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Cong leader in LS says it's slip of tongue; BJP MPs protest

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The two Houses of Parliament on Thursday witnessed unprecedented turmoil with the BJP making a fiery attack on Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury for his "Rashtrapatni" remark against the first tribal President Droupadi Murmu.

The heated exchanges over Chowdhury's comments also escalated outside, triggering protests by the BJP MPs.

The Congress MPs were already sitting on "dharna" before the Mahatma Gandhi statue in Parliament precincts, seeking withdrawal of suspension of MPs, immediate debate in Parliament over price rise and the imposition of the GST on essential food items.

As soon as the Lok Sabha met at 11 am, BJP members were up on their feet demanding an apology from Congress president Sonia Gandhi over Chowdhury's remark.

"The Congress leader has disrespected the President. The Congress cannot tolerate that Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a poor tribal woman the Presidential candidate," Union Minister Smriti Irani said.

Amid the furor, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla adjourned the proceedings of the House till 12 noon and thereafter it was adjourned till 4 pm and then for the day. Similar scenes were witnessed in the Rajya Sabha, which too witnessed a

ruckus on the issue. The Lok Sabha saw Irani making a belligerent attack on Sonia and accusing her of "sanctioning humiliation" of the Constitutional head of the country, demanding her apology. In his defense, Chowdhury, who is the leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha, said he never intended to disrespect the President and his "Rashtrapatni" remark was a "slip of the tongue". He accused the BJP of making a "mountain out of a molehill".

"Yesterday, when we were holding a protest at Vijay Chowk, journalists asked where we wanted to go. I said 'Rashtrapatni' only once by mistake. I urged the journalists not to show my video where I committed a mistake. The BJP is creating a row over it now,"

he said.
"What should I do? I said it and realised I uttered the wrong word. I even looked for media persons to whom I had said this to request them to not focus on it. However, I couldn't find them," he added, a day after the remark. In a video message later, he said India's President, be it Brahmin or tribal, is respected by all.

"I am a Bengali and not fluent in Hindi. I will apologise to the President if she felt hurt. I won't apologise to these frauds. I have sought time to meet her the day after tomorrow. Sonia nation.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with other BJP MPs during a protest against Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's remarks on President Droupadi Murmu, at Parliament House, in New Delhi on Thursday

Sonia pays for Adhir's blooper

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

fter the simmering tension Abetween the Treasury Benches and the Opposition for the past eight days burst out into a full-blown confrontation between the two sides over Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's "Rashtrapatni" remark, the BJP focussed its attack on the Congress president, alleging that Adhir made the calumnious comment at the

behest of Sonia Gandhi. The party demanded that Sonia must apologise to the

The no-holds-barred attack on Sonia was spearheaded by Union Minister Smriti Irani and Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha respectively. No sooner than the lower House commenced its proceedings, a vociferous Irani accused Chowdhury of disrespecting Murmu by calling her "Rashtrapatni" and charged the Congress leader with doing so with the "sanction" of Sonia.

Irani claimed that Chowdhury has disrespected the entire tribal community, women, the poor, and the downtrodden by his remark.

dent, Irani alleged that Sonia had "sanctioned humiliation" of a poor tribal woman who has occupied the highest constitutional post in the country.

"Sonia mafi mango (Sonia must tender an apology). Your male leaders are disrespecting a poor tribal woman," she said, raising her voice dramatically. BJP MPs, particularly

women members, aggressively backed Irani, inviting counterprotests from Congress members. As the turmoil continued Speaker Om Birla adjourned the House till noon.

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Didi strips Partha of Cabinet, TMC posts

join the Trinamool Congress,

was also removed from all his party posts, TMC national gen-

eral secretary Abhishek

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remove Chatterjee from all the

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country he has every right to

fight his case in the court," said

Abhishek at the end of a party

disciplinary committee meet-

uments, cash worth ₹50 crore and property deeds of 32 bun-galows, apartments and lands

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Banerjee said.

CM's move comes within hours of **Arpita telling ED** that all wealth belonged to Min

SAUGAR SENGUPTA
KOLKATA

In an apparent damage control exercise, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday removed Partha Chatterjee as a Minister and from all posts of Trinamool Congress five days after he was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with the school-level job scam.

The Chief Minister's decision comes within hours of Arpita Mukherjee — a close associate of Chatterjee from whose apartments huge cash, jewellery, bank and property instruments worth crores was recovered by the ED — telling the investigators that all the properties belonged to the Minister. Soon after a Cabinet meet-

ing, Mamata announced the removal of Chatterjee — the number two person in the Bengal Ministry — saying, "I have relieved Partha of all his charges," till his name is cleared from all accusations.

"The Trinamool Congress is strict about its ideology ... we run the party with great hardship," the Chief Minister said.

A former Education Minister, Chatterjee, had been in charge of Commerce and Industries, Parliamentary Affairs and Information Technology portfolios. The CM would retain all the Departments with her for now.



Minister. The ED also recovered about 8 kg of gold — in the form of bars, biscuits, jewellery and statuette — from two apartments of Mukherjee apart from bank instruments and

associate of the former

property deeds worth crores.
Officials quoting quoting Mukherjee said she was not the owner of the property seized and that all that had been recovered by the ED belonged to the Minister.

She is known to have told his interrogators that Chatterjee often sent his men to her apartments with bags which were kept inside a particular room not be entered by anyone. Not even Mukherjee was allowed to enter these rooms, she is known to have told the ED officials, adding only the Minister would enter these rooms when

he came to the apartments.

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3 more RS MPs suspended; |39 students in Sagar |CBI seizes ₹5.50 cr relay sit-in protest continues | given Covid-19 jab

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

A mid the 50-hour-long relay Sit-in protest by the sus-pended MPs on the Parliament premises, three more Rajya Sabha members — Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Sandeep Kumar Pathak and Sushil Kumar Gupta and Independent legislator Ajit Kumar Bhuyan were suspended from the

House for a week on Thursday. The 20 suspended RS members are on a relay protest near the Gandhi Statue at the Parliament complex, braving night, heat and rain.

A total of five MPs, including CPI's Santosh Kumar and AĂP's Sanjay Singh, spent the night near the Gandhi statue at Parliament complex, while TMC's Dola Sen and Santanu Sen were present at the site till midnight. With authorities not



AAP MP Sanjay Singh and TMC MPs protest at Parliament House on Thursday

granting permission for a tent, the MPs slept under the sky as a protest against the suspension of 24 MPs, 20 from the Rajya Sabha and four Congress members from the Lok Šabha.

So far 27 MPs of the Opposition have been suspended for "unruly behaviour". TMC MP Mausam Noor brought tea for the MPs on Thursday morning and said that the Opposition MPs will not apologise and the protest

will continue. Continued on Page 2

with 'single' syringe

PTI ■ SAGAR

vaccinator allegedly used a A single syringe to administer anti-coronavirus vaccine doses to 39 children at a private school in Madhya Pradesh's Sagar city, prompting the authorities to suspend the district vaccination officer, offi-

cials said on Thursday.

The incident took place on
Wednesday at the Jain Higher
Secondary School in the city during a mega vaccination drive, after which an FIR was registered against the vaccinator, identified as Jitendra Ahirwar, a district official said

The 39 children, aged 15 and above, were from Člasses 9 to 12, a health official said. The parents of some of the

children on Wednesday observed the vaccinator using the same syringe to inoculate the children and raised an alarm for the gross negligence on his part, the officials said.

After the parents protested, Sagar's in-charge Collector Kshitij Singhal sent district Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr DK Goswami to inquire about the incident. Those present at the spot told Goswami that the vaccinator allegedly used the same syringe to administer vaccine doses to as many as 39 children, the dis-

trict official said. After the protest by parents, Ahirwar escaped from the spot before the CMHO started

to inspect the school. Continued on Page 2

paintings in DHFL bank fraud raids

2 luxury watches worth ₹5 cr seized in ₹34,615 cr scam

PNS NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he CBI has recovered paintings of Indian maestros}}_{\text{FN Souza and SH Raza worth}}$ ₹5.50 crore besides two luxury watches of Jacob and Co and Frank Muller Geneve brands worth ₹5 crore apart from jewellery worth ₹2 crore during fresh searches related to India's biggest bank fraud worth ₹34,615 crore, involving

DHFL. SH Raza's oil-on-canvas painting titled "Village" of 1956 vintage worth over ₹3.50 crore and FN Souza's 1964-untitled

oil-on-linen creation valued at ₹2 crore were among the lux-urious items worth ₹12.5 crore seized by the agency during the batter of the agency during the latest round of searches against DHFL promoters Kapil Wadhawan and others, according to the CBI.

The agency has also seized two luxury watches of Jacob and Co and Frank Muller Geneve brands worth ₹5 crore during the searches. The DHFL promoters had acquired these expensive items using the diverted funds, the

agency said in a statement.
The CBI is conducting custodial interrogation of for-mer CMD of DHFL Kapil Wadhawan and Director Dheeraj Wadhawan for the last

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CAPSULE

twin-seater Mig-21 trainer aircraft met with an accident near Barmer in Rajasthan on Friday around 9.10 pm. "A twin seater Mig-21 trainer aircraft of the IAF was airborne for a training sortie from Utarlai air base in Rajasthan this evening. Around 9:10 pm, the aircraft met with an accident near Barmer. Both pilots sustained fatal injuries. The IAF deeply regrets the loss of lives and stands firmly with the bereaved families," the IAF said in a

THERE IS A LIMIT TO TARGETING JUDGES: SC

New Delhi: There is a limit to which you target judges, the Supreme Court said on Thursday while expressing displeasure over news reports that it was delaying hearing a plea alleging increasing attacks on Christian institutions and priests across the country

Chess Olympiad kicks off in grand style

PTI CHENNAI

In a glittery event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared open the FIDE 44th Chess Olympiad here on Thursday. Encouraging the players, Modi said that in sports there are no losers, but winners and future winners.

"Sports is beautiful because it has inherent power to unite. Sports brings people and societies closer. Sports nurture a spirit of teamwork," he said.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin said that the Chess Olympiad has turned the world's attention on Tamil Nadu and this grand event would enhance the State's tourism prospects.

The mascot for the event was named "Thambi," which symbolises brotherhood and that all the people are one fraternity. Stalin thanked Modi and the Centre for holding the

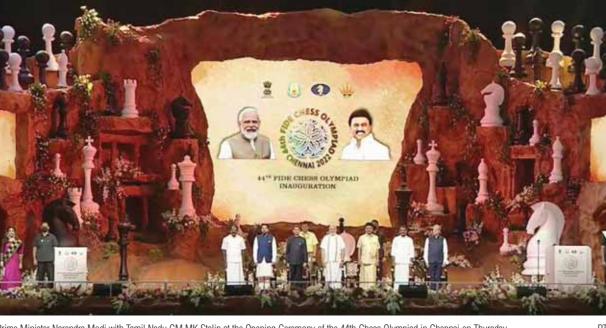
event. The Nehru Indoor Stadium here sparkled with classy lighting, and a sense of excitement was palpable during the inaugural event.

The sprawling arena in downtown Chennai was buzzing with fresh ideas represented in the form of elegant decor with the undercurrent being the nerve-wracking game of chess. The stadium's dais was decked with king-sized brightly coloured chess pieces of king, bishop, rook, queen, knight and the pawns. Modi said the Chess

Olympiad, the most prestigious tournament, is being hosted by India, the home of chess at a special time in its history, which marks 75 years of freedom from colonial rule. This is the first time the Chess Olympiad is being held in the place of origin of chess, India,



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin at the Opening Ceremony of the 44th Chess Olympiad in Chennai on Thursday

Pak objects to relay via Kashmir; India raps it for giving event a miss

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Hours before the inauguration of the 44th Chess Olympiad in Chennai on Thursday, Pakistan pulled out

Thursday, Pakistan pulled out of the prestigious event protesting against the passing of the torch relay for the event through Kashmir.

Criticising Pakistan for this move, India said it is "highly unfortunate" that Islamabad has "politicised" the prestigious international event. The gious international event. The Pakistani team had already reached India.

Citing India's torch relay for the prestigious event through Kashmir on July 21 as a reason for withdrawal, Pakistan's for-

eign office spokesperson Asim Iftikhar said in a statement to Radio Pakistan, "India chose to politicise this prestigious international sporting event."

He also said, "Pakistan was invited by the International

Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the Chess Olympiad. A Pakistani contingent was already training for this event. An official statement from Islamabad described the torch

relay through Kashmir as a "travesty" and called upon India to free political prisoners in the valley.

"Pakistan condemns India's mischievous attempt to mix

politics with sports. Continued on Page 2

NCR-PULSE

GOVT ORDERS SAFETY AUDIT OF SCHOOL VEHICLES New Delhi: Delhi Government on Thursday ordered a safety audit of all vehicles, including buses and auto-rickshaws, used for ferrying

children to schools. This comes after the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) said the focus of school authorities drifted away from ensuring safe transportation for children ever since they reopened in April after remaining shut for two years

170 SCHOOLTEACHERS VISIT DELHI GOVT SCHOOLS

New Delhi: A delegation of 170 Government school teachers and educators of Puniab led by their SCERT Director visited Delhi Government Schools on Thursday to see the teaching-learning activities including Happiness Classes. They will attend the closing ceremony of Happiness Utsav on 29th July at Tyagraj stadium. Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia interacted with the delegation and motivated them to be the torchbearers of education revolution in Puniab. He advised Puniab teachers to 'think like education ministers themselves' to help bring education revolution in the state

NDMC TO FORM TASK FORCE MONITORING TREE HEALTH

New Delhi: The New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) will form a task force to monitor health of trees in Lutyens' Delhi and also ensure that roads are timely cleared whenever they get uprooted following a storm or rain, its vice chairman Satish Upadhyay said on Thursday. The civic body, which is conducting a tree census in its jurisdiction, will also geo-tag 1.08 lakh trees in Lutyens' Delhi and a proposal in this connection has also been passed in the NDMC's Council meeting

RESOURCE BOOK TO ADDRESS ISSUES FACED BY LGBTQIA

New Delhi: With an aim to help mental health practitioners identify and address the unique stressors faced by LGBTQIA+ persons, Mariwala Health Initiative has released Queer Affirmative Counselling Practice, a resource book. Harsh Mariwala, founder, Mariwala Health Initiative and Chairman, Marico Ltd, said, "Globally, there is much conversation on diverse genders and sexualities. There is a need for society to accept and affirm this both in personal spaces and in workplaces." Dr Dayal Mirchandani, Director of Behavioural Science Network, highlighted the structural issues which the QACP Resource Books provides insights on'

CS asks LNJP Hosp to send solid proposal for augmenting facilities

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $D_{\text{Naresh Kumar on}}^{\text{elhi Chief Secretary}}$ Thursday suggested to the authorities at the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash (LNJP) Hospital to send a "solid proposal" to the city Government on augmentation of its facilities, and asserted that he will do his best

the Capital would be proud of. Addressing a gathering at an event held on the premises of the Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) to mark World Hepatitis Day, the 1987batch AGMUT cadre IAS officer also said red tapism and bureaucracy can make life miserable, and emphasised that hospital authorities could bring any proposal directly to him.

against Cong Govt defeated

The no-confidence motion moved by the Opposition BJP against the Congress Government in Chhattisgarh, where polls are due next year, was defeated by voice vote in the State Assembly on

The House witnessed a stormy debate over the no-confidence motion as the Opposition members targetted the Congress Government over its "infighting", Income Tax raids in the State, alleged corruption cases and non-fulfilment of its poll promises.

rejected the charges, claiming the opposition failed to come up with any concrete issues.

The BJP on Wednesday presented an 84-point "chargesheet" against the state government during the 13-hour debate on the motion, which was defeated by voice vote after midnight around 1.15 am. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel termed the opposition's charges as false and said his government makes welfare schemes "keeping an individual at the centre".

Baghel said his government has worked in this direction to make the state free of

malnutrition and provide quality education, health facilities and employment opportunities in the last three-and-half years.

Chhattisgarh: No-trust motion

Replying to the discussions, the chief minister hit out at the BJP, accusing it of

indulging in vendetta politics. "I respect central (investigating) agencies, but what if they work with a biased approach? In the National Herald case, your (BJP) intention is just to harass (Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi)," he said.

Why the Enforcement Directorate (ED) did not take action in the civil supply scam

government Chhattisgarh led by Raman Singh) despite it having registered a case in this connection? the CM asked. 5,000 crore of the people of Chhattisgarh was looted by chit fund companies during the

previous government. Why didn't the ED probe it considering it a case of money laundering. I have written to the prime minister and finance minister seeking action in the chit fund case," he said.

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The Chhattisgarh government does not do politics of revenge, he said.

Suspected monkeypox patient discharged after testing negative

STAFF REPORTER

A suspected monkeypox patient, admitted at the LNJP Hospital, was dis-charged on Thursday after testing negative, officials said.

Besides, the "repeat samples" taken from the first reported case of monkeypox in Delhi, who is currently admitted at the hospital, have been taken and sent to the National Institute of Virology-Pune, LNJP medical director Suresh Kumar said.

The suspected patient, a resident of Ghaziabad, was brought to the hospital by the surveillance team after he

developed fever and skin lesions while in Delhi, the senior doctor said.

The suspected case of monkeypox was brought to LNJP Hospital two days ago. He was discharged today after his reports came back negative on Wednesday," Kumar

Sources on Wednesday had said the Ghaziabad resident, who is in his 30s, had travelled to Paris over a month ago, and was hospitalised at the central Delhi hospital on Tuesday.

Kumar on Thursday said the man had travelled abroad long ago, but recently had undertaken domestic travel.

MEA: Check with Delhi Govt status of Singapore's invite to Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■

The Ministry of External Affairs Thursday said it had received a request last week for political clearance for Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal's visit to Singapore but it is given to understand that the host Government has shared certain updates and changes in its invitation with the Delhi Government. Asked about Delhi chief minister's political clearance request, Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "As we conveyed last week, we received an entry on our political clearance portal on July 21."

"Given to understand that the host government Singapore has shared certain updates and changes to its invitation with the

request you to check with the Delhi Government on what is the status of that," he said.

Kejriwal had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking permission to attend the summit. Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena has rejected the AAP government's request for Kejriwal's travel to Singapore, saying his attendance at the mayors' conference will set a "bad precedent".

Last month, High Commissioner of Singapore, Simon Wong, invited Kejriwal for the World Cities Summit.

Critising the central government, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) said that only the central gvernment can be held responsible for CM Arvind Kejriwal not being able to attend the World Cities Summit in Singapore and the subsequent humiliation the country has

"The file regarding clearance for Chief Minister's visit was sent to the LG on June 7 itself. The LG sat on the file for one and a half months and returned the file on July 21. By then not only had there been a lot of delay, but the deadline till July 20 to complete the travel formalities had also passed," AAP said.

"It is clear from this that the intention of the Central Government was to prevent the CM from talking about the world-class work done in Delhi including the transformations in education and health at an international arena. The goal of the Central Government may have been accomplished, but the Centre is also responsible for the way the country has faced disgrace amongst the global community," AAP further said.

CPSEs' workshop on being ready for ESG programmes (NPC) said on the need to hold renewable sources by 2030,

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Representatives from over 50 top Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) will congregate here on Friday at a national workshop to brain-storm how to be future ready for the Environment Social and Governance (ESG) programmes to not only stay competitive in global market but also meet India's climate change commitments made at CoP 26 summit at Glasglow in Scotland last year. While price, quality and deliveries were the focus earlier, ESG compliance has increasingly been added as a prerequisite for better performance in the global market where 'Go green' has become a buzz word amid climate change threats, Sundeep Nayak, DĞ, National Productivity Council

such a workshop, a first in

NPC, with its large crosssectoral talent pool, is a knowledge partner in this initiative, kicked off by the Union Finance Ministry's Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) which has been entrusted with the task to take stock of where these entities stand and what steps needed to make them ESG ready. The meet 'ESG for future ready CPSEs', also aims to handhold these entities like GAIL and ONGC, to name a few, to achieve Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of five nectar elements (Panchamrit) of the country's climate action focusing achieving net zero emissions by 2070.

"He had also said half of the country's energy requirements would be met using

cutting down cabon intensity by at least 45 pc by 2030, reaching 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030, reducing total projected carbon emission by one billion tonnes by 2030," Nayak told reporters at a curtain-raiser of the event here. He said that a seven-point strategy 'Saptabadi' has been prepared to help these entities comply with ESG rating to meet the mandates of the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

The Government has also released National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct in 2019 in this regard, he pointed out, adding that based on these outlines, the SEBI has mandated ESG compliance for the top 1000 listed entities (by market capitaliza-

Adhir's remark on Prez sets Parliament on...

When I am called, I will tell you and go," he said. On a persistent asking by a newsperson, whether Chowdhury would apologise, Sonia made a terse remark he has already apologised".

Leading the offensive both inside and outside Nirmala Sitharaman and Irani said Chowdhury used the term knowing well that it demeans Murmu and her office and is against India's values. Both Houses witnessed frequent adjournments due to protests by BJP members.

Accusing Chowdhury of hurling a "deliberate sexist insult", Sitharaman demanded an apology from the Congress president, saying Sonia appointed Chowdhury as the leader in the Lok Sabha to speak and he had insulted the President. "Chowdhury's comments were not a slip of tongue. It was a deliberate sexist insult against the President," Sitharaman said, making a brief statement in the Rajya Sabha.

She said at a time the entire country is rejoicing at the selection of a self-made woman from a tribal background as the President," for the leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha to call her 'Rashtrapatni' in a 'Pati-Patni' level, has insulted the President of India."

"Sonia should come before the nation and apologise to the Rashtrapati and also to the entire country for the insult by her own leader in Lok Sabha."

Congress has been targeting Murmu "maliciously" ever since the BJP-led NDA named her its Presidential candidate, Irani said she was called a "puppet" and a "symbol of evil" by its leaders. "A tribal woman from a poor family who created history is continuously demeaned by the Congress," she told reporters. The attacks don't seem to stop even after her election to the highest constitutional office

of the country, the BJP leader Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha Piyush Goyal accused the Congress of insulting the President of India by using derogatory words and alleged that the Opposition party now wants to view the President's office through the prism of caste

and religion. He said the Congress party has not only insulted our President and all women of the country but also tribals as well as the entire Upper

"Today the entire country is seriously concerned that the President has been insulted and it will not tolerate this," he told the house amid uproar by ruling party members and demanded that the Congress president apologise to the President and the entire coun-Alleging that the try. Goyal said Chowdhury today by saying the president can be a Brahmin or Adivasi. According to Chowdhury, the BJP does not have anything on the party and is finding

"masala" against it. "The issue is being blown out of proportion... I do not have the remotest intention of humiliating the highest chair of our country," Chowdhury said.

Women BJP MPs, including Union Ministers, also held a protest in the Parliament complex against Chowdhury.

Holding placards near gate number one of Parliament House, the MPs, including Sitharaman and Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje, raised slogans seeking an apology from the Leader of the Congress Party in the Lok Sabha.

Several of Union Ministers spoke against the comment of "Rashtrapatni" and claimed that it is Sonia who should be apologising.

Sonia pays for Adhir's...

Opposition leaders said Sonia was heckled in wolf-pack style by BJP women MPs. The face-off did not stop

even after the adjournment. After the session was adjourned, Sonia crossed the floor and spoke to Rama Devi. Congress leaders later Sonia reportedly told Rama Devi that Chowdhury has apologised and wanted to know what was her fault.

They further claimed that was when Irani intervened and I help you? I took your name". Sources said Sonia then shot back, "Don't talk to me". Sever BJP MPs then spoke in one voice and took on Sonia. It was Sonia's angry tone that started it all," Devi said.

Sonia had moved to the BJP benches alone but after heated exchanges were made a few Congress and other Opposition members reached across to escort her back.

Irani was seen gesturing toward the Congress president and protesting against Chowdhury's remark. Sonia at first tried to ignore Irani's protestations, but soon was seen gesturing towards the

Minister and speaking angrily. TMC member Mahua Moitram, who was present in the Lok Sabha, later tweeted that the 75-year-old Congress leader was "encircled and heckled pack-wolf style". Disgusted to read BJP lies and false version in the Press, said Moitra.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh later described Irani's behaviour in the Lok Sabha as "atrocious and outrageous". "Atrocious and outrageous

behaviour by Irani in the Lok Sabha today! But will she be rules only meant for the Opposition," AICC general secretary Ramesh said on Twitter. Former Union Minister

Milind Deora said he had never seen Sonia being rude or impolite, even when provoked. "This is not the first time that she has been targeted personally and of late, unjustly, both inside & outside Parliament. She has and will always endure," Deora said on Twitter.

NCP member Supriya Sule and Trinamool member Aparupa Poddar were seen escorting the Congress president away from the Treasury benches as BJP members flocked around Devi and Sonia. Roshan, he said.

Chess Olympiad kicks off in... From Page 1

It is coming to Asia for the first time in 3 decades. In his address during the inaugural at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Modi said it is an honour to have international chess players at such a special time. "In sports there are no losers, there are winners and there are future winners," he

"May the 44th Chess Olympiad in Chennai be an enriching experience for everyone. Best wishes to all the par-

39 students in Sagar...

The accused had also switched-off his mobile phone, Goswami said. Taking serious cognisance of the incident, Sagar divisional commissioner Mukesh Shukla on Thursday suspended district vaccination officer Dr Shobharam Roshan on the basis of the CMHO's report, another official said.

The suspension order was issued by the divisional commissioner, who also directed the collector to appoint another official in place of Dr

3 more RS MPs suspended, relay...

From Page 1

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh named the three members for holding placards and shouting slogans in the well. Soon Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs V Muraleedharan moved a motion to suspend the three members

from the House for the remainder of the week. The motion was passed by a voice vote. As some Opposition members demanded division of votes, Harivansh then asked the members to go to their seats to allow a division of votes. But the opposition members continued to raise uproar.

Didi strips Partha of Cabinet, TMC...

sacking its scam-tainted Abhisek said. natterjee, the Trinamool Congress on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the Enforcement Directorate and its handlers in Delhi wondering why only Opposition leaders were singled out in cases of corruption and the BJP politicians were spared by the Enforcement Directorate.

"We are not defending Chatterjee as the party has already removed him from all the posts and the Chief Minister has sacked him from the Cabinet ... because the Trinamool Congress tolerates no corruption ... but it has to be clarified by the BJP as to why only the TMC leaders are singled out and when they join the

BJP they are spared," party Meanwhile, soon after national general secretary

> on BJP seeking resignation of Mamata, Abhisek said, "They are referring to a photograph where the Chief Minister was seen with Mukherjee. As the Chief Minister she has to attend a number of programmes and is it possible to find out everyone's credentials," wondering 'why do not they first ask for the resignation of the Prime Minister who was seen with Mehul Chowksi? Why don't they ask for the resignation of Nirmala Sitaraman during whose time Nirav Modi fled? Why don't they arrest or ask for the resignation of Shivraj Singh Chauhan during whose reign

the Vyapam scam took place."

Pak objects to relay via Kashmir; India raps it for giving event a...

From Page 1
"As a protest, Pakistan has decided Olympiad and will also raise the mat-statement. The torch relay passed Ministry of External Affairs

ter with the international Chess through Kashmir's capital Srinagar on Federation at the highest level," said the not to participate in the 44th Chess Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the

June 21.

Reacting to Pakistan's decision,

Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said it was surprising that Pakistan has suddenly taken the decision not to participate in the event.

CBI seizes ₹5.50 cr paintings in DHFL bank fraud...

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Sources said they purchased these paintings from a noted art auction house at Fort in Mumbai, officials said. After coming to know

where these items were kept, the CBI conducted searches and seized the assets, they said. The CBI also recovered gold and diamond jewellery, including bangles and necklaces worth Rs 2 crore, the agency said. About 20 days back, the CBI had recovered Tyeb Mehta's painting 'Bull' worth over Rs 27 crore and an untitled piece by Manjit Bawa estimated to be valued at over Rs 7.7 crore. Mehta and Bawa's pieces were among a large number of paintings

and sculptures, altogether valued at Rs 40 crore, cash and incriminating documents seized, the CBI had said in a statement.

"During the investigation, was found the promoters had allegedly diverted the funds and made investments in various entities. It was also alleged that the promoters had acquired expensive paintings and sculptures using the diverted funds," it had said.

The federal probe agency had booked Dewan Housing Finance Ltd. (DHFL), the Wadhawan brothers, and others on June 20 in a bank fraud case worth Rs 34,615 crore, making it the biggest

agency, officials said. They had allegedly cheated a consortium of 17 banks led by Union Bank of India by siphoning off Rs 34,615 crore bank loans by diverting them using falsified account books of DHFL. They allegedly used shell companies and a parallel accounting system known as 'Bandra Books' to siphon off public funds in DHFL by disbursing money to fictitious entities as retail loans.

The CBI acted on a complaint from Union Bank of India, the leading bank of the consortium which had extended credit facilities to the tune of Rs 42,871 crore to DHFL between 2010 and such under probe by the 2018. The bank has alleged

that the Wadhawans in criminal conspiracy with others misrepresented and concealed facts, and committed a criminal breach of trust to cheat the consortium by defaulting on loan repayments from May 2019 onwards. The audit of DHFL

account books showed that the company allegedly committed financial irregularities, diverted funds, fabricated books, and round-tripped funds to "create assets for Kapil and Dheeraj Wadhawan" using public money. It was further alleged that separate audits conducted by other private audit accounting organisations had identified multiple instances

accused for personal benefits and falsification of books of accounts to camouflage and conceal dubious transactions. The audits also identified several instances where large value loans were provided to such fictitious entities without due diligence and without securities. Instances of sanction and disbursement of loans, merely by e-mail communications were allegedly found for which no loan files were maintained in DHFL. Earlier, searches were conducted at various locations in Mumbai at the premises of the accused which led to recovery of incriminating documents.

of diversion of funds by the

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Delimitation of 250 MCD wards before polls

chalk out strategy

Panel meets to

fee in pvt tech institutions

Delhi's Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has turned down a proposal sent by Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia seeking to hike fees in diploma-level technical institutions run and owned by private organisations, in the national Capital.

According to the sources, the L-G has advised the Chief Minister to postpone the proposed fee hike in privatelyowned institutions that run diploma-level courses and are affiliated to the Board of Technical Education, Delhi Government, by one year, citing the fact that "citizens are still recovering from the impact of economic restrictions imposed to contain the Covid

"The L-G has taken this decision in larger public interest, to enable students from all sections of society, particularly those from the lower economic strata to pursue various diploma-level courses for attaining employment," sources said. "What is remarkable is



that these students from humble families are already being made to pay anything between Rs 40-50 thousand, which in many is cases higher than the fees being paid by their counterparts in Noida and Gurugram, etc," they said.

According to Leader of Opposition, Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, this has exposed the AAP Government

"It's significant that the interest of the Chief Minister in this file was so much that in a departure from general practice, where a file is sent to the L-G with a noting from the Chief Minister's PS stating that the 'Chief Minister has seen the file, this file had a specific rec-

ommendation and signature of Arvind Kejriwal himself," Bidhuri said. The BJP leader further said that there are lakhs of students and youth, pre-dominantly from the lower and lower-middle income sections, who are not able to get admission into Delhi's free educational institutions.

These poor and hapless youth take recourse to privately-owned institutions for pursuing diplomas in courses like pharmacy, medical lab technology, interior design, health design, instrumentation, applied arts etc, to get entry level, semi white collared employment.

"It is utterly shocking that the Kejriwal-led AAP Government that is strongly opposing a hike of merely one per cent in taxes, that also after 2004 by the MCD, is discreetly supporting a hike of 7 per cent by private education mafia.

Instead of answering why the AAP Government has not paid thousands of crores that it owes to the MCD, Kejriwal has decided to hike the fees in these private technical institutes," he

L-G rejects proposal to hike | Delhi to set world record for largest human flag on Aug 4

Let's make India greatest nation in world together, says Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

To celebrate 75 years of India's Independence, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday announced that children from the national Capital will make the world's largest 'Tiranga' in the city, a move aimed at setting a world-

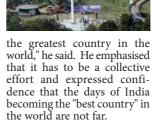
The program will be held on August 4, in Burari Grounds, where 50,000 students from Delhi Governmentrun schools will set the world record for the largest human flag. In an online briefing, Kejriwal lamented that several nations have witnessed rapid growth and surpassed India in the last 75 years. "It has been 75 years since Independence, so many countries surpassed us in these years. Why were we left behind? God has blessed India



crops, oceans and seas. Indians are the smartest and most hardworking people in the world. So, why do we lag behind?" he asked.

"If we leave the country at the mercy of these leaders and their parties, then we'll stay behind the world for another 75 years," he added.

Kejriwal urged "130 crore Indians" to come together and take a pledge to make the country the greatest and the strongest in the world. Seventy five years ago, when the whole country came together, we drove the British out. Today, we all have to come together again to make India



"Can India lead the world, some people ask me? Why not, is how I respond! I need to ask everyone, what do you think? Why can't India rise to become the world's greatest country? However, to accomplish this, we must all work together," he stressed. He said the participation of entrepreneurs, farmers, industrialists, labourers, members of the service class, doctors, engineers and lawyers is needed to realise the dream.

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI with a list of polling stations The Delimitation Committee and soft copies of maps of ▲ met on Thursday to chalk Assembly constituencies," an out a strategy for the delimita-tion of 250 wards of the official said, adding that the CEO's office and Revenue Municipal Corporation of Department have assured assis-Delhi (MCD). According to tance to the Committee officials, each Assembly conthrough the Electoral stituency will be divided into Registration Officers (EROs) three wards with an estimated and Assistant Electoral Registration (AEROs) for field population of each ward being

The commission has sought information regarding The Centre had earlier this the number of polling booths and population data from the office of Delhi's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) besides maps of Assembly constituencies from Geospatial Delhi Limited (GSDL) to formulate a plan to porations. redraw the wards in the city. "The delimitation exercise

The panel has three members — Vijay Dev, the Delhi the MCD.

that the MCD is fully geared up

Commissioner stressed on the

Ministry of Home Affairs had on July 22, through an order, informed delimitation commission that number of wards in Delhi would be 250 and the redrawing of wards should be done accordingly.

VK Saxena directs DMs to prevent discharge of septage into Yamuna

'The DMs were asked to identify dark spots which facilitate illegal activities'

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 $D_{\text{Vinai Kumar Saxena on}}^{\text{elhi Lieutenant-Governor}}$ Thursday directed District Magistrates (DMs) to take prompt action on encroachment complaints and prevent discharge of septage into the Yamuna River from unauthorised colonies. The directions came after a review meeting with the DMs, Chief Secretary the Divisional and Commissioner.

At the meeting, the L-G reiterated that DMs should be present in the fields and on the road. He also asked the DMs to monitor the status of cleanliness in their respective districts.

grave problem of encroachments, he directed the DMs to take swift and proactive action on complaints of encroachment on a regular basis and address them immediately. With the aim of ensuring transparency, the L-G directed the DMs to submit a list of all pending applications for NOCs for sale/transfer of land, along with the reasons for pendency, the Raj Niwas said in a statement. "The DMs were asked to identify dark spots which facilitate illegal activities and to take necessary action to address them in coordination with the

The authorities concerned were asked to regularly identify and monitor waterlogging spots and take action proactively to address them, especially by preventing dumping of

They were instructed to ensure that there is no discharge of septage in the Yamuna from the unauthorised colonies on the river's

"Pointing towards the bank," it read. "Pointing towards the chronic problem of plotting and sale of agricultural land, the L-G directed the DMs to take proactive and strict action, so as to prevent unauthorised plotting of land. In this regard, the DMs were also asked to carefully verify the carving of smaller plots within old farmhouses and ensure necessary action in accordance with provisions of law," it said.

"With a view to addressing serious problem being faced by the people – especially those living in slums and unauthorised colonies, the L-G instructed the DMs to ensure action against water tankers supplying dirty or poor quality water to the people," it said.

"The DMs were also instructed to ensure successful implementation of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programme commemorating 75 years of Independence across all Government buildings, especially schools and hospitals in their respective districts," the statement further read.

DU's Academic Council to discuss syllabus of four-year undergraduate prog on August 3 Curriculum Framework-2022

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Delhi University's Academic Council will meet on August 3 to discuss the syllabus of four-year undergraduate programmes (FYUP) based on the newly introduced Under Graduate Curriculum Framework. The Academic Council,

chaired by DU Vice-Chancellor (VC) Yogesh Singh, will be finalising the syllabi of 100 four-year undergraduate courses such as BA (Hons) Business Economics, BA (Hons) Multi-Mass Media and Communication, Electronic Science and B.Sc (H) Microbiology.

Resolutions in this regard have been put forward by the university's standing committee and will come up for approval during the meeting. Officials said that the Academic Council will also consider the recommendations of an inspection committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor (VC) for starting an MS (Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics)



course with an intake of two seats per year at the University College of Medical Sciences from this academic year.

The syllabi have been prepared by the course committees compromising of five professors two from the concerned department and three college professors. Resolutions in this regard have been put forward by the university's standing committee and will come up for approval during the meeting.

The syllabi will be pre-

sented to the Academic Council (AC), following the approval it will be taken up by the Executive Council (EC), DU's top decision-making body. The new curriculum will be implemented from the academic year 2022-23. The Executive Council (EC) had in February approved an Undergraduate (UGCF-2022), as formulated by the National Education Policy Officials said that council

will consider recommendations of Standing Committee to increase two more number of scholarships with additional endowment of Rs. Five lakh to already instituted scholarship. The council on recom-

mendations of Faculty of Medical Sciences will consider course curriculum of MD in Physical Medicine and Reĥabilitation said an official adding that it would also approve draft ordinance regarding admission criteria, course curriculum and scheme of examination for Msc. Respiratory Therapy Course.

Officials also said that academic council will consider case of Rohit Gurjar for award of Phd. Degree posthumously. Gurjar of Department of Electronics Communication Engineering passed away due to Covid in

April, 2021 after submitting

his Phd. Thesis.

GSDL has been asked to provide digitised maps of the Enumeration Blocks (EBs) of Assembly constituencies in the national Capital for assessment of the area and population residing in each Assembly

segment. "Similarly, the Chief

Electoral Office, Delhi has pro-

between 65,000-67,000.

will be carried out on the basis

of the 2011 census data as pub-

lished by the Census

Commissioner General of

India. The Directorate of

Census Operations, Delhi has

provided data in respect of

Enumeration Blocks (EBs)

based on the Census 2011

population of each ward in the

corporation shall be considered

with a variation of plus or

minus 10 per cent. All the

wards shall be geographically

compact areas and their phys-

ical features, existing bound-

aries of administrative units,

facilities of communication

and public convenience would

be considered while delimiting

It was decided that the

data", said officials.

inspections, wherever and whenever required.

month set up a three-member panel for a fresh delimitation of the municipal wards in Delhi that will pave the way for the first civic polls since the reunification of the city's three cor-

State Election Commissioner who will be its chairman; Pankaj Kumar Singh, the Joint Secretary in the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; and Randhir Sahay, the Additional Commissioner of Commissioner, MCD said

to assist the Committee and provide all logistics and technical support, including field inspections through its staff conversant with such surveys. The State Election

need to complete the delimitation work in a time-bound manner and said that all key stakeholders have been asked to work non-stop for furtherance of the objective of the Delimitation Committee. The official said the

Lane driving, road marking project between Raja Garden, Britannia Chowk a success: Dy CM Sisodia

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government on I Thursday announced a pilot project was implemented in collaboration with IIT Delhi on a 4.5 km road stretch between Raja Garden and Britannia Chowk. Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot reviewed the pilot project between Raja Garden to Britannia Chowk.

Addressing the media, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said, "A pilot project was implemented by the Government in collaboration with IIT Delhi on a 4.5 km road stretch between Raja Garden to Britannia Chowk.'

"The pilot was successful and outcomes were excellent. Based on experiences gained from this pilot project, now the Government will ensure lane driving and road marking on

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 $D_{\text{said that 27 people were}}^{\text{elhi Police on Thursday}}$

arrested after a scuffle between

slum dwellers and drug addicts

which resulted in heavy traffic

jam in northwest Delhi's

started with a scuffle between

Santosh (23), a resident of AO

Block of Shalimar Bagh, and

personnel along with Santosh

The police said that it

Ashok Vihar area.

all roads of Delhi," Sisodia added. During the meeting, the officials said that in the pilot phase, road marking was done on a 4.5 km road stretch between Raja Garden to Britannia Chowk where bus lanes were properly demarcated and lane driving was also enforced.

This led to an increase in bus commute speed by 17 per cent-23 per cent and a reduction in travel time after the new marking was applied to the full run. Cases of lane infringement while driving also decreased by 54 per cent.

Interestingly, the Transport Department has started enforcement drives for lane driving by the buses. Apart from this, the Government is also ensuring that all encroachments from bus lanes are removed immediately to avoid any inconvenience to the passengers travelling by city buses. Don't consider LNJP Hospital's report on Jain's health: HC

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

he Delhi High Court on Thursday directed a trial court here not to consider for the time-being Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain's medical report given by the State Governmentrun Lok Nayak Jai Prakash (LNJP) Hospital while dealing with his plea seeking interim bail in connection with an alleged money laundering case.

Justice Jasmeet Singh sought a response from Jain on the plea by the Enforcement Directorate that he be examined at hospitals like AIIMS, RML, or Safdarjung instead of LNJP where he is admitted.

"Issue notice... It is directed that the Special Judge shall not consider the medical report from LNJP till the next date of hearing," said the court. "Issue notice (on the petition)... It is directed that the Special Judge

27 held for road jam, rioting after fight between locals, drug addicts



shall not consider the medical report from LNJP till the next date of hearing," ordered the court. "In case he (trial court judge) wants to grant bail on some other ground, that's up to him," Justice Singh orally said. The matter would be heard

next on August 17. Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the investigating agency, emphasised that there is a grave likelihood that Jain, who was the city Health Minister,

Raju said that there was a need for an independent evaluation of his health before his plea for release on the medical ground is considered by the trial court.

In the plea, ED has also sought to shift Jain from LNIP Hospital to either to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital, or Safdarjung Hospital.

The AAP leader was arrested on May 30 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and was first sent to police custody and thereafter in judicial custody. The ED had earlier provisionally attached assets worth ₹4.81 crore of Jain's family and companies "beneficially owned and controlled" by him as part of a money laundering probe

case has been registered under

Section 186 (Obstructing pub-

lic servant in discharge of

public functions), 353 (Assault

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two-three drug addicts near Prem Badi bus stand on Wednesday night. An angry Santosh called on the local slum residents for help, who came out and started blocking traffic, police said. Eight police

aged by the crowd of nearly 180 people. The incident took place when Sub-Inspector (SI) Prem Prakash was patrolling with his staff near Prem Bari According to the police, at

were injured in the incident,

said the police, adding that

police vehicles were also dam-

around 10.30 P.M. S-I Prakash saw that the residents of AO block in Shalimar Bagh had gathered on the opposite side near Prem Bari bus stand. Meanwhile, a PCR call was also received at the Shalimar Bagh police station regarding traffic being stopped by the residents. S-I Prakash along with his staff immediately rushed to the spot of the disturbance.

District reserves and police the road. "When police tried to force from nearby police staremove them from road to tions was also mobilised, a senior police officer said. Deputy Commissioner of

Police (Northwest) Usha Rangnani said, "During local enquiry, it came into our notice that a person named Santosh has some quarrel with some drug addict boys and when he called the local residents for help, traffic was blocked." She added that the slum dwellers were getting agitated and were also raising slogans aggres-

She said that the police tried to pacify the around 150-180 people who had gathered but they started to disrupt the flow of traffic and sat down on treatment," Rangnani said. A

allow movement of traffic, some of the miscreants resorted to pelting of stones and bottles on passers by and police personnel," she said. They also tried to set a traffic motorcycle on fire but

the fire was immediately doused by the police. They also broke the glasses of three-four police vehicles, she added. The situation was brought under control by resorting to use of mild force and lathi charge. During the incident, Santosh and eight police personnel got injured. All the injured persons were discharged from the hospital after

causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty), 147 (rioting), 148 (Rioting, armed with deadly weapon), 149 (Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence commit-ted in prosecution of common object), 307 (attempt to murder), 308 (Attempt to commit culpable homicide) of Indian Penal Code and relevant sections of Damage to Pubic Property Act in connection with incident, according to police.

Media reports on delay in hearing of plea against attacks on Christians

SC says there's a limit to targetting judges

Rebukes lawyer seeking to speed up the case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

 $E^{\rm xpressing\ displeasure\ over}_{\rm news\ reports\ that\ it\ was}$ delaying hearing a plea alleging increasing attacks on Christian institutions and priests across the country, the Supreme Court on Thursday said there is a limit to which you target judges even as it admonished an advocate who sought to speed up

Give us a break, a bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Surya Kant said. "Last time the matter could not be taken because I was down with Covid. You get it published in newspapers that the Supreme



Court is delaying the hearing. Look, there is a limit to which you can target the judges. Who supplies all this news?

The news I saw online was that judges are delaying the hearing. Give us a break. One of the judges is down with Covid and this is the reason we could not take the matter. Anyway, we will list it otherwise there will be another news item," the bench observed orally. The observations came after the petitioner's counsel sought hearing of the case.

Senior advocate Colin

Gonsalves had mentioned the matter before a vacation bench in June and said 45 to 50 violent attacks on an average take place against Christian institutions and priests across the country every month.

The relief sought in the

plea filed by Peter Machado and others includes the implementation of guidelines issued by the apex court in the Tehseen Poonawala judgment under which nodal officers were to be appointed to take note of hate crimes and regis-

In 2018, the apex court had come out with a slew of guidelines for the Centre and the states. These included fasttracked trials, victim compensation, deterrent punishment and disciplinary action against lax law-enforcing officials. The court had said offences such as hate crimes, cow vigilantism and lynching incidents should be nipped in the bud.

Countdown begins! Vikrant may be commissioned next month

With the delivery of Vikrant, India has joined a select group of nations with capability to indigenously design and build an Aircraft Carrier

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

In a major milestone, the Indian Navy on Thursday took delivery of the first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) Vikrant from the builder Shipyard Cochin Limited(CSL), Kochi. The ship has undergone all the mandatory trials and is likely to be commissioned into service

Modi next month. With the delivery of Vikrant, India has joined a select group of nations having the niche capability to indigenously design and build an Aircraft Carrier. The other countries are the US, United Kingdom, France, Russia and

by Prime Minister Narendra

Designed by Indian Navy's inhouse Directorate of Naval Design (DND) and built by the public sector CSL, the aircraft carrier costing about Rs 20,000 crores is christened after her illustrious predecessor, India's first Aircraft Carrier which played a vital role in the 1971 Îndia-Pakistan war. Coinciding with the celebrations to commemorate 75th anniversary of

India's independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the reincarnation of Vikrant is a true testimony to the country's zeal and fervour in pursuing capability build up towards enhanced maritime security, navy officials said here.

The 262 metre long carrier weighs 45,000 tonnes which is much larger and advanced than her predecessor. The ship is powered by four gas turbines totalling 88 MW power and has a maximum speed of 28 Knots.

The project progressed in three phases of contract between the defence ministry and the CSL, concluded in May 2007, Dec 2014 and Oct 2019 respectively. ship will be capable of operat-

The ship's keel was laid in February 2009, followed by launching in Aug 2013. With an overall indigenous content of 76 percent, the IAC is a perfect example of the nation's quest for "Aatma Nirbhar Bharat" and provides thrust to the 'Make in India' initiative.

Vikrant has been built with high degree of automation for machinery operation, ship navigation and survivability, and has been designed to accommodate an assortment of fixed

The indigenously-designed an aircraft carrier Vikrant wing and rotary aircraft. The

ing air wing consisting of 30 aircraft comprising of MIG-29K fighter jets, Kamov-31, MH-60R multi-role helicopters, in addition to indigemanufactured Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH) and Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) (Navy).

Using a novel aircraft-operation mode known as STOBAR (Short Take- Off but Arrested Landing), the IAC is equipped with a ski- jump for launching aircraft, and a set of 'arrester

wires' for their recovery onboard. The ship has large number of indigenous equipment and machinery, involving major industrial houses in the country like Bharat Electronics Limited(BEL), Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited(BHEL), Garden Reach Ship and Engineers(GRSE), Keltron, Kirloskar, Larsen and Toubro and Wartsila as well as over 100 MSMEs. The indigenisation efforts has also led to development of ancillary industries, besides generation of employment opportunities and bolstering plough back effect on economy, both locally as well as pan-India. A major spin-off of this is the development and production of indigenous warship grade steel for the ship through a partnership between Navy, Defence Research and D e v e l o p m e n t Organisation(DRDO) and Steel Authority of India (SAIL), which has enabled the country to become self-sufficient with respect to warship steel. Today all the warships being built in the country are being manufactured using indigenous steel.

Defence production key to safeguarding national interests: Army chief



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

rmy Chief General Manoj Army Ciller General Army Pande said here on Thursday Defence manufacturing has shifted from buyerseller relationship with foreign countries and collaboration with them now focused on co-development and co-production. Enunciating this factor, he also said collaboration

times, leading to recalibration of established world order, he said at an event organised by the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). "India's security concerns emanate from the geopolitical dynamics at both global as well as the regional level. These include the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict as well as the instability and the political uncertainty that we see in our immediate neighbour-

with foreign companies is that the Indian armed forces intrinsic to India's ambition of becoming self-reliant in Defence production. The geostrategic security

environment has witnessed significant changes in recent tary capability of any nation rests, he said. There are new opportuni-

The contemporary security environment and the changing character of war requires must be prepared to handle wide spectrum of challenges in conventional and sub-conventional domains, the Army Chief noted. Underlining this, he said our interests are best served by being atmanirbhar, especially in Defence production. Self-reliance is one of the key factors on which the mili-

ties for "our foreign partners" and Atmanirbharta (selfreliance) is not only about isolating ourselves from the world, he noted. It is about self-sustaining and pursuing policies that promote efficiency, quality and resilience, Pande added. The ongoing reforms in the defence sector offer opportunities to the foreign Original

E q u i p m e n t Manufacturers(OEM) to partner with Indian companies and work towards our shared objectives, he said. There is huge potential for export which can also contribute to the vision of our Prime Minister to become USD 5 trillion economy in the foreseeable future, Pande said.

He also stressed that a holistic, all-encompassing, well-calibrated, multi-pronged, and futuristic approach in defence production is fundamental in safeguarding our national interests. A pragmatic and actionable indigenous defence production strategy would ensure a secure and sustained supply of armaments and ammunitions to cater for our national security needs, the Army Chief said.

Indian Navy receives 2 MH-60 'Romeo' helicopters



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In an effort to boost its combat capabilities, the Indian Navy on Thursday received

two of the 24 MH-60 'Romeo' multi-mission helicopters from the US. All 24 all-weather helicopters will be armed with Hellfire missiles and lethal rocket systems. Navy officials delivered at Cochin airport while another helicopter is scheduled to be delivered next month. India and US inked a Rs 15,000 crore deal for the helicopters through the Military Sale(FMS)route. It means the US government stands guarantee for all the obligations of the contract. Lockheed Martin

manufactures these helicopters. The first three MH 60 'Romeo' helicopters were delivered in the US in 2021 and are being used for training of the Indian Navy crew, they said.

The delivery of all 24 MH 60R helicopters will be completed by 2025. The induction

Uddhav faction challenges in SC

said the two helicopters were of state-of-the-art mission capable platforms will significantly boost the integral antisubmarine warfare capabilityof the Indian Navy.

With Thursday's delivery, the total number of helicopters handed over to the Indian Navy has gone up to five. MH-60R helicopter is an allweather helicopter designed to support multiple missions with state-of-the-art avionics and

The Navy said it will be able to deploy the helicopters in a range of roles including in anti-submarine warfare, antiship strike, specialised maritime operations as well as search and rescue operations.

IN SHORTS

SC TO HEAR PLEA ON **ED HEAD'S EXTENTION** New Delhi: The Supreme Court

agreed to hear on Friday a plea challenging amended law allowing extension of tenure of the director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) up to five years. and the Centre's decision to Sanjay Kumar Mishra as head of the probe agency.

RENUKA KUMAR REPATRIATED TO PARENT CADRE IN UP

New Delhi: Minority Affairs Secretary Renuka Kumar was on Thursday repatriated to her parent Uttar Pradesh cadre with immediate effect. The 1987batch IAS officer had been working on the post since July

TALAQ PENDING IN SC New Delhi: As many as 35 cases challenging central legislations and Constitutional Amendment Acts, including one questioning law penalising practice of instant triple talage

are pending in the SC.

'CASES AGAINST TRIPLE

MOTHER HAS RIGHT TO DECIDE SURNAME: SC New Delhi: The mother being the natural guardian of child after the demise of father has right to decide surname, said SC on Tuesday while setting aside an order of AP High Court which directed a woman to include name of her second husband in

RELEASED IN GANGA

records as a stepfather.

New Delhi: More than 56 lakh fish seeds have been released in the Ganga river for conservation and restoration, the Jal Shakti Ministry said Thursday.

SC TO HEAR PLEA AGAINST TREE CUTTING IN AAREY CASE New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday agreed to hear a plea challenging the cutting of trees in Mumbai's Aarey colony for a Metro car shed.

SC REJECTS K'TAKA HC ORDER

New Delhi: The SC set aside Karnataka High Court order declaring a provision of Karnataka Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1973, which deals with amount payable in respect of land acquired, as ultra vires.

Maldives Prez to visit India on Aug 1

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hood," he said.

 $P^{\text{resident of Maldives Ibrahim}}_{\text{Mohamed Solih will pay a}}$ four-day visit to India from August 1 with an aim to further visit to Male in March handed bolster bilateral ties. It will also over a coastal radar system to review the relations and take the cooperation forward. Solih is scheduled to meet President Droupadi Murmu and hold extensive talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The visiting dignitary will also visit

Meanwhile, Army Chief General Manoj Pande on Thursday held extensive talks here with the chief of Maldivian defence forces Major General Abdulla Shamaal, focusing on ways to further strengthen bilateral defence and security cooperation. Shamaal also called on

Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar. Maldives is one of India's key maritime neighbours in the Indian Ocean Region and the bilateral defence and security ties have been on an upward trajectory in the last few years. "Gen Manoj Pande #COAS extended a warm welcome to Mai Gen Abdulla Shamaal, Chief of Defence Force,

the two countries," the Army tweeted. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, during a nation to further boost maritime security cooperation.

has been a key pillar of the India-Maldives relationship with New Delhi providing Lines of Credit of over \$1.2 billion (one billion=100 crores) for infrastructure and grants for community development proiects to the island nation.

@MNDF_Official and discussed ways to strengthen the #DefenceCooperation between share common perspectives on maritime security issues in the Indian Ocean and have been working together to expand defence cooperation. In April, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar visited Maldives and met Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamad Solih and other senior leaders of the island

Development cooperation

In August last year, the island nation sealed a contract for the implementation of an India-funded connectivity project, billed as the largest infrastructure initiative being rolled out in the island nation.

Youths above 17 can apply to be enrolled in voters list

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Election Commission (EC) on Thursday on Thursday above 17 years of age will now be able to apply in advance for having their names enrolled in the voters' list.

With this, the youngsters will now not necessarily have to await the pre-requisite criterion of attaining the age of 18 years on January 1 to get enrolled in the voters' list. The newly modified forms, which are simpler and more user friendly, will come into force on August1, 2022.

"17+ year old youngsters can now apply in advance for having their names enrolled in Voters' list and not necessarily have to await the pre-requisite criterion of attaining age of 18 vears on 1st January of a year," the Election Commission said in a statement.

Election Chief Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey have directed Chief Electoral



Officers/Electoral Registration Officers and Assistant Electoral Returning Officers of all states to work out tech-enabled solutions such that the youth are facilitated to file their advance applications with reference to three subsequent qualifying dates - 1 April 1, July 1 and October 1 and not just January

The Electoral Roll will be updated every quarter and eligible youngsters can be registered in the next quarter of the year in which he/she has attained the qualifying age of 18 years," the EC said.

The poll body said that the current round of annual revision of electoral roll, 2023, any citizen attaining the age of 18 years by 1 April, 1 July and 1 October of 2023 can also submit an advance application for registration as a voter from the date of draft publication of electoral roll. For the current untary," the statement added.

round of annual revision of electoral roll, 2023, any citizen attaining the age of 18 years by April 1, July 1 and October 1 of 2023 can also submit an tration as a voter from the date of draft publication of electoral roll, it explained. EC has already managed to induct 1,736,181 (1.7 million) new voters between the ages of 18-19, people familiar with the matter said. Last year, 14,526,678 (14.5 million) new voters were added to the list.

The EC has also begun the process of linking Aadhaar numbers with Electoral Roll data. "(A) provision has been made in the modified registration forms to seek Aadhaar details of electors. A new Form-6B has also been introduced for collecting Aadhaar number of

existing electors. However, no application for inclusion of name in elec-toral roll shall be denied and no entries in electoral roll shall be deleted for inability of an individual to furnish or intimate Aadhaar Number... it is vol-

Speaker's decision on Shewale **New Delhi:** Shiv Sena's Uddhav Thackeray faction has filed another petition in the Supreme Court challenging the decision of Lok Sabha that Rahul Shewale belongs to the Eknath Shinde faction as floor leader. A three-judge Bench of

Chief Justice NV Ramana and Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli is already scheduled to hear on August 1 a batch of petitions filed by the Thackeray faction in relation to several political developments in Maharashtra, before the Election Commission with regard to claim over the party and its symbol and in Parliament.

The fresh plea challenged the decision of the Lok Sabha Speaker to recognise Shewale as Shiv Sena's floor leader at the instance of the Shinde faction. The Uddhav group terms the action of the Speaker as "illegal" and "arbitrary" alleging that the Shiv Sena leader and its chief whip in the Lok Sabha were removed unilaterally. "The Speaker made



the impugned changes to the positions of the leader and the chief whip without adhering to basic rules of natural justice or even calling for an explanation from the Shiv Sena political party or the petitioners herein, despite categorical requests in this regard having been communicated to him," the plea submitted.

The plea said names of Vinayak Raut and Rajan Vichare as the Leader and the Chief Whip of the Shiv Sena in the Lok Sabha respectively were reiterated and communicated to Birla, it said.

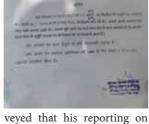
However, the Speaker approved the names proposed by the Shinde faction, it said. Chief Minister Shinde, with 12 of the 19 Lok Sabha members from Shiv Sena by his side, had named Shewale as leader of the party in the Lok Sabha and Bhawana Gawale as chief whip.

Rly gateman chargesheeted over reporting on duty in car

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA NEW DELHI

Notwithstanding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pitch for enabling even a common man in "hawai chappals" (slippers) to use air travel services and "sabka saath, sabka vikas", a Grade-IV employee of Railways has been chargesheeted with an explanation sought for breaching protocols by using his private family car to report to office.

The matter relates to a Gateman (name withheld) posted near the Hapur Railway Station (Ghaziabad), a few kilometers from the national Capital. The employee uses his private car to report to his place of work during late evenings or nights. But the poor Gateman has been con-



duty in a car is totally against protocols laid down by Indian Railways and hence, this relates to 'dereliction' of duty as per railway employment conduct. The Gateman earned ire of his seniors after they were on an inspection and ostensibly took offence as their junior was using a car on duty and termed it a case of 'insubordination'. All efforts to contact gateman and officials for their response and comments till late evening

proved futile. "You were on

duty 23/24 July and the Principal Engineer arrived on inspection at the P-Way Hapur.

When the officers belonging to the Northern Railway noticed a Maruti car parked a few meters away they were inquisitive about the owners. Upon their on-spot inquiry the Gateman himself conveyed to the inspecting officers that it belonged to him.

This is pure violation of the service conduct as you as a Gateman cannot report to duty hours in a car as it is against the protocol. It also amounts to total dereliction of duty and that you have flouted Railway Administrative Service Act 1968, para 2, clause I and II," says the show-cause notice in Hindi issued by Senior Section Engineer (P.Way), Northern Railway, Hapur.

CBI seeks urgent hearing in plea against trial court order in 2G scam

New Delhi: The CBI on Thursday sought an urgent hearing of the appeal filed against the trial court judgment in the 2G scam case following which the Delhi High Court posted the matter for hearing before the Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma-headed

bench on Friday.

The agency, which filed the appeal along with Enforcement Directorate on March 18, on Wednesday sought urgent hearing of the appeal in all 2G cases against acquittal of former Telecom Minister A Raja and many Corporates including Anil Ambani headed Reliance Group, Unitech and Essar Group.

ASG Sanjay Jain sought immediate hearing of the appeal of CBI's appeals, citing that the appeal filed more than four years ago is still at the stage

for granting leave for appeal. Justice Asha Menon, who is retiring in September said her court had certain time constraints.

Sanjay Jain, ASG for the CBI, has submitted that "the matters require urgent hearing. In fact, two applications seeking early hearing are stated to be pending, but in effect what is sought thereby is the drawing up of a schedule for arguments on the merits of the leave to appeal petitions, so that the matters can be heard at the earliest. "While appreciating the need for urgent hearing, this Court will not bein a position to draw-up such a schedule due to certain time constraints. In these circumstances, the matters be placed before Hon'ble the Chief Justice on 29th July,

2022 for appropriate orders,

said the Order.

Maha local bodies' polls: SC warns of contempt if elections renotified to include OBC quota

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Thursday warned the Maharashtra State Election Commission (SEC) of contempt action if it renotifies the election process to 367 local bodies, where it has already commenced, in order to provide reservation to OBCs.

The SEC, it said, "cannot and shall not" renotify the election programme, voicing displeasure over the "misreading" of its July 20 order. Any breach of its directives will invite contempt for the SEC and others concerned, the court

The Supreme Court had on July 20 accepted the recommendations of the Banthia

cent OBC reservations in local body elections and directed that election for local bodies in the state be notified in the next two weeks. It had, however, made

commission providing 27 per

clear the same day that the new reservation policy will not apply to the 367 local bodies where the election process had already begun. The court had noted in its

July 20 order that the counsel for the SEC had said the election programme in respect of 367 local bodies has already started and will be taken to its logical end. The apex court had quashed the SEC notification providing for 27 per cent quotas for OBCs in local

bodies in early 2021.

Gujarat hooch tragedy: 2 SPs transferred, 6 cops suspended

Home Gujarat Department on Thursday transferred the Superintendents of Police of Botad and Ahmedabad and suspended six other cops following the death of 42 people after consumption of spurious liquor, an official said.

Primary investigations by police have revealed that some small-time bootleggers of different villages in Botad district had made the spurious liquor by mixing water with methyl alcohol or Methanol, a highly poisonous industrial solvent, and sold it to villagers for Rs 20

According to police, forensic analysis established that the victims consumed methyl

"We have transferred Botad SP Karanraj Vaghela and Ahmedabad ŚP Virendrasingh



Yadav. Six other police officials, including two Deputy SPs, have been placed under suspension," Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Raj Kumar

Those suspended are Ahmedabad's Dĥolka division DySP N V Patel, Botad DySP S K Trivedi, Ahmedabad's Dhandhuka police station inspector Ř P Jadeja, Dhandhuka division's circle police inspector S B Chaudhari and Botad sub-inspectors B G Vala and Shailendrasinh Rana.

These officials were suspended for "dereliction of duty and lack of commitment as they failed to stop the trans-

portation, sale and consumption of liquor laced with poisonous chemicals in their respective areas," say the suspension letters issued by the state Home Department.

Forty two people from Botad and neighbouring Ahmedabad district have died so far after consuming the spurious liquor on July 25, while 97 people are still admitted to hospitals in Bhavnagar, Botad and Ahmedabad, Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi said on Wednesday.

He said police will file a charge sheet in 10 days to ensure quick justice and the government will also appoint a pecial Public Prosecutor to fight the case.

already arrested, he had said.

Fifteen key accused,

including the one who acquired These bootleggers mixed the chemical and those who water in the chemical and sold sold the liquor to people, were it to people as country-made liquor, police had said.

villages of Botad.

Ahmedabad police on Tuesday

Information Reports (FIRs)

against nearly 20 culprits under

Indian Penal Code Sections 302

(murder), 328 (causing hurt by

poison) and 120-B (criminal

revealed that a person named

Jayesh aka Raju, who has been

arrested, had stolen 600 litres

of methyl alcohol from a

godown in Ahmedabad where

he worked as a manager and

then sold it to his Botad-based

cousin Sanjay for Rs 40,000 on

was an industrial solvent,

Sanjay sold the chemical to

local bootleggers of different

Despite knowing that it

Police investigation has

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registered

conspiracy).

SUSPICIOUS BURGLARY AT PARTHA'S FARMHOUSE TMC slams Modi, ED for targetting Opp

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Soon after sacking its scam-tainted Minister Partha Chatterjee, the Trinamool Congress on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the Enforcement Directorate and its handlers in Delhi wondering why only Opposition leaders were singled out in cases of corruption and the BJP politicians were spared by the Enforcement Directorate.

'We are not defending Partha Chatterjee as the party has already removed him from all the posts and the Chief Minister has sacked him from the Cabinet ... because the Trinamool Congress tolerates no corruption ... but it has to be clarified by the BJP as to why only the TMC leaders are singled out and when they join the BJP they are spared," party national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee said.

When asked to comment on BJP seeking Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's the TMC leader who is also her nephew said "they are referring to a photograph where the Chief Minister was seen with Arpita Mukherjee ... as the Chief Minister she has to attend a number of programmes and is it possible to find out every-one's credentials," wondering why do not they first ask for the resignation of the Prime Minister who was seen with Mehul Chowksi ... why don't they ask for the resignation of Nirmala Sitaraman during whose time Nirav Modi fled with some many crores ... and why don't they arrest or ask

Speaking about Partha Chatterjee he said "though it seems that it is another case of vendetta ... because ED would not have touched him had he

for the resignation of Shivraj

Singh Chauhan during whose

reign the Vyapam scam took

place?

joined the BJP like some other leaders --- like the Opposition Leader (Suvendu Adĥikari)... it seems that for the BJP when you are in any other party you are a thief but when you are in the BJP you are as pure as rose

Referring to the school level recruitment scam he said "there are other leaders who are in the BJP today whose names are coming in the scam for abetting illegal appointments in districts like Purulia and Bankura but they have not been touched by the

Meanwhile, in a suspicious development a farmhouse reportedly owned by Sohini the daughter of the minister --- located at Baruipur some 35 km south off Kolkata --- was burgled in the wee hours of Thursday, sources said.

Locals said that three persons wearing black robes came in a vehicle, jumped over the high boundary wall broke the locks and entered the building which has a sprawling courtyard. Later they came out with a number of bags and fled away in the vehicle in which they had come. When the locals questioned their credentials they were threatened by the intruders, sources

The burglary took place in the night when Rs 28 crore was recovered from an apartment owned by Arpita and Partha. The police were investigating the case.

Yogi condemns Congress MP's 'Rashtrapatni' remark

Congress should also take blame for behaviour of its MP: CM PNS LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has criticised the remark of Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury calling Droupadi Mumru as "Rashtrapatni", saying such a remark is highly condemnable.

"This remark is atrocious and an insult to the Constitution of India as well as an insult to the matra shakti of India. As the President of India is the high-



est constitutional post, the remark is also an insult to the country in a way," Yogi said in a statement here on Thursday.

He said: "I condemn the Congress MP and Congress for this indecent remark. They should apologise to the countrymen for this condemnable act. This country can never accept any such comment. Yogi Adityanath said that

Congress should also take ment.

the blame for the behaviour of its MP and it could not shy away from its accountability.

The controversy was triggered by Chowdhury when he referred to President Droupadi Murmu as "Rashtrapatni" in a comment to a Hindi news channel.

When a hue and cry was raised, he admitted his mistake, saying it was a slip of

Bharatiya Janata Party state president Swatantra Dev also criticised Singh Chowdhury for his comment and said that it was an insult to the tribal women.

The women who rose to the highest constitutional post should not be treated this way," Singh said in a state-

New textile policy on anvil in UP

PNS LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Government will soon bring a new textile policy incorporating innovations that will boost investment and increase employment generation capacity in the state. A senior official said on condition of anonymity that the draft of the policy had been prepared and sent to the advisory committee of the government for its opinion.

"With the implementation of the new policy, investment in the textile industry in the state will increase further. Along with this, employment opportunities will be created," the official said.

To start with, the process has been initiated for the acquisition of land for the establishment of Mega Integrated Textile and Apparel



Park in Hardoi under the PM Mitra Scheme of the Union Textiles Ministry

"The establishment of textile units in the park is likely to provide employment to about five lakh persons," the

He said there was also a proposal to set up an apparpark in Noida with an investment of Rs 3,000 crore. Land for developing the park has been arranged.

"About 115 export-ori-

ented textile units will be set up in this apparel park with an investment of Rs 3,000 crore, which is likely to provide employment to about two lakh persons," the draft of the new policy says.

The policy says that this region is full of skilled weavers but the irony is that because of Banarasi silk saris, the focus is only on Varanasi thus pushing the weavers of other regions into an unorganised sector.

BJP leader's murder: Two with suspected links to PFI held in Karnataka

MANGALURU/BENGALURU

wo persons with suspect-Two persons the Popular Front of India (PFI) were arrested Karnataka police in connection with the murder of a BJP youth wing leader in Dakshina Kannada district which had sparked outrage.

The arrested accused have been identified as Zakir (29) and Mohammed Shafiq (27), both from Bellare in Sullia taluk, where the 32-year-old zilla Bharatiya Yuva Morcha Nettar was hacked to death by unidentified motor bikeborne assailants on Tuesday night, police said.

committee member Praveen

"Both are from Bellare, they have got suspected links with PFI - that we have to verify. We had taken them into custody last evening and after inquiry we have arrested them.

We will produce them before court and ask for police custody and do further investigation," the Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Alok Kumar

Mayawati lambasts Adhir over sexist 'Rashtrapatni' remark, seeks apology

Amid the controversy around Congress leader sexist remark on the President of India Droupadi Murmu, former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh and Bahujan Samaj Party supremo Mayawati lambasted the leader of Congress in Lok Sabha by calling his 'Rashtrapatni' remark "shameful" and "highly condemnable".

Taking to Twitter on Thursday, Mayawati said, "The spectacular election of Droupadi Murmu ji as the first woman of the tribal society to the post of President of India is not liked by many. In this sequence, the objectionable remarks made by Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, leader of Congress in Lok Sabha, against her are very sad, shameful and highly condemnable. Mayawati slammed the



Congress over Chowdhury's remark about Droupadi Murmu and said that the grand old party should apologise to the country.

The proceedings of Parliament have also been disrupted today (Thursday), in protest against calling the Honourable Rashtrapati ji 'Rashtrapatni' on TV. It would be appropriate that the Congress party also apologises to the country for this and abandons its casteist mindset," the BSP chief tweeted.

Meanwhile, Mavawati has also taken seriously the theft of an elephant statue in the state

from the memorial of saints of concern. Dalit society, Dr Bhimrao (Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Samajik Parivartan Prateek Sthal) was a matter of shame and concern. She tweeted that in the respect of great saints, gurus, great men born in the neglected, despised, Dalit and other backward classes in the country, the BSP government had built a grand Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar social transformation site and this area was now the main centre of tourism. She said the theft of an elephant statue from there was a matter of shame and concern.

Mayawati further said in the tweet that the neglect in protection and maintenance of the grand sites and monuments built by the BSP government earlier during the Samajwadi Party regime and

capital. Mayawati said that the now in the Bharatiya Janata theft of an elephant statue Party rule was a cause of great

The BSP supremo said of tourism income, the work being done at the Kanshi Ram memorial site and many other places was very sluggish and the government should pay attention to it.

It may be mentioned that the theft of an elephant statue has come to light from Buddha Vihar Park in state capital Lucknow. According to information, the elephant statue was installed in a fountain in Buddha Vihar Park developed on the Gomti Riverfront, and it has been stolen. No one other than the security personnel is allowed to enter the place from where the theft took place. The Gautampalli police have registered a case on the complaint of security personnel Niyaz Ahmed.

Bombay HC CJ recuses from hearing plea challenging appointment of CBI Director Jaiswal

Bombay High Court bench Aled by Chief Justice Dipankar Datta on Thursday challenging the appointment of Subodh Jaiswal as the Central Bureau of Investigation director, following a letter of complaint against CJ Datta.

Former Maharashtra Assistant Commissioner of Police Rajendra Trivedi had filed the PIL challenging Jaiswal's appointment. CJ Datta said it had come

to his notice that on March 22 this year, Trivedi wrote a letter to Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, "complaining" against

Jaiswal, who had earlier held the post of Maharashtra's Director General of Police (DGP), was appointed as the CBI director in May last year.

Trivedi had on November 11, 2021 filed the plea through



advocate S B Talekar against

Jaiswal's appointment. A bench led by CJ Datta was hearing it since then. The bench had also passed several directions on the plea, including asking for affidavits from the Union government and Jaiswal.

Earlier this month, Jaiswal filed an affidavit before the bench saying Trivedi's PIL had been filed out of "personal vendetta."

The Union government on Wednesday submitted an affidavit, saying Jaiswal had been appointed the CBI director following due process and he had adequate requisite qualifications for the appointment. On Thursday, Additional Solicitor General S V Raju appeared along with ASG Anil Singh on behalf of the Union

They mentioned the mat-

ter for urgent hearing and sought that a specific date be fixed for next hearing. CJ Datta then said it will

not be proper for him to hear the matter.

"It won't be proper for us to hear this matter because a complaint has been against

this court," CJ Datta said. "Mr Talekar, you might not be knowing this but your client, the petitioner, wrote a letter to the Chief Justice of India complaining against me,"

he said. Talekar said he did not know of the letter and that his client was claiming he had not written it.

Both Raju and Singh urged the bench to continue hearing the matter, saying on behalf of the Union of India that they had "full confidence in the

"It has nowadays become a

dom allegations if they want their matter to be heard by a different bench. If a court recuses, they feel they are successful," ASG Singh said.

Talekar also said his client was "very happy" with the way the hearing was going on, and urged the bench to not recuse itself from hearing the plea.

However, CJ Datta said even if he were to continue the hearing and in case he passed an adverse order, the petitioner might not be satisfied with the hearing.

"It is very easy to write a letter and tarnish someone's image. It will be appropriate if this matter is heard by some other bench. Justice must be seen to have been done," CJ

A new, non-invasive way to alleviate hand tremors

PNS NEW DELHI

Maanav Narula still remembers the day he walked into his grandmother's room and saw her struggling to sign her name on a letter. The doctors had diagnosed her with Essential Tremor, but it was only in that moment that he realised what that really meant. Over the next few months, simple tasks like eating, writing and dressing became difficult for her.

These kinds of hand tremors affect over 120 million people worldwide. It affects those with Essential Tremor, Parkinson's Disease. Alzheimer's, stroke patients and so many more. Hand tremors have such a disabling effect that patients suffer emotionally too. Over half of patients suffer from depression and over 25 per cent retire early due to their tremors. They report losing a sense of identity, avoid leaving their homesand even feel forgotten by the medical community.

They feel this way because the current solutions in the market are lacking. Medication is the first line of defense, but it's only 50 per cent effective, its effectiveness reduces over time and it has severe side effects. Some patients with severe tremors also attempt deep brain stimulation. Though effective, the surgery is expensive and risky, and simply not feasible for the majority of patients. Because of these tradeoffs, neither solution was feasible for Maanav's grandmother. He set out to solve this

problem for them. By visiting support groups, sending out surveys and interviewing patients, he first figured out exactly what kind of solution people wanted. He then bought the assistive devices currently on the market to see how they worked and why more people weren't using them. What he discovered was that customers valued the form factor - the size, shape and weight - of the device almost as much as its ability to reduce tremors. But almost all

too bulky or heavy. Even if they reduced tremors, they didn't resolve the social anxiety patients felt. The bulky devices simply drew too much attention and questions from others. And the fact that they were heavy made it difficult to use throughout the day without tiring their arms. To tackle this problem,

of these assistive devices were

Maanav started with what he had — he took the technologies used today and tried to improve their form factor. He even tried combining some of them together. But he couldn't get it down to where customers would be comfortable wearing it. He spent months searching for a better way and eventually landed on a familiar technology. The year before, he had taken a class on vibrational dynamics as part of his mechanical engineering degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He learned about

using earthquake-proofing

technology to keep buildings

stable. And that's when a light

bulb went off. Could he take this proven technology and scale it down to the size of a human hand? Would it have the same effect that is has on buildings? And what would be different if he uses it on a scale 800 times smaller than its typical application? This is exactly what he explored during his senior design thesis. His first course of action

was to see if this solution was even theoretically possible, let alone practical. He developed a mathematical model and found that there was in fact a narrow range to make this work. But it was theoretically possible. That was the first validation.

The next step was to translate this into a real product. The first version only needed to show proof of concept. And sure enough, it took the form of a bulky 1.5 inch thick bracelet. It also only worked for one particular tremor pattern at a time. But it was enough to show that the concept worked. Patients of course didn't like the form factor yet, but it worked. That was the second validation.

Maanav then needed to figure out if this could be a viable business. He leveraged resources from his degrees at Wharton and Penn Engineering, including taking their entrepreneurship and venture capital classes, to build out his business model. This is also when the device got a name: Minimize. He entered pitch competitions and won several awards including the Innovation Prize at the Wharton Startup Challenge and the Medical Device Excellence Awards at the MD&M Trade Show in New

This was the third validation. It was enough for him to turn down job offers after graduating and he decided to pursue this full time. He moved to Chicago to continue building the company. His next goal was clear: Bring down the size and weight of Minimize. Unfortunately, this coincided with the onset of the pandemic and lockdowns. It was diffi-

cult to make a prototype from home and even more difficult to meet patients and test the product. Instead, he built his own mechanical tremor simulator to test and improve Minimize. Now, Minimize is able to reduce tremors by up to 80-95 per cent and takes the form of a lightweight, discreet bracelet. Similar to a step tracker, Minimize can also collect patient data to show how their tremor severity is changing over time. This can help patients identify triggers for their tremor and thus empowers them to make lifestyle changes to better manage the symptom. Lastly, while Minimize does have a battery, it doesn't have to be charged for it to be effective in counteracting tremors.

To make Minimize commercially available, however, it has to go through the FDA's regulatory pathway. To navigate these complex regulations, Maanav joined a MedTech accelerator at mHUB, an innovation center in Chicago. The



funding, technical resources, mentorship, access to corporate partners and strong connections in the Chicagol and area. Since joining, he pitched to the program's corporate partners in Baxter and Edward Elmhurst Health Venture Capital and secured additional investments from them both. The traction Minimize has gained since the program has led the company to open their seed round earlier than expected. This funding

ical trials, FDA registration and commercialisation next year. Maanav's goal is to give all patients access to this non-invasive, non-pharmacological form of tremor therapy. He believes patients

shouldn't have to choose between the current subpar treatment options. What he first built for his grandmother, he now wants to build for the millions of others suffering from hand tremors.

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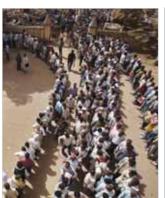
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Time to liberalise

The government must expedite economic reforms to boost growth and create employment

he rush for government jobs is directly proportional to the severity of the unemployment crisis. The severity has increased badly in the last eight years. As many as 22.05 crore applications were received from 2014-15 to 2021-22 for Central government jobs, but just 7.22 lakh people got them. This is one out of around 300 aspirants becoming successful. These figures have not been compiled by some think tank or private body which the government functionaries or Bharatiya Janata Party leaders can dispute; the government itself released these numbers in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Therefore, no amount of spin or sophistry would make these numbers vanish from political debate. To be sure, there is nothing surprising about these numbers; there is enough anecdotal evidence to suggest that the situation is pretty bad. For a handful of jobs, any government department announces, lakhs, if not millions, of applications, are



received. The intensity of the agitation against the Agniveer scheme was also partly because of the lack of job opportunities for the youngsters. Since the unemployment problem is real, the solution ought to be real; and this can happen only if economic growth is accelerated. It is here where the shoe pinches. The International Monetary Fund has estimated that growth in India will be 7.4 percent for this fiscal and 6.1 percent for 2023-24. For both years, these are lower by 80 basis points from the IMF's earlier estimates. The international situation is badly hurting our economy, with higher crude prices, constrained supply chains, and general decline.

Because of these very reasons, the IMF has also lowered its global growth forecast for 2022 by 40 basis points to 3.2 percent. By 2033, it has pegged it further down, at 2.9 percent. "The outlook has darkened significantly since April. The world may soon be teetering on the edge of a global recession, only two years after the last one," top IMF economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas wrote in an article accompanying the release of an update to the IMF's World Economic Outlook report. Against this backdrop, India has to protect itself from not just external shocks but also the problems joblessness brings forth.

The only way out is the broadening and deepening of economic reforms, especially in areas, like agriculture and labor laws Thankfully, the Narendra Modi government has shown intent to do that. It has recommenced the privatisation process, and the sale of Air India is a testimony to that. It also brought three excellent laws to help the farm sector a couple of years ago but had to backtrack. Its emphasis on infrastructure will also help boost growth and development. Ditto with PM Modi's attitude against the freebie culture. Therefore, now is the time to expedite reforms and translate a prudential mindset into policy-making and implementation. All this will accelerate growth and create jobs.



Moradabad: Students take part in a programme organised on the eve of the International Tiger Day, at a school.

Judicial killings in Myanmar

By executing political activists, Myanmar army wants to instil a sense of fear among protestors demanding democracy

The execution of four political activists is shocking. It shows that the army generals in Myanmar have scant regard for human rights and are in no mood to restore democracy in the country. The four persons executed include highly popular Phyo Zeya Thaw, a 41-year-old lawmaker, and Kyaw Min Yu, a 53-year-old democracy. The military tribunal that gave them a death sentence did not give any scope for appeal.

The road to freedom is neither easy nor short. Myanmar which has been under the grip of the army since February when it usurped power by a coup is in turmoil. The people are on the streets to protest against the army rule and for the restoration of democracy. The judicial murders are an attempt to instill a sense of terror in the hearts of protestors. According to reports in the last year it has given a death sentence to 117 political activists that it had arrested.



The Tatmadaw, as the army of Myanmar, is called has also jailed Aung San SuuKyi for 11 years to ensure she does not become a rallying point. Nonetheless, the democratic movement in the country is getting stronger and stronger. More than 14,000 people have courted arrests and over 2,000 civilians have lost lives protesting against the army and its generals.

Now, as the people's patience is wearing thin, the peaceful protests are now turning violent. Meanwhile, the sanctions and mismanagement of the economy have led to the economy taking a nose dive and it has shrunk by almost 20% causing widespread unemployment and a rise in inflation.

Indeed no regime can last long no matter how regressive or powerful it might be if it loses people's trust and legitimacy. Tatmadaw has lost both. The corrupt and repressive army generals are more focused on preserving their authority rather than the welfare of the country. They unleashed a reign of terror on Rohingyas to polarize the Buddhist majority but now the same majority has taken cudgels against it.

What is most disturbing is that the world powers aren't doing enough to press the army for early elections and restoration of democracy. The lip service to democracy is not enough some concrete steps must be taken to end the most regressive and ruthless army regime in Myanmar. Indeed It would have been better had India played a role in giving democracy a push in the neighborhood rather than maintaining a stoic silence.

Tipu was my saviour, sibling



Who says animals don't have emotions, in fact they are far more sensitive than maybe we humans. I have experienced it firsthand

■ipu, our pet, a mediumsized black Himalayan sheepdog, was my first true friend. With my brothers away to pursue their studies, Tipu was my sibling. My parents were working, and I was in the care of Amma, my grandmother. In rural Himachal, those were not the days when children were admitted to school at the earliest eligible age. Amma was in no hurry to expose me to formal education as avenues of informal education were many. I lived, experienced, and savored the simple village life.

I would roam in fields with Tipu in the toe and watch the crops sown, weeded, bloom, and harvested. In summers, we would sneak into mango orchards, tasting the best of the produce. Exploring the muddy meandering streams with paper boats was our favorite pastime during the rainy season. Misty winter mornings were spent in the greens of sprouting wheat decked up with shiny dew drops. Springs took us through sprawling yellow fields of mustards to the sugarcane plots, where I feasted on the sweetest of the cane. The beautiful balmy autumn was spent watching the leaves turn orange.

Tipu would often follow me, and he possessed a real sixth sense. Being an alert bodyguard of a five-year-old, he would overtake me if he felt the need to check the area for any danger before I venture. Whenever the hill trails grew narrow and steep, Tipu would always lead the way. He chased stray dogs and cattle away from my path and always sensed the people I did not like. One of Amma's friends regularly complained to her about my mischiefs, and I did not like her. Γipu sensed the same. Violently barking, he would chase her

away.
Close to my sixth birthday, I was admitted into the neighborhood government school, an understaffed, dingy, single-story block of classrooms, crying for repairs. I wouldn't say I liked the school, but the prospect of learnstarted accompanying me to and continued on my way. school. He found a resting cor- Irritated by my indifferent

ner under a banyan tree on the school premises, where he would spend his day, waiting for the dispersal bell. My school-going excitement was somehow short-lived; the routine, punctuality, rules, and lack of independence were enough to dampen my spirits. Finally, my patience gave away, and one day I planned to bunk the school.

Collecting my bag, I managed to sneak out of the class. Tipu loved this pleasant surprise, and his hurried stretch and enthusiastic tail wagging signaled that he was happy. Tip-toeing quietly, we managed to move around fifty meters from the school periphery, undetected. Breaking the silence of the hot summer's noon, I heard the shrill voice of one of the dreaded teachers. He was calling out my name, and without looking back, I got into a sprint, with Tipu leading the way. Enraged at my audacious escape, the teacher mustered three boys to follow me, catch me, and get me back to school. Midway, the trio was able to catch up, and they asked me was overwhelming. The to return, to which I refused



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and intrepid reaction, one of them tried to pull me by the arm to force me to return to the school.

Tipu, a silent spectator till now, flew into a wild rage and started barking violently. Sensing that the dog may bite, the arresting party with-drew quietly. I do not know what happened to them when they returned to school, but Tipu became the talk of the town from that day onwards. The scene was repeated on a few more occasions, and finally, the teacher had to request my grandmother to ensure that Tipu did not accompany me to the school. Poor Tipu was put on a leash during school hours. After some time, I changed school, and the chances of Tipu accompanying me diminished. Even being reserved with the display of emotions, he could not hold back his excitement on my return from school. He would vigorously wag his tail and would stay by my side for the rest of the day.

Tipu was the undisputed

king of the neighborhood. A guard dog breed, he was unfriendly and reserved. One day, a neighbor got a pet, a ferocious, large-sized Gaddi

Dog, Moti. This started the war for turf between the canines. Observing that the skirmishes between Tipu and Moti grew violent, we tried to keep Tipu away from Moti. But one day, Moti ambushed Tipu. Tipu fought back bravely but got seriously injured. Timely evacuation and hospi-

talization saved his life. Tipu was back to his original self within a fortnight. As the injuries were internal and had not healed well due to old age, Tipu's health deteriorated, and visits to the doctor did no good. Tipu got bedridden with failing health, and his drooping ears, limped walking, and wet eyes said it was all the pain of an ailing being.No amount of medication helped. On a sultry summer afternoon, after suffering for about a week, Tipu, my friend, my savior, my co-explorer, left us for his heavenly abode. Pained, I cried for days. Tipu is gone a long time back, but his memories linger on in my consciousness, reminding me of the meaning of true friend-

ship, loyalty, and selfless love. (The writer pens down stories of human interest and his travels . He also likes to click portraits.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOW MADE IN INDIA MONKEYPOX VACCINE

Sir — Serum Institute of India is planning to develop a vaccine against monkeypox and is in talks regarding this with partners. It clearly shows how India is leading in the field of medical science and vaccination research and development. Also, the institute exports vaccines globally which will elevate India's role in the vaccine industry and will lead to a collaboration with global pharma companies. The world has already seen India's prowess in vaccine development when Serum Institute's covishield was not only used to vaccinate Indians but has been exported to other countries as well. Thus it will lead to India becoming a global leader in the field of vaccine research.

Ashwini Tomar | Ujjain

MEDICAL STUDENTS MUST BE HELPED

Sir — Refer The Pioneer(27th July, 22), Admit Medical students The government of India has fulfilled its obligation by 'Operation Ganga' - an evacuation process and brought back home Indians safely from Ukiran when Russia launched the invasion of Ukraine on February 24. Around 22,500 Indian nationals - mostly students - have returned from war-hit Ukraine to India since February.

The Centre government should come to the aid of these youngsters who are in serious distress and who already have spent large money for their admission in Ukraine and China, and had to return mid-way from their courses amid the war in Ukraine and the Pandemic in China. The government should make a special plan to admit these medical students to various government colleges and private medical colleges in the country by relaxing the rules "in the interest of the country and public at large.

India has a large medical education infrastructure with 612 medical colleges with 90695 seats for MBBS courses, more than 300 are Govt. medical colleges,49 are deemed medical colleges and the remaining are private medical colleges.

Dravidian-Aryan debate



'amil Nadu Governor KN Ravi has revived the Dravidian-Aryan construct with his contention that the distinction is geographical and not racial. Even though the theory that they are not distinct has been already debunked by archeological, linguistic, and genetic evidence, it is deliberately being propagated to create an entirely spurious impression that the Indo-European language speakers who called

themselves Arvans have been the original inhabitants and validating their claim of India being their pithrubhoomi (fatherland) and

PunyaBhoomi (holy land). Nevertheless, it is a vain attempt to deny the fact that the Dravidians were well-settled in India long before the arrival of the Arvans sometime between 2000 BCE and 1000 BCE. The Hindutva scholars and ideologues may try hard to equate Indian culture with 'Aryan', 'Sanskrit' or 'Vedic' culture. But they are bound to fail because a part does not make the total No amount of falsehoods and fake histories will alter the fact that India is a multi-source civilization' enriched by a variety of heredities and migration histories. Trifling with lineages to suit a particular political narrative or perpetuate domination by a section of society is

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Even if the Russian-Ukraine conflict ends which looks unlikely, these students can not go back as already massive damage is done to the infrastructure of various medical colleges and institutions in Ukraine in the Russian attack.

Hence, in the interest of these youngsters, the Government can amend by ordinance the National Medical Commission (NMC) rules, which do not allow the transfer of students who are pursuing medical courses abroad and have to return home midway, in medical colleges here between academic sessions.

Even the government can add one more semester in their courses for the clinical training for these returning students so they can match Indian education standards.

Ramesh G Jethwani | Bangalore

THE STORY OF WASHED BRIDGES

Sir — According to the reports, three hundred bridges, small and big, were damaged and about five hundred kilometers of roads were dilapidated this Monsoon. The six bridges of Gwalior-Chambal were broken, and their construction has not started to date. Earlier the government was not in a position to provide funds, so the proposal got stuck.

But when the approval of the fund was received, the process got entangled. These matters cannot be ignored, because, along these roads, the public's trust in the government is also broken, like a bridge-culvert, the expectations of the common man also collapse, which he keeps from the government for development.

The government routinely suspends some officials and blacklists companies

People are now beginning to understand that suspension is not a punishment and how will the loss of crores caused by blacklisting the company be compensated?

The government should ensure better qulaity and speedy delivery of infra projects. Divyansha Sharma | Ujjain

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UKRAINE WAR CAUGHT US ON THE WRONG FOOT

India has to walk a tightrope amid a fluid world order



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

he ongoing monsoon session of Parliament has briefly halted highlevel foreign visits by ministers, while uncertainty prevailing in India's neighbourhood, as well as G7 partners are equally at play. War in Ukraine has also entered six months and the world is preparing for a harsh winter! All of these have major implications for India.

What was almost unthinkable in February this year, when Russia sent its troops into Ukraine is now turning out to be a living nightmare, impacting billions of people around the globe. When Russia went into Ukraine, everyone thought it would be a matter of a few days before a complete takeover. However, what wasn't factored in was the sudden western unity and throwing in of 'all it takes' by US and Europe to win a moral war against Russia.

Western nations led by the US hardened the sanctions regime against Russia, reviving Cold War era power blocs. It also forced many powerful European countries such as Germany to reinvigorate their military programmes, thereby diverting funds from other pressing sectors such as climate change. The most significant outcome of the war is perhaps a working template for China for its future road to global dominance.

China is Russia's most powerful global ally and has not restricted any trade with Russia, thereby reiterating the stated objective of 'friendship beyond any limits'. China has even come out with statements as late as last month condemning and challenging the western allianceled Cold War era sanctions regime against Russia. What China is closely analysing are the challenges Russia faces at present and in future, and how can China insure itself from these threats, if it decides to push for unilateral military aggression in any part of the globe



India has been caught on the wrong foot geopolitically. It has a historic relationship with Russia, stretching more than six decades and is one of the largest buyers of Russian weapons. However, it may be noteworthy that in case of a large-scale military flare up with China, the weapons on both sides would be of Russian origin. It could also mean Russia may have to make a tough call between a powerful global ally (China) and an old trusted friend (India) on the global stage.

Chances are Russia would choose the former. Meanwhile, India and China negotiations on border related issues haven't progressed significantly in the past six months. On the contrary both sides have made the north-western border points permanent military zones developing key infrastructure in the fragile Himalayan terrain. The winters of 2022 and many more to come are most likely to be tense, given China's height-

Meanwhile, at multilateral forums such as the BRICS summit China is aggressively trying to push for a reserve currency, which is aimed to scale down the importance of a dollar denominated trade. China is also pushing for trade transactions in Renminbi and wants to establish an alternative to current international Interbank Payment Systems, which is another dent towards Europe and US-led order. It may be mentioned that India too has allowed Rupee denominated international trade settlements, and has been working on an alternate, to cross border interbank settlements.

These trends could have established an alternate financial system, provided India and China could have come to the negotiating table to discuss the regulations, standards, and governing principles. India, China with their other BRICS partners, Russia and Brazil, could have persuaded many smaller economies to join the new financial system. However, that seems currently out of place due to the prevailing geopo-

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Need babus for knowledge based India



At a time when India aspires to be a \$5-trillion economy, existing bureaucracy needs a radical transformation

ndia is aspiring to be a \$5-trillion economy in a short span of time. By 2030, the target of the government is to hit the \$10-trillion economy size, and take off from thereon for qualitative and quantum jump in the socioeconomic space of the country. The government may have a robust action plan to execute the economic aspirations.

But the plans are executed by the men and women in various domains who are the faces of the government on the ground. If the administrators prove to be enablers, India will reach the target economic size within the time frame. But if they prove not to be adequately equipped with the skillsets, India may falter, and that calls for urgent steps for the much needed administrative

reforms in the country.

The Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance government at the Centre is taking various measures to equip the administrative officials with the skills that are required to build 'New India'. The exercise at the various levels seeks to address the issues concerning the capacitybuilding challenges. The National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building is one such exercise which is addressing the skill set challenges at the individual and institution levels. There are other digital modes of interventions to reorient the civil servants to the required knowledge sets. The State governments are also embarking on the path of adminis-

The focus as of now is clearly seen to be on bridging the gap between the government and the citizens for various services. But the pace with which technology is evolving may herald a stage where the citizens can self-source such services with the digital eco-system as has been the case mostly in getting passports made, which in the previous years and decades used to be arduous tasks.

If the current thrust to reorient the bureaucracy for timely and speedy delivery of the services to the citizens are met with the interplay of technology, India may have a huge army of civil servants who would be least productive and also liability to the national exchequer and also the hard-earned money of the tax-payers. If we look back, it's hard to find

thought leaders from among the bureaucracy, who by their innovations would nave changed the face of the socio economic domains of the country. This must be on account of the Indian bureaucracy not yet shedding its British era outlook. The civil servants just need to crack one examination, and afterwards they can lord over their subjects.

'New India' cannot have any space for such bureaucratic resources. Administrative reforms in the country have been attempted for several decades, and the first such commission was headed by none other than Morarji Desai in 1966, who later became Prime Minister of the coun-



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try. Later, Veerappa Moily also headed one such commission in

But the outcome has just been incremental, with focus on downsizing of the bureaucracy to save the expenses. The recent report of the Reserve Bank of India on the indebtedness of the States has shown an alarming scenario. Many of the States are reeling under the burden of salary and pension to its employees. This is despite the fact that the States have been downsizing their bureaucracies since the 1990s. That means that India is still stuck in the cobweb of the old age bureaucracy, which is essentially seen as a measure to offer jobs at the expense of the state exchequer.

The Modi government has done a few experiments to reform the bureaucracy, which included lateral entry, weeding out nonperformers by giving them compulsory retirements, and so on. But it appears that radical changes need to be adopted if India indeed wants to reach the goal of a \$ 10 trillion economy by 2030 and triple the size by 2050.

India will need people at key positions, at policy formulation stage, and in fields to execute them, with speed that would be unseen, and scale that would be the best in the world. The interventions would essentially be at the entry levels, and the time may have come to write an obituary for generalists.

That an IAS officer can be at one time a revenue secretary, and another time he could be handling the affairs of road and transport is

just an idea of the time that has lost its relevance. India must say a goodbye to the culture that generalists can do all roles, as if they are blessed with some divine skills to acquire the know-how of the new tasks with the change of the departments.

The basis of the biggest reforms in the Modi government is the use of data with the digital interplay, which essentially banked on the skills of data mining and data analysis. That saved India several thousands of crores of rupees. This makes it clear that we need to create a manpower powerhouse of specialists, who can man areas of their expertise. A specialist will be better equipped to innovate, and innovations will accelerate India in scaling up its socioeconomic depth.

We are no more in the 20th century that the people will be patient with incremental progress of the bureaucracy. Technology is making things irrelevant which were in vogue previously. Indeed, such specialists cannot appear on tne norizon on their own, we get the skill sets only from our institutions, and the time has just come to overhaul our education system, and make them tuned to the needs of specialized skills in diverse spheres — economy, commerce, technology, social and political sciences, bio-technology, cut-

ting edge management and so on. Besides, it's also worth debating why bureaucrats should have career spans of 30 years and more. Why cannot they come in for

about 10-15 years, and take up assignments in other spheres, including the private sector. The Agniveer scheme in this aspect is a harbinger of a change that may have spillover effects in the other domains. Let the government avail of the best of the time of the professionals working in its ranks, and when the fire in their belly gets extinguished they should be respectfully retired, which can be institutionalized with a career span of about 10-15 years.

Such an ecosystem will also make available a trained talent base for the private companies, who in the end have to expand their capacities to take India to the \$ 30 trillion economy by 2050. The best of the talent shouldn't be just with the government, and an easy flow with the private sector can help bring in better convergence of the ideas for 'New India'.

Indeed, India is essentially a welfare state, and the time has come for the private sector to share the burden of the government to care for the poor of the country. This again can be achieved if there is a flow of the talent pool from the government to the private sector. Corporate social responsibility and its various other modes in diverse areas will also require new age managers, who cannot bank on the graduates of the management institutions, as their hands-on training would only be possible with stints in the government services. That calls for urgent administrative reforms, and time

TO ADDRESS THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA IN THIS WAY NOT ONLY DEMEANS HER POST BUT ALSO THE RICH TRIBAL LEGACY THAT SHE REPRESENTS. —BJP LEADER **SMRITI IRANI**





JUST ONCE, I SAID "RASHTRAPATNI". THEY (BJP) ARE CREATING A FURORE BECAUSE OF THIS. I MADE A MISTAKE, JUST ONCE AND IN ONE WORD. —CONGRESS LEADER **ADHIRANJAN CHOWDHURY**

Tokenisation in interest of plastic money users

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At a time when data theft is on rise, it's worthwhile to follow advice of RBI to opt for tokenisation in card usages

leven people, including the manager of a Noida software firm, were arrested in February 2022 for allegedly stealing and misusing credit cards of about 100 people across the country. In October 2019, the RBI asked banks to secure their customer card data after a website reported that nearly 1.3 million debit and credit card data of Indian banks are on sale on the dark web, potentially causing losses of millions of dollars.

There are millions of people using credit and debit cards on a regular basis. As a measure to safeguard the interest of cardholders, the Reserve Bank of India proposed a process called 'tokenisation'. Credit and debit card tokenization is the process of replacing sensitive data with a token, a randomly generated,



one-of-a-kind placeholder, from the company's internal network. The Reserve Bank of India

on June 24 extended the timeline for tokenisation of debit and credit cards by three months till September 30, 2022 "to avoid disruption and inconvenience to cardholders". Originally, the RBI mandated that after December 31, 2021, entities other than card networks and card issuers cannot store card data. This timeline was subsequently extended to June 30, 2022.

Now after September 30, no entity in the card transaction or payment chain, other than the card issuers and card networks, should store the CoF (Card-on-File data or storage of actual card data) and any such data stored

previously will be purged. "On a review of the issues involved and after detailed dis-

is observed that considerable progress has been made in terms of token creation. Transaction processing based on these tokens has also commenced, though it is yet to gain traction across all categories of merchants," the RBI said in a circular to payment system In its press release issued on

cussions with all stakeholders, it

June, 24, 2022, the RBI also urged credit and debit card holders to opt for tokenisation on a voluntary basis. It will be worthwhile for credit and debit card holders to try this sane advice of RBI for a smooth transition, when it is made compul-

sory in course of time. Currently, many entities, including merchants, involved in an online card transaction chain store card data like card number,



expiry date, etc., [Card-on-File (CoF) citing cardholder convenience and comfort for undertaking transactions in future. While this practice does render convenience, availability of card details with multiple entities increases the risk of card data being stolen/misused. There have been instances where such

data stored by merchants, etc., have been compromised.

Under the present system as an additional factor of authentication is not mandatory, there is always a possibility of fraudsters using the stolen data and the cardholders may be put to monetary loss. It is possible that social engineering techniques can be employed to perpetrate frauds using such data.

The RBI has issued a framework for CoF Tokenisation (CoFT) services. Under this framework, cardholders can create "tokens" (a unique alternate code) in lieu of card details; these tokens can then be stored by the merchants for processing transactions in future. Thus, CoFT obviates the need to store card details with merchants and provides the same level of convenience to cardholders.

To create a token under the CoFT framework, the cardholder has to undergo a onetime registration process for each card at every online/ e-commerce merchant's website/ mobile application, by entering the card details and giving consent for creating a token. This consent is validated by way of authentication

through an Additional Factor

of Authentication. Thereafter, a token is created which is specific to the card and online / e-commerce merchant, i.e., the token cannot be used for payment at any other merchant. For future transactions performed at the same merchant website/mobile application, the cardholder can identify the card with the last four digits during the checkout process. Thus, the cardholder is

not required to remember or enter the token for future transactions. A card can be tokenised at any number of online/e-commerce merchants. For every online/e-commerce merchant where the card is tokenised, a specific token will be created.

The RBI has also said that 19.5 crore tokens have been so far created. Opting for CoFT (i.e., creating tokens) is voluntary for the cardholders. Those who do not wish to create a token can continue to transact as before by entering card details manually at the time of undertaking the transaction.

The Reserve Bank of India encourages cardholders to tokenise their cards for their own safety. Cardholders' payment experience will be enhanced through an added layer of security by way of tokenisation.

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Russia steps up strikes on **Ukraine amid counterattacks**

Russian forces on Thursday launched massive missile strikes on Ukraine's Kyiv and Chernihiv regions, areas that haven't been targeted in weeks, while Ukrainian officials announced an operation to liberate an occupied region in the country's south.

Kyiv regional governor Oleksiy Kuleba said on Telegram that a settlement in the Vyshgorod district of the region was targeted early on Thursday morning; an "infrastructure object" was hit. It wasn't immediately clear if there were any casualties.

Vyshhgorod is located 20 kilometers north of downtown Kyiv. Kuleba linked the strikes with the Day of Statehood, which Ukraine was marking for the first time on Thursday.

"Russia, with the help of missiles, is mounting revenge for the widespread popular resistance, which the Ukrainians were able to organise precisely because of their statehood," Kuleba told Ukrainian television. "Ukraine has already broken Russia's plans and will continue to defend itself." Chernihiv governor Vyacheslav Chaus reported that multiple missiles were fired from the territory of Belarus at the village of Honcharivska.

Russian troops withdrew largest city, also came under a



from the Kyiv and Chernihiv regions months ago after failing to capture either. The renewed strikes on the areas come a day after the leader of pro-Kremlin separatists in the east, Denis Pushilin, publicly called on the Russian forces to "liberate Russian cities founded by the Russian people — Kyiv, Chernihiv, Poltava, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk,

Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Lutsk". Kharkiv, Ukraine's second

barrage of shelling overnight, its mayor Ihor Terekhov said. The southern city of Mykolaiv was fired at as well, with one person sustaining injuries.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian military continued to counterattack in the occupied southern region of Kherson, striking a key bridge over the Dnieper River on Wednesday.

Ukrainian media on Thursday quoted Ukraine's presidential adviser, Oleksiy Arestovich, as saying that the operation to liberate Kherson 'ĥas already begun".

Arestovich said Kyiv's forces were planning to isolate Russian troops there and leave them with three options — to "retreat, if possible, surrender or be destroyed".

Oleksiy Danilov, the secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, in televised remarks on Wednesday said he was "cautious" in assessing the timeline of the possible counteroffen-

"I would really like it to be much faster," he said, adding that "the enemy is now concentrating the maximum number (of forces) precisely in the Kherson direction."

"A very large-scale movement of their troops has begun, they are gathering additional forces," Danilov warned.

The British military estimated on Thursday that Ukraine's counteroffensive in Kherson is "gathering momen-

"Their forces have highly likely established a bridgehead south of the Ingulets River, which forms the northern boundary of Russian-occupied Kherson," the British Defense Ministry said on Thursday.

It added that Ukraine has used its new long-range artillery to damage at least three of the bridges across the Dnieper River, "which Russia relies upon to supply the areas under its control".

The 1,000-metre-long Antonivsky bridge, which Ukrainian forces struck on Wednesday, is likely to be "unusable", the British Defence Ministry concluded.

Ukraine's presidential office said on Thursday morning that Russian shelling of cities and villages over the past 24 hours killed at least five civilians, all of them in the eastern Donetsk region, and wounded

New Cold War: Russia, West vie for influence in Africa

Russian, French and American leaders are crisscrossing Africa to win support for their positions on the war in Ukraine, waging what some say is the most intense competition for influence on the continent since the Cold War.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and French President Emanuel Macron are each visiting several African countries this week.

Samantha Power, head of the US Agency for International Development, went to Kenya and Somalia last week. The US ambassador to the UN, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, will go to Ghana and Uganda next week. "It's like a new Cold War is playing out in Africa, where the rival sides are trying to gain influence," said William Gumede, director of Democracy Works, a foundation promoting good governance.

Lavrov, in his travels across the drought- and hunger-stricken continent, has sought to portray the West as the vil-lain, blaming it for rising food prices, while the Western leaders have accused the Kremlin of cynically using food as a weapon and waging an imperial-style war of conquest words calculated to appeal to listeners in post-colonial driving up food prices by pursuing "reckless" environmental Africa. Under President

Vladimir Putin, Russia has been working to win support in He also accused them of hoarding food during the COVID-19 pandemic. "The Africa for several years, reinvigorating friendships that date back a half-century, when the Soviet Union backed many situation in Ükraine did additionally negatively affect food markets, but not due to the African movements fighting to end colonial rule. "Now that Russian special operation, campaign has gone into high gear," Gumede said. Moscow's rather due to the absolutely inadequate reaction of the influence in Africa was on dis-West, which announced sancplay in March during the UN tions," Lavrov said in Addis vote to condemn Russia's inva-Ababa, Ethiopia's capital.

Lavrov was warmly received in Uganda by President Yoweri Museveni, who for years has been a US ally but has refused to criticise Russia over the invasion.

Museveni even suggested at the outbreak of the war that Putin's actions might be understandable because Ukraine is in Russia's sphere of influence.

In rare contact, US offers Russia deal for Griner, Whelan

AP WASHINGTON

The US has offered a deal to Russia aimed at bringing home WNBA star Brittney Griner and another jailed American, Paul Whelan, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday. In a sharp reversal of previous policy, Blinken also said he expects to speak with his Kremlin counterpart for the first time since before Russia invaded Ukraine.

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first time the US government has publicly revealed any concrete action it has taken to secure the release of Griner, who was arrested on drug-related charges at a Moscow airport in February and testified Wednesday at her trial.

Blinken did not offer details on the proposed deal, which was offered weeks ago, and it is unclear if it will be enough for Russia to release the Americans. But the public acknowledgment of the offer at a time when the U.S. Has otherwise shunned Russia, reflects the mounting pressure on the

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administration over Griner and Whelan and its determination to get them home. Blinken said Washington

would like a response from Moscow. Russia has for years expressed interest in the release of Viktor Bout, a Russian arms dealer once labeled the "Merchant of Death," who was sentenced to 25 years in prison in 2012 on charges that he schemed to illegally sell millions of dollars in weapons. Blinken said he had requested a call with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. U.S. Officials said the the desire for an answer on the prisoner offer was the primary, but not only, reason that the U.S. On Wednesday requested the call with Lavrov. Should the call take place,

it would be the first conversahave held since Feb. 15, about a week before Russia invaded Ukraine. Blinken said he would also be speaking to Lavrov about the importance of Russia complying with a UN-brokered deal to free multiple tons of Ukrainian grain from storage and warning him about the dangers of possible Russian attempts to annex portions of



eastern and southern Ukraine. Whelan, a corporate secu-

rity executive from Michigan, was sentenced in 2020 to 16 years in prison on espionage charges. He and his family have vigorously asserted his innocence. The U.S. Government false. He and his family have vigorously asserted his innocence. The U.S. Government has denounced the charges as false.

Griner, in Russian custody for the last month, acknowledged in court this month that she had vape cartridges containing cannabis oil in her luggage when she arrived in Moscow in February

but contends she had no criminal intent and packed the cartridges inadvertently.

At her trial Wednesday, Griner said she did not know how the cannabis oil ended up in her bag but explained she had a doctor's recommendation for said she was pulled aside at the airport after inspectors found the cartridges, but that a language interpreter translated only a fraction of what was said during her questioning and that officials instructed her to sign documents without providing an explanation.

Griner faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of trans-

Government has long resisted prisoner swaps out of concern that it could encourage additional hostage-taking and promote false equivalency between a wrongfully detained American and a foreign national regarded as justly convicted. But an earlier deal in April, in which Marine veteran Trevor Reed was traded for jailed Russian pilot, Konstantin Yaroshenko, appeared to open the door to similar resolutions in the future and the Biden administration has been hounded with political pressure to bring home Griner and other Americans

designated as unjustly detained. There was no indication that Blinken and Lavrov had communicated to secure Reed's release. Their last publicly recwhen Blinken wrote to Lavrov to cancel a meeting they had planned as a last-ditch effort to avert the Russian invasion, saying Moscow had shown no interest in serious diplomacy on the matter. The State Department said later that Russia's diplomacy was "Kabuki Theater" — all show and no

Govt will focus on fixing economy, ending fuel shortage, says Ranil

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe has said his government's main priorities are to fix the country's ailing economy and end the severe fuel shortage that has exacerbated after the last shipment under the Indian credit line arrived here in Addressing a gathering at his

sion of Ukraine. While 28

African nations voted in favour

of the resolution, a significant

minority of countries on the continent — 25 — either voted

to abstain or did not vote at all.

week visited Egypt, Congo,

Uganda and Ethiopia, pledging friendship and charging the US

and European countries with

Russia's top diplomat this

party headquarters on Wednesday, the newly-elected president said his government was not against peaceful protest and would allow them all the time if the protesters did not break the law. "I became the president at a

most difficult time for the country. We have to set the economy right," he said. Wickremesinghe was to first reduce the length of fuel queues and then eliminate them completely. Since June 27, the government has stopped fuel supplies and restricted essential services.

Minister of Power and Energy Kanchana Wijesekera said on Monday that Sri Lanka will restrict fuel imports for the next 12 months as it is facing a

severe shortage of foreign exchange and announcing a rationing system for the distribution of fuel across the crisis-hit island nation. "QR system was introduced since the daily fuel demand cannot be fulfilled. Due to Forex issues, Fuel imports

have to be restricted in the next

Sri Lanka, a country of 22 million people, is under the grip of an unprecedented economic turmoil, leaving millions struggling to buy food, medicine, fuel and other essentials. The severe foreign exchange shortage has hampered the import of fuel and other essentials in the country reeling under the worst eco-



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Guarantor(s)	Date and Amount with NPA date	Property address
(LC No. 00002801 of Noida Branch) Sugandh	21-06-2022 /₹ 18440370 /-{₹ One Crore Eighty	P.no- 88, Ff, Abadi Of Shanti Vihar, Illaqa-shahda
Papers Traders (Borrower) Manish Jain	Four lakh Forty Thousand Three Hundred	Near- Karkardooma Court Delhi New Delhi Delhi
(Co Borrower 1) Aarti Jain (Co Borrower 2)	Seventy Only) NPA (12-05-2022)	:- 110092
(LC No. 00002917 of Noida Branch) Sugandh	21-06-2022 /₹ 872205 /-(₹ Eight lakh Seventy	P.no- 88, Ff, Abadi Of Shanti Vihar, Illaqa-
Paper Traders (Borrower) Manish Jain	Two Thousand Two Hundred Five Only) NPA	shahdara Near- Karkardooma Court Delhi New
(Co Borrower 1) Aarti Jain (Co Borrower 2)	(12-05-2022)	Delhi Delhi :- 110092
(LC No. 00003686 of Jalandhar Branch) Sukhomal Juneja (Borrower) Manjit Juneja (Co Borrower)	21-06-2022 /₹ 11908438 /-(₹ One Crore Nineteen lakh Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight Only) NPA (12-05-2022)	309, New Deffence Colony, Phase 1, near Bhimji Phase 1, Jalandhar Jalandhar Punjab :- 144001
(LC No. 00002359 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Vijay Kumar Jain (Borrower) Shalu Jain (Co Borrower 1)	21-06-2022 /₹ 10431207 /-[₹ One Crore Four lakh Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Seven Only) NPA (12-05-2022)	Plot No-1, Third Floor, With Roof, Block-j-3, Village Ghondli, Krishan Nagar, Shahdara Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110051
(LC No. 00001465 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Pecma Air Systems Pvt Ltd (Borrower) Nand Kishore Sehgal (Co Borrower 1) Suman Sehgal (Co Borrower 2) Yugal Kishore Sehgal (Guarantor)	21-06-2022 /₹ 1023082 /-(₹ Ten lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eighty Two Only) NPA (11-04-2022)	Apartment No - Ngp 234 New Town Heights Sec 90 Gurgaon Haryana Gurgaon Haryana :- 122006
(LC No. 00002391 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place	21-06-2022 /₹ 491593 /-(₹ Four lakh Ninety	Property No. J-3/1, Third Floor With Roo Block J
Branch) Vijay Kumar Jain (Borrower) Shalu Jai	One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Three	Krishna Nagar Illaqa Shahdara New Delhi New
(Co Borrower 1)	Only) NPA (12-05-2022)	Delhi Delhi :- 110051
(LC No. 00000041 of Lajpat Nagar Branch)	21-06-2022 / ₹ 305681 /- (₹ Three lakh Five	Flat No 1406 14th Floor Tower A8 Type B Srs
Satish Kumar (Borrower) Shruti Arora	Thousand Six Hundred Eighty One Only) NPA	Palm Hills Sector 7 Palwal Faridabad Haryana
(Co Borrower 1) Dinesh Kumar (Co Borrower 2)	(12-05-2022)	:- 121102
(LC No. 00041732 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch)	21-06-2022 /₹ 465834 /-(₹ Four lakh Sixty Five	Flat No G 102 First Floor Tower Carnation G Terr
Parsan Kalra (Borrower) Mudit Kalra	Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Four Only)	Floors Terra Caity Alwar By Pass Road Bhiwadi
(Co Borrower 1)	NPA (12-05-2022)	Alwar Alwar Rajasthan :- 301019
(LC No. 00001460 of Netaji Subhash Place	21-06-2022 / ₹ 2136742 /-(₹ Twenty One lakh	Prop No- G-36 Old Plot No-g/f-2 Second Floor
Branch) Madan Kumar (Borrower) Harsh	Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Two	Without Roof Right, Gopal Nagar, Azad Pur, Delh
(Co Borrower 1)	Only) NPA (12-05-2022)	New Delhi Delhi :- 110033
(LC No. 00000726 of Gurgaon Branch) Rajendra	21-06-2022 /₹ 1179655 /-(₹ Eleven lakh	Dda Janta Flat No. 76,second Floor Pocket 7,
Narayan Dash (Borrower) Minati Dash	Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Five	nasirpur Dwarka New Delhi New Delhi Delhi
(Co Borrower 1)	Only) NPA (12-05-2022)	:- 110045
(LC No. PTM31859 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Nasir Shakeel Sheikhs (Borrower)	21-06-2022 /₹ 155209 /-{₹ One lakh Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Nine Only) NPA (11-04-2022)	H/Flat No.S3B/21/04 , Sushant Aquapolis , Secto Doondahera Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Prades :- 201001

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without hithe prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment

Date: 29-07-2022 Place: Delhi

(Authorised Officer) **Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE Lankan court orders police to produce ₹17.8 mn found inside Prez's House

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200, Ilnd Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Meti Nagar, N. Delhi-15 Ph.: 011-41112527-28 kumaressociates.advocate@gmeit.com PTI ■ COLOMBO ASri Lankan court on Thursday asked the police to immediately produce ₹17.8 million cash found by anti-government

APPENDIX IV A

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation an Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to th Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable mortgaged/ charged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "without any recourse" basis on 30.08.2022 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M. (with unlimited automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document), for recovery of Rs. 17.32.732/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two only) pending towards the Loan Account No HHLJKS00401707, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 25.07.2022 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 26.07.2022 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from David Masih and Deepika Masih.

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Apartment No. 902, on 9th Floor in Tower 'D-2', having super built-up area 940 Sq. Ft, in "Bharat City", situated at Villages Nistoli and Afjalpur, Pargana Loni, Indraprastha Yojna, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201010, alongwith one For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided

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the President's House occupied by the then President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The Fort Magistrate's

protesters when they stormed

Court here instructed the Fort Police officer in charge to produce the money after the police informed the court that the amount was handed over to them by protesters who found the money inside the President's House on July

Rajapaksa was evacuated from the President's House

much before the protesters stormed the iconic building and occupied it.

The order comes as no report on the money was submitted to the court even after three weeks since Rs 17.8 million was handed over to the police, the Daily Mirror newspaper quoted Fort Magistrate Thilina Gamage as

Gamage also ordered the police to submit a report on the recovered money. Hundreds of anti-govern-

ment protesters on July 9 stormed President Rajapaksa's residence in central Colombo's high-security Fort area after breaking the barricades, as they demanded his resignation over the island nation's worst economic cri-

Amidst the unprecedented anti-government protests, President Rajapaksa fled the country on July 13 to the Maldives. He then travelled to Singapore from where he emailed his resignation letter.

sis in recent memory.

Biden, Xi talk more than 2 hrs at time of US-China tension

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden and China's Xi Jinping held the fifth conversation of their presidencies on Thursday, speaking for more than two hours as they chart the future of their complicated relationship at a time of simmering economic and geopolitical tensions.

The call began at 8:33 am EDT and ended at 10:50 am EDT, according to the White House. It took place as Biden aims to find new ways to work with the rising global power as well as strategies to contain China's influence around the world. Differing perspectives on global health, economic

policy and human rights have long tested the relationship with China's refusal to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine adding further strain.

"The two heads of state had in-depth communication and exchanges on China-US relations and issues of mutual concern," China Central Television reported on its website.

The latest pressure point has been House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's potential visit to Taiwan, the island that governs itself democratically and receives informal defensive support from the US, but which China considers part of

its territory. Beijing has said it

would view such a trip as a

provocation, a threat US officials are taking with heightened seriousness in light of Russia's incursion into Ukraine.

"If the US insists on going its own way and challenging China's bottom line, it will surely be met with forceful responses," Zhao Lijian, a spokesperson for China's Foreign Ministry, told reporters earlier this week. "All ensuing consequences shall be borne by the US."

Pelosi would be the highest-ranking US elected official to travel to Taiwan since Republican Newt Gingrich visited the island in 1997 when he was House speaker.

AFRICA'S ALONE IN MONKEYPOX DEATHS BUT HAS NO VACCINE DOSES

frica still does not have a single dose of the monkeypox vaccine even though it's the only continent to have documented deaths from the disease that's newly declared a global emergency, its public health agency announced on Thursday.

"Let us get vaccines onto the continent," the acting head of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Ahmed Ogwell, said in a weekly media

He described a situation where the African continent of 1.3 billion people is again being left behind in access to doses in an uncomfortable echo of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Less than a week ago, the World Health Organisation declared monkeypox an "extraordinary" situation that qualifies as a global health emergency.

To date, more than 20,000 cases have been reported in 77 countries. More than 2,100 monkeypox cases have been recorded in 11 African countries and 75 people have died, the Africa CDC director said.

Although monkeypox has been established in parts of central and west Africa for decades, it was not known to spark large outbreaks beyond the continent or to spread widely among people until May, when authorities detected dozens of epidemics in Europe, North America and elsewhere.

Now the global race is on to obtain monkeypox vaccine The European Commission, the European Union's executive arm, has secured the purchase of 160,000 doses of vaccines for the disease.

On Wednesday, US health regulators said nearly 800,000 doses of the monkeypox vaccine will soon be available for distribution after what they described as weeks of delays.

Such delays are far more pronounced on the African continent, where the painful disease has been endemic in some countries for years.

Ogwell said the Africa CDC has engaged with international partners in attempts to obtain



vaccines, and while he said "good news" is expected in the coming days, "we cannot be able to give you a timeline".

Even doses of the smallpox vaccine, which has shown effectiveness against monkeypox, are not available in Africa, Ogwell said.

The solutions need to be global in nature," he said, in a warning to the international community. "If we're not safe, the rest of the world is not safe."

for protection against monkey-The COVID-19 pandemic pox, but the organisation has released few details, so there's no and the global hoarding of vac-

will get priority. No countries have yet agreed to share any vaccines with the WHO.

WHO officials have emphasised that monkeypox can infect anyone in close contact with a patient or their contaminated

clothing or bedsheets. Researchers are still exploring how it spreads but believe it's mainly through close, skin-to-skin contact and through contact with bedding and clothing that touched an infected person's rash or body fluids.

In Africa, monkeypox mainly spreads to people by infected wild animals like rodents in limited outbreaks that typically have not crossed

In Europe, North America and elsewhere, however, monkeypox is spreading among people with no links to animals or recent travel to Africa.

In the US and Europe, the vast majority of infections have happened in men who have sex with men, though health officials have stressed that anyone can contract the virus

Sunak less unpopular with swing voters in UK PM race, survey finds

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m Rishi\ Sunak\ has\ an}$ edge over his rival, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, in the race to be elected the next Conservative Party leader and British Prime Minister among swing voters, a new survey revealed on Thursday. The British Indian

ex-minister, who has been trailing Truss among the hardcore Tory members who will vote for their favourite in postal ballots from next week is favoured among voters who had voted Conservative for the first time in the 2019 general election.

While there is little to separate the two leadership candidates among for example those who currently intend to vote [Opposition] Labour (minus 59 for Sunak, minus 62 for Truss) or those who voted Conservative in 2019 (0 and +3 respectively), the crucial difference between Truss and Sunak comes among swing voters," YouGov said in a statement.

'Net favourability among those who voted Conservative in 2019 but now tell us they plan to vote Labour stands at minus 25 for Sunak and minus 45 for Truss. Equally, scores among those who voted Labour in 2017 but Conservative in 2019 register at minus 6 for Sunak and minus 19 for Truss," it said.



1971 Liberation War: 6 members of 'Razakar Bahini' get death in Bangladesh

PTI DHAKA

 $B \ \ angladesh's \ International \ Crimes \ Tribunal \ on \ Thursday \ sentenced \ six \ members \ of \ the \ infa$ mous paramilitary force 'Razakar Bahini' to death for collaborating with the Pakistani Army for "crimes against humanity" during the 1971 Liberation War. The three-member tribunal headed by Justice Mohammad Shahinur Islam delivered the verdict.

They shall be hanged by neck until their death," Islam pronounced, with five of the convicts faced the trial in person, while one convict was tried in absentia. The six accused include Amjad Hossain Howladar, Sahar Ali Sardar, Atiyar Rahman, Motachim Billah, Kamal Uddin Goldar, and Nazrul Islam. Of them, Nazrul Islam

The convicts were present on the dock as the udgment was delivered after which they were brought to Dhaka Central Jail. "All the six convicts were charged on four

Quarter Quarter Year

counts of crimes against humanity," prosecution lawyer Mokhlesur Rahman told reporters.



Kim threatens to use nukes amid tensions with US, S Korea

AP ■ SEOUL

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un warned he's ready to use his nuclear weapons in potential military conflicts with the United States and South Korea, state media said Thursday, as he unleashed fiery rhetoric against rivals he says are pushing the Korean Peninsula to the brink of war. Kim's speech to war vet-

erans on the 69th anniversary of the end of the 1950-53 Korean War was apparently meant to boost internal unity in the impoverished country amid pandemic-related economic difficulties. While Kim has increasingly threatened his rivals with nuclear would use them first against the superior militaries of the US. And its allies, observers

group of Japanese lawmak-

Aers including two former

defense ministers met with

Taiwan's president on Thursday

in a rare high-level visit to dis-

maker and former Defense

Minister Shigeru Ishiba, said it

wanted to reach an agreement

with Taiwan on defense issues

and prepare for any potential

conflict in the region, while also

seeking to prevent conflict from

about what kind of situations

"We need to think ahead

The delegation, led by law-

cuss regional security.

breaking out.

A richer, stronger China warns **Pelosi not to visit Taiwan**

 $B^{\text{eijing grumbled but swal-lowed its irritation in 1997}$ when then-Speaker Newt Gingrich of the US House of Representatives visited Taiwan, the island democracy claimed by the mainland's ruling Communist Party as its own China had other priorities.

President Jiang Zemin's government was preparing to celebrate Hong Kong's return and wanted to lock in Beijing's emergence from diplomatic isolation after its 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square. Gingrich, a booster of closer US-Chinese ties, had just helped that campaign by meeting Jiang in Beijing. China avoided a disruptive clash with Washington. A quarter-century later,

conditions have changed dras-tically. Chinese President Xi Jinping's government is richer, more heavily armed and less willing to compromise over Taiwan following news reports the current speaker, Nancy Pelosi, might become the most senior US official since Gingrich to visit the island.

Beijing sees any official and territorial integrity." nition of its democratically elected government, which the mainland says has no right to conduct foreign relations.

could happen, what kind of laws

and agreements we should prepare, and what kind of arma-

ments we could use," he said in

prepared remarks at the

Presidential Office. "We need to



The timing adds to political pressure. Xi is widely expected to try to award himself a third five-year term as party leader at a meeting in the autumn. That could be undercut if rivals can accuse Xi of failing to be tough enough in the face of what they consider American provocation.
Pelosi has yet to confirm

whether she might visit, but Beijing is warning of "forceful measures" including military action if she does. The United States "must not arrange for Pelosi to visit

Taiwan," a Chinese Ministry of Defense spokesman, Tan Kefei,

said Tuesday. "If the United States goes ahead with this, the Chinese military will never watch and do nothing," Tan said. "It will take strong measures to thwart any external interference and separatist plans for Taiwan independence' and resolutely defend national sovereignty

"No. 3 in the US government," after her place in the line of succession to become presi-

Attacks in central Mali kill 15 soldiers, 3 civilians

cine doses were a jolt to African

leaders, who quickly joined

together in an unprecedented

effort to obtain doses and estab-

lish the production of more vac-

monkeypox outbreak is again

showing how the world's rich-

er countries hurry to protect

a vaccine-sharing mechanism

Now, to their dismay, the

WHO has said it is creating

cines on the continent.

their own people first.

AP ■ BAMAKO

t least three civilians At least three civilians and 15 soldiers have been killed in separate attacks in central Mali, the army said, the latest round of attacks as insecurity worsens in the West African

Two attacks Wednesday targeted Mali army positions in the center of the country, and the army fought back killing at least 48 assailants, said army spokesman Souleymane Dembele.

"Malian Armed Forces repelled terrorist attacks targeting positions in Sévaré, Sokolo and Kalumba early this Wednesday," he said in a statement. The soldiers killed include "six dead in Sokolo" and "12 dead, including 3 civilians, in Kalumba, in the Nara region," the statement said.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks, but they bear the mark of jihadi groups linked to al-Qaida which are present in those areas and whose local a message a few weeks ago urging his fighters to intensify attacks against the

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in General is hereby inform that Late Sh. P. M. Bhojwani S/o Late Sh. Murlidhar Bhojwani who was the allottee of Plot No.516, Sector-37, Pace City-II, Sector-37, Gurugram, Haryana allottee from Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (H.S.I.I.D.C.). Sh. P. M. Bhojwani expired on 19.06.2020, after his death my clients Mrs. Hari Bhojwani, Sh. Ritin Bhojwan and Sh. Rohan Bhojwani legal heirs of Late Sh. P. M. Bhojwani have applied to transfer the above said plot in their favour in three equa shares before the office of Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (H.S.I.I.D.C.). If, any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the said property of any kind, shall intimate the objection in writing to the undersigned and to Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (H.S.I.I.D.C.) at the below given address with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice or else any considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and clients shall proceed to conclude the transfer of the above said plot in their name and no claim shall be entertained thereafter H.S.I.I.D.C Complex F3XQ + F2R, Vanijya Nikunj.

Udyog Vihar Phase V, Gurugram, Haryana 122008 Advocate Vishal Maan Enrolment No. D/1522/2013 Supreme Court of India High Court of Delh Office: B-1/1641 A, Vasant Kunj New Delhi - 110003

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 (Rs. in lakhs

SL No	Particulars	ended 30.06.2022	ended 31.03.2022	ended 30.06.2021	Ended 31.03.2022
		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total income from operations (net)	6,482.22	4,821.84	3,056.53	16,026.20
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	215.55	386.26	(188.30)	105.02
3	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	223.46	386.19	(188.30)	104.94
4	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	239.56	294.40	(160.88)	76.61
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	244.98	317.42	(163.27)	92.88
6	Equity share capital (Face Value of ₹ 10/- each)	864.00	864.00	864.00	864.00
7	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (Face Value of ₹ 10/- each)				
	(a) Basic (Rs.)	2.77	3.41	(1.86)	0.89
	(b) Diluted (Rs.)	2.77	3.41	(1.86)	0.89

Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are availab on the Stock Exchanges website (www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.deltoncables.com). The above result have been prepared in accordance with principle and procedures of indian Accounting Stand

the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as specified under section 133 of Companies Act, 2013. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held of

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Capri Global Capital Limited Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on dates below mentioned, for recovery of amount mentioned below due to the Capri Global Capital Limited Secured Creditor from Borrower mentioned below. The reserve price, EMD amount and property details mentioned below

SR. 1.BORROWER(S) NAME NO. 2. OUTSTANDING AMOUNT 1. M/s Budding ("Borrower")

2. Mr. Gauray Nadkarni 3.Mrs. Ruchika Sethi 4. M/s Southend Education and Welfare 5. Mr. Rajinder Sethi

6. Mrs. Neelam Sethi 7. Mrs. Komal Nadkarni (Co-borrower) LOAN ACCOUNT No. LNCGCDELTL0000005814 Rupees 4,13,91,197/- (Rupees Four Crores

Thirteen Lacs Ninety One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven Only) along with interest from 28.07.2022 along with applicable future

MORTGAGED PROPERTY All Piece and Parcel of School Site Land OF E

DESCRIPTION OF THE

All Piece and Parcel of School Site Land of Sc Jharsa and Ghasola, District Gurgaon, (Between 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.) EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT: Sohna Road, Gurgaon, Haryana 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION Alongwith Construction thereon Present OF EMD WITH KYC: 30.08.2022

3. DATE OF INSPECTION: 29.08.2022 between

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION

3. INCREMENTAL VALUE RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 4,16,00,000/

2. EMD OF THE PROPERTY

Rs. 41,60,000/- (Rupees Forty One Lacs Sixty Thousand Only) INCREMENTAL VALUE: Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Capri Global Capital Limited Secured Creditor's website i.e. www. Capriglobal.in/auction/

work together to reach consensus on this ahead of anything that could happen. Ishiba noted that Japan is also working closely with the U.S to prevent conflict in the

Japan discusses regional

defence in rare visit to Taiwan

Tensions in the region have risen amid increasing assertiveness from China, whose authoritarian ruling Communist Party considers democratic, self-ruling Taiwan its own territory, to be annexed by force if necessary.

Indo-Pacific, saying the defense

allies "had no choice" but to pre-

The group of Japanese lawmakers was welcomed by President Tsai Ing-wen and will also meet with Su Tseng-chang, president of the Executive Yuan, and representatives from Taiwan's Defense Ministry

Hamas rebuilding capabilities in Gaza, says Israeli army

AP ■ EREZ MILITARY BASE

The Israeli army said on Wednesday that Hamas has rebuilt some of the capabilities that were damaged during last year's Gaza war, including three new tunnels and a series of weapons man-

ufacturing and storage sites. The army published aerial imagery and maps showing what it said are tunnels, weapons factories and arms

depots. It said the installations were near al-Azhar University in Gaza City, a Pepsi factory, mosques, United Nations facilities and hospitals elsewhere in Gaza. Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem said the army's claims are "pure lies and fabrications. Israel and Hamas are bitter enemies that have fought

four wars and numerous skir-

mishes since Hamas seized

control of the Gaza Strip in

e-TENDER TIME EXTENSION NOTICE-1 Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of submission and opening of following tender invited by the office of the Executive Engineer (Test), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) is hereby extended

Tender No: 01/EE(Test.)/MB-II/2022-23 1.Name of work/Supply/Services: SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 220V DC 1395AH Battery SET NO1 AT DHARASU POWER HOUSE

Last date for submission of tender: -08.08.2022 up to 16:00 Hrs. Last date of submission of hard copy:-12.08.2022 up to 11:00 Hrs Due date for opening of tender - 12.08.2022 at 11:00 Hrs

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in **Executive Engineer (Test)**

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

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

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation ar

Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged/ charged to **Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.** [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" an without any recourse" basis on 30.08.2022 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M. (with unlimited automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document for recovery of Rs. 20,85,236/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Twe Hundred Thirty Six only) pending towards the Loan Account No. HLAPNOI00270908. by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 25.07.2022 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement an other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 26.07.2022 along with legal expenses an other charges due to the Secured Creditor from Mr. Vinod Kumar and Ms. Preeti The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 21,00,000/ (Rupees Twenty One Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 2,10,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ten Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price. The EMD shall be paid by DD/ RTGS/ NEFT or through any other proper banking channels to the credit and in favour of INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED, Account No. 00000040428645185 with State Bank of India (IFSC: SBIN0004079), having its branch at COM. BR. GURGAON(04079), before submitting the tender in order to participate in the online public auction. The successful bidder shall pay 25% amount of the sale price (less 10% of the Reserve Price paid before submitting the tender) immediately i.e. either on the same day of not later than the next working day and the remaining balance of the Sale Price sha be paid within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Unit No. 151, Upper Ground Floor, Block-SB, Jaipuria Sunrise Plaza, Plot No.

12A, Ahinsa Khand-1, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh – 201009. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com and www.auctionfocus.in

: GHAZIABAD Authorized Office INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

: 26.07.2022

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE: I. The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnitie: 2. Particulars of the property / assts (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be

swerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extant & dimensions may differ. 3. E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any common representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries /due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bid/s.

4. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net Or Auction Tiger Mobile APP provided by the service provider M/S eProcurement Technologic Limited, Ahmedabad who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform 5. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be e

ne internet connectivity, network problems, system crash own, power failure etc. 6. For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/S E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger, Ahmedabad (Contact no. 079 68136880/68136837), Mr. Ramprasad Sharma Mob. 800-002-3297/79-6120 0559, Email; ramprasad@auctiontiger.net.. 7. For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net well in advance and shall get the user id and password. Intending bidders are advised to

change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider 8. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS favor of "Capri Global Capital Limited" on or before 30-August-2022. 9. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the

Authorized Officer, Capri Global Capital Limited Regional Office | Plot no. 3B, 2nd Floor, Pusa Road, New Delhi 110 005 latest by 03:00 PM on 30-August-2022. The sealed cover should be super scribed with *Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale -- in the Loan Account No. (as mentioned above) for property of "Borrower Name." 10. After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorised Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above

the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/SeProcurement Technologies Limited to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding /auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice.

11. Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e. th end time of e- auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 12. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone

13. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorised Officer, Capri Global Capital Limited, Regional Office Office/Plot no. 3B, 2nd Floor, Pusa Road, New Delhi 110 005 and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings 14. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) within 24 hour of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days from the date of sale by

DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favouring Capri Global Capital Limited. 15. In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale.

16. At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorised Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount 17. The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) (if applicable) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorised officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after luction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorised Officer, falling which the earnest deposit will be forfeited.

18. Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate. Bids shall be made taking into sideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the pro

19. Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the necessary proof in respect of payment of all

taxes / charges.

20. Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser 21. The Authorized officer may postpone / cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is postponed to a later date before 30 days from

22. The decision of the Authorised Officer is final, binding and unquestionable. 23. All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them

24. The movable articles lying in the property is not offered with this sale or available 25. For further details and queries, contact Authorised Officer. Capri Global Capital Limited: Mr. Sushil Gupta Mo. No. 7400445137 and and for further inquiry Ms. Kalpana Chetanwala-7738039346 26. This publication is also 30 (Thirty) days notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of

Special Instructions / Caution: Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Capri Global Capital Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction

Place: Gurgaon Date: 29-July-2022

the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider.

Sd/- (Authorised Officer) Capri Global Capital Ltd.

Saugata: RBI to hike rates by 0.35-0.50% at Aug 5 review

setting panel will hike the key repo rate by 0.35-0.50 per cent at the next week's review meeting, Axis Bank chief economist Saugata Bhattacharya said on Thursday. A hike of such a quantum will take the repo rate beyond the 5.15 per cent level, at which the RBI had begun the ultra-accommodative measures in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, he told reporters.

It can be noted that the monetary policy committee

Bhattacharya said the MPC will go into the internal surveys like household inflation expectations and consumer confidence while deciding the quan-

He said the rate hike will be both an attempt to stem inflation expectations, and also one part of it will be a frontloading of actions. A majority of developed world central banks like the US Fed, which hiked rates by 0.75 per cent and the European Central Bank have also adopted a frontloading strategy because it ups possibilities of a soft landing for the economy, he

likely to continue the tightening after the next week's hike as well, and expects the repo rate to be at 5.75 per cent at the end of this



He said the headline inflation will continue to breach the 6 per cent threshold for many more months, and is likely to cool-off after spiking in

will be 6.7 per cent, the chief economist said, adding it will come below the 6 per cent mark only in March. He said the ongoing depreciation in the currency is having an impact on

came off session highs on

Thursday, as a slew of down-

worries about the future pace of US interest rate hikes," he

Among the Sensex con-

stituents, Bajaj Finance rallied

the most by 10.68 per cent, fol-

lowed by Bajaj Finserv that

jumped 10.14 per cent after

encouraging June quarter earn-

Tata Steel, Kotak Mahindra

Bank, IndusInd Bank, Infosys,

Airtel, UltraTech Cement, Dr

Tech Mahindra and Nestle.

were the laggards.

The other gainers were

On the other hand, Bharti

inflation given the import reliance, and also added that offlate, there has been some softening of the commodity prices. Bhattacharya also appreciated the RBI's handling of the pressures on the currency by intervening in different ways to ensure a smooth movement of the currency.

The government has been restrained in spending lately, Bhattacharya said, terming it as a "puzzling" aspect which needs to be watched given the growth needs of the economy. There is likely to be significant fiscal slippage and the fiscal deficit will come at over 9.7 per cent for FY23, he said, adding that the receipts from 5G auction front will not help matters as the actual payments are staggered over multiple years.

5G telecom auction stretches to 4th day: ₹1,49,623 cr worth bids received so far

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The auction of 5G spectrum for telephony services will stretch to the fourth day on Friday after 16 rounds of bidding fetched bids worth Rs 1,49,623 crore.

Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday said 16 rounds of bidding have been completed in three days and the auction will continue on

crore have been received at the end of the third day, he said. This is marginally higher

than Rs 1,49,454 crore-worth bids received at the end of the ninth round on Wednesday, the second day of the auction.

is committed to taking services

Significant accounting policies and Notes to Accounts are integral & forming part of Financial Sta

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financias Statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the Code of Ethics' issued by the ICAI and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the linancial statements.

The Bank's Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the other information. The other information comprises information included in the Report of Board of Directors including other explanatory information but does not include the finance statements and our auditor's report thereon. The report of the Board of Directors is expected to be made available to us after the director of this auditor's report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other inform whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the standalone financial statements or

onsibility of Management for the financial statements

Auditor's responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Staten

Responsibility of Management for the financial statements.

He Bank's Doord of Directors is responsible for preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of th financial position and the financial performance of the Bank in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India including the Accounting Standard Standard (Lap Provisions of Banking Regulation Act. 1949 and the Rules made thereunder provisions of Delhi Cooperative Societies Act. 2003 and the Pulse smade thereunder and circulars and guidelines issued by RBI from time to time. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the afformation of Acts for safeguarding the assets of the Bank and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities election and application of appropriate accounting processing objectives, making ulignments and estimates that are recentable and product and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that are caused to the proper statements of the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements that are caused to the properson of the financial statements t

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management eithe intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no relative atternative but to do as. The Board of Directors is also responsible for overseeing Bank's Financial Reporting process

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with XAs will always detect a material insistatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design an perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basistatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from read is higher than for one resulting from are a fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidences obstained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion, Our conclusions are

of on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern. Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirement regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to be on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and The Delhi State Co-operative Societies Act, 2003 and the rules made there-under.

c. Objections raised suggestions adduced for the year ending 31.03.2022.

As required by rule 80(6) of Delhi Cooperative Societies Rules, 2007, we report that:

a) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audist and have bound to be saisfactory;

b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Bank so far as it appears from our examination of those books and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from the branchestiffices;

The transactions of the Bank which came to our notice have been within the powers of the Bank;
The Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account dealt with by this report, are in agreement with the books of account a

the returns;

The accounting standards adopted by the Bank are consistent with those laid down by accounting principles generally accepted in India so far as applicable to Banks;

In our opinion and according to information and explanations given to us, we have not noticed any material impropriety or irregularity in the expenditure or in the realization of money due to the bank.

The members have been enrolled as por the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder.

As per the information and explanations given to us and based on our examination of the books of account and other record, we report as under on certain matters specified in sub-rule I7 of fivile 80 of the Delhi Co-operative Societies Rules, 2007.

a. We have no forme across any transactions which appear to be contrary to the provisions of the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003, the rules or the bye-laws of the Bank.

We have not come across any material or significant transactions which appear to be contrary to the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

Based on our examination of the books of account and other records and as per the information and explanations given to us, the money belonging to the Bank which appears to be bad or doubtful or recovery are detailed below: Category Principal outstanding as on March 31, 2022 (Rs. in Lakhs)
Doubtful Advances 39.90 Non-Performing Investments Nil d. The Bank has not given any loans to the members of the Board of Directors. . We have not observed any violation of guidelines, conditions etc., issued by the Reserve Bank of India The Registrar of Cooperative Societies in this regard has not specified any matters to the Bank.

the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account dealt with by this report, are in agreement with the books of account and the

manner considered necessary by us.
For AVA & Associates
Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration Number 004017N CA. Vivek Arora UDIN: 22099704ALXFLF2284 Place: New Delhi Date: 27.06.2022 Partner M. No. 099704

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2022

SCHEDULE

Significant accounting policies and Notes to Accounts are integral & forming part of Financial Stat

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2022

Capital and Liabilitie

Capital Reserves and Surplus

As per Our Report of Even Date ann For AVA & ASSOCIATES

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Firm Regn No. 004017N

CA. VIVEK ARORA

Place: New Delhi Date: 27.06.2022

(Partner) M.No. 099704

II. Expenditure Interest expend

IV. Appropriations

Transfer to statutory reserve Transfer to other reserves Transfer to Government/prop

Balance carried over to balance sheet

As per Our Report of Even Date at For AVA & ASSOCIATES CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Firm Regn No. 004017N

CA. VIVEK ARORA

(Partner) M.No. 099704

Place: New Delhi Date: 27.06.2022

AS ON 31.03.2022 AS ON 31.03.2021

26,01,24,047

47,38,430

30,75,35,094

20,38,19,250

4,20,10,257

1,75,174 1,00,70,091

30,75,35,094

YEAR ENDED ON

31.03.2021 PREVIOUS YEAR

2,13,39,412

2,48,91,293

18,36,215

(5.00.000)

23,36,215

27,83,51,813

32,22,88,655

4,53,85,672

22,26,57,088

4,38,23,135

32,22,88,655

2,26,902 84,53,115

YEAR ENDED ON

31.03.2022

CURRENT YEAR

1,98,35,869

2,45,55,461

(23,83,377)

AVA & ASSOCIATES

48,08,573

National Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd.

C-3/84, New Kondli, Mayur Vihar, Phase-III, Delhi-110096

INTEGRAL & FORMING PART OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-NOTE NO. 18 Notes forming part of the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2022 and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended March 31, 2022.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO ACCOUNTS ARE

Background:
NATIONAL URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD was incorporated in 1999 and provides a complete suite of corporated in 1999 and provides a complete suite of corporated in 1999.

The financial statements have been prepared and presented under the historical cost convention on the accrual basis of accounting, unless otherwise stated, and comply with generally accepted accounting principles, statutory requirements prescribed under the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 and Banking Regulation Act, 1949, circulars and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India ('RBI') from time to time, the Accounting Standard's ('XS) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ('ICAI') and current practices prevailing within the banking industry in India.

3. Use of estimates:
The preparation of the financial statements, in conformity with generally accopted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and exponses and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Amagement believes that the estimates used in the preparation of the financial statements are prudent and reasonable. Any revision to the accounting estimates are recognised prospectively. Significant Accounting Policies:

(i) Held till Maturity' - Securities acquired by the Bank with the intention to hold till maturity.

Held for Trading' - Securities acquired by the Bank with the intention to trade.

(iii) Available for Sale' - Securities which do not fall within the above two categories are

'Held till Maturity' – These investments are carried at their acquisition cost. Any premium on acquisition is an over the balance period to maturity, with a debit to Profit & Loss Account.

(iii) "Available for Sale" (as mentioned in Para 2 iii above) - Each security in this category is valued at the market price an Avaisate for Saler (as mentioned in Para Z.m. above) - Each security in this category is valued at the market price and the net resultant depreciation in each classification is recognised in profit and loss account. Net appreciation, if any is ignored. In case of shares & bonds & other investments, the scrip wise appreciation is ignored. Market value of government securities (excluding treasury hilbs) is determined on the basis of the price list published by RBI or the prices periodically declared by PDAI jointly with FIRMMOA for the valuation at the year – end. In case of unquoted government securities, market price or fair value is determined as per the rates published by FIRMMOA.

Market value of other approved securities is determined based on the yield curve and spreads provided by FIMMDA istment has not been ear-marked against specific fund or reserve shown under reserve & surplus and same he on collective begins

(iv) Broken period interest on debt instruments is treated as a revenue item. Brokerage, commission, etc. pertaining t investments paid at the time of acquisition is charged to revenue.

(v) Profit in respect of investments sold from "AFS" category is included in p

The classification of advances into Standard, Sub-standard, Doubtful and loss assets as well as provision on no

ii) Provision on Advances categorized under Sub-standard, Doubtful and loss assets is made in accordance with the
guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. In addition, a general provision has been made on all standard asse
as per RBI guidelines.

as per nor gunerative.

1 Fixed Assets and Depreciation:

1) The Bank has accounted for and made disclosure of gross and net block of fixed assets and deprace of gross and net block of fixed assets and deprace with Accounting Standard, AS-10 (Property, Plant & Equipment) issued by ICAI. ii) Depreciation is calculated on straight line basis on fixed assets.

iii) Fixed assets are depreciated at the rates considered appropriate by the m

Depreciation on fixed assets purchased during the year is charged on the basis of number of days the asset is put use. No depreciation is charged on fixed assets sold during the year.

Interest on advances classified as Sub-Standard, Doubtful or Loss Assets is recognized on realize interest in these cases is accounted in Interest suspense on other NPA. Income is recognition norms of Reserve Bank of India.

Interest on fixed income securities, as per recogn iii) Commission, Exchange and locker rent are recognized as income on receipt basis

7) Employee Benefits (AS 15): The liability towards gratuity is assessed on the basis of actuarial valuation as at the balance sheet date and considerer as a defined benefit scheme. The actuarial valuation is carried out as per projected unit credit method. Liability towards gratuity is funded through LIC Group Grataity Scheme.

Segment Reporting (AS 17): The bank has three business seg ss segment, i.e. Retail banking, Corporate banking and Treasury

10) Operating Leases (AS 19):

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net profit for the period by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year. The weighted average number of shares is calculated on monthly basis.

ii. Deferred tax is recognised, subject to consideration of prudence, on timing difference between taxable income and accounting income that originated in one period and is capable of reversal in one or more subsequent periods. Deferred tax assets and fisabilities are measured using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the Balance Sheet date.

iii. Deferred tax assets are calculated on the basis of timing difference of depreciation and on acc

13) Impairment of Assets (AS 28): Since the bank has assertained that there is no material impairment of any of its assets, no provision on account compariment of assets is required to be made.

It Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets:

A provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets:

A provision is recognized when the Bank has a present obligation as a result of past event where it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, in respect of which a reliable estimate can be made. Provisions are not discounted to its present value and are determined based on best astimate required to settle the obligation at the balance sheet date. These are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimates. When there is a possible or a present obligation in respect of which the likelihood of outflow of resources in terminal amountains or dichelurus is made.

Notes to Accounts:

There are no items of material significance in the prior period account requiring disclosure. Previous year's figures are regrouped or rearranged, wherever necessary. In the opinion of management, the amount outstanding in provision for bad and doubtful assets, standard assets & investments as determined in accordance with the guidelines issued by RBI is considered adequate.

The Figures has been rounded off nearest to rupee one.

Disclosure under Resolution Framework for COVID-19-related Stress

The Could-19 impacted the entire world thus impacting India resulting in an adverse impact and volatility in global and Indian markets and disruption in economic activity on account of lockdown measures, etc. However, the various pandemic measures – regulatory as well as social have lessened the adverse economic impact in the second and the third wave. The Indian economy displayed mislines and is gradually bouncing back. Reserve Bank of India continued with its regulatory measures with the objective of alleviating the potential stress to individual borrowers and small businesses. The set of measures were broadly in line with the contours of the Resolution Framework - 1.0, with suitable Into set of measures were broady in new with the controls of the Nesoliulion Framework 1.0, with sustaine modifications. Accordingly, Resolution Framework 2.0 was extended in May 2021 to individuals, small businesses and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). No application from any borrower, being eligible to such relief was received under the Resolution Framework. Therefore, presentation of Disclosure with respect to Respect of Stressed Assets' as per RBI Circular No. DOR. No. DR SC 1/3 (2), 04(048)2020 - 2) dated August, 6.2020 and also with respect to Resolution Framework — 2.0. Resolution of Cavid-1 or Individuals and Small Businesses as per RBI Circular No. RBI(2021-22)31 DOR. STR. REC. 11/21.04.048(2021-22 dated May 5th 2021 are not applicable.

AS-15 RETIREMENT BENEFITS ounting Standard 15 (AS-15) (Revised) - issued by ICAI pertaining to Gratuity is as unde

No.	PARTICULARS	(FUNDED)
		31.03.2022
1	Discount rate	7%
2	Salary escalation rate	6%
3	Reconciliation of opening & closing balance of the present value of the defined benefit obligation: i) PV of obligation as on 01.04.2021 ii) Interest cost iii) Current service cost iii) Current service cost iv) Liability transfer ii v) Benefits paid vi) Actuarial gains((loss) on obligations viii) PV of obligation as on 31.03.2022	16,26,612 NIL NIL NIL 1,66,269 1,18,384 15,78,728
4	Reconciliation of opening & closing balance of fair value of plan assets: i) Fair value of plan assets as on 01.04.2021 iii Expected return on plan assets iiii Contributions (including interest) during the period iv) transfer from other entities v) Berufits paid vi) Actuarial gains/(loss) on obligations viii Fair value of plan assets as on 31.03.2022	16,26,612 NIL 1,18,384 NIL 1,66,269 NIL 15,78,728
5	Amount recognised in balance sheet i) PV of obligation as on 31.03.2022 iii Fair value of plan assets as on 31.03.2022 iiii Assets! balality as at 31.03.2021	15,78,728 15,78,728
6	Expenses recognised in profit & loss account i) Current service cost ii) Interest cost iii) Return on plan assets iii) Net actural gaini (loss)	NIL NIL NIL
7	Expenses recognised in profit & loss account	NIL

The Bank has entered into cancellable operating leases in respect of office premises and a godown, hence during the year Rs. 24.80 lakhs charged towards lease rental to the Statement of Profit & Loss (Previous year Rs. 23.99 Lakhs).

20 CAMBING FER SHARE			
Particulars	31.03.2022	31.03.202	
A. Amount used as numerator Profit after tax / (Loss)	(47, 19, 592)	(35,51,881	
B. Nominal value of share (Rs. Per share)	100	10	
C. No. of shares used as a denominator	1,32,989	1,32,04	
	7,1221,123		

The major components of deferred tax Assets liabilities(net) arisi and taxable profits as at 31st March, 2021 are as follows:	he major components of deferred tax Assets! liabilities(net) arising on account of timing differences between book profit nd taxable profits as at 31st March, 2021 are as follows:	
Particulars	As on 31.03.2022	
DTL on Account of	2010	
(a) Depreciation	NIL	
DTA on Account of	1000	
(b) Depreciation	1,21,767	
(c) Gratuity	NII	
NET TOTAL (a) + (b) (DTA)	1,21,767	

AS-29 PROVISIONS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS: 31.03.2021 31.03.2022 Bills for Collection Depositor Education and Awareness Fund scheme 41,67,98

For AVA & ASSOCIATES

As per Our Report of Even Date attached For National Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS CA. VIVEK ARORA M.No. 099704

New Delhi: C K Birla group firm Orient Cement Ltd on Thursday reported a decline of 58.17 per cent in net profit at ₹37.41 crore in the quarter ended June.

dhe Reserve Bank's rate

(MPC) has hiked rates in two consecutive moves in May and June by a cumulative 0.90 per cent, taking the repo rate at which it lends to the system to 4.90 per cent, in a bid to contain

Extending gains for the sectond straight session, equity benchmark Sensex jumped

by nearly 2 per cent to soar past

the 56,000-mark on Thursday,

propelled by robust buying in

finance, banking and IT stocks.

blue chips as well as select midand small-cap counters after

their recent spell of weakness,

traders said. A strong recovery

in the rupee further boosted

domestic equities despite the

US Federal Reserve hiked rates

to tame inflation, they added.

Wednesday raised key interest

rates by 75 basis points for the

mark jumped 1,041.47 points

or 1.87 per cent to settle at

56,857.79. During the day, it

rallied 1,097.9 points or 1.96

second straight month.

The US Federal Reserve on

The 30-share BSE bench-

Value-buying persisted in

tum of the rate hike.

Bhattacharya said the RBI is

nears 17k as bulls regain footing

per cent to 56,914.22.

The broader NSE Nifty

advanced 287.80 points or 1.73

per cent to 16,929.60. The

Nifty rose sharply after the US

Fed's comments hinting at a

possibility of a slower pace of

monetary tightening, Deepak

Jasani, Head of Retail Research,

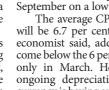
as the prospect of a slower pace

of Federal Reserve monetary

tightening filtered across glob-

...Stocks rose on Thursday

HDFC Securities, said.



September on a low base.

The average CPI for FY23

Sensex soars 1,041 pts, Nifty

beat earnings took the shine off a global rally driven by easing

Bids worth Rs 1,49,623

Reddy's, ITC and Sun Pharma

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge jumped The minister said industry 0.94 per cent and smallcap index climbed 0.65 per cent.

Govt launches 11th agricultural census 2021-22; to use smartphones, tablets for

data collection

PTI ■ NEW DELHI Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Thursday launched the eleventh agricultural census to collect data on various parameters, including operational holdings. For the first time, the

smartphones and tablets. The fieldwork of the Eleventh Agricultural Census (2021-22) will start in August 2022, the agriculture ministry

said in a statement.

ducted every 5 years, which is being undertaken now after a delay due to corona pandemic," it added.

"Agriculture Census is con-



scheme from 1970-71. The tenth edition of the census was conducted with the refer-

ence year 2015-16. The agricultural census is the main source of information on a variety of parameters, such as the number and area of operational holdings, their size, class-wise distribution, land use, tenancy and cropping pat-

The ministry is imple-

BRIEF MODI TO CHAIR NITI AAYOG'S GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair NITI Aayog's Governing Council meeting on August 7, where issues related to

agriculture, health and economy will be discussed. RUPEE RISES 26 PAISE TO CLOSE AT 79.65 AGAINST DOLLAR Mumbai: The rupee appreciated 26 paise to close at 79.65 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, tracking a firm

trend in the domestic equities.

SPICEJET SHARES SETTLE OVER 3% DOWN New Delhi: Shares of SpiceJet settled over 3 per cent lower on Thursday after the company was asked by aviation regulator DGCA to curtail its services by half for eight weeks

PAK'S CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT INCREASES

Islamabad: Pakistan's current account deficit (CAD) increased to a 4-year high of USD 17.4 billion in the fiscal year of 2021-22, indicating more troubles for the ailing economy of the cashstrapped country. **BACK TO COOL CAMPAIGN**

New Delhi: Skybags, the youth-centred brand from the illustrious

celebrate a stylish return to normalcy with the launch of its bold

new #BackToCool campaign. Praful Gupta, Marketing VP, VIP Industries Limited, said, "Staying true to our philosophy of 'Move in Style', the #BackToCool campaign aims to help our youth make a stylish return to normalcy post-pandemic.'

house of VIP Industries, is all set to help the nation's Gen Z

PNB QUARTERLY PROFIT FALLS 70% TO ₹308 CRORE New Delhi: State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Thursday reported a 70 per cent decline in standalone net profit to Rs 308.44 crore in the three months ended June.

OLA ELECTRIC INKS PACT WITH HEAVY INDUSTRIES MINISTRY

New Delhi: Ola Electric on Thursday said it has signed an

agreement with the ministry of heavy industries for local

manufacturing of advanced battery cells under the government's production linked incentive scheme. **ORIENT CEMENT Q1 NET PROFIT DECLINES 58%**

Biogas plant using cow dung generates cooking gas for 120 families

PNS NEW DELHI

A biogas plant with a capacity of 200 cubic metre, that utilises around 5,000-kilogram cow dung per day, has been commissioned at Akauni Chandauli district in

Uttar Pradesh. Under the guidance of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), this biogas plant has been set up by Nand Sadan Gaushala - run by a progressive dairy farmer Nagendra

Singh under the aegis of SAAF Energy Private Limited. The project is providing

as cooking gas. The project was inaugurated by Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and

the village which can be used

Dairying in the presence of Shah on Wednesday. Besides this, to encourage the use of slurry-based organic manure among the farmers, NDDBtrademarked 'Sudhan' organic manure will also be distributed

among farmers. NDDB helped SAAF Energy to design the project, selecting the appropriate Gaushala as well as setting up round-the-clock supply of biogas across 120 households in a system for dung collection.

India's power deficit slips from 2% in April to 0.6% in June

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Power deficit came down from 2 per cent in April to $0.4 \text{ per cent in May and } \bar{0.6} \text{ per}$ cent in June despite significant rise in demand of electricity, Parliament was informed on

Thursday. In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Power Minister R K Singh said electricity supplied grew 12.8 per cent in April 2022, as compared to the year-ago month, across India.

in April on all-India basis, resulting in a deficit of 2 per "The gap between energy

Power requirement, on the

other hand grew 14.7 per cent

plied had been reduced considerably...To 0.4 per cent and 0.6 per cent during the months of May 2022 and June 2022 respectively, despite the significant increase in energy requirement during these months as compared to the corresponding months of May 2021 and June 2021," he said The gap between energy

requirement and energy sup-

demand and supply is generally on account of factors other than inadequacy of power availability in the country e.g. Constraints in distribution network, financial constraints, commercial reasons, forced outage of generating units etc, he explained.

Macrotech Developers inks 3 pacts for housing projects worth ₹6,200 cr in April-June PTI NEW DELHI quarter sales during April-June

Realty firm Macrotech Developers has formed three joint ventures with landowners during April-June quarter to develop housing projects with an estimated sales value of Rs 6,200 crore and is exploring for more In an interview with PTI, the company's Managing Director

and CEÓ Abhishek Lodha said

the housing market remains in

strong position and the compa-

ny achieved the best-ever first

He said the company is looking to form more partnerships across its three focus markets -

2022 despite interest rate hikes.

Mumbai-based Macrotech

Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), Pune and Bengaluru to expand its business in a asset-light manner and achieve higher growth. Developers, erstwhile Lodha Developers, is one of the leading real estate developers in the

country and sells its properties

under Lodha brand.

he pioneer

INDIAN WOMEN LOOK TO BURY WC GHOSTS

podium finish on its mind, the Indian women's hockey team would look to bury the ghosts of a disastrous World Cup campaign by steam-rolling minnows Ghana in the Commonwealth Games opener on Thursday

The Índian women are clubbed in Pool A alongside hosts England, Canada, Wales and Ghana, while Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Scotland and Kenya complete Pool B.

Just like their male counterparts, the Indian women returned emptyhanded from the last edition of the Games in Gold Coast, finishing fourth after being routed 0-6 by England in the bronze medal play-off match.

Going into Games, the Indian women must have been haunted by their below-par effort in the recently concluded World Cup in Spain and the Netherlands, where the Savita Punia-led side finished a disappoint-

And the Janneke Schopmancoached side would be desperate to prove that it is a far better side than what the recent results indicate. They would be itching to prove their detractors wrong about the perception that a historic fourth place finish in last year's Tokyo Olympics was a mere

The Indian women would also be hoping to break their 16-year medal brought in the Games here. The India's last medal -- a silver -- in CWG came in 2006 Melbourne.

The only other medal that Indian women bagged in the Games since hockey introduction in 1998 was a gold in the 2002 edition in Manchester.

Besides the brilliant Olympic campaign, the Indians would also be boosted by their creditable third place finish in their maiden Pro League outing this season.

But to finish on the podium, the ninth ranked Indians will have to get the better of world No.3 Australia, fifth

ranked England and world No. 8 New Zealand, who are also strong medal

In the last edition of the Games, New Zealand won the gold ahead of Australia and the Trans-Tasman rivals would fancy their chances in this

Australia have dominated women's hockey in CWG, bagging as many as four gold medals, one silver and a bronze.

While it is expected to be a cakewalk for India in their opening two pool games against world No. 30 Ghana, and world No. 24 Wales (on Saturday), the Savita's side will face its first real challenge against England on August 2 before finishing their pool campaign against No.15 Canada.

With the top two teams from each pool progressing into the semifinals,

India and England are clear favourites from Pool A unless something drastic happens.

But the recent World Cup has brought to light some chinks in India's armour, which they need to address quickly.

For Indian women, while penalty corner conversions remain a major concern, the forward line too needs to pull up its socks.

In the recent World Cup, the Indians created plenty of scoring chances from open play as well as penalty corners but squandered most the opportunities.

Coach Schopman would be expecting a much-improved show from her forwards and drag-flicker Gurjit Kaur. In the other Pool A match of the

day, Canada will take on Wales.



Harman talks about need to develop 'killing attitude'

PTI BIRMINGHAM

Tndian women's cricket team **L**captain Harmanpreet Kaur wants her players to develop the "killing attitude" that champion teams of the past

India are still some distance away from becoming world beaters but all the players who are here for the Commonwealth Games have bought into an idea suggested by all-rounder Pooja Vastrakar during the Śri Lanka tour last month.

Harmanpreet, who began her all-format captaincy stint with the Sri Lanka series, feels a ruthless approach is needed even when the chips are down. "During the Sri Lanka tour, we had a meeting with the players. I asked the girls how they want the team to play. Pooja gave a good answer about the killing atti-

"Right now we are working on that whether we are training or playing. Everyone is talking about that in the team. All players have bought into this and Pooja is someone who comes up with funny ideas all the time," said Harmanpreet on the eve of

the opener against Australia at the Birmingham Games.

Pooja however is not part of the team yet as she was forced to stay back in India after returning a positive COVID-19 test a day before the squad's departure for Birmingham.

"She has been doing well for the past one year. Normally senior players give a lot of ideas but she came up with this and spoke about it and I really liked it."

India had an optional training session on Thursday with six players travelling to Edgbaston. The team will be looking

to form the right balance in the T20 format.

We have a balanced side and we need to shuffle our batting and bowling here and there for the right combination." The Australia clash will be followed by the big game against Pakistan on July 31.

"We know the stakes are high but when you are playing you just think about doing well on the day. When we were kids we have seen the men's Indo-Pak games. We used to get excited as kids but as players these things don't matter," she added.

reintegration before 2026 Games

contenders

Providing some relief to the Indian shooting fraternity, Commonwealth Federation's (CGF) CEO Katie Sadleir on Thursday expressed optimism about reintegrating the sport into its programme before the 2026 edition in Victoria.

Shooting, along with wrestling, disciplines in which India normally win the bulk of its medals at the Games, didn't make it to the initial list of the 16 sports picked for the Games in the Australian state of However, hours before the

2022 Birmingham Games were to begin, Sadleir said the disciplines would come up for discussion in September, before the final list is announced.

"We have recently announced an initial programme with 16 sports, with the definite ambition to grow that programme," Sadleir said.

There currently is an expression of interest out there with the international federations that are currently not in the programme have been invited to



put forward their proposals for considerations, and shooting is definitely on the case," she added. Shooting, which accounted for 16 of the 66 medals India bagged at the Gold Coast Games four years ago, was omitted from the ongoing Games at Birmingham, leading to a strong protest by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

There was more setback for India when the sport again did not find itself in the list of events for the 2026 Games along with wrestling where the nation had topped the medals tally in

A former CWG medallist and an Olympian, Sadleir said there's a strong wave of interest for the two disciplines' inclusion.

"I know there's a significant amount of social media going on in Australia, plus the international federation, has made it clear that they are going to put forward a very strong case for consideration," the Scotlandborn New Zealander said.

CGF CEO hopeful of shooting's Nikhat, Lovlina get easy opening draws

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

World champion Nikhat Zareen and reigning Olympic Bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain have been handed a relatively easy opening round draws in the women's boxing competition of the Commonwealth Games which begins here with the opening ceremony on Thursday.

Nikhat will open her campaign in the women's 48-50kg light flyweight category against Helena Ismael Bagao of Mozambique on Sunday. A victory would see her pitted against another easy opponent in Helen Jones of Wales in the quarterfi-Lovlina will also be up

against the lesser-known Ariane Nicholson of New Zealand in her opening light middle weight (66-70kg) bout on Saturday, and a win will pit her against Gold Coast silver medallist Rosie Eccles of Wales in the quarterfinals.

The Welsh boxer, who won a silver medal in 2016 and a bronze in 2019 European Championships, got a bye in the first round.

In the lightweight (57-60kg) division, Jasmine will feature



straight in the quarterfinals after getting a first round bye.

But a tricky quarterfinal final awaits Jasmine as she will be up against 2018 Gold Coast bronze medallist Troy Garton of New Zealand on August 4.

In the women's minimum weight (45-48kg) category, Nitu needs just a win to secure a medal as only eight boxers feature in the draw.

She will square up against Nicole Clyde of Northern Ireland in the quarterfinals on August 3.

Among men, Asian Games gold medallist and 2018 CWG

silver medallist Amit Panghal will kick-off his campaign against Vanuatu's Namri Berri in the flyweight (48-51kg) category on August 1.

On the other hand, Mohammad Hussamuddin, who won bronze medallist in the last CWG, will play Amzolele Dyeyi of South Africa in his opening featherweight (54-5kg)

bout on July 30.

Former Asian and World Championships medallist Shiva Thapa will take on Pakistan's Suleman Baloch in the first round of light welterweight (60 to 63.5kg) category on Friday, while welterweight (63.5 to 67kg) pugilist Rohit Tokas got a Alfred Kotey of Ghana in his second bout on August 2.

Sumit too got a first round bye in the middleweight (71-75kg) division and will face Callum Peters of Australia in the second round on Sunday.

In the men's light heavyweight (75 to 80kg) event, Ashish Kumar too got a bye in the opening round and will face Travis Tapatuetoa of Niue on August 1, while Sanjeet will take on Ato Leau Plodzicki-Faogali of SAM in the heavyweight first round on Saturday.

Daruvala sets sights on 7th podium finish

PTI MUMBAI

Tndian racer Jehan Daruvala will be looking to secure his seventh top-three finish as he heads to his next event in Hungary's Hungaroring race track this Sunday.

The 23-year-old chalked up his sixth podium of the season in France when he finished second last week.

It was also the fifth time this year he finished in the runnerup spot.
"The Hungaroring is a track

that I really enjoy. While it is a twisting corners have a streettrack feel to them, making it very similar to Monaco," Jehan said.

"Of course that means overtaking is always difficult here and qualifying will be absolutely crucial this weekend. We know that's an area we need to improve on but we're working hard to make that step up so we can fight at the front in the Feature race on Sunday," he added. Jehan has raced at the 4.3-km long track on the outskirts of Budapest several times

It's Germany vs England in Euro 2022 final

AP MILTON KEYNES

ermany will face England in Sunday's Euro 2022 final after Alexandra Popp struck twice to beat France 2-1 in Milton Keynes on Wednesday.

The German captain's opener was quickly cancelled out by Merle Frohms' own goal, but Popp's towering header 14 minutes from time sent the eighttime winners into another final at Wembley. Popp had been at risk of missing the European Championship for a third time due to injury, but the Wolfsburg striker proved her fitness in time after two knee surgeries and has gone on to be the star performer of the tournament.

The 31-year-old's double

Beth Mead on six goals in the battle for the Golden Boot, matching the record for a single women's European Championship held by Inka Grings from Euro 2009. That tournament ended in a German rout over England in the final and Die Nationalelf will

took her level with England's

of a sell-out crowd of 87,000. In contrast to Germany's pedigree at the women's Euro, France were in the last four for the first time. Les Bleues were left to regret a series of missed chances early in the second half as they lacked a clinical goalscorer without the injured Marie-

Antoinette Katoto

be hoping for a repeat as they

aim to upset the hosts in front



her maiden Gold

The 2022 edition of the Commonwealth Games kicked off in Birmingham on

Thursday. This year, as many as 215 Indian athletes will take part in 19 different sports. In the

last edition of the games, India won 66 medals, but this time it will get a bit tough to match that

tally, particularly in the absence of shooting.

India won 16 medals in shooting last time, but

time world champion and defending Gold

medallist MC Mary Kom and two-time Gold

medallist Saina Nehwal will miss the event

because of injury and other related issues. But

then too, there are a few players who will start

as favourites for the top position. Here's a look at the top five Indian athletes competing in the

Apart from that, a few superstars like Tokyo Olympics Gold medallist Neeraj Chopra, six-

this year the sport has been dropped.

medal women's singles this year. In the 2018 edition, she lost to Saina Nehwal in the medal Gold match. But this time, in Saina's absence, she will be India's biggest medal hope in

2022 games.



minton. She has recently won the Singapore Open tournament and is in the seventh position in the world rankings.

MIRABAI CHANU (WEIGHTLIFTING)



Star Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu will hope to win another Gold medal in the CWG this year. She won Silver at the 2014 Glasgow Games and Gold at the 2018 Gold Coast Games. The 27-year-old Manipuri athlete created history in Tokyo last year when she became the first Indian weightlifter to win a Silver medal in the Olympics. There will be high hopes from the ace weightlifter, and she'll look to maintain her numero uno status.

LOVLINA BORGOHAIN (BOXING)

Like Sindhu and Mirabai, Lovlina also won a medal at the Tokyo Olympics last year. The 24-year-old from Assam won a Bronze medal in the women's 69kg category. In the previous edition of the CWG, Lovlina lost in the quarterfinals to eventual Gold winner Sandy Ryan of England, but this year, she will start as one of the favourites for the top place finish.



RAVI DAHIYA (WRESTLING) Freestyle wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya

surprised one and all when he defied all odds to win the Silver medal at the Olympics last year. He lost the Gold medal match in the 57kg category against ROC wrestler Zaur Uguev to settle for a second-place finish. In his maiden



5 Indian athletes to watch out for in Birmingham CWG 2022 the Gold medal. The 24-year-old is one of the best wrestlers in the country and there will be high hopes from him after his spectacular display in Tokyo.

MANIKA BATRA (TABLE TENNIS)

Manika Batra won a total of four medals in the 2018 Commonwealth Games. She won the top prize in women's singles and women's team events apart from winning a Bronze in



mixed doubles and settling for Silver in women's doubles. The 27-year-old from Delhi defeated world number 4 Feng Tianwei as well as Zhou Yihan in India's 3-1 win in the women's team event final against Singapore and also became the first Indian female paddler to win an individual Gold medal in the CWG. This year, she will again be the favourite to retain

INDIA AIM FOR WINDIES DOUBLE



A full-strength Indian team in all its might will be looking to overwhelm West Indies in its bid to record a second successive clean sweep in the three-match T20I series starting Friday.
With less than three months left

for the T20 World Cup, skipper Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid will get around 16 games (5 vs WI, 5 in Asia Cup (if India play final), 3 vs Australia, 3 vs South Africa) to firm up their core team that will then play unchanged going into mega event.

The mere thought of a first eleven comprising Rohit, Rishabh Pant, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya and Dinesh Karthik as the five specialists batters in the top six can have an intimidating as well as debilitating effect on the opposition.

And that too at a time when a player of Virat Kohli's stature has been failing miserably in shortest format and doubts are being cast about his place in the playing XI.

The preceding England series has shown that India's white ball players have that imposing alphamale like presence out there in the middle even if their best player Kohli is on the wane.

CAN HOODA CHALLENGE KOHLI'S POSITION?

Thus the five-match series against West Indies, technically being played in three different countries (Trinidad & Tobago, St Kitts & Nevis and USA) will also give us a clear picture whether Kohli's days of invincibility are

Deepak Hooda, whatever little amount of T20Is that he has played, has shown that belongs to this level. He has a hundred opening the innings against Ireland and in the only T20 that he played against England, he looked the part before being forced to relinquish his place

With his tight off-breaks adding to his skill-set, at least three to four good matches in this series will certainly increase Rohit's headache and also put Kohli under pressure when he returns for Asia Cup in the

Number three will be the only position that will be a bone of contention as far as India's batting order is concerned going into the T20

The other factor will be regular vice-captain KL Rahul's return to in a good stead.

WILL ASHWIN GET A LOOK-IN FOR T20 WC? With Jadeja's fitness being an

issue and also his growing focus on being a batting all-rounder, Ravichandran Ashwin is still India's best slow bowler in Powerplay overs with his variations that include the lethal carrom ball.

There is Kuldeep Yadav also in the squad and Ravi Bishnoi, who has been more of a glorified traveller since Chahal found his mojo.

Yuzvendra Chahal's place is non-negotiable in first XI and Washington Sundar will be back in the set-up any day which effectively makes it last chance for Ashwin to stake his claim for a place in play-

CHOICE OF 3RD PACER

If they remain injury-free, Jasprit Bumrah and Bhuvneshwar Kumar are sure-shot starters in the playing XI on October 23 when İndia meet arch-rivals Pakistan.

With Hardik Pandya also bowling full tilt, India would be looking to finalise their third specialist pacer and if Harshal Patel does well in this series, there will be lot of pressure on Deepak Chahar, who is likely to be back for Asia Cup.

India: Rohit Sharma (C), Ishan Kishan, Shreyas Iyer, Deepak Hooda, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Rishabh Pant, KL Rahul, Dinesh Karthik, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Avesh Khan, Harshal Patel, Ravi Bishnoi, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh

West Indies (Probable): Nicholas Pooran (C), Shamarh Brooks, Brandon King, Rovman Powell, Keacy Carty, Kyle Mayers, Jason Holder, Gudakesh Motie, Keemo Paul, Shai Hope, Akeal Hosein,

India complete clean sweep



PTI ■ PORT OF SPAIN

Shubman Gill was unlucky to miss out on a maiden century but India rode on his sublime 98 to outclass West Indies by 119 runs and complete a 3-0 rout in the ODI

In a rain-affected final ODI, India scored 225 for 3 in 36 overs, courtesy Gill's career-best knock and another half-century from skipper Shikhar Dhawan (58 off 74

The revised DLS target of 257 from 35 overs was a tricky one and Mohammed Siraj's (2/14 in 3 overs) near-perfect first over with the new ball set the tone as West Indies could finally manage only 137 in 26

Spinners Yuzvendra Chahal (4/17 in 4 overs), Axar Patel (1/38 in 6 overs) and seamer Shardul Thakur (2/17 in 5 overs) also performed their role admirably on a slowish surface as Brandon King (42 off 37 balls) and Nicholas Pooran (42 off 32 balls)'s counterattacking resistance was never going to be good enough.

While all the three ODIs were played at the same venue, Dhawan and his men deserve full credit for

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half-century from skipper **Shikhar Dhawan** (58 off 74 balls)

making most of the opportunities, showing good game awareness in crunch situations throughout the

If they defended well under pressure in the first game, the second one saw the lower middleorder accomplish a tricky chase after a not-so-great show from top-

The third game posed a different challenge as rain-break could have caused a decisive shift in momentum but the stylish Gill and the talented Shreyas Iyer (44 off 34 balls) changed the complexion of

Jayasuriya stars again as SL thrash Pak to level series



AP ■ GALLE

Spinner Prabath Jayasuriya grabbed another five-wicket haul as Sri Lanka thumped Pakistan by 246 runs in the second Test to end the series 1-1 on Thursday.

Chasing a mammoth 508 for victory, tourists Pakistan were bowled out for 261 in the second session on day five in Galle with skipper Babar Azam hitting a valiant 81.

The 30-year-old Jayasuriya, a left-arm spinner, claimed his fourth five-wicket haul in just his third Test since making his debut against Australia earlier this month. Fellow spinner Ramesh Mendis took four wickets.

Sri Lanka were racing to wrap up the match ahead of forecast rain after Pakistan resumed with nine wickets remaining and gamely fought on through the morning.

But Jayasuriya kept hitting back with regular strikes and got Agha Salman out for

four at the stroke of lunch, then trapped talisman Azam lbw to end Pakistan's resistance.

'When Babar was dismissed we knew that we could pull this off. Babar is their anchor," Jayasuriya, who has bagged 29 wickets in three Tests, told reporters.

"That was crucial and once he was out we knew we could pull it off.'

Ramesh, who took five wickets with his off-spin in Pakistan's first innings, wiped off the tail to trigger Sri Lankan celebrations in former captain Angelo Mathews' 100th Test.

Pakistan won the opener with a Galle record chase of 342 and fought hard to outdo themselves, with the in-form Azam scoring his 23rd Test fifty and putting on brave stands with overnight partner Imam-ul-Haq (49) and Mohammad Rizwan (37).

"We were definitely in the game but Dhananjaya's innings changed the game," said Azam.

BCCI should allow Indians to participate in foreign T20 leagues: Gilchrist

the squad and where does one fit

this prolific IPL performer although

his way of constructing a T20 innings could be debated.

ROHIT-PANT PAIR COULD BE WAY FORWARD

In terms of sheer numbers, the

The left-right combination has

On tacky West Indies tracks

Pant-Rohit opening pair didn't set

the stage on fire against England but

statistics often do not provide the

shown intent to dominate and with

their kind of range could prove to

be a nightmare for any opposition

where spinners could operate in

Powerplay, the duo could be even

doubly dangerous and as far as

Australian wickets are concerned,

their ability to effortlessly play hor-

bigger picture.

on a given day.

PTI MUMBAI

Wicket-keeping legend Adam Gilchrist on Thursday said he wants the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to allow the Indian cricketers to take part in T20 leagues outside the coun-

The BCCI, presently, does not allow the Indian players to participate in overseas T20 leagues like Australia's Big Bash League to maintain exclusivity of IPL.

Indian players are allowed to play in overseas T20 leagues), I personally feel that it won't diminish the IPL, it will only grow them as a brand. If they (Indian players) can play in Australia or South Africa," Gilchrist told reporters.

are all playing our domestic seasons at the same time, so that is a hard thing, isn't it?," he added.

Gilchrist's suggestion came after a day he questioned the growing domi-nance of the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchises in world cricket.

However, the three-time World Cup winner maintained he was not against the most orld's most popular T20

league.
"I'm not criticising the IPL, but why won't Indian players come and play in the Big Bash league? I've never had an open and honest answer: Why are some leagues accessing every player in

"But the challenge is we the world? No Indian player plays in any other T20 league. I am not saying in a provocative sense, but is that a fair question?" he asked.

"I really want to highlight (that the) six seasons (I played in the IPL) I loved it. It was a great experience. It is the premier T20 competition in the world, but it is important to allow other boards and countries to prosper as well," he added.

NEED TO BE PATIENT WITH PANT

Gilchrist once again praised India's swashbuckling wicket-keeper batter to be patient with him when things go

"He (Pant) is one of the most exciting cricketers to watch, I think he just lights up a stage, and makes an electric atmosphere when he is playing, that is wonder-

India maintain 3rd spot in ODI team rankings

India maintained their third position in the latest men's ODI Team Rankings following the 3-0 series whitewash of the West Indies in their own back-

Despite missing a slew of first-choice players, the Shikhar Dhawan-led India showed they have plenty of depth waiting in the wings as they completed a sweep over the Caribbean side emphatic 119-run victory in the third and final match.

The triumph was India's third ODI series victory on the trot and saw them boost their rating to a total of 110 and some four rating points clear of



arch-rival Pakistan (106), who

New Zealand sit alone at the top of the team ODI rankings with a rating of 128, while England (119) remain in second place despite their recent series loss to Índia and drawn series against South Africa.

Bairstow leads England to victory over SA in 1st T20I

AP BRISTOL

onny Bairstow's excellent season continued as he made 90 in England's 41-run win over South Africa in the 1st T20I at Bristol on Wednesday.

Moeen Ali compiled England's quickest T20 fifty, off just 16 balls, in the hosts' 234-6 - their second highest total at this level behind the 241-3 they posted against New Zealand at Napier in 2019.

"It was a great performance, what we've been looking for, a brilliant total, we were under threat for a while but delighted with the win," England T20 captain Jos Buttler told Sky

Moeen, the plyer of the

match, added: "Generally I back myself, try to see it and hit it. Jonny is so powerful, I try to remind him of the good things he does.

But amid the 20 sixes in

England's innings, Proteas quick Lungi Ngidi took an excellent 5-39, his career best T20I figures. England's Reece Topley then struck twice in the second over

to reduce South Africa to 7-2, the in-form left-arm quick removing dangerman Quinton de Kock and Rilee Rossouw. South Africa were 86-4 in the 10th over, with Reeza Hendricks having made 57 off

off just 19 balls, including six Even allowing for a good 33 balls, when Tristan Stubbs pitch and a relatively small hauled them back into the game ground, it was a superb display with a brilliant maiden T20I fifty of ball-striking by the 21-year-

old Stubbs.

But with South Africa needing 54 off 18 balls, paceman Chris Jordan conceded just three runs, with Andile Phehlukwayo

defeated by several yorkers.

It was a decisive over, with South Africa also paying dear-ly for several fielding errors earlier in the match.

"CJ (Jordan) changed the momentum of the game, a brilliant over," said Buttler. Stubbs launched Richard

Gleeson to long-off as a brilliant innings of 72 off just 28 balls came to an end, with South Africa finishing on 193-8.

"They demolished us in the last 10 (overs) but we dropped four or five catches which cost us massively in the field," said South Africa T20 captain David

"It was a phenomenal knock by Stubbsy, an extremely disappointing result but there's another two (matches) to get it right."

Pooja joins Brisbane Heat

PTI ■ BRISBANE

ll-rounder Pooja Vastrakar cricketer to sign for Brisbane Heat for the upcoming edition of the Women's Big Bash

League (WBBL).

The 22-year-old will become the third Indian woman cricketer to play for Brisbane Heat. Smriti Mandhana and Poonam Yadav had previously played for the side. "Pooja is an outstanding athlete. She bowls with sharp pace, can find the boundary with the bat down the order and is an absolute jet in the field," Heat coach Ashley Noffke said.

time world champion Vettel to retire from F1

AP HUNGARORING

 $F^{\text{our-time Formula One world}}_{\text{champion Sebastian Vettel will}}$ retire at the end of the 2022 season, he announced on Thursday.

"The decision to retire has been a difficult one for me to take, and I have spent a lot of time thinking about it," Vettel, 35, said in an Aston Martin team statement.

"At the end of the year I want to take some more time to reflect on what I will focus on next; it is very clear to me that, being a father, I want to spend more time with my family. But today is not about saying goodbye.

Rather, it is about saying thank you — to everyone — not least to the fans, without whose passionate support Formula One could not exist."

Vettel won four successive championships with Red Bull from 2010 to 2013, but struggled to reproduce his best results after moving to Ferrari before joining Aston Martin last year.

His 53 Grand Prix victories place him third on the all-time list behind Lewis Hamilton (103) and Michael Schumacher (91). Vettel last won a race in Singapore in 2019.
"He is one of the all-time greats

of Formula One, and it has been a privilege to have been able to work with him," said Aston Martin executive chairman Lawrence Stroll, whose son Lance is the team's other driver. "He will continue to race for us up to and including the 2022 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, which will be his



300th Grand Prix entry. We will give him a fabulous send-off."

The German made his F1 debut with BMW Sauber at the United States Grand Prix in 2007. He joined Toro Rosso that same year and raced the final seven races of the

YOUNGEST CHAMPION

He then spent a full season with Toro Rosso before making the step up to Red Bull in 2009.

Vettel's first title in 2010, aged 23 years and 134 days, saw him become the youngest world champion in history. He moved to Aston Martin last season after six years at Ferrari, with whom he twice finished runner-up for the world title to Hamilton in 2017 and 2018.

Allen, Sodhi star as NZ rout Scotland in 1st T20I

 F^{inn} Allen and Ish Sodhi both produced format-best displays as New Zealand overwhelmed Scotland by 68 runs in the 1st T20I at Edinburgh on Wednesday.
Allen's 101, his maiden T20 hundred,

was the cornerstone of New Zealand's 225-5, the opener sharing a first-wicket stand of 85 with the experienced Martin Guptill (40).

Scotland were rarely in the hunt in reply, with leg-break bowler Sodhi taking a careerbest 4-28 from his four overs, while fellow spinner Mitchell Santner, the New Zealand captain, weighed in with 2-23 as the hosts were held to 157-8 in their 20 overs.

Calum MacLeod top-scored for Scotland with 33 as New Zealand went 1-0 up in this two-match series.

