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Suspense + emotion = Maha potboiler

appeared to hunky-dory in the run-up to the formation of a government

Maharashtra, things suddenly turned topsy-turvy in the state capital on Friday as Shiv Sena leader and caretaker Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, on his return from New Delhi. headed straight to his native place in Satara district, prompting the Bharatiya Janata Party-led MahaYuti to cancel a crucial meeting of its three leaders called to decide on the contours of the new government.

On a day when the political situation became fluid resulting in the unexplained delay in the government formation in the state, the ruling BJP, which heads the MahaYuti that scored a landslide victory in the just-Maharashtra concluded Assembly, found itself in a limbo not knowing how to deal with Shinde and also with the emerging scenario within

the party over the chief ministerial choice. Shinde, who had sprung a nasty surprise on the then Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Wikas Aghadi (MVA) by government. splitting the ruling Shiv Sena and teaming up with the BJP to form a new government in the State in June 2022, set the cat among the pigeons by heading to his native village amid the efforts by the MahaYuti to form a new government in the State.

Though it was not officially known as to what transpired at the joint meeting of the MahaYuti leaders, Fadnavis of the BJP, Shinde of the Shiv Sena (ES) and Ajit Pawar of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-AP) that Union Home Minister Amit Shah had convened at his New Delhi residence to formalise details of the government formation the state, Mumbai experienced political tremors sparking speculations of all

While there was no official word as to why Shinde cancelled all his appointments after his return from the National Capital and left for his native village Dare in Satara district in western Maharashtra, it was also confirmed that he would take

However, informed sources within the BJP said that Shinde was not averse to accepting the DCM's post provided the BJP gave him the all-important State Home Ministry, a portfolio that Fadnavis held in the previous MahaYuti government. Knowing Shinde's 'nuisance' value, the BJP is not ready to give the Home portfolio to the Shiv Sena (ÊS) president. 'Maybe, the reason behind Shinde's sudden departure to his native place is to express his sulk over the denial of Home and a few other crucial portfolios in the State Cabinet," a senior Shinde Sena leader said.

The swearing-ceremony of the MahaYuti government, which in the normal course was to take on December 2 (Monday) is understood to have been postponed to December 5, because of the sudden turbulence within the MahaYuti - caused by Shinde's sulk over denial of the Chief Minister's post and leadership issues that have surfaced within the BIP.

Meanwhile, the delay in the election of BJP's Legislature Party (BJPLP) leader has surprised many within the State political circles. In the normal course, Devendra Fadnavis, who was all along touted as the front-runner for the chief minister's post should have been elected as the BJPLP leader by now. Though six days have passed since it led the MahaYuti to a historic victory in the polls,

the BJPLP meeting has not

taken place yet. Sources in the

BJP attributed the delay to the

holding of BJPLP meeting to

the delay in the arrival of

party's central observers in

Mumbai. They said that the

observers were arriving in

Mumbai on Sunday. The delay has sparked speculation in the State political circles whether the IP Nadda-led party would spring a surprise like the one it did recently in Madhya Pradesh where it anointed Mohan Yadav, a leader from the Yadav OBC community, as the chief minister of that state in place of Shivraj Chauhan, more than two weeks after the Assembly poll

Judicial Commission to probe Sambhal violence

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In a swift response to the recent violence in Sambhal, the Uttar Pradesh government has constituted a three-member commission investigate the incident. The decision was made on Thursday night, hours before the issue came up for in the Supreme

The commission will be chaired by retired High Court Judge DK Arora, with retired IAS officer Amit Mohan and retired IPS officer Arvind Kumar Jain serving as members. The team has been tasked with examining whether the violence was premeditated or a spontaneous occurrence.

The inquiry will also delve into the role of individuals or groups suspected of instigating the unrest. In addition, the commission will scrutinise the actions taken by the police and local administration during and after the incident.

The judicial panel has been directed to submit its findings within two months from the date of the notification, and will seek to uncover the reasons behind the violence. Should an extension to this period be required, it will need approval from the state government. Alongside identifying the causes of the violence, the commission will provide recommendations to prevent such incidents from recurring in the future.

In a notification issued on November 28, the Governor highlighted the importance of a thorough and transparent investigation into the matter. This will ensure the public's trust in the judicial process and serve the greater interest of



A security official stands guard at Sambhal

SC halts proceedings in Jama Masjid case, Chandausi survey

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The Supreme Court on The Sup Friday Friday directed a Sambhal trial court to halt proceedings in the case over the Mughal-era Shahi Jama Masjid and its survey at Chandausi and asked the petitioner Masjid committee to approach Allahabad High Court. The Bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar emphasised importance maintaining peace in the Sambhal district instructed that the report prepared by the court commissioner following the mosque survey be sealed and not opened until further orders, while directing the Uttar Pradesh Government to maintain peace and harmony in the violence-hit town.

The Bench further directed the petition filed by the Shahi Jama Masjid Committee against the trial court's survey order be listed before the Allahabad High Court within three working days. "We feel that the petitioner (mosque committee) must challenge the order dated November 19, 2024 in an appropriate forum. In the meantime. peace and harmony must be maintained. The Additional Solicitor General (KM Natraj appearing for the State Government) assures the same. We also observe that in case any revision /miscellaneous petition petition is preferred, the same would be listed within a period of three working days," the CJI wrote in the order.

The order noted that the matter was fixed before the trial court on January 8, 2025 and said, "We hope and trust the trial court will not proceed with the matter till the matter is listed before the High Court. We clarify we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the matter. We are not disposing of the present special leave petition. Re-list (it) in the week commencing January 6."

Delhi school gets hoax bomb threat

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Danic gripped students and P parents of a private school in Delhi's Rohini, a day after a low intensity blast occurred in an area located within one kilometre of the school, as it received a bomb threat via email on Friday morning. While the threat later turned out to be a hoax after a search was initiated on the school campus, the psychological impact on the public was visible as the area has been gripped in bomb blasts for over a month.

Following the threat in Venkateshwar Global School in Rohini, school authorities sprung into action while informing the parents for early dispersal of the students and requested them to pick up their wards by 11 am. While some were sent in school buses, parents of the others rushed to pick their children, who waited anxiously in a designated area. A mother, Rati Awasthi,

whose 12-year-old daughter studies in class VII, expressed her concerns regarding the safety of her children in light of the recent blasts in the city. We are deeply concerned about the current situation in the city. How can we feel confident about our children's safety?" she questioned, adding that just a day before, a bomb blast occurred in Prashant Vihar, barely 1 kilometers away from the school, and today, the school itself has received a bomb

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Delhi a "gangster capital", says **Arvind Kejriwal**

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

Setting the tone for the upcoming high-octane Delhi Assembly polls, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday launched a scathing attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Central government during a Assembly session. He called the city a "gangster capital", blaming "deteriorating law and order situation".

The first day of the session ended with AAP supremo slamming Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the increasing instances extortion related firing at businessmen in the capital. Kejriwal expressed grave concern over the safety of Delhiites.

"What is Amit Shah doing? Shootouts are happening openly on a daily basis. It feels like Delhi is run by gangs," he said while speaking during a discussion on the 'rising crime rates and the law and order situation.

Earlier, Speaker Ram Niwas Goel marshaled out Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta who launched an offensive against Kejriwal during the discussion. The remaining BJP MLAs followed Gupta and walked out of the House. "Business people live in fear of extortion calls, followed by violent attacks on their shops or showrooms," he said, while reading out the various instances of such firing happening across various areas of Delhi. Kejriwal also questioned the activities of notorious gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, currently lodged in Sabarmati jail in Delhi, who allegedly operating extortion rackets in Delhi and beyond.

Tough decisions will have to be taken, Kharge tells CWC Delhi... it is time to count your trees

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by the recent Assembly poll outcomes for the party, Congress leaders on Friday huddled up on its electoral defeats during which party chief Mallikarjun Kharge asserted that "tough decisions" will have to be to strengthen the organisation from grassroots, accountability has to be fixed, and urged leaders to remain united and not speak publicly against each

In his address at the Congress Working Committee meeting at the AICC headquarters, Kharge said he believes that the EVMs have made the electoral process "suspect" and stressed that it is the constitutional responsibility of the Election Commission to ensure free and fair elections in the country. Kharge said that due to the Congress' repeated defeats, "fascist forces" are making their roots deeper. "One by one they are also taking over the institutions of the state,"

he added. The meeting was chaired by Kharge and attended by former party chief Rahul Gandhi and AICC general secretaries Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, K C Venugopal and Ramesh, among others. While the Maha Vikas Aghadi, of which the Congress is a part, was



LoP in the Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with party President Mallikarjun Kharge and party leaders P Chidambaram, K C Venugopal, Ajay Maken and others during the Congress Working Committee meeting, at the AICC headquarters in New Delhi

decimated in the polls in united Maharashtra, the party's alliance led by the JMM scored a victory in Jharkhand. In Haryana, the Congress had suffered a shock defeat at the hands of the BIP.

Kharge also hit out at internal bickering in the party, asserting that the lack of unity and statements against own party leaders harms the party a lot. "Unless we fight elections unitedly and stop making statements against each other, how will we be able to defeat our opponents politically?" the Congress president said.

He also called for removing shortcomings in the party by learning lessons from the election results and said the party would have to evolve a strategy to effectively counter "propaganda and misinformation" by its rivals. Therefore, it is important that we strictly follow discipline. We have to remain

under circumstances. The party also the weapon disciplining. But we do not want to put our workers in any bondage. Therefore, everyone needs to think that a victory of the Congress party is our victory and a defeat is our defeat. Our strength lies in the strength of the party," the Congress president said while urging workers not to get dejected with poll results. He said the party will have to effect changes from the grassroots level to the All India Congress Committee (AICC) to strengthen the party. The AICC is the central decision-making Assembly of the party. Speaking on the Maharashtra and Haryana polls, Kharge said the Assembly poll results after a good outcome in Lok Sabha elections jolted the party. He said some "tough decisions" will have to be taken due to the "below expectation" performance in elections.

Riding on its performance in the Lok Sabha polls, the Congress went into Assembly polls with new enthusiasm but the election results were not as per the party's expectations, the Congress chief said. "INDIA parties formed the government in 2 out of 4 states. But our performance was below expectations. This is a

challenge for us in terms of the future," he said. 'We need to immediately learn from the election results and correct all weaknesses shortcomings organisational level. These results are a message for us," he said. He noted that the mood was in the Congress' favour during the elections but pointed out that just the atmosphere being in its favour does not guarantee

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To check felling of trees in the National Capital, the Supreme Court (SC) on Friday highlighted the need for a census of trees and said it wanted to create an authority to supervise the work carried out by the tree officer. The Supreme Court also mulled 10,400 square-kilometre area of the Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) in Uttar Pradesh and developing a mechanism to keep a vigil on illegal tree felling.

A Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih said the issue over the strict implementation of the provisions of the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994, required immediate attention. "Apart from tree census, that order we are going to pass, we also want to create an authority. That authority will verify whether the tree officer has done a proper job. Somebody has to supervise the permission granted," the Bench said. The Bench was hearing an application seeking to restrain the Delhi government from allowing felling of trees without the supreme court's permission. The first tree census in Delhi was conducted in December 2023. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) identified 2.50 lakh trees in 12 zones. The provisions of the 1994 Act, which provide for



preservation of trees in the NCT of Delhi, deals with the establishment and duties of the tree authority and appointment of a tree officer. During the hearing, the Bench asked the lawyers appearing in the matter to give suggestions on the basis of which the authority should constituted. It observed that not only individual experts were required, but an institution had to be involved in this process also. "We always believe that in

environment matters, harsh orders are warranted," the Bench noted. The Bench remarked that the lawyers appearing before it in matters related to preservation of environment and protection of trees were very cooperative and they have always taken a fair stand before the court.

"We are grateful. Your lordships are doing it for our better future, our children's better future," Additional

space to the people of East Delhi, the DDA has

inaugurated the Asita East

project near Laxmi Nagar.

Delhi, the

Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati said.The court termed as very important the issue concerning implementation provisions of the 1994 Act. To enable the counsel appearing for the parties to

address us on the issue, we direct that the petition shall be listed on December 18," it said. One of the lawyers referred to the notifications issued by the Delhi government in the past exempting any area or any species of trees from the provisions of the 1994 Act.

This power, for the interim, has to be curtailed. They cannot keep on issuing notifications under Section 29 (of the Act)," he said.

Section 29 of the Act pertains to power of the government for exemption. While one lawyer boasted of there being a "lot of awareness" among people, another lamented the ground situation saying it was as bad as it was" before claiming two trees had been felled inside the Supreme Court premises. The advocate said complaints on the tree helpline of the forest department elicited no response. "You place that complaint on record," the

Bench said. On the tree census inTaj Trapezium Zone (TTZ), the Bench said apart from the tree census in the TTZ it wanted to develop the institutional mechanism.

Yamuna Vatika, a green dream for a grey city

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Yamuna Vatika is an expansive green space spread across 450 acres of meticulously designed flower fields, flowering trees and gardens being developed by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on the river floodplains, soon to be the largest of its kind in the city. It will help in mitigating pollution to an extent, and provide green lungs to Delhi. This initiative for greening Delhi, expected to be opened to the public in the next three weeks, has been helmed by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, who has already steered green marvels

Vaishnavi, Vasudev Ghat and the revitalised Roshanara Bagh and Nursery.

Designed as a multi-activity green space, Yamuna Vatika will serve as a haven for nature lovers, families and fitness enthusiasts alike. The project is part of the restoration scheme of Yamuna floodplains and witnessed the plantation of 500 chinar and 500 cherry blossom saplings. The project will have a garden, jogging and cycling tracks, ecofriendly temporary structures for eateries, a bio-retention zone and a wetland with a viewing deck, among others. The flower fields at Yamuna Vatika will feature a triplelike Baansera, Asita East, layered floral design, setting a

new benchmark in urban landscaping. With its vibrant hues and serene ambiance, this initiative aims to become the city's first dedicated 'Field of Flowers', adding to the ecological and aesthetic appeal of Delhi. Nearly 8,000 indigenous trees,

including

Amaltaas, Chinar and exotic to visitors at Yamuna Vatika. species such as Cherry Blossom saplings, along with 10,000 bamboo have already been planted, contributing to the floodplains ecological rejuvenation. These vibrant trees will not only enhance In a bid to restore the ecology the city's green cover but also of the Yamuna floodplains offer a spectacular visual treat and give breathable green

It also features four large water bodies, strategically integrated into its design to support water conservation as flooding.

also holding water during

Asita East project is spread over 197 hectares of land, of which 90 hectares are with DDA and the remaining falls under the jurisdiction of the UP irrigation department. Vikas Marg forms the southern edge, Pushta Road, the eastern edge, and the Yamuna flows towards its west. The 90 hectares of land under the DDA, located adjacent to Vikas Marg, has been inaugurated and opened to people.

Vaishnavi' park at Ashok Vihar-II is an area spread over 10 acres, developed by the DDA to promote urban

green spaces. There were tonnes of waste lying at the spot, and the locals were fed up with the poor condition of this place. The park features a diverse array of native and medicinal plants, along with walkways, waterbodies, fountains and lights to give an aesthetic look to the place. The LG's other project is

Vasudev Ghat, located along the western bank of the Yamuna between Yamuna Ghat and Nigam Bodh Ghat. The ghat - the first in the city to be built by the DDA - was previously inaccessible due to a steep slope, was littered with garbage, and had 1.5-foot-deep silt deposits from the July floods of last year.

Encroachment removal and traffic reforms planned in Mango

PNS: JAMSHEDPUR

cting on the directives of District Magistrate Commissioner Ananya Mittal, a high-level meeting convened at the Collectorate Auditorium to address the persistent traffic issues plaguing the stretch from Mango Chowk to Mango Bridge. The meeting, chaired by ADM Law and Order Aniket Sachan, brought together key stakeholders, including City SP Kumar Shivashish, DMC Mango Suresh Yadav, EE Path Deepak Sahay, Traffic DSP, and the Head of Tata Land Department, among others.

During the meeting, a comprehensive discussion was held to identify the primary causes of the traffic congestion and to formulate the following:

Adjustment of No-Entry Timings: Proposals were made to modify the time periods during which the noentry rule for heavy vehicles is enforced, aiming to reduce peak-hour congestion.

Bus Boarding Regulation: It was suggested that buses should pick up and drop off passengers exclusively at designated bus stands to ensure smoother traffic flow and reduce roadside obstruc-Encroachment Removal:

The meeting identified road-

side encroachments, particularly by vegetable vendors and permanent shopkeepers extending their premises onto public roads, as a significant contributor to traffic jams. Plans were discussed to remove these encroachments while ensuring minimal dis-



Relocation of Vendors Recognizing the impact of encroachment removal on small vendors, it was decided to allocate alternative spaces for vegetable sellers to continue their business without adversely affecting their

Field Survey Initiation: To implement the proposed measures effectively, a field survey was launched on November 29, 2024. This survey will provide detailed insights into the traffic patterns and encroachment issues, facilitating the execution of solutions.

ADM Sachan emphasized the need for a balanced approach that addresses traffic problems without displacing small vendors unnecessarily. "We aim to find a solution that benefits both the

strict enforcement once the measures are finalized. "Proper implementation and monitoring are crucial to ensure the sustainability of these solutions," he said. EE Path Division Deepak Sahay highlighted infrastruc-

ture-related challenges and

proposed enhancements to

City SP Shivashish under-

scored the importance of

the road network to support smoother traffic movement. DMC Mango Yadav expressed confidence that the collective efforts of all departments involved would yield improvements. He assured that the concerns of the

affected vendors would be

The meeting concluded with a resolution to prioritize actionable items and schedule follow-ups to assess

given due consideration.

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Memorandum

committed to working collaboratively to mitigate Mango's chronic traffic problems and ensure a safer, more efficient commuting experience for residents and visitors alike.

Saryu says flyover won't solve traffic woes

JAMSHEDPUR: The newly elected MLA of Jamshedpur West, Saryu Roy, visited the Mango bridge on Friday morning to investigate the persistent traffic jam issues. After inspecting the bridge and its surrounding areas, Roy emphasized that deploying traffic police on the Mango side could alleviate the problem. However, he added that a long-term solution requires a more robust approach, and a meeting has been scheduled on Friday to

address this pressing issue. Roy highlighted that the

promote Innovation and Green Steel Technologies

SAIL inks MoU with John Cockerill India to

Timken (Sakchi) roundabout. "After the no-entry restriction lifts at 11 a.m., a large number of vehicles are diverted through the Timken roundabout, which halts traffic on the other side, leading to massive jams. The traffic at Timken roundabout needs immediate attention, and without a dedicated flyover, the congestion will persist, he stated. Discussing the ongoing flyover construction, Roy remarked that even after its completion, the traffic jams in Mango are unlikely to subside. "The current flyover will cater to limited traffic, primarily from Dimna Road. However, vehicles from areas like Old Purulia Road Azadnagar, and those navigating the route between the rivers will continue to use the old roads underneath. This will not ease the overall con-

gestion," he explained.

CII workshop on advanced 5S & QC

PNS: JAMSHEDPUR

Industry (CII) Jharkhand organized an impactful workshop today, focused on the theme "Advanced 5S & QC: The Powerful Tool for Implementation in the Era of Industry 4.0" at the Center Excellence Jamshedpur. The event aimed at strengthening the operational practices of industries by introducing advanced methodologies based on the 5S principles— Sort, Set in order, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain—

The Confederation of Indian

Maintenance (TPM). The primary objective of the workshop was to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and practical

Total

while linking these core prac-

tices to Lean Manufacturing

Productive

tools to improve productivity, foster continuous improve-

ment, and lay a solid foundation for long-term organizational success. This session served as a strategic platform for industry stakeholders to explore the role of 5S and Quality Circles in driving operational excellence in the rapidly evolving landscape of Industry 4.0.

workshop opened with a keynote address by Kumar

Engineering Panel and Managing Director of TRF Ltd. Singh emphasized the evolving significance of quality in the age of Industry 4.0, highlighting how frameworks like 5S, Quality Control (QC), Total Quality Management (TQM) have transformed into powerful tools for digital excellence. He stressed the importance of integrating human ingenuity with cutting-edge technolo-

gies such as the Internet of

Things (IoT), machine learning, and predictive analytics. This fusion, Singh explained, is essential for developing intelligent, adaptable manufacturing systems that not only enhance operational efficiency but also drive inno-PP Rtn Prof Chandreshwar Khan, FIE, ACF, PHF, Management Consultant, and Trainer, shared his insights on fostering a progressive mindset in the Industry 4.0 era. He urged the industry to build upon its foundational knowledge while embracing a scientific approach to quality management. Prof. Khan spoke about the evolution of quality management systems from control to assurance and emphasized the importance of continuous learning, unlearning, and relearning in order to adapt to challenges

posed by artificial intelligence. The workshop also featured a session by Pankaj Kumar, TQM & TPM Facilitator and Former Chief of TQM & Corporate Quality Assurance at Tata Steel Kumar reinforced the enduring relevance of Total Employee Involvement (TEI) and Quality Circles (QC) as pivotal tools for continuous improvement. He noted that while advanced technological concepts are crucial for industrial progress, it is the consistent application of foundational practices like 5S and QC that ensures sustainable growth and equips organizations to thrive in the evolving industrial ecosystem. According to Kumar, a renewed focus on these principles is necessary to drive operational excellence in the

Industry 4.0 era. OCT and ACT trainees begin

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training at BSL

Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) launched a six-week local induction training program 19 Operator-cum-nician (OCT) and Technician Attendant-cum-Technician (ACT) trainees. Chief Guest Manish Jalota, Chief General Manager (Learning and Development), inaugurated the program, urging trainees to embrace safety and discipline for the plant's growth.

The event featured a safe-Learning Kumari, Rajeev



The MoU was signed by Anil Kumar Tulsyan, Director (Finance) of SAIL, and

Understanding (MoU) with John Cockerill India Limited (JCIL), the Indian arm of the global John Cockerill Group. Michael Kottas, Managing Director of JCIL's Metals Division. The collaboration aims to

The Steel Authority of India

Limited (SAIL), India's largest

steel producer and a

Maharatna public sector

enterprise, has signed a

leverage the combined expertise of both organizations in cutting-edge technologies, industry innovation, and sustainable solutions. The partnership will focus on areas such as carbon steel green steel, and silicon steel with an emphasis on advanced cold rolling and processing of CRGO (Cold Rolled Grain Oriented) and CRNO (Cold Rolled Non-



Oriented) steels.

Additionally, the MoU seeks to integrate green technologies into iron and steel production improving efficiency and sustainability while adopting advanced steel manufacturing techniques.

SAIL is committed to transforming conventional steel production processes by adopting innovative and sustainable technologies. With a

strong focus on reducing carbon emissions and enhancing resource efficiency, the company aims to align its operations with the evolving demands of dynamic markets while contributing to a greener and more sustainable

This collaboration marks significant step toward advancing India's steel industry and promoting environ-

Creativity takes centrestage at Fancy Dress competition dren's imagination but also

Launch of Vision Protection Campaign by NBJK

The Kids International Play School hosted a vibrant Fancy Dress Competition on 29 November 2024, showcasing the incredible creativity and talent of its young students. The event featured a colorful array of costumes based on various themes, with children dressing up as popular cartoon characters, Walt Disney figures, characters from The Jungle Book, electrical appliances, community helpers, flowers, and even Harry Potter characters, among others. The competition was a

delightful spectacle, highlighting not only the chil-

AVINASH ANJAN : HAZ-

With CSR support from

Transrail Company, NBJK-operated Loknayak

operateu Jayprakash (LNJP) Eye Hospital Bahera

(Chouparan), has initiated a

free eye care campaign in Vishnugarh block. The

the hard work and dedication of the parents who contributed significantly to making the event a memorable success. The energy and enthusiasm of the little participants brought the event to life, as they confidently showcased their costumes and tal-

ents on stage. Principal Rukhsar Ayesha expressed her appreciation for the efforts of both the teachers and the parents, thanking them for their support in making the event a grand success. She acknowledged the role of the school's staff in organizing such events, which play a crucial role in fostering creativity

mobile medical van of LNJP

Eye Hospital was flagged off

from Vishnugarh Community

Health Center to Govindpur

Kala Panchayat Bhawan by Dr. Vinay Pandey, Dr. Yogendra, Dr. S. Horo, Transrail's CSR Lead Umesh

Tandel, DJM Priy Mohanty,

and NBJK Program Director

Anand Abhinav. Anand



Syed Rashid Zafar, the School Director, emphasized the importance of activities the Fancy Dress Competition that contribute to the 360-degree development of children. He highlighted the school's integrat-

Abhinav explained that due

to the lack of proper eye

treatment facilities in rural

areas, NBJK, with Transrail's

support, has set a target to

conduct 40 eye screening

camps across 120 villages

with a population of approxi-

mately one lakh in Vishnugarh block. The objec-

tives include screening 2,400

and building confidence in ed curriculum, which balances academics with co-curricular activities designed to enhance cognitive and sensory development. According to Zafar, such events not only nurture creativity but also promote the overall growth of children in a fun and engaging way.

patients, providing 1,080

spectacles, and performing

cataract surgeries for 500

patients. During the event,

former Zila Parishad mem-

ber Jayprakash Patel, along

with Hiramn Mahto, Ramlal

Uttim

Jitendra Mahto, Prakash

Mahto.

Swarnkar,

Mahto.

Baleshwar

ty pledge and a motivational address by Jalota. The program was coordinated by S. N. Mishra, with support from Development team, including Ranjan, and Sweta. After training, the trainees will join various plant departments.



Chas urban area to begin phase 2 water supply by Jan: DC

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A review meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Vijaya Jadhav was held at the Collectorate Office to assess the progress of the water supply project in Chas urban area. During the meeting, Jadhav directed the implementing agency, JUIDCO, to complete Phase Two of the water supply scheme by December-January, ensuring piped water to 11,500 households. Phase One, covering 5,545 households, is already operational.

To enhance water supply services, residents were urged to install free water meters provided by the municipal corporation. Special camps will be organized for registrations, and action will be taken against illegal water connections.



A team has already inspected 11 water bodies, with plans for action on encroachments at two locations. In addition, squads will be deployed in two shifts to monitor road and drainage encroachments, penalize

offenders, and ensure clean-

liness in the city. Directives

exploring revenue generation through improved infrastrucand encroachment removal. ture and internal resources. Officials from various departments, Additional Commissioner

Municipa Sanjeev Kumar and representatives from JUIDCO, were present at the meeting. This initiative aims to enhance urban infrastructure and public services

Brother of martyred Agniveer joins duty

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On Friday afternoon, Balram Mahato, the brother of martyred Agniveer Arjun Mahato from Fatehpur village in Kiyari block, Chandan assumed duty at the district collectorate. He reported to Shalini Khalkho, Senior Officer, at the Collectorate.

Balram Mahato had received his appointment letter on Thursday from the Chief Minister Hemant Soren during a ceremony at the Jharkhand Secretariat in Ranchi. Along with the appointment letter, the Chief Minister handed over a financial assistance cheque of Rs10 lakh to Balram's mother, Hulasi Devi.

It is worth noting that Agniveer Arjun Mahato, posted in Silchar, Assam, attained martyrdom during an encounter with insurgents on the night of November 21.



Union Minister holds review meeting in Lohardaga

LOHARDAGA

for Petroleum and Natural Tourism, and Government of India, on Friday reviewed Transformation Aspirational District Program under Aspirational District Program

Suresh Gopi, Minister of State

in the meeting room of the District Council Office. In the meeting, the indicators set the Aspirational District were reviewed and instructions were given to all the concerned departments to achieve 100 percent achievement. Under the topic of health and nutrition, points like prenatal checkup, anemia, sickle cell test, cleanliness, clean drinking water etc. were discussed. Also said that use of clean water is necessary to stay healthy. In case of delivery at home, instructions were given to have it under the supervision of a skilled birth attendant. Instructions were given to make better arrangements in



topics like sex ratio, institutional delivery, hemoglobin testing, breastfeeding by newborn, identification of TB patients etc. were discussed and instructions were given. On the subject of educa-

tion, the transition of students from primary to secondary was discussed and instructions were given to take better initiatives for this, provision of girls toilet, drinking water, running water, electricity in schools, provision of textbooks at the beginning of the session. The system was also reviewed. Children were instructed to use less sugar in Ragi Laddus in schools. the subject of Under Agriculture and Water Resources, the status of Micro Irrigation, Pradhan Mantri

Fasal Bima Yojana, FPO in the Instructions were given to LDM and District Agriculture Officer to provide KCC loan to the farmers. After the meeting, the

Minister of State inspected

the Industrial Sewing Center in Kisko block. Thereafter, under the dialogue programme, he interacted with the women at the sewing center and observed the products made by various agricultural product groups. The mobile mini hospital was also inspected by the Minister of State. Deputy Commissioner Waghmare Prasad Krishna, Deputy Development Commissioner Dilip Pratap Singh Shekhawat, all district level officials and others were present in the programme.

Daltonganj Rly Station FoB shut down for safety reasons PNS: DALTONGANJ exposed to the weather.

One FoB (foot over bridge) of the Daltonganj railway station under the Dhanbad division of the east central railway has been closed for passengers to negotiate it to reach platform number 2 and 3 and in reverse to reach platform number 1. This FoB is the oldest and most used one. It's now in a state not 'far from collapsing' said a railway official citing how an identical condition FoB at Muzaffarpur railway station in Bihar had collapsed in November 2023.

Its closure from both the ends is causing enormous inconveniences to the passengers as they have now no option but to use another newly built FoB which is at the far end of the Daltonganj railway station.

Daltonganj railway station superintendent Kumar said "The engineering division of the railway has got it shut. It will remain closed for months together.'

"This FoB was sighing. (in



its bridge or foot over bridge is in a state of dilapidation) It was getting dilapidated with every passing day." added

Umesh Kumar.

Many slabs of this FoB were found to be peeling off. Iron bars in the slabs were without cement and concrete.

These iron bars were just

He said "The decision to shut this FoB is very timely. It's all for the safety of the passengers here.

Around 5,000 passengers commute every day by trains here. And now with the closure of this FoB, the entire pressure of the commutation of the passengers will be on the new and broad foot over bridge. Sick, disabled and 80 plus age passengers are bound to feel the discomfort of using this far end FoB.

Daltonganj railway station has 2 lifts. But it is shut more than open. Commenting on this station superintendent said "We find 500 boys and girls every morning here who come by various trains to attend their coaching centres or colleges. These boys and girls misuse lifts. Hence we are to shut it.'

The Daltonganj railway station comes under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme and hence there is going on modernization to this century old railway station. Eom

community health centres.

Descendent of Birsa Munda, Mangal Munda passes away after road accident

PM Modi, CM Soren, who's who pay tributes to the tribal icon's kin



Chief Minister Hemant Soren paying tribute to the descendent of freedom fighter Birsa Munda, Mangal Munda after his demise in a road accident, at RIMS, Ranchi on Friday. Pix by Ratan Lal

¬ ributes poured in following the tragic death of Mangal Munda, a great-grandson of Birsa Munda, the revered tribal leader and icon of the country, at his ancestral village in Khunti district on Friday.

Mangal Munda, eldest son of Sukhram Munda, the great grandson of Lord Birsa Munda, succumbed to his injuries while receiving treatment at the Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Ranchi on Friday. He had suffered severe head injuries in a recent road

Speaker

Rabindranath Mahato has

expressed grief over the sud-

den demise of Mangal

Munda. He wrote, "Received

very sad news of the sudden

demise of Mangal Munda ji, a

descendant of Bhagwan Birsa

Munda. May God give peace

to the departed soul and

strength to his family to bear

leader Deepak Prakash

death of Shri Mangal Munda

ji, the great-grandson of Dharti Aba Bhagwan Birsa

At the same time, BJP

"The news of the

this unbearable pain.

wrote,

accident when the tractor he was traveling in overturned in Khunti on November 25.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his condolences, writing in the Olchiki (Santhali) script on X: "The demise of Mangal Munda, a descendant of Lord Birsa Munda, is deeply saddening. His loss is not just a blow to his family but to the entire tribal community of Jharkhand. May God give his family the strength to endure this pain. Om Shanti.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren also mourned the untimely loss of Mangal Munda. Visiting RIMS on Friday, he paid his respects by placing a wreath on Munda's mortal remains. Soren offered prayers for the departed soul and extended condolences to the bereaved family, assuring them of full support from the state government. Former Chief Minister Champai Soren also posted on X: "I am deeply saddened by the sad news of the demise of Mangal Munda ji, a descendant of Dharti Aba Bhagwan Birsa Munda. This is an irreparable loss for the tribal society of Jharkhand and the entire country. May Marang Buru grant peace to the departed soul and give strength to the family to

bear this loss. However, the tragedy sparked

criticism from State BJP President Babulal Marandi, who alleged that Munda's death was a result of negligence in timely medical In a statement on X, Marandi said, "The untimely demise of Mangal Munda, a great-grandson of Dharti Aba Bhagwan Birsa

system." Marandi further alleged,

"Despite his critical condition, he

He described Munda's death Munda, is deeply saddening and heartbreaking. The delay and challenges in providing treatment after his severe injury highlight the insensitivity of the current

as more than just a tragedy, calling it "a murder by systemic fail-Mangal Munda was the eldest

center on time, and there was a

delay of 10 hours in starting his

treatment. The family had to

spend Rs 15,000 out of pocket for

medicines. This reflects the harsh

reality faced by poor tribal fami-

lies under the present administra-

son of Sukhram Munda, Birsa Munda's great-grandson, who resides in Ulihatu village, Khunti

Marandi alleges medical negligence over Mangal Munda's death

PNS: RANCHI

BJP state president and former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi today took a dig at the state government over the death of Mangal Munda, the great grandson of Birsa Marandi said that Mangal Munda, the great grandson of Lord Birsa Munda, died due to negligence in the medical system. This chaos has exposed the Hemant government.

Marandi said that late Mangal Munda, who was seriously injured in the accident, was brought to Sadar Hospital after the accident and then admitted to RIMS 6 hours later. Meanwhile, he remained in the ambulance.

Marandi said that if such treatment is meted out to the descendant of martyr Birsa Munda, then what will be the condition of the common man of the state. This is the height of insensitivity. He said that a high-level inquiry should be conducted into the gross negligence in the treatment of late Mangal Munda and strict action should be taken against the culprits.

Marandi paid tribute to the late Munda and prayed to God for the peace of his soul.

He said that the entire BJP family stands together in this hour of grief.

Mangal Munda, the greatgrandson and descendant of Bhagwan Birsa Munda in Jharkhand, died suddenly on Thursday (28 November) night. After being seriously injured in a road accident, he was undergoing treatment at RIMS, where he breathed his last. This has been confirmed by the PRO of RIMS Ranchi.

Mangal Munda's death has caused a wave of mourning in the political corridors of Jharkhand. Jharkhand

Munda, who was undergoing treatment at RIMS, Ranchi for the last several days, is very sad. I pray to God to give this pious soul a place in his

Hatia seat MLA Naveen Jaiswal expressed grief and posted on social media, "The news of the untimely death of Mangal Munda ji, a descendant of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda ji is extremely painful. Just vesterday I met him at RIMS and enquired about his health. Today early in the morning, I am very sad and distressed by this unpleasant news. I pray to God to give a place to the departed soul in his lotus feet and give strength to his family to overcome this immense Meanwhile, Raghubar

Das' daughter-in-law and Jamshedpur East MLA Purnima Sahu has also expressed grief over Mangal Munda's death. She wrote, "The sad news of the sudden death of respected Mangal Munda ji, a descendant of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, has been received. I pray to Baba Baidyanath to grant peace to his departed soul and give strength to his family to bear this unbearable grief."

State to host SGFI National School Sports Competitions

PNS: RANCHI

With Jharkhand's incompa rable contribution in the field of sports, the State has got the hosting rights of four national level sports competitions which will take place in January 2025 at the Mega Sports Complex, Khelgaon, Ranchi. The SGFI competitions that the State has been given the hosting rights for include Under 19 and Under 14 Boys and Girls Athletics. Under 19 Boys and Girls Tennis, Under 14, Under 17 and Under 19 Boys and Girls Track Cycling and Under 19 Boys and Girls Hockey Competition. Under 19 Athletics will be held from January 5 to January 8 while Athletics Competition will be conducted from January 11 to January 14. Tennis Competition will be held from January 17 to January 19, track cycling will be held from January 17 to January 20 and Hockey Competition will be held from January 23 to January 27. As many as 45 teams from various states and associations of the coun-

Anurag Gupta assumes charges as new DGP of State

Indian Police Service (IPS) of 1990 batch, Anurag Gupta, assumed charge as Director General and Inspector General of Police (DGP), Jharkhand at the State Police Headquarters here on Friday. During the assumption of charge, Gupta in his address stressed the need for the police to be sensitive about being committed to the service and security of the public, as well as the objective of the police to strengthen law and order, control crime and maintain peace and trust in the society. The DGP said in his address, he talked about strengthening trust and dialogue among the public and emphasized on treating all citizens with fairness and equality and paying special attention to speedy justice to the victim. Special attention will be given to the safety of women, children and weaker sections, he added.

Gupta said that meaningful efforts will be ensured by forming a separate police team to prevent cyber, organized crimes and illegal drugs using technical resources etc. Special emphasis was laid on ensuring meaningful efforts to make Jharkhand a crime-



Newly appointed DGP Anurag Gupta congratulates Chief Minister Hemant Soren in Ranchi on Friday. PNS

free and safe state.

During the assumption of charge, Director General of Police Headquarters, RK Mallick, Additional Director General of Police Operations, Dr. Sanjay Anana & Lathkar, Additional Director General Modernization and Training Suman Gupta, Inspector General of Police Operations, Amol Vinukant Inspector General of Police Provision, Pankaj Kamboj,

Inspector General of Police Jharkhand Jaguar, Indrajit Mahatha, Deputy Inspector General of Police Special Branch, Karthik S., Deputy Inspector General of Police Personnel, Naushad Alam and other police officers were present.

Gupta was removed from the charge of DGP in-charge before the Assembly elections on the orders of the Election Commission of India. Senior most IPS officer Ajay Kumar Singh was made the DGP during the elections in Jharkhand.

IIM-R concludes 5-Day FDP



The Five-Day Nurturing Leadership Programme, organized by the IIM Ranchi under the esteemed Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP), successfully concluded on Friday. The programme,

which began on November 25, 2024, has been a transformative experience for faculty members from public-funded higher educational institutions across India. The valedictory ceremony, held at IIM Ranchi, marked the culmination of an intensive five-day learning journey designed to enhance leadership capabilities among academic faculty. The event was graced by the distinguished presence of Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director IIM Ranchi, who delivered the closing address. Prof. Srivastava highlighted the significance of continuous leadership development and the critical role of educational leaders in shaping the future of institutions. He also praised the participants for their dedication to strengthening leadership within their respective academic environments.

Salima Tete, Sangita Kumari felicitated

DRM cum President, Eastern South Railway Sports Association, Ranchi, Jasmeet Singh felicitated Bindra Captain Salima Tete



and Sangeeta Kumari, who represented the recently concluded Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 as the winning Indian team, by presenting them a plant and a memento here on Friday. Under the leadership of Ranchi Railway Division player and Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain Salima Tete, the Indian team won all its matches in the tournament and won the trophy by defeating China in the final. Two other players of Ranchi Railway Division, Nikki Pradhan and Sangeeta Kumari were also part of the Indian team and contributed as key players. Sr DCM cum DSO Nishant Kumar, DFO (Coordination) cum Treasurer SERSA, Laxman Kumar, DE (South) cum JDSO Ravi Shankar congratulated and wished both the players.

SBPS students shine in Invictus- 5th Edition of Speak Out





The students of SBPS, Ranchi stole the limelight with their outstanding performance in Invictus-Edition of Speak Out-2024, an online speakfor-inner-

clave for schools in South Asia and Middle East. It was an International competition in which more than 43 schools participated. Ananya Roy of Std. XI was accorded for best entry in Bridge Round of Plurilogues- Multi format English Debates. Rohini Raj of Std. XI was awarded the best student writer-performer trophy for Acropolis- English creative writing and performance competition. Krittika Sarkar of Std. IX and Rohini Raj of Std. XI were also awarded the overall second runner-up position in Notes from Acropolis.

Speculations rife over **State Cabinet expansion**

With the swearing-in of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and the date Assembly being fixed, discussions have intensified as to when the Hemant cabinet will be expanded. However, it is also being speculated that the cabinet expansion can happen in a day or two.

Regarding the cabinet Jharkhand expansion, Congress State Vice President Manishanker said that just like in the previous government, this time too four ministers will be made from the Congress quota. There is a discussion about the cabinet that whether there is some expansion before the session or after the 12th, there will be four ministers from Congress. Which faces will be ministers from the Congress quota, this will be decided by the Congress high command.

JMM spokesperson Manoj Pandey said that the CM has said that the cabinet expansion will happen within two to three days, we also hope two-three days. By then the cabinet will be announced. All the parties need to discuss with the leaders as well as discussions about giving representation by including everyone.

JMM sources Kalpana, who won from the Gandey Assembly constituencv with a margin of more than 17,000 votes, "could not be ruled out" as a minister on the state's 12-member cabinet. She is among the 12 women MLAs who were elected in the Jharkhand Assembly elections 2024 with three JMM, five Congress, and four BJP lawmakers.

"There will be two women ministers to honour the mandate that the state's female

voters gave the JMM-led government in the Assembly elections -- one from the JMM quota and the other from the Congress. Kalpana ji cannot the moment. The final decision rests with Hemant babu," a JMM source said.

try will be participating in

the above competitions

Each of the five administrative regions of the state will be represented," the source also said, adding that the cabinet was not likely to accommodate a deputy chief minister and "most of the portfolios would remain the same as in the previous government.

Regarding the cabinet pansion, LJP MLA expansion, Janardan Paswan said that everyone in the alliance is involved in a tug of war regarding the cabinet. Everyone is making claims in their own way. There must be some trickery. The cabinet expansion should be done as soon as possible.

Nimiaghat PS, Giridih honoured by Home Minister

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In a program organized at Convention Center, Lok Seva Odisha, Union Home Minister Amit Shan gave one of the three best police stations of the Country, Nimiaghat Police Station located in Giridih district of Jharkhand, one of the best police stations in the Country.

This award was given for meeting the standards like police's behavior with the general public, cleanliness of the police station, facilities for complainants, fitness facilities for police personnel, ramp facilities for the disabled, CCTV and fire safety arrangements etc.

This award is given every vear by the Home Ministry, Government of India to the best police stations of the Country on the basis of the above standards. On this basis, Nimiaghat Police Station under Giridih district



Nimiaghat Police Station, Giridih was honoured by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah during a programme in Bhubaneshwar. PNS

of Jharkhand state has got best police station among the the distinction of being the three police stations

Treat animals with same sympathy like humans: RIMS Director

PNS: RANCHI

RIMS Director Dr Raj Kumar said that animals need to be treated with similar seriousness, sympathy, empathy and healthcare facilities like human beings. They have the same right to disease prevention, diagnostic tools and clinical facilities and animal health can't be seen in isolation, he added. Addressing a symposium on' Futuristic approaches for animal health, management and welfare: challenges and opportunities' and alumni meet at College of Veterinary and Husbandry Agricultural University (BAU) on Friday, Dr Kumar stressed on synergistic relationships collaborations researchers of different branches, policy makers, Governments and bureaucrats

The RIMS Director said Patliputra emperor King Ashoka had established the

for animal welfare.

world's first animal hospital equipped with diagnosis, treatment, shelter and quarantine facility. He said the time of Lord Buddha was the most glorious when India's geographical boundary was widest. He said alumni meet is a moment of rejuvenation and rare opportunity to reconnect college mates and youth days friends, recount golden forgotten memories associated with the alma mater and have fun and frolic. On the occasion BAU Vice Chancellor Dr SC Dubey stressed that human, animal, plant and ecosystem health professionals need to work together for the health, happiness and overall well being of all living things and the planet. He said India is facing a lot of problems due to exotic diseases and pests and WHO recommended international standards protocol must be followed in investigation and diagnosis for acceptance of results at international level. Traditional knowledge is the backbone of modern science and a happy mix of both will work better for farming community, the VC added. Dr DK Singh, an alumni of RVC and former Principal Scientist, Division of Veterinary Public Health, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly presented key note address on Brucellosis in India: diagnostic and control strategy'. A compendium of research papers on the symposium title and a book entitled '30 Iconic Vets' was released on the occasion. Earlier, welcoming the guests Dr Sushil Prasad. Dean Veterinary said buildings of Ranchi Veterinary College and RIMS were constructed simultaneously in early sixties. He said number of teachers has dwindled from 105 to 32 in the college and BAU is the country's only farm varsity where right of recruitments rests with the State Public Service Commission, rest all the universities make recruitments themselves.

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gold jewellery/ ornaments/ coins and general public that inspite of repeated reminders/ notices by the Bank, the following borrowers are not repaying their dues to the Bank.

Notice is hereby published that if they fail to deposit all their dues in their respective gold loan accounts (including up-to-date interest and all costs charges/ expenses) by 16.12.2024 then on 20.12.2024 their pledged gold jewellery/ ornaments/ coins will be put up for public auction in the branch premises. For this, Bank shall not be held responsible for any inconvenience or damage caused to the concerned borrowers and no allegations or representations will be entertained from any borrowers in this regard.

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1. The ultimate decision regarding acceptance of an offer for purchase of Jewellery through auction would be that of the Bank and the Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer. 2. The Bank does not guarantee the weight or purity of the Jewellery/Ornaments/Coins, either of its gold contents or otherwise. 3. The jewel is available for inspection by the intending bidders during business hours on any working day in the Bank on or before 20.12.2024. 4. The intending purchasers shall make an earnest money deposit of 25% of Reserve Price. Each bidder should pay an earnest money of 25% of the reserve price before participation in the auction. The earnest deposit paid by the successful bidder would be forfeited in case he fails to pay the balance amount and take delivery of the Jewellery/Ornaments/Coins on the next working day of the date of auction. 5. The jewel will be handed over to the highest bidder on payment of the balance amount within 24 hours or on the next working day of the Bank during its business hours. 6. If the successful bidder fails to pay the amount, the bidder shall forfeit the earnest money and the jewel may be resold within 30 days from that date and shortfall if any in excess of the earnest money shall be recoverable from the bidder who has successfully bid at the earlier auction but did not take delivery of the jewel against payment. 7. The unsuccessful bidder shall be entitled for the refund of the earnest money immediately after the auction is over. 8. It shall be lawful for the Bank to stop the auction at any stage without assigning any reason thereto in which case the earnest money shall be returned to whoever makes Date: 29.11.2024

Karnataka CM meets PM Modi, demands assistance

rarnataka Chief Minister KSiddaramaiah on Friday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, requesting rectification in short term farm loan limit, Rs 10,000 cr in financial support and urgent clearances for the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and Kalasa Bandhuri

In the meeting in Parliament complex, Siddarmaiah pressed for several key interventions focusing on critical areas, including agriculture, water resources and urban infra-

Deputy Chief Minister and Irrigation Minister D K Shivakumar, Energy Minister K George and Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh accompanied the CM for the meeting.

The chief minister highlighted that NABARD has drastically cut the Short Term Agricultural Credit Limit for Karnataka



from Rs 5,600 crore in 2023-24 to just Rs 2,340 crore in 2024-25, a 58 per cent reduction that could severely impact farmers' access to soft loans.

"I request you to look into this and direct the Finance Ministry to rectify this situation so that farmers in Karnataka continue to receive soft agricultural loans," Siddarmaiah said in a representation made to the both awaiting approvals from the Jal Shakti and Environment Ministries. Highlighting Bengaluru's status

as a tech hub and top GDP contributor, the state requested special assistance for urban and public transportation.

Additionally, Karnataka sought Rs 10,000 cr to develop infrastructure in 13 emerging city corporations

On fiscal allocation, the CM complained of receiving an unfavourable deal from the 15th Finance Commission, which reduced its tax share by l per cent. Siddaramaiah urged the gov-

ernment to provide compensation grants and ensure future finance commissions do not penalise states with significant tax contributions. The Karnataka chief minister

also met Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and congratulated her on being elected as an MP from Wayanad.

PM Modi to attend all India DGP, IGP conference in Odisha

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the all India conference of director generals/inspector generals of police in Bhubaneswar for two days starting Saturday. The Prime Minister's Office(PMO)said the threeday conference, which begins on Friday, will include deliberations on critical components of national security, including counter terrorism, Left Wing Extremism, coastal security, new criminal laws and narcotics. The President's Police Medal for distinguished service will also be awarded during the confer-

The conference will provide an interactive platform for senior police professionals and security administrators in the country to freely discuss and debate diverse national security-related issues besides various operational, infrastructural and welfare-related



problems faced by police, the statement said.

Its deliberations will include formulation and sharing of professional practices and processes in tackling chalenges relating to crime control, and law and order management, besides internal security threats.

The statement noted Modi has encouraged organising the annual conference across the country since he assumed the office in 2014.

prime minister not only listens attentively to all contributions but also fosters an environment of open and informal discussions, allowing for the emergence of new ideas.

This year, some unique features have also been added to the conference. The entire day is being effectively utilised starting from Yoga session, business session,

break-out sessions and the-

matic dining tables." This will also provide senior police officials with a valuable opportunity to present their perspectives and suggestions to Modi on critical policing and internal security matters that impact the country, it

The conference will also be attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Principal Secretary to PM P K Mishra, National Adviser(NSA)Ajit Doval, DGP of states and UTs and chiefs of central police organ-

VHP announces two-day protest against 'atrocities' on religious minorities in Bangladesh

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The Vishva Hindu Parishad has announced a two-day nationwide protest against the "atrocities" on religious minorities in Bangladesh starting Friday. The VHP and the Bajrang

Dal, along with all sects and segments of the Hindu society and those who believe in humanity, will take part in this protest to save the minorities and their human rights, VHP national spokesperson Vinod Bansal said in a statement. Bansal said the neighbouring

country was "playing in the hands of Islamic jihadist elements". He said the protest against the "repeated atrocities" against minorities in Bangladesh is scheduled for today and tomorrow, he said.
"Let's all come and join for Human cause!!VHP nationwide protest to save minori-



ties in Bangladesh today," Bansal wrote in a social media

Bangladesh's minority Hindus, which constitute only about eight per cent of the 170 million population, have faced over 200 attacks in 50odd districts since the fall of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government on August five.

Things took a turn for the worse this week after Hindu spiritual leader Chinmoy Krishna Das was arrested in a sedition case. He was later denied bail by a court, triggering protests by community members in various locations, including the capital Dhaka and the port city of Chattogram.

the Upper Bhadra Project,

which promises to irrigate cen-

tral Karnataka's drought-prone

farmlands. The project has

been pending since the 2023-

He also pushed for clearances

of two critical water projects -

the Mekedatu Balancing

Reservoir on the Kaveri river

and the Kalasa Bandhuri pro-

ject on the Mahadayi river --

24 Union Budget.

India on Tuesday noted with 'deep concern" the arrest and denial of bail to Das, urging the authorities in the neighbouring country to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all other minority groups.

Congress takes Maharashtra poll complaints to EC PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday raised with the Election Commission "serious and grave inconsistencies" which it said were being revealed in the data relating to the polling and counting processes for the recently-concluded Maharashtra Assembly polls and sought an in-person hearing to present relevant evi-

In a memorandum to the poll panel, AICC Maharashtra incharge Ramesh Chennithala, Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole and AICC general secretary Mukul Wasnik said "these glaring inconsistencies" which strike at the very root of a transparent, free and fair electoral system are not based on any biased motives or far-fetched presumptions but have been extracted from the information made publicly available by the Commission. Sharing the memorandum on social media, Congress gener-



munications Jairam Ramesh said the leaders have raised serious issues which are being discussed in the public domain. They have asked the Election Commission (EC) for an inperson hearing to present the relevant evidence and raise constituency-wise issues as well, he said.

In their memorandum, the Congress leaders said, "In fact, questions relating Maharashtra's voter data have also been raised by a former

Chief Election Commissioner, hence we are bringing the same to the attention of this Commission.

They flagged two issues of arbitrary deletion of voters and subsequent addition of over 10,000 voters in each constituency from the final voter lists as well as inexplicable increase in voting percentages from five pm to the final voter percentage declared by the Commission at 11:30 pm on the day of polling on November 20."In the days leading upto the

polling day, the Indian National Congress (INC) and its allies received several on ground-level reports about different means being adopted by the ruling regime to commit large scale electoral fraud across the Assembly Constituencies in Maharashtra," the memorandum said.

(Assam), Rann of Kachchh

(Telangana), Tekanpur (Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh),

Statue of Unity (Kevadiya, Gujarat), Pune (Maharashtra),

Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh),

New Delhi and Jaipur

(Rajasthan), with its latest

edition being held in the

Modi, the statement said, has always demonstrated a deep interest in the DGP

Conference. It said, "The

Hyderabad

(Gujarat),

Odisha capital.

The Congress leaders said these included instances of arbitrary deletion of voters from the voter list and consequent insertion of roughly 10,000 voters per constituency across "With this exercise of

unchecked and arbitrary deletion and consequent insertion of voters, the state of Maharashtra witnessed an unprecedented increase of an estimated 47 lakh voters being added to the electoral roll from between July 2024 -- November the memorandum said. They urged the Commission to 2024," the memorandum said. It is significant to note that out of the 50 Assembly constituencies where there was an average increase of 50,000 vot-

allies secured victory from 47 of these constituencies, the leaders argued.

"These data points on a prima

facie reading, demonstrates that -- there has been a significant and inexplicable increase in the number of registered voters across the state of Maharashtra; and there has been an exercise of deletion and addition of names in voters lists; all of which have conveniently worked to the advantage of the incumbent government," the memorandum said. This issue was duly raised by the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance on October 19 before this Commission, he said.

"However, no cogent action was taken by this Commission on the Representation dated 19.10.2024 submitted by the MVA Alliance in this regard,"

immediately undertake a thorough investigation and prepare a detailed report on the addition and deletion of voters in

Interim Govt responsible for protecting minorities in Bangladesh: MEA serious note of these incidents

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $E^{\rm xternal\ affairs\ minister\ S}_{\rm Jaishankar\ on\ Friday\ said}$ the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government is responsible for protecting Bangladesh citizens, including its minorities.

He made this assertion in a statement in response to a question in the Lok Sabha about violence against minorities, including Hindus, in Bangladesh. Jaishankar said the govern-

ment has seen several reports of incidents of violence against Hindus and other minorities since August 2024, when Sheikh Hasina was forced to flee Bangladesh. He added that reports of attacks on temples and puja mandaps also emerged during the recent Durga Puja festival

"Government have taken a

and shared its concerns with Bangladesh," Jaishankar said The minister also said that the

High Commission of India in Dhaka continues to monitor the situation related to the minorities in Bangladesh "The primary responsibility

for the protection of life and liberty of all citizens of Bangladesh, including minorities, rests with the Government of Bangladesh," he pointed out.

This statement comes amid protests and unrest in Bangladesh over the arrest of former priest of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) Bangladesh Chinmoy Krishna Das on sedition charges. Das is flag above the Bangladesh released.



national flag during a rally in October.

Several political leaders in India, including those in the opposition, have voiced concern over the arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das and issued an appeal to the Indian government to intervene in the matter.

Former Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina also Hindu monk, backed Chinmoy Krishna Das, saying he was "unjustly arrested" accused of hoisting a saffron and must immediately be

Hasina has also called upon Jaiswal was replying to a quesnic minorities that have braved violence since her ouster from power in August. Meanwhile, India on Friday said the interim government in Bangladesh must live up to its responsibility of protecting all minorities as it expressed serious concern over the "surge" of extremist rhetoric and increasing incidents of violence in the neighbouring

country. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India has consistently and strongly raised with the Bangladeshi gov-ernment the threats and "targeted attacks" on Hindus and other minorities.

"Our position on the matter is clear -- the interim govern-

ment must live up to its

responsibility of protecting

all minorities," he said.

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"We are concerned at the surge of extremist rhetoric, increasing incidents of violence and provocation. These developments cannot be dismissed only as media exaggeration," he said. "We once again call upon Bangladesh to take all steps for the protection of minorities," he added. On the arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das by Bangladeshi authorities, Jaiswal said India has noted that the legal process in the case is underway.

"As far as cases against individuals are concerned, we have noted that legal processes are underway," he said. "We expect that these processes will deal with the case in a just, fair and transparent manner, ensuring full respect for the legal rights of all concerned," he added.

Health Ministry declares snakebite cases as 'notifiable disease'

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mid the ongoing public Ahealth concerns raised by snakebites across the States, the Union Ministry of Health has declared snakebite cases and fatalities as a "notifiable disease" in India.

According to Ministry data, approximately 50,000 deaths occur annually in India due to an estimated 3-4 million snakebites. This accounts for half of all global snakebiterelated fatalities, although many cases remain significantly underreported.

"Snakebites pose a serious public health threat, leading to mortality, morbidity, and long-term disabilities in some instances. Certain groups, such as farmers and tribal populations, face a higher risk," stated Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava in a letter to the Health Secretaries of all states and Union Territories (UTs), said sources.

The letter urges all health facilities, both public and private (including medical colleges), to report all suspected and confirmed snakebite cases and fatalities in a standardized format. The common krait, Indian

cobra, Russell's viper, and saw-scaled viper are responsible for about 90 percent of snakebites in India. Although polyvalent anti-snake venom (AŚV) – effective against these four species – works in 80 percent of cases, a shortage of trained healthcare personnel and proper facilities for snakebite treatment remains a significant concern.

Moreover, the lack of comprehensive data on the incidence, morbidity, mortality, socio-economic impact, and treatment patterns exacerbates the issue, the secretary was raising "smoke of generic said, added the sources.. Health experts have repeat-



edly called for a national policy to address snakebite management and prevent snakebite envenomation (SBE), or death due to snakebite. A research team, including experts from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has proposed several measures, while Ministry officials are working on a blueprint for a national program to curb snakebite incidents in India. According to a recent national mortality survey, India witnessed 1.2 million snakebite deaths (averaging 58,000 annually) between 2000 and 2019 - an increase of around 8,000 deaths per year compared to previous estimates (2001–2003). Snakebites disproportionate-

ly affect children living in poor rural areas. World

The Organization (WHO) has recently included snakebites in its list of Neglected Tropical Diseases and launched a comprehensive Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming.

There is also a need to establish a dedicated snakebite clinical research cum training centre (SCRTC) and ensure that treatment is at the PHC level itself. SBE should be included in the medical graduation (MBBS) curriculum and also during the internship of MBBS doctors, as per various studies... In March, the Health Ministry introduced the National Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (NAPSE) to address this pressing issue. The plan aims to "reduce

snakebite-related deaths by 50 percent by 2030, Srivastava said. The action plan outlines

strategic components, as well as the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders involved in snakebite management, control, and prevention. A central goal of NAPSE is to enhance surveillance of snakebite cases and fatalities across the country. Srivastava emphasized the importance of establishing a "robust surveillance system" to accurately monitor snakebite incidents and deaths, which will provide critical data to guide future interventions and assess their effectiveness. By improving surveillance, stakeholders will gain a bet-

ter understanding of the true burden, high-risk areas, and contributing factors to snakebite deaths, ultimately leading to better clinical management and prevention strategies, Srivastava added.

Doctor-population ratio is 1:811 in India: Nadda informs LS

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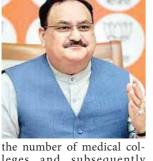
in Bangladesh.

he doctor-population ratio is 1:811 in the country which is better than the WHÓ standard of 1:1000, Union Health Minister J P Nadda informed the Lok Sabha on Friday. As per information provided

by the National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,86,145 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils and the Medical National Commission (NMC) as on

November, 2024, he said. "Assuming 80 per cent availability of registered allopathic doctors and around 6.14 lakh AYUSH doctors, the doctor-population ratio in the country is around 1:811 which is better than the WHO standard of 1:1000," Nadda said.

The government has increased



leges and subsequently increased MBBS seats, he said. The minister said there is an increase of 102 per cent in the medical colleges from 387 before 2014 to 780 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 130 per cent in MBBS seats from 51,348 before 2014 to 1,18,137 as of now and an increase of 135 per cent in PG seats from 31,185 before 2014 to 73,157 as of now, he added.

Listing the measures/steps

taken by the government to

professional in the country, Nadda said the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for estab lishment of new medical colleges by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 131 new medical colleges are already functional out of 157 approved medical colleges which includes 23 medical colleges in Rajasthan. Under upgradation of gov-

increase the doctor/medical

ernment medical colleges by construction of Šuper Specialty Blocks of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) scheme, a total of 75 projects have been approved, of which 69 projects are complete, the minister informed

questioning the electronic voting machines (EVMs), with the higher judiciary repeatedly holding that the machines are credible, reliable and tamperproof, the government said in Lok Sabha on Friday. Responding to a question on safeguards to prevent tampering or hacking of the machines, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said according to the Election Commission (EC),

EVM is a standalone machine with no radio frequency com-Under the Central Sector munication capability, hence it Scheme for setting up of new cannot communicate through AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been wireless, bluetooth and Wi-Fi. approved, said Nadda said, "The machine is electronically adding undergraduate coursprotected to prevent any tames have started in 19 of these. pering or manipulation. It



Nearly 42 petitions filed

in SC, various HCs

incorporates several technical security features such as one time programmable chip, unauthorised access detect module, advance encryption techniques, strong mutual authentication capability," the minister said in a written reply. After the Harvana assembly polls, Congress had questioned the reliability of the EVMs and had claimed that different levels of charging in the EVM battery gave different results. The EC had rejected the complaint, saying the Congress

doubt" poll after poll.

Adjournment notices being used to disrupt proceedings: RS Chairperson

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Rajya Sabha Chairperson lagdeep Dhankhar on Friday said adjournment notices under Rule 267 of the House are being weaponised as a mechanism of disruption before adjourning the proceedings till Monday amid Opposition parties protest over corruption allegations against the Adani Group, and

other issues. Like in the previous sittings of the ongoing Winter Session, the House could not take up scheduled business on Friday as well and proceedings were adjourned within minutes of the assembly

Opposition MPs started the protest soon after the chairperson announced that he had received their 17 notices for suspension of scheduled business and take up issues related to corruption allegations against the Adani Group, violence in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal, and Sambhal, Manipur.

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The Ashmolean Museum at Oxford University, London, which purchased the

Thirumangai Alwar bronze idol in 1967, has agreed to

return the idol to Tamil Nadu after the state Idol Wing CID

submitted evidence of the idol's

trafficking from an ancient

temple in Thanjavur district,

In its recent communication to the Tamil Nadu Idol Wing

CID police, the Oxford University has expressed its "commitment to repatriate"

the idol said to be worth

crores of rupees back to India, due to the wing's efforts, a

"They have also promised to

cover all costs associated with transferring the idol from

London to India, ensuring

that it can be returned to the temple for worship. This marks a significant step in the

efforts to return stolen idols to their rightful places of origin," the release said.

Efforts were on to bring this idol to Tamil Nadu within a

Director General of Police

Shankar Jiwal, appreciated the

release here said.

month's time.

the police said on Friday.

...These issues have been raised repeatedly during the week with the result that we have already lost three working days. The days that should have been committed by us for public cause, Dhankhar said.

The chairman said the loss of time, opportunity and question hour has given enormous setbacks to the people at large.
"Now, I find honourable

members and I call upon you for deep reflection. Rule 267 is being weaponised as a mechanism of disruption and disruption from our normal working. There are very

senior members," he said. The statement led to further protests, with some opposition members raising slogans against Prime Minister Prime against Narendra Modi and the Adani Group.

Expressing deep anguish, Dhankhar said, "Our actions are not people-centric. They are to absolute public distaste, we are getting into irrelevance, the CPI(M) were among the people are ridiculing us, we Rajya Sabha members who Krishna Das.

UK museum to return to Tamil Nadu idol bought in 1967



The Chairperson's statement in the House led to protests with slogans being raised against Prime Minister Narendara Modi and Adani

have virtually become a laughing stock.

Pramod Tiwari. Ranjeet Ranjan, and Vivek Tankha were among the Congress party MPs who had given notices for taking up discussion on the alleged corruption and wrongdoings against the Adani Group.

John Brittas and AA Rahim of

recent violence in Sambhal. Sanjay Singh of the AAP had given a notice to take up the issue of "rising" crime in the national capital, while his party colleague Raghav Chadha wanted a discussion on the alleged atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh and the arrest of Hindu

sought discussion on the Raghav PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Punjab MPs protest slow paddy procurement in state

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Congress MPs from Punjab on Friday staged a protest in the Parliament complex against alleged delay in paddy procurement and fertiliser shortage, and demanded that the government compensate the farmers who were forced to sell their produce below the minimum support price

Congress MP from Ludhiana and the party's Punjab chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring blamed the BJP-led Union government and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab for the situation.

"MPs from Punjab raised their voice for the farmers of Punjab, the situation they are facing. They even spent the night at Mandi on Diwali, and were forced to sell below the MSP," Warring told reporters outside Parliament.

The central government should form a committee and probe those who bought crops below the MSP. Farmers should get the price as per the MSP," he said.

Congress MP from Fatehgarh Sahib, Amar Singh said farmers were forced to sell their crops 8-10 per cent below the MSP.

"This is the first time that paddy procurement is not being done properly. Farmers of Punjab had to wait for over a month, and were forced to sell it 8-10 per cent less than the MSP.

"The government should compensate farmers, and make arrangements so that it is not repeated in the future," he said.

Dharamvira Gandhi, the Congress MP from Patiala, added that the government should also announce a loan waiver for farmers of north

"The state and central governments have not taken steps to resolve issues faced by farmers in Punjab... the stores were not emptied, there is a labour problem which was not resolved, truckers' issues were not resolved, no processes were completed, and farmers were forced to spend days waiting to sell their produce, and were eventually forced to sell it at a lower price.
"Loan waiver should be given

to farmers of north India," he added.

The MPs also staged a protest in the Parliament complex, displaying placards with slogans like "farmers in Punjab are not getting DAP fertiliser", "crop is being procured below MSP", and worst procurement in 25

The MPs raised slogans against the Union and Punjab

BJP criticise move to make Karnataka CM the VC of rural varsity

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Opposition BJP on Friday condemned the government's move to make the chief minister the chancellor of the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) University replacing the governor, terming it as an attempt to pollute the higher education system education system.

State BJP president B Y Vijayendra said this attempt to cut down on the powers of the governor is a conspiracy to upset the constitutional

system.
The Karnataka cabinet on Thursday approved a bill, according to which the chief minister will be appointed as the chancellor, replacing the governor at the RDPR

governor at the RDPR University in Gadag.
The governor is the chancellor for all public universities in Karnataka.
Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot currently holds the

post.
"With a good intention that politics should not mix in education and as per the intent of the constitution, the Governor who is also the

constitutional head of the state is the chancellor of the universities. But government led Siddaramaiah (CM), which is engaged in a series of corruption, by abusing its existing powers, is trying to pollute the higher education system," Vijayendra posted on

He said the government's move will allow unnecessary political interference" in the field of rural development

90 medicines found below standard quality in

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October

The Ce Standard Central Drugs Control Organisation found 56 drug samples tested in the central drug laboratories in October as not of standard quality--Not of Standard Qua;lity (NSQ). Besides, the Union health ministry said on Friday, three drug samples picked by the Bihar Drugs Control Authority in October have been identified as They spurious. manufactured

unauthorised and unknown manufacturers, using brand name owned by another company., "An investigation has been initiated into the matter," the ministry stated., "This action of identifying NSQ and spurious medicines is taken on regular basis in collaboration with state regulators to ensure that these drugs are identified and removed from the market," it

Identification of drug samples as NSQ is done based on failure of the drug sample in one or the other specified quality parameters. "The quality parameters. failure is specific to the drug products of the batch tested by the government laboratory and it does not warrant any concerns on the other drug products available in the the ministry clarified, 90 drug samples tested in October found not of standard quality, 34 drug samples tested by state drug regulators have also been identified as NSQ.

identifying and proving the provenance Thirumangai Alwar bronze and facilitating its repatriation process, the release added. Oxford University's

representative reviewed the evidence and testimonies

provided Deputy Superintendent Policenvestigating Officer, P Chandrasekaran, which convincingly established the

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The National Green Tribunal

(NGT) was recently informed

that the international cricket

stadia in Jaipur and Raipur

did not apply for no-objec-

groundwater despite repeated

The Central Ground Water

Authority's (CGWAs) report

therefore requested the tribunal to pass a suitable

order, underscoring even the

district magistrates concerned did not initiate any

In May, the tribunal directed the CGWA and state GWAs to

expeditiously decide the pending NOC applications by

The directions were issued

while hearing a plea against

action against them.

the cricket stadia.

tion certificates to extract

reminders.

led This the representative to submit a detailed report to the University. After careful consideration, the Council of the University of Oxford accepted that the idol had been illegally removed from Sri Soundaraja Perumal

In addition to this success, the Idol Wing CID was continuing its sincere efforts to bring back the remaining three idols: Kaalinga Nartha Krishna, Vishnu, and Sridevi, that were also steles along that were also stolen along with Thirumangai Alwar idol from Sri Soundaraja Perumal temple in Kumbakonam, and are currently in museums in

the United States.
"The CID is working diligently to follow a similar process to ensure that these idols are repatriated to their rightful place, the Sri Soundaraja Perumal Temple in Kumbakonam, where they can once again be used for worship," the release further

In 2020, the wing registered a case based on specific information regarding the theft of four valuable idols from the Soundararaja Perumal temple in Thanjavur exceptional work done by the true origin of the district, between 1957 and Idol Wing CID in successfully Thirumangai Alwar bronze 1967. These idols were

Jaipur, Raipur stadium have no

NOC for ground water extraction

the use of ground water for the maintenance of cricket

stadia alleging they neither

utilised the alternate sewage treatment plant (STP) water,

harvesting systems for storing

and replenishing the ground

In a report dated November 20, the CGWA noted it had

informed the green body that

the BCCI provided a list of 26

stadia, of which 14 were regulated by the CGWA and

the remaining by the SGWA. Among the 14 stadia, three --

Barabati Cricket Stadium in

Cuttack, Sawai Mansingh

Stadium in Jaipur and

Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh

International Stadium, in Raipur -- hadn't applied for

Regarding the present status

of NOCs, it said the Barabati

water.

the NOCs.

installed rainwater

illegally sold by unknown idol traffickers and smuggled abroad. Through sustained efforts, the wing traced the smuggled idols to various museums abroad. The Thirumangai Alwar idol

was found to have been purchased by the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford University, London, in 1967. Oxford Investigation revealed that, at present, only replicas of these four idols were used for worship at the Sri Soundaraja Perumal temple, while the original idols remain in foreign museums.

The investigating officers, under the guidance of IGP, Idol Wing CID, R Dhinakaran, and the direct supervision

Superintendent of Police, Idol Wing CID, R Sivakumar, have meticulously collected all scientific evidences regarding the provenance of the four stolen idols.

"The officers compiled convincing and indisputable evidence and have sent it to the relevant authorities in the countries where these idols are currently located. This evidence is crucial in demonstrating the true origin of the idols, which had been smuggled abroad," the release

Stadium was issued the

But the Jaipur and Raipur

stadia did not apply for

"Despite repeated reminders

through letters and emails,

the Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) has not

applied for NOC for the

extraction of groundwater by

Sawai Mansingh Cricket

Stadium," the report said. It said the CGWA of the

western region requested the

district collector (DC) or

district magistrate (DM) of

Jaipur to take action against the stadium but "despite

action was taken and on

November 11, the authority

directed the DC to seal the

stadium's borewells and

submit an action taken report

repeated reminders"

report by November 16.

NOCs, it said.

certificate on November 13.

Andaman drug smugglers called Indian contact

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ays after the nearly 6,000 were seized from a trawler in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, investigators found that the smugglers had made multiple calls to their contacts in South East Asian countries, including one person in north India, a top police officer said on Friday. They also entered navigational coordinates for Neil Island in South Andaman and Rangat in Middle Andaman into their Andaman and systems. Nicobar Police collaborated with the Indian Coast Guard to arrest six international narco cartel members of Burmese origin and seize their boat customised transhipment. Dhaliwal said, "Apart from making calls to people in South East Asian countries, the smugglers also contacted a person in North India. We have alerted the agencies concerned and are looking into details about this person." As part of the investigation, the police are trying to find out who bought the Starlink internet device the smugglers were using and its usage history, he said.

Birsa Munda's great grandson passes away

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Tribal icon Birsa Munda's great-grandson Mangal Munda, who was undergoing treatment at a hospital here after being injured in a road accident, died Friday, an official of the health facility said. He was 45. Mangal Munda breathed his last at 12.30 am at the state's apex health facility - Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS).

Birsa Munda's great grandson had sustained severe head injuries after he fell from the roof of a passenger vehicle in Iharkhand's Khunti district on November 25.

'Birsa Munda's kin Mangal Munda died of cardiovascular failure around 12.30 am. He was on a ventilator after being critically injured. We tried our best to save him but failed," RIMS Medical Superintendent Dr Hiren Birua told PTI.

Mangal Munda was referred to RIMS on Tuesday from Khunti's Sadar Hospital. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi termed Munda's demise as a loss to Iharkhand tribal society. "I am deeply saddened by the

demise of Mangal Munda Ji, a descendant of Lord Birsa Munda Ji. His demise is an



Jharkhand CM pays tribute to the mortal remains of Mangal Munda

irreparable loss for his family as well as the tribal society of Jharkhand. May God give strength to his family in this hour of grief," PM posted on

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Governor Santosh Gangwar also condoled the death of Mangal Munda.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of the demise of Shri Mangal Munda Ji, a descendant of Lord Birsa Munda, who was undergoing treatment at RIMS. May Marang Buru (supreme tribal deity) grant peace to the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family to bear this difficult time of grief," Soren posted on the microblogging site. He along with senior officials visited RIMS and met the

family members of Munda. "Mangal Munda ji suffered

serious injuries. Doctors tried their best. We tried hard. We were keeping an eye on his treatment. We were ready to shift him to any other state if required but he was on a ventilator. We did not get time. We will extend all possible support to his family," Soren told reporters after placing a wreath on Munda's mortal remains. Gangwar, in a message on the

social media site, said, "The news of the demise of Mangal Munda, a descendant of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda is extremely sad. My deepest condolences to the bereaved family. May God give strength to the bereaved family to bear this sorrow." Meanwhile, the last rites of Mangal Munda are likely to be performed at his ancestral village Ulihatu, around 65 km from Jharkhand's capital

Festival of festivals, Hornbill to kickoff in Kisama on December 1

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The 25th edition of the 10-day-long Hornbill Festival in Nagaland is set to Hornbill begin on December 1.

This year, the festival will feature four country partners—Wales, the US, Japan, and Peru—along with two state partners, Sikkim and Telangana, Tourism Minister Temjen Imna Along said at a press conference here on Friday.

The festival is a flagship tourism event designed to promote, preserve and showcase the state's rich

cultural heritage. The Hornbill Festival is held at the picturesque Naga Heritage Village in Kisama,

Kohima-Imphal National Highway, with structures erected depicting the map of Nagaland.

"The festival, which kicks off in just two days, will mark a significant milestone in Nagaland's history," the minister said.

Known as the festival of festivals, the event attracts visitors from across the world to witness the state's vibrant traditions, food, arts and crafts, he said.

These partners participate in various events, including business roundtables, cultural exhibitions, and tourism promotions, he said.

partner The inaugural ceremony will Heritage Village in Kisama, take place at 4 pm on La Ganesan as chief host and 12 km from the state capital December 1, in the presence Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio



of the dignitaries of the countries honoured guests, Governor

as host. The economic impact of the festival is expected to be significant, with the state government's investments Metha said that the festival

reaching over Rs 100 crore for infrastructure development and the seating upgrading the seating capacity of the main arena of the festival to 5,000 people with prefab structures, he

As part of the 25th edition's celebrations, the Hornbill Parade will return, merging with the Kohima Night Bazaar for a vibrant carnival atmosphere on December 7, said the advisor to the chief minister Abu Metha.

Multiple districts across Nagaland, including Dimapur, Wokha, and Zunheboto, will also host a variety of music and cultural events throughout the festival, he said.

With a budget of Rs 6.5 crore

generates around 200 crore in economic activity, benefiting local businesses, hoteliers, and even ecotourism efforts. Environmental sustainability is a key focus this year, with the government striving to make the festival a "green event", he said, adding that efforts to reduce plastic waste and promote eco-friendly practices are central to the festival's planning.

When asked about the flow of IMFL at the main festival venue in Kisama despite Nagaland being a dry state, Minister Along said the government has allowed the sale of Indian-made liquor exclusively at Kisama during the event, adhering to the state's prohibition laws.

for the 2024 edition, the Hornbill Festival is not only a celebration of Nagaland's culture but also a platform for dialogue global economic opportunity, Along The festival, which began as a

tourism initiative, now stands as a testament to the collective efforts of the Naga people, offering a chance to showcase their culture and hospitality to the world, said

The 10-day music festival to be hosted by Task Force for Music & Arts will mark the evening celebrations of the Hornbill festival with bands artists from the partnering countries and also famed Indian bands taking the stage, he said.

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Unjust arrest

The arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das in Bangladesh underscores the persistent challenges faced by its religious minorities

The recent arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das, a prominent Hindu monk and spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilit Sanatan Jagran Jote, has spotlighted the precarious situation of religious minorities in Bangladesh. Das, known for his advocacy on behalf of Hindu communities, was apprehended on sedition charges after a religious flag was reportedly hoisted above the Bangladeshi national flag during a rally in Chittagong. This incident has sparked heated debates, both domestically and internationally, about the treatment of minorities in Bangladesh and its implications for regional stability.

Chinmoy Krishna Das, a senior figure within ISKCON and leader of the 'Sanatan Jagaran Mancha,' has been vocal about the rights of Hindus in Bangladesh. His arrest follows an incident on October 25, when the ISKCON flag was placed above the Bangladeshi national flag at a protest. The act, perceived by authorities as a threat to national sovereignty, led to sedition charges under Bangladeshi law. While the government views



the flag incident as an affront to national integrity, critics argue that the charges are politically motivated, aiming to suppress minority voices. Das and the 'Sanatan Jagaran Mancha' have articulated an eight-point agenda, emphasising structural reforms to protect minorities in Bangladesh. They are demanding a dedicated ministry for minority affairs and establishment of a tribunal to expedite justice for crimes against minorities and other safeguards for preserving their identity.

Their demands reflect a long-standing plea for systemic changes to safeguard minority communities, which constitute approximately 10 per cent of Bangladesh's population. The arrest has triggered wide-

spread criticism. Former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina condemned the government's action, calling for the monk's immediate release and emphasising the importance of religious freedom. The incident also drew attention to recent waves of violence against minorities, including the burning of a Hindu temple in Chittagong and attacks on other religious groups. This episode has exposed the interim government's struggle to maintain law and order, with opposition leaders accusing it of targeting minorities to divert attention from economic mismanagement and political instability. While New Delhi often raises concerns about the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh, it must tread cautiously to avoid exacerbating tensions. India's position must be consistent. While advocating for minority rights abroad, India must also reflect on its domestic challenges. Rising incidents of communal violence and rhetoric against minorities in India undermine its credibility on the global stage. By ensuring that its own minorities feel secure and respected, India can lead by example and strengthen its moral authority when engaging with Bangladesh. For Bangladesh, the way forward lies in embracing its pluralistic heritage and ensuring that all its citizens, regardless of faith, feel safe and valued. Only then can it achieve sustainable stability and international respect it deserves.



Artist paints a wall as beautification drive ahead of the Rising Rajasthan event, in Jaipur

Save India's elephants from multiple threats



Encroachments on migration corridors, poaching and deadly interactions with humans and infrastructure are creating a precarious future for these gentle giants

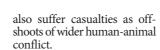
ccording to the report, "The Status of Elephants in India 2022-23" there has been a nearly 20 per cent decline in India's elephant population between 2017 and 2022. Authorities have dubbed the printed version, compiled by the Wildlife Institute of India, which is under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, as an interim report because census data from the country's north-eastern part have yet to be completed. The final report will be released by the end of June, 2025.

The final figures from the northeastern part are unlikely to make a significant difference to the percentage of decline. This is because of the pattern of development in the region where, according to the report, elephant populations are scattered in a mosaic dominated by human habitations, tea plantations, mines, oil refineries and linear infrastructure (roads and railway lines), which makes their movements and lives precarious. Poaching for ivory as another menace.

More or less the same causes account for the challenges elephants face in other parts of the country. Not only are their habitats encroached upon, the 88 elephant corridors, through which the behemoths migrate for food and water, are encroached upon by human settlements and have railway lines and roads running across them.

While efforts have been made to ensure safe passage by building over-bridges for elephants to cross railway lines, most elephants do not use them and cross roads and railway lines on foot. Not surprisingly, over 200 of them have perished in train accidents over the last 10 years.

Their habitats being encroached upon, and movements under pressure, elephants are migrating to new areas abutting human settlements. Human- elephant conflicts have consequently increased with the number of people killed increasing from 457 in Environment Alliance League 2018-19 to 605 in 2022-23. Three (HEAL), a Kolkata-based nonhundred elephants have been killed in the last three years. They



The killings are often done with appalling cruelty. On August 15, 2024, a cow elephant died in agony in Jhargram, West Bengal, after being pierced by a flaming spear by a band of about 35 men forming a "hulla" (loud noise) party-the nomenclature given to groups, armed with mashaals (flaming torches) and tasked by state forest departments with driving wild elephants away from human habitations. In this case, the party was reportedly mobilised by West Bengal's Forest department to chase away a herd of six elephants which had entered a human habitation and killed a senior citizen. The cow elephant continued to be hit even after she was wounded. Moving forward, dragging her hind feet and writhing in agony, she finally collapsed and died eight hours later despite the forest department's efforts to treat her.

A report by Jayashree Nandi and Joydeep Thakur in The Hindustan Times datelined August 20, 2024, quoted a representative of the Human & profit organisation, as saying, "Hulla drives happen in mob



WHILE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO **ENSURE SAFE** PASSAGE BY BUILDING **OVER-BRIDGES** FOR ELEPHANTS TO CROSS RAILWAY LINES, MOST ELEPHANTS DO NOT

USE THEM

situations... The elephants suffer emotional trauma because of these invasive measures, in addition to physical distress. There is an urgent need to completely stop the use of mashaals by state authorities to drive [out] elephants."

The report quoted an environ-mentalist, who had asked not to be named, as saying, that the whole idea behind having a hulla party was to chase elephants away by using light. We know that animals are instinctively scared of fire. But we have seen in the past that hulla groups, employed by the forest department, are in [an] inebriated condition and resort to all kinds of horrific torture. Locals are extremely disturbed about this. Moreover, all corridors that can help these elephants escape are now encroached upon so conflict is rising."

Sometime, death is a collateral development. On May 27, 2020, a pregnant elephant collapsed in Velliyar river in Kerala's Palakkad district and died, after having stood there since May 25. According to the post-mortem report on the tragedy, the immediate cause of her death was drowning. On May 12, 2020, she had tried to eat a coconut that had been stuffed with explosives to kill wild boars that ate up crops.

The result was serious, incapacitating wounds in her oral cavity. "This", the post-mortem report continued, "resulted in excruciating pain and distress in the region and prevented the animal from taking food and water for nearly two weeks. Severe debility and weakness, in turn, resulted in a final collapse in water that led to drowning." According to a report by Sujit Bisoyi in The Indian Express (datelined November 18, 2024,), three elephants, including a calf, died after falling into an electrified trap, laid by poachers for killing wild boars, in Odisha's

Sambalpur district.

boars be killed in this terrible way? The human-animal conflict is making demons out of people. Meanwhile, there is good news from across the oorder. Under the auspices of Four Paws, a global animal welfare organisation, Madhubala, an African elephant, was shifted on November 26, 2024, from the Karachi Zoo to Karachi Safari Park, to join her two sisters. Malika and Sonia, in open air. One hopes, brought from Africa when young, they live happily hereafter.

The question is: should wild

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Antimicrobial resistance: An invisible risk for women health



With AMR deaths projected to exceed 10 million annually by 2050, a gendersensitive, intersectional approach is critical to tackling this silent epidemic

7hen antibiotics or antimicrobials, impactful the first few times, lose their efficacy as their intake increases, sometimes unthinkingly and unnecessarily, it indicates that the bacteria, fungi, viruses and parasites it was being used to treat have become resistant to these drugs. Prevention and treatment of infections then become increasingly difficult and can lead to fatal consequences.

While this antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is invisible, the people affected by it are not. În 2021, deaths linked to AMR numbered a staggering 4.7 million and approximately 1.5 million were directly caused by it.

Worryingly, India has one of the world's highest AMR rates. Equally worrying is that the impacts of AMR are not the same for everyone. Since the drivers of AMR in India include lack of access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and limited access to healthcare facilities among others, AMR disproportionately affects certain groups compared with others. Thus, marginalised and vulnerable communities, espe-

cially women, face a higher the safe use of antibiotics.

risk of acquiring bacterial infections, including drugresistant infections and AMR. It is a good fact that women face more barriers to accessing health information than men. Limited mobility prevents them from attending public health awareness events and learning about Low levels of education lead to ignorance on the use and misuse of antibiotics not just for themselves, but for their children also. Studies have found that misuse of antibiotics while breastfeeding can contribute to the development of AMR, particularly in intestinal microbiota in a child, through breast milk transfer. They are more prone to seeking antibiotics to get

self-medication are often purchased without prescriptions from unlicensed local shops as limited financial resources often dictate whether it is worth paying a visit to a health facility.

It has been proven that treating viral infections with antibiotics, not buying the full course of treatment, interrupting treatment and sharing medicines can lead to an increased risk of AMR with the emergence of resistant strains of bacteria. Sexual orientation and associated sexual behaviours among individuals also contribute to the risks of acquiring AMR. Laws that criminalise homosexual relationships coupled with stigma are deterrents to health-seeking behaviour by key populations such as men having sex with men (MSM), lesbian gay, bi, trans, queer and other identities (LGBTQ+) individuals. This enhances their exposure to pathogens, such as an increased risk of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and antimicrobial drug resistance. Gender-based violence also plays a significant role in

work. Medicines used for Multiple studies have shown that women, including married women, are at a higher risk than men of being exposed to STIs through sexual violence, having a spouse with multiple partners, male resistance to condom use and women's low ability to negotiate safe sex.

This increases women's risk of contracting STIs, particularly gonorrhoea, one of the most transmitted STIs which has the potential for drug resistance. The more frequent the UTIs, the greater the use of ciprofloxacin and the higher the risk of AMR. With the possibility of deaths associated with AMR rising to over 10 million annually by 2050, there is an urgent need to adopt a robust intersectionality approach. Greater data disaggregated by sex, gender, disability, geographical location, occupation, sexual orientation and socio-economic status is urgently needed to implement policies to prevent AMR, especially among women, LGBTQ, people living with HIV and other vulnerable

groups. (The author is a journalist writing on development and better as fast as possible, to AMR among women. gender; views are personal)

REMEMBERING PHILLIP HUGHES

Madam — A decade has passed since the tragic death of the Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes. The painful irony is that Hughes was killed by the very game that he loved most. As a thumb rule, cricket ought to provide entertainment to all of us. But, in Hughes' demise, the game dealt a severe blow to the cricketing fraternity, from which it could not come to terms till

Numbers 408 and 63 that denote Hughes' Test cap and the last runs scored by him, respectively, will ever remain a shadow bigger than his frame. As the cricket world pauses to reflect on Hughes' contributions and untimely loss, the commemorations that Cricket Australia is preparing to pay a heartfelt tribute to him, marking his 10th death anniversary, serve as a reminder of the unity and resilience within the cricketing community. Hughes' legacy continues to inspire players and fans alike, reinforcing the profound and lasting impact he had on Australian cricket. Perhaps the bulbs that bloom on the grass at the Sydney Cricket Ground every day are not snowdrops but are droplets of tears in memory of the deceased young Australian crick-

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

PRIYANKA IN PARLIAMENT Madam— History sometimes records the rarest of the rare incidence in its book and in Indian history, the Congress party is renowned for creating multiple such historic incidences. The Gandhi family has once again done something similar to having three members in the Parliament from one family only. After Sonia and Rahul Gandhi, the newest MP in the house, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is all set to begin her new league in the temple of Indian democracy, the Indian parliament. Initiating her spectacular victory this election from Wayanad with the huge margin of around four lakh votes, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is paving the way to represent the aspirations of Wayanad on the floor of Parliament itself. Her oath catch-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ceasefire a huge respite for Lebanon



propos to "Glimmer of Hope," published on November 28. The Lebanon ceasefire is definitely a huge respite. Over one million have been forced to flee their homes by Israeli military action and more than 3,500 citizens have been killed in Israeli attacks and

es the attention, as she holds the copy of the Constitution in her hand and takes the oath simultaneously.

Now, Priyanka Gandhi is also there, Rahul Gandhi, who is the current Leader of the Opposition from Congress, can represent the Opposition opinion more strongly. Priyanka can contribute the southern aspirations and perspective more explicitly due to her southern representation in the Parliament. Beginning the new political league at the parliament at the age of 52 needs strong zeal. She has taken the oath and become the Member of Parliament, we hope that she will be able to walk the talk and keep the Constitution at the epitome during her service period as MP.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

ONLINE SERVICES DISRUPTED

Madam — Since the afternoon of Thursday, November 28, people and companies using net banking and online services in the country have been facing problems. The OTP i.e. 'One Time Password,' that comes on the registered mobile number while making any transaction has starthomes of tens of thousands have been destroyed. Though few people in Israel feel that this ceasefire would collapse as Netanyahu himself said that this is the time to give breathers to his forces and replenish stocks. The US and France will have to ensure that this ceasefire holds.

As of now, the Israeli army would remain in the southern part of Lebanon and adapt the wait-and-watch policy. Israel has eliminated the whole top leadership of Hezbollah and we should be hopeful that they do not backtrack. Lebanon should focus on rebuilding its battered infrastructure. It is a moment of cautious hope as peace has been elusive in this part of the world. Both parties should avoid provocations and prioritise the lives of civilians over the politics of war. The world would watch with bated breath

Bal Govind | Noida

ed arriving very late. After which, on entering the OTP, a message comes that the 'One Time Password' has expired. This is happening because due to the new rules of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, i.e. TRAI, there has been a delay in receiving the One Time Password (OTP).

TRAI claims that under this, they want to ensure that online users do not become victims of any kind of cyber fraud. But to prevent them from becoming victims of fraud, the work of people, institutions and companies has now come to a halt. Now we will have to go back to the manual era and for every transaction like NEFT, i.e. National Electronic Fund Transfer and RTGS, i.e. 'Real Time Gross Settlement' fund transfer work, we will have to stand in queues at the counters of banks. These transactions will not be possible on holidays. TRAI needs to reconsider its decision. This will start having an adverse effect on the business of billions of rupees every day. Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

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TRANSFORMING THE **SPORTING MINDSET**

A holistic approach, encompassing administration, training and spiritual discipline, can transform sports



RAVI VALLURI

n your marks, set, go. The gunshot fired and the cauldron rose rambunctiously as Usain Bolt scorched the track, adding to his ever-growing tally of medals. Contrast this with Indian athletes. Why is our mind prepared for the also-ran? Indian athletes need to possess the single-minded pursuit, the talent, the eye and the mind of an Arjuna. He was a successful archer as he honed his skills and had immense faith in his Guru- Dronacharya and his sakha - Lord Krishna. He was rewarded by both. Lord Krishna blessed him with a divine vision to capture the SOHAM Swaroop, the Vishwarup Darshan.

Dronacharya equipped his favourite tutee by filling his arsenal with all the weaponry at his disposal. The elasticity, malleability and humility of Arjuna's mind enabled him to conquer his fears and his opponents, by fortuitously overcoming the cobwebs in his mind. Arjuna's mind was Ajatashatru and thus became his ally. True, the spirit and motto of the Olympics as coined by Pierre de Coubertin in 1894 was and is Citius, Altius, Fortius (Faster, Higher, Stronger), and one should play in the spirit of sportsmanship. But the drive to excel and stand at the podium is dismally missing.

The passion to climb, not clamber to the podium, What makes the minds of those athletes tick, where we fail? We do not possess the wherewithal. Cricket remains the Holy Grail of the nation and these days it is the Indian Premier League that dominates our sporting arena. At one end of the spectrum is cricket and all other sports are at the other end. It is



a virtual denouncing of all other sports. Sakshi Malik, Olympic bronze medalist works with the Northern Railway and the first woman Olympic silver medalist, PV Sindhu's father is the sports officer of South-Central Railway. The mindsets of these women of substance were akin to Ajatashatru as they turned around gruelling situations into triumphant

These mindsets indicate the indomitable spirit which should be embraced by all sportspersons. The mindset and approach of the Ministry of Sports need to be altered radically. The administration of this department needs a vigorous overhaul. Indian Railways and Indian Defence Forces should be actively involved in revamping the moribund organisation along with the participation of the private sector to provide an adequate corpus of funds through their Corporate Social Responsibility programme. However, doubts should not arise in the corners of the minds of the administrators. They should be willing to take the risks.

Their minds too should be flexible in approach and become Ajatashatru. Most sportsmen find relaxation with the latest gizmos and listening to music and in the entertainment industry. Perhaps it will be a profitable exercise to begin the rigorous schedule by practising yoga, and pranayama and then resume their normal routine. The day should end with the practice of Sudarshan Kriya and meditation. This will make the bodies and minds supple. Several East Asian countries and China follow a regimen of spiritual teachings like Vipassana to enhance the quality of performance of their athletes. China takes several pages from the works of Tsung Tzu to learn the craft of war to train the minds of their sportspersons. This dynamic approach produces champions." Endurance is one of the most difficult disciplines, but it is to the one who endures that the final victory comes," said Buddha. It is a matter of honour to climb the podium. Let us begin our preparations yesterday with earnestness and train our sportspersons to become truly Ajatashatru.

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The Eastern challenge to Western supremacy



As alliances between Eastern nations grow stronger, the American-led global order faces an existential challenge—one that could redefine the world's balance of power



hat if everything you've been told about global conflicts is a carefully crafted narrative, designed to obscure the true motives behind the wars shaping our world? What if the West, in its pursuit of global dominance, has been engineering not only conflicts but also economic crises to maintain an order that ensures its supremacy? From secret military operations to covert sabotage of vital infrastructure, the unsettling reality is far darker and more strategic than we're led to believe. Take, for example, the US Space Force's

secret X-37B spacecraft, a classified project performing manoeuvres unknown to the public. Officially seen as a technological marvel for testing new military systems, the X-37B reveals the West's obsession with space as the final frontier of warfare—a new realm for control, surveillance, and preparation for conflict beyond terrestrial borders. In

Germany is quietly preparing for a war that might never be fought, but whose consequences will be felt across generations. The German government has begun drawing up plans for the construction and expansion of bunkers, turning buildings-metro stations, and underground car parks—into fortified shelters in case of conflict.

The reasons for these preparations are not openly discussed, but anyone with a cursory knowledge of geopolitics can understand the strategic intent. At the heart of this is the fear of Russia, a fear that has taken root despite decades of diplomatic agreements and economic cooperation. But the true motive behind these moves, hidden beneath the veil of defence, is not just survival. It's about keeping Europe within the American orbit—controlling the narrative and preventing the rise of any bloc that might dare to challenge the order established in the aftermath of the Cold War. As the West tightens its grip on the war



ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, **COVERT** OPERATIONS. AND POLITICAL MANIPULATION ARSENAL, DEPLOYED TO DIVIDE AND

CONQUER, **ENSURING THAT** PEACE BETWEEN CHINA, RUSSIA AND INDIA REMAINS AN UNTHINKABLE **PROSPECT**

in Ukraine, a much larger game is unfolding—one rooted in economic sabotage, echoing dark chapters from WWI and WWII. During WWI, the British naval blockade led to over 750,000 German deaths from starvation, while in WWII, both Axis and Allied powers exploited occupied economies.

The US used sanctions and trade embargoes to cripple Germany, Japan, and Italy, before later pushing the Marshall Plan to prevent Soviet expansion.

WWII's hidden agenda was to establish a new global economic order, cemented by institutions like the IMF and World Bank. Today, the destruction of the Nord Stream pipelines, a symbol of the West's desperation, exemplifies the lengths to which the West will go to control European energy resources. While it harms ARE BUT TOOLS the German public and European IN THE WEST'S markets, the US and its allies benefit from the uncertainty and dependence on their energy exports. This isn't a mere accident; it's economic warfare to weaken Russia and prevent Germany from growing too inde-

> A fragmented Europe is far easier to control than a self-sufficient one.But the true target of the West's fear is not merely Russia. It is the potential unity between China, India and Russia. These nations, once seen as geopolitical rivals, are now forging alliances that threaten to upend the balance of power in a way that the West cannot tolerate.

The prospect of India, the world's most populous country, rising to become the third-largest economy in the world in the next few years is a nightmare for the West. Índia, with its growing manufacturing sector, burgeoning technological innovation, and rapidly expanding middle class, represents an existential threat to the economic order that has been so carefully crafted by the West

over the last century.
But there's something even more dangerous: the potential for India, China, and Russia to align themselves strategically, creating a bloc that could challenge the very foundations of the American-led global system. This is not mere conjecture. The relationship between these nations is growing stronger by the day, driven by mutual interests in trade, energy, and security.

India's role as a bridge between the East and West has already made it a key player in the global economy, and its rise is inevitable—unless, of course, the West can sabotage it.

From the ongoing conflict with Pakistan to the subtle manoeu-vring within India's border countries, the West's tactics are clear: prevent India from becoming too powerful, too independent. The rise of India would disrupt the existing order, unseating the US dollar's global dominance, challenging the West's monopoly over technological innovation, and upsetting the very structure of global trade.

For years, the West has maintained a delicate balance by keeping China, India, and Russia in a state of disunity, playing them off each other whenever possible. This disunity has been the foundation of Western power in the modern world, preventing the rise of any one nation that could unite the East and threaten the West's economic hegemony. The more these nations grow

losing its control over global affairs.

A united East is the ultimate nightmare, and the West will stop at nothing to ensure it never happens. Economic sanctions, covert operations, and political manipulation are but tools in the West's arsenal, deployed to divide and conquer, ensuring that peace between China, Russia, and India remains an unthinkable prospect. But what if India, China, and Russia do unite?

What if they form a powerful bloc, in addition to BRICS but similar to Five Eyes or AUKUS, one that can rival the economic and military might of the West? The very notion of peace in this region-the idea that these nations could cooperate, trade, and build mutual trust—strikes at the heart of Western strategy. Peace in the East is the West's greatest tear, and the possibility of such a peace emerging in the wake of current geopolitical turmoil is something the West cannot allow. It is the very foundation of the Western empire that stands on the brink of collapse, should this unity ever come to

If unity is ensured, the East may finally break free from the chains of Western manipulation, and the world may look very different from how it does today. The question remains: can the West survive in a world where it no longer controls the narrative, the economy, or the very fate of nations? Only time will tell, but the signs are already clear—if the West doesn't change its course, it will be its actions that lead to its

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Trump re-elected as the US President: Nationalism rises amid global shifts

His re-election is set to influence US immigration, trade and foreign policies while creating ripple effects across the globe

onald Trump has been re-elected as President of the United States, defeating Kamala Harris in a closely watched election. His return to power has sparked global speculation about potential shifts in US economic and social policies. Trump's previous tenure was marked by transformative changes, and his "America First" doctrine remains central to his administration.

The Rise of Nationalism Globally, nationalism is surging amid challenges like globalisation, terrorism, religious extremism and economic upheaval. Trump's victory reflects this trend. During his first term, Trump emphasised reviving American manufacturing, limiting

Chinese imports, and reform-



protect American jobs. His proposal to build a US-Mexico border wall became symbolic of his immigration stance. Trump also advocated reducing costly military interventions abroad and fostered a controversial friendship with Russian President Vladimir Putin, breaking traditional US-Russia dynamics. These policies resonated with a significant portion of the al immigration policies, rein-

electorate, reinforcing forcing nationalist senti-Trump's popularity.

Nationalism is also gaining traction in Europe. Post-World War II liberalism and globalisation have given way to a nationalist wave, driven by economic concerns and fears of societal erosion. Britain's Brexit epitomised this shift, and several European nations, including Italy, Finland and Hungary, now have nationalist gov-

Even traditionally liberal countries like Germany and France are witnessing growing influence from nationalist parties. Rising extremism, as seen in recent violent incidents in France and England, has further fueled public discontent with liber-

ments Implications of victory of

Nationalism Trump's win represents a significant setback for liberal ideologies, including Wokeism and leftist movements. His administration's emphasis on American nationalism underscores a rejection of policies perceived as prioritising minority appeasement or extremism. While Trump has praised the contributions of Hindus in America, he has also vowed to take a hardline stance against extremism, including deporting Muslim immigrants linked to groups like

Hamas. The Biden administration's perceived support for liberal and leftist ideologies con-



trasts with Trump's firm nationalist agenda. His "America First" slogan signifies a broader rejection of extremism and a commitment to protecting US interests. This ideological divide is emblematic of a global realignment favoring nation-

Elon Musk's Role

Elon Musk, a billionaire industrialist, played a pivotal role in the elections. Musk, a former critic of Trump, became a vocal supporter due to his personal experi-ences with Wokeism, partic-ularly involving his family. California's Woke-influenced education policies led to a gender transition for Musk's son, causing a rift within his

Disillusioned, Musk resolved to challenge Wokeism. After acquiring Twitter (now X), Musk reinstated Trump's account and actively supported his campaign.

Musk's actions symbolise a broader cultural battle against Woke ideologies, aligning with Trump's nationalist nar-

Trump's Victory and Its Impact on India

Trump's presidency has significant implications for India. His tough stance on China aligns with India's interests, potentially encouraging global firms to view India as a manufacturing alternative. This could bolster India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. However, Trump's protectionist policies, such as potential tariff hikes and restrictions on H-1B visas, might pose challenges for Indian exporters and IT firms. Trump's administration may also bring geopolitical benefits Strengthening ties with both the US and Russia could enhance India's global positioning. While Trump's cli-

mate change stance might

hinder global environmental goals, his leadership could contribute to reducing extremism and terrorism, fostering stability. Conclusion

Trump's re-election reflects a global shift toward nationalism, driven by dissatisfaction with liberal policies and rising concerns about extremism. His presidency promises significant changes in US domestic and foreign policies, emphasising economic protectionism, immigration reform, and geopolitical realignments. For India, Trump's leadership presents both opportunities and challenges, shaping its role in the evolving global landscape.
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Negotiators get closer to agreeing on plastic pollution treaty

AP BUSAN (SOUTH KOREA)

Negotiators working on a treaty to address the global crisis of plastic pollution inched closer to an agreement Friday, with more countries saying they want to address the total plastic on Earth. The most contentious issue of the talks is whether there will be a limit on the amount of plastic that companies are allowed to produce. Panama proposed text for the treaty to address plastic production on Thursday. Juan Carlos Monterrey, head of

consensus because it does not include a numerical target or production cap. Instead, it says countries would adopt a global target at a later conference of the parties

meeting. Support for Panama's proposal quickly grew to over 100 countries. Some plastic-producing and oil and gas countries, including Saudi Arabia, vigorously oppose including plastic production in the treaty, calling it a red line. Russia's delegation has said if the world is serious about this treaty, negotiators must concentrate on provisions Panama's delegation, said it's a acceptable for all delegations. compromise proposal to build On Friday afternoon, Luis Vayas



Valdivieso, the committee chair from Ecuador, issued a paper with draft treaty text, condensing the views expressed by negotiators during the week. The treaty article on production has Panama's proposal. The other option is to strike that article.

"This is great! This is great," Monterrey said as he read the doc-ument on his cellphone just after it was issued.

"It is a big show of force, of muscle, for those countries that are ambitious. And also this shows that consensus is still possible," he said in an interview.

Global plastics production is set to

reach 736 million tons by 2040, up 70% from 2020, without policy changes, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Environmental organizations demonstrated with signs outside the convention center Friday morning, demanding that negotia-

tors show courage. Negotiators began meeting Monday in Busan. They split into groups to consider text for treaty articles. By the midpoint of the negotiations, none had agreed to anything. They were having long discussions over topics where there's more agreement, such as the

need to manage plastic waste better. And they hadn't settled on some of the basics of the treaty, such as the scope and definitions. Valdivieso told them Wednesday night their progress was too slow and they had to speed up signifi-

cantly. The delegations will now discuss Valdivieso's paper and decide whether to agree to the articles. The meeting ends late Sunday or

early Monday.
UN Environment Program Executive Director Inger Andersen said there's still enough time to land an agreement, "if we work

Bangladesh freezes bank accounts of 17, including arrested leader

Bangladesh's authorities have ordered freezing for 30 days the bank accounts of 17 people associated with ISKCON, including its former member Chinmoy Krishna Das arrested this week on sedition charges, media reports said Friday.

The move comes after the Bangladesh High Court rejected a petition seeking a ban on International Society for Consciousness (ISKCON), following the killing of a lawyer in a clash between the Hindu leader's supporters and security personnel.
The Bangladesh Financial

Intelligence Unit (BFIU) sent these directives to different banks and financial institutions on Thursday, suspending all types of transactions related to these accounts for a month, newspaper Prothom Alo said. The financial intelligence agency under the central Bangladesh Bank asked the banks and financial institutions to send information, including updated transaction statements of accounts related

all businesses owned by these 17 individuals, within the next three working days, it said.

On October 30, a sedition case was filed against 19 people, including Das, at Chattogram's Kotwali Police Station, accusing them of disrespecting Bangladesh's national flag in Chattogram's New Market area during a rally of the Hindu community.

Das, a spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote, was arrested from Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Monday for alleged sedition. He was denied bail and sent to jail by a Chattogram court on Tuesday, triggering protests by his supporters.

On Tuesday, New Delhi expressed concern over the leader's arrest and denial of bail, and asked Bangladesh to ensure the safety of Hindus and other minorities.

Ousted Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina too has sought the priest's release. She also condemned the killing of the lawyer during the protests

ISKCON Bangladesh refuted allegations linking it to the lawyer's killing, saying the claims were baseless and part of

a malicious campaign. A spokesman of the attorney general's office said a twomember High Court bench that declined to ban the ISKCON activities in Bangladesh also said the situation did not warrant the intervention of the (High) court "at this time" as the State is carry ing out its job. The Bench hoped that the government would remain cautious about protecting the law and order situation and the lives and properties of the people of Bangladesh.

Hindus — the community constituted about 22 per cent of Bangladesh's population during the 1971 Liberation War, now make up roughly 8 per cent have been frequently reporting atrocities against their community members in different parts of Bangladesh.

There are also reports of the rise of extremist groups such as the Jamaat-e-Islami and similar ideological extremist wings.

Russian defence minister in N Korea for talks

Russian Defence Minister Andrei Belousov arrived in North Korea on Friday for talks with North Korean military and political leaders as the countries deepen their cooperation over Russia's war in Ukraine.

In announcing the visit, Russia's Defence Ministry didn't say whom Belousov would meet or the purpose of the talks. North Korean state media didn't immediately confirm the visit. Belousov, a former economist, replaced Sergei Shoigu as defence minister in May after Russian President Vladimir Putin started a fifth term in

Photos released by the Defense Ministry showed Belousov walking alongside North Korean Defense Minister No Kwang Chol on a red carpet at a Pyongyang airport. North Korean military officials were seen clapping under a banner that read, "Complete support and solidarity with the fighting Russian army and people." Belousov noted after his arrival that military cooperation between the countries is expanding. He applauded a

strategic partnership agree-

ment signed by Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un following their June meeting in Pyongyang, which he said is aimed at reducing tensions by maintaining a "balance of power" in the region and lowering the risk of war, including with nuclear weapons.

The June meeting demonstrated the "highest level of mutual trust" between the leaders, Belousov said, and "also the mutual desire of our countries to further expand mutually beneficial cooperation in a complex international environment".

North Korean Defence Minister No also praised the expanding cooperation

between the countries' militaries and reiterated North Korea's support for Russia's war in Ukraine, describing it as a "just struggle to protect the country's sovereign rights and security interests

The visit comes days after South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol met with a Ukrainian delegation led by Defence Minister Rustem Umerov in the South Korean capital of Seoul and called for the two countries to formulate countermeasures in response to North Korea's dispatch of thousands of troops to Russia to help its fight against Ukraine.

Kim in recent months has prioritized relations with Russia as he tries to break out of isolation and strengthen his international footing, embracing the idea of a "new Cold War' The United States and its allies

have said North Korea has sent more than 10,000 soldiers to Russia in recent weeks and that some of those troops were engaging in combat.

North Korea has also been

accused of supplying artillery systems, missiles and other military equipment to Russia that may help Putin further extend an almost three-year war. There are also concerns in Seoul that North Korea, in exchange for its troops and arms supplies, could receive Russian technology transfers

that could improve its nuclear weapons and missile pro-

grammes Yoon's national security adviser, Shin Wonsik, said in a TV interview last week that Seoul believes that Russia has provided air defence missile systems to North Korea in exchange for sending its troops.

Shin said Russia also appears to have given economic assistance to North Korea and various military technologies, including those needed for the North's efforts to build a reliable space-based surveillance system, which Kim has stressed is crucial for enhancing the threat of nuclear-capable missiles targeting South Korea.

Historic debate on legalising assisted dying in England and Wales begins

British lawmakers started a historic debate Friday on a proposal to help terminally ill adults end their lives in England and Wales, an issue that has divided Parliament as well as the country at large. It's the first time the House of tunity to vote on legalising what some people call "assisted dying" while others term as "assisted suicide" in nearly a decade - and it looks like it

will be a close result.

Under the proposed legislation, only those over 18 years old in England and Wales and who are expected to die within six months can request assisted dying. They must have the mental capacity to make a choice about the end of their life and will be required to make two separate declarations about their wish to die. Ahead of the debate on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, around 180 lawmakers have indicated they will back the proposal, while about 150 have said they won't. The other 300 or so lawmakers have either yet to make up their mind or have not disclosed

how they will vote. The debate is set to be impassioned, touching on issues of ethics, grief, the law, religion, crime and money. Many lawmakers plan to recount personal experiences while others



on Friday as British lawmakers started a historic debate on a proposed to help terminally ill adults end their lives in England and Wales

will focus on the impact on the hard-pressed state-run National Health Service and how to safeguard the most vulnerable from being exploited. Around 160 members of parliament have indicated they would like to make a speech during the debate, but the speaker of the House of Commons, Lyndsay Hoyle, said it's unlikely that they all will have a chance to do so.

'Let's be clear, we're not talking about a choice between life or death, we are talking about giving dying people a choice about how to die," the bill's main sponsor, Kim Leadbeater, said in the opening speech in a packed chamber. As the debate started, supporters of both sides gathered outside Parliament.

The contentious bill would allow adults expected to have fewer than six months to live to request and be provided with help to end their life, subject to safeguards and protections. They would have to be capable of taking the fatal drugs them-selves. Lawmakers, who have been holding emotional meetings with constituents and searching their souls, are due to debate the issue that crosses political lines.

Supporters say the law would provide dignity to the dying

and prevent unnecessary suffering, while ensuring there are enough safeguards to prevent those near the end of their lives from being coerced into taking their own life. Opponents say it would put vulnerable people at risk, fearing that some would be coerced to end their lives and that some elderly or disso they don't become a burden. A vote in favour of the bill would send it to another round of hearings, where it will face further scrutiny and votes in both Houses of Parliament. If ultimately approved, any new law is unlikely to come into effect within the next two to three years. A vote against it would kill it.

It's the first time the House of Commons has debated an assisted dying bill since 2015 when a similar measure failed. Only around a third of the lawmakers from that parliament

are still in office. Although the current bill was proposed by a member of the ruling centre-left Labour Party, it is an open vote with no pressure from the government on

supporting it. Prime Minister Keir Starmer who has previously supported assisted dying, said the government will remain neutral and he wouldn't reveal how he would vote. Some members of his cabinet have said they will support the bill, while others are against it.

India re-elected to UN Peacebuilding Commission

PTI NEW YORK

India has been re-elected to the Peacebuilding Peacebuilding Commission for 2025–2026. India's current term on the Commission was expiring on December 31.

"India has been re-elected to the UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) for 2025–2026. As a founding member and major contributor @UNPeacekeeping, India is com-

mitted to continuing its engagetowards global peace and stability," the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations said in a post on X on Thursday. The Peacebuilding Commission is an intergovernmental adviso-

ry body that supports peace efforts in conflict-affected countries and is a key addition to the capacity of the International Community in the broad peace agenda, according to its website. The PBC is composed of 31 Member States, elected from the General Assembly, the Security Council, and the Economic and Social Council. The top financial contributing countries and the top troop-contributing countries to the United Nations system are also members.

bring together all relevant actors to marshal resources and to advise on and propose integrated strategies for post-conflict peacebuilding and recovery; to focus attention on the reconstrucefforts necessary for recovery from conflict and to support the development of integrated strategies in order to lay the foundation for sustainable develop-It is also mandated to provide rec-

tion and institution-building

ommendations and information to improve the coordination of all relevant actors within and outside the United Nations, to develop best practices, to help to ensure predictable financing for early recovery activities and to extend the international community to post-conflict recovery, the Commission said.

The Commission also focuses on promoting an integrated, strategic and coherent approach to

peacebuilding, noting that security, development and human rights are closely interlinked and mutually reinforcing; serving a bridging role among the principal organs and relevant entities of the United Nations by sharing advice on peacebuilding needs and priorities, in line with the respective competencies and responsibilities of these bodies. India is among the largest contributors of uniformed personnel

to UN Peacekeeping. It currently deploys about 6,000 UN operations in Abyei, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic the Congo, Lebanon, the Middle East, Somalia, South Sudan, and Western Sahara.

Survival rate of cuddly giant pandas goes up

PTI BEIJING

The population of giant pan-das endemic to China has increased to around 1,900 after their survival rate improved in captive breeding, according to official data

The status of the rarest members of the bear family whose round faces, plump bodies, and signature markings evoke global admiration has been changed from endangered to vulnerable.

Chinese experts say the breeding of the giant pandas was the most difficult process.

"In the early days, the artificial breeding of giant pandas was a big problem. Throughout the 1980s, we only bred one baby

panda, which survived for two years," Li Desheng, chief expert at China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda, said.

But with technological and scientific advancements, artificial breeding at present is seeing significantly improved oestrus rate and panda cub survival rate, and pandas' average life expectancy has increased, Li told the state run Xinhua news agency.

Official data show the wild giant panda population has grown from around 1,100 in the 1980s to nearly 1,900. The global captive population of giant pandas now stands at 757, Xinhua reported. The International Union for Conservation of



panda's status from endangered to vulnerable. Sichuan, the venue of the conference, is home to the largest panda habitat in the world. Here, 1,387 pandas have been found in the wild, an increase of more than 50 per cent since the 1980s.

The cuddly pandas have also become a centre for China's soft power diplomacy as Beijing provides a few of them to countries around the world for a specific period under the care of Chinese breeders in animal parks for

public viewing. Giant pandas in China are also enjoying enlarged wild habitats. In 2021, China officially designated five national parks, including the Giant Panda National Park which covers parts of the provinces of Sichuan, Shaanxi, and Gansu. Speaking at the Global Panda Partners 2024 opening ceremony on November 26, Guan Zhi'ou, head of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, said China formed a giant panda habitat pro-

tection system centred around

the national park, with a total area

service who is in charge of pro-

cessing desertion cases and

forwarding them to law

of 2.58 million hectares.

Desertion is starving the Ukrainian army of desperately needed manpower and crippling its battle plans at a crucial time in its war with Russia, which could put Kyiv at a clear disadvantage in future ceasefire talks.

Facing every imaginable shortage, tens of thousands of Ukrainian troops, tired and bereft, have walked away from combat and front-line positions to slide into anonymity, according to soldiers, lawyers and Ukrainian officials. Entire units have abandoned their posts, leaving defensive lines vulnerable and accelerating territorial losses, according to military commanders and soldiers. Some take medical leave and never return, haunted by the

traumas of war and demoralized by bleak prospects for victory. Others clash with commanders and refuse to carry out orders, sometimes in the middle of firefights

"This problem is critical," said Oleksandr Kovalenko, a Kyivbased military analyst. "This is the third year of war, and this problem will only grow."

been dealing with desertions,

two deserters, three lawvers

Although Moscow has also

Ukrainians going AWOL have laid bare deeply rooted problems bedeviling their military and how Kyiv is managing the war, from the flawed mobilization drive to the overstretching and hollowing out of front-line units. It comes as the US urges Ukraine to draft more troops, and allow for the conscription of those as young as 18. The Associated Press spoke to and a dozen Ukrainian officials and military commanders. Officials and commanders spoke on condition of anonymity to divulge classified information, while one deserter did so because he feared

prosecution. It is clear that now, frankly speaking, we have already squeezed the maximum out of our people," said an officer with the 72nd Brigade, who noted that desertion was one of the main reasons Ukraine lost the town of Vuhledar in October. The troops who walk away: More than 100,000 soldiers have been charged under Ukraine's desertion laws since

Russia invaded in February

2022, according to the country's

Nearly half have gone AWOL

General Prosecutor's Office.

in the last year alone, after Kyiv launched an aggressive and controversial mobilization drive that government officials and military commanders concede has largely failed.

It's a staggeringly high number by any measure, as there were estimated 300,000 Ukrainian soldiers engaged in combat before the mobilization drive began. And the actual number of deserters may be much higher. One lawmaker with knowledge of military matters estimated it could be as high as 200,000.

Many deserters don't return after being granted medical leave. Bone-tired by the constancy of war, they are psychologically and emotionally scarred. They feel guilt about being unable to summon the will to fight, anger over how the

war effort is being led, and frustration that it seems unwinnable.

"Being quiet about a huge problem only harms our country," said Serhii Hnezdilov, one of few soldiers to speak publicly about his choice to desert. He was charged shortly after the AP interviewed him in September.

Another deserter said he initially left his infantry unit with permission because he needed surgery. By the time his leave was up, he couldn't bring himself to return.

He still has nightmares about the comrades he saw get killed. The best way to explain it is imagining you are sitting under incoming fire and from their (Russian) side, it's 50 shells coming toward you, while from see how your friends are getting torn to pieces, and you realize that any second, it can happen to you," he said.

"Meanwhile guys (Ukrainian soldiers) 10 kilometers (6 miles) away order you on the radio: Go on, brace yourselves. Everything will be fine," he said.

Hnezdilov also left to seek medical help. Before undergoing surgery, he announced he was deserting. He said after five years of military service, he saw no hope of ever being demobilized, despite earlier promises by the country's leadership.

'If there's no end term (to military service), it turns into a prison – it becomes psychologically hard to find reasons to defend this country," Hnezdilov

our side, it's just one. Then you A growing problem for Kyiv:

Desertion has turned battle plans into sand that slips through military commanders'

fingertips The AP learned of cases in which defensive lines were severely compromised because entire units defied orders and

abandoned their positions.
"Because of a lack of political will and poor management of troops, especially in the infantry, we certainly are not moving in a direction to properly defend the territories that we control now," Hnezdilov said

Ukraine's military recorded a deficit of 4,000 troops on the front in September owing largely to deaths, injuries and desertions, according to a lawmaker. Most deserters were among recent recruits.

The head of one brigade's legal

enforcement said he's had many of them. The main thing is that they leave combat positions during hostilities and their comrades die because of it. We had sev-

eral situations when units fled, small or large. They exposed their flanks, and the enemy came to these flanks and killed their brothers in arms, because those who stood on the positions did not know that there was no one else around," the official said. That is how Vuhledar, a hilltop

town that Ukraine defended for two years, was lost in a matter of weeks in October, said the 72nd Brigade officer, who was among the very last to withthe pioneer

Syria insurgents push their advance toward 2nd largest city Aleppo

Thousands of Syrian insurgents pushed on with their advances on government-held areas in the country's northwest, reaching the outskirts of Syria's second largest city Aleppo and wrestling control of several strategic towns and villages along the way, activists and fighters said on Friday.

Syria's state media said projectiles from insurgents landed in the student accommodations at Aleppo's university, killing four people, including two students. Public transportation to the city has also been diverted from the main highway linking Aleppo

avoid clashes, state-controlled media reported.

Fighters also advanced on the town of Saragab, in northwestern Idlib province, a strategic area that would secure supply lines to Aleppo. This week's advances were one

of the largest by opposition factions, led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, or HTS, and comes after weeks of low simmering violence. It is most intense fighting in northwestern Syria since 2020, when government forces seized areas previously controlled by opposition fighters. Syria's Armed Forces said the insurgents are violating a

ed fighting in the area, which has been the last remaining opposition stronghold for years. State media reported airstrikes on insurgents' posi-

The insurgents reported that fighters have wrestled controlled of the Scientific Research Centre neighbourhood, on the western outskirts of Aleppo city. It is the closest the rebels have come to Aleppo city since they were ousted from its eastern side in 2016. Russia and Iran had helped Syrian government forces reclaim control of all of Aleppo that year, after a gruelling mil-

tions in Aleppo countryside.

itary campaign and a siege that lasted for weeks.

The battle for Aleppo was a turning point in the war between Syrian government forces and rebel fighters since the 2011 protests against Bashar Assad's rule turned into an all-out war.

The war monitor Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said dozens of fighters from both sides have been killed in the battle that started Wednesday. The insurgents have seized control of more than 50 villages in their advance, which seem to have caught the government forces unprepared.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, PRD, PPA

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REVISED E-AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR SALE OF RAILWAY SCRAP MATERIAL

One more additional E-Auction programme for sale of railway scrap materials under jurisdiction of Lumding for the month of

П	December, 2024 has been fixed as under.					
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through IPRES website www.ireps.gov.in Sr. Divisional Material Manager, Lumding Division **NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**

ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण प्लाट संख्या–01, सैक्टर – नॉलेज पार्क–4 ग्रेटर नौएडा सिटी, जिला–गौतमबुद्ध नगर (उ०प्र०)

साट संख्या-01, सेक्टर - नॉलेज पार्क-4 ग्रेटर नोएडा सिटी, जिला-गीतमबुद्ध नगर (३०५०) सार्वजनिक सूचना हो। स्वरं अनिक सूचना ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अन्तर्गत M/s Intellect Projects Pvt. Ltd. भूखण्ड संख्या- GH-02E, Sector -12 Greater Noida को दिनांक 21.03.2013 को मानचित्र स्वीकृति प्रधान की गर्वी थी। त्योगरान विकासकर्ता द्वारा (Group Housing Project) का पुनरीक्षित मानचित्र स्वीकृति हेतु आवेदन संख्या-FTS-59643 दिनांक 02.09.2024 ऑनलाईन के माध्यम से आवेदन किया गया है। तत्क्रम में UP-Apartment Act-2010, Amendment 2016 in Section-4 Sub Section-B के अन्तर्गत पिरंवाजना के आवेदियों से आपित सुझाव आपित्रत किये जाने का प्रावधान है। इस सम्बंध में विकासकर्ता द्वारा प्रस्तुत स्वीकृति मानचित्र एवं Declarations as per UP Apartment Act-2010 परीक्षण किसी भी कार्योद्विस में मुबह 9.30 से सार्थ 6:00 बजे के मध्य नियोजन विभाग में तथा प्राविकरण को बेबसाईट एर किया जा सकता है। अतः उपरोक्त परियोजना के आवटियों द्वारा Sanction Map एवं Declarations as per UP Apartment Act-2010 के सम्बन्ध में सूचना प्रकाशित करने के 30 दिनों के अन्दर आपित्तयों/सुझाब आपित्राव लिखेत के सम्बन्ध में सूचना प्रकाशित करने के 30 दिनों के उपरोक्त प्रयोग आपित्राव विविद्ध से अपने आवटियों प्रायाश आपिता मार्याव कार्याविव स्वाप सुधान प्रकाशित करने के मुख्य सुधान सामित्र अपनी आपित्राव विविद्ध से उर्दे नोएडा प्राधिकरण के मुख्य प्रमादिव करते हुए सूचना प्रकाशित प्रकाश ने के 30 दिवास में अपने आवरित होने के 30 दिवासों के अन्दर जमा कराया का सकती है।

Ireland votes in close-run election

Ireland is voting on Friday in a parliamentary election that will decide the next government — and will show whether Ireland bucks the global trend of incumbents being ousted by disgruntled voters after years of pandemic, international instability and a cost-of-liv-

ing pressures. Polls opened at 7 a.m. (0700GMT), and Ireland's 3.8 million voters are selecting 174 lawmakers to sit in the Dail, the lower house of parliament.

Who's running?

The outgoing government was led by the two parties who have dominated Irish politics for the past century: Fine Gael and Fianna Fail. They have similar centreright policies but are longtime rivals with origins on opposing sides of Ireland's 1920s civil war.

After the 2020 election ended in a virtual dead heat they formed a coalition, agreeing to share Cabinet posts and take turns as taoiseach, or prime minister. Fianna Fail leader Micheal Martin served as premier for the first half of the term and was replaced by Fine Gael's Leo Varadkar in December 2022. Varadkar unexpectedly stepped down in March, passing the job to current Taoiseach Simon Harris.

Opposition party Sinn Fein achieved a

calls 1944 killings of

West African troops

by French massacre

Army in 1944 as a massacre in a letter

Thiaroye — a fishing village on the outskirts

of the Senegalese capital of Dakar — comes

as France's influence is declining in the

region, with Paris losing its sway in the for-

Between 35 and 400 West African soldiers

who fought for the French Army in the Battle

of France in 1940 were killed on December

1, 1944 by French soldiers after what the

French described as a mutiny over unpaid

The West Africans were members of the unit

called Tirailleurs Senegalais, a corps of colo-

nial infantry in the French Army. According

to historians, there were disputes over

unpaid wages in the days before the massacre

but on December 1, French troops turned

on the West African soldiers, mostly

Senegalese President Bassirou Diomaye

Fave said he received the letter, which was

Speaking to reporters late on Thursday, Fave

said Macron's step should "open the door"

so that the "whole truth about this painful

"We have long sought closure on this story

and we believe that, this time, France's com-

mitment will be full, frank and collaborative,

"France must recognies that on that day, the

confrontation between soldiers and riflemen

who demanded their full legitimate wages

be paid, triggered a chain of events that

resulted in a massacre," read Macron's let-

"It is also important to establish, as far as pos-

sible, the causes and facts that led to this

tragedy," Macron added. "I have asked my

services to inform me of the progress of the

work of the Committee for the Restoration

of the Facts, which your government has

decided to set up, under the direction of

Professor Mamadou Diouf, whose eminence

The letter comes weeks after the Senegalese

legislative elections, in which the ruling

party PASTEF secured a definite majority.

The win granted newly elected President

Faye a clear mandate to carry out ambitious

reforms promised during the campaign,

which include more economic indepen-

dence from foreign companies, including

French ones, which are heavily invested in

France still has around 350 troops in its for-

mer colony, mainly in a supportive role.

and qualities are recognised by all."

event of Thiarove" can finally come out.

unarmed, and shot and killed them.

seen by The Associated Press.

he added.

the country.

mer French colonies in West Africa.

AP DAKAR (SENEGAL)

France's Macron

stunning breakthrough in the 2020 election, topping the popular vote, but was shut out of government because Fianna Fail and Fine Gael refused to work with

with voters ranking their preferences.

This election includes a large crop of independent candidates, ranging from local campaigners to far-right activists and reputed crime boss Gerry "the Monk" Hutch. What are the main issues?: As in many other countries, the cost of living — especially housing — has dominated the campaign.

Ireland has an acute housing shortage, the legacy of failing to build enough new homes during the country's "Celtic Tiger" boom years and the economic slump that followed the 2008 global financial crisis. "There was not building during the crisis, and when the crisis receded. offices and hotels were built first," said John-Mark McCafferty, chief executive of housing and homelessness charity

it, citing its leftist policies and historic ties with militant group the Irish Republican Army during three decades of violence in Northern Ireland.

Under Ireland's system of proportional representation, each of the 43 constituencies elects multiple lawmakers, That makes it relatively easy for smaller parties and independent candidates with a strong local following to gain seats.

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Trench President Emmanuel Macron on THE PIONEER O Γ Thursday for the first time recognised the LASSIFIED killing of West African soldiers by the French

addressed to the Senegalese authorities. Macron's move, on the eve of the 80th **THANKSGIVING** anniversary of the World War II killings in

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TENDER NOTICE

Hiring of Chartered Accountant Firm The Heartsong Condominium Association

(Reg.No. HR/018/2018/03377), The Heartsong, Sector 108, Gurugram - 122006, Haryana invites expresion of interest from established CA firms for

Audit of the overall financial data for the handov from the builder, and regular compliances, billing and GST filings of The Heartsong Condomini Association, Sector 108, Gurugram, Haryana Min Eligibility Criteria:

1. The firm should have atleast three years experience in similar field 2. The consultant should have audited atlea

revenue of minimum 15 crores per year Scope and detailed RFP questionnaire can be obtained no later then 04th Dec 2024 after sharing the basic profile with above required details For submission of interest for the proposal, pls

send email to office@thsrwa.com Ishwar Dabas General Secretary The Heartson Condominium Association Sector 108, Gurugram -122006, Haryana

PROVISION OF STANDBY

POWER TRANSFORMERS

E-Tender Notice No. RT 6 TRD 12 2022-23 Dated: 27-11 2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Name of work: Provision of 132/27 kV Standby power transformers of 21.6/30.24 MVA. ONAN/ ONAF, single phase at TSS Katihar Tender Value: ₹94,11,349.84/-Earnest Money: ₹1,88,200/-. Date & Time of closing of Tender: 15.00 hrs. of 26-12-2024 & will be opened at 15.30 hrs. of 26-12-2024. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website

Sr.DEE/TRD & GS/Katihai NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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IIM Ranchi invites e-tender from eligible bidders for 'Providing Integrated Education Software Solution for Academic Programme Offices'. Last date for submission of the e-bids is 03:00 pm on 06.12.2024. For More details, please refer to our website www.iimranchi.ac.in

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Bid Number: GEM/2024/B/5637346 - Parcel Handling Contract at Katiha Railway Station. Estimated Bid Value hrs. and opening at 16:30 hrs. o 14-12-2024. For detaild please visit

DRM (C), Katiha NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Notice is hereby given to the public and apartment owners of The Heartsong Condominium, Sector 108, Gurugram - 122006, Haryana that The Heartsong Condominium Association is duly aproved by the District Registrar, Firms and Societies under HRRS Act 2012, and its bylaws are to be read with Apartment Owner Act 1983, as per the registration certificate received in July 2018, with Registration Number HR/018, 2018/03377. The association is duly approved and recognised by the builder EUFL.

Any communication, membership or business related to the association are to be sent to The

Heartsong Condominium Association, The Heartsong, Sector 108, Gurugram - 122006 Haryana only.
The association will not be responsible for any

Ishwar Daba General Secretary

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1. The vendor should have atleast three years o

working such as on management basis only and on fix cost per sq ft inclusive of all expenses basis Scope and detailed RFP questionnaire can be obtained no later then 4th Dec 2024 after sharing the basic profile with above required details.

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Earl. No. D/2776/15, Delhi High Court. Contact: 9999170066

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To be known to all that Possession Shanti Devi D/o Ram Dev Mishra, Flat 14-C, DDA Janta Flat, Anand Vihar, Delhi -110092(File No. J194(7)87/AN/NP) issued by DDA have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in the police station Delhi (LR No.744253/2022 Dated 31/08/2022) Any person claiming any rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write contact me/us at the above address, phone : 9910047656 within 15 days from the publication of this notice The person claiming any right interest, objection with respect to the this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director LAB Janta or Director (H-1), D-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given on behalf of ANKU GOYAL who is purchasing Property no. 5: Street No. HR-Block, area measuring 94.1 Sq. Meters, out of Khasra No. 239/2, situate at Pul Pahladpur M.B. Road, Delhi, from Mr nita Garg owned the same vide Conveyar ed Registered as Document No. 92 in Bo 1 Volume No. 16368 on page no. 172-176 ed 02.02.2022 in SR-V New Delhi/Delhi, a No.1 Volume No. 16368 on page no. 172-176 or dated 02.0 2.020 is NS-Y New Delhi/Delhi, and intend to mortgage against the financia assistance from IDBI Bank Limited, the Original Sale Deed dated 10.03.2005 executer by Mrs. Prem Wati in favour of Mr. Ajay Kuma Goel in respect of the Plot no. HR-52, ared measuring 112.6 Sq. Yards i.e. 94.14 Sq Meters, out of Khasra No.23912, Document No 3609 in Book No.1 Volume No. 4795 on page no. 143-146 on dated 10.03.2005 in SR-V New Delhi/Delhi, is/are Lost/Misplaced/Noi available. To comply the requirements o BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim /right/title interest/creatingmortgage over the said property may inform in writing, at the address mentionec below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type o Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LLF Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Park New Delhi-110049, Contact # 011-40046316

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of MOHAN LAL, who is owner of Residential Plot area measuring 25 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No.113 situated at Chamad Colony, Village Khoda, Paragna Loni Tehsil and District-Ghaziabad, U.P. purchased the same from Asha Devi, vide Sale Deed bearing Document No.286 in Book No.1 Volume No.10596 on page no.229-262 on dated 08.01.2016 SR-II financial assistance from Ummeed Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd, that Original Sale Deed dated 05.03.2012 executed by Mrs. Usha Devi in favour of Mrs. Asha Devi, Registered as Document No. 2366 in Book No. 1 Volume No. 5578 on page no. 235-250 on dated 05.03.2012 SR-IIGhaziabad is/are Lost/Misplaced/Not available. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim/right/title/interest/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lienete. Lucem Legal LLP Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Park, New Delhi-110049, Contact # 011-40046316

ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Guiarat-362266

inancial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the ecurity Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002). otice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s

Treditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited, the mortgage property will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever here is" basis on 03.01.25 for recovery of Rs. 92,65,296/- (Rupees Ninety-Two Lakh Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six Only) due as on 16.04.24 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization of complete Outstanding amount due to the Secured reditor from above stated Borrowers/co-Borrowers.

Three Hundred and Ninety Only) for Propertyle, "Basement No- 1, Ground Floor, Plot No- 47, Block- 5, Eros Garden Colony, Surajkund Road, Faridabad, Haryana 121009, Area Measurin 139.50 Sq Mtrs (166 Sq Yards)" and the Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs. 11,54,439/- (Rupee leven Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Nine Only).

Garden Colony, Surajkund Road, Faridabad, Haryana 121009, Area Measuring 139.50 Sq Mtrs (166 Sq Yards) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i. www.adityabirlafinance.com or https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

e: Built-up Property bearing No. A-15, lar rea measuring 2300 sq. yds. approx tuated at Wazirpur Industrial Area, Wazirpu elhi-110052.; Hereinafter referred to "Pacid property"

as "said property".

Notice is hereby given to the gener public including Banks, Financial Institution etc. that, as informed by our clients, M/s Ra Body Builders, thru its partners, (1) M Yogesh Nagpal, (2) Mr. Sanjay Nagpal; ar (3) Mr. Naveen Nagpal, they are the joi owners of the said property. In this connectio they have further informed that the sa property was owned by M/s Ram Box Builders through (1) Mrs. Shakuntla Dew; (2) Mr. Yogesh Nagpal vide Conveyance Dee executed by POI thru DDA in their favour. The said Deed is registered as Document N (2) Mr. Yogesh Nagpal vide Conveyance Deed executed by POI thru DDA in their favour. The said Deed is registered as Document No. 8367, in Book No. I, Volume No. 5928, pages 43-46, on 08.06.2016 (SRC-VII New Delhi). Mrs. Shakuntla Devi expired and her undivided share in the said property was inherited by her legal heirs viz., (1) Mr. Sanjay Nagpal; and (2) Mr. Naveen Nagpal in terms of Will executed by Mrs. Shakuntla Devi and registered as Document No. 1016 dated 17.04.2017. Thus, the said property is owned by Mrs Ram Body Builders thru Mr. Yogesh Nagpal, Mr. Sanjay Nagpal and Mr. Naveen Nagpal. I Now, our clients intend to mortgage the said property with IDFC FIRST Bank Limited for availing loan facility. If any person, society, bank, financial institution or other institutions have any objection against the ownership of our clients on the said property and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said property in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clients, may raise his/her/their objection/s, in writing, by Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within 07 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, the said property shall be mortgaged by our clients in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank

notice, the said property shall be mortgage by our clients in favour of IDFC FIRST Ban imited and no objection shall be accepta

SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE FOR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES, A-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR,

Circle Office: South Delhi, 7, Upper Ground Floor, Bhikaji, Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

ses at A-9. Connaught Place. New Delhi. The premises of 5400 sqft (approx.). es has total covered area or full details, visit our website https:

PPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]
Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Property

Short description of the immovable property:

Ayush Jhingran, (Authorized Officer) Aditya Birla Finance Limited)

sorts of encumbrances, charges, liens, mortgages etc. etc.

Any other person(s)/ institution/ government authorities having any sort of right, claim, title or interest of any kind whatsoever in the said portion of the said property or any part thereof, under and by virtue of any deed(s)/document(s) or otherwise, is required to put forth his/her/its claim with the undersigned, within 7 (Seven) days of publication of this notice with documentary proof thereof, failing which the same shall not be binding on my client and my client shall proceed to complete the transaction as bonafide purchaser, free from all encumbrances whatsoever and no claim of whatsoever shall be entertained thereafter.

NARESH GUPTA (ADVOCATE) C-75, GREATER KAILASH PART-I

Bank of Ba

NOTICE TO GUARANTOR

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION OF 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

age-Hasanpur Masoori, Tehsil-Khekra, Dist-Bagpat (UP) - 250101.

By way of Mortgage of Property:- All the pert and percel of factory land and building situated at Khata no 049 and 051, Khasra nos 353 and 354, village Hasanpur massori, Khekra, Baghpat, Ultar Pradesh 250101, total land measuring 1.1790 Hectare in the name of Mr. Dhani Ram Yadav Sio. Sh. Bhim Singh, Mr. Mahendra Yadav Sio. Sh. Bhim Singh and

Ar, Mahabir Yadav S/o, Sh. Bhim Singh. .We have to inform you that the borrower has committed defaults in payment of his liabilities and consequently has count has been classified as non-performing asset. A copy of the notice dated 28/10/2024 under section 13(2) of the scurification and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent by us to the orrower is enclosed. Since the borrower has committed defaults, in terms of the guarantee you have become liable to par

2. We further wish to inform you that in regard to the security provided by you to secure your guarantee obligations for the due repayment of the loans and advances by the borrower, this notice of 60 days may please be treated as notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest up to the date of payment, we shall be at liberty to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which

Name of the work: Raising of NE-4

PPA/PR/51/2024-2025 dtd.29.11.2024

Sector 6, Dwarka New Delhi 110075 New Delhi 110075
The under mentioned person are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan account. Notices sent to them by Registered

SI. No.	Date of Loan	Loan Number	Name and Address of the borrower	Liabilities (Rs.)	
1.	24-05-2023		Sushma Bandooni, R/o Flat No. 260, Pocket-3C, Sector-16B, Bharat Apartment, Dwarka, Delhi-110078		
Dat	Date: 29-11-2024, Place: Delhi SENIOR MANAGER				

Dharam Pal Goyal purchased subject plot from Smt. Shikha Aggarwal vide notarized GPA, ATS ad Will dated 21.04.2023, thereafter Sh Dharam Pal Goyal executed Conveyance deed (PM Uday) in his favour by DDA on dated 10.06.2024 now he wants sale aforesaid property. And it is informed that any deal with said documents by any person except my said client and said institution regarding said property, shall be deemed as null and void. Il any person having any dain, right in said

AD REM LEGAL SOLUTION
Ch. No. 760 - Dwarka Court Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-75
Mobile :- 9899013918

General Services Administration Division

TENDER NOTICE FOR STRUCTURAL AUDIT Puniab National Bank, Circle Office-South Delhi invites sealed cover quotation from MCD empanelled structural engineers having registered office in Delhi/NCR only, to arry out structural audit of bank owned

Last date for submission of bid by engineers

concerned is 16.12.2024 by 2pm. The Bank reserves the right to reject any/all offers without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Branch Office: 2nd Floor, Vijaya Building, 17, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001

.e., M/s Abubaqar Polymers, Through Proprietor; Mohd. Furkan; Farha Naaz, having Loan A/c no. ABFDL3TER00001003247 that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured

The Reserve Price will be Rs. 1.15.44 390/- (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakh Forty-Four Thousand

All That Part & Parcel of Properties bearing no.: "Basement No- 1, Ground Floor, Plot No- 47, Block- 5, Eros

PUBLIC NOTICE Built-up Property bearing No. A-15, lar

Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi "Be it known to all that my clients had agreed to purchase Entire Ground Floor etc., with car parking and space for utility, alongwith 22.5% undivided share in the plot of land measuring 220 Sq. Mtrs., bearing No. C-6/69A, situated at Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi-110016, from (1) Shri Kanwarpreet Singh Kandolha S/o Shri Gurmohinder Singh and (2) Mrs. Jaskaran Kaur Gill W/o Shri Kanwarpreet Singh Kandolha. (Jointly Say OWNERS), free from all

Rs.153.59 Lakh (Approximately 'B' & 'A' Class of Contractor

> O/O C.C.E., R.W. Circle, Keonjha Technical Bid Financial Bid Dt.04.12.24 Dt.19.12.24 11.00 A.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE Property No. C-6/69A (Ground Floor).

eProcurement Notice for Building Work _/ Date: ____26.11.24

Class of Contractor (Eligible)
Period of Completion 06 (Six) Calendar Months

AUTHORISED OFFICER CHIEF MANAGER

E-TENDER (Retender-I) NOTICE

Dated: 22-11-2024: F-Tender are invite by the undersigned for the following work Item Category: Custom Bid for service ₹98,900/-; Bid End Date/Time at 16:0

ebsite www.gem.gov.in

disputes with any other fake or simila

The Heartsong Condominium Associat The Heartsong, Sector 108, Gurugram 122006, Haryan Email: office@thsrwa.com

Expression of Interest The Heartsong Condominium Association (Reg.No. HR/018/2018/03377), The Heartsong

experience in managing a minimum of 2 million square feet of residential high rise condominiums in Delhi/NCR region.

2. The vendor should have atleast revenue of minimum 15 crores per year 3.The vendor should have flexible models o

Ishwar Dabas General Secretar

This is to inform the general public that the Bank of Baroda, SME Branch, 4th Floor, Parliament Steet, New Delhi, intends to accept the

Boundaries: East: Plot No. C-127, West: Plot No. C-125,

Deepak Singh (Advocate)

GOVT. OF ODISIIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: KEONJIIAN

Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING

TEL. 29235175, 4056807

Construction of R.W. Division Office Building, Banspal in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2024-25

4. We further invite your attention to sub-section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by

By way of Mortgage of Property: All the part and parcel of factory land and building situated at Whata no 049 and 051. Khasra nos 353 and 354, village Hasangur massori, Khekra, Baghput, Ultar Pradesh 250101, total land measuring 1790 Hectare in the name of Mr. Dhani Ram Yadav Sio. Sh. Bhim Singh, Mr. Mahendra Yadav Sio. Sh. Bhim Singh and . We have to inform you that the borrower has committed defaults in payment of his liabilities and consequently his occount has been classified as non-performing asset. A copy of the notice dated 28/10/2024 under section 13(2) of the ocuritisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent by us to the prower is enclosed. Since the borrower has committed defaults, in terms of the guarantee you have become liable to pay o us the outstanding amount of loan/credit facilities aggregating Rs. 8.63,75,062/- (Rupee Eight Crores Sixty Three akhs Seventy Five Thousand Sixty Two Only) as on 26/10/2024 plus Future Interest and Charges incurred thereon an

ease note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 of the notice dated 26/10/2024 served or due repayment of the loans and advances by the borrower, this notice of 60 days may please be treated as notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest up to the date of ayment, we shall be at liberty to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which

e hereby myoke the guarantee and call upon you to pay the said amount within 60 days from the date of this notice

NOTICE TO GUARANTOR

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION OF 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

Ms. Amita Yadav Dro. Late Sh. Dhani Ram Yadav (Legal Heir of Guarantor Late Sh. Dhani Ram Yadav) Rio. Piot no 81, First Floor, Block-B, Rosewood City, Sector-49, Sub-Tehsil-Wazirabad, Dist-Gurgaon, Haryana-122018.

As you are aware, by guarantee dated 23-09-2020 and 31/03/2021 (Original Guarantee Signed by Late. Sh. Dhani Ram

(aday dated 23/09/2020 and 31/03/2021) payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities hen or at any time thereafter owing or incurred to us by Mts. Credence Whole Foods Pvt. Ltd., for aggregate credit limits o

Rs. 1101.58 Lacs with interest thereon more particularly set out in the said guarantee document. To secure the guarantee obligation you have also provided following securities to us:

Re: Your guarantee for Credit facilities sanctioned to M/s Credence Whole Foods Pvt Ltd.

3. We invite your attention to sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transfer ry of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act. We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may

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ote that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.

5. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or smedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing tr (BRAJESH MOHAN)

CHIEF MANAGER

Shalimar Bagh Branch, BH -29, Ground Floor, East Shalima Bagh, Delhi-110088, India. Phone: 011-27492896, 27472837 Fax: 011-27472837, E-mail: shadel@bankofbaroda.com

Ms. Asha Yadav Dio. Late Sh. Mahendar Singh Yadav, (Legal Heir of Guarantor Late Sh. Mahendar Singh Yadav, R/o. Village-Hassimpur Mascori, Tehsil-Khekira, Dist-Baggat (UP) - 250101.

Re: Your guarantee for Credit facilities sanctioned to M/s Credence Whole Foods Pvt.Ltd. As you are aware, by guarantee dated 01/11/2018 (Original Guarantee Signed by Late. Sh. Mahendar Singh Yadav, guaranteed payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter

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NOTICE TO GUARANTOR

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we hereby invoke the guarantee and call upon you to pay the said amount within 60 days from the date of this notice Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 of the notice dated 28/10/2024 served or 2. We further wish to inform you that in regard to the security provided by you to secure your guarantee obligations for the due repayment of the toans and advances by the borrower, this notice of 60 days may please be treated as notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security terest Act, 2002. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest up to the date of ayment, we shall be at liberty to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which

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As you are aware, by guarantee dated 01/11/2018 (Original Guarantee Signed by Late. Sh. Mahendar Singh Yadav) guaranteed payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereather owing or incurred to us by Mrs. Credence Whole Foods PvtLtd, for aggregate credit limits of Rs. 87-82 Lacs with interest thereon more particularly set out in the said guarantee document. To secure the guarantee obligation you have also provided following securities to us:

to us the outstanding amount of loan/credit facilities aggregating Rs. 8,63,75,062/- (Rupee Eight Crores Sixty Three Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Sixty Two Only) as on 26/10/2024 plus Future Interest and Charges incurred thereon and we hereby invoke the guarantee and call upon you to pay the said amount within 60 days from the date of this notice. Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 of the notice dated 28/10/2024 served or

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GDP growth slows to two-year low of 5.4 per cent in Q2

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ndia's economic growth slowed to near two-year low of 5.4 per Lent in the July-September quarter of this fiscal due to poor performance of manufacturing and mining sectors, but the country continued to remain the fastestgrowing large economy, data showed on Friday.

The gross domestic product (GDP) had expanded by 8.1 per cent in the July-September quarter of 2023-24

The previous low level of GDP growth at 4.3 per cent was recorded in the third quarter (October-December 2022) of financial year

However, India remained the fastest-growing major economy as China's GDP growth in the July-September quarter this year was at 4.6 per cent.

the National Statistical Office (NSO) data, the growth of agriculture sector GVA



(Gross Value Added) accelerated to 3.5 per cent in the latest July-September quarter from 1.7 per cent a year ago.

The GVA in the manufacturing sector slowed to 2.2 per cent in the second quarter of the current fiscal compared to an expansion of 14.3

per cent in the year-ago period. As per the data, the output (GVA) in the 'mining and quarrying' contracted to 0.01 per cent in the

11.1 per cent a year ago. The expansion in financial, real estate and professional services'

second quarter against a growth of

GVA was 6.7 per cent, up from 6.2 per cent in the year-ago quarter. Electricity, gas, water supply and other utility services grew by 3.3 per cent, slower than 10.5 per cent a

The construction sector recorded a growth of 7.7 per cent in the second quarter, down from 13.6 per cent year on year.

The growth in gross domestic product (GDP) during the April-June quarter of 2024-25 remained

unchanged at 6.7 per cent. "Real GDP or GDP at constant prices in Q2 of 2024-25 is estimated at Rs 44.10 lakh crore, against Rs 41.86 lakh crore in Q2 of 2023-24, showing a growth rate of 5.4 per cent," the NSO said in a statement. Nominal GDP or GDP at current prices in Q2 of 2024-25 is estimated at Rs 76.60 lakh crore, against Rs 70.90 lakh crore in Q2 of 2023-24, showing a growth rate of 8.0 per

On half-yearly basis, the statement said the real GDP or GDP at

constant prices in April-September of 2024-25 (H1 FY25) is estimated at Rs 87.74 lakh crore, against Rs 82.77 lakh crore in the first half of 2023-24, showing a growth rate of 6 per cent.

Nominal GDP or GDP at current prices in H1, 2024-25 is estimated at Rs 153.91 lakh crore, against Rs 141.40 lakh crore in H1 of 2023-24, showing a growth rate of 8.9 per cent, it stated.

Meanwhile, the government data showed that the Centre's fiscal deficit at the end of the first seven months of the current financial year touched 46.5 per cent of the full-year target.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit the gap between government's expenditure and revenue -- was at Rs 7,50,824 crore during April-October period, according to data released by the Controller General

of Accounts (CGA).

The deficit stood at 45 per cent of the Budget Estimates (BE) in the corresponding period of 2023-24.

Sensex rebounds 759 points, Nifty ends above 24,100

Benchmark Sensex rallied 759 points while Nifty closed above 24,100 on Friday following buying in frontline stocks Bharti Airtel and Reliance Industries.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 759.05 points or 0.96 per cent to settle at 79,802.79. During the day, it soared 880.16 points or 1.11 per cent to 79,923.90.

The NSE Nifty climbed 216.95 points or 0.91 per cent to 24,131.10.

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From the 30-share Sensex pack, Bharti Airtel, Mahindra & Mahindra, UltraTech Cement, Adani Ports, Reliance Industries, Larsen & Toubro, JSW Steel, Hindustan Unilever, Titan and Tata Motors were the biggest gainers

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Power Grid, Nestle, State
Bank of India and Infosys
were the laggards.

Majority of Adani Group firms ended higher, with Adani Green Energy soaring 21.72 per cent and Adani Energy Solutions surging 15.56 per cent on the BSE. The BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.76 per cent and

midcap index went up by 0.31 per cent.

"A large-cap-driven, broadbased rally ensued in the domestic market. The anticipated slowdown in India's Q2 GDP to 6.5% has already been reflected in Q2 corporate earnings, which the market appears to have discounted," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said.

Official data released after the market hours showed the Indian economy growing at a slower rate of 5.4 per cent in the July-September period of 2024-25 from 8.1 per cent in



Among sectoral indices, BSE healthcare jumped the most 2.05 per cent, followed by telecommunication (1.53 per cent), utilities (1.46 per cent), energy (1.09 per cent), commodities (1.04 per cent)

Realty emerged as the only laggard. As many as 2,347 stocks advanced while 1,606 declined and 97 remained unchanged on the BSE.

and teck (1.02 per cent).

On the weekly front, the BSE benchmark jumped 685.68 points or 0.86 per cent and the Nifty climbed 223.85

points or 0.93 per cent. İn Asian markets, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled in the positive territory while Seoul and Tokyo ended lower. European markets were trading lower. US markets were closed on Thursday for Thanksgiving.

Institutional Foreign Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 11,756.25 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data. Global oil benchmark Brent

crude dipped 0.30 per cent to USD 73.06 a barrel. The BSE be

benchmark slumped 1,190.34 points or 1.48 per cent to settle at 79,043.74 on Thursday. The Nifty tumbled 360.75 points or 1.49 per cent to 23,914.15.

Forex reserves drop USD | Fiscal deficit at 46.5 per cent of 1.31 bn to USD 656.5 bn full-year target at Oct-end: Govt data

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 $I_{dropped}^{ndia's}$ forex reserves USD 1.31 billion to USD 656.582 billion for the week ended November 22, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

The kitty had dropped a record USD 17.761 billion to USD 657.892 billion in the previous reporting ending November 15

The reserves, which had hit an all-time high of USD 704.885 billion in end-September, have been declining for multiple weeks, at a time when the rupee has also been under pressure. ended

week foreign currency assets - a major component of the reserves --decreased USD 3.043 billion

 $R_{\mathrm{financial}}^{\mathrm{eal}}$ estate developers and financial institutions are

upbeat about growth potential

of the realty sector for the six

months ending March next

year, according to Knight Frank and NAREDCO.

Real estate consultant Knight

Frank and realtors' body

Sentiment Index Q3 2024

optimism in the realty sector.

There was a marginal dip in

the current sentiment score,

which stands at 64, down

from 65 in the April-June

However, the future sentiment

score improved to 67, up from

65 in the previous quarter,

signalling rising confidence in

the sector's growth over the

Friday

Estate

2024)

continued

NAREDCO on released 'Real

(July-September

highlighting

period.

to USD 566.791 billion, the data, which was released on Friday, showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound, and yen held in foreign exchange

reserves. Gold reserves increased USD 1.828 billion to USD 67.573 billion during the week, the RBI said.

The special drawing rights (SDRs) were down USD 79 million to USD 17.985 billion, the apex bank said. India's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was also down USD 15 million to USD 4.232 billion in the reporting week, the RBI data showed.

Sentiments of realtors, financial institutions

remain positive for future growth: Repor

next six months.

negative outlook.

climate,

The index captures the

perceptions of supply-side

stakeholders and financial

institutions regarding the real

and

availability. A score of 50

indicates a neutral outlook;

scores above 50 reflect

positive sentiment, while

those below 50 suggest a

Both current and future

sentiment scores remain

firmly in the positive zone,

reflecting sustained trust in

the industry's long-term

In the residential market,

Knight Frank said the

optimism prevails as 62 per

cent of respondents anticipate

a rise in residential prices,

while 40 per cent foresee

increased sales, and 38 per

cent expect market stability.

potential, the report said.

economic

funding

sector,

 $T^{\text{he Centre's fiscal deficit at}}_{\text{the end of the first seven}}$ months of financial year 2024-25 touched 46.5 per cent of the full-year target, government data showed on

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit -- the gap between government's expenditure and revenue -- was at Rs 7,50,824 crore during April-October period, according to released by roller General Controller Ge Accounts (CGA).

The deficit stood at 45 per cent of the Budget Estimates (BE) in the corresponding period of 2023-24.

In the Union Budget, the government projected to bring down the fiscal deficit

Similarly, the office market outlook is buoyant, with

strong confidence in key parameters such as leasing,

and supply, and rents, underscoring stakeholder optimism for robust performance in the coming

NAREDCO President Hari

"reflects the Indian real estate

The RBI's GDP growth

projection of 7.2 per cent for

2024-25 and the stable

interest rate environment will

sentiment. As the sector

continues to grow, its essential

that we address the existing challenges and leverage opportunities for sustainable

Knight Frank India CMD Shishir Baijal said strong

demand in high-end residential sales and stable

leasing in commercial spaces

Developers, with improved

sentiment this quarter, remain

optimistic. Supported by

fundamentals and favourable

market dynamics, the sector is

well-positioned for sustained

growth and continued opportunities," he added.

economic

underscore the sector's steady

boost investor

sector's resilience amidst

global uncertainties".

growth," he added.

performance.

growth

further



Banks' credit to industry grows by

eight per cent in October: RBI data

to 4.9 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in the current 2024-25 financial vear. The deficit was 5.6 per cent of the GDP in 2023-24. In absolute terms, the government aims to contain the fiscal deficit at Rs 16,13,312 crore during the

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released on Friday.

month of last year.

year ago.

Personal

 $B_{\text{grew}}^{\text{anks'}} \stackrel{\text{credit}}{\text{by 8 per cent in}} \text{to industry}$

October 2024 compared to 4.8

per cent in the year-ago period, according to the RBI data

The Reserve Bank data also

showed that credit to

agriculture and allied activities

registered a growth of 15.5 per

cent year-on-year (y-o-y) in October 2024, compared to

17.4 per cent seen in the same

Among major industries, credit to chemicals and

chemical products, petroleum, coal products and nuclear

fuels', and 'all engineering'

recorded a higher growth in

October 2024 as compared to

their respective growth rates a

decelerated to 15.8 per cent (y-

o-y) in October as compared to

18 per cent recorded a year ago,

largely due to decline in growth

loans growth

current fiscal.

revenue-expenditure data Union government for the first seven months of 2024-25 showed that the net tax revenue was about Rs 13 lakh crore or 50.5 per cent of budget estimate for the

in 'other personal loans', 'vehicle loans' and 'credit card

outstanding. However, 'housing' -- the

largest constituent of personal

loans segment -- recorded an

RBI further said credit growth

to services sector was at 14.1 per cent in October 2024 (20.4

per cent a year ago), primarily

due to lower growth in credit to

'non-banking financial companies' (NBFCs) and trade

segment. However, growth of

credit to 'commercial real

estate' accelerated in October

Non-food bank credit in

October 2024 grew at 12.8 per

cent, as compared to 15.5 per cent a year ago, RBI said.

Data on sectoral deployment of

bank credit for October 2024

was collected from 41 select

commercial banks, accounting

for about 95 per cent of the

total non-food credit deployed

by all scheduled commercial

accelerated growth on year.

lakh crore in the capital account. Fiscal deficit is the difference between the total expenditure

and revenue of the government. It is an indication of the total borrowing that is needed by the government.

collection was 55.9 per cent at

The central government's total expenditure in the seven

months through October stood at Rs 24.7 lakh crore or

51.3 per cent of budget

estimate. Expenditure was

53.2 per cent of budget

estimate in the year-ago

period. Of the total expenditure, Rs

20 lakh crore was in the

revenue account and Rs 4.66

September-end of 2023.

Malaysian billionaire tycoon

nanda Krishnan, one of

company, Usaha Tegas, said

contributions to nation-building and the corporate world. His philanthropic initiatives have touched many lives," it said in a statement.

Malaysia's sixth-richest man by Forbes with a net worth of USD 5.1 billion (22.6 billion

was a graduate of Harvard Business School who started his career in oil trading before venturing into other sectors. He owned stakes in telecommunications firm Maxis, media company Astro, satellite services firm Measat and oil services provider Bumi Armada, among others. Local media reported that



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richest tycoons with a vast business including telecommunications, media, petroleum and real estate, has died. He was 86.

he passed away peacefully on Thursday and that his family requested privacy. It didn't specify the cause of death. "Ananda made significant

Ananda was

ringgit). Born April 1, 1938, Ananda



1990s, making him closely associated with then-Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad

He was a founding director of state oil firm Petronas, and the national Bernama news agency reported on Friday that he sold the idea of 88-story building the Petronas Twin Towers to Mahathir Ananda was instructed to

lead its construction, transforming a horse racing track into the landmark and forever changing Kuala Lumpur's skyline. donated Ananda

education, the arts, sports and humanitarian causes in Malaysia.The newspaper reported that his fortunes took a hit in 2018

when Indian authorities linked him to a high-profile corruption scandal involving high-ranking government officials. Although arrest warrants were issued in India for him and his former deputy, Ralph Marshall, neither was apprehended or extradited to face charges. Despite his success, Ananda avoided the limelight and shuttled between Malaysia and France, where he resided with his wife, local media reported. His only son is a Buddhist monk in Thailand. His two daughters are not involved in his businesses. Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim paid tribute to Ananda, "contribution in corporate world, philanthropy and society will definitely be remembered".

Exports of India's med-tech industry could reach USD 20 bn by 2030: CII

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India's medical technology industry is expected to touch exports of up to USD 20 billion by 2030 but the sector needs more government incentives and further ease of doing business accelerate overseas shipments, industry body CII

said on Friday. The production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the medical technology sector currently available for select medical devices needs to be extended across products, while export incentives to 'reimburse hidden costs' need to be provided to manufacturers, CII Chairman National Medical Technology Forum Himanshu Baid reporters here.

"Today, we are importing and low-cost of labour as almost 60 to 70 per cent of compared to China. almost 60 to 70 per cent of medical equipment which are needed in the Whereas, our manufacturing is still very low as around 30 per cent is only manufactured in the country. Our imports are far exceeding our exports. Our imports are almost USD 8 billion and our exports are close to USD 4 billion," he

However, Baid said, India has the best potential to grow this industry to the next level, taking advantage of the world adopting the 'China plus one' strategy to reduce import dependence on

particular country.
India is very well poised to India is very well poised to take advantage of it on the back of the talent it has in tarms of software hardware the said the medical devices industry, which is currently governed terms of software, hardware under the Drugs and

On the export potential of the

Indian medical technology industry, he said, expectation is that by 2030 India's exports can reach around USD 15 billion to USD 20 billion dollar and our imports would reduce from USD 8 billion to USD 3 billion-USD 4 billion."

In order to realise the potential, Baid said, "As an industry, we're also looking for some more ease of doing business, (removal of overlapping regulations and certain areas where they have put in QCO orders, which is also impacting 'Make in India' and also exports."



the pharma sector, needs a separate regulator.

"We are part of the pharma regulation. Drugs and pharma and medical devices are seen under the same lens. We have the same regulator. Our industry's demand was to have a separate regulator,"

Asserting that medical device is a "very complex engineering industry" with electronic, mechanical and plastic parts with different standards, he said, it is "very different from pharma which is more about chemical and pharmacopeia with a defined the medical devices sector of the country, more

formulations". On the quality control order

(QCO) issue, he said at present suppliers of raw materials need to register with BIS and then only those products can be imported into the country.

"That is causing a lot of roadblocks for local industry to manufacture products in India....At one point, the government is saying 'Make in India' but the raw materials suppliers are small players, who don't have the wherewithal to go BIS and register themselves globally. So we are asking the government for exemption from QCO especially for med-tech industry," Baid said.

He also said in order to enhance exports, the PLI for

needs to be extended to more manufacturing in the products. Today 3,000 products are

already regulated in India by CDSCO. We need PLI for almost the whole industry. When we say PLI should not be limited to very few products, the government should incentivise every manufacturing which is happening in the country to push for global markets," Baid asserted.

In the existing PLI scheme for the medical devices sectors, he said only 28 companies were allotted and there was a budget of Rs 3,400 crore and only 10 to 20 per cent of the fund have been utilised.

'The government has surplus budget. Please use it for pushing more exports out

country. Can we enlarge the scope of the scheme to more and more products?," he asked. Baid also said the remission

of duties under the RoDTEP scheme by the Ministry of Commerce for exports needs to be enhanced to 2-2.5 per cent from the current range of 0.5 per cent and 0.7 per cent, stating it is "not enough". "There are a lot of hidden

costs, which are there in manufacturing in the country. What we are asking is for the government to reimburse those hidden costs. Maybe a 2-2.5 per cent incentive would be good enough to help us get through those hidden costs and be competitive," he added.

t's not often that a performance makes you stop and reflect on the very nature of human connection. But as the lights dimmed and the first notes of music echoed through the Stein Auditorium, the audience was about to embark on a journey of deep emotional and spiritual resonance. Sumang: The Unison of Souls was far more than just a dance performance, it was a powerful reminder of the invisible threads that bind us all. Curated by Suparna Singh and Mahima Satsangi, disciples of the esteemed Padmashree Guru Dr. Shovana Narayan, this performance explored themes of love, friendship, spirituality and the universal connections that define our existence.

As the dancers took the stage, each movement seemed to carry a weight far beyond the steps themselves. The choreography, crafted by Dr. Shovana Narayan, told a story that wasn't just visual but deeply felt. It was as if the dancers were reaching out to the audience, not with words, but with the very essence of human emotion. Complemented by the music of Murad Ali Khan and Shuheb Hasan, the performance became an



'Sumang: The Unison of Souls', was a powerful dance performance that explored human connections through movement, music and emotion. Curated by Suparna Singh and Mahima Satsangi and choreographed by Dr. Shovana Narayan, the production beautifully captured the bonds that unite us all, says SAKSHI PRIYA



encompassing experience. The music didn't just accompany the dance; it gave voice to the unspeakable, carrying the audience through the highs and lows of the emotional journey unfolding on stage. The musicians played with such sensitivity that their instruments became characters in the story, each note from the

adding depth and texture to the dance. The performance was enhanced by the delicate lighting design of Sandeep Dutta, which shifted with every act, casting different moods across the stage, while the photography and video work by Innee Singh captured every moment with clarity and grace.

Sarangi, Sarod, Sitar, Flute and Tabla Dr. Shovana Narayan, who has spent

emotional depths of dance, shared her thoughts on the production. "As I watched Sumang, I was reminded of how dance can connect us on a level that words simply can't reach. This production is a tribute to the emotional and spiritual connections that make us human." Her

may struggle to put emotions into words, art has a way of expressing what we sometimes can't.

The production unfolded in four acts, each exploring a different aspect of human connection. From the quiet intimacy of Pratibimb, which delved into words highlighted the essence of the the relationship between confidants, to

the divine unity explored in Alingan, the dance spoke to the depths of human interaction. In Sarvagya, the connection between teacher and disciple was honoured, and in the grand finale, Samagam, the interconnectedness of all beings was celebrated. Each act invited the audience to pause, to reflect on their own relationships and to recognise the deep bonds that unite us all, whether they are between friends, families, teachers, or the universal spirit that ties every soul

What made Sumang truly special was its ability to make each member of the audience feel personally connected to the story. The dance wasn't just something to watch; it was an invitation to feel, to remember, and to understand. For Mahima Satsangi and Suparna Singh, this production was not just about showcasing their craft; it was about celebrating the profound beauty of human connection and the transformative power of dance. It was about creating a space where everyone could come together, share in the experience, and feel part of something much bigger than themselves.

In the end, Sumang left an indelible mark, not just because of its stunning choreography or soulful music but because it reminded us of the profound connections that shape our lives. In a world where we are constantly moving and rushing, this performance paused time for just a moment, inviting the audience to remember the ties that truly matter. It was a celebration of humanity, of shared experiences and of the deep connections that go beyond words, leaving everyone who witnessed it with a sense of unity and belonging.

A Glimpse into Nature's Harmony



KAVITA CHOPRA DIKSHIT'S Enchanted Forests, curated by Jyoti A. Kathpalia, offered a captivating journey into the beauty and fragility of forests, blending personal memories with a universal message of coexistence, says SAKSHI PRIYA

he solo exhibition Enchanted Forests by Kavita Chopra Dikshit, curated by Jyoti A. Kathpalia, was an evocative celebration of nature's abundance and its enduring relationship with humanity. Showcased through a series of oil-on-canvas works, the exhibition mesmerised viewers with its vibrant depictions of forests, drawing on the artist's personal memories and a deep sense of connection to the natural world.

Kavita's upbringing in Gomia, Iharkhand, a town surrounded by dense forests, flowing rivers and rolling hills, was the heart of her inspiration. These landscapes, part of her childhood, found new life on her canvases. The paintings reflected a profound reverence for the environment, capturing the intricate interplay of life within the forests and the harmonious existence of the people who inhabit them. The exhibition was not just a showcase of art but a tribute to a way of life that is slowly being lost to



displayed Kavita's mastery of texture, light and emotion. Her use of layered greens, punctuated with earthy browns and vibrant bursts of light, created an almost tangible forest experience. The paintings seemed alive, evoking the sounds of rustling leaves, the whisper of winds through the trees and the unseen presence of wildlife. Viewers were transported to a world where nature reigned supreme, a world filled with an enchanting yet fragile beauty.

What set Kavita's work apart was its ability to communicate on multiple levels. On the surface, the paintings were visually stunning, drawing admiration for their technical brilliance. Beneath that, however, Each piece in the collection lay a poignant narrative of

environmental concern. The forests on her canvases were not just idyllic landscapes; they were symbols of a delicate balance, a call to humanity to remember its roots and renew its commitment to preserving the natural world.

The curation by Jyoti A. Kathpalia played a crucial role in elevating the exhibition. Each painting was positioned to guide the viewer on a journey, not just through Kavita's memories but through an exploration of the universal connection between humanity and nature. The narrative was clear yet subtle, inviting contemplation rather than confrontation.

Visitors left the exhibition not only enchanted but also introspective. Kavita's Enchanted Forests served as a reminder of the profound beauty of nature and the responsibility to protect it. Her work bridged the personal and the universal, offering a powerful reflection on the beauty of life and the pressing need for harmony between humans and their environment.
PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR

¬he *India Art Festival* (IAF) once again transformed New Delhi's Constitution Club of India into a vibrant world for art lovers, celebrating the country's diverse artistic expressions. Stepping into the exhibition, you struck immediately by a collection of colours, styles and stories, each artwork seemed to invite you into a world of its own. This year's festival not only showcased talent but captured the very essence of India's contemporary art scene, where tradition meets innovation.

The opening was marked by a symbolic lamp lighting lighting ceremony, a gesture that set the stage for the festival's spirit of unity and creativity. Eminent figures like Prayag Shukla, Jatin Das and IAF Director Rajendra Patil were there to welcome guests, signalling the start of an event that would bring together over 450 artists and more than 3,500 artworks. It was a visual feast, an explosion of creativity that drew in everyone from art collectors to curious newcomers. The dual-pavilion setup, with section devoted established galleries and another for independent artists, created an inclusive atmosphere where every voice mattered. This year,







renowned galleries like Delhi's shared love for art. Gallery Pioneer and Mumbai's The sheer variety on display was Bouquet of Art Gallery shared space with emerging artists, each showcasing their unique India's rural heartland to modern perspectives. The festival's layout abstractions exploring deep felt like a dialogue between the emotions. One could not help traditional and the

first-time visitors, all united by a

astonishing, works ranged from vivid landscapes capturing but be drawn to artists like Antra contemporary, with seasoned Shrivastave, whose expressive collectors mingling alongside pieces captured human

connection and Bharat Jain,

whose surreal and symbolic works left a lasting impression. There were also deeply spiritual portraits by Pratima Abhange that brought a sense of serenity to the festival's lively atmosphere. IAF was not limited to paintings alone. Sculptures, wildlife art and reimagined traditional works made the festival a rich visual journey. There was something for everyone, geometric modernism, delicate florals, symbolic representations and experimental art all came together to tell the multifaceted story of Indian creativity. What set this festival apart was its



daily screenings of The Eternal Canvas, a film tracing India's artistic evolution, added depth and context to the visual experience, while performances by sitar maestro Uma Shankar and flautist Ritjeet Deepak filled the air with a soulful charm. It was more than an art festival; it was a cultural celebration, a reminder of how deeply art is worked into the fabric of India's identity. Leaving the festival, one couldn't

help but be struck by the sense of community it created, a space where artists, collectors and the general public could engage directly and intimately with each other. The India Art Festival wasn't just about appreciating art; it was about experiencing it, connecting with it and seeing how it continues to evolve and inspire. For anyone passionate about art, it was an unmissable event that left a profound and lasting impression.
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Gill returns to nets after thumb injury

hubman Gill returned to the India nets on Friday, showing enough signs of a full recovery from a thumb injury that ruled him out of the series opener against Australia in Perth.

Gill's absence was not felt in Perth as India won the game by 295 runs but considering his impressive run on the previous tour, the visitors need him at his best over the course of the five-match series.

The top-order batter was seen facing Yash Dayal and Akash Deep in the nets ahead of the pink-ball warm-up game against Australian PM's XI starting Saturday.

"I was just trying to get a feel to be honest, see how the injury is reacting, if any kind of soreness is there but it went much better than what I and Kamlesh bhai (Kamlesh Jain, physio) expected. Very happy with that," Gill said in a video posted by BCCI on X after the training session here.

naturally was disappointed about getting injured ahead of the first Test **India's**

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KL should continue to

open with Jaiswal, Rohit

can come in at 3: Pujara

to bat top of the order,

because it suits his game really well. I hope we don't tinker around with that."

Gill, who missed the first

Test due to a thumb injury, is

also expected to feature in

day-night Test beginning

"Ideally No. 5 (for Gill).

Because it allows him to

come in at a time, even if we

lose two wickets early, he is

someone who can negotiate the new ball," Pujara said.

"But if he walks in after, say,

25 or 30 overs, he can play

his shots. He can play his

natural game. And in case we

lose the first three wickets

early, Gill walks in and saves

Rishabh Pant for the old ball.

"[Pant] doesn't have to face

the new ball. I wouldn't want

him to walk in to bat when

the ball is hard and new,"

Gill has opened the batting

in Australia but has now

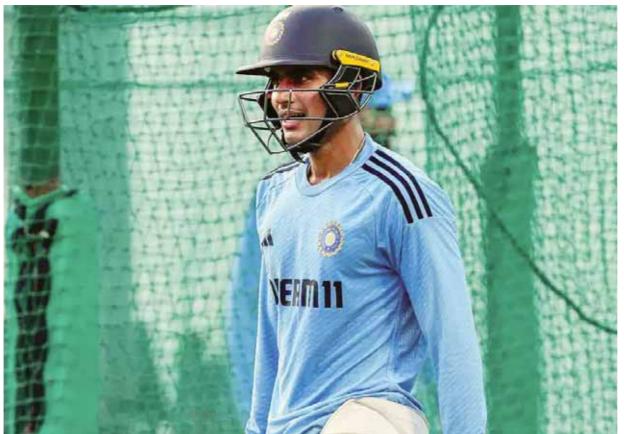
moved down to number

India also play a two-day

warm up game in Canberra ahead of the pink-ball Test in

Pujara added.

December 6.



positive frame of mind.
"Any ball when it hits the

middle of the bat, the feeling that you get, that is the feeling I play for. When I got to know about my injury, first couple of days I was quite low and disappointed.

"Perth is the only venue we did not play last 'time around (2020-21). It is such an iconic venue. But the way we played at the end of it, I was very happy," the batter added.

In Gill's absence, Devdutt Padikkal came at number three for India but could not deliver.

However, it is not a given that Gill will return to his usual batting position as K L Rahul excelled as an opener in Perth in skipper Rohit Sharma's absence.

While Rohit is expected to open alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rahul could come in at three pushing Gill to number 5.

It remains to be seen if India experiment in the batting order in the warm-up game as all batters would be allowed a hit in the middle considering it is not a first-class game.

strike," Hayden had told Channel 7 after India's win.

'You can't cut a sucker an even break when a bloke is

under pressure as he was. The field we actually

finished with - two slips, no point, a man straight - it

offered up the outside edge

He found it a little more frustrating. When he got the

bit between the teeth, it was

Hayden also pointed to

tactical lapses during India's

earlier partnership, noting the delayed use of short-ball

'Jaiswal looked vulnerable

against it. Maybe tiny things

with Pat Cummins, the

ability to think through these

decisions. They were shell-

shocked from the average

batting performance (in the

of his bat as well.

too late.

strategies.



India look to make most of pink ball warm-up

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India would aim to figure out their batting combination for next week's day-night Test in Adelaide when they face Australia Prime Minister's XI in a two-day tour game at the Manuka Oval here from Saturday.

India have played four day-night Tests thus far with their only loss coming at Adelaide four years ago when they were bowled out for 36 before making a winning comeback in the four-match Test series. The pink ball does a lot more compare to the red cherry, especially in the twilight period. Considering it is not a first-class game, majority of the Indian batters would like to get a feel of the ball in the middle.

Coming from their most dominant win in Australia in the opening Test in Perth, the Indian dressing room is in high spirits. However, the arrival of Rohit Sharma, who missed the first Test due to the birth of his second child and expected return of a fit again Shubman Gill will force the think tank to rejig the batting order for the match beginning December 6.

Rohit and Yashasvi Jaiswal are the designated openers but with the latter and K L Rahul excelling at the top in Perth, there is a case for the Indian skipper to drop himself down the order.

If that does happen, Gill's position will also need to be adjusted. India will have to make those calls in the practice game before reaching Adelaide with full clarity. As it is only a two-day game,

India would be hoping to get a lot more time with the bat than the ball. The likes of Sarfaraz Khan, who are unlikely to be considered unless there is an injury, would also be hoping for some game time.

The team is in a relaxed mood and had its first net session on Friday where Gill took guard, indicating that his recovery is well on course.

India have been reluctant to play tour games as they are often not competitive enough. With Test players like Matt Renshaw and Scott Boland in the line-up, the visitors can hope for some decent match practice. The PM's XI will be led by all-

rounder Jack Edwards and will also have Australia U-19 stars including Charlie Anderson, Mahli Beardman, Aidan O'Connor and Sam Konstas.

Fast bowling all-rounder Hanno Jacobs will be another player to watch out for. The Squads:

India: Rohit Sharma (C), Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant (WK), Sarfaraz Khan, Dhruv Jurel (WK), R Ashwin, R Jadeja, Mohd. Siraj, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna, Harshit Rana, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar. PM's XI: Jack Edwards (C) Charlie Anderson, Mahli Beardman, Scott Boland, Jack Clayton, Aidan O'Connor, Davies, Javden Ollie Goodwin, Sam Harper,

Hanno Jacobs, Sam Konstas,

Lloyd Pope, Renshaw, Jem Ryan.

Border also questioned the Former opener Matthew on the off-side catching and first innings) and as we see Hayden also took aim at a mid-wicket. I felt like it was now, again, bombs are Cummins, criticising the so easy for him to get off going," he said. tactics of skipper Pat Cummins, suggesting they Battle of Equals: Gukesh, Liren draw fourth | Harmanpreet unveils Indian

arrival in the middle.

field placements after Kohli's

They missed a few tricks

with Virat Kohli in the early

part of his innings. Nathan

Lyon had mid-on back, one

round game; remain level on points in WC

the series.

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expressed

Former Australia captain Border has

disappointment over the team's inability to contain Virat Kohli during the first

Test in Perth and feels that

can potentially cost the hosts

Test century in 18 months, roared back to form with an

unbeaten 100 in the second

innings as India secured a

thumping 295-run victory over the hosts.

"I was really disappointed in the way we let Kohli roll on

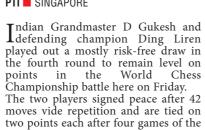
to a hundred without much resistance," Border told SEN

'We don't want this guy full

of confidence for the rest of

radio on Friday morning.

the five-match series. Kohli, who had not scored a



14-round showdown. The first to reach 7.5 points will be crowned the champion. The 18-year-old Gukesh, who was playing with black on Friday, is the youngest ever challenger for the title and had won the third game on

Wednesday "Towards the end, I had some chances to press better but with black this is all you can expect," Gukesh said after the

"I am just trying to make good moves," he added when asked about the



Australia let Kohli roll on to a

allowed Kohli to regain his

rhythm after his struggles

against New Zealand in the

recent home series. Kohli's

century marked his seventh

ton on Australian soil.

hundred in Perth: Allan Border

prospect of becoming the youngest

world champion.
The 32-year-old Liren had won the opening game before the two played out a draw in the second game. "This round, I tried to play safe. It turns

out I got a little bit of an advantage. The score is still balanced. There are more games to come," Liren said.
"I had a rest day to recover from the

tough loss. I am in a very good mood. It

worked well, not so bad," he added. With just 10 games remaining under the classical time control, Gukesh will have the advantage of playing white in

the fifth game. On Friday, Liren started with the bird's opening trying to take out on the queen's bishop early in the opening which was a clear indication that the Chinese wanted to fight the Indian on the skill rather than preparation.

Gukesh was up to the task in responding as he matched Liren move for move and the pieces traded hands leading to equality.

The players eventually reached rook and pawns endgame which was theoretically drawn and the split of a point was a just result.

Viswanathan Anand is so far the only Indian to have won the title, having claimed it five times in his career. The semi-retired legend made the ceremonial first move for Gukesh on

women's cricket team ODI jersey

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The Indian women's cricket team captain

Harmanpreet Kaur and BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Friday unveiled the side's new ODI jersey at the Board's headquarters here.

The women's team will don the new jersey during the three-match ODI series against the West Indies to be played in Vadodara from December 22.

"It's an honour to unveil the jersey today and really happy that we are the first ones who is going to wear this jersey against the West Indies team," said Harmanpreet.

"Really happy, really like the look. The tri-colour on the shoulder is looking really beautiful and really happy that we've got a special ODI jersey," she added.

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Guardiola urges Man City hierarchy to give him time to fix faltering team as Nadal visits

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Cheteshwar Pujara wants K

L Rahul to open the batting

alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal in

the second Test against

Australia despite the arrival

Rohit's absence in the series opener in Perth allowed

India to move Rahul to the

top of the order from the

Pujara, the rock of Indian

batting on the previous two

tours of Australia, feels the

opening combination should

not be tinkered with after a

295-run win in the series

Jaiswal scored a memorable

hundred while Rahul too

was impressive, collecting 26 and 77 in the two innings in

"I think, for some reason if

we can carry on with the

same batting order, like KL

and Yashasvi to open, Rohit

could come in at three, and

Shubman could come in at

five," Pujara said in a chat

"If Rohit wants to open, KL should bat at No. 3. Nothing

later than that. I think he has

with ESPNcricinfo.

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has urged the Abu Dhabi hierarchy to give him the chance to revive his faltering team amid its staggering run of poor results, saying Friday he will not "run away" from the challenge.

City lost five games in a row before squandering a threegoal lead from the 75th minute to draw 3-3 with Feyenoord in the Champions League on Tuesday.

The longest winless streak in

when City plays away to Liverpool, which is in first place in the Premier League and the Champions League.

"It's not normal in the big clubs to do the results we have done, but what we have to do is accept it," Guardiola said. "For sure I want to stay here, I want to do it, but the moment I feel I'm not positive for the club, another one will come.

"But, I want the opportunity to try. I don't want to run away. I

Guardiola's coaching career rebuild the team. I ask for that challenge. I ask for this opportunity to do it. Because I feel it. know what I want to do. I know what we need. I know what we have to do."

Guardiola, who has won the Premier League six times in his eight full seasons with City and the club's first Champions League title, said he is in regular communication with chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak.

"He knows we are going to find a solution," Guardiola said. "In the circumstances that it doeswant to be there. I want to n't happen, the club will take the

solution, the decision, it has to

The Spanish coach said he deserved to be given time to turn things around. "I have it all on my shoulders. I want it," he said. "Here at the football club you have to win — if you don't win, you'll be in trouble. I know that. "People said, Oh, why is Pep not in trouble? Why is he not sacked?' What we have done the last eight years is why we have this margin." Guardiola played down talk of

a "crisis" at City when asked by

a reporter, but was unsure when

the team would start winning again. After Liverpool, City plays seventh-place Ñottingham Forest on Wednesday.

"We will be back — I know that," Guardiola said. "I don't know when that is the truth. 'We have to accept," he added, "that it is completely normal maybe the exception was in the past, not what happened now. How we stand up again, this is the big success in life. It's how many times you stand up, again and again, and again, whatever happens. They are the greatest (people)."



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