024	Sleeper & General	Road, Falna, Marwar Jn., Beawar, Ajmer, Kishangarh, Jaipur Gandhinagar Jaipur, Dausa, Bandikui, Alwar & Rewari station
09525	Нара	00:40	Naharlagun	16:00	Wednesday	20.03.2024	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper	Rajkot, Wankaner Jn., Surendranagar, Ahmedabad, Nadiad, Anand, Chhayapuri, Godhra, Ratlam, Nagda, Ujjain, Maksi, Shajapur, BiyavraRajgarh, Ruthiyai Jn., Guna, Shivpuri, Gwalior, Etawah, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn., Gyanpur Road, Banaras, Varanasi, Ghazipu City, Ballia, Chhapra, Hajipur, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn., BeguSara Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katihar, Barsoi, Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri New Coochbehar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Barpeta Road, Rangiy, Udalguri, New Misamari, Rangapara North & Harmuti stations
09526	Naharlagun	10:00	Нара	00:30	Saturday	23.03.2024	& General	
09183	Mumbai Central	22:50	Banaras	10:30	Wednesday	20.03.2024	1st AC, 2 Tier Ac,	Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Bharatpur, Achhnera Jn.,
09184	Banaras	14:30	Mumbai Central	04:20	Friday	22.03.2024	3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC (Economy)	Agra Fort, Tundla, Shikohabad, Mainpuri, Bhongaon, Farrukhabad, Kannauj, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Rae Bareli Jn., Amethi, Pratapgarh, Janghai Jn. & Bhadohi stations
09111	Vadodara	19:00	Gorakhpur Jn.	23:30	Monday	18.03.2024	1st AC, 2 Tier Ac,	Godhra, Ratlam Jn., Kota, Sawaimadhopur, Gangapur city, Bharatpur,
09112	Gorakhpur Jn.	05:00	Vadodara	08:35	Wednesday	20.03.2024	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Agra Fort, Tundla Jn., Shikohabad Jn., Mainpuri Jn., Farrukhabad Jn., Kanpur, Lucknow, Barabanki, Gonda & Basti stations
09195	Vadodara	19:00	Mau	20:45	Saturday	23.03.24 & 30.03.24	1st AC, 2 Tier Ac,	Godhra Jn., Dahod, Ratlam, Kota, Bayana Jn., Agra Fort,
09196	Mau	23:00	Vadodara	00:45	Sunday	24.03.24 & 31.03.24	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Tundla, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Sultanpur & Varanasi stations
09061	Valsad	02:15	Barauni	18:00	Tuesday	19.03.2024	2 Tier Ac,	Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Kota, Sawaimadhopur, Gangapur city, Bharatpur, Mathura, Kasganj, Farrukhabad, Kanpur Central,
09062	Barauni	12:15	Valsad	03:45	Thursday	21.03.2024	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Lucknow, Sultanpur, Jaunpur city, Varanasi, Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra & Hajipur stations
09417	Ahmedabad Jn.	09:10	Danapur	20:30	Monday	18.03.2024	2 Tier Ac,	NadiadJn., Chhayapuri, RatlamJn., Kota Jn., Sawai Madhopur,
09418	Danapur	23:50	Ahmedabad Jn.	11:10	Wednesday	20.03.2024	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Gangapur City, Hindaun City, Bharatpur Jn., Mathura Jn., Kasganj, Farrukhabad, Kanpur central, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Jaunpur City, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. & Buxar, Ara station.
04145	Subedarganj	21:30	Anand Vihar (T.)	08:00	As per dates	20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 31.03.24	2 Tier Ac.	
04146	Anand Vihar (T.)	09:30	Subedarganj	19:00	As per dates	21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30.03.24 & 01.04.24	3 Tier AC (Economy), Sleeper & General	Fatehpur, Kanpur Central, Etawah, Tundla Aligarh stations
03435	Malda Town	09:30	Anand Vihar (T.)	14:10	Monday	25.03.24 to 01.04.24	2 Tier Ac,	New Farakka, Barharwa Jn., Sahibganj Jn., Pirpainti, Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur, Sultanganj, Jamalpur Jn., Abhaipur,
03436	Anand Vihar (T.)	19:00	Malda Town	23:30	Tuesday	26.03.24 to 02.04.24	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Kanalgaon, Bhagaipur, Sultangani, Jamaipur Jh., Abhaipur, Kiul Jn, Mokameh, Bakhtiyarpur, Patna Jn, Ara, Buxar, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Pryagraj & Govindpuri stations
08475	Puri	04:50	Hazrat Nizamuddin	17:40	Friday	22.03.24 & 29.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC,	Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Naraj Marthapur, Dhenkanal, Angul, Rairakhol, Sambalpur City, Jharsuguda Road,
08476	Hazrat Nizamuddin	23:35	Puri	06:55	Saturday	23.03.24 & 30.03.24	Sleeper & General	Bilaspur, New Katni Jn, Birangana Laxmibai Jhansi, Gwalior, Agra Cant & Mathura Jn. stations Vizianaoaram, Bobbili, Parvatipuram, Rayagada, Kesinga.

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Titlagarh, Kantabanji, Khariar Road, Mahasamund,

Raipur, Anuppur, New Katni Jn, Lalitpur Jn, Birangana

23.03.24 to 30.03.24

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denied that it could be used

as a tool of the Chinese gov-

ernment. The company has

said it has never shared US

user data with Chinese

authorities and won't do so if

it is asked. To date, the US

government also has not pro-

vided any evidence that

shows TikTok shared such

information with Chinese

authorities. The platform has

about 170 million users in the

US. The security briefing

seemed to change few minds,

instead solidifying the views

We have a national security

obligation to prevent

America's most strategic

adversary from being so involved in our lives," said

Rep. Nick LaLota, R-N.Y.

But Rep. Robert Garcia, D-

Calif., said no information

has been shared with him

that convinces him TikTok is

of both sides.

India's progress under PM Modi US House passes bill to ban TikTok if 'outstanding', says Congressman

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

India has made "outstanding progress" under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from being the 10th largest economy of the world to soon to be the third largest, a popular Indian American Congressman has said, adding that a revolution is going on in India because of digitisation.

"The progress (of India) is outstanding (in the last 10 years). When I think Prime Minister Modi was elected, India was like the 10th economy in the world, then it became the fifth economy and very soon to be the third largest economy in the world. So there is absolutely no doubt that India has made amazing progress," Indian American

 $P^{\text{resident Droupadi Murmu}}_{\text{on Wednesday paid tributes}}$

to the brave Mauritian ancestors at Aapravasi Ghat and

International Slavery Museum

Murmu is here on a three-day

state visit during which she was

the chief guest at the country's

National Day celebrations on

On Wednesday," President

Droupadi Murmu paid tributes

to the brave Mauritian ances-

tors at Aapravasi Ghat and International Slavery Museum in Port Louis," the President of

"President Murmu climbed the

same 16 stone steps from where

the first indentured workers

from India began their new

lives in Mauritius, nearly two

Murmu was warmly welcomed

at both sites by performers of

Bhojpuri Geet Gawai and Sega,

unique musical traditions of

Mauritius," the post read on X.

managers, including several of

Indian heritage, as he con-

firmed that a new law to quash

their wrongful convictions

would be tabled in the House

of Commons on Wednesday.

The British Indian leader had

pledged action in the historic

UK Post Office scandal involv-

ing a faulty accounting software

named Horizon, which wrong-

ly accused sub-postmasters of

The government, which for-

mally owns Post Office Ltd, has

paid out millions in compen-

sation to many of the sub-post-

masters impacted, but there

have been many others still

waiting for years to clear their

"I want to pay tribute to all the

postmasters who have shown

fraud.

President

Tuesday

India posted X.

centuries ago.

told PTI in an interview.

Thanedar, 69, represents the 13th Congressional District of Michigan and is highly popular among Indian Americans across the country. A Marathi speaker, he travels to various parts of the US, meeting and interacting with various Indian American groups and organisations. He was in India as part of a Congressional delegation last August.

"It's a country of young people. I think it has more young people, percentage wise than most nations. That is the strength of India. India has now embraced technology. We are seeing the digitalisation of the financial systems, the banking systems. That digitalisation, that progress, that technology has reached smaller towns, vil-

Prez Murmu pays tributes to

Aapravasi Ghat is where the

modern indentured labour

diaspora began. In 1834, the

British Government selected

the island of Mauritius to be the

first site for what it called 'the

great experiment' in the use of

free labour to replace slaves.

Between 1834 and 1920, almost

half a million indentured

labourers arrived from India at

Aapravasi Ghat to work in the

sugar plantations of Mauritius,

British Prime Minister Rishi for justice and to those who sunak paid tribute to hundral of part of face the proposed new Bill,

"While I know that nothing can

make up for what they've been

through, today's legislation

marks an important step for-

ward in finally clearing their

names. We owe it to the victims

of this scandal who have had

their lives and livelihoods cal-

lously torn apart to deliver the

justice they've fought so long

and hard for and to ensure

nothing like this ever happens

The blanket exoneration, delivered through the Post Office

(Horizon System) Offences

Bill, will quash convictions

brought about by erroneous

Horizon evidence, clearing the

names of many people who

have had their lives ruined.

Affected sub-postmasters will

also receive an interim payment

again," he said.

Sunak pays tribute as new law tabled in Post Office scandal

brave Mauritian ancestors

Congressman Shri Thanedar lages. So there is a revolution going on in India," Thanedar

"It's all very exciting to see. India continues to be a strong force in the world. No one can ignore India, including the United States. The United States must respect and honour the ability India has and the potential India and Indian people have. And I think President Biden understands that," he told PTI in response to a question. Prime Minister Modi, he said, established a good relationship with the previous administration and also this administration. "I think when was at the White House, when Modiji came and we had the dinner in his honour, I could see the chemistry, the

friendship between President

Biden and Prime Minister

or to be transferred to Reunion

Island, Australia, southern and

eastern Africa or the

The Intercontinental Slavery

Museum is one of the key recommendations of the Truth

and Justice Commission of

Mauritius, which established

public platforms in 2009 to

investigate the legacy of slavery

and indentured labour from

colonial times to the present day. It was the world's first truth

commission specifically dedi-

Her presence at the 56th

Independence and 32nd

anniversary of the Republic of

Mauritius marks a momentous

occasion for the India-

Mauritius special partnership,

the Ministry of External Affairs

Murmu was also conferred

with the honorary degree of

Doctor of Civil Law by the University of Mauritius,

demonstrating the depth of

ly quashed if the postmasters

were prosecuted by the Post

Office or Crown Prosecution

Service (CPS) or charged with

offences carried out in connec-

tion with Post Office business

between 1996 and 2018 and rel-

evant offences such as theft,

The UK government has also

confirmed it will bring forward

enhanced financial redress for

postmasters who were not con-

victed or part of legal action

against the Post Office but still

suffered considerably due to

These individuals, also known

as the "Horizon Shortfall

Scheme" cohort, will have the

option to receive a fixed sum

payment of GBP 75,000. Those

who have already settled for

Horizon's failures.

fraud and false accounting.

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Caribbean.

Modi. It continues to strengthen," he said.

'In my personal opinion, l think the relationship needs to be much better than what it is now. As you know, India started with a non-alignment position and many years India was trying to balance between the Soviet Union and the United States. But time has now come for India to fully trust and put its faith and friendship into the United States and focus on working closely together," he said. "We need to become much more stronger allies. We need to have much more collaboration in terms of defense and in terms of technology and commerce in general. I think there's a lot more that can be done, but I think we have a good relationship right now," Thanedar said.

Rio police release gunman on bus, 2 people hurt

Brazilian police said Tuesday they released 17 hostages from a gunman that took over a crowded bus in Rio de Janeiro and wounded at least two peo-

Rio police said in its social media channels that all hostages aboard a bus parked at one of the city's main terminals had been freed "after a successful work of negotiation" led

The man's motive remains unclear, Police Col. Marco Andrade said in an interview on TV news channel Globo News. "We have children and older people inside the bus," Andrade said, adding that very little was known at this stage. The bus was parked at the Sao Cristovao terminal in the city center and was scheduled to head to the neighboring state of Minas Gerais. Police cars and ambulances could be seen waiting near the bus.

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Postmasters have been fight

ing for justice for years, and I

hope the introduction of

today's legislation is the light at

the end of the tunnel they have

been waiting for... For those

who don't choose this option,

their claims can be assessed as

part of the usual scheme

process, in which there is no

limit to compensation," said

Postal Affairs Minister Kevin

The UK's Department for

Business and Trade (DBT) has

now been made responsible for

delivering the new Horizon

Convictions Redress Scheme,

which will make redress pay-

ments to those who have had

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17 hostages from **AP** ■ RIO DE JANERIO

by its elite squad.

Pakistan was accorded the sta-European market.

Addressing a press conference, Tarar claimed that Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) party sent an online petition to the European Union to deprive Pakistan of GSP+ status, which serves as a special incentive arrangement to promote good development by facilitating

"Contacting the European Union and asking them to revoke Pakistan's GSP+ status is an attack on Pakistan. This is a conspiracy to destroy Pakistan's economy and to inflict the poor people of Pakistan with more difficulties," he said.

Khan had earlier urged the International Monetary Fund (IMF) not to extend assistance to Pakistan without conducting an audit into the February 8 elections, which the PTI says was rigged in favour of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party led by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif. Pakistan's GSP+ status would lead to reduced inflation and increased employment opportunities.

Pak Interior min attacks Imran on GSP+ status

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al security threat.

ByteDance Ltd.

The House on Wednesday passed a bill that would lead

to a nationwide ban of the popular video app TikTok if its

China-based owner doesn't sell,

as lawmakers acted on concerns

that the company's current

ownership structure is a nation-

The bill, passed by a vote of

352-65, now goes to the Senate,

where its prospects are unclear. TikTok, which has more than

150 million American users, is

a wholly owned subsidiary of

Chinese technology firm

The lawmakers contend that

ByteDance is beholden to the

Chinese government, which

could demand access to the data

of TikTok's consumers in the

US any time it wants. The

worry stems from a set of

Chinese national security laws

that compel organisations to

assist with intelligence gathering. "We have given TikTok a clear choice," said Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash.

"Separate from your parent

company ByteDance, which is

beholden to the CCP (the

Chinese Communist Party), and remain operational in the

Tailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party has asked the European Union to revoke Pakistan's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) Plus status and was conspiring to "destroy' its economy, the new Interior Minister Attaullah Tarar said on Wednesday. The GSP+ serves as a special

incentive arrangement to promote good governance and sustainable development by facilitating trade.

tus in 2014 which has now been extended until 2027. The country enjoys duty-free or minimum duty on exports to the

But by targeting TikTok, lawis be very thoughtful and a national security threat. deliberate about the need to "My opinion, leaving that briefing, has not changed at all," he said. "This idea that makers are singling out a platforce a divestiture of TikTok form popular with millions of people, many of whom skew without granting any authorwe're going to ban, essentialyounger, just months before an ity to the executive branch to ly, entrepreneurs, small busielection. Opposition to the bill regulate content or go after was also bipartisan. Some any American company," said ness owners, the main way Republicans said the US should Rep. Mike Gallagher, the bill's how young people actually warn consumers if there are author, as he emerged from the briefing. TikTok has long communicate with each other data privacy and propaganda

Democrats voiced concerns

about the impact a ban would

have on its millions of users in

the US, many of which are

entrepreneurs and business

owners. "The answer to author-

itarianism is not more author-

itarianism," said Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif. "The

answer to CCP-style propa-

ganda is not CCP-style oppres-

sion. Let us slow down before

we blunder down this very

Ahead of the House vote, a

top national security official

in the Biden administration

held a closed-door briefing

Tuesday with lawmakers to

discuss TikTok and the

national security implica-

tions. Lawmakers are bal-

ancing those security con-

cerns against a desire not to

'What we've tried to do here

limit free speech online.

steep and slippery slope."

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Chinese owner doesn't sell

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quences. The choice is

House passage of the bill is only

the first step. The Senate would

also need to pass the measure

for it to become law, and law-

makers in that chamber indicat-

ed it would undergo a thorough

review. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said

he'll have to consult with rele-

vant committee chairs to deter-

President Joe Biden has said if

Congress passes the measure,

The House vote is poised to

open a new front in the long-

running feud between law-

makers and the tech industry.

Members of Congress have

long been critical of tech plat-

forms and their expansive influ-

ence, often clashing with exec-

utives over industry practices.

mine the bill's path.

he will sign it.

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny's close associate and top strategist, accused on Wednesday Russian President Vladimir Putin's "henchmen" of being behind a brutal attack that left him hospitalised in Lithuania's capital and vowed to 'not give up.' Police said an assailant attacked

eonid Volkov, the late

Volkov on Tuesday as he arrived in a car at his Vilnius home, where he lives in exile. The attacker smashed one of his car's windows, sprayed tear gas into his eyes and hit him with a hammer, police said. Volkov suffered a broken arm "and for now he cannot walk because of the severe bruising from the hammer blows, according to Navalny's The Anti-Corruption Foundation. He was hospitalised, but later

"We will work, we will not give a short video posted on motivated.

released, and vowed on

Wednesday to keep up his

Telegram on Wednesday, speaking with his arm bandaged and in a sling. "It was a characteristic bandit greeting from Putin's henchmen."

This seemed to be a reference to both Putin's thuggish style and his stint as a deputy mayor of St. Petersburg in the 1990s when it was considered one of the most criminal cities in Russia.

Police have launched a criminal investigation. Gabrielius Landsbergis,

Lithuania's foreign minister, called the attack "shocking." He wrote on X, formerly Twitter: "Relevant authorities are at work. Perpetrators will have to answer for their crime."

The attack took place nearly a month after Navalny's unexplained death in a remote Arctic penal colony. He was Russia's best-known opposition figure and Putin's fiercest critic. Navalny had been jailed since January 2021 and was serving a 19-year prison term there on the charges of extrem-

Navalny ally accuses 'Putin's henchmen' of attacking him

Opposition figures and

Western leaders laid the blame

on the Kremlin for his death —

something officials in Moscow

vehemently rejected. His funeral in the Russian capital on March 1 drew thousands of supporters, a rare show of defiance in Putin's Russia amid an unabating and ruthless crackdown on dissent, as Navalny's widow Yulia vowed to continue her late husband's

Volkov used to be in charge of Navalny's regional offices and election campaigns.

Navalny ran for mayor of Moscow in 2013 and sought to challenge Putin in the 2018 presidential election. Volkov left Russia several years ago under pressure from the

authorities. Last year, Volkov and his team launched a project called 'Navalny's Campaigning Machine," aiming to contact as many Russians as possible, either by phone or online, seeking to turn them against 17 presidential election

'US needs Indian immigrants'

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The United States needs high-The United States Incl.

Ity qualified professionals from India, an influential American lawmaker has said, advocating that the US Congress remove the seven per cent country quota for issuing of Green Cards that has resulted in decades of long wait for professionals from India who have moved to this country.

"It's so important that Indians are able to immigrate to the United States when they're looking for jobs because the United States depends on high quality, high skilled, very smart people coming from all over the world to work here. It's one of the natural advantages of the United States that we welcome people from all over the world," Congressman Matt Cartwright, who represents the 8th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, told PTI in an interview.

Cartwright is supporting the move by Indian American organisations, including Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora (FIIDS) for removing the per country seven per cent quota in issuing Green Cards every year.

The problem is that we have limited this to seven per cent from every country, and that disproportionately hurts big nations like India. Not only big, but also very highly skilled. There's so many highly educated people in India, and it's a resource that the United States would be foolish, foolhardy not to take full advantage of the people who want to come to this country and become part of our economy and become part of our brain trust in this nation," Cartwright said in response to a question.

"Always, the United States of America has always welcomed people of high intellect and high ethical standards and work standards to come here and invigorate our economy. That's been part of a tradition in the United States for a couple of hundred years, and so to cut ourselves off with this arbitrary seven per cent number, that's a mistake, and that's why I'm proud to be part of the effort to do away with that,"

Responding to a question, the Congressman said it is essen-

he said.

tial that the US has a close and enduring friendship with India. 'The international trade that goes on between the two countries is vital. The most important export from India are the people. In my own district in northeastern Pennsylvania, it is a vibrant, wonderful, familyoriented community of

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Elderly retirees face big losses after Chinese trust goes bust, reflecting turbulent economy

AP CHENGDU (CHINA)

Some investors in a troubled trust fund in China are facing financial ruin under a government plan to return a fraction of their money, casualties of a slump in the property industry and a broader economic slowdown.

Sichuan Trust, headquartered in the southwest city of Chengdu, announced it was insolvent in 2020, stricken by sketchy accounting and failed investments in shopping malls and other projects. A deadline earlier this month to accept a 20%-60% "haircut" or loss on their investments has left some investors in deep financial trouble, according to public announcements and AP interviews with five people affected. China's economy, the world's second largest, depends heavily on real estate development to drive growth and create jobs. Property prices and sales

have languished after a crackdown on what leaders viewed as dangerous levels of borrowing, causing dozens of developers to default on their debts. At the National People's Congress session in Beijing last week, officials pledged to do more to protect investors. Premier Li Qiang said China would work to control risks and

resolve the property crisis. For the people who put their life savings into Sichuan Trust and similar entities, it's likely too late. Around 300 of more than 8,000 investors refused to accept a government plan and are looking for legal help, a relative of one investor said. A few who attempted to come to Beijing during the congress to air their grievances were

blocked by police, the relative The ruling Communist Party faces a dilemma: Debt is a problem, but falling home prices lead people to scrimp on what they owed earlier ones,

spending. That squeezes companies' sales, so they lay off workers and cut back on investment. The result: slowing growth and less wealth to go around. Inevitably, someone will end up

losing out as China's debt crisis unwinds, said Tsinghua University finance professor Michael Pettis.

'Nobody wants to absorb the loss. If you assign it to households, you weaken consumption even more," Pettis said. "It's got to be assigned. And that's the political problem."

Trusts are a cross between a

bank and an investment fund. Some advertised their offerings as reliable, high interest government-backed accounts. They're actually private entities that fund projects like factories and shopping malls. Weak disclosure requirements allowed them to use money from new investors to pay

a set-up somewhat like a Ponzi scheme. "Financial supervision was rel-

atively loose in the past, so the design of these products, including systems for protecting investors' rights and interests, had serious issues," said Zhu Zhenxin, chief analyst at Rushi Finance Institute in Beijing. "If underlying assets of financial products won't generate enough returns to pay such high interest rates, default is inevitable. The troubles at Sichuan Trust

first surfaced when the government began restricting new sales of trust products in 2020. Without revenue from new investors, it couldn't pay its outstanding debts. That summer, Sichuan Trust

announced it had 25.3 billion RMB (\$3.5 billion at the time) in debts it couldn't repay. The provincial government and banking regulators took control, ousting the management, reorganizing its books and launching an investigation. Hundreds of investors staged weekly protests outside the company's headquarters and their losses became a political

In 2021, police detained Sichuan Trust's majority shareholder Liu Canglong, a mining and real estate tycoon who was once the richest man in Sichuan, a province of more than 80 million people. He is accused of embezzling trust

In December, the trust announced it would return investors' funds according to a sliding scale of the original investment. The larger the investment stake, the larger

That sparked more protests. 'We're extremely anxious," one investor who asked not to be named told The AP. "It's so cruel, the amount of money they're giving us is so little."

Retail investors F&O play for quick profits a worry: CEA

hief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran ✓on Wednesday said he is "worried" over retail investors' play in risky Futures and Options (F&O) segment in search of instant profits.

Speaking at a conference organised by capital markets regulator Sebi and NISM, Nageswaran said the biggest threat to sustainable capital formation and also sustainable economic growth is the "shorttermism" in attitudes that the country is afflicted with.

Bemoaning the "furore" caused every time, there is a discussion on allowing corporate groups to promote banks despite the need for capital in a growing economy, Nageswaran said India Inc needs to reflect on the state of

corporate governance practices and analyse its own conduct.
"The biggest risk for sustained

capital formation and sustained economic growth is... In our short-termism," he

He added that it is "puzzling" to see that a country otherwise blessed with a "deep spiritual heritage and wisdom" is interpreting mindfulness and living in the present in the wrong ways.

Nageswaran rued that even now, people are mentioning handsome growth in F&O volumes, despite Sebi's own studies suggesting that 90 per cent of trades in the riskier segment leading to losses for

"Our actions make me worry that we may be interpreting mindfulness and living in the present as being myopic," he



said, making it clear that those concepts stress on performing one's duty and obligations without thinking about the fruits of the actions.

He said there is a need to change the outlook from a behaviourial perspective to achieve goals like long-term capital formation and growth.

Nageswaran rued that there is "adversarial" an attitude among many stakeholders when it comes to regulators, wherein people overlook the

fact a regulator's job is to have a long-term view of things and providing counterbalance for gratification or myopia".

The underline focus that the regulators have is to ensure that we stay stronger for longer rather than get caught up in the immediate euphoria of our rates. market valuations," he said.

Amid concerns that the activity in the F&O segment is fuelled by those seeking quick profits, he said the rising exposure of small investors in the segment "is a worry because we don't want to go through boom and bust cycles again and again".

ageswaran said the economy is likely to grow 7 per cent in FY25 as well, which will make it the third year in a row when the GDP has grown at over 7

Stating that capital formation and economic growth are interdependent, wherein one feeds into another, he said the only mantra for policymakers in such times is not to be conventional and described India's prudent response to the Covid crisis as a case in point. However, sustaining high growth performance has been ^{*}elusive^{**} for India, which has had short periods of high growth that are typically followed by a long period of balancesheet repair, dud loan cleaning for lenders, etc, he said, reminding that "we need to keep in mind that China grew around double digits for three decades".

"There is a need to ensure that we don't indulge in excess lending or excess borrowing in the current cycle as well", he make detailed plans with projections on growth, capital required, how it will come, how much as debt and how much as equity.

Banks also need to be adequately capitalised to fund the growth needs of the economy, and corporate ownership of banks will have to be allowed if the banks are to

get the capital, he said. Why is it a taboo to even discuss corporate ownership of banks? The fact that a mere discussion of the idea of licensing of banks to corporate houses creates such a backlash or a furore is indeed a cause for reflection on the part of the corporates too," he said.

"It is also unfortunately a reflection on the overall state of corporate governance in the country," Nageswaran said.



Review your gold loan portfolio, PSU banks told

The finance ministry has directed all state-owned banks to review their gold loan portfolio as instances of noncompliance with regulatory norms have been noticed by the government.

The Department of Financial Services (DFS) in a communication addressed to heads of public sector banks has asked them to look at their system and processes related to

gold loan. "We have asked banks to comprehensive undertake review of the gold loan business," Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi told PTI. A directive in this regard was issued last month advising them to fix anomalies relating to collection of fees and interest and closure of gold loan accounts.

The letter flagged various concerns, including disbursement of gold loans collateral, anomalies regarding collection of fees repayment in cash.

The DFS urged banks to undertake a thorough review of the last two-year period from January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2024 so as to ensure that all gold loans were disbursed in compliance with regulatory requirements and internal policies of banks.

It is to be noted that the price of the yellow metal has surged to a record level. Price of 10 gm gold in the last one month has jumped from Rs 63,365 to Rs 67,605.

According to the letter, the department has come across instances of non-compliance regarding the gold loan portfolio and hence issued the advisory.

The country's biggest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) alone has a gold loan portfolio of Rs 30,881 crore as of December

Punjab National Bank's gold loan exposure stood at Rs 5,315 crore while Bank of Baroda was at Rs 3,682 crore at the end of third quarter.

As per the RBI norms, banks or gold loan finance firms can provide only 75 per cent of the value of the jewellery. However, relaxation was provided during the COVID-19 period to mitigate hardship. The RBI had increased the permissible Loan to Value (LTV) for loans sanctioned by banks against pledges of gold ornaments and jewellery for non-agricultural purposes to 90 per cent from 75 per cent in August 2020. This relaxation was available till March 31, 2021. Last week, the RBI barred IIFL Finance Ltd from disbursing gold loans, with immediate effect following multiple supervisory concerns, including serious deviations in assaying and certifying the

assaying and certurying the purity of the yellow metal.

RBI said the supervisory restrictions will be reviewed upon completion of a special audit to be instituted by it and the protestions by the same positions are the same as the sa after rectification by the company of the special audit findings and the findings of RRI inspection to the RBI inspection to the satisfaction of the central bank.

hartered accountants' apex body ICAI has "found gross negligence on the part of the auditors" of the now-crippled edutech firm Byju's, said its president Ranjeet Agarwal Wednesday.

Besides, the top official also said the accounting body is also planning to inspect the books of payments major

"Our inspection has found gross negligence on accounting practices by individual auditors of Byju's and have accordingly recommended to the Financial Reporting Review Board (FRRB) to take punitive actions on auditors concerned," Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal, the president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), told PTI here.

When asked whether the ICAI will inspect the books of the payments major Paytm group now, he said, "As we have taken a suo moto decision to look into the role of the auditors of Byju's, we are now thinking about looking to the role of the auditors of the payments major Paytm now".

Following a slew of regulatory breaches, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has barred Paytm Payments Bank from doing any business from March 15. The RBI action first came in on January 31 when it asked the payments bank to stop nearly all its businesses except allowing already loaded payments from its wallets from March 1, but later extended the deadline till March 15.

On crisis-hit Byju's, Agarwal said, "The FRRB will review our report on the conduct of the auditors of Byju's both individually as well as at the group levels, apart from the role of the board of the company. After this three-stage review will form an opinion on the role of the individual auditors and take appropriate action. After that, the report will be made public".

For long the international auditing major Deloitte was the statutory auditors of Byju's. However, as the financial trouble mounted at the edutech major, it in June 2023 resigned midway, citing a long delay in preparation of the financial statement of the



company for FY22.

Following the resignation of Deloitte, Byju's appointed another global firm BDO as its new auditors. BDO's audit arm is MSKA & Associates.

The FRRB is a non-standing committee of the Council of the ICAI and was constituted in July 2002.

The FRRB may determine whether any scrutiny of the books is necessary over allegations of regulatory lapses and their impact on the payment bank's accounting, Agarwal said, adding that it is the discretion of the board whom to review and when to

"In cases of gross negligence, which we have found in the case of Byju's auditors', we will proceed with further investigation. If there are minor issues, we provide advisory guidance," Agarwal said at a function organised by industry body CII.

Recently, the corporate affairs ministry had asked its field officers to expedite the inspection of the books of Byju's and submit the report. The ministry, which is implementing the company's law, will decide on a further course of action after receiving the report from its regional

In July 2023, a month after Deloitte resigned as the statutory auditor of Byju's, the ministry had asked the office of the regional director in Hyderabad to conduct an inspection of the holding company Think & Learn, which is registered in Bengaluru.

Last year, the ministry ordered the inspection in the wake of various developments at that time at the edtech company, including its inability to finalise the statements and the resignation of the auditor.

On February 23, shareholders of Byju's voted unanimously to remove founder-CEO Byju Raveendran and his family members from the board over alleged "mismanagement and failures" at what was once India's hottest tech startup. However, the company had called the voting done in the absence of founders as invalid and ineffective.

Raveendran, his wife and brother -- the only three members on the company board as of now -- stayed away from the extraordinary general meeting called by a group of six investors, who collectively hold more than 32 per cent of

In the end, more than 60 per cent of the shareholders voted in favour of all the seven resolutions, which included removing the current management, reconfiguration of the board and a third-party forensic investigation into acquisitions done by the company, sources close to the investors had said.

Meanwhile, delivering the keynote address at the CII event on financial reporting and governance framework Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey, the chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority, called upon the auditors fraternity to do everything to increase public trust in them. "Everyone in the system, especially the auditors, have to ensure the five lines of defence to ensure there is trust in financial matters and corporate governance. These fine lines of defence are the management of the company, the audit committee and independent directors. auditors, investors and finally regulators. These are also the building blocks of sound

corporate governance," Pandey

Sensex tanks 900 points, slips below 73k

Equity benchmark index Sensex on Wednesday crashed over 900 points to sink below the 73,000 level due to widesmallcap and midcap indices.

Besides, deep losses in utility, energy and metal stocks and recent selling by foreign investors added to the gloom, analysts said. Benchmark indices started the session on a positive note, but the selling intensified during afternoon trade, with all sectoral indices ending in the red.

The 30-share index tanked 906.07 points or 1.23 per cent to settle at 72,761.89. During the day, it dropped 1,152.25 points or 1.56 per cent to 72,515.71. The Nifty plummeted 338 points or 1.51 per cent to 21,997.70. Power Grid was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, sliding over 7 per cent, followed by NTPC, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, ISW Steel, Bharti Airtel, Titan, Reliance Industries and Hindustan Unilever. In contrast, ITC, ICICI



Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Nestle, Bajaj Finance and HDFC Bank were the gainers. "In contrast to the global uptrend, the unfavourable risk-reward balance of mid and smallcap stocks, fuelled by prolonged premium valuations, has aggravated the downfall. Meanwhile, FMCG and contrarian plays like gold are offering some refuge. Other than the premium valuation no fundamental issue is noticed to drawback the long-term growth image of domestic mid-caps," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research,

Geojit Financial Services. In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge tanked by 5.11 per cent, while the midcap index declined by 4.20 per cent. In Asian markets, Seoul settled in the green, while Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong ended lower. European markets were trading mostly in the green. The US markets ended with significant gains on Tuesday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 73.12 crore on Tuesday,

according to exchange data. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 1.09 per cent to USD 82.81 a barrel.

Indias industrial production growth slowed to 3.8 per cent in January, while the February retail inflation at 5.09 per cent remained within the Reserve Bank's comfort zone for the sixth straight month, according to the latest government data. The BSE benchmark ended 165.32 points or 0.22 per cent higher at 73,667.96 on Tuesday. The Nifty ended flat at 22,335.70, up 3.05 points or 0.01 per cent.



First chip from Tata plant will be out in 2026: Vaishnaw

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semiconductors will start rolling out from Tata Electronics' plant here in December 2026, union minister for communications and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Wednesday.

Speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony of Tata Group and CG Power chip plants, Vaishnaw said India will be among the top five chip ecosystems in the world by 2029.

'The first chip from Dholera plant will be out in December 2026 and chip from Micron plant will be out by December 2024," the minister said. He said Tata's Dholera plant

will make chips in 28, 50, 55 nanometer node.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday laid the

foundation of three chip plants two units by Electronics and the third by CG Power — entailing total investment of Rs 1.26 lakh crore. The three plants include the country's first high-tech chip manufacturing plant of Tata Electronics which the company is setting up in partnership with Taiwan's Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp at Dholera's special industrial

The plant will have the capacity to produce 50,000 wafers per month and involve an investment of Rs 91,000 crore. The Centre will contribute 50 per cent of the capex on pari passu basis.

Power, which it is setting up in

partnership with Renesas Electronics Corp and Stars Microelectronics of Thailand

BUSINESS BRIEF



WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED

International Women's Day was celebrated under the leadership of Zonal Manager AN. Singh in Punjab & Sind Bank, Zonal Office, Delhi-I. Forty three branches under Zonal Office Delhi-I participated in the event. On this occasion, all employees and officers participated in the event with great enthusiasm and discussed various points. Further, competitions were held in which all winners were honored with awards

RITES CELEBRATES WOMEN'S DAY



RITES Ltd, a Navratna Public Sector Enterprise, celebrated Women's Day by hosting an interactive session at their corporate office, Shikhar, in Gurugram for its employees. Renowned administrator Usha Rangnani, Deputy Commissioner of Police, IGI Airport, Delhi Police. led

the session as the guest speaker. Narrating her experience, Rangnani highlighted the challenges faced by women officers and spoke about the perseverance, the need to combat societal judgment, time management and work-life balance.

WARDWIZARD FOODS LAUNCHES #SHEVENTURES

In a bold initiative to celebrate Women's Day 2024 and extend the spirit throughout the year, Wardwizard Foods and Beverages Limited announced the launch of the "#SheVentures" initiative. Guided by a visionary leader. Sheetal Bhalerao, the Chairperson and Managing Director of Wardwizard Foods, the initiative aims to foster strength and confidence among women in various aspects of their lives, addressing their diverse needs

Indian markets not in serious bubble territory: Kotak

Amid widespread concerns over high stock valuations, including from the regulators, financial services industry veteran Uday Kotak on Wednesday said Indian markets are not in a bubble.

There may be some "early froth", and it may be a "little bubbly" but the markets are not out of control, Kotak said, speaking in the presence of top officials from Sebi in a conference organised by the capital markets watchdog. The statement from Kotak, the

founder and non-executive director of private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank, comes two days after Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch had said that there are pockets of froth in the small and mid-cap stocks and the regulator is looking into the same to come out with a

possible consultation paper. "It may not be appropriate to allow the bubble to keep building, because' when it

bursts, they impact the investors adversely. That is not a good thing," Buch had said. Reacting to it, Kotak quoted economist John Meynard Keynes who spoke about speculation to be not a bad activity per se and also mentioned about the bubble in Japanese stocks between 1980 and 1989, saying the benchmark Nikkei has been able to regain its peak, only 35 years later after the bubble

"I believe at this stage, we are nowhere near that risk and there are enough checks and balances in our system today to compare ourselves in serious bubble territory," Kotak said. There may be "early froth" in

the market and it may be a "little bubbly", Kotak said, pointing to Buch who was seated close by, but added that things are not out of control. "As long as we keep watch and manage it well, we can create sustained capital formation going forward," he said.

ITC shares jump over 4 per cent

Shares of ITC were in the lime-light on Wednesday, climbing over 4 per cent and adding Rs 22,890.82 crore to its market valuation, amid stake sale news. The stock of the FMCG player zoomed 8.59 per cent to Rs 439 during the day on the BSE. It ended at Rs 422.40, up 4.49 per

Shares of the company jumped 8.29 per cent to Rs 438 during the day on the NSE. The stock ended at Rs 422, a gain of 4.33 per cent. The company's market capital-

isation (mcap) soared by Rs 22,890.82 crore to Rs 5,27,217.30 crore. It was the biggest gainer among the BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty firms.

pany were traded at the BSE and over 1,016.12 lakh shares at the NSE during the day. British multinational BAT PLC on Tuesday said it plans to sell up to 3.5 per cent stake in India's ITC Ltd to institutional

investors through a block trade.

Tobacco PLC (BAT), the single

largest shareholder in ITC Ltd

"The block trade shares represent up to 3.5 per cent of ITC's issued ordinary share capital," it said, adding, that following the In traded volume terms, 4,407.40 lakh shares of the com-

(ITC), said its wholly-owned subsidiary Tobacco

Manufacturers (India) Ltd (TMI) intends to sell up to 43,68,51,457 ordinary shares in the Indian diversified entity to institutional investors by way of an accelerated bookbuild process (block trade), subject to customary closing conditions. Based on Tuesday's closing price

of Rs 404.25 per share, the value of the total ITC shares planned to be sold by BAT is around Rs 17,659,72 crore

completion of the proposed block trade, BAT will remain a significant shareholder of ITC, with 25.5 per cent holding. BAT's initial investment in ITC dates back to the early 1900s and In a statement, British American the two companies have a long-

standing, mutually beneficial

relationship, the statement said.

These chips driven by advanced technology will cater to multiple sectors — power

management chips for electric vehicles (EV), telecom, defence, automotive, consumer electronics, display, and power electronics. Semiconductor is a "foundational" touching almost every aspect of life, powering everything from fridge to ACs and cars, aircraft to trains. PM also laid the foundation of

built with an investment of Rs 27,000 crore and is expected to generate over 27,000 direct and indirect jobs in the region.

another new assembly and test facility of Tata Electronics in

Tata's Assam facility will be

Jagiroad, Assam.

Notably, this will be India's first semiconductor unit in the Northeast. Tata Semiconductor Assembly

and Test (TSAT) will develop indigenous advanced semiconductor packaging technologies, including flip chip and ISIP (integrated system in package) technologies, with a capacity of 48 million chips per day.

The target segments for these would be automotive, electric vehicles, consumer electronics, telecom, and mobile phones, among others. PM also laid the foundation of the semiconductor unit of CG

at Sanand in Gujarat at an investment of Rs 7,600 crore. Renesas is a leading semiconductor company focussed on specialised chips. It operates 12 semiconductor facilities and is an important player in microcontrollers, analogue, power, and systemon-chip products.

Paddy to help Indian men hockey team in Paris Olympics

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

T's mind over matter for Hockey India as the sports body hired renowned South African mental conditioning coach Paddy Upton to assist the men's national team in the Paris Olympics. Upton, who played a role in India winning the 2011 Cricket World Cup, will be a part of the support staff of the country's men's hockey team in Paris. He was also there when the team won gold medals at the recent Asian Champions Trophy and Asian Games.

Indian men's hockey team chief coach Craig Fulton confirmed to PTI that Upton will be with his wards at the Olympics. "We have Paddy Upton, he will be with us in Australia (for Test series). We will be using him wisely. For sure he will be there for Olympics with us," Fulton said when asked about the mental conditioning coach's services.

Fulton, who is also a South African, believes that world ranked fourth India are still to reach their peak and there are plenty of bases to cover in the



"We are not complete yet but, in 4-5 months from the Olympics, we will be there. "Ideally any high-performing team wants to win any tournament. That's the ideal goal to be realistic. But realistically, we are ranked fourth in the world now, does that mean podium 'right now no' but that's the beauty of hockey," he said.

"Realistically, we are not there there yet but we still have time." The coach said the Indian team is currently in a development phase.

"We are in a development phase with the squad. We are trying to create some depths in different positions. That's important to do now because it really counts in crunch matches in Olympics," he

Talking about India's recent home campaign in the FIH Pro League, Fulton said said he was neither satisfied not disappointed.

"If you look at the four matches -- 2 against Holland, 2 against Australia -- I think we are disappointed with the second game against Australia, 5 minutes to go we made a mistake which got punished and then we lost the shoot-out," he said.

"The first game was a strange one, we got to learn a lot of lessons there tactically, but to be 0-2 down after 90 seconds. "But the Dutch games I feel we were really organised. But 2-2 I felt was fair result for both games. They are the league leaders and they are the team to chase at the

moment."

Fulton is in no mood to make any drastic changes in the style of play and said the upcoming Australia tour holds great significance for the side. "Now we are in Bhubaneswar for next three weeks for the training and then we go to Australia for then we go to Australia for five Test matches and that's really important, and then we come back to Bengaluru and after selection is done, we leave for the Pro League.

'We are just carrying on with our training, we are focussed on becoming very strong defensively, we need to improve our offence. We are not changing a lot, just focussing on getting better and consistent," he said.



Luca named **Lecce new** coach

Former Chelsea assistant Luca Gotti was named Lecce's new coach on Wednesday, two days after Roberto D'Aversa was fired for appearing to headbutt an opposing player.

Gotti was Maurizio Sarri's assistant at Chelsea in 2018-19 and was more recently the head coach at Udinese and

Lecce said Gotti was given a contract until the end of the season that will be extended if the southern club avoids

relegation D'Aversa lost control at the end of Sunday's 1-0 home loss to fellow

struggler Hellas Verona. Verona striker Thomas Henry was arguing with Lecce defender Marin Pongracic after the final whistle when D'Aversa went over to intervene, but instead ended up knocking Henry over with an apparent headbutt directly in front of one of the match officials.

Besides being fired, D'Aversa was given a four-match ban that he will have to serve if he is hired by another club. Lecce sits a point above the relegation

zone after an impressive start to the season when it was undefeated after five matches.

Gotti's debut will come at last-place Salernitana on Saturday.

There have now been 11 coaching changes in the 20-team Serie A this season - including two each at Empoli, Salernitana and Napoli.

Carlos advances to quarterfinals at Indian Wells

AP INDIAN WELLS (US)

Second-ranked Carlos Alcaraz avenged a previous loss to Fabian Marozsan was a qualifier Marozsan, winning 6-3 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals of the world when he upset the men's draw. A day after "lucky loser"

Luca Nardi stunned No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the third before the match. I'm not round at Indian Wells, Alcaraz on Tuesday

advanced easily over the Hungarian who ousted him from the Italian Open in

the BNP Paribas Open as the top remaining seed in the men's draw.

A day after "lucky loose" the world when he upset Alcaraz - then on the verge of taking the top spot in the rankings - 6-3 7-6(4) in the third round in Rome.

"Honestly, I was nervous going to lie," Alcaraz said.
"Playing against someone



that beat you. ... Today I knew what I had to do." Australian Open champion Jannik Sinner beat Ben before Shelton was saved by Shelton 7-6(4) 6-1 later a net cord. It then took Tuesday for his 18th Sinner another 15 minutes consecutive victory. The to close out the first set; in third-ranked Italian has the second, he went up 3-0 won 15 matches in a row to and coasted to the victory. start 2024, claiming titles at Sinner advanced to the victory for the 22-year-old over Stefanos Tsitsipas. Sinner, who became first Alcaraz, the defending player born in the 2000s to champion at Indian Wells, 5 0-6 6-3.

reach that milestone.

Sinner had a set point, up 5-4 and 40-30 in the first, Melbourne and Rotterdam. quarterfinals to play Jiri beat Russian Anastasia It was the 150th hard-court Lehecka, a 6-2 6-4 winner Pavlyuchenkova 6-4 6-1,

dropped the first set in his opening match this year but has lost just 12 games in the other six sets. He will face Alexander Zverev, who rallied after losing the first set to Alex de Minaur and won 5-7 6-2 6-3.

On the women's side, Ukrainian Marta Kostyuk and Anastasia Potapova defeated Jasmine Paolini 7-

Juventus advances to 2025 Club World Cup



AP GENEVA

Banned by UEFA from European competitions this season for breaking financial rules, Juventus still qualified for the 2025 Club World Cup when Napoli went out of the Champions League.

Barcelona beat Napoli 3-1 in the second leg of the round of 16 on Tuesday to seal a 4-2 win on aggregate score that ensured Juventus advanced through a European ranking system to the revamped FIFA

Juventus is the 21st team to qualify for the inaugural 32-team edition of the Club World Cup that will be played in the United States in June-

2025 by the continental champions from 2021 through 2024 plus other high-ranked teams from those competitions. Juventus advanced one day after its former player Cristiano Ronaldo's Saudi Arabian club Al Nassr fell out of competitions. contention on being eliminated in the Champions League quarterfinals.

Barcelona is still not sure to be among Europe's 12 entries because it trails Spanish rival Atletico Madrid in the European rankings.

Champions League winners in the four-year period - Chelsea, Real Madrid and Manchester City so far will be joined by eight or nine teams finishing highest in a table counting all results in the competition.

entries unless they have more than two winners of the continental title. Inter Milan, which reached the Champions League final last season, already secured its Club World Cup place by ranking and Napoli's exit Tuesday ensured Juventus cannot be **Juventus** reached Champions League round of 16 twice in the four-year span and also played in the group stage last season. It is currently No. 14 in the European ranking table though behind three teams from each of England, Germany and Spain which will reach their quota. UEFA imposed a one-season ban on Juventus from its competitions in July in the fallout from a false accounting case that also saw the team deducted points in Serie A.

Juventus also was fined 10 million euros (\$11 million) by UEFA though should more than recoup that in Club World Cup prize money paid by FIFA next year. The June 15-July 13 tournament has the established World Cup format of eight four-team groups then a 16-team knockout

Bayern Munich, Paris Saint-Germain, Porto, Borussia Dortmund and Benfica also have qualified, and will be joined by either Atletico or Barcelona. Other teams still in contention include Arsenal, PSV Eindhoven and Salzburg.

Al Hilal wins 28th straight game to set record

AP JEDDAH (SAUDI ARABIA)

Caudi Arabian team Al-Hilal Set a world record for a toptier team by winning its 28th straight game with a 2-0 victory over Al-Ittihad to reach the Asian Champions League semifinals.

quarterfinals first leg by the same score to advance 4-0 on aggregate over its domestic

The 18-time Saudi champion broke the previous recognised record of 27 straight wins set by The New Saints in the 2016-17 season. The Welsh team took the mark from the great Ajax team inspired by Johan Cruyff in 1971-72. "Everyone at Al Hilal is

delighted to achieve world football history by winning 28 consecutive matches," Al-Hilal coach Jorge Jesus said on Tuesday. "This is truly an Tuesday. "This is truly an incredible achievement and I want to thank everyone at the club for their part in this momentous winning record." Al Hilal's dominating season follows the club spending about 350 million euros (USD 380 million) on player transfers after being effectively nationalized by the Saudi



Salman. The last time the team did not win was on September 21 in a 1-1 draw against league rival Damac. Al-Hilal, already champion of

Asia four times, is 12 points clear atop the Saudi Pro League.

"As I have said throughout this period, however, records do not matter as much as trophies," Jesus said.

"It is up to everyone at Al-Hilal to ensure that we close out the season as Roshn Saudi League champions and meet our targets in the cup competitions. Only then can we truly celebrate?

Second-half goals from Yasser Al-Shahrani and Brazilian

winger Malcom sealed the win at Al-Ittihad, which had striker Abderrazak Hamdallah sent off late in the game. Al-Hilal will face Al-Ain of the

United Arab Emirates in the semifinals in April. Al-Ain eliminated Al-Nassr on Monday, beating Cristiano Ronaldo's team in a penalty shootout.

In the eastern zone, Ulsan HD moved into the last four with a 1-0 second-leg win over Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors in this all-South Korean matchup. After the first leg ended 1-1, Seol Young-woo scored to give Ulsan, champion in 2012 and 2020, a 2-1 aggregate victory. Ulsan will meet either Yokohama F Marinos of Japan or China's Shandong Taishan in the semifinals.

Barcelona back in Champions League quarterfinals

AP BARCELONA

League.

The five-time European champions returned to the quarterfinals with a 3-1 win

over Napoli on Tuesday. Fermín López, João Cancelo and Robert Lewandowski scored for Barcelona as it advanced 4-2 on aggregate after a 1-1 draw in the first leg

in Italy three weeks ago. Amir Rrahmani scored for Napoli, which couldn't repeat its last-eight appearance from last season, when it won a knockout round for the first

had been Barcelona eliminated in the group stage the last two years and hadn't

reached the quarterfinals since 2019-20, when it lost to Bayern Munich. "It was an incredible night,"

Barcelona midfielder Sergi Roberto said. "It had been four years since

this club was where it deserves to be. We have to enjoy this moment." In the other Champions League match on Tuesday, Arsenal eliminated Porto in a penalty shootout after a 1-1

aggregate draw. Champions League could be Barcelona's last realistic chance for a title this season. It was eliminated in the Copa del Rey and trails Spanish league leader Real Madrid by seven points. Coach Xavi Hernández already announced he will leave at the end of the



"It was a great match, very complete," Xavi said.

sovereign wealth operation, the

We have been criticised unfairly, and today we showed that this team is prepared to compete in Europe. We are among the best eight teams in Europe. We have to enjoy it." The victory also means extra income for Barcelona, which has been struggling financially recently.
The Catalan club is unbeaten in six most in the control of the contro

in six meetings with Napoli in all competitions.

all competitions.

It struggled to keep the Italian side from threatening after taking the early lead at Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys.

Goalkeeper Marc-André ter Stegen, making his 100th UEFA appearance, was tested often by Napoli's attack.

Barcelona had a few chances increase its lead on counterattacks

Lewandowski sealed the win from close range in the 83rd after an assist by substitute Roberto. Lewandowski has scored 13 goals in his last 13 knockout stage games in the

Champions League. López put the hosts ahead with a shot from the middle of the area in the 15th minute after a low cross by Raphinha, who also set up Cancelo's goal two minutes later. The Brazil forward hit the post from inside the area and the ball bounced back for an easy

Napoli got on the board in the 30th with Rrahmani finding the net with a low left-footed shot for his first European

strike by Cancelo.

We gave them too much space, we lost possession often, we started with the wrong attitude and didn't

Francesco Calzona said. Barcelona teenager Lamine Yamal had a goal disallowed for offside in the 68th. The last time Barcelona

defend well," Napoli coach

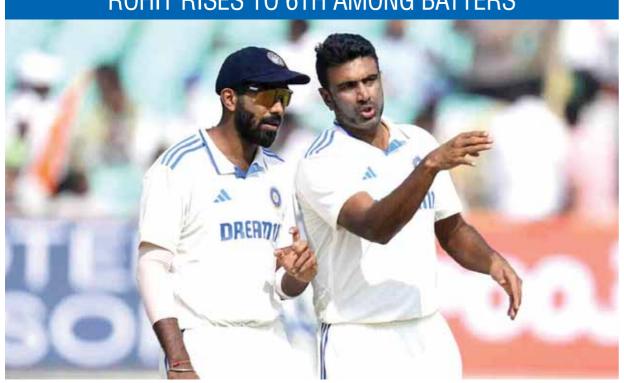
played in the quarterfinals it had also eliminated Napoli 4-2 on aggregate in the round of

Xavi still couldn't count on several players because of injuries, including Pedri, Frenkie De Jong and Ferran Torres. He played with 17-year-old Pau Cubarsí as a central defender, and the teenager was named the man of the match as he helped contain Napoli's attack in his European debut.

The other teams that have advanced to the last eight include Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester City.

ASHWIN REPLACES BUMRAH AT TOP OF ICC TEST RANKINGS

ROHIT RISES TO 6TH AMONG BATTERS



PTI DUBAI

nine-wicket haul in his A 100th Test match helped Indian offspinner Ravichandran Ashwin re-claim the top spot in the bowlers' list, while his captain Rohit Sharma was back in the top-10 at sixth in the batting charts of the latest ICC rankings on Wednesday.

Ashwin was at his best throughout the Dharamsala contest against England as the experienced right-armer picked up four wickets in the

first innings and then a 36th five-wicket haul in the second innings as India cruised to a dominant triumph in the fifth and final Test of their series. The big haul helped Ashwin move past teammate Jasprit Bumrah into the premier position that he previously held earlier this year, the ICC

said in a statement. Rohit, who smashed a hundred in Dharmsala, rose five places to sixth and within 108 rating points of No.1 ranked Test batter Kane Williamson.

Yashasvi Jaiswal (up two places to eighth) and Shubman Gill (up 11 spots to equal 20th) reached new career-best ratings following excellent individual series against Ben Stokes' side.

Bumrah fell into a share of the second position with Australia seamer Josh Hazlewood following his six scalps in the second Test against New Zealand in Christchurch. Ashwin's teammate Kuldeep Yadav earned a new career-

high rating and jumped 15

places to 16th overall on the

latest rankings following his seven wickets and Player of the Match heroics against England.

New Zealand's Matt Henry (up six spots to 12th) also moved up to a career-best

India spinner Ravindra Jadeja remained well out in front of second-placed Ashwin in the updated list for Test allrounders, with Australia skipper Pat Cummins (up two places to eighth) and Henry (up six spots to 11th) among



Kuldeep had inkling he will be my 700th Test scalp: Anderson

Veteran England pacer James Anderson has Anderson has revealed that Kuldeep Yadav had a hunch about being his 700th Test wicket when the two came face to face during the fifth and final Test against India in Dharamsala.

Anderson became the first pacer and third bowler to take 700 Test wickets on March 9 with Yadav being his landmark scalp. It was Anderson's 187th Test appearance.

"Kuldeep edged one down to third man for a single. As he got to the non-striker's end, and as I was walking back to my mark, he said: 'I'm going to be you 700th wicket," BBC's Anderson said

Tailenders podcast. "He wasn't saying he was trying to get out, he was just saying he had a feeling. We both laughed

Anderson, however, said the moment would have been more joyous had England finished on the winning side in the series which they lost 1-4. "I didn't celebrate, there was nothing to celebrate. Obviously

that was a nice moment to achieve the feat on a picturesque ground. I would have felt a bit more excited if we would have won," the 41year-old pacer said.
"I don't play cricket for

milestones, I play cricket to win matches for my team." Anderson said despite the defeat, there was plenty of positives to take home from the away series.

"I really enjoyed this tour, obviously we lost 4-1, the results weren't that great but we stuck together really well as a group. There were young spinners and batters who will learn so much from this tour,"

Vidarbha prolong Mumbai wait for 42nd Ranji Trophy triumph



Adogged fightback from Vidarbha, led by Karun Nair (74) and skipper Akshay Wadkar (56 not out), prolonged Mumbai's wait for a 42nd Ranji Trophy title as the visiting side reached 248/5 in pursuit of a mammoth 538 on the fourth and penultimate day of the final

here on Wednesday.
Set an improbable target to win
the summit clash after being outplayed since the first day afternoon, Vidarbha put up a resolute show with the bat to frustrate their hosts by resorting to stonewalling for the majority of the day. Nair, who joined the Vidarbha ranks only at the start of this season, was at the forefront of their resistance as he faced as many as 220 balls while batting for 287 minutes to keep Mumbai at bay. But the right-handed batter ultimately fell to the brilliance of Musheer Khan late in the day, with the 19-yearold producing a superb bowling show after setting up the game with 136 in the second innings. Nair's skipper Wadkar was batting on 56 with Harsh Dubey (11 not out) for company. The team required another 290 runs with five wickets in hand.

Mumbai managed a couple of wickets each in the first two sessions and the vital scalp of Nair in the last,. They took the second new ball in the 82nd over of the innings. Up until then of the innings. Up until then, Mumbai had tried almost everything on what remained a placid pitch at the Wankhede Stadium. It had more on offer for the home team's spinners who remained persistent throughout. Mumbai's troika of right-arm pacers took turns to come around the wickets to try and bounce out Vidarbha, while spinners operated from both ends to challenge the batters' techniques. In the end, Vidarbha walked away with a moral win of sorts having not capitulated given the occasion and pressure of the final and the fact that a tarreach for most batting line-ups. The leader of the spin pack for Mumbai was Musheer, who remained nearly unplayable for bowled a challenging line from both the sides of the pitch to keep troubling the Vidarbha batters. Musheer's dismissal of Nair, who was earlier dropped on four by Hardik Tamore off Kotian, was the one which stood out. Giving a nice loop to the ball to land it in front of middle and leg, Musheer got it to turn away

It wasn't the first time in the day

when Musheer had challenged Nair's defence this way, but on this instance, he found an outside edge which was grabbed sharply by Tamore. Tanush Kotian also played his part taking 2/55 from his 19 overs, having accounted for Dhruv Shorey (28) and Yash Rathod (7) after Vidarbha made their intentions clear earlier in the day. At no stage did the Vidarbha batters show intention to aim for the humongous target on Wednesday, but were discipline

hauls in the middle, barring Atharva Taide (32). Taide walked across the wickets to attempt a sweep off Shams Mulani (1/56) in the 19th over and was trapped leg-before, post which Mumbai struck again soon to send Shorey back in the shed. Aman Mokhade (32) got a lifeline when a sweep shot went straight to Kotian at fine leg who spilled the catch

enough to ensure they had long

with the batter on 15. Mokhade, however, could not make the most of the lifeline when an on-field umpire's call for leg-before went against him despite reviewing. Wadkar appeared busier than his other teammates cracking six fours to make 56 not out from 91 balls, with his innings also including an upper-cut for the maximum with which he raised his fifty. The Vidarbha skipper also did well with Nair to add 90 runs for the fifth wicket, for which they consumed 173 balls.

BRIEF SCORES: Mumbai 224 & 418 lead Vidarbha 105 & 248/5 in 92 overs (Atharva Taide 32. Aman Ma Karun Nair 74, Akshay Wadkar 56*; Tanush Kotian 2/56, Musheer Khan 2/38) by 290

Ravindra becomes youngest recipient of Sir Richard Hadlee Medal

PTI ■ CHRISTCHURCH

The biggest find of New Zealand's World Cup campaign in India, Rachin Ravindra on Wednesday became the youngest recipient of the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal after becoming the country's best male cricketer of the year.

Among women, Melie Kerr grabbed the major prizes at the New Zealand Cricket Awards.

Kane Williamson was recognised for his outstanding form in the Test arena with the ANZ Test Player of the Year Award, and winning the Redpath Cup for men's first-class batting.

At 24, Rayindra is the youngest winner in the award's history, after a him mainstay of New Zealand's red and white ball sides.

March last year, Ravindra shone in the



runs at an average of 64, including three centuries and two half-After breaking into the 50-over side in centuries, including an unbeaten 123 in the tournament opener against

As a result, Ravindra was named as the ICC's Emerging Player of the Year for 2023, and also secured a USD Indian Premier League 350,000

contract with Chennai Super Kings. The Sir Richard Hadlee Medal capped off a breakout season for Ravindra on the international stage, on which he contributed for the Kiwis across all three formats

Ravindra continued his meteoric rise in the Test arena, registering New Zealand's highest ever maiden Test century with 240 during the first Test against South Africa at Bay Oval, and playing a key role in the BLACKCAPS first ever Test series victory over South Africa.

He also shone on the T20 international stage, featuring in 14 of the BLACKCAPS' 26 T20I matches over the season and scoring a blistering 68 from 35 balls in the first Kerr claimed a clean sweep of the major female awards, winning the Debbie Hockley Medal after being named ANZ ODI and T20I Player of

the Year, and the Dream11 Super Smash Women's Player of the Year. The leg-spinning allrounder was the WHITE FERNS' leading ODI runscorer with 541 runs at an average of 67, notching her third and fourth ODI centuries along the way.

She was also the team's joint leading T20 wicket-taker and second highest T20I run scorer with 252 runs at an average of 42 and a strike-rate of 118. Kerr's performances on the international front were recognised with selection in both the women's ODI and T20I ICC Teams of the Year for 2023.

Kerr also led the way on the domestic front, captaining the Wellington Blaze to their fourth Dream11 Super Smash scoring charts with 437 runs at an average of 72, and the wicket-taking charts with 20 wickets at 8 and an economy of 4.47.



Looking forward to next stage of my healing journey: Shami

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

His stitches removed after a surgery to fix an injured ankle, senior India pacer Mohammed Shami on Mohammed Wednesday said he was looking forward to the next phase of his "healing journey". The pacer, who took 24 wickets in the 2023 ODI World Cup, missed the five-match Test series against England recently and will also sit out of the IPL after having undergone surgery for an ankle injury last month.

"Hello everyone! I wanted to provide an update on my recovery process. It has been 15 days since my surgery, and I recently had my stitches removed. I am thankful for the advancements and looking

healing journey," Shami wrote on 'X' along with three photographs. The 33-year-old Shami has been missing in action since the ODI World Cup last year. Shami, who was one of the architects of India's stupendous

World Cup campaign, played

through pain as he had

forward to the next stage of my

problems with his landing but didn't let it affect his performance. Shami, who was recently conferred with the Arjuna Award, has 229 Test, 195 ODI and 24 T20 wickets in his decade-long career. Along with Prasidh Krishna, Shami was on Tuesday rule out of the upcoming Indian Premier League and is also set to miss

this year's T20 World Cup.

There is sense of calmness in this team: Perry

After guiding Royal Challengers Bangalore to the Women's Premier League knock-outs with a record breaking six-wicket haul, all-rounder Ellyse Perry said a calmer dressing room is behind the team's success this season.

Perry ended with sensational figures of six for 15 against Mumbai Indians to qualify for the Eliminator here on Tuesday.

"We started the game really well and that was probably our best bowling performance in the power play in the last three matches," said Perry in a media interaction on Wednesday.

When asked if there has been a shift in the attitude in the dressing room and change in the mindset of the players compared to



last season, Perry said, "There is a sense of calmness and the team is enjoying themselves. "In the dressing room and as well as on the field there has been lots of smiles and huge focus to just go out there and enjoy because it's a pretty special tournament and the crowd has been amazing from five matches which were

Bairstow available for Punjab Kings for full IPL season

super special and now being here in Delhi is just been a really great chance for the group to spend more time together." RCB finished fourth out of five teams in the inaugural season in 2023. Perry was all praise for RCB teammate and India international Richa Ghosh.

"She is amazing, I absolutely love her, she is always smiling, laughing. She contributes so much to the team. She is so

supportive of her team and plays phenomenal behind the stumps. She has affected so many key moments

across by stumping and catching and then with the batting. Scary to think that she is so young because I think she got an amazingly bright future ahead of her, not just in WPL but also in International cricket when she plays India."

India take unassailable series lead with seven wickets win over Lanka

India defeated Sri Lanka by seven wickets in the third T20 to take an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match Samarth Championship for Blind Cricket here on Wednesday. Chandana Deshapriya (76)

scored a fifty to help Sri Lanka post 162/3 after being invited to bat first at the Karnail Singh Stadium.

Rathva, Dinesh Naresh Tumda, Lokesh and Pankaj Bhue, who was adjudged the Player of the Match, then contributed with the bat as India chased down the target with 27 balls to spare. India thus claimed the bilateral series with two more matches to go. Sri Lanka got off to a decent start but lost two wickets inside

the power play. In a must- win match, Deshapriya and skipper Damith Sandaruwan then started rebuilding the innings. While Deshapriya scored 76 runs in 63 balls, Sandaruwan struck 46 in 47 balls. For India, Bhue picked a

Chasing 163, India started off well scoring 75 runs in the first eight overs. Pankaj and Dinesh laid the platform for the chase as the Men In Blue looked all set to claim the series. India lost Dinesh in the eighth

over an Pankaj in 12th but that didn't derail the chase. Naresh Tumda and Lokesha ensured India got over the line in the 16th over, asserting their dominance over the visiting side in the series. India made

164/3 in 15.3 overs.



Dharamsala Test, the BCCI officials were in talks with their lucrative T20 league as part of ECB's workload management England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) counterparts following the five-Test series over the availability of their that ended in Dharamsala on players for the IPL.

Sunday. Test regulars like skipper Ben Stokes, Joe Root and Mark Wood had already made themselves unavailable for the "Bairstow is expected to arrive in India on March 18 or 19 and will be available for the team's first game against Delhi

IPL source. Bairstow, who played his 100th Test in Dharamsala, had a forgettable time with the bat in India and would be looking to be back among the runs in the WASIM JAFFER RELEASED

FROM BATTING CONSUL-TANT'S POSITION: Sanjay Bangar, who was appointed as cricket director at Punjab Kings ahead of the 2024 edition, will double up as the batting coach of the side. Bangar was previously with RCB and has also been India's

batting coach. Considering that, the franchise has parted ways with Wasim

Capitals on March 23," said an Jaffer, who was the team's batting consultant last season. Punjab, whose only final appearance came in the 2014 edition, have been perennial under-performers in the IPL. Head coach Trevor Bayliss' contract expires after the season and Punjab will have to make the play-offs for him to have a shot at extension.

DHARAMSALA TO HOST TEAM'S TWO HOME GAMES: Though the whole season schedule is not out yet, Punjab are expected to play their final two home games in Dharamsala like last season. The other five games will be held in the new stadium built in Mullanpur, Mohali.

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