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n a stark reminder to the Pulwama terror attack on security personnel in February 2019 ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, an Indian Air Force (IAF) vehicle convoy was attacked in the similar fashion by terrorists in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir late Saturday evening in which one soldier was killed and four seriously injured.

The attack occurred near Shashidhar when the convoy vehicles were moving towards Sanai Top in the district's Surankote area.

The local military units launched cordon and search operations to capture the terrorists behind the strike, the IAF statement read.

This is the ninth major attack on security personnel since October 2021 in the region including this which comes right in the midst of 2024 General Elections.

A similar terrorist strike took place in the Poonch district on December 21, 2023. Four Army personnel sacrificed their lives and three others received critical injuries after their vehicles were ambushed by the hiding foreign terrorists in the general area of Dera ki Gali in the Poonch district.

Five Indian Army personnel including two officers were "killed in action" in the Kalakote forest area of Rajouri on November 22.

Meanwhile, the audacious strike has once again raised question marks as none of the terrorists



the woods amid inputs about the presence of the militants PTI

were neutralised.

The attack comes three weeks ahead of polling in Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha constituency. Poonch is part of Anantnag-Rajouri parliamentary constituency which is going to polls in the sixth phase on May

The border district of Poonch along with adjoining Rajouri has witnessed some of the major terrorist attacks over the past two years, signalling return of terror activities to the region, which was once cleared of terrorism and remained peaceful between 2003 and 2021.

The officials said five security personnel were injured, two of them critically, when terrorists opened fire on two vehicles,

including one belonging to the IAF, near Shashidhar in the evening. The vehicles were moving terrorists. towards nearby Sanai Top in the

district's Surankote area, they said, suspecting the involvement of the same group of terrorists who carried out an ambush on the troops in adjoining Bufliaz on December 21 last year, that left four soldiers dead and three

others injured. The Army truck bore the major brunt of the firing by the terrorists who were armed with AK assault rifles and are believed to have fled into the nearby forests, the officials said. Sources said reinforcements from the Army and police have Mohd Sharief in Basantgarh area been rushed to the area and a of Udhampur on April 28.

massive search and cordon operation was launched to track down and neutralise the

Police assisted by paramilitary forces carried out searches in Poonch town since Friday following inputs about movement of suspected persons. However, no one was arrested during the operation, said officials.

The latest incident in the Pir Panjal region followed the killing of a Government employee Mohd Razaq, brother of an Army personnel, by terrorists at village Kunda Top in Rajouri's Shahdra area on April 22 and a village defence guard Police have released pictures of two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists, including suspected Pakistani national Abu Hamza, involved in the murder of Razaq and announced a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh on his head.

The Bufliaz ambush in December last year came weeks after a major gunfight in the Dharmsal belt of Bajimaal forest in Rajouri that left five Army personnel, including two captains, dead a month earlier.

Two terrorists, including a top commander of LeT identified as Quari, were also killed in the two-day long gunfight. Quari was said to be the mastermind behind several attacks, including the killing of 10 civilians and five Army personnel in the district. The stretch between Dhera Ki

Gali and Bufliaz on the boundary of Rajouri and Poonch is densely forested and leads to Chamrer forest and then Bhata Dhurian forest, where five soldiers were killed in an ambush on an Army vehicle on April 20 last year.

In May last year, five more Army personnel were killed and a major-rank officer was injured in Chamrer forest during an anti-terrorist operation. foreign terrorist was also killed in the operation.

In 2022, five Army personnel were killed when terrorists carried out a suicide attack on their camp at Pargal in Darhal area of Rajouri district. Both the terrorists involved in the attack were eliminated.

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Former Delhi Congress president Arvinder Singh Lovely along with three former MLAs - Rajkumar Chauhan, Naseeb Singh, Neeraj Basoya — and Delhi youth Congress chief Amit Malik join the BJP in presence of BJP leaders Hardeep Puri, Vinod Tawde and Delhi BJP chief virendra Sachdeva, in New Delhi on Saturday

Capital gains for BJP at Congress' expense

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

urmoil within the INDIA bloc continued in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls as former Delhi Congress president and senior leader Arvinder Singh Lovely along with former Delhi Minister Raj Kumar Chauhan, former MLAs Neeraj Basoya, Naseeb Singh and Delhi youth Congress chief Amit Malik joined the BJP on Saturday. This will be the second innings of Lovely and Chauhan in the BJP

while Basoya and Naseeb join the BJP first time. The development will boost the BJP prospects as these leaders will help to consolidate votes in Sikh, Dalit and Gurjar

communities in the seven seats in Delhi which go to polls on May 25. The shock resignations of Lovely, Chauhan, Basoya and Naseeb came as a major blow to the party in the

Capital. All the former Congress leaders slammed the Opposition party's alliance with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi for the Lok Sabha polls as they joined the BJP in the presence of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and party general secretary Vinod Tawde.

Puri praised these leaders and said the BJP will utilise their services

effectively. Delhi Congress' interim chief Devender Yadav on Saturday described former party unit president Lovely, who joined the BJP, as an "opportunist". The Congress does not care about such people. It was strong before and will remain strong in the future, he said. Reacting to Lovely joining the BJP, Yadav said, "I put Arvinder Singh Lovely in the category of an opportunist person. This is not the

first time that he has tried to sabotage the Congress. "The party does not care much about

such people. The Congress was strong before and will remain strong in the future as well.

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Priyanka's 'Shahenshah' retort to 'Shehzada' jibe

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Troubles mount for Revannas PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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victims of sexual abuse allegedly by JDS MP Prajwal Revanna, the Karnataka Government on Saturday said there is a possibility of the the country. HD Revanna

is father of Prajwal. drama ensued



complaint with KR. Nagar Police based on which a FIR was registered against Revanna and his close associate Satish Babu, who registered was arrested on May 3. Earlier in the day, the abducted woman was rescued by the SIT, hours before the court turned down the nlea of antici torv bail Revanna. She was allegedly held captive at the farmhouse

of one Rajshekhar, a close

associate of Revanna, in

Kalenahalli, Hunsur Taluk,

Mysuru district. "Now we will

proceed for arrest of Prajwal

with appropriate measures

reached a new zenith on Saturday with the latter's sibling and a general secretary in the grand old party, Priyanka Gandhi, PM calling the "Shehanshah" (monarch). At the LokS Sabha poll rallies in Bihar and Jharkhand, Modi also used the term shehzada along with Rahul for the RJD leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav.

"There is a shehzada in Delhi (Rahul) and one in Patna (Tejashwi), both of whom think of the country as their fiefdom (jaagir).'

While addressing a rally in Gujarat, Priyanka called Modi a "Shahanshaah" who lives in a palace but is cut off from the public. It was her first response to the PM's 'shehzada' jibe for her brother Rahul.

Asserting that India wants a strong leader at the helm to ensure security, Modi said his Government's surgical and air strikes had shaken Pakistan, and the neighbouring country's

Prime Minister Narendra Modi being felicitated during a public meeting for Lok Sabha polls in Palamu on Saturday PTI

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leaders are now praying that the Congress "shehzada" India's becomes Prime Minister. "The new India knows how to

enter enemy territory and Gujarat for power and then forgetting them. strike... Shaken by the surgical and air strikes, leaders in Pakistan

are now praying that the Congress 'shehzada' becomes Prime Minister of India... But, our strong nation wants a strong Government

and leader," Modi said at the rally to campaign for BJP candidate from Palamu, V D Ram. While addressing a rally at

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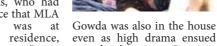
aturdav evening The arrest came minutes after his anticipatory bail plea was rejected by the special court for elected representatives, Bengaluru. Meanwhile, a day after former Congress President Rahul Gandhi wrote to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah requesting to extend all possible support to the

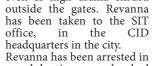
her party candidate Geniben RAJESH KUMAR 📕 NEW DELHI

> Amid Western media, intellectual think tanks, academics, human rights organizations, and other components of civil society and Opposition parties here expressing concerns about the state of democracy, the Election Commission has from 75 international invited from visitors election management bodies (EMBs) of 23 countries, including Russia, Australia, Maldives, and Seychelles to watch the world's largest elections d. unfold. The invited delegates will visit

SIT teams, who had intelligence that MLA Revanna

Gowda's reached former Prime Minister's residence. The gates were not opened for them and even as the team was contemplating breaking in when Revanna opened the door of the house and walked out and gave himself up. Deve





an abduction case booked against him in KR. Nagar Police Station, Mysuru

District on May 2. A victim of sexual abuse, who is seen in a video pleading to spare her but was raped, was allegedly abducted on the night of April 29, at the behest of Revanna allegedly to prevent her from testifying against his son.

There is a possibility of CBI issuing a Blue Corner Notice" said State CMO. The victim's son had lodged a

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Given the size of electorate

EC shows off gargantuan poll exercise to 23 nations

six states in small groups to best practices being used. witness the elections and preparations related to it in

various constituencies. The Commission described the visit of the foreign delegates as a first in terms of scale and magnitude of participation. Beginning Saturday, the programme

seeks to familiarise them with the nuances of India's electoral system as well as the

Recently, representatives of 18 political parties from 10 met BJP countries

president JP Nadda, Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar and Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Viashnaw in New Delhi

on Wednesday to have a sense of the party's election campaign strategies and the electoral process of New Guinea and Namibia.

India.According to the EC, the invited delegates represent various EMBs and organisations from 23 countries namely - Bhutan, Mongolia, Australia, Madagascar, Fiji, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Moldova, Tunisia, Seychelles, Cambodia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe, Dangiacton, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Chile, and Uzbekistan, Maldives, Papua

here, the total electorate in the country, as per EC's electoral rolls, is just 98 crore people - roughly 12.5 per cent of the global population and five times US population, will cast their votes To conduct Lok Sabha polls

here is a mammoth exercise involves lakhs of people and resources across the country. Along with these 23 nations, members from the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), and media teams from Bhutan Israel will also participate.

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India's first female wrestler on new ground

Banaskantha Lok Sabha

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Hamida Banu, an "Amazon of Aligarh", whose legacy as a renowned India's first professional woman wrestler transcends the confines of the wrestling ring triumphing in over 300 matches mostly against male wrestlers, was honoured by Google doodle on Saturday with Google celebrating her achievements with online users.

The US tech giant put up a colourful doodle of her image created by an Indian artist Divya Negi on its homepage. May 4 was chosen by Google as this was a special day in the life of Hamida in 1954 when she faced off against the wellknown male wrestler Baba world of wrestling.



Pahalwan, defeating him in a Born into a family of wrestlers match lasting just one minute in Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh in the early 1900s, she defied and 34 seconds. As Hamida societal norms and pursued emerged victorious, Baba her passion for wrestling Pahalwan deemed fit to retire during a time when women's from the wrestling profession participation in sports, particularly in wrestling, was strongly discouraged in India. as was declared by him. This victory solidified Hamida's status as a trailblazer in the Her journey is a testament to

her exceptional skill and determination with which she broke the male dominated field.

Throughout her career in the 1940s and 1950s, Hamida competed in over 300 competitions, wrestling astonishingly against both male and female wrestlers. Her prowess in the sport earned her widespread recognition, both nationally and internationally. She even the nickname earned "Amazon of Aligarh" due to her remarkable performances. Notably, Hamida also competed against Russian Vera wrestler woman Chistilin and emerged victorious in a bout lasting less than two minutes, further

showcasing her exceptional talent and skill. Despite her success in wrestling, Hamida faced including challenges, attempts to dissuade her from pursuing her dreams. Her

coach once reportedly beat her severely to prevent her from going to Europe for wrestling competitions, causing injuries that took years to heal.

. Hamida's journey, although marked by extraordinary triumphs and accolades, tragically ended in poverty. Despite her groundbreaking achievements as India's first professional woman wrestler, she faced financial struggles in her later years.

Puri Cong nominee takes Surat route out of party

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 $\mathbf{Y}^{ ext{et}}$ another Congress candidate this time for the Puri Lok Sabha constituency Sucharita Mohanty, has declined to contest the elections and returned the party ticket alleging lack of funding from the party. Mohanty, daughter of former Congress MP Brajamohan Mohanty in a mail to AICC general secretary (organization) K

C Venugopal on Friday claimed that her campaign in the Puri Lok Sabha constituency has been hit hard because the party has denied funding.

She alleged that AICC Odisha in-charge Ajoy Kumar "categorically" asked her to fight from her own resources. Elections to the Puri Lok Sabha constituency will be held on May 25. She is third contestant of the

Congress who backed out with first from Surat, Continued on Page 2 | Nilesh Kumbhani, who withdrew his



Congress's Puri candidate Sucharita Mohanty, ex-Indore candidate Akshaya Kanti Bam, and ex-Surat nominee Nilesh Kumbhani

nomination enabling the BJP's Mukesh Dalal's unanimous win and the second was last week

Akshay Bam of Indore who first withdrew his nomination as Congress candidate and then joined the BJP.

"Surat marked the beginning of BJP's victory. In Indore, the Congress candidate came out in support of BJP," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on the withdrawal of nominations by Congress candidates.

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NEW DELHI I SUNDAY I MAY 5, 2024 Sunday pioneer Contraction of the state of the st Sharad hits back at Modi after manage family jibe

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In a sharp retaliation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's criticism about his "inability" to manage his family, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Saturday wondered as to "when did Modi take care of his own family" and said the condition of the latter's family "is a matter of serious concern".

Interacting with media persons in Pune, Pawar took a swipe at Modi for the latter's recent comment made in a television interview that "when Pawar cannot manage his own family, how can he manage Maharashtra?" by saying: "When did Modi manage or take care of his family? I do not want to stoop to that level ... The condition of his family is a matter of serious concern. I avoid making personal comments.... But, the Prime Minister does not believe in this...'

On Modi's another comment that whenever Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray "needs me in any difficulty, I will be the first person to rush towards him to lend help", Pawar said:

"Let us hope and pray when Uddhav is never in such a situation where he would be compelled to seek Modi's assis-On Modi's comment on how and why Pawar who criticised him as being "Putin in the making" received the Padma

Vibhushan honour from his government, Pawar said: When we were in the government, we had honoured the leaders from different political parties who had made notable contributions to the country. The awards like Padma are national honours. They do not belong to any political party. The Padma award is not Modi's personal property. The BJP

does not have copyright over these honours". Averring that his faith in Modi was waning, Pawar said: "Modi had said many things during his election speeches in the past. But, he has not implemented them. He keeps making casual comments without application of mind. That's my faith in him going down".

Prajwal is said to have flown

abroad on April 27, a day

after the first phase of Lok

Sabha polls in Karnataka

A day earlier in his letter,

Rahul asked Siddaramaiah to

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The Congress leader also

expressed that he is deeply

shocked to learn that as far

back as December 2023, our

Home Minister Amit Shah

was informed by G Devaraje

Gowda about Prajwal's

antecedents, especially his

history of sexual violence and

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On the Prime Minister's criticism of his predecessor about the Dr Manmohan Singh government's policies in the past,



Pawar said: "Modi used to criticise Dr Manmohan Singh's policies bitterly in the past, but he is implementing the same olicies. The speciality of Dr Manmohan Singh used to work quietly without talking about things he was doing and he used to produce results. But, in the case of Modi, he spends a lot of time criticising others. People have begun to understand Modi's style of function-

ing". Later in the day, while addressing an election rally at Purandar in Pune district for Opposition NCP-Maha Vikas

Aghadi (MVA) candidate Supriya Sule from Baramati Lok Sabha constituency, Pawar slammed Modi, saying that Modi was totally different from the best of Prime Ministers like Indira Gandhi, Narasimha Rao and Dr Manmohan Singh.

'The country has seen many Prime Ministers. I myself have seen many Prime Ministers, worked with some. After independence, we have not seen the work of a prime minister like Jawaharlal Nehru, but we read and learned about his work, he worked to give direction to this

country. In his later times a

gentleman like Lal Bahadur management of agriculture Shastri became the Prime Minister of the country and created a new history," he said. "Subsequently, Indira Gandhi not only worked hard to alleviate the sufferings of the poor but also taught a lesson to Pakistan. After Pakistan's attack Indira Gandhi retaliated and divided the country into two. After that Pakistan did not rise again. Later we have had prime ministers like Narasimha Rao and Dr Manmohan Singh with whom I had worked," Pawar said.

"Among all the Prime Ministers that the country has had, Modi is totally different. Thanks to him, the condition of farmers has become miserable. They are in distress. He has contributed to high inflation in the country," Pawar said.

Pawar --whom Modi had criticised at his election rally at Madha in western Maharashtra early this week saying that the NCP chief had miserably failed as the Union Agriculture Minister - charged that the current Prime Minister had badly managed Agriculture in the country.

"When we were in power, the

was in the hands of our people. After 10 years of Mr. Modi's arrival, the management of agriculture is in the hands of BJP. When I was in charge of agriculture, we increased the procurement rate of paddy by Rs 138 per quintal, and during Modi's tenure, it was increased by Rs 66 quintal," Pawar said.

The procurement price of wheat was increased by Rs 122 per quintal during my tenure, while during Modi Saheb's time it was increased by Rs 62. The procurement price of sugfrom Delhi on Friday, police arcane was increased by Rs 187 per quintal during my tenure, said. This is the first arrest while it was increased by Rs 50 made by the Delhi Police in the during Modi Saheb's tenure," the NCP chief said

"The procurement price of cotton rose by Rs 114 during my tenure and rose by Rs 78 during BJP's tenure The price of maize increased by Rs 159 during my time, while in 10 years of BJP it was Rs 59 per quintal. I am giving you these comparative figures because the Modi government did not pay adequate remunerative prices to the farmers in the country," Pawar said.

Criminal conspiracy charges added to Shah doctored video FIR **STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI of the party, according to offi-

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"We have added section 120B

(punishment of criminal con-

spiracy) of the Indian Penal

Code (IPC) in the FIR as inves-

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er conspiracy," a police officer

Beereddy is among the promi-nent members of the Congress'

social media team and he is

accused of being among those

who uploaded the doctored

video on social media and also

shared it with other members

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said.

Following his arrest, he was produced before a court here Criminal conspiracy charges have been added to the FIR on Friday night and it sent him registered in connection with the doctored video of Union to three days in custody for further interrogation by the police's Special Cell. Home Minister Amit Shah's speech, the Delhi Police said on The interrogation of Beereddy has started, the officials said. Saturday, a day after it arrested a national coordinator of the Congress' social media team. Arun Beereddy, a native of Telangana's Hyderabad, who

Initially, the cell on a complaint from the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), which comes under the home ministry, had registered the FIR on Sunday under IPC sections 153 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth), 465 (punishment for forgery), 469 (forgery for purpose of harming reputation), 171G (false statement in connection with an election).

The FIR also has Information Technology (IT) Act's section 66C which deals with fraudulent or dishonest use of electronic signature, password or any other unique identification feature of a person.

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It will speed up the investigation, it said

A Blue Corner Notice is issued by the international police cooperation body to collect additional information from its member countries about a person's identity, location or activities in relation to a crime.

"They (SIT officials) have assured that they will arrest and get the accused back, as soon as they get the informa-tion from the airports," it said. The SIT is said to have sent a request to the CBI, the nodal body for Interpol matters in India, seeking a Blue Corner Notice against Prajwal Revanna, official sources said. The 33-year-old Prajwal, who is the grandson of former PM Deve Gowda, was the BJP-JD(S) alliance's candidate from Hassan, which went to the polls on

April 26. licit video clips allegedl involving Prajwal had started making the rounds in Hassan in recent days, following which the state government constituted the SIT to probe the scandal.

Canada releases pictures of three |What xenophobia? India an Indians charged with Nijjar killing open society always: Jaishankar

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anada has released the pic-Canada nas released the pre-tures of three Indians who allegedly killed Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar last year. The three were arrested by the police there late Friday. Nijjar's killing had become the epicentre of a diplomatic row between India and Canada last year after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged the role of "Indian agents" in the murder. India had rejected the charge as 'absurd" and "motivated.'

Canadian Police on Friday said they have arrested three Indians they suspect were part of the alleged hit squad that had killed Nijjar. The three arrested Indians - Karan Brar, 22, Kamalpreet Singh, 22, Karanpreet Singh, 28 - were liv-ing as non-permanent residents in Alberta for three to five years, said Superintendent Mandeep Mooker, who leads the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

ten by Rahul, the Chief Minister took to social media The police also released their and assured that his photos. Government is committed to They have been charged with

protecting the victims of rape and injustice by Prajwal. first-degree murder and conmmit murde showed court documents. Police said that none of the suspects were known to them Prime Minister's tacit support for such criminals," Rahul's gating their possible ties to the Indian government.



The murder remains "very much under active investigation," Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Assistant Commissioner David of the event, Trudeau told Teboul told a press conference on Friday. could not have ignored. India rejected his comment

"There are separate and distinct investigations ongoing into these matters, certainly not limited to the involvement of the people arrested today, and these efforts include investigating connections to the government of India," CTV News quoted him as saying.

Nijjar, a Canadian citizen who was wanted in India on various terror charges, was shot dead outside a gurdwara in Surrey on June 18, 2023. Trudeau's charge against India sparked a later that

EJaishankar on Saturday brushed aside US President Joe

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Biden's "xenophobia" remark about India and said, "First of all, our economy is not faltering." He also said India has always been open and wel-coming to people from diverse societies.

Biden, in his remarks, two days back alleged that India's economy was faltering and not doing well, while the US economy was growing. He also claimed that several countries, including India, are "xeno-phobic" because they do not welcome immigrants.

Rejecting these assertions, Jaishankar, in an interview to a national daily, highlighted that India has always been open and welcoming to people from diverse societies.

Jaishankar's statement is based on the fact that India has been the fastest growing major economy in the world for the last few years, while also becoming the fifth-largest global economy last year. India is also sed to become the world third-largest economy before the end of the decade.



many others. Why? Because we welcome immigrants. We look to the reason (behind this)...think about it. Why is China stalling so badly economically? Why is Japan having trouble? Why is Russia? Why is India? Because they're xenophobic. They don't want immigrants.

The US President said this while campaigning for his re-election for the US Presidency at a fundraising event in Washington.

Responding to the claim on "xenophobia," Jaishankar said, "India has always been a very unique country... I would say actually, in the history of the world, that it's been a society which has been very open... different people from different

es India's welcoming approach. "That's why we have the CAA, which is to open up doors for people who are in trouble... I think we should be open to people who have the need to come to India, who have a claim to come to India," Jaishankar said. He also spoke about the nar-

rative created by a section of the western media and backed it with an example of the ongoing protests at US universities.

Jaishankar spoke about the ongoing anti-Israel protests in American university campuses and criticised a section of the Western media for its biased coverage, suggesting that it is "very ideological" and not at all "objective" reporting. He said this section of media wants to shape the global narrative and has been

targeting India as well. To curb the diplomatic fallout of President Biden's remarks terming India, Japan, and other nations, "xenophobic," the White House issued a clarification on the President's intentions, emphasising his "respect" for allies and partners.

hite House Karine Jean Pierre asserted that the President's comments were part of a broader message emphasising the strength derived from America's immigrant heritage.

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with both countries expelling diplomats of the other country. A fresh row erupted earlier this week after separatist slogans on 'Khalistan' were raised at an event in Canada addressed by

Singh has alleged that the Indian government was behind Nijjar's killing. However, Canadian police have not given any evidence linking the three accused to the Indian government.

Trudeau, prompting New Delhi

to summon their Deputy High

Commissioner and lodge a

strong protest.On the sidelines

reporters that Nijjar's killing

had created a "problem" that he

and said it once again showed

Canada provides political space

given to separatism, extremism, and violence. "This not only

impacts India-Canada rela-

tions but also encourages a cli-

mate of violence and crimi-

nality in Canada to the detri-

ment of its own citizens," Ministry of External Affairs(MEA) spokesperson

Meanwhile, Canadian politi-

Randhir Jaiswal said.

On May 2, President Biden had said, "You know, one of the reasons why our economy is growing is because of you and

lettes come to mara He gave an example of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). Jaishankar highlighted how the CAA, introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Government, showcas-

Terror strikes IAF convoy in J&K, one soldier...

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In 2021, nine soldiers were killed in two separate attacks by terrorists in the forested region. While five Army personnel, including a junior commissioned officer (JCO), were killed on October 11 in Chamrer, a JCO and three soldiers were killed on October 14 in a nearby forest. On February 14, 2019, a terror attack was carried out in Pulwama by a suicide bomber resulting in the death of 40 CRPF personnel. The suicide bomber, identified as Jaish-e-Mohammad's Adil Ahmed Dar, rammed his vehicle into a bus with the CRPF convoy. World body United Nations and countries from across the globe, including the US, Russia,

Australia, France, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, have condemned the brutal Pulwama terror attack, and extended their support to India in the fight against terrorism.

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This is their habit. Whenever there is a chance, he (Lovely) has tried to cheat and there is no place for cheaters in the party," he added.

Speaking to reporters after joining the saffron party, Lovely said he met his supporters and several Congress workers following his resignation, who urged him "not to sit at home but join a strong party to fight for the people of Delhi."

Lovely referred to former Minister Indira Prime Gandhi's speech where she had said that every drop of her blood is dedicated to the nation. "Indira ji ne bola tha mere khoon ka katra katra iss desh ke liye hai. Katre se Tukde Tukde pe aagye hain (Indira had said that every drop of her blood is dedicated to the nation. Now they are reduced to Tukde Tukde gang) Lovely, adding that he started feeling like a misfit in the party.

Lovely hailed the BJP leadership, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for giving him and his colleagues the opportunity to join the

party when they felt lost. He the Congress and joined the asserted that Modi is set to BJP in 2017. He, however, retain power with a big majority in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls. Lovely had recently quit as the Delhi Congress president protesting the party's alliance with the AAF Earlier Lovely had made it

clear that he has only quit the party post and not the party, although a section of the Congress leadership as well as AAP leaders believed that he would be joining the BJP again.Lovely's resignation on April 28 was a setback to the party in terms of optics and perception. Coming four days after former Delhi Minister Rajkumar Chauhan quit the party, the resignation of Lovely, who has been heading the Delhi unit since August last year, has been a blow to the Congress's efforts for the May 25 elections in Delhi. The Congress leaders from command. North East and Northwest Delhi were upset with their party's choice of candidates, including Kanhaiya Kumar and Udit Raj, in the national

Capital for the elections.

Earlier, Lovely resigned from

returned to the grand old party in 2018. After his induction into the BJP, Lovely exuded confidence that the party would sweep all seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi and win the national polls.

In his resignation letter sent to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday, Lovely also said that all unanimous decisions taken by the senior Delhi unit leaders have been "unilaterally vetoed" by AICC Delhi in-charge Deepak Babria. Lovely also claimed the Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC) was not given any intimation about the decision to field Kanhaiya Kumar from North East Delhi seat and Udit Rai from North West Delhi seat before the official announcement was made by the party high

Chauhan said the AAP Government has pushed the city backwards after all the "development" seen earlier, a reference to the Congress Government headed by Sheila Dikshit

EC shows off gargantuan poll exercise to 23...

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The electoral body of India said that it exemplifies its commitment to conducting general elections of the highest standards, offering a golden bridge for the EMBs to witness democratic excellence first-hand.

"The Election Commission of India continues fostering international cooperation by organising the Election Visitors' Programme (IEVP) during the ongoing Lok Sabha Elections 2024," it said. The programme, that begins on May 4, seeks to familiarise foreign EMBs with the nuances of India's electoral system as well as the best practices used by the largest democracy in the world, the EC said. The Commission said Chief Election Commissioner Election Rajiv Kumar, Election Commissioner Gyanesh

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said.

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Kumar and Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu will address the delegates on May 5. Thereafter, the delegates will embark in small groups to observe polls and related preparedness in various constituencies in six States-Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. On the invitation of the BJP, the parties that have sent their representatives are the Liberal Party of Australia; the Communist Party of Vietnam; the Awami League of Bangladesh; the Likud Party of Israel; the National Resistance Movement of Uganda; the Chama Cha Mapinduzi of Tanzania; the United Russia Party of Russia; the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna and the United National Party of Sri Lanka; the Militant Socialist Movement, Mauritius

Labour Party, Mauritian Militant Movement and Parti Mauricien Social Democrate of Mauritius; and the Nepali Congress, Janamat Party, Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist), Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) and the Rashtriya Swatantra Party of Nepal. Significantly, neither of the two US parties - the ruling Democrats and the Opposition Republicans was invited. No political party from Pakistan was invited, given India's poor relations with the neighbouring country. The Communist Party of China was also not invited.

The ongoing Lok Sabha elections that began on April 19 and is being conducted in seven phases will conclude on June 1 with counting of votes scheduled for June 4. inflation?" she said.

India's first...

After retiring from wrestling, Hamida settled in Kalyan, Maharashtra, where she adopted a son and endeavored to make a living through modest means. Reports indicate that she supported herself by selling milk, renting buildings, and selling snacks. This transition from the limelight of the wrestling arena to a humble existence underscores the harsh realities she faced outside of her sporting career. She breathed her last in 1986.

Despite facing hardships, her legacy as a fearless trailblazer endures, and she continues to be celebrated for her contributions to the world of sports.

Priyanka's 'Shahenshah'...

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On the other hand is your 'shahanshah', Narendra Modiji. He lives in a palace. Have you ever seen him on TV? Clean clothes with not a single speck of dust, not a single stray hair strand. How will he ever understand your hard work, your farming? How will he understand your problems, that you are overburdened with

The Prime Minister at his rallies during the day said 25 crore people came out of poverty in the last 10 years of the NDA Government. "Congress never bothered for the welfare of people. The party's 'shehzada' was born with a silver spoon, and poses for the camera when he visits the house of the poor. But, it is my commitment to transform India.

Puri Cong nominee takes Surat route out...

"I was a salaried professional journalist who entered electoral politics 10 years ago. I have given all I have into my campaign in Puri. I tried a public donation drive to support my campaign for progressive politics without much success so far. I also tried to cut down the projected campaign spending spokesperson Sambit Patra to the minimum," she said. and BJD candidate Arup As she was not able to raise

funds on her own, the leader had Congress approached all senior leaders including the party's central leadership for funds for an impactful campaign in the Puri Lok Sabha constituency. "It is clear that only fund crunch is holding us back from a winning campaign in Puri. I regret that without party funding, it won't be possible to carry out the campaign in Puri. Í, therefore, return the party ticket for the

Puri Lok Sabha constituency herewith," she said in her mail to the AICC. However, Mohanty said she will remain a loyal Congress worker and her leader is Rahul Gandhi. "I was denied funds from the party. In Assembly segments under the Puri LS constituency, weak candidates were given tickets. BJP and BJD are sitting on mountains of money. Vulgar displays of wealth are everywhere. It was difficult for me to fight the election, Mohanty said talking to media.AICC in-charge of Odisha, Ajoy Kumar said "Mohanty is saying that no fund provided and weak MLA candidates have been fielded. The party has nominated its best candidate for the MLA seats and funds will be provided to a candidate when the candidate launches the campaign and fights at the seriously ground.

Patnaik, a former Mumbai Sources said Congress has Police Commissioner. now decided to change the Puri LS candidate and a proposal was submitted to

the Congress high command. The name of the new candidate will be announced very soon, AICC sources Sucharita has been fielded by the Congress from the Puri Lok Sabha seat national

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Former Congress MP Aggarwal files nomination from Chandni Chowk seat

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The former five time L Congress MP Jai Prakash Aggarwal filed his nomination for the Chandni Chowk constituency on Saturday ahead of the Lok Sabha 2024 elections slated to be held in the national capital on May 25. Both AAP and Congress party workers took part in the celebrations of the day of conditions of the day of nomination filing by the joint Congress and INDIA alliance candidate.

Aggarwal performed a puja at his residence before heading out to the HDM office in Alipur to file the nomination. A seasoned politician, he claimed that he is going to win the seat 100 per cent. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm with party workers chanting slogans of 'JP Aggarwal zindabad' and 'Congress party zindabad'. In the national capital, the

Congress and AAP are fight-ing together against the BJP,

who has for two successive terms, swept all the seats. While the grand old party is fighting from three seats, AAP is contesting elections in the city from four seats. While some party leaders wore Congress scarfs, the AAP party flag was also seen fluttering at the event.

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After performing the rituals, Aggarwal headed towards Alipur with the Delhi Congress interim President Devendra Yadav in his car. Yadav, who was appointed by President Congress Mallikarjun Kharge after the former Delhi Minister Arvinder Singh Lovely resigned from the post on April 28, took to X (former-ly Twitter) said, "Today, I was present at the nomination program of JP Agarwal, Congress candidate for Chandni Chowk Lok Sabha



Chandni Chowk constituency is telling that the people's mandate is for Congress. We will win all the seven seats of Delhi.

Further, the workers and supporters claimed that they are poised to win all the seven seats in Delhi and that the former MP from the Chandni Chowk seat has the support of the people. While stepping out of his home, many leaders and workers showered flowers on him and greeted with garlands.

"INDIA alliance is winning all seven (Lok Sabha) seats in Delhi with good margin. In Chandni Chowk, we are winning the constituency by over 2 lakh votes," said Delhi Deputy Mayor Aaley Mohammad Iqbal on Aggarwal contesting from Chandni Chowk constituen-

candidate Praveen

Khandelwal is contesting against Aggarwal, who filed his nominations on Friday in the presence of sitting MP from the seat Harsh Vardhan and Union Minister Piyush Goyal.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said here it seems that Congress candidate Jai Prakash Agrawal from Chandni Chowk parliamen-tary constituency has already accepted his defeat even before the elections. Making this assertion, Kapoor said that is why he did not consider it necessary to go on a procession with local workers to file his nomination on the day of filing nominations from his parliamentary con-

stituency. Traditionally, not only in the country but also all over the world, candidates gather people in the election constituency on the day of their

nomination, showing their strength to their voters, he said.

Like BJP candidate Praveen Khandelwal, Agrawal also has an old ancestral mansion in Old Delhi, but on Saturday the Congress candidate did not consider it necessary to start his election campaign from there because Congress does not have workers, and ten AAP MLAs from the area are only with him for show. Neither AAP MLAs are ready to give public support to Agrawal nor economic support.

Because of this, Agrawal has become the first candidate in the history of Delhi elections from 1952 to 2024 who started his nomination yatra from another parliamentary constituency, i.e., New Delhi, and so could not even start his nomination journey from his own constituency, BJP leader

Three AAP candidates file nominations amid fanfare AAP releases

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AP candidates from East ADelhi and West Delhi Lok Sabha seats filed their nomination papers amid fanfare and in the presence of senior party leaders on Saturday. The three AAP candidates -Kuldeep Kumar (East Delhi), Somnath Bharti (New Delhi) and Mahabal Mishra (West Delhi) - took out roadshows along with senior AAP leaders and volunteers of the party before going for filing nominations

Mahabal Mishra's nomination began after prayers at temples where he sought blessing of Lord Ram in Raghuveer Nagar. Apart from Sanjay Singh, Delhi minister Kailash Gahlot and Dilip Pandey, Delhi Congress's interim president Devender Yadav also accompanied Mishra in his nomination procession. Large number of his supporters accompanied him in a procession for filing his papers.

AAP workers raised slogans of 'Kejriwal Zindabad' with tricolour flag and party flag. People were holding brooms and posters of Arvind Kejriwal in their hands.

Mishra said people still remember the work he has done in Delhi since 2009. With the blessings of Lord Shri Ram, the INDIA alliance will liberate the country from

elections, he said. Only slogan of 'Jail ka Jawab Vote se' is echoing all over Delhi, Sanjay Singh said.

He also said Mishra has filed his nomination from West Delhi Lok Sabha seat as part of the Aam Aadmi Party and the INDIA alliance and people of West Delhi ensure his victory

He said the BJP's '400-Paar' slogan is a fake slogan. The BJP had said '200 Paar' in Bengal but won only 73 seats, in Delhi they had said '45 Paar' but managed to secure only 8 seats adding the BJP

get oly 150 seats in the will general elections while The INDIA alliance will get more than 300 seats. In a seat sharing agreement,

INDIA combine partners AAP and Congress are contesting four and three seats respectively in Delhi, giving a direct fight to the BJP. The nomination process will conclude on May 6. Voting in all the seven seats will be held on May 25.

Bharti in a post on X at 4.48 PM wrote he was waiting for two hours for his turn to file nomination papers along with other candidates at the office of New Delhi Parliamentary constituency returning officer. He also claimed "there is a hot discussion going on that the BJP fearing massive defeat, to the extent of losing deposits, at New Delhi Loksabha and dictatorship in the coming East Delhi Loksabha seats is Puri, Union minister of





contemplating changing their candidates to Sri Hardeep Puri Singh (@HardeepSPuri) and Sri Arvinder Lovely Ji (@ArvinderLovely) respectively. Even if they change candidates, people won't change their decision and will vote BJP out of power in 2024.

Housing and Urban Affairs, immediately dismissed Bharti's claim as "baseless and mischievous". "He is trying to mislead people. Bharati should get his mental faculties checked," Puri said in a statement.

The AAP is contesting four of the seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi in alliance with the Congress. Party candidate arrest through votes and the Kumar said.



Pehalwan has already filed

his nomination. Kumar, who hails from the Dalit community, sought blessings of his parents and jailed party leader Manish Sisodia's wife as well as offered tributes at Dr B R Ambedkar's statue before embarking on his nomination procession. In a post on X, Kumar said a youth from an ordinary family hardly dreams about entering politics but Arvind Kejriwal and Sisodia showed confidence in him and gave him a chance to become the

voice of AAP. Party Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh, Delhi minister Atishi and MLA Dilip Pandey among other leaders attended the well attended procession of Kumar.

Atishi said people of Delhi have made up their mind to retaliate against Kejriwal's

from South Delhi Sahi Ram huge crowd gathered in sup-

port of Kumar shows he is going to be the next MP of East Delhi, a general constituency. Singh said Kejriwal has set a significant example by fielding a Dalit community member from the East Delhi seat. He claimed the BJP will lose all the seven Lok Sabha seats and the INDIA bloc will come to power at the Centre winning 300 seats across the country.

The BJP's 'Abki Baar 400 Paar' slogan is hollow and it will not get more than 150 seats in the polls, he said. Party volunteers and supporters wearing blue and yellow 'pagris' (head-gears) took part in Kumar's procession.

The people wearing yellow and blue colours signifying Bhagat Singh and Ambedkar have come out to protest against dictatorship that has put Kejriwal behind the bars,

list of 40 star campaigners Jawab Vote Se' centred around

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A am Aadmi Party(AAP)on Saturday issued a list of 40 star campaigners for Lok Sabha polls in Delhi and Haryana, featuring party con-vener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal who is in judicial custody and his

wife Sunita Kejriwal. The party's star campaigners' list also included the names of jailed AAP leaders Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain, as well as Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

Sunita Kejriwal has already taken reins of party's campaigning for the polls, attending roadshows in support of party's Lok Sabha candidates in Delhi and Gujarat.

Recently she attended roadshows along with AAP can-didates in East Delhi, West Delhi and Bharuch and Bhavnagar constituencies in Gujarat. She is scheduled to attend a roadshow in support of AAP candidate from South Delhi seat Sahi Ram Pehalwan on Sunday, party leaders said.

She will also hold road shows in Punjab and Haryana under the party's campaign 'Jail Ka

Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case on March 21. The other star campaigners for the polls include Rajya Sabha MPs Sanjay Singh and Raghav Chadha -- who is currently abroad for an eye treatment. Rajya Sabha MP and nation-

the arrest of the Delhi chief

minister by Enforcement

al general secretary organisation Sandeep Pathak as well as all Delhi government ministers, including Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj, Gopal Rai, Kailash Gahlot were among the star campaigners. Prominent party leaders and ministers of AAP-ruled Punjab also figured in the star campaigners

list. The AAP is contesting four of the seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi and its candidates have filed their nomination papers. The party is contesting Kurukshetra seat in Haryana and Bharuch and Bhavnagar

in Gujarat. Despite an alliance with Congress in Delhi, Haryana and Gujarat, the AAP is independently contesting all the Lok Sabha seats in Punjab.

INDI Alliance hit by lack of public support, says BJP



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The BJP on Saturday claimed here the Indi Alliance in Delhi is completely disturbed due to the lack of support from the general public towards the candidates' cam-paign, and therefore, the Aam Aadmi Party(AAP)is considering changing its candidate from New Delhi and fielding Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal.

Making this assertion in a news conference, BJP's national spokesperson RP Singh said after receiving feedback from the past month, even the AAM party realized that their cam-paign is lacklustre and their supporters are not standing by them, so now, instead of Somnath, the Aam Aadmi Party is creating an atmosphere to replace Somnath Bharti with Sunita Kejriwal for the New Delhi Lok Sabha seat.

Singh claimed Sunita Kejriwal's nomination could be finalized on Monday, as people have rejected the Indi Alliance candidate outright, who is visible in their campaign. BJP candi-dates are likely to receive around 70% of the votes, while the Indi Alliance may only get 30%, and among them, Bansuri Swaraj is leading. He said even

if AAP adopts all means to stay in the news, and this is also part of the same tactics.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Harish Khurana said victory is certain for BJP on all seven seats in Delhi. Talking about the campaign, Indi Alliance candidates are neither visible on the ground nor is there any public support for them in New Delhi. He said the people of Delhi are now questioning Somnath Bharati from New Delhi, asking how women will be safe under his rule if his own wife

is against him. Shri Khurana said that an atmosphere is being created around Sunita Kejriwal, and an attempt is being made to play a poor politics, but their hope that Kejriwal, who is inside jail, can garner votes in his name, has backfired.

has backfired. He said that instead of sympa-thizing with the people, the AAP has betrayed the people by joining hands with the Congress, and therefore, in this election, the people of Delbi ar rejecting this arrogant Delhi are rejecting this arrogant coalition.Khurana said unlike Saurabh Bharadwaj and Atishi, we do not tell captivating stories, but it has been confirmed by the AAP sources themselves that the party is going to change its candidate for the New Delhi Lok Sabha seat

Former Assembly Speaker Yoganand joins Congress

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 $F_{\text{Speaker and Minister in}}^{\text{ormer Delhi Assembly}}$ then Sheila Dikshit regime, Dr Yoganand Shastri joined the Congress on Saturday in the presence of AICC General Secretary and In-charge of Delhi Congress Deepak Babaria and Delhi Congress interim president Devender Yadav. Shastri joined the Congress on a day when for-Congress on a day when for-mer Delhi Congress president Arvinder Singh Lovely along with four prominent leaders joined the saffron party. "There is no homecoming, because homecoming is for

because homecoming is for people who are far gone away but I was in a house next door and the values of both the houses are the same." said Dr Shastri after joining the party. The veteran Congress leader



said that he want to serve the party now. Shastri had left the Congress in 2020 and joined the NCP in 2021 after differences with Subhash Chopra who was then Delhi

Congresss president. Shastri was Delhi assembly speaker between 2008 and 2013. Delhi Congress interim president Devender Yadav welcomed him in the party.

Five arrested for killing minor who threatened people for making reels

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 $F^{\mathrm{ive}\ \mathrm{people}\ \mathrm{were}\ \mathrm{arrested}}_{\mathrm{here}\ \mathrm{for}\ \mathrm{allegedly}\ \mathrm{killing}\ \mathrm{a}}$ man who used to threaten people and record the video of the act for his Instagram posts, police said on Saturday. Ashok alias Thanda Pani, 17, was found with multiple injuries near his residence in East Delhi's Trilokpuri area

East Delhi's Trilokpuri area on April 17. He was beaten up by a group of people with rods and sticks, police said. According to Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) Apporva Gupta, the accused have been identified as Anuj alias Annu (34), Pawan alias Vikas (34), Abhinav Raj alias Annu Pudi (27), Sandeep Ghawari (35). (27), Sandeep Ghawari (35), and Mukesh Kumar (35).

They were arrested from from Trilokpuri on Friday.



Anuj used to work in a private company, Pawan is a taxi driver, Abhinav Raj is a part-time physiotherapist, Sandeep Ghawari is a property dealer and Mukesh Kumar works at a courier company, Gupta said.

According to a senior police officer, Thanda Pani used to make reels, where he would threaten people and record the act to influence his friends and exercise dominance in

the locality. He would also put those videos on his Instagram account, which he ran with the name 'Thana Pani', he said.

He had threatened and forced one of the accused to kneel down in front of people. He had also recorded a video of the act and uploaded it on Instagram.

Instagram. The officer said that the per-son whose video was made caught Ashok alone in the area that day and allegedly abducted him in a car. They beaten him up with sticks and rod and then asked a rickshaw puller to take him

a rickshaw puller to take him to the LBS Hospital where he was declared brought dead. Police said Ashok was previously allegedly involved in 20 cases of petty crimes in the area.

Kareena named UNICEF India National Ambassador

ABHI SINGHAL NEW DELHI

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) United Nations on Saturday announced actor Kareena Kapoor Khan as UNICEF India National Ambassador and appointed the four UNICEF India Youth the four UNICEF India Youth Advocates under the presence of Cynthia McCaffrey, UNICEF India Representative. UNICEF India also unveiled the 75 year UNICEF India

logo. On her conferment as UNICEF India National Ambassador, Kareena Kapoor Khan said, "There are few things as impor-tant as the rights of children, the future generation of this world. I am honored to continue my association with unicef

UNICEF now as India's National Ambassador. For every child deserves a childhood, a fair chance, a future." For the past 10 years, Kareena Kapoor has been UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate for

girls' education, gender equality, foundational learning, immunization, and breastfeeding. She has been a support in several of UNICEF's global campaigns on #EveryChildRights. McCaffrey



said that UNICEF is delighted ed their first-ever Youth Advocates between 16 to 24 to welcome Kareena Kapoor years. The four appointed Khan as their National Ambassador building on her advocates, Gauranshi Sharma years of commitment to from Madhya Pradesh on advance children's rights. right to play and disability UNICEF India also appointinclusion, Kartik Verma From

Uttar Pradesh on climate action and child rights advocacy, Nahid Afrin from Assam on mental health and early childhood development, and Vinisha Umashankar, from Tamil Nadu is a budding innovator and STEM pioneer. These youth advocates are part of UNICEF's global programme.

gramme. "Youth can lead the change in India. As the UNICEF India Youth Advocate, I will use my voice to amplify the concerns and perspectives of children and young people," said Kartik Verma on his appointment as Verma on his appointment as youth advocate.

In its 75th year of partnership with India UNICEF has also unveiled the 75-year UNICEF India logo.

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government. "India supported

the adoption of key conclusions

of the 19th INTERPOL Heads

of NCB Conference, calling for

supporting global efforts in

the prevention and disruption

of terrorism and organised crime in all its forms to create a safer world," the statement

India also supported key con-

clusions, such as strengthening the network of the NCBs to

combat the threat of transna-

tional organised crime, enhance global collaborative

efforts in the fight against

cyber-enabled financial fraud,

promote the use of the Interpol

network and global police data-

bases, in the fight against child

sexual exploitation and to

improve data protection mea-

sures within Interpol, it said.

"It may be recalled that in

2023, as many as 29 wanted

criminals and fugitives were

returned to India through close

cooperation via INTERPOL

channels and 100 Red Notices

were published by INTERPOL

on the request of Indian law-

enforcement agencies," the

said.



21 per cent candidates in 4th phase of LS polls have criminal cases: ADR

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Out of the 1,710 candidates contesting in the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha polls, 21 per cent have declared criminal cases against themselves and 24 candidates have declared zero assets, as per the Association for Democratic Reforms(ADR) report.

The ADR and The National Election Watch analysed the self-sworn affidavits of 1,710 out of 1,717 candidates, who are contesting in the Lok Sabha elections 2024 Phase IV on May 13.

A total of 360 candidates have declared criminal cases against them. Emphasising the disparities amongst the financial backgrounds of the candidates with the richest candidate in the fray is Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani of Telugu Desam Party with assets over Rs. 5,700 crore.

Among the 360 candidates (21 per cent) with criminal cases, 17 candidates were convicted, 11 declared cases related to



murder, 30 face charges of Among the major parties, 3 out attempted murder and 50 candidates have criminal cases related to crimes against women, with 5 candidates facing charges of rape, the data showed.

The ADR findings also shed light on the distribution of candidates with criminal backgrounds across major political parties



of 3 candidates from AIMIM, 2 out of 3 candidates from Shiv Sena, 10 out of 17 candidates from BRS, 35 out of 61 candidates from Congress, 40 out of 70 candidates from BJP, 9 out

of 17 candidates from TDP, 2 out of 4 candidates from BJD, 2 out of 4 candidates from RJD, 2 out of 4 candidates from Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb

Thackeray), 12 out of 25 candidates from YSRCP, 3 out of 8 candidates from All India Trinamool Congress and 7 out of 19 candidates from Samajwadi Party have declared criminal cases against themselves.

In addition to criminal disclosures, the ADR report also highlights significant diversity amongst the candidates' financial backgrounds. A total of 476 candidates out of

1710 are "crorepatis", with assets exceeding Rs. 1 crore, with Dr Pemmasani being the richest. While, 24 candidates declared zero assets, the report

In response to these findings, the ADR has proposed a series of reforms aimed at curbing the criminalization of politics.

These include permanent disqualification of candidates convicted of serious crimes, bringing political parties under the Right to Information Act, and implementing stricter penalties for candidates providing false information on election affidavits.

Online radicalisation poses significant challenge to global security: CBI director the role of institutions set by the

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 $U^{nderlining that there can}_{be no distinction between}$ "good terrorism and bad terrorism", India has said online radicalisation continues to pose a significant challenge to global security. Heading the Indian delega

tion at the recently-concluded 19th Interpol Conference of Heads of National Central Bureaux at France's Lyon, Central Bureau of Investigation is the nodal organisation (CBI) Director Praveen Sood responsible for coordination highlighted the challenges with Interpol. In India, the CBI posed by the nexus between is the designated NCB. organised crime, terrorism and The aim of the event was to extremist ideologies. Sood said online radicalisation cooperation among the NCBs

poses a significant challenge to global security. He unequivocally condemned all forms of terrorism and conveyed that there can be no distinction between "good terrorism, bad terrorism' The event was attended by the

national central bureaux of 136 countries, represented by senior police officials, according to a statement issued by the CBI.The National Central



prevent these crimes on a realtime basis," the statement said. The three-member Indian delegation, during its discussions with a number of countries including the United States, the strengthen the operational United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia, emphasised the need of Interpol to combat transnafor swift sharing of information through Interpol, expediting "During the event, the Indian mutual legal-assistance referrals

and extradition requests. delegation held discussions "Addressing the regional roundtable of the Asia Pacific with law-enforcement agencies from multiple countries for enhanced coordination on region, India reiterated to con-Interpol channels for a contribute in regional capacity certed action to combat organbuilding and sharing India's ised crime, terrorism, drug policing best practices," the trafficking, money laundering, agency said. online radicalisation, cyber-

Sood highlighted India's efforts in tackling crimes and detailed

statement said. enabled financial crimes and to

Army Summit on May 8 to highlight role of veterans in nation's progress

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The Indian Army will host a summit next week with an ties, potential and skills of military veterans as a driving force aim to highlight the capabiliin the nation's progress, offi-

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ing of how ex-servicemen can serve as an engine of growth for the nation, a senior official said. It will highlight the capabilities, potential and skills of military veterans as a driving force in the nation's progress.

With the participation of corporate leaders, military veterans, leading industry figures and veteran entrepreneurs, the summit aims to bridge gaps in training, orientation and preparation, paving the way for veterans to make significant contributions across diverse sectors of the economy, the army said. Since its inception in 1999, the AWPO has been instrumental in facilitating the seamless integration of veterans into civilian while uph ding the

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The AWPO serves as a bridge

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Military veterans represent a profoundly trained, motivated and exceptionally skilled resource, capable of seamlessly transitioning into diverse sectors with minimal orientation, the army said.

Annually, around 60,000 adept and driven soldiers, whose professionalism, leadership, technical and managerial abil ities have been meticulously honed through extensive training, superannuate from service, it said

These veterans, at the zenith of their capabilities developed through real-world high-pressure experience and a goal-oriented mindset cultivated over vears of service, embody a significant national asset that must be effectively leveraged to propel India's growth story,

the army said. The AWPO empowers veterans for entrepreneurship programmes, government jobs and job opportunities in friendly foreign countries.

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Colonel of Madras Regiment in veshti and pagdi performs ritual at Murugan Temple



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Colonel of the Madras Regiment of the Indian Army, Lt General Manjinder Singh, performed a sacred ceremony at the Murugan Temple of its regimental centre, wearing a traditional 'veshti', according to a post on X shared by the Army's Training Command. During the ceremony, the officer sported his traditional Sikh turban and also wore a 'veshti', a traditional wear of south India.

Regiment," it said. Underlining the ethos of the Indian Army, a senior official said, "Though, it is not a new thing for commanders in the Army to adhere to such a practice, yet the beauty of the ceremony doubled due to the gracious embracing of traditional south Indian 'dhoti' by a Sikh officer." The ARTRAC post has gained wide traction on X and has garnered appreciation from many people."The Madras Regiment stands as one of the most distinguished regiments in the Indian Army, with a history that dates back to the 1750s.

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Wardak had taken charge as the acting ambassador of Afghanistan to New Delhi since late last year after working as the Áfghan Consul

two years. In a statement posted on 'X', the Afghan diplomat said she decided to resign in view of numerous personal attacks on her that severely impacted her ability to effectively operate.

She, however, did not mention the reports of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seizing 25 kg of gold from her at the Mumbai airport on April 25. It is learnt that the DRI did not arrest Wardak as enjoyed diplomatic immunity. "It is with great regret that I

announce my decision to step away from my role at the consulate and embassy of

AWPO has shown a 30 per cen increase in its placements during the last two years, the army said.

The bulk placements include 3,000 in the Indian Railways, 1,200 in dedicated freight corridors and approximately 3,200 as drivers for the Bihar Police, which is still under progress, it said.Some have also been placed with the Port Trust in Kolkata and Kandla ports, and as observers with the National Testing Agency.

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said in her statement.

s the oldest regime been at the forefront of upholding the secular traditions of the Indian Army, a reflection of the nation's pluralistic society," the

senior Army official said. The official said the regiment's ethos is vividly displayed in its religious functions, which are conducted in South Indian traditions. "These ceremonies are inclusive, respecting the diverse religious beliefs of its soldiers while maintaining a unified regimental spirit," he said.

Afghan diplomat resigns after report of smuggling 25 kg gold

PNS NEW DELHI

Zakia Wardak, the senior-most Afghan diplomat in India, has resigned from her position after reports emerged that she was caught at Mumbai airport last month for allegedly trying to smuggle 25 kg of gold worth Rs 18.6 crore from Dubai.

General in Mumbai for over

Afghanistan in India, effective May 5," she said. "Over the past year, I have encountered numerous personal attacks and defamation not only directed towards me but also towards my close family and extended relatives," she said.

Wardak took charge of the Afghan embassy in New Delhi last November after the mission helmed by then ambassador Farid Mamundzay announced its closure.

Mamundzay had moved to the UK.There was no comment by Indian officials on Wardak's resignation.

on those close to me. It is not fair to subject them to such unwarranted and horribly unfair experiences," she said. "The persistent and coordinated nature of these attacks, aimed at defaming my character and undermining my efforts, have surpassed a tolerable threshold," Wardak added.

"It has become increasingly clear that the public narrative is unfairly targeting the only female representative within this system, rather than focusing on constructive assistance and support," she said.

"While it is my passion to serve my country and contribute to positive change, I find it necessary to prioritize my well-being and ability to function in a normal capacity. Therefore, I have made the difficult decision to resign from my current role.

The Afghan diplomat also thanked India for its "unwavering support" during her tenure in the country.

"It has been a great privilege working alongside the people of India for the past three years. I am grateful for the collaborative efforts and shared vision for progress between nations," she said.



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Hamas in Cairo as Egyptian media report progress in ceasefire talks

AP TEL AVIV (ISRAEL)

A delegation of the Palestinian militant group Hamas was in Cairo on Saturday as Egyptian state media reported "noticeable progress" in ongoing cease-fire talks with Israel while an Israeli official downplayed the prospects for a truce.

Pressure has been mounting to reach a deal — Gaza's humanitarian crisis is dramatically escalating while Israel insists it will launch an offensive into Rafah, the territory's southernmost city.

The stakes are high to find a halt to the nearly sevenmonths-long war. More than 1 million Palestinians are sheltering in the city of Rafah, along the border with Egypt, many having fled northern Gaza where a top UN official says there is now a full-blown famine.

Egyptian and American mediators have reported signs of compromise in recent days but chances for a cease-fire deal remain entangled with the key question of whether Israel will accept an end to the war with- in any circumstance to end the out reaching its stated goal of

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The conflict erupted on

October 7, when Hamas attacked southern Israel,

abducting about 250 people and killing around 1,200, most-

ly civilians. Israel says militants still hold around 100 hostages

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war as part of a deal to release destroying Hamas. hostage Egyptian state Al-Qahera news Israeli strikes early Saturday on

Gaza killed at least six people. said Saturday that a consensus has been reached over many of Three bodies were recovered from the rubble of a building the disputed points but did not in Rafah and taken to Yousef Al elaborate. Hamas has called for a complete end to the war and Najjar hospital. A strike in the Nuseirat refugee camp in cen-tral Gaza also killed three peowithdrawal of all Israeli forces The war has killed more than ple, according to hospital offi-34,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's local health officials,

cials. In the last 24 hours, the bod-ies of 32 people killed by Israeli strikes have been brought to local hospitals, Gaza's health ministry said Saturday.

In related developments this week, Israel briefed Biden administration officials on plans to evacuate civilians ahead of the Rafah operation, according to US officials familiar with the talks. The United Nations has

A senior Israeli official, speakwarned that hundreds of thousands would be "at immiing on condition of anonyminent risk of death" if Israel ty to discuss ongoing negotiations, played down the moves forward into the denseprospects for an end to the war. The official told The Associated ly packed city, which is also a critical entry point for human-Press that Israel will not agree itarian aid.

The US director of the UN World Food Program, Cindy McCain, said Friday that trapped civilians in the north, the most cut-off part of Gaza, have plunged into famine. McCain said a cease-fire and a greatly increased flow of aid through land and sea routes was essential.

Israel recently opened new crossings for aid into northern Gaza, but on Wednesday, Israeli settlers blocked the first convoy before it crossed into the besieged enclave. Once inside Gaza, the convoy was commandeered by Hamas militants, before UN officials reclaimed it.

The proposal that Egyptian mediators had put to Hamas sets out a three-stage process that would bring an immediate, six-week cease-fire and partial release of Israeli hostages, and would include some sort of Israeli pullout. The initial stage would last for 40 days.

Hamas would start by releasing female civilian hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

Israel has briefed US on plan to evacuate Palestinian civilians ahead of Rafah op

AP WASHINGTON

Israel this week briefed Biden administration officials on a plan to evacuate Palestinian civilians ahead of a potential operation in the southern Gaza city of Rafah aimed at rooting out Hamas militants, according to US officials familiar with the talks.

The officials, who were not authorised to comment publicly and requested anonymity to speak about the sensitive exchange, said that the plan detailed by the Israelis did not change the US administration's view that moving forward with an operation in Rafah would put too many innocent Palestinian civilians at risk.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to carry out a military operation in Rafah despite warnings from President Joe Biden and other western officials that doing so would result in more civilian deaths and worsen an already dire human-

itarian crisis. The Biden administration has said that there could be conse-

quences for Israel should it the White House. move forward with the opera-The operation, h The operation, however, has been discussed during recent tion without a credible plan to safeguard civilians. calls between Biden and

Some 1.5 million Palestinians have sheltered in the southern Gaza city as the territory has been ravaged by the war that began on October 7 after Hamas militants attacked Israel, killing 1,200 people and

taking about 250 hostages. The United Nations humanitarian aid agency on Friday said that hundreds of thousands of people would be "at imminent risk of death" if Israel moves forward with the Rafah assault. The border city is a critical entry point for humanitarian aid and is filled with displaced Palestinians, many in densely

packed tent camps. The officials added that the evacuation plan that the Israelis briefed was not finalized and both sides agreed to keep discussing the matter.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters on Friday that no 'comprehensive" plan for a potential Rafah operation has been revealed by the Israelis to Palestinian prisoners in Israeli

iails. Hamas has said it will send a delegation to Cairo in the coming days for further discussions on the offer, though it has not specified when.

Israel, and its allies, have sought to increase pressure on Hamas on the hostage negotiation. Signaling that Israel continues to move forward with its planning for a Rafah operation could be a tactic to nudge the militants to finalise the deal.

Netanyahu said earlier this week that Israeli forces would enter Rafah, which Israel says is Hamas' last stronghold, regardless of whether a truce-

Hamas is considering the latest proposal for a cease-fire and hostage release put forward by US, Egyptian and Qatari medi-ators, who are looking to avert

Netanyahu as well as during recent virtual talks with top

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The revelation of Israel's con-

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Friday in Egypt, where negotia-

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the Rafah operation. They have publicly pressed Hamas to accept the terms of the deal that would lead to an extended cease-fire and an exchange of Israeli hostages taken captive on October 7 and

for-hostages deal is struck. His comments appeared to be meant to appease his nationalist governing partners, and it was not clear whether they would have any bearing on any emerging deal with Hamas.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited the region, including Israel, this week and called the latest proposal "extra-ordinarily generous" and said "the time to act is now.

King Charles III takes over hundreds of charity patronages on Coronation anniv

Britain's King Charles has significantly means by nearly 300 this weekend to mark the first anniversary of his Coronation in May last year, taking over several that Buckingham Palace said were supported by his mother late Queen Elizabeth II. The palace said a major review of more than 1,000 royal patronages and charity presidencies was undertaken following the 75-year-old monarch's accession to the throne in September 2022 after the death of his mother.

Other working members of the royal family, including wife Camilla and son and heir Prince William, will also take on the patronage of a number of organisations previously supported by the late Queen to add to their existing portfolios. "The King and Queen [Camilla] will continue to serve as patron to many of the chari-ties and institutions with which His Majesty was affiliated as Prince of Wales, and respectively Her Majesty as Duchess of Cornwall," a Buckingham Palace statement said on Saturday. "In addition, Their Majesties are pleased to con-

tinue the patronage of a great variety of charities and organisations previously supported by Queen Elizabeth II...Royal patronage highlights the vital work of these organisations and allows their many achievements and valuable contributions to society to be more widely recognised and promoted," it said. "With his long port for the Commonwe

Probe accuses India of influencing Canadian politics, communities

PTI OTTAWA

Indian officials, including Canada-based proxies, engage in a range of activities that seek to influence Canadian communities and politicians to "align" Ottawa's position with New Delhi's interests on key issues, particularly concerns over Khalistani separatists in Canada, an official probe has found. The findings in the interim report by Commissioner Marie-Josee Hogue, who is leading the independent public inquiry, found evidence of foreign interference in Canada's last two federal elections in 2019 and 2021 but the results of the votes were not affected and the electoral system was robust.

India has previously rejected as "baseless" the allegations of its interference in Canadian elections and asserted that the core issue has been Ottawa's meddling in New Delhi's internal affairs.

The report, published on Friday said the People's Republic of China ("PRC") stands out as the main perpetrator of foreign interference against Canada.

"China has been assessed by Canadian authorities as the most active foreign state actor engaged in interference directed at government officials, politiions candidates for

foreign interference, which aims to align Canada's position with India's interests on key issues, particularly with respect to how the Indian government perceives Canada-based supporters of an independent Sikh homeland (Khalīistan)."

India's interest in Canada relates to Canada's large South Asian community. India views part of these communities as fostering an anti-India sentiment, and represents a threat to India's stability and national security, it said.

India does not differentiate between lawful, pro-Khalistani political advoca-cy and the relatively small Canada-based Khalistani violent extremism. It views anyone aligned with Khalistani separatism as a seditious threat to India," the report said. "We strongly reject all such baseless allegations of Indian interference in Canadian elections," External Affairs

Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in New Delhi in February. "It is not the government of India's policy to interfere in the democratic processes of other countries. In fact, quite on the reverse, it is Canada which has been interfering in our internal affairs," Jaiswal said in response to a question. The Canadian probe report said that the targets of Indian foreig often members of the Indo-Canadian communities, but prominent non-Indo-Canadians are also subject to India's foreign influence activities. These activities may not be directed at influencing Canada's democratic institutions, but are still significant, it said.



President Joe Biden awards the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, to Michelle Yeoh during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House, on Friday in Washington

Ready to hold talks but not for striking any deal, says Imran

PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan has said that he is ready to hold talks but not to strike a "deal" with anyone who has stolen his party's mandate in the February 8 general election.

Talking to journalists at the high-security Adiala jail in Rawalpindi on Friday, the 71vear-old Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf founder asserted that negotiations were held only with adversaries and therefore the talks should be held with those who were the biggest opponents of PTI at present, apparently a reference to the military establishment, the Dawn newspaper reported on Saturday.

Underlining that he had been saying for 18 months that he was ready to hold negotiations but not to strike a deal, Khan reiterated that his party would hold talks with everyone but

the three parties, the Geo News reported.

"Someone who wants to leave the country or avoid imprisonment makes a deal," he said, in an apparent reference to PML-

N leader Nawaz Sharif. Khan named Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Omar Ayub and Leader of the Opposition in Senate Shibli Faraz for holding negotiations.

"I have proposed these three names for talks and not for a deal," he said.

The February 8 general elections delivered a fractured mandate. Independent candidates, a majority of them backed by Khan's PTI, won 93 seats in the 336-member National Assembly. Former three-time prime minister

Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan

ments

in Gaza?

do so.

Bilawal Zardari Bhutto-led Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) came third with 54 seats. The Muttahida Oaumi Movement Pakistan (MQM-P) won 17 seats. Khan's PTI party has main-

tained that the powerful establishment had favoured Sharif's PML-N and that the Election Commission of Pakistan deliberately used a different form to declare the results to "steal the mandate" that belonged to it. The PML-N struck a post-poll

deal with Bhutto's PPP and four smaller parties and formed the overnment in March.

Khan reiterated that he was "always ready for talks, but it could only take place when their stolen mandate was returned and innocent imprisoned workers were released," the Dawn newspaper quoted PTI's media department as saying on Friday. Without naming anyone, Khan

Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) won 75 seats while the told reporters that "they" were

going to lodge the fourth case against him concerning the Toshakhana gifts. They should make whatever the cases they wanted all at once, he added. Khan's statement came a day after PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan claimed that his party was neither holding dialogues with anyone nor had any special message for talks. Gohar, speaking to journalists outside Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail, said that the former premier was facing "politically motivated" cases.

He added that the PTI founder requested the judiciary to give judgements on his cases at the earliest, the Geo News report-

"Ali Amin Gandapur, Omar Ayub Khan and Shibli Faraz have been given the go-ahead to hold talks, but not to strike a deal," Gohar said, adding that they were to talk to anyone except three political par-

as a champion of the environment, he embodies the values to which the Royal Commonwealth Society aspires, and which inspires our work to make a practical difference in the lives of the 2.6 billion people who make up the Commonwealth family," said Dr Linda Yueh, Executive Chair of the Royal Commonwealth Society.

cal office and diaspora communities," it said

On India, the report said: "Indian officials, including Canada-based proxies, engage in a range of activities that seek to influence Canadian communities and politicians. These activities include

Yoga officially makes debut in Pak

PTI ISLAMABAD

After making global headlines, the ancient Indian physical, mental and spiritual practice of yoga has officially arrived in neighbouring Pakistan.

According to the official Facebook page of the Capital Development Authority (CDA), which is responsible for the upkeep of Islamabad, the Metropolitan Corporation of Islamabad has launched "Free voga classes in F-9 Park" in the 175 member states.

capital. "Many people have already

formal institutions in Pakistan joined in to kickstart their journey towards health and wellness," the CDA said

to teach yoga. Though privately people like the physical part It also posted pictures of peoof yoga exercises. ple taking part in the yoga exer-

Many residents appreciated the move to organise Yoga classes with several people inquiring about the programme.

Recognising its universal appeal, the United Nations on A step at the official level to 11 December 2014 proclaimed 21 June as the International organise yoga at the most Day of Yoga. A draft resolution prominent park of the capital establishing the International is a welcome move and may Day of Yoga was proposed by send a positive message across India and endorsed by a record the border amidst a chill in bilateral ties over the Kashmir Yoga is normally linked with issue and cross-border terror-India and there are not many ism. "Good job I really appreciate your work CDA pls send the timing," Shahid Iqbal, a resident, commented.

However, some criticised the CDA for failing to provide decent residential facilities to the people of Islamabad and instead resorting to showcasing

sideshows Ghulam Mustafa said in his comments that CDA failed to develop new sectors.

'For God's sake concentrate on vour core functions and develop the residential sectors you failed to develop during the last 35 years," he said

Striking deals to end campus protests, some colleges invite discussion of their investments

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nti-war demonstrations ceased ${
m A}$ this week at a small number of US universities after school leaders struck deals with pro-Palestinian protesters, fending off possible disruptions of final exams and graduation ceremonies.

The agreements at schools including Brown, Northwestern and Rutgers stand out amidst the chaotic scenes and 2,400-plus arrests on 46 campuses nationwide since April 17. Tent encampments and building takeovers have disrupted classes at some schools, including Columbia and UCLA.

Deals included commitments by universities to review their investments in Israel or hear calls to stop doing business with the longtime US ally. Many protester demands have zeroed in on links to the Israeli military as the war grinds on in Gaza. The agreements to even discuss divestment mark a major shift on an

issue that has been controversial for years, with opponents of a long-run-

ning campaign to boycott Israel saying it veers into antisemitism. But while the colleges have made concessions around amnesty for protesters and funding for Middle Eastern er question." studies, they have made no promis-

es about changing their invest-"I think for some universities, it might be just a delaying tactic to diffuse the protests," said Ralph Young, a history professor who studies American dissent at Temple University in Philadelphia. "The end of the semester is happening now. And maybe by the time the next war

semester begins, there is a cease-fire Some university boards may never even vote on divesting from Israel, which can be a complicated process, Young said. And some state schools have said they lack the authority to

But Young said dialogue is a better

tactic than arrests, which can inflame protesters. Talking "at least gives the protesters

the feeling that they're getting somewhere," he said. "Whether they are getting somewhere or not is anoth-

Israel has called the protests antisemitic; its critics say the country uses such allegations to silence opposition. Although some protesters were caught on camera making antisemitic remarks or violent threats, protest organisers - some of whom are Jewish — have called it a peaceful movement to defend Palestinian rights and protest the

Administrators at the University of California, Riverside, announced an agreement Friday with protesters to close their campus encampment. The deal included the formation of a task force to explore removing Riverside's endowment from the broader UC system's management and investing those funds "in a man-

ner that will be financially and ethically sound for the university with consideration to the companies involved in arms manufacturing and delivery.

The announcement marked an apparent split with the policy of the 10-campus UC system, which last week said it opposes "calls for boycott against and divestment from Israel?

While the University affirms the right of our community members to express diverse viewpoints, a boycott of this sort impinges on the academic freedom of our students and faculty and the unfettered exchange of ideas on our campuses," the system said in a statement. "UC tuition and fees are the primary funding sources for the University's core operations. None of these funds are used for investment purposes."

Demonstrators at Rutgers University – where finals were paused due to the protests on its New Brunswick campus — similarly packed up

their tents Thursday afternoon. The state university agreed to establish an Arab Cultural Centre and to not retaliate against any students

cises.

involved in the camp. In a statement, Chancellor Francine Conway noted protesters' request for divestment from companies doing business with Israel and for Rutgers to cut ties with Tel Aviv University. She said the the request is under review but "such decisions fall outside of our administrative scope."

Protesters at Brown University in Rhode Island agreed to dismantle their encampment Tuesday. School officials said students could present arguments for divesting Brown's endowment from companies contributing to and profiting from the war in Gaza.

In addition, Brown President Christina Paxson will ask an advisory committee to make a recommendation on divestment by Sept 30, which will be put before the school's governing corporation for a vote in October.

Northwestern's Deering Meadow in suburban Chicago also fell silent after an agreement Monday. The deal curbed protest activity in return for the reestablishment of an advisory committee on university investments and other commitments. The arrangement drew dissent from both sides. Some pro-Palestinian protesters condemned it as a failure

to stick to their original demands, while some supporters of Israel said it represented "cowardly" capit-

ulation. Seven of 18 members subsequently resigned from a university committee that advises the administration on addressing antisemitism, Islamophobia and expressions of hatred on campus, saying they couldn't continue to serve "with antisemitism so present at Northwestern in public view for the past week."

Michael Simon, the executive direc-

tor of an organisation for Jewish students, Northwestern Hillel, said he resigned after concluding that the committee could not achieve its

goals. Faculty at Pomona College in California voted in favour of divesting from companies they said are funding Israel's war in Gaza, a group of faculty and students said Friday.

The vote Thursday is not binding on the liberal arts school of nearly 1,800 students east of Los Angeles. But supporters said they hope it would encourage the board to stop investing in these companies and start disclosing where it makes its investments.

"This nonbinding faculty statement does not represent any official position of Pomona College,' the school said in a statement. "We will continue to encourage further dialogue within in our community, including consideration of counterarguments.

gaps," he said. He further added that a sectoral approach has been

adopted to address unique problems for a speedy

resolution, like in real estate.

"We are trying to follow the sandbox approach. The recent amendments were made on

real estate where project-wise

resolution was made, keeping the allotted houses from liquidation was a big step

forward in a sectoral approach," Shukla said.

Speaking about the demand

for mediation and prepacks

for insolvency for large accounts, Shukla said it was

currently under scrutiny and in the next 2-3 months, it will

He further said prepacks for

large accounts were also

under consideration as they aim for speedy resolution.

involves negotiating and

agreeing on a resolution plan between the debtor and its

between the debtor and its creditors before going into formal bankruptcy. P Santhosh, Managing Director of NARCL, the government-backed bad bank, asserted that a delay in resolution will deteriorate the quality of the asset, making reavival difficult

"There are multiple factors contributing to this delay, and

to avoid it, coordination with

financial creditors is crucial.

The concept of Prepack

insolvency is yet to be adopted. However, many

practitioners have discussed

that this is one of the tools

that can be extended to larger

corporate disputes. Initially,

there could be a promoter-led

resolution plan, which can be

improved over time," he said.

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Government lifts ban on onion exports

PTI NEW DELHI

The government on Saturday lifted the ban on

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onion exports subject to a minimum export price of USD 550 per tonne, a decision that can help boost income of a large section of farmers and comes ahead of the Lok Sabha polls in key producing regions including Maharashtra.

The government has imposed a minimum export price (MEP) of USD 550 per tonne (around Rs 46 per kg) as well as 40 per cent export duty. Taking duty into account, the shipments will not be allowed below USD 770 per tonne (around Rs 64 per kg). On December 8 last year, the

Centre had banned onion exports in early December to control retail prices amid concerns over likely fall in production. During the last 4-5 years, the country annually exported between 17 lakh and 25 lakh tonnes of onions.

Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare said the lifting of the ban would not lead to any price rise in retail markets. Prices will remain stable. If at

all there is any increase, it should be very marginal," she said, while asserting that the government is committed to protect the interests of both consumers and farmers.

Earlier in the day, the directorate general of foreign trade (DGFT) said in a notification that "the export policy of onions is amended from prohibited to free subject to MEP of USD 550 per metric tonne with immediate effect and until further orders."

Last night, the finance ministry imposed a 40 per cent export duty.

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The decision assumes importance as it comes before the crucial Lok Sabha polls in key onion belts like Nashik, Ahmednagar and Solapur in Maharashtra. Farmers of this region have been demanding a lifting of the ban so that they can get a better price for their produce

Explaining the rationale behind the decision, Khare said the "ban on onion exports has been removed from today (Saturday) because the supply situation is comfortable and prices are stable in both mandies as well as retail markets." The modal price at Lasalgaon mandi in Nashik was Rs 15 per kg in April.

She said the decision has been taken after considering the latest estimates of onion production in rabi season at 191 lakh tonnes, which is comfortable. Availability and



Maharashtra to assess the prices of onion in global markets were also factored in ground situation. Khare also pointed out that while taking this decision.

the shelf life of onions is less and therefore a need was felt to export onions.

The secretary said that the "Lifting of the ban would also government is procuring 5 lakh tonnes of onions as encourage the farmers to put more area under onions. The buffer stock, so that it can monsoon forecast is above intervene in the market in case of price rise.

The secretary noted that the continuously "We are monitoring the prices of all decision has been taken after essential food items. We will continue to keep a watch on with stakeholders. A high-level team also visited key onion the availability and price situation," she said. in

A senior government official explained that there is an inter-ministerial committee (IMC) which reviews the prices, production, availability and exports of prices essential food items including onions.

"So do not think of this as an isolated instance of decision making by IMC," the official said, when asked whether the decision has been made in view of general elections.

The official said the IMC has been taking a series of steps in various commodities last-minute policie including wheat and rice to imposed on farmers. various

boost domestic supply and keep prices under check. In March, the Union Agriculture Ministry released Agriculture Ministry released the data for onion production. As per the data, onion production in 2023-24 (First Advance Estimates) is expected to be around 254.73 lakh tonnes compared to around 302.08 lakh tonnes last year. This is due to a decrease of 34.31 lakh tonnes output in Maharashtra, 9.95 lakh tonnes in Karnataka, 3.54 lakh tonnes in Andhra Pradesh and 3.12 lakh tonnes in Rajasthan, the data in Rajasthan, the data showed.

Last month, in an official statement, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said the government has allowed export of 99,150 tonnes of onion to six neighbouring countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bahrain, UAE, Mauritius and Sri Lanka.

The Congress last month accused the Narendra Modi government of "callously Maharashtra's neglecting" onion farmers affected due to the ban on onion exports and said that its manifesto predictable promises a import-export policy to prevent such catastrophic last-minute policies being



NCLT registers 43 per cent jump in debt resolution cases: IBBI

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A mid several bottlenecks, Board of India (IBBI) declared 2023-24 as a landmark year, with the National Company Law Tribunal achieving a significant 43 per cent increase in resolutions, jumping from 189 cases last year to 270 this year. The IBBI is expected to submit a report to the government over the next 2-3 months for including "mediation" in the Insolvency including and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), which is currently under discussion and scrutiny.

The regulator is also working on prepackaged insolvency for large corporate cases, which is only allowed in MSME cases as of now. For the first time in a year, the

number of outputs has increased from the number of inputs, reducing the pendency across India, said Sudhaker Shukla, an IBBI whole-time member, while addressing the CII organised Insolvency 7th and

Bankruptcy Code conclave. He said that despite bottlenecks in the last seven years, resolution of 3.5 lakh crore was achieved, and 27,000 applications worth Rs 10 lakh crore were

10 lakh crore were withdrawn, making the IBC a powerful tool for debt resolution in the country. Shukla stated that the law has evolved over time and that the

interventions to improve it have been remarkable. "In 2023-24, around 12 amendments and 86 interventions have been made in the IBBI within a single year. This portrays that we are responding to market requirements to bridge the

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Air India reduces cabin baggage allowance to 15 kg for lowest fare segment

PTI NEW DELHI

oss-making Air India has Loss-making on Line Loss baggage allowance to 15 kilogram from 20 kilogram for the lowest economy fare segment on domestic flights.

The Air India spokesperson said the fare families are The changes have been made in the menu-based pricing model fare families that were designed to let passengers choose the kind of fare and introduced by the Tata Group-owned Air India last requirements, given that travellers today have varied August, with the airline saying that a one-size-fits-all approach is no longer ideal.

There are three fare families -Phus and Flex -- that offer different levels of benefits and fare restrictions at various price spokesperson said on Saturday points,

JK Bank reports highest ever annual profit of ₹1,767 crore for FY24

PTI SRINAGAR

ammu and Kashmir Bank on Saturday reported its highest-ever annual profit at Rs 1,767 crore for 2023-24.

The secretary said the monthly domestic demand of

onion is around 17 lakh

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Its Managing Director and CEO Baldev Prakash said the net profit surged 48 per cent compared to the previous fiscal. "Beating its own highest-ever record of profits achieved only last year, the net profit surged in fiscal 2023-24 by 48 per cent to achieve its record profit figure of Rs 1,767 crore," Prakash told PTI after the bank's

In other domestic airlines also, passengers are allowed to carry 15 kg of cabin baggage without additional charge. annual results for FY 2023-24 were released bank here. He said the bank will be sharing the historic profits with its shareholders by

crore this year. The bank witnessed a 10 per cent increase in its total income to Rs 6,029.17 crore



making the highest dividend payment of around Rs 236.75

Tata Renewable signs pact with SJVN

It had posted a profit of Rs 1,197 crore last fiscal, which was the highest profit till last year.

Prakash said the bank's asset

quality has improved by bringing the gross non-performing assets to a decadal low of 4.08 per cent, while the net non-performing assets to 0.79 per cent.

With a provision coverage ratio (PCR) at 91.58 per cent, J&K Bank has reiterated its commitment to prudential provisioning and risk mitigation.

On the business growth, Prakash said the bank's total deposits rose 10.44 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,34,774.89 crore as of March 31, 2024, from Rs 1,22,037.74

crore recorded a year ago. Its net advances rose 14 per cent to Rs 93,762.51 crore in Q4 for FY2023-24 from Rs 82,285.45 crore a year ago.

With effect from May 2, the free cabin baggage allowance for the 'Comfort' and 'Comfort Plus' categories has been reduced to 15 kg from 20 kg and 25 kg, respectively. Prior to the introduction of the fare families concept, passengers on Air India's domestic flights were allowed to carry 25 kilograms of cabin baggage free of any additional

charge. "On domestic routes in Economy Class, both 'Comfort' and 'Comfort Plus' fare families now provide 15 kg baggage allowance, while 'Flex' provides 25 kg allowance.

"The Business Class baggage allowance on domestic routes government in 2022. ranges from 25 kg to 35 kg.

Elaborating the on proposition, the spokesperson said that for example, the price difference between 'Comfort Plus' and 'Flex' fares would typically be around Rs 1,000 in a domestic sector like Delhi-Mumbai, with the 'Flex' fare providing the value of nearly Rs 9,000, including 10 kilograms extra baggage and zero change or cancellation

The free baggage allowance on international flights varies

from market to market," the

services that best suit their

preferences, and a one-size-

fits-all approach is no longer

spokesperson said.

fees. The introduction of fare families is in response to customer feedback and Air India's own comprehensive study. It is also benchmarked against the offerings of relevant competition in each

of the markets we have introduced it in, the spokesperson added. Tata Group has embarked on an ambitious plan to revive the fortunes of the lossmaking Air India, which it had acquired from the

for 460 MW clean energy project

PTI NEW DELHI

supply, assisting

 $T_{\text{Energy Ltd (TPREL) on}}^{\text{ata Power Renewable}}$ Saturday said it has signed an agreement with state-owned SJVN Ltd to set up a 460 MW Firm and Dispatchable Renewable Energy (FDRE) project An FDRE plant enables round-the-clock power power

distribution companies (discoms) in fulfilling their Purchase Renewable Obligations (RPOs) and Energy Storage Obligations (ESOs). "The plant, designed to meet the 460 MW FDRE requirement, integrates solar, wind, and battery storage technologies to ensure efficient energy dispatch during peak hours, thereby stabilizing the grid," it said. power

"Even if a fraction of the degraded land available in the

country is provided on lease

to the industry for pulpwood

plantation, the same can be a

game changer for growth of

domestic manufacturing,

rural empowerment and greening of India," it said.

We have been trying to

convince the government that

this land can be given to the

paper industry on long-term lease. It will provide the

desired quantity of wood not

only to paper mills, but to

huge amount of

employment,"

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said.

The plant is expected to generate nearly 3,000 million units (MUs) of power and offset 2,200 million kgs of CO2 emissions annually, TPREL said in a statement. This partnership with SJVN Ltd will witness the deployment of sustainable energy solutions from TPREL. It will go a long way in meeting the green energy objectives of SJVN Ltd," said Deepesh Nanda, CEO and Managing Director, Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd. With this addition, the total renewables capacity of TPREL has reached 9,421

MW (PPA capacity is 7,978 MW) including 4,906 MW Services (India) Ltd (CDSL) said in a statement Total income rose 86 per cent projects under various stages to Rs 267 crore in March of implementation. The company's operational quarter 2023-24 from Rs 144 capacity stood at 4,515 MW,

crore in the year-ago period. For entire financial year 2023which includes 3,485 MW solar and 1,030 MW wind power.

marking a surge of 52 per cent

from the preceding year. Total income stood at Rs 907 crore eading depository CDSL Leading depository CDSL Lon Saturday said its net profit doubled to Rs 129 crore in FY24, a growth of 46 per cent. for the three months ended

CDSL had over 11.56 crore demat accounts in March this year.

"We remain committed to market empowering participants with digital services like ASBA, e-AGM, eDIS, and Margin pledge mechanism. These tools enhance capital market efficiency and security, and our sustained business and 24, the depository clocked a financial growth is a result of net profit of Rs 420 crore, the trust placed in us by the

stakeholders of the capital markets," Nehal Vora, MD & CEO said.

The board also recommended a final dividend of Rs 19 per equity share for FY24, subject

to approval of shareholders. Additionally, a special dividend of Rs 3 per equila share was recommended, bringing the total dividend payout to Rs 22 per equity share. This is subject to approval of shareholders.

CDSL facilitates holding and transacting in securities in the electronic form and settlement of trades on stock exchanges.

plantations through agro

forestry. The IPMA estimates

a growth of 6-7 per cent per

annum in paper consumption

in the country for many years.

Suitability of paper as biodegradable and

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BUSINESS BRIEF



DR ACHARYA TAKES NSIC CMD CHARGE

Dr. Subhransu Sekhar Acharya took over the charge of Chairman- cum- Managing Director (CMD), The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. on May 2, 2024. Prior to his present assignment, Dr. Acharya was the Chief General Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), New Delhi. Dr. Acharya is

a Ph.D in Management. Post Graduate in Science (M.Sc.), a Post Graduate in Business Administration (MBA) and a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (CAIIB). He has experience of over 3 decades in various facets of MSME Financing and Development including Credit, SME Rating, Risk Management, Bills Financing, New Product Development, Business Planning, Entrepreneurship Development, Innovation financing, Micro-Finance, Start-Up mentoring

TATA POWER-DDL ANOUNCES WINNERS OF 'GREEN WARRIORS 2.0'

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power-DDL), a leading power utility supplying electricity to a populace of 8 million in North Delhi has announced the winners of "Green Warriors 2.0", - a sustainability awareness initiative. The first edition of the "Green Warriors" campaign focused on inspiring young minds on environmental conservation and saw an amazing response. In line with Tata Power-DDL's commitment to fostering sustainable practices, this campaign series is aligned with the "Urja Arpan" initiative and was run from December 2023-Januarv 2024. The initiative is aligned with India's ambitious goal of reaching Net Zero emissions by 2070 and 50 per cent of electricity requirements from renewable energy sources by 2030

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The Indian paper industry has urged the government to provide degraded land on a long-term lease to paper mills for pulpwood plantation to address raw material shortage and boost rural employment. The industry has highlighted that a large chunk of degraded land is available in the country, and even if a small fraction of that is allotted on lease to paper mills for pulpwood plantation, it can be a game changer for industry growth and greening of India.

The paper industry has faced shortage of wood, the key raw material, and it is the biggest concern for mills in India, the Indian Paper Manufacturers Association (IPMA) said in a statement on Saturday. While the paper industry is continuing with agro forestry efforts, pulpwood plantations need to be enhanced rapidly to meet the requirements of domestic industry, the IPMA If domestic agro forestry is

Paper industry urges Government to allot degraded land for pulpwood plantation

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March 2024

It had posted a net profit of Rs

63 crore in the same quarter a year ago, Central Depository



industries while generating a not encouraged, import of rural IPMA wastepaper and wood pulp President Pawan Agarwal will have to be further increased causing heavy

economy, Agarwal added. The IPMA also said that for procurement of wood, the worked industry has strain on the industry and incessantly with over 5 lakh

sustainable material for packaging, especially for replacing single-use plastic is boosting the usage of paper across different sectors of the economy, IPMA mentioned. It stated that the move will also help reduce carbon footprint of the country. India needs to bring an additional needs to bring an additional 25-30 million hectares of degraded land under forest marginal farmers over the last and tree cover to create an several years and has successfully brought over 12 additional carbon sink of 2.5-3 billion tonne of carbon lakh hectares of largely degraded land under dioxide equivalent by 2030, it under added.

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CDSL Q4 profit doubles to ₹129 crore

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 29.05.2024 & 28.06.2024 (12.00 PM to 3.00 PM)

[APPENDIX-IV-A] Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provise to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) are Guarantor) that the be cw described immovable property morgaged to the secured creditor, the physical / Symbolic possession of the which has been tar by the Authorised officer of Punjab & Sind Bark secured creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis.

Name of Borrower/ Guarantor & Branch	Description of the property	ESCRIPTION OF IMMOV Demand Notice Date & Outstanding Amount (Rs.) as on + future interest & other expenses thereon	Reserve Price EMD Bid increase Amount	EMD SUBMISSION ACCOUNT DETAILS	Name & contact no. Branch	Property inspection date & Time	Last Date & Time of EMD Submission Status of Possession	Date/ Time of e-Auction	Oís dues,
s. Priyanka anch- Defence Colony, New Delhi.	Property bearing all the part and parcel of immovable mortgaged property: Entire Second floor without roof terrace rights, RZ-327-A, plot no. 2, gali no. 5, village Nasirpur, out of khasra no. 297, colony known as West Sagarpur, New Delhi-110046. Measuring Sen under With rights of one care ill reaction.	03-04-2019, Rs. 36.04.937/- as on	25,00,000/- 2,50,000/- 25,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Defence Colony Mobile-9041939975, Ph- 011-24629260 E-Mail: 4026/Brack.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Kumari Shweta Singh & Mr. Vishal Singh nch- Defence Colony, New Delhi	Measuring 95 sq. yds. With rights of one car slit parking. Second floor without roof terrace rights, Area measuring 50 sq.yards that is 41.805 sq.meters out of property bearing no RZ/H/8, along with proportionate undivided indivisible and impartial ownership right of underneath land measuring 50 sq.yards that is 41.805 sq.meters with one two wheeler parking on still floor out of khasra no.	03-07-2018, Rs. 38,30,347/66 as on 31.05.2022 + further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon.	15,00,000/- 1,50,000/- 25000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	E-Mail: d0250@psb. co.in Branch: Defence Colony Mobile- 9041939975, Ph-011-24629260 E-Mail: d0250@psb. co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Not kr the
Ravinder Kumar Tyagi I. Neha Rani Inch- Geeta Colony, Delhi	15/7, Mirzapur, colony known as Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi- 110045 Property no. 1/6296, old no. 1327-B, part of khasra no 1986/229, Uper ground floor, gali no.3, East Rohtas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi 110032.	04-04-2017, Rs. 22,19,787/50 as on 30.11.2020 + further intorest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon.	13,72,000/- 1,37,200/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Geeta Colony Mobile- 9897856363, Ph- 011-22021020 E-Mail: d0626@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
rch- Geeta Colony, Delhi Dinesh Kumar & Mrs. Bharti Ich- Geeta Colony, Delhi	Flat No. 02, GF, LIG, Plot No. C-103, Ganga Vihar, Loni Ghaziabad, UP.	30-04-2021, Rs. 1071354/41 as on 31.05.20222 + further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon.	25000/- 8,17,000/- 81,700/- 25,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	E-Mail: 6062563650.c0.in Branch: Geeta Colony Mobile- 9897856363, Ph- 011-22021020 E-Mail: d0626@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	Physical Possession 28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Symbolic Possession	3.00 PM 29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	Not
Deepali Malik & Mr. Harish Malik Deepak Kumar Sharma ch- Jyoti Colony, Delhi	1/6759, Third floor with Roof and Terrace Rights, Gali no. 5, village sikdarpur, East Rohtas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. Measuring 15.05 sq. mtr.		25,000/- 4,25,000/- 42,500/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Jyoti Colony Mobile-8874786160, Ph- 011-22803322 E-Mail: d0783@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Raj Bala Bhardwaj & Raj Bala Bhardwaj & Raj Mohan Bhardwaj & Ashu Sharma ch- Jyoti Colony, Shahdara, Delhi	Property No. 1/5057, 3rd Floor, Gali No. 3, Old plot No. 1469, Plot no. B-5,6&7, BalbirNagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 Measuring 50 sq. yds.	04-04-2017, Rs. 3887949/34 as on 31.05.2022 + further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon.	25,000/- 15,39,000/- 1,53,900/- 25,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Jysti Colony Mobile-8874786160, Ph- 011-22803322 E-Mail: d0763@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Subhash Sharma & Babli Sharma & esh Sharma ich- Jyoti Colony, Shahdara, Delhi	1040/A, UGF, Chandrawali, khasra no. 292, Biock- G, Near Railway line colony, Mansarover Park, Shahdara, Delhi- 110032 Measuring 540 Sq. ft.	23-10-2015, Rs. 4553548/11 as on 31.05.2022 + further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon.	16,73,000/- 1,67,300/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Jyoti Colony Mobile-8874786160, Ph- 011-22803322	Date 27-05-2024 between 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Rinkey & Ravinder ch-Krishna Market, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi.	Entire 2nd floor, Property bearing no 1738/2 area measuring 110 sq yards(approx) part of khasra no 282, Rishi Nagar, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi- 110003		25,000/- 22,65,000/- 2,26,500/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	E-Mail: d0783@psb.co.in Branch: Krishna Market Mobile-9625348168, Ph- 011-29812217 E-Mail: d0774@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Parvati & Mr. Narayan ch- Mata Sundry College, New Delhi	Property bearing Flat no. G-2, Ground floor, category MIG, plot no. B-1/152, DLF Dilshad ExtnII, in the area Bhopura, Loni, Distt. Ghaziabad, UP.		25000/- 22,00,000/- 2,20,000/- 25000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Mata Sundry College Mobile-7508944804, Ph- 011-23236817 E-Mail: d0784@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
shok Kumar ch- Mata Sundari College, Delhi	Plot No. RZ 155-A, Illrd Floor, Nand Ram Park, Khasra No. 626, Village -Bindapur, Uttarn Nagar, New Delhi-59,	10-08-2015, Rs. 4055089/00 as on 29-06-2022 * further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon.	20,66,000/- 2,06,600/- 2,5000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Mata Sundry College Mobile-7508944804, Pb- 011-23236817 E-Mail: d0784@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Gopal Ji & Mrs. Ranjeeta ch –Preet Vihar, Delhi	H.I.G. Flat No., U.G 2, Plot No.B-1/91, DLF Dilshad Extn.II, Bhopura, Sahibabad, Loni Ghaziabad, UP. Measuring 700 sq. ft.	30-01-2015, Rs. 4932000/00 as on 18-06-2022 + further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon	15,41,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: PreetVibar Mobile- 9971685684, Ph- 011-22520506 E-Mail: d0978(gpsb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Kanhaiya Lal & Mrs. Sapna ch –Preet Vihar, New Delhi	Property No. 1/10336, Khasra No. 370 Upper ground floor (Left hand side), Gali No. 1 Village Babarpur, Colony West Gorakh Park Shahdara, Delhi- 110032AREA- 81.47sg.mtrs.	05-03-2020, Rs.45,64,687/45 as on	25000/- 41,47,000/- 4,14,700/- 25000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSI80000707	Branch: PreetVihar Mobile- 9971685684, Ph- 011-22520506 E-Mail: d0878@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Sanjeeta Rathi ch: Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.	Property No. 11, 2nd floor, Pocket-01, Sector 20, Rohini Delhi-110085 Measuring 57.41 sq. yrds.		25000/- 17,17,000/- 1,71,700/- 25.000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: VasantVihar Mobile- 9795079444, Ph- 011-26141578 E-Mail: d0487@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Deepak Gupta & Mrs. Pooja Gupta ich: Viwekanand School	Flat- Ground Floor (Back Side Portion), Pvt. Flat No.G-3, Category-LIG, on property Bearing No. C-82, Block-C, Near Purana Aggarwal Sweets, situated in the residential Colony Known as DLF Dishad Ext. Part-II Bhopura, Loni Ghaziabad UP-201005	16-09-2019. Rs. 13.81.947/25 as on	12,31,000/- 1,23,100/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Vivekanand School Mobile-9675844471, Ph- 011-22162033 E-Mail: d0901@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Symbolic Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Kanchan Devi & Mr. Nand Lal nch: Vivekanand School	Property bearing no. WS-1B, (Part of Plot No. WS-1) Khasra No. 148, Second Floor, Bhagat Singh Gali No. 1, Illaga Shahdra, Delhi-110032		25000/- 16.90,000/- 1.69,000/- 25000/	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Vivekanand School Mobile-9675844471, Ph- 011-22162033 E-Mail: d0901@psb.cc.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Alka Narayan Khanna nch: Jyoti Colony	Part of H No. 1/10330 B 3rd Floor with roof rights, gali no. 1, out of khasra No. 359 west Gorakh park Shahdara, Delhi	and the second	25000/- 14,45,000/- 1,44,500/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Jyoti Colony Mobile-8874786160, Ph- 011-22803322 E-Mail: d0783@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	No
ish Kumar nch- DHLI	Property No 37 3rd floor Front side flat Block- RZ Gali No 02 out of Khasra 35 Near Vasu Sweets village Bindapur colony subhash park extn-II Uttam Nagar Delhi		25000/- 19,00,000/- 1,90,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSI80000707	Branch- DHLI Mobile-9041681296, Ph-011-23518178 Email:d0908@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
esh Kumar ndh- Geeta Colony	Flat No. FF1 & FF2, First Floor, MIG, Plot No. 8-14, Ganga Vihar, Loni, Ghaziabad, UP-201010	14-09-2022, Rs. 2743167/70 as on 31.08.2022 + further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon.	25000/- 29:00,000/- 2:90,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Geeta Colony Mobile- 9897856363, Ph- 011-22021020 E-Mail: d0626@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM	
noranjan Hota nch - Geeta Colony	Flat No. FF-03, First Floor, HIG, Plot No. A-45, Ganga Vihar, Loni, Ghaziabad, UP- 201010	02-01-2018, Rs. 2108266/80 as on 31.12.2019 + further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon.	25000/- 17,38,000/- 1,73,800/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch : Gesta Colony Mobile - 9897856363, Ph - 011-22021020 E-Mail: d0626@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
bans Laf nch - Geeta Colony	Flat No. SF-3, HIG, 2nd Floor, Plot No. A-44, Ganga Vihar, Loni, Ghaziabad, 201102	04-10-2019, Rs. 1771210/- as on 30.09.2019 + further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon.	25000/- 19,00,000/- 1,90,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch : Geeta Colony Mobile - 9897856363, Ph- 011-22021020 E-Mail: d0626@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11:30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
esh Kumar nch- Geeta Colony	B-406, Ground floor Gali No. 1, Ashok Nagar, Mandoli Road, Delhi 93.	06-04-2021, Rs. 1048738/10 as on 31.03.2021 + further interest, expenses and other charges etc. thereon.	25000/- 8.77,000/- 87,700/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Geeta Colony Mobile- 9897856363, Ph- 011-22021020 E-Mail: d0626@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
na Seth nch- Geeta Colony	Flat No. UGF 1, Upper Ground Floor, Plot no. C-93, Ganga Vihar, Loni Ghaziabad, UP-201102		25000/- 15,74,000/- 1,57,400/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Geeta Colony Mobile- 9897856363, Ph- 011-22021020 E-Mail: d0626@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
ini Dhunna anch : Jyoti Colony	First Floor Without roof rights No. 1/9677 B Out of Khasra No. 297 Gali no. 1,East Gorakh Park ,Shahdara Delhi 110032 measuring 45.15 Sq. Mtrs		25000/- 15,55,000/- 1,55,500/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch : Jyoti Colony Mobile-8874786160, Ph- 011-22603322 E-Mail: d0783@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
K MEDICAL STORE Inch : Jyoli Colony	19-A, Block-S, Flat N-2, Back Side Upper Ground Floor, Shalimar Garden, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005. Measuring 55.73 Sq. Mtrs		25000/- 33,15,000/- 3,31,500/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch : Jyoti Colony Mobile-8874786160, Ph- 011-22803322 E-Mail: d0783@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
nil Kumar Inch : Jyoti Colony	Second floor flat no. S-02 with roof rights bearing property no. B-63 Shalimar Housing Complex Vikram Enclave Ghaziabad UP, Measuring 38.08 Sq. Mtrs.		25000/- 12,60,000/- 1,26,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Jyoti Colony Mobile-8874786160, Ph- 011-22803322 E-Mail: d0783@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM	Physical Possession 28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to	
itosh rich- Krishna Market, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi.	Entire first floor property bearing no. C-145/4 , Residential colony situated at village Ghonda gurajan Khadar, C block, Gali no6, Main	29-07-2017, Rs. 3010751 as on 29.02.2024 +	25000/- 13.91,000/- 1,39,100/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Krishna Market Mobile-9625348168, Ph- 011-29812217 E-Mail: d0774@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM	Physical Possession 28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM	3.00 PM 29-05-2024 12.00 PM to	
tha Ghosh rich : Yamuna Vihar	market, bhajanpura, shahdara, Delhi-110053 1/5801, Second Floor Old Municipal No 1439/A/49 Part of plot No. 3 & 3A Gali no. 12 Balbir Nagar Shahdara Delhi		25000/- 13,60,000/- 1,36,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Yamuna Vihar Mobile-9641677773	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM	Physical Possession 28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM	3.00 PM 29-05-2024 12.00 PM to	
ista hch : Vivekanand School	2nd Floor Property Bearing No 93 Old Property No 31 Masjid Wali Gali Near Badi Masjid Babarpur Iliaqa Shahdara Delhi 110032		25000/- 11,05,000/- 1,10,500/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSI80000707	Email:d1244@psb.co.in Branch: Vivekanand School Mobile-9675844471, Ph- 011-22162033 E-Mail: d0901@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM	Physical Possession 28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM	3.00 PM 29-05-2024 12.00 PM to	
a nch : Vivekanand School	Flat No 1/10058 3rd Floor Right Side Portion Plot No 48-A Gali No 3h Khasra No 349 West Gorakh Park Shahdara Delhi 110032	in the second se	25000/- 10,41,000/- 1,04,100/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Vivekanand School Mobile-9675844471, Ph- 011-22162033 E-Mail; d0901@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM	Physical Possession 28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	3.00 PM 29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Rahul Saxena nch : Jyoti Colony	Ground floor (without roof rights) Pvt Flat no G-4 Property bearing Plot no F-40-41 Block F, SLF VedVihar, Village Pasonda, Pargana-Loni, Dist. Ghazisbad U.P. 201102 measuring 37 16 So Micro	19.10.2014, Rs.10.57,462.00 as on	25000/- 8,96,000/- 89,600/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Jyoti Colony Mobile-8874786160, Ph- 011-22803322 E-Mail: d0783@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM	Physical Possession 28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	3.00 PM 29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Rinkey & Ravinder nch- Krishna Market, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi	measuring 37.16 Sq Mtrs. 1738/2, 2nd floor, Rishi Nagar, Kolta Mubarakpur, New Delhi- 110003 Measuring 891 Sq. ft.		25000/- 22,65,000/- 2,26,500/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Krishna Market Mobile-9041939975, Ph- 011-29812217 E-Mail: d0774@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM	Physical Possession 28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	3.00 PM 29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
. Nivedita Sharma nch : Babarpur	Entire Second & Third Floor Of Part Property No. 1/9944, Old No. 1472/3-a/6-cAt Gali No. 3A, West Gorakh Park, Village Babarpur, Illaqua Shahdara, Delhi 110032		25000/- 41,00,000/- 4,10,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Babarpur Mobile- 8437870955, Ph- 011-22329118 E-Mail: d0536@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	Physical Possession 28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
. Geeta Devi & Mr. Sharwan Kumar nch - Krishna Nagar, Deihi.	Flat On Property No. A-115/1, Ground Floor, Dilshad Colony, Delhi-110095. Measuring 41.80 Sq. Mtr.	01-03-2019, Rs. 20.87,655/50 as on 31-10- 2020 + further interest, expenses and other charges etc.	25000/- 11.76.000/- 1.17.600/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch : Krishna Nagar Mobile - 9878603248, Ph- 011-22095332 E-Mail : d0338@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
Amit Kumar Chauhan &Shella Chauhan rich: Krishna Nagar	Property at Second floor Flat no. S-1, Block-B, on plot no. B-1/140, near Old Aggarwail Sweets, situated in the abadi of village Brahampur, presently residential colony as DLF Dishad Extention-II Loni, Tehsi & District, Ghaziabad UP- 201102	02-07-2019, Rs.34,42,266/50 as on	25000/- 25,73,000/- 257300/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSI80000707	Branch: Krishna Nagar Mobile - 9676603248, Ph - 011-22095332 E-Mail : d0338@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12.00 PM to 3.00 PM	
n Kumar & Shallu Kumar nch : Krishna Nagar	DLF Dishad Extention-II Loni, Tense & District, Ghazabad UF-201102 Flat no.S-1, 2 nd floor, front side, HIG Category flat at Plot no.B-274, Shalimar Garden, Village Pasonda, Pargana-Loni, Ghaziabad, UP measuring 92-90 sq mtr	Contract of the second second second	25000/- 27,00,000/- 2,70,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSI80000707	Branch: Krishna Nagar Mobile-9878603248, Ph- 011-22095332 E-Mail: d0338@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 27-05-2024 Detween 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Possession	29-05-2024 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM	
Arun Kumar nch : Vivek Vihar	Second floor(without roof right) property bearing No.1/6148, Out of Khasra no.363/356, Gali no-03, situated at Village-Sikdarpur, East Rohtas Nagar, Illaga Shahdara. Delhi-110032	30.09.2023, Rs.42,54,270.57 as on	25000/- 43,60,000/- 4,36,000/-	07075040070003 IFSC PSIB0000707	Branch: Vivek vihar Mobile- 8445561201 E-Mail: d1245@psb.co.in	to 3.00 PM Date 26-06-2024 between 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM	27-06-2024 Upto 4.00 PM	28-06-2024 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM	
inti Sharma & Medha nch - Kalkaji	First floor(without roof/terrace right), Back side portion, Residental Property bearing MCD No-27, comprised in Khasra No-716, situated at village- Kilkoari, New Delhi-	03.01.2023, Rs.1439129/- as on 03.01.2023+	50000/- 24,00,000/- 2,40,000/-	70075040070003 IFSC PSI80000707	Branch: Kalkaji Mobile-9592270506 E-Mail: d9948@psb.co.in	Date 27-05-2024 between 11.30 AM	Physical Possession 28-05-2024 Upto 4.00 PM Physical Deceasesion	29-05-2024 12:00 PM to	
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CSK EYE PAYBACK IN SECOND SUCCESSIVE CLASH AGAINST PBKS

PTI DHARAMSALA

Defending champions Chennai Super Kings will look to set their house in order and get back to winning ways when they face an upbeat yet unpredictable Punjab Kings for the second time in a row in the IPL here Sunday.

Just three days back, PBKS outclassed CSK by seven wickets at Chepauk, considered their fortress.

The two losses in the last three games at home have put Chennai in a spot. They are placed fifth on the table with 10 points and the five-time champions will hope the change of venue would bring a change in fortune as well with just four games to go to seal their place in the knockout

stage. CSK's failure to push the pace in the middle overs against the spin duo of Harpreet Brar and Rahul Chahar saw them post a below-par score of 162-7. Their batting has become too dependent on skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad and six-hitting machine Shivam Dube and the moment one of them fails, it puts the pressure on others who have not been consistent in bailing out the team

While Gaikwad hit his fifth 50 plus score of the season to hold it together, veteran batter Ajinkya Rahane once again

failed to capitalise on the starts, while Ravindra Jadeja and Sameer Rizvi struggled against spin.

ČSK also has been hampered by the health and fitness concerns of their pacers, including Deepak Chahar, who limped off holding his hamstring after bowling just two balls and is likely to miss the reverse clash against PBKS. The absence of their frontline bowlers, Matheesha Pathirana (niggle) and Tushar Deshpande (flu), also didn't help matters the other day. Add to that the dew factor which took the spinners out of the equation and PBKS romped home comfortably.

While Richard Gleeson made his IPL debut in the last match, CSK might bring back Mukesh Choudhary. Punjab Kings, on the other hand, have seen a resurgence as they registered back-to-back wins to re-ignite their playoffs hopes. En route to their win over CSK, Punjab became the second

team after Mumbai Indians to beat the defending champions five times in a row and they



will fancy their chances

Punjab remains an unpredictable side as although it notched up wins over Gujarat in Ahmedabad, Gujarat in Ahmedabad, Chennai at Chepauk and also chased down a T20 record score against KKR, it has struggled at home against RR, SRH and Gujarat.

With back-to-back wins, PBKS climbed to seventh spot with 8 points and will need to carry the momentum to salvage their slim hopes.

Jonny Bairstow, who made a hundred against KKR, will be their go-to man, while Rilee Rossouw, Shashank Singh and Prabhsimran Singh too have to raise their hands.

PBKS' bowling department has experienced names such as Kagiso Rabada, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh and Sam Curran and they need to be consistent.

Rabada was brilliant the other day but others have gone for runs. If PBKS has to repeat their performance against CSK then the spinners -- Harpreet Brar and Rahul Chahar - will have to deliver once again. Interestingly, the first IPL match in Dharmasala stadium was a clash between Chennai

was a clash between Chennai and Punjab in 2010. The venue

knows how that has affected

the people. But even the batting lineup, they look like they're confused," he said.

"Tilak Varma and Naman Dhir

were fighting in the middle order, Dhir was batting at No 3, and Hardik moving all over the place. They should have had Tilak at (No) 3, Sky at (No) 4, and Hardik batting at (No) 5

and Hardik batting at (No) 5 throughout the season, with David at (No) 6. Then, figure

out your bowling units," he said. "All over and all around,

they've been a very confused

team this season and it's been

hugely disappointing from one

of the mega franchises of the

IPL. A lot of people in the MI

fanbase and camp will be very

Former Australia vice-captain

Shane Watson was also critical

of Pandya's captaincy calls, saying MI allowed KKR back

into the game by not deploying

their best bowler when they

sore," Smith added.

TEAMS (FROM): CSK: Ruturaj Gaikwad (c), MS Dhoni (wk), Aravelly Avanish, Ajinkya Rahane, Shaik Rasheed, Moeen Ali, Shivam Dube, RS Hangargekar, Ravindra Jadeja, Ajay Jadav Mandal, Daryl Mitchell, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell

offers a lot of runs and dew

remains a factor, making it an

enticing contest.

Sindhu, Santner, Nishant Chahar, Tushar Deepak Deshpande, Mukesh Choudhary, Mustafizur Matheesha Rahman, Pathirana, Simarjeet Singh, Prashant Solanki, Shardul Thakur, Maheesh Theekshana and Sameer Rizvi.

PBKS: Shikhar Dhawan (c), Matthew Short, Jonny Bairstow (wk), Prabhsimran Singh (wk), Jitesh Sharma (wk), Sikandar Raza, Rishi Dhawan, Liam Livingstone, Atharva Taide, Arshdeep Singh, Nathan Ellis, Sam Kagiso Rabada, Curran, Harpreet Brar, Rahul Chahar, Harpreet Bhatia, Vidwath Kaverappa, Shivam Singh, Harshal Patel, Chris Woakes, Ashutosh Sharma, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, Shashank Singh, Tanay Thyagarajan, Prince Choudhary, Rilee Rossouw.



IPL playoffs hopeful LSG wary of dominant KKR's all round firepower

PTI LUCKNOW

Lucknow Super Giants will wickets in a flurry and have to bring their A game completing their modest chase ucknow Super Giants will forward to prevail against a with some stutter. dominant Kolkata Knight Riders Ayush Badoni h ata Knig when the two teams, marching towards IPL playoffs, clash here on Sunday. With an all-round win by 24 runs over Mumbai Indians propelling the second-placed KKR to 14 points - one more step closer to qualification - the pressure will be on KL Rahul's LSG to find a way past the threat that Shreyas Iyer's side poses Lucknow Super Giants are placed just one rung below KKR at number three with 12 points from 10 matches with six wins and four defeats. With a rampant Sunrisers Hyderabad (12 points) hot on heir heels at fourth, followed by the dangerous Chennai Super Kings (10 points) and Delhi Capitals (10 points) on the points table, LSG will be under pressure to avoid getting into a mid-table battle as the race for the final-four has intensified. LSG were far from convincing in their previous assignment at Ekana Ŝtadium here as they were made to work hard in a modest 145-run chase by Mumbai Indians, winning by just four wickets in the last over. Skipper Rahul and all-rounder Marcus Stoinis have been the key players for LSG and it remains to be seen if South Africa veteran Quinton de Kock is brought back in place of young Arshin Kulkarni, who opened the innings in the last game. Even though he has gone without a fifty since the first game, Nicholas Pooran has consistently notched up crucial scores but LSG's overall finishing skills is under following their against Mumbai question struggles Indians.

heavy weather towards the end

giving MI a real sniff by losing

Hardik Pandya looks flattened, drained and under pressure: Aaron Finch

PTI MUMBAI

India vice-captain Hardik Pandya looks drained, flattened, under pressure and Mumbai Indians looks like a confused unit under him, reckons former cricketers Aaron Finch and Greame Smith as fivetime champions continue to struggle in the IPL. Pandya once again walked out

to loud boos around the Wankhede Stadium here on during Mumbai Friday Indians' yet another disappointing outing, which they lost by 24 runs to Kolkata Knight Riders.

Mumbai Indians had begun the contest on a positive note by snaffling five quick wickets to leave KKR reeling at 57 for five, but the visitors fought back to post 169 on the board. In reply, Mumbai crashed out for 145 in 18.5 overs despite Survakumar Yadav's 56. Pandya lasted only two

deliveries as Mumbai's batters once again cut a sorry figure on a two-paced track to succumb to their eighth defeat in 11

matches this season. "He just looks really flattened at the moment, he looks really drained and someone who is feeling the pressure. I feel for him; I have been in that situation myself where everything that you're trying personally doesn't seem to be working," Finch was quoted as saying by Star Sports. "When the team

isn't performing as well, that is a very difficult place to be. It one thing where you're not performing and the team is winning — that is something you'd take as a captain. You bear all responsibility as captain for the team's performance and that is an incredibly hard place to be, particularly in this competition where it's so brutal," Finch added.



The former Australia opener conceded Mumbai Indians should have got over the line chasing 170 at a ground considered a haven for batters. 'You would expect them to chase 170 with the dew falling at the Wankhede stadium. It's a beautiful place to bat, generally. Yes, it was a bit uncharacteristic in the way it turned a bit more two-paced

felt at this stage of my career, I

would need a bicycle to reach

the (Sawai Man Singh)

"Then in the next stadium, I felt I could walk and the next I

could run and then in one I felt if I spit my Chewing gum, it will cross the boundary rope

The Royals' bowling coach Shane Bond summed it up

aptly. "For bowlers now, if you can

bowl well, you can make a lot

of money. Batting has evolved

and bowling is catching up," the former New Zealand

speedster said.

for a six," said Ashwin.

boundary.

than what we have seen in the past," Finch said.

legendary South Africa's captain Graeme Smith said MI have been a 'confused team' under Pandya with plenty of changes being made with the personnel.

Hardik has really struggled, he's looked like a man under pressure. That has created a little turmoil in the air, who were 57 for five.

"To keep bowling Naman Dhir when it was so critical (KKR were at 57-5), it was a big mistake from the leadership of the Mumbai Indians, whether it was Hardik Pandya making the decisions or information coming from the sideline," Watson told Jio Cinema.

"(Jasprit) Bumrah had bowled only one over at that stage, so (they needed to) get him in the game again to try and break the partnership of Venkatesh Iyer and Manish Pandey, but they didn't. They just let them cruise and build momentum in the partnership."

"Before you know it, they hadn't played a shot in anger and that built the partnership to a point where it was too late when he came in. There were a lot of baffling decisions from the Mumbai Indians leadership, which is going to be hard to explain," Watson added.

Size of stadiums not relevant in \mathbf{C} modern day cricket: Ashwin

LSG seemed to have made

subdued run in this IPL and the uncapped Indian player would be keen to shrug off the rustiness.

LSG's bowlers will also face a stern test with none of them making a real dent with individual brilliance in this IPL. LSG are also likely to be without express pacer Mayank Yaday.

Having lost only three of their 11 matches so far, it has taken something out of the ordinary to stop KKR in their tracks. CSK used a spin-friendly surface to eke out a win in Chepauk, while RR's all-round class helped them pip KKR in a high-scoring thriller.

If anything, KKR's bowling woes were exposed when Punjab Kings recorded IPL's highest chase ever against them, but Iyer's side has emerged strongly from that setback with two impressive wins.

However, having trumped MI on a sluggish wicket which exposed their batting frailties, KKR will aim for a much improved performance with the bat. For the second time in this IPL,

KKR batters struggled when the ball did not come on to the bat and they were forced to change gears in order to build a strong target.

strong target. KKR slipped to 57 for five at one stage and ran the risk of being shot out for a paltry total, but Venkatesh Iyer (70) and Manish Pandey (42) came to the rescue with a fine 83-run stand.

Iyer and Pandey were forced to soak pressure, curb their attacking game and look to farm the strike to build a recovery path for their side before the bowlers carried out a perfect job to secure a 24-run

win.

PTI NEW DELHI

The evolution of batting in modern day is such that incredible power-hitting is slow-ly rendering the size of cricket stadiums irrelevant, world's premier off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin said on Saturday, fear-ing that the trend could make the game pretty one-sided. Ashwin's comment have come in the context of unreal totals being put up by teams in this

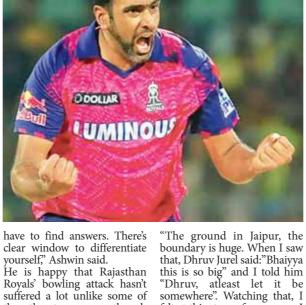
vear's ÎPL. Sunrisers Hyderabad posted totals of 277 and 287 while scores of 250 have been surpassed by teams this season with liberal help from the extra batter in the form of Impact Substitutions.

The stadiums built back in the day are not relevant in the modern day. The bats that were used back then were also used for gully cricket. With LED boards of the sponsors being used, the boundary has come in by 10 yards," Ashwin, one of the leading voices in global cricket, said during a promotional event for his IPL

team Rajasthan Royals. Ashwin feels that if the trend continues, the game will become very one sided in coming times.

"It is tilting too far on other side, which will make someone's misery your great time. Bowlers will need mental boost," the straight-talker said. However Ashwin also firmly believes that a good bowler will find his footing and stand out among the pack with his innovations

"Game shifts balance and you



clear window to differentiate yourself," Ashwin said.

He is happy that Rajasthan Royals' bowling attack hasn't suffered a lot unlike some of the other teams even though he marvels at the ball striking abilities of the batters over time. "If you look at the Industrial rate (average runs conceded by teams in IPL), we have gone for less. We defended 180 in Jaipur in one game which was huge," he said 'But you are certainly marvelled at ball-striking. At the end of the day spectators come to watch fours and sixes," said India's second highest wicket-taker in Tests.

For someone with a very sharp sense of humour, Ashwin had a hilarious take on size of boundaries this season.



Mild back stiffness forced Rohit Sharma to play as impact sub in MI, KKR clash

PTI 📕 MUMBAI

India captain and Mumbai Indians opener Rohit Sharma was forced to play as an impact sub in the IPL clash against Kolkata Knight Riders due to a "mild back stiffness", said leg-spinner Pivush Chawla.

Playing as an impact sub, Rohit managed just 11 runs in 12 balls in the second innings during their 24-run loss against KKR, which has nearly put the five-time champions out of the IPL this vear.

"He just had a mild back stiffness so it was just a precautionary thing," Chawla told the media after the match here at the Wankhede Stadium. Mumbai's defeat was their eighth in 11 matches, essentially shutting the doors on the Hardik Pandya-led side and Chawla too conceded that it is only "pride" that they are left with to play for. "For the pride and the reputation, because sometimes when you enter on the field, you don't think whether you are going to qualify or you are not going to qualify," he said.

"You have to play for your name and that's what we are playing for," he added. Chawla pointed MI's inability to attain

momentum at any stage in this IPL as the reason behind their poor performance.

You must have often heard about that T20 is all about momentum and just that we didn't get that momentum going this season and it can

happen to any team," he said. "It's not like it's happening to us for the first time or any other team for the second time. It can happen to anyone and it's just that that momentum was not our way." The 35-year-old Chawla became IPL's second leading wickettaker when he went past Dwayne Bravo on Friday to take 184 wickets.

"It has been a beautiful journey because IPL started 17 years back and at that time nobody gave that much preference to the spinners, but now if you see that in top few wicket takers in India, especially all the spinners, Ashwin, Yuzhi, myself (are there), so it's a good feeling," he said. Chawla also praised Manish Pandey for delivering in a pressure situation while playing his first game this season. Pandey (42) added 83 runs for the sixth wicket with Venkatesh Iyer (70) as KKR posted 169 allout in 19.5 overs. 'It was a good partnership and credit has to go

to them because they batted beautifully. Well, T20 is something in which experience plays a big role, (which is) what we saw today.

"When Manish walked in, maybe if somebody walks in who must have played few games, he would have panicked that runs are not coming. "But he read the situation and the way he handled the situation because if you see in starting, he was hardly going at run a ball. But later on, he knew that he has to stand there with Venky?

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"Disease is an experience of a socalled mortal mind. It is fear made manifest on the body" Mary Baker Eddy



Amid mounting concerns regarding Covishield's safety and the acknowledgment of potential adverse effects by its maker UK giant AstraZeneca, public unease is on the rise, with calls for accountability, says **ARCHANA JYOTI**

CUVISHELD'S SHIELD IN QUESTION

CT scan result showed that they (doctors) had never seen anything like this before. Numerous blood clots were removed through surgery from my legs and lower abdomen, Alex Mitchell, a key litigant in the legal proceedings in the UK against British pharma giant AstraZeneca told a news channel in India about the side effects that he suffered after receiving the COVID vaccine.

Mitchell is not the only one who has been reeling under the side effects due to the COVID jab and taken up a legal battle against AstraZeneca over allegations linking its vaccine to fatalities and severe adverse effects.

The firm is facing at least 51 such cases and has recently conceded that its vaccine could, albeit exceedingly rarely, induce Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS), a medical condition characterized by abnormally low levels of platelets and the formation of blood clots.

With this admission by the UK pharma giant, in India, the Serum Institute of India (SII), headquartered in Pune, which was a licensee to AstraZeneca's vaccine formula may too find itself mired in potential legal ramifications with the parents of a young woman who died purportedly due to complications arising ten days post her inoculation with the vaccine in 2021 said that they are contemplating legal action against both SII and AstraZeneca. Though a section of legal experts say that



BIG NUMBER

India's vaccination campaign began on January 13, 2021, administering Covaxin and Covishield. Covishield received approval for use in 49 other countries. As of April 29, 2024, India has administered 1,749,417,978 doses of Covishield, making it the world's largest vaccination program. India's vaccine arsenal during the pandemic included Covaxin, Covishield, Sputnik-V, Covovax Corbevax, and ZyCoV-D, among others. Worldwide, 13.5 billion COVID-19 vaccines have been administered since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to science research organization Our World in Data. Around 71% of the world's population has received at least one dose of a Covid vaccine.

monitoring and reporting of adverse events Another netizen Parikshit Suri has emphasized on the rigorous testing and transparency in vaccine development and echoed widespread calls for accountability and scrutiny in the approval process.

Dr. A Rajkumar Sreenivasan's plea for informed consent highlighted the ethical dimensions of healthcare decision-making, emphasizing the need for individuals to have agency and autonomy in vaccination choices. Michelle Zeh's skepticism about vaccine necessity and safety shed light on broader concerns surrounding pharmaceutical influence and the

importance of evidence-based decisionmaking.

Manish Kumar's observation of increased heart attacks post-vaccination prompted calls for comprehensive investigation and surveillance to ensure the ongoing safety and efficacy of vaccination programs. While many doctors have said that benefits outweighs the downsides Dr Sankha Shubhra Chakrabarti, Head-Geriatrics, IMS-BHU posted on X, @these genius Indian doctors who are self consoling by saying it occurs within few weeks and cannot after 3 years probably do not know how the AdenoV delivery system is designed to work.@ Amidst these concerns and controversy over the safety aspects of the Covishield vaccine, the matter has now reached the Supreme Court on May 1, 2024, with a petition led by advocate Vishal Tiwari adding a layer of complexity and urgency to the discourse. Tiwari has sought the constitution of an expert medical panel to study the risk factors. "More than 175 crore doses of Covishield have been administered in India. After Covid 19 there has been an increase in deaths due to heart attacks and sudden collapse of persons. There have been several cases of heart attack even in youngsters. Now after the document filed in UK court by the developer of Covishield, we are compelled to think on the risk and hazardous consequences of Covishield vaccine which have been administered to the citizens at a large number," the petition filed by advocate Tiwari says The plea points out that AstraZeneca, the company that developed the vaccine, has said that its AZD1222 vaccine against Covid-19, which was made under license in India as Covishield, could cause low platelet counts and the formation of blood clots in rare cases. The petition says the medical panel should

be headed by an expert

from AIIMS and supervised by a retired Supreme Court judge. Tiwari has further sought directions to the Centre to establish a 'Vaccine Damage Payment System' for citizens or families who have suffered debilitating health setbacks or even deaths after taking the vaccine.

The plea has also called for strict action against the circulation of spurious Covishield, an offshoot of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, which underwent extensive administration across India. However, SII, conspicuously headquartered in Pune, has remained reticent in response to the looming specter of legal action. Equally intriguing is the silence maintained by the Union Health Ministry, notwithstanding mounting apprehensions and criticisms voiced by recipients of Covishield on various social media platforms. Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj has already raised the Centre's attention to these links, saying that it should work to urgently address the alleged side-effects of the Covidshield vaccine as millions of people in India were administered the shit during the Covid pandemic. Bharadwaj expressed concern over the alleged link between the vaccine's side effects and a series of sudden deaths in India, claiming that Covidshield was banned in several European countries, including Germany, France, Spain, Finland, Norway, and Denmark. Despite the government's formation of a national committee to probe such occurrences, the determination of insufficient evidence linking her demise to the vaccine underscores the intricate challenge of establishing causality in rare adverse events. However, the narrative shared by individuals such as Govindan underscores the exigency for robust surveillance, reporting mechanisms, and support infrastructure to address postvaccination complications comprehensively. Against the backdrop of Covishield's legal conundrum, SII's competitor Hyderabadbased Bharat Biotech, has underscored the efficacy of its jab, Covaxin, saying that it was meticulously evaluated and efficacyefficacy.rials were held within India.

Study confirms higher risk of very rare clot with AstraZeneca Jab

he Global Covid Vaccine Safety Project conducted an extensive analysis of adverse events associated with COVID-19 vaccines across multiple regions, including Argentina, Australia (New South Wales and Victoria), Canada (British Columbia and Ontario), Denmark, Finland, France, New Zealand, and Scotland. They employed a method called observed versus expected (OE) ratios to compare the number of adverse events reported with the expected baseline rates. In simple words, this means first healthcare providers have a baseline 'expectation' of how many adverse events are likely given a certain number of vaccinated people, and compare it with the number of events reported to health systems. Expectations are formed based on experience with the rates of vaccination, and reactions observed historically. However, COVID-19 vaccination was an outlier event that saw billions of vaccines administered over a

relatively short span.

OE ratios greater than 1.5, indicating 50% more adverse

reactions than expected, were

investigation. Notable findings

included elevated OE ratios for

Guillain-Barré syndrome and

thrombosis following the first

dose of the ChAdOx1 vaccine.

encephalomyelitis showed a

myocarditis and pericarditis

were also observed following

vaccination with BNT162b2

(Moderna), and ChAdOx1

In India, as of December 6,

(AEFI) were reported,

2022, a total of 92,003 Adverse

accounting for approximately

vaccinated against COVID-19.

event reporting systems can vary

However, it's essential to note

that the strength of adverse

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Symptoms of TTS

A rare condition associated with Covishield, include severe headaches, abdominal pain, leg swelling, or shortness of breath, usually appearing two weeks



post-vaccination. Timely identification and intervention are crucial in mitigating severe consequences.

SII may get clean chit in the case given it was a mere manufacturer of the jab Venugopalan Govindan, bereaved father of the deceased Karunya has expressed profound dissatisfaction with AstraZeneca's belated admission, lamenting its timing visà-vis the lives already lost. He also castigated SII for its failure to suspend vaccine distribution following the restriction imposed by 15 European nations due to reported incidents of blood clot-related fatalities in March 2021.

Govindan has also implicated governmental agencies, regulatory bodies, and other stakeholders in the unfortunate demise of his daughter and numerous others postvaccination. His sentiments have reverberated across social media platforms following AstraZeneca's acknowledgment of its COVID jab's potential to precipitate blood clotting.

Govindan spearheaded a petition titled 'Post-vaccination side effects - Blood clots, MIS-A, etc. Awareness was required' shortly after his daughter's tragic demise in 2021. As the petition gained traction, it served as a platform for individuals to share their own experiences, concerns, and opinions regarding COVID-19 vaccines. For instance, one Shikha Bhalla, a netizen, has given her account of losing vision in her left eye due to a rare side effect underscoring the importance of thorough

GLOBAL INSIGHT

According to global data on TTS Available in the public domain, as of January 5, 2024, Canada had reported 89 cases of TTS, of which 56 cases were reported following vaccination with AstraZeneca's Vaxzevria/Covishield COVID-19 vaccine, and 24 cases were reported following vaccination with Pfizer-BioNTech's Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine. Eight cases were also reported following vaccination with Moderna's Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine. In the U.K., 122 instances of TTS following the administration of the AstraZeneca vaccine have been reported as of November 2023.

OPP MAKES A GIBE

Where is the Thank You Modi ji banner now? Why are the PM and Health Ministry silent? Is this the reason why deaths due to heart attack at young age occur? Was this the reason why BJP took electoral bonds worth Rs 50 crore from Serum Institute? This issue is not a matter of politics but of safeguarding people's lives,' Srinivas Bhadravathi Venkata, the National President of the Indian Youth Congress in a post on X.

DOCTORS SPEAK

TTS is a very rare condition resulting from an abnormal immune response. While it has several causes, it has also been linked with

adenovirus vector vaccines. The WHO has deemed the vaccine safe and effective for all individuals aged 18 and above. ... We are yet to fully understand the impact of coronavirus on people, also called long



remains debatable. People who are vaccinated have an overall lower risk of complications such as post-Covid heart attacks and strokes among others

DR RAVI WANKEDEKAR, Former national president of the IMA



our immune system needs to fight. In the case of AstraZeneca's adenovirus vector vaccine, a chimpanzee adenovirus -

been modified to enable it muscles of humans."

Chairman, IMA Covid-19 task force

COVID-19 vaccines) is higher than Asia. This is a combination of both a better reporting system as well as physiological factors. Studies done in one country may not easily translate to -CHANDRAKANT LAHARIYA

Physician and health policy expert

significantly between countries, influencing reported incidence rates.

The study also highlighted differences in adverse event reporting rates between regions. For example, the affidavit submitted by the Indian government to the Supreme Court cited higher AEFI rates in the United States (0.2%) and the United Kingdom (0.7%) compared to India. These variations may be influenced by reporting system robustness and physiological factors. Despite confirming previously identified rare safety signals associated with COVID-19 vaccination, the study emphasized the need for further investigation to confirm associations and evaluate clinical significance. An affidavit by the government to the Supreme Court claimed that compared with India, nearly 0.2% of the people in the United States who received COVID-19 vaccines showed AEFI, as did 0.7% in the U.K

These ratios are, however, significantly influenced by the strength of the adverse event reporting system in countries. This can significantly vary among countries. While our study confirmed previously identified rare safety signals following COVID-19 vaccination and contributed evidence on several other important outcomes, further investigation is warranted to confirm associations and assess clinical significance," the study by the Global Covid Vaccine Safety Project said.

"Like many things in reaction to a

medicine, the exact mechanism for this is also unknown. It is an unusual immune

particular vaccine genre which is called as adenovirus vector vaccine. Adenovirus vectors are not diseasecausing viruses but these are artificially fitted with

the spike of the virus that



ChAdOx1 - has to carry the Covid-19 (SARS-CoV-2) spike protein injected into the

- DR RAJEEV JAYADEVAN, Co-



A MAN TRAVELS THE WORLD OVER IN SEARCH OF WHAT HE NEEDS AND RETURNS HOME TO FIND IT — GEORGE A MOORE



A NIGHT IN OSTELLO BELL SHARED STORIES, SHARED SPACES



BY **PAWAN SONI**

fter watching Kangana Ranaut's film, Queen which includes a scene where she stays in a hostel, I was intrigued and mentally noted to experience it at least once. This opportunity arose when I was traveling alone for work in Milan for a few days. Since my wife is not keen on such experiences, I could only do it while traveling solo. I myself was a bit hesitant and booked the hostel room for only one night post which I booked a luxury hotel room. Staying in a hostel room with

staying in a nostel room with bunk beds shared by eight tourists from different countries and continents was an eye-opening experience. As someone accustomed to the privacy of hotels, the idea of sharing a room with strangers was initially daunting. However, the warmth and friendliness of my fellow travelers quickly put me at ease. Additionally, in India, we would never think of sharing a room with both guys and girls. Here, we were six guys and two girls sharing the dormitory room.

One of the most memorable aspects of my stay was the interactions with my roommates. Despite our diverse backgrounds, we found common ground in our love for travel and adventure. Each person had a unique story to share, from their reasons for travelling to their favourite destinations. I learned about different



igniting my curiosity about the world. The hostel's facilities played a significant role in fostering a sense of community among guests. The small locked storage below the beds ensured that our belongings were safe, while the charging points were necessary for the phone charging, individual reading lights provided convenience without disturbing others. The common bathroom, although shared, was always clean and well-maintained, a testament to the hostel staff's commitment to guest comfort and roommates ensuring to leave the washroom with the same hygiene level they expected from others. The common kitchen was a hub of activity, with guests preparing meals and sharing recipes from their home countries. It was a delightful experience to taste dishes from around the world, each one infused with the flavours and spices of a different culture. The complimentary



fruits and groceries added a thoughtful touch, making us feel at home in this foreign environment.

Beyond the practical amenities, the hostel's vibrant atmosphere made it a memorable stay. It served as a meeting point for young travellers, where friendships were formed over shared meals and late-night conversations. The hostel also organised social events, such as pub crawls and city tours, allowing guests to explore the city together and create lasting memories.

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EXPERIENCING CULTURE ONE COURSE AT A TIME **POP-UP DIVISE DIVISE**

BY RUPALI DEAN

Pop-up restaurants are like culinary jazz performances, where chefs create impromptu meals in unconventional settings, such as dining rooms or even courtyards. These temporary dining experiences allow chefs to experiment freely with their cooking skills within a confined timeframe and for a select audience. For example, Chef Vladimir Mukhin recently hosted famous Chef Joan Roca from El Celler De Can Roca at Krasota restaurant in Dubai. They worked together to create a unique culinary experience, exploring the deep stories behind well-known dishes. By combining different textures, ingredients, and flavours, they presented a special event in Dubai that highlighted the perfect blend of artistry in both appearance and taste. Roca's 'Memories of a Neighbourhood Bar' paired with Deyneka's 'The Light of The Past' set the scene. This dish, from El Celler de Can Roca's cookbook, honours the family's legacy. The three brothers learned cooking early at Can Roca, perfecting their skills. Inspired by Roerich's 'Himalayas,' Mukhin's Artichoke Curry and Coconut Rice reflect the painting's colours. The Black Cod with Plum and Fig drew from Aivazovsky's art, symbolizing a shipwreck survival. Five Senses Bon Bons by Jordi Roca at Casa Cacao concluded the feast magically, blurring reality and fantasy.





The industry's evolving nature is fostering a culture of shared knowledge, with chefs and restaurants collaborating more than ever. While the permanence of specific formats, like pop-ups, remains uncertain, the spirit of collaboration is undoubtedly a mainstay. It's a dynamic era where working together isn't just a trend; it's a fundamental shift shaping the future of the culinary landscape.



THE WORLD IS GETTING SMALLER AND MORE INCLUSIVE

Engaging in pop-up events presents chefs with a valuable chance to acquire new skills and engage in the exchange of culinary knowledge amongst peers in the industry. "Popups are a great platform of exchanging ideas and sharing our cooking philosophies and techniques. It's a true example of how the world is getting smaller and more inclusive. It's a sense of pride when I get an opportunity to cook Indian food for an audience that may not be well educated about Indian Cuisine, or when Chefs of the most restaurants renowned around the world join us at Trèsind Studio to share their cooking philosophy with our guests. in the end it's a celebration of culture and creating friendships. new The ideas and brainstorming pop during ups sometimes create that eventually dishes

CHEF JOAN ROCA WITH CHEF VLADIMIR MUKHIN AND HIS TEAM AT KRASOTA, DUBAI



CHEF HIMANSHU SAINI AND CHEF JITIN JOSHI

RASOTA, DUBAI become part of our menu", says Chef Himanshu Saini of Trésind Studio (1

Michelin star), Dubai. Traditionally, pop-ups served as a stepping stone for aspiring restaurateurs to showcase their cooking prowess and test new concepts. However, nowadays, some chefs view pop-ups as

some chefs view pop-ups as standalone ventures, using them to delve into and share their cultural culinary heritage. "I myself have been doing pop up around the globe as a guest chef and this year I would be hosting a guest chef every month in our Private room at the Crossing

Dubai. I think it is a great way to show a different and unique style of food philosophy with another chef in the same kitchen. It's not only a great showcase of talent, but also a great learning for the team. I don't think this trend will pass soon and personally would like to see more chefs collaborating and coming together", adds Jitin Joshi Director of Culinary, Lemon Butter, Dubai, U.A.E

THE LEARNING MUST NEVER STOP

These gatherings often feel like a blend of educational sessions and personal memoirs, weaving intimate tales through cherished recipes and unique ingredients. "As a chef, it's important to never stop learning. We love inviting chefs from various backgrounds into

CHEF JOAN ROCA AND VLADIMIR AT A POP UP COLLABORATION IN KRASOTA, DUBAI

our spaces for 4-Hands collaboration events. It's an excellent way for us to learn from each other and discover new possibilities. We've been fortunate to have the opportunity to travel overseas and meet fantastic people, learning and experiencing entirely new cultures, cuisines and ingredients. I always try to

ngredients. I always try to bring a few of my team with me on these trips, I believe that travel helps to widen one's perspective and encourage accelerated growth. It's fulfilling for me to groom and provide opportunities for my team to learn", says Julien Royer Chef Owner- Odette Michelin stars). Singapore

(3 Michelin stars), Singapore. These modern chefs charge for their dinners, yet none are earning vast fortunes from them. They often promote their events on Instagram and sell tickets digitally. Regardless of the practical details, pop-up dining enables them to innovate and test ideas with a small group of guests, fostering a fleeting sense of community. In a time where personal narratives hold greater significance in art and conversations, pop-ups provide chefs with a platform to express, through cuisine, "This is my heritage. This is my identity."





food III New Delhi, May 5, 2024

The Japanese celebrate the Hanami, the festival of Spring, with as much gusto as we Indians do. **SHOBORI GANGULI** participates in the gastronomical delights accompanying this ancient ritual at Guppy right here in Delhi

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his week I had the great fortune to partake of the Hanami festival at one of Delhi's finest Japanese restaurants Guppy (part of the Olive Chain). This is cherry blossom season of spring in Japan, a time to mark the Hanami festival — a unique cultural tradition of viewing flowers in full bloom, an ancient ritual which serves as a Japanese reminder of the transcience of nature, the blossoms a metaphor for life, draped in the immortal philosophy of hope and renewal.

And no festival in the world is complete without its attendant share of feasts and festivities. Guppy, in an earnest attempt to keep this old Japanese heritage alive and robust in a faraway land from Japan, in the very heart of India in Delhi, laid out a sumptuous fare of what would typically be part of a Hanami dining spread.

a part of a Hanami dining spread. Among the salads on offer — Artichoke & Melon, Acvocado, Beet & Edamame and Chicken, Avocado & Greens — my friend and I settled for the first one which was a refreshing mix of marinated artichoke, grapes, and seasoned melon served atop crisp rocket leaves and greens in a spicy Japanese wofu dressing. This salad was truly refreshing and welcome on a hot summer day working in perfect symphony with our Shinzuku Sour cocktail of Gin, fresh gooseberry, peach soju and stillabunt. Skipping the Sushi selection, which we Indians are now quite familiar with, we opted for the translucent Tobanjan-spiced Chicken Steamed Dumplings, the filling a burst of minced chicken in a Japanese spicy tobanjan chili paste served with a ponzu dip.

Perhaps it is me and my changed taste buds over the years or a conscious attempt by Japanese kitchens based out of India, the element of spiciness has notched up a bit from what was often termed as a "bland" taste emanating from traditional kitchens, which may suit the Japanese palate even today, in Japan and elsewhere in the world, but were not embraced with the same degree of enthusiasm one has watched with Italian, Spanish, Chinese, West Asian and Mediterranean spreads across continents. The fact that Guppy was brimming

The fact that Guppy was brimming with people, almost all tables occupied, on a busy working week day, is perhaps testimony to the fact that Japanese cuisine has certainly found an innovative way to work around the Indian palate and its natural inclination for well-spiced food.

From their Small Plates offering we went past the vegetarian Stuffed Tofu Katsu to the Crisp Chicken Parcel, an oven-baked phyllo parcel with ginger flavoured chicken accompanied by soy apple salsa and a yuzu miso sauce.

For the Mains, while my friend settled for the undoubtedly healthy and delicious Grilled Yuzu Khoso Fish, marinated in Jaanese yuzu khoso and herb salsa, grilled and served with lemon butter soy, I ventured into the now universally forbidden territory of red meat. The Grilled Marinated Lamb Chop came with seasonal vegetables and was served with red wine miso. I must admit that while the flavours of the grill settled rather smoothly on my palate, the meat itself was on the rare side and a tad stringy. Red meat requires adequate time to be rested in its marination for it to step delicately away from the bone. In my opinion, the Lamb Chop needed some more attention.

That said, the experience was a rather cheerful one, given that the Japanese dedicate as much time to the aesthetics of the inanimate as to the animate. Guppy is that cheerful, pretty, comfortable Japanese place one would like to hang around at, with friends or family. Here's wishing everyone a happy Hanami, the Japanese spring festival so similar to our own spring festival of Basant Panchami.

Gurugram's latest Culinary Contender











BY PAWAN SONI

Restled between two established dining spots at Two Horizon, Marieta emerges as Gurgaon's newest culinary contender, overtaking the space vacated by well-regarded Italian eatery Artusi. Although the name "Marieta" which is a popular female name hails from Greece, the restaurant's global menu lacks prominent Greek offerings.

The start was a bit of a let down. Not being served a hard copy of the menu and asking diner to scan a barcode for the digital menu at a finedine restaurant with an excuse that they are new doesn't go well with me. May be I am an old timer who doesn't like reading the menu on mobile's small screen. The manager quickly improvised and offered to share a b&w printed menu with which I was okay but it never came. However he later shared his laptop with me to read the menu. For a classy looking restaurant they can easily do with few Ipads if even after a month of their opening they are finding it difficult to get the printed menu.

I am here with my wife and like most men opt for 'The Second Date'. Don't get me wrong. It is a tequila and sake based cocktail with a bit of lychee and Jasmine tea. Its delightful aroma and soothing taste set a pleasant tone for the evening. As I perused the drinks menu, I noticed a variety of tequila and mezcal cocktails, signaling an interesting trend. Just as gin has surpassed vodka in popularity for cocktails, it seems tequila-based cocktails might be the next big trend.

While the food initially took some time to arrive, once it did, the dishes came out in quick succession. Most of the dishes we ordered were impressive. The Mushroom and Cream Cheese (Rs495), encased in crispy kataifi on a cauliflower sauce base, was particularly exciting. Similarly, the Habanero Butter Shrimp (Rs750), served with airy sourdough bread, was noteworthy, although I expected a bit more heat from the habanero, making the dish's name somewhat misleading. The Avocado Cream Cheese

The Avocado Cream Cheese Uramaki (Rs750) sushi roll was FACT SHEET Sector 43, Gurgaon

Phone: 8800186953 Cuisine: Global with focus on Mexican

> RATINGS Food: 3.5/5

Drinks: 4.0/5 Service : 3.75/5 Ambience: 3.5/5 Overall: 3.5/5 enjoyable, with the added crunch of fried sweet potato crisps on top. However, the Spicy Sweet Potato Soft Shell Taco lacked the necessary spiciness to balance the sweetness of the potato. Adding a bit of spicy sauce on the side made it more enjoyable for me.

The only disappointment was the Neapolitan Margherita pizza, which fell short on the dough, kneading, and rolling. The edges didn't rise properly, the center wasn't thin enough, and the sauce was mediocre. However, the chef acknowledged the issue without making excuses, which in my view was commendable. Since we had no room for a main course, we opted for desserts directly. The Vanilla Bean Panna Cotta (Rs595) was exceptional, perfectly set and delicious. Topped with figs and caramel sauce, this dessert, an Artusi recipe, is reason enough to visit Marieta.

We arrived early for a Monday dinner and found the music to be too loud for an empty restaurant. However, as more guests arrived, the sound was absorbed, creating a more enjoyable ambiance. The tables in alfresco settings are a bit small for four people; fitting more than two people would be a challenge. Despite minor initial hiccups, the service was good and well-informed. Overall, Marieta is worth a try, especially for the panna cotta.

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ALL REVOLUTIONS ARE SPIRITUAL AT THE SOURCE. ALL MY ACTIVITIES HAVE THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING A UNION OF HEARTS

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ARIES March 21-April 19

This week may fall short of your expectations, particularly regarding financial aspects. You may find yourself unable to make decisive choices at work, leaving tasks incomplete and your workspace disorganized. You might even delay important activities or travel due to uncertainty. However, as the week progresses, you'll discover a more stable approach to managing your responsibilities. Connections from distant locations could prove advantageous. You team will look to you for more active involvement, and you'll rise to the occasion, regaining confidence and engaging more with your social circle. Despite these improvements, the week might conclude on a challenging note, with domestic tensions or significant health issues within your family demanding both your time and financial resources, which could indirectly affect your professional commitments.

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Teal Lucky day Friday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week is set to be filled with abundant blessings. Your long-standing projects are likely to come to a successful conclusion, and there could be exciting developments regarding your living situation, such as moving into a new home through a fortunate opportunity. Expect heartwarming gatherings with family and friends that enhance your sense of community. You'll find yourself surrounded by a positive energy that boosts your confidence and inspires others. With your strong communication skills and magnetic personality, you naturally attract people who seek deeper, cooperative connections with you. Your leadership qualities shine brightly this week. As the week winds down, you'll be drawn towards spiritual practices. Engaging in these reflective activities will deepen your connection to the spiritual realm and spark your creativity. Enjoy every moment of this enriching week.

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Olive Lucky day Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

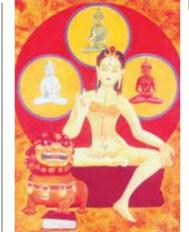
This week ushers in a spectrum of experiences encompassing deep emotions and spiritual growth, as well as an aggressive pursuit of prosperity. As the week begins, your financial endeavors start to bear fruit, leading to an increase in profits as the days progress. Your caring nature allows you to live lavishly, and your balanced, generous approach at work fosters a harmonious environment. Travel may be on your agenda, possibly including international journeys or leisure cruises with loved ones. Midweek brings a focus on home life, where you adeptly manage the demands of both your professional and personal spheres. As the week draws to a close, you will savor the rewards of your hard work, enjoying robust health and a burst of creativity.

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Golden Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week brings surprising shifts that may leave you feeling both proud and empowered to face the world's challenges. You find yourself unexpectedly stepping into a realm of success, particularly in areas you once thought were beyond your reach. Recognition and envy from others mark your newfound status, though those who truly support you will celebrate your accomplishments. This is a time of significant progress, aligning closely with your true interests. You've surpassed difficult obstacles, and your achievements are now publicly recognized and applauded. A sense of joy emerges, rooted in past experiences. As the week closes, you'll find comfort in cherished memories, reconnecting with the joys of childhood and enjoying moments with younger companions and old friends.



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week presents a challenging phase marked by a strong drive and assertive demeanor. Your focus is solely on your professional commitments, often at the expense of your emotional well-being. The overwhelming workload might lead to frustration as you struggle to see tangible outcomes in the distance. Midweek, expect a significant change in your social or professional circle, either through an unexpected arrival or a departure. This may cause a temporary spike in your temper, urging you to make impulsive decisions amidst confusion. While travel might be forthcoming, it's crucial to take moments for reflection to maintain your composure and gain clarity. Despite these testing times, your ability to remain objective during tough decisions shines through, though caution is advised to avoid rushed judgments.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Sunday

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week promises significant growth in your financial status, accompanied by joy and fulfillment. At work, you exhibit remarkable expertise and apply your vast knowledge in practical ways. Your approach is disciplined, with a keen adherence to schedules and procedures, which contributes to a strong financial foundation, security, and comfort. Additionally, there's potential for receiving substantial financial gains, possibly from unexpected sources. Opportunities for advancements and salary increases might arise, boosting your self-confidence. You may encounter new opportunities such as a job offer, project, or assignment. Utilize your resources judiciously and nurture a keen interest in acquiring and implementing new knowledge professionally. The vibrant energy of youthful colleagues at work also plays a crucial role in driving successful outcomes and bringing joy to your life.

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Thursday

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

As the week begins, you embark on a journey of discovery, seeking paths to resolve final challenges effectively. You are on the verge of completing a significant chapter, facing hurdles that you will navigate through successfully. Midweek brings a wave of affection and quality moments with your significant other. As the week draws to a close, conditions become favorable for making investments in real estate or similar significant acquisitions. This period marks a fortunate phase with exceptional opportunities enhancing your overall well-being. You are energized, spirited, and buoyant, surrounded by the warmth of family support that uplifts your confidence. The weekend is perfect for enjoying memorable times with your family and friends, celebrating the joys of togetherness.

Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Beige Lucky day Tuesday

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, your focus is primarily on professional endeavors. Embracing risk now may lead to significant financial gains due to your exceptional performance. You possess an abundance of creative energy, enabling you to

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week emphasizes the need for organization, focus, and self-discipline. A sense of uncertainty pervades, creating misunderstandings between partners. A situation arises where clarity and honesty are available, yet you may find yourself turning away from these truths due to a fear of worsening circumstances. Around midweek, expect challenges related to legal matters or external inquiries that could lead to disappointment. It's a good time to monitor your health and manage how you express yourself; resisting the urge to engage in conflicts with those who challenge you can be beneficial. Consider this period an opportunity for solitude, allowing for reflection and reassessment of your objectives. Healing and rejuvenating yourself during this time will prepare you to tackle upcoming challenges with renewed vigor. Patience is key, as the difficulties you face are only temporary.

Lucky number 121 Lucky colour Fuchsia Lucky day Saturday

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week marks a period of significant achievement following your persistent efforts and meticulous attention to detail. As the days unfold, you'll find yourself immersed in challenging tasks that require your full concentration and commitment. Your dedication to enhancing both your professional skills and personal growth will be evident. Despite the obstacles, the hard work will enrich your experience and knowledge, paving the way for notable successes. By the week's end, you will have every reason to feel proud and fulfilled. Additionally, this is an ideal time for deep spiritual rejuvenation and strengthening your connection with the divine. The week concludes with powerful transformative energies, fostering personal healing and possibly leading to meaningful relationship advancements, including new commitments or deepening existing bonds.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Maroon Lucky day Monday

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18



This week heralds a time of fulfillment and joy, as an abundance of blessings enriches your life across multiple fronts. Expect a surge of positivity that enhances your capacity for organization and sharpens your intuition. Harness this vibrant energy to boost your cognitive abilities. It's a rewarding period, both financially and emotionally, offering deep spiritual growth and emotional satisfaction. Relationships take center stage, enhancing connections and aligning closely with your aspirations. Opportunities in your professional life, such as new roles or ventures, are likely to materialize, positioning you favorably in your career path. Your overall vitality is robust, complemented by effective communication and leadership skills, setting the stage for a successful and harmonious week.

Lucky number 131 Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Success this week seems highly linked to collaboration and teamwork, enhancing both productivity and rapport in your professional environment. You're stepping into a phase where self-respect becomes a cornerstone, fueling both your





Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Lavender Lucky day Wednesday



overcome any barriers with bold confidence. A daunting challenge has captured your attention, but you have the capacity to master it with flair. Midweek, anticipate a period of stringent guidance from a senior female relative. Heeding her wisdom and suggestions will prove advantageous. Enhance your cognitive abilities by engaging with intellectually stimulating activities like reading substantive literature and tackling challenging puzzles. Such pursuits might also lead you to profound revelations in your spiritual journey.

Lucky number 18 | Lucky colour Amber Lucky day Sunday career and lifestyle with vibrant, innovative ideas. The horizon appears promising, with current ventures showing signs of prosperity and the potential for exciting job opportunities on the near horizon. Effective communication and mutual support are crucial right now, paving the way for fruitful negotiations. A sense of spirituality infuses your endeavors, adding a layer of depth to your pursuits. Joyous family developments, such as the anticipation of a new child, bring happiness and a sense of fulfillment. Your visionary outlook and proactive confidence empower you to explore new territories fearlessly.

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour lvory Lucky day Wednesday

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arrying over from the previous issue, it is important to note that I negative memory implants in our minds and the preconditioning thereof, can act a great devil for the self and those around. So, they will also come under the category of demonic forces. Such negative tendencies often foray into uncontrolled and fanciful inconsequential thoughts. They overtake our mind and distract our attention from priority preferences. We, thus, often misdirect our energies towards unproductive ends. In the process, our creative potential gets restricted from blooming out in full. Trapped into such unproductive voluminous thoughts, we are hardly left with mind-space necessary to invoke our faculty of discrimination. We, thus, loose our sense of reasons and direction, and thereby objectivity. Therefore, it becomes imperative upon us to consciously strike upon such unbecoming tendencies, for which we are very much capable. Otherwise, they will keep chasing us from within to our detriment.

The question now is: how to figure out

true intent and character of varied demonic presences in disguise, well in time? And then, identify the most appropriate weapon to checkmate their assault? Evidently, it calls for being on full mental alert all the time. That alone can facilitate identifying right weapon for the right occasion. Mother's 10 arms also correspond to the positive and negative implications of man's sensory organs - 5 of perception and 5 of action. Experience suggests that in our usual flow of life, more often our sensory perceptions get stuck to the illusionary glare and glitter of the seeming world. Ego, further driving one's mind, makes one believe that what is apparent is to be taken as absolute truth. In the process, one forgets the necessity of invoking the indwelling faculty of discrimination necessary to figure out the underlying truths. True picture thus missing, one may inadvertently respond unintelligently on instinctive judgment. By the time one realises, the danger would have caught us unaware. It, therefore, becomes incumbent upon us to be on full

Mother teaches how to make life better



mental alert to figure out one's own limitations of mind in time, work upon them aggressively, and ensure being in full control of the self. Now, why a Lion as Mother's mount? Remember, a lion is known to be a very intelligent animal and supposedly the king of jungles. When a lion goes for a hunt in search of its feed, it moves strategically, carefully, cautiously, without wasting much of its energy, but with its eyes fixed on its prospective kill. It ensures not being noticed by the kill, till it is ready for its final assault. However, once the prey comes within its reach, it extols all its energy and pounces upon it. But then the lion does not go for its next kill till it has become hungry once again after exhausting its feed. The killing too is, therefore, need based and not out of greed. In fact, in nature's scheme of things, there exists a food chain. It is so made out as that there exists a predator to check the outgrowth of any creature. Bacteria in a drain treats the night soil. But its excessive presence will make living inhabitable. So, to keep their outgrowth in check, there exist other creatures. This way nature's biodiversity is kept in equitable balance.

Here again, the animals, unlike human beings, invariably live in their present moment. They do not dwell on their past nor do they care for future. They are not tempted to encroach upon other's share to secure their future concerns either. Human beings, on the contrary, recalling their unpleasant memories of the past invite sense of fear. They also keep dreaming about making a better future. In the process they dissipate their energies and mind space towards unproductive ends. Consequently, they are hardly left with enough to do justice to the callings of the present. What we forget that the seed planted today will turn into a fruit bearing tree tomorrow. Accordingly, we need to shed the past that has become history and forget about future that is uncertain. Following which we can put in our whole into present, which alone will prepare the ground for a better tomorrow.

If the above inputs are made to sink in deep in one's mind through continued reflection, it will induce a person to act accordingly, which one could carry on effortlessly. Following which, one may be able to successfully steer life with ease and comfort, despite all oddities and hazards coming in the way. Life will then turn into a beautiful experience.

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