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Modi crosses auspicious 11

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA New

etting the tone for 12th year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi led NDA Government which completed 11 years on Monday and giving a consecutive third term for Modi, the Union Council of Ministers and BJP's partners at the Centre as well States rallied behind the PM counting on the success stories since 2014 when BJP came on its full majority at the Centre.

On the anniversary celebrations, the PM remarked the NDA Government has delivered path-breaking changes with speed, scale and sensitivity which has come through the principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'. Since first assuming office in May 2014, took the oath of office for his third straight term on June 9,

Modi asserted that under the 11 years of his Government India has not just become the fastest-growing major economy but is also a key global voice on pressing issues like climate action and digital innovation.

Cabinet colleagues of Modi and other senior leaders of the ruling NDA listed a number of measures of the Government, with the Defence Minister stating that India is moving forward stronger, prouder, and

The ministers highlighted the reach and impact of welfare schemes like 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' for sanitation, 'Ayushman Bharat' for health insurance, and 'Ujjwala Yojana' for cooking gas, besides measures for housing for the poor,



BJP National President JP Nadda with party leaders inaugurating an exhibition marking the completion of 11 years of the NDA government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the BJP headquarters PTI

cash assistance to farmers and subsidised loan schemes without collateral for entrepreneurs. While Home Minister and Modi's long time associate Amit Shah lauded the 11 years of Modi Government as "golden period", Defence Minister Rajnath Singh asserted that India stands wellequipped and unwavering in its resolve to safeguard its territorial integrity under Modi's leadership.

Union minister and former BJP chief Nitin Gadkari said under Modi's "visionary leadership", India has undergone a historic transformation grounded in seva (service), good governance, and includevelopment. Lok Janshakti Party leader and Union minister Chirag Paswan said that the country has seen a new era of economic rejuvenation, social justice, cultural pride and national

Modi shared a data representation on social media platforms noting that 60 per cent of the current Union ministers are from the SC, ST and OBC categories, giving a message aimed at social justice credentials of his Government.

Modi said powered by the blessings and collective participation of 140 crore Indians, India has witnessed rapid transformations across diverse sectors. "We are proud of our collective success but at the same time, we look ahead with hope, confidence and a renewed resolve to build a Viksit Bharat," said Modi.

Addressing a Press confer-

Government's 11th anniversary, BJP president and Modi's Cabinet colleague, JP Nadda, said the 11 years of Narendra Modi-led Government will be written in golden letters for the positive changes it has effected in the country.

He said Modi made the Government accountable and responsive while confronting challenges head-on, putting an end to "scams, divisive politics, appeasement and overall negativism" which marked the 10 years of the Congress-led UPA rule. On the occasion Nadda also slammed senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi as an "irresponsible" opposition leader and accusing him of raising "baseless" questions. "It is difficult to understand his (Rahul Gandhi's) aim.

Heatwave bakes Capital, north India

¬he national Capital region baked in extreme heat on Monday with the real-feel temperature — or heat index — ranging between 49 degrees Celsius to 51 degrees Celsius due to a combination of high temperature and humidity, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issuing an orange alert for the next two days, warning people to stay cautious and take steps to protect themselves from the ongoing heatwave. Monday marked the second consecutive day of heatwave conditions in the region, including Delhi.

The IMD said Ayanagar was the hottest region in Delhi which recorded 45.3 degrees Celsius with the nighttime minimum recorded at 28 degrees Celsius, Ridge saw the maximum temperature of 44.9 degrees Celsius with night time minimum recording 25,9 degree Celsius. The maximum temperature ranged between 43.4 degrees Celsius and 45.3 Degrees Celsius — three to four degrees above normal in the national Capital. According to the IMD, very hot



People cover their heads from the scorching heat near the Golden temple in Amritsar on Monday

weather will persist in Delhi until at least June 12. The weather department has warned that temperatures may go up to 45 degrees and heat waves may be witnessed over the next three days. Earlier, the department had issued a yellow warning regard-

The hot days are also being followed by unusually warm nights, offering little respite from the heat. Experts say this raises the risk of heat-related illnesses, particularly among children, the elderly, and people with exist-

Mumbai's death line: four killed, nine injured

TN RAGHUNATHA Mumbai

n a disturbing mishap, four commuters were killed and Inine others injured when they fell down from two overcrowded suburban trains between Mumbra and Diva stations of the Central Railway in the Thane district during the morning peak hour traffic on Monday.

Though the commuters falling off from a speeding suburban train is a common occurrence, this is for the first time that commuters with bags and backpacks travelling on the footboards of two overcrowded trains running on parallel lines brushed against one another and fell down on the tracks.

The tragic incident took place between 9 am and 9.15 am when

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Police at the Mumbra Railway Station after several passengers reportedly

Was in four deaths and multiple injuries

PTI fell from a moving train, resulting in four deaths and multiple injuries

two local trains were running in opposite directions. Around this, trains are jam-packed during the morning hours when the commuters travel hanging precariously onto the open doors.

turned the spotlight onto the contentious issue of safety of suburban commuters travelling by the suburban trains on the This mishap involving the Western Railway and main and

death of four commuters and

injuries to nine others has

harbour lines of the Central Railway. The suburban trains carry a staggering eight million commuters every day.

Giving details of the mishap, Central Railway spokesperson Swapnil Nila said: "In all, 13 passengers fell off from two running suburban trains between Mumbra and Diva stations. The commuters were travelling on the footboards of two running trains on parallel tracks. Some of them had bags and backpacks. They fell down from the trains when they brushed against one another. The incident took place along a sharp curve near the Mumbra station on Line 3 and Line 4, which are the fast tracks. Generally, the distance between the parallel tracks is around oneand-a-half to two metres.

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IED blast by Naxals kills ASP, injures two others

An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast by Naxalites in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district on Monday killed Additional Superintendent of Police Akash Rao Girepunje and injured two officers. The attack occurred during a patrol near Dondra village following reports of arson by Naxalites. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy CM Vijay Sharma paid tributes, calling Girepunje a brave martyr

Three dead in **Delhi in seperate** incidents

At least three people died in separate incidents in Delhi on Monday. Two men were killed in a fire caused by a short circuit during e-rickshaw charging in Nand Nagri while an eight-year-old boy died and another was injured after a building collapsed in Nangloi's Indira Camp. In a separate incident, a fire broke out in the signalling room at Trilokpuri Sanjay Lake metro station, disrupting Pink Line services; no casualties were reported. Authorities have launched investigations into the fire and collapse, with safety checks ongoing in affected areas

India to hit record foodgrain production this year

India is poised to achieve record foodgrain production in the 2025-26 kharif season, supported by an above-normal monsoon forecast Agriculture Minister Shivrai Singh Chouhan said. During his ongoing Viksit Krishi Abhiyan outreach, farmers raised concerns about fake pesticides, pest-resistant crop varieties, and price crashes.

The Bystander Indore missing couple case: Wife surrenders for murder of husband

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Bhopal/Imphal

n an important develop-ment in the ongoing investigation into the mysterious disappearance of newlywed Sonam Raghuvanshi, who went missing during her honeymoon 1n Shillong Meghalaya police have claimed that she has surrendered in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh, in connection with the murder of husband, Raghuvanshi.

However, there seems to be a discrepancy in the statements provided by the Meghalaya police and the Indore police, with some elements of confusion still surrounding the case.

According to Meghalaya Director General of Police (DGP) I. Nongrang, Sonam was located at a roadside eatery in Ghazipur, following which she was taken into custody. Meghalaya's Chief Minister also confirmed Sonam's surrender to the authorities. However, the Indore police have provided a different version, stating that Sonam first contacted her brother, informing him of her whereabouts in Ghazipur. The local dhabha owner was



Sonam Raghuvanshi at a hospital for a medical check-up after her

reportedly the one who informed the police about Sonam's presence, and Sonam's brother allegedly suggested informing the local authorities and reaching out to the police.

The discrepancies in the details provided by both police agencies raise questions about the accuracy of the surrender claim. Furthermore, the police have yet to record any formal statement from Sonam regarding the events leading to the tragic death of her husband, Raja, and her disappearance.

Authorities have refrained from labeling her as an accused, and as of now, it remains unclear whether Sonam played a direct role in her husband's murder.

The saga began on May 20, 2025, when Raja (28) and Sonam (25), who had married on May 11, 2025, went missing during their honeymoon in Shillong.

Raja's body was discovered on June 2, 2025, in a deep gorge near Weisawdong, Shillong. Investigators found signs of assault on Raja's body, with a weapon discovered nearby, prompting the registration of a murder case. The Special Investigation Team (SIT), formed to probe the incident, initially suspected that Sonam might have been abducted, with her family alleging threats.

On the other hand, Indore police, during a press conference, stated that they have rounded up three individuals on the basis of leads provided by the Meghalaya police. The police referred to these individuals as 'suspects' rather than 'accused', and they stopped short of using the term "arrest" for them.

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India snubs Pak on Indus treaty

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

ven as Pakistan has reached out to India rethink on the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) 1960 27 ■Waters Treaty (IWT) 1960, New Delhi has so far not responded till its concerns regarding terrorism are addressed and the pact is completely revamped. Instead, India is proactively bolstering its water storage and canal infrastructure, strategically positioning itself to divert the flow of water from Pakistan's rivers ahead of any negotiations.

Sources said New Delhi has not responded to anv of Pakistan's letters and will not engage with the neighbouring country in any capacity till it's concerns regarding terrorism are addressed and the pact is completely revamped. Pakistan's Water Resources Secretary Syed Ali Murtaza has reached out multiple times, urging India to reconsider the decision to put the IWT in abeyance. In multiple letters to his Indian counterpart, Debashree Mukherjee, Murtaza has repeatedly expressed his government's readiness to discuss specific objections raised by New Delhi. India has not responded to any of Pakistan's letters and will not engage with the

neighbouring country in any capacity till New

Delhi's concerns regarding terrorism are addressed and the pact is completely revamped, the sources said.

As per situation report dated June 5 of Indus River System Authority (IRSA) the water release dropped to 1.24 lakh cusecs, compared to 1.44 lakh cusecs on the same date last year in Pakistan's Punjab, the latest data shows. The Indus level at Tarbela dam in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is down to 1,465 metres, while the dead level is 1,402 metres.

At Chasma dam in Punjab on the Indus, the water level is at 644 metres, just above the dead level of 638 metres. The Mangla dam on the Jhelum in Mirpur is at a level of 1,163 metres, just above the 1,050-metre dead level. The dead level means that below that level, there are no outlets to drain the water in the reservoir by gravity.

Pakistan anticipates a 21per cent water shortage due to India's steps in the early Kharif season, which lasts until June 10. The situation is particularly grave at Marala in Sialkot, Punjab, where the mean discharge on the Chenab dropped to just 3,064 cusecs on June 5 from 26,645 cusecs on May 28, Pakistani data shows.

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during a verification drive

conducted on Monday. The

Dehradun senior superinten-

dent of police Ajai Singh said

that since many people from

other districts and states live

there who mainly work in fac-

tories in the Selaqui area, sev-

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station carried out a large-

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areas including Jamnapur, Peethwali Gali, Bhaowala and

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Include Anganwadi workers and children in Yoga day programmes: Arya

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Sports minister Rekha Day for Yoga from Ut-Arya said that the tarakhand. children of Anganwadi and Shishu along with Angwanwadi workers will be included in the programmes on the occasion of International Day of

The minister said that the State is celebrating International Olympic Day on June 23 for the first time. The Sports department will organise a programme on the occasion

that cultural programmes and sports events will be organized to mark the day. She said that the programme will be organised under the joint aegis of Uttarakhand Olympic Association and the Sports केंद्रीय विद्यालय ओ. एन. जी. सी. देहरादून

department. Special principal secre-

tary Amit Sinha, secretary Chandresh Yadav, Sports director Prashant Arya and others attended the meeting.

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA O.N.G.C. DEHRADUN



Yoga.
The minister held a review meeting of the Sports and Women Empowerment and Child Development departments on Monday. Preparations for International Day of Yoga programme on June 21 International Olympic Day programme on June 23 were discussed in the meeting.

Arya said that Yoga is very important for physical and mental health along with spiritual life. She said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi initiated the International at Manaskhand Sports Gaulapar, complex, Haldwani. She said that the players representing Uttarakhand at national and international level will also be invited to this event. Arya added

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	3.	Kundan Singh (Borrower), Sangeeta Devi (Co-Borrower), LHDEH00001498093.	55 Khasra No 55 Mauza Harchawala Paragana Parwadoon Dehradun Uk Dehradun 1 Dehradun Uttarakhand- 248001. Bounded By- North: 5 Ft Wide Road/ 19ft, South: Plot of Other/ 19ft, East: Land of Savitri/ 47ft, West: Plot of Other/ 52ft./ Date of Possession-04-Jun-25	17-03-2025 Rs. 12,26,945/-	Dehradun	
	4.	Kundan Singh (Borrower), Sangeeta Devi (Co-Borrower), LHDEH00001498106.	55 Khasra No 55 Mauza Harchawala Paragana Parwadoon Dehradun Uk Dehradun 1 Dehradun Uttarakhand- 248001. Bounded By- North: 5 Ft Wide Road/ 19ft, South: Plot of Other/ 19ft, East: Land of Savitri/ 47ft, West: Plot of Other/ 52ft./ Date of Possession-04-Jun-25	17-03-2025 Rs. 54,793/-	Dehradun	
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The upove-mentioned porrowers(s), guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the nortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Date: June 10, 2025, Place: Dehradun

IN BRIEF

GBPUAT inks MoUs with Uttarakhand **Open University & Nexicorn**

PANTNAGAR: GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technol ogy (GBPUAT) signed two memorandums of understanding or Monday. The first MoU was signed with Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) while the second was signed with Bengaluru based Nexticron Technologies Pvt Ltd. The first MoU was signed by the GBPUAT vice chancellor Manmohan Singh Chauhan and the UOU vice-chancellor OPS Negi. On this occasion, the UOU registrar Hem Raj Bhatt highlighted the importance and objective of the MoU. Hailing the second MoU, Chauhan said that universities must be at the forefront of emerging technologies and foster an entrepreneurial mind-set among students to meet India's self-reliance goals. The dean of the College of Technology, SS Gupta underlined the strategic importance of the semiconductor industry and the criti-

cal role of start-ups in supplying highly skilled work-

Nainital resident Vimal Choudhary new VP of UOA

NAINITAL: Nainital resident Vimal Choudhary has become the vice-president of Uttarakhand Olympic Association (UOA) following his unopposed election to this post. Presently, he is holding the post of national treasurer of the Cycle Federation of India. Notably, while Mahesh Negi is the president of the new executive of UOA Mahesh Joshi is the treasurer. Chaudhary said that he would discharge his duties with full dedication to sports.

every challenge with unwavering commitment and an indomitable spirit." The trek began from Lukla following the team's arrival in Kaththrough perilous routes before finally reaching Everest base camp. Along the way, the team 14 and 16 years, these young braved rain, physical exhaustion and altitude sickness. Increased altitude, plummeting oxygen levels, and acute mountain sickness posed a challenge, and Tamanna Angel Bowen from the group of seven began

round conducive growth envishowing early symptoms of High Altitude Pulmonary Edema (HAPE) with nausea ronment for the students to excel. However, considering the massive scale and implicaand fatigue. Midway to the tion of this expedition, it retrek, she was airlifted, accomquired a comprehensive plan panied by Francis. Regardless, of execution. After months of the remaining six girls, accompanied by Singh, completed the rigorous training and preparatrek. The 23 kilometre descent tion, I am proud of what my Welhamites have accomwas equally challenging, with plished. They have overcome steep trails and weather delays in Lukla. Prior to the expedition, the students were put through a rigorous medical screening to prepare them to withstand high altitudes, lower weather conditions. It was followed by strategic workout sessions, swimming sessions, appropriate diet plans, and practice treks across the hills of Mussoorie and Dehradun.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Satish Mangala S/o R.K. Aggarwal R/o 26, Vasant Vihar Enclave, Mandir Marg, Dehradun, Uttarkhand Also at: Vishnu Gems and Jewels Shop No.-2, Ballupur Chowk, Chakrota (Chakrata) Road, Dehradun, Uttarkhand, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in CC No. 511720/16. U/S 138 NI Act, PS Sabzi Mandi, North Distt., Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Satish Mangala cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Satish Mangala has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that Satish Mangala the said accused of CC No. 511720/16, U/S 138 NI Act, PS Sabzi Mandi, North Distt., Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 28.08.2025.

Sh. Arvind Tomar Judicial Magistrate First Class (NI Act)-07, Central Distt., Room No.-507, Extn. Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi



DP/7371/N/2025

(Court Matter)

Locals enjoy ice cream cones to tackle the heat in Dehradun where the maximum temperature reached 39 degrees Celsius on Monday Mangesh Kumar/Pioneer photo

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The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisatio Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued

demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice wi days from the date of receipt of the said notice. days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower

in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time

	vailable, to redeem the secured assets.					
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Notice (Rs.)			
1.	Bhupendra Singh Rawat (Borrower), Sandhya Bisht (Co-Borrower), LHDEH00001508667.	Plot No. 2 Khata No. 1067 Fasli Year 1399-1404 Khasra No. 1965/1 Mauza Arcadiya Grant Pargana Kendriyadoon Dehradun Dehradun- Dehradun Uttarakhand- 248171. Bounded By- North: 20 Ft Wide Road/35.5 Ft, South: 20 Ft Wide Road/34.5 Ft, East: Land of Others/35.5 Ft, West: 20 Ft Wide Road/34.5 Ft,/ Date of Possession- 05-Jun-2025	17-03-2025 Rs. 20,52,500/-	Dehra- dun		
2.	Bhupendra Singh Rawat (Borrower), Sandhya Bisht (Co-Borrower), LHDEH00001508758.	Plot No. 2 Khata No. 1067 Fasli Year 1399-1404 Khasra No. 1965/1 Mauza Arcadiya Grant Pargana Kendriyadoon Dehradun Dehradun- Dehradun Uttarakhand- 248171. Bounded By- North: 20 Ft Wide Road/35.5 Ft, South: 20 Ft Wide Road/34.5 Ft, East: Land of Others/35.5 Ft, West: 20 Ft Wide Road/34.5 Ft./ Date of Possession- 05-Jun-2025	17-03-2025 Rs. 63,999.06/-	Dehra- dun		

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: June 10, 2025, Place: Dehradun Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

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Public transport unions ordered | Four new dengue to improve services in Dehradun patients found in Doon join BJP by 2027 Assembly within 10 days

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■Dehradun

Stating that the condition of local public transport vehicles in Dehradun district is poor, the regional transport officer (Administration) of Dehradun division Sandeep Saini directed all public transport unions and service

including city bus services on the Doiwala route, Vikram Jankalyan Sewa Samiti and vehicles operating on the Maldevta route. Saini informed that weekly feedback from government personnel using public transport indi-



providers to improve the situation within 10 days or face strict action. He issued the directive during a meeting held at the RTO office on Monday with representatives of various transport services,

cates serious issues, such as overcrowding, absence of reserved seats for women and inappropriate behaviour by drivers. He instructed all transport unions to ensure their vehicles are roadworthy

and compliant with passenger capacity norms within the given timeline. He also asked the representatives to inform all vehicle owners and drivers under their organisations to reserve seats for women and behave properly with passengers. Saini warned that after 10 days, a team of the assistant divisional transport officer (ARTO) and technical inspectors will begin vehicle inspections. Any vehicle found in violation will have its fitness certificate cancelled immediately. The Transport department will also continue monitoring public transport usage to ensure compliance. If violations are found, the department will initiate strict enforcement actions against vehicle owners, he added.

It is pertinent to mention here that the lack of efficient and convenient public transport is considered to be a major reason for the traffic woes faced in the provisional

The cumulative number of dengue cases in the provisional State capital Dehradun mounted to 88 with the Health department reporting four new cases of the disease on Monday. The samples of three patients admitted in Shri Mahant Indiresh hospital were found positive on the day. Similarly one patient belonging Bijnor (Uttar Pradesh) was also found to be positive.

ment authorities informed that one patient admitted in Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) hospital recovered from the disease on Monday. The district now has 13 active cases of dengue.

The Health depart-

The department has so far collected 6,161 samples of the suspected patients of the disease and is currently engaged in a massive source reduction drive in which the larvae of the mosquito are being destroyed. The teams of the department conducted a survey of 7,460 households

on Monday.

The authorities claim to have so far searched 2,97,285 households and 26,29,125 containers (small and large

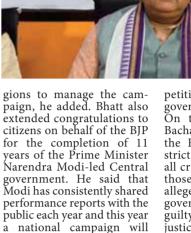


have found larvae in 2,099 containers so far.

Dengue is a viral infection spread by the mosquito aedes aezypti popularly known as tiger mosquito. The symptoms of the disease are persistent high fever, rashes, headache and pain in the joints. In the acute cases the platelets number decreases drastically which may prove fatal for the patient.

More Congress leaders to elections, predicts Bhatt

🏲he Bharatiya Janata Party has claimed that some prominent and strong leaders of the Congress will join the party by the 2027 Uttarakhand Assembly elections. The BJP State president and Rajya Sabha MP Mahendra Bhatt said that Congress is in decline because most of its leaders are no longer politically relevant. He stated during a media interaction on Monday that those capable of performing have already joined the BJP and the few remaining leaders will also shift sides before the next Assembly polls. Bhatt stated that BJP aims to field its own workers in all Gram Pradhan and block development committee (BDC) members' positions in the upcoming Panchayat elections and is confident of winning all district Panchayat chairperson posts. He stated that both the government and party organisation are fully prepared and if conditions are favourable, elections may be held in July. The party strategy and election teams are ready and will be announced as soon as the dates are declared. Observers will be deployed across re-



petitions to highlight the government's achievements. On the Congress-led Beti Bachao campaign, Bhatt said the BJP government takes strict and unbiased action in all criminal cases, especially those involving women. He alleged that past Congress governments protected the guilty and failed to deliver justice. He said BJP does not differentiate between insiders and outsiders when enforcing the law. Bhatt added that internal conflicts in the Congress will not help the party recover and predicted a strong BJP majority in the 2027 Assembly elections.

Arya expresses concern regarding traffic jams at tourist destinations in State

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Dehradun

The leader of opposition (LoP) in Vidhan Sabha, Yashpal Arya has said that the traffic jams in the important tourist destination of the State has become a serious problem and the government lacks any roadmap to solve it.

He said that one witness daily massive traffic jams at Kainchi Dham, Nainital and the locals and the tourists are facing problems due to them. The pressure of vehicles at Kainchi Dham is very high due to which traffic jams have become a norm. The Rainibagh-Bhimtal, Bhimtal- Bhowali, Bhowali- Kainchi, Jeolikot-Bhowali, Nainital-Bhowali and Almora- Kainchi roads are facing the issue of traffic jams. The increasing number of pilgrims at Kainchi Dham has also affected traffic on the roads leading to Almora, Pithoragarh and

Bageshwar.
Arya said that due to traffic

The LoP said that the children and patients are the wors sufferers of the massive traffic jams. He said that it is a known fact that the hospitals located in the mountainous areas are only referral centres and most of the patients from Alomora Bageshwar, Ranikhet and Pithoragarg and referred to Haldwani and other hospitals located in plains. These patients have to bear the brunt of massive traffic jams in Kainchi Dhami. Arya said that the traffic jam is not only creating hindrance in transport it is also affecting the health of the people by polluting the air. The mental health of people is also getting affected due to the jam at Kainchi Dham. He said that the government has so far failed to find a solution for this problem. "It appears that development has got stuck in an administrative traffic jam. The government should not find an



iams at Kainchi Dham and bad condition of roads the travel time to tourist places of Kumaon has doubled. The tourists are now hesitating to visit these tourist spots. Traffic jams near Kainchi on Haldwani national highway has affected the trade, transport and tourist flow in Almora, Bageshwar Pithoragarh districts.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Dehradun

Thief minister Pushkar

Singh Dhami said that the languages, folk tales, folksongs and literature of Uttarakhand should be

digitalised. An e-library

should also be made to meet

this purpose. He said that

people should be encouraged

to present books instead of

bouquets. Dhami was presid-

ing over the general body

meeting and management

committee meeting of Ut-

tarakhand Bhasha Sansthan at

the secretariat on Monday. He said that work should be

done towards digitisation of

Uttarakhand's dialects, folk

immediate solution but should also prepare a long term plan to deal with the issue," he said.

It is pertinent to mention here that apart from various areas of Kumaon, traffic jams have become routine in other popular destinations including Haridwar, Rishikesh and Dehradun.

CM calls for digitalisation of State's

languages, folk culture and literature

STF arrests man from West Bengal for scamming Tehri resident of Rs 3.2 crore

Accused posed as senior company official to trick victim through messages and calls

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Dehradun

Uttarakhand Special Task Force (STF) arrested cyber fraud gang leader Suraj Maula from Barrackpore commissionerate area in West Bengal for scamming a Tehri resident of Rs 3.2 crore. The Rautela from STF's cyber crime police unit collected digital evidence from banks, service providers and Meta. Data analysis confirmed the accused had posed as a hotel company executive and conone account alone, transac tions worth several crores were recorded within a month. He said that the investigation is ongoing. He also urged the public not to fall for online job offers, investment



accused used fake identities and bank details to pose as a senior company official and trick the victim through WhatsApp messages and calls, the deputy superintendent of police of cyber crime police station Ankush Mishra said. He informed that the investigation began after the victim lodged a complaint in May 2025, reporting that he had received a message introducing the sender as a managing director seeking an advance payment of Rs 1.95 crore for a new project. The accused asked the victim to transfer the amount to an account named Shyam Trading Company. After this, the victim suspected fraud and reported the case. Mishra said that the STF launched an investigation and inspector Tribhuvan

vinced the victim to transfer money into several bank accounts. The DSP said that the main accused was identified as Suraj Maula, a resident of South 24 Parganas district in West Bengal. He was traced and arrested with the help of technical evidence. During

two mobile phones with three SIM cards, one driving licence, one Aadhaar card, one Aadhaar photocopy, three debit cards and two extra SIM cards.

the arrest, the STF recovered

Mishra further said that the preliminary investigation revealed that Maula pre-sented himself as an MD and contacted the victim's finance team on WhatsApp. He used fake credentials and transferred large amounts across various accounts. In

schemes or unknown websites promising quick returns. In case of suspicion, people should contact the nearest police station or call the cyber

Modi's 11-year term marked by mismanagement, attack on democracy, institutions: Dasauni

begin in Uttarakhand with a

Press conference by chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The campaign will

include Press conferences at

district centres on June 11

and 12, followed by public

meetings, exhibitions, intellectual conferences and com-

Terming the decision of the government to celebrate completion of 11 years of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister of the country as a mark of service, disciple and welfare of the poor as non-sensical, the chief spokesperson of Uttarak-hand Congress Garima Dasauni has said that the people of the country have suffered a lot during this pe-

She said that propelled by the promise of Achhe Din made to the people, the BJP came to power in 2014 but the last decade witnessed attacks on democracy and institutions. Central agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement Directorate were used as a weapon against the opposition. Dasauni said that lakhs of small businessmen and traders were devasand GST decisions. The unemployment has skyrocketed and the wedge of social, economic and political dissimilarity has increased.



year rule of Modi was marked by an attack on social harmony as well. Attacks on minorities increased and polarisation on religious lines occurred. She averred that the people suffered a lot helpline 1930 immediately. | tated by the demonetisation | due to the gross mismanage- | democracy, she said

ment of the government during the pandemic of Covid-19 and thousands of the people died during the second wave. The workers and farmers

were ignored and three farm laws agitated the farmers. The government remained apathetic to the demand of the farmers on scrapping the farm laws till more than 700 lives were lost. The Congress leader ac-

cused the central government for adopting a soft attitude towards China and said that the silence of the government on Chinese intrusion was of great concern. She said that the last 11

years witnessed planned mismanagement and centralisation of power. The people of the country now want change and such a government which is account-

Pilgrims from around the world appreciate facilities at Rishikesh transit camp

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■Dehradun

Dilgrims from across the country and abroad have acknowledged the facilities provided at the Rishikeshbased transit camp, appreciating the efforts of the government and the Yatra administration. The camp provides registration services, medical checkups and free meals. Separate counters have been set up for the registration of foreign nationals, Rishikesh municipal commissioner Shailendra Negi said.

Citing some examples of pil-grims' feedback, Negi said that a resident of the United King-dom, Thomas, reached the Ravinder Bhatti from the United States of America also

mote local dialects. The min-

mugam, Languages director Swati Bhadauria, additional secretary Manuj Goyal, vice chancellor of Doon University, Surekha Dangwal, Sanskrit University VC Dinesh Chandra Shastri and others attended the meeting.

transit camp on June 4 to register for the Char Dham Yatra. He expressed satisfaction with the registration process and the availability of travel-related information. Éarlier, a group of 17 people from Taiwan arrived at the camp on May 30 to visit Gangotri and Yamunotri. Some members of the group were over 60-years -old and appreciated the medical checkup facility available at the registration centre in Rishikesh, he added. Similarly, Rahul and Tushar from Russia visited Badrinath on May 19. Rituraj Kalra from Canada and

visited Badrinath and appreciated the separate registration arrangements for foreign citizens. They also acknowledged the cleanliness and behaviour of the local administration. The USA residents Kulesh Karan and Devisha Kulesh Karan also visited Gangotri and Badrinath and expressed

appreciation for the efforts of the Yatra administration. Negi informed that 8,486 foreign pilgrims have registered at the Rishikesh transit camp so far. He said that registration is being conducted at the camp bile teams are assisting in reg-

through 24 counters operating in three shifts throughout the day and night. Thirty-five mo-

istration and six counters are functioning at ISBT Rishikesh. Negi said that 11,000 pilgrims

have received treatment at the hospital in the camp so far.



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l	Sr. No		Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)		
ı	1.	(LC No. HLSA000ACEA1 of	22-05-2024/ Rs. 21,21,327/-(Rs.	Property bearing Khata No.0028,		
П	Ш	Haridwar Branch) Amzad	Twenty One lakh Twenty One	Remaining Part of Khasra No.25 M,		
ı	Ш	Salmani (Borrower)	Thousand Three Hundred Twenty	Gram Shikarpur Pargana Manglore Tehsil		
ı	Ш	Shahajahan (Co Borrower 1)	Seven Only) NPA (06-05-2025)	Roorkee Haridwar, Uttarakhand - 247664		
	If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PFL as aforesaid, PFL shall proceed against the above assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid					

whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PFL. Any person who contravenee

or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment

and/or penalty as provided under the Act. Date: June-10-2025 Sd/- (Authorised Officer) Place: Uttarakhand

linguistic map of Uttarakhand's dialects should be

tales, folksongs and literature, and suggested that an e-library should be created for the purpose. He said that speech, essay and other competitions on local tongues should be organised in schools once a week. Dhami said that a festival of Uttarakhand language and literature should be organised on a large scale, in which writers from all over the country should be invited. He directed that a

It was decided in the meeting that the prize amount of Uttarakhand Sahitya Gaurav Samman will be increased from Rs five lakh to 5.1 lakh. The State government will also give a Sahitya Sevak Samman for long term service in the field of literature. A Yuva Kalamkar competition will be organized to encourage young writers for promoting Rajb-

hasha Hindi. It was also decided that the help of major publishing

houses should be taken to provide books and literature related to various subjects to the readers. Similarly a decision to make arrangements for mobile libraries in remote places of the State was also taken. The members decided that the Bhasha Sansthan will work towards promoting local dialects by preparing short

videos to increase the interest

of children towards folk lan-

guages. Documentation will

be done to preserve Baakna

(Pandavani singing) practiced

decision to set up two Sahitya Grams for organising seminars and discussions among litterateurs in the lap of nature was also taken in the meeting. Language minister Subodh Uniyal said that

in Jaunsar Bawar region

since ancient times. A

in the last three years, many new initiatives have been taken by the Bhasha Sansthan in Uttarakhand. He said that along with the preservation and promotion of languages, sincere efforts are being made to pro-

ister said that many awards are being given by the State government to encourage people towards language. Principal secretary RK Sudhanshu, secretary V Shan-

Congress hits out at PM Modi for 11 years of propaganda

ongress on Monday released a booklet to mark Narendra Modi's 11 years at the Centre, highlighting stagnated growth rate, rising hunger and his "unfulfilled promises". Simultaneously senior party leader Rahul Gandhi said Modi Government's 11 years have witnessed no accountability but only propaganda and alleged the Centre has stopped talking about the present and is now selling dreams of 2047.

"While the Modi Government is celebrating 11 years of 'service', the reality of the country is reflected in the tragic news coming from Mumbai - several people died after falling from a train," the Leader of Opposition said in a social media post.

Indian Railways is the backbone of the lives of crores of people, but today it has become a symbol of insecurity, congestion and chaos, he alleged.

"11 years of Modi Government = no accountability, no change, only propaganda. The Government has stopped talking about 2025 and is now selling

dreams of 2047," Gandhi said. Congress chief spokesman Jairam Ramesh in a social media post said that the booklet, '11 Saal, Jhoothe Vikaas ke vade', commemorates "some of the biggest lies of this Government."



Addressing a Press conference, AICC research department head Rajeev Gowda, who prepared the booklet, alleged, "This Government is very good at fake news and propaganda. İt is our job as the Opposition to get people to know this grim reality."

He said that to expose the BJP's on its promises the party was releasing two sets of documents.

The booklet, 'Ek Aur Baar Jumla

people are getting free food grains under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). But the basic problem of hunger is a much larger crisis in India, and it puts us at 105th out of 127 countries in the World Hunger

"Its implications: malnutrition is affecting our children in a horrible way, crippling their growth. Stunting is at 35.5 percent; Wasting is at 19.3 per cent; Underweight is at 32.1 per cent," Gowda

Congress also alleged that the Centre's claim that India added over 5,000 defence items to the indigenisation list was also not true. "Sadly, 40 per cent of the items listed for indigenisation have not been indigenised as of now.

India remains one of the top importers of defence rather than a producer and exporter.

If you look at 'mission mode DRDO projects', 23 out of 55 have been delayed, and the share of R&D in our defence budget is only 5.45 per cent," he said.

Gowda said that at top universities 5,000 teaching posts were vacant as of November 2024 and 35 per cent of faculty posts at AIIMS-Delhi and the new AIIMS had over 40 per cent faculty vacancy.

He sought to blow a hole also into the Centre's UDAN Scheme and the ease of living standards for middle-class India ₹25 crore approved for houses damaged by Pakistan shelling



Poonch shelling during India-Pakistan conflict

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he Centre on Monday approved an additional amount of ₹25 crore as compensation for houses damaged in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir due to Pakistani shelling during Operation Sindoor.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently announced the additional compensation amount for the houses dam-

aged by Pakistani shelling. As a special case, Modi said an additional compensa-

tion amount of ₹2 lakh will be given for each fully-damaged house and ₹1 lakh for each partially-damaged house.

Following the prime minister's announcement, Union Home Minister Amit Shah ensured swift action by facilitating an additional provision of ₹25 crore from the Ministry of Home Affairs for 2,060 houses, an official statement

A similar compensation amount will also be provided in the border areas of Punjab, it added. The home minister visited the border district of Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir on May 29-30. During the visit, he handed over appointment letters on compassionate grounds to the family members of those who lost their lives due to the

cross-border firing. According to norms, compensation for the damage caused by the cross-border shelling was provided immediately. After Operation Sindoor, several incidents of cross-border shelling were reported from the border districts of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

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Centre marks Waqf Act reform in Modi Governmet's 11th year

it was committed to maintain-

ing accountability, inclusivity and effective service delivery.

"Following extensive deliber-

ations by the Joint Parliamentary Committee

(JPC), the landmark Waqf

Amendment Act was notified,

strengthening Waqf gover-

nance and community wel-

fare," it said. On June 6, 2025,

the Ministry launched the

UMEED Central Portal, a piv-

otal digital platform aimed at

streamlining welfare schemes

and empowering minority

communities. The formula-

tion of Central Rules under the

expected to further bolster the



Ministry of Minority Affairs Government of India

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arking 11 years of the Modi Government, Minority Affairs on Monday highlighted the notification of landmark Waqf (Amendment) Act among its achievements and said the formulation of central rules under the legislation is at an advanced

All schemes are now executed or administered through dedicated portals, ensuring complete transparency and accessibility for beneficiaries, a ministry statement said, adding tion, the statement said. Secretary Chandra Shekhar

implementation of the legisla-

Kumar chaired an event by the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) celebrating the transformative journey of the Modi government over the 11 years, with senior officials from the ministry and its affiliated bodies among those present.

The celebration highlighted key milestones achieved during this period, underscoring the Ministry's commitment to transparency, inclusivity and effective service delivery, an official statement said. The ministry said rigorous thirdparty reviews and audits are conducted for all schemes to maintain accountability and improve effectiveness.

Pointing to inclusive policymaking, the ministry said states and stakeholders have been actively involved, with their valuable inputs incorporated into policy frameworks to ensure ground realities are addressed. Secretary Chandra Shekhar Kumar highlighted these achievements as foundational steps in the Ministry's Act is at an advanced stage, mission to uplift minority com-

Union ministers hail 11 years of Modi Government, highlight key achievements

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Sarkar', he said, looks at the promises

made by the BJP in its 2024 manifesto

and has since made. The other one, he

said, is '11 Saal Jhoote Vikaas Ke

Vaade, which is a "detailed exposé" of

first themes that they (BJP) highlight

is taking care of the poor and the

"In the 11-Saal document, one of the

"They are very happy that 81 crore

the "hollow promises" of the BJP.

ome Minister Amit Shah on Monday lauded the 11 years of Modi Government as a "golden period" in public service while Defence Minister Rajnath Singh asserted that India stands well-equipped and unwavering in its resolve to safeguard its territorial integrity, as Union ministers praised the prime minister's leadership.

The Cabinet colleagues of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior leaders of the ruling National Democratic Alliance listed a number of measures of the Government, with Singh also stating that India is moving forward stronger, prouder and united.

Lok Janshakti Party leader and Union minister Chirag Paswan said on X that the country has seen a new era of economic rejuvenation, social justice, cultural pride and national security.

Senior BJP leader and Union minister Nitin Gadkari said under Modi's "visionary leadership", India has under-



Home Minister Amit Shah with UP CM Yogi Adityanath during a meeting in New Delhi

gone a historic transformation grounded in seva (service), good governance and inclusive development. "From the 11 years of the Modi-led empowering women, youth, and farmers to modernising infrastructure and healthcare, Bharat's progress has been swift and far-reaching. With global leadership, a selfreliant economy, and a people-first approach, India stands tall on the world stage,"

he said. The ministers used the hashtag "11 years of seva" in social media posts to mark government in power.

Shah said when Modi took over the reins of the country in 2014, there was policy paralysis in the country. He said there were no policies, no leadership, and scams were at peak in the Government, the economy

Governance system was directionless. Shah said this new India under Modi is rapidly progressing towards development and self-reliance with the power of reform, perform and transform. He said this journey of making India "number 1" in every field by bringing positive changes in the lives of the countrymen will continue.

was in shambles and the

Mata image PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi PI general secretary D Raja said on Monday ✓ that Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar should clarify who his Bharat Mata is, as he asserted that his party does not need to learn

patriotism from the RSS.

A controversy erupted after

a Bharat Mata portrait, allegedly associated with Rashtriya Śwayamsevak Sangh (RSS) shakhas, was used at a World Environment Day event at the Bhavan Thiruvananthapuram, which led Kerala minister P Prasad, a Communist Party of India (CPI) leader, to boycott the

programme. The CPI is the secondlargest party in the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) in

"I do not know what the governor of Kerala understands about Bharat Mata, about the tricolour, I have raised this issue in Parliament as well, Who is your Bharat Mata? Please tell us," Raja said.

"Our Bharat Mata is working in the agricultural field. Our Bharat Mata is working in jungles, safeguarding the jaljameen-jungle. Our Bharat Mata is working in schools, in offices, in factories. Our Bharat Mata is serving in the Army and defence forces. Who is your Bharat Mata? They are not clear," he said.

"They (BJP-RSS) think they are the sole owners of Bharat Mata or the tricolour. They never fought for the independence of this country. The CPI fought for the country's

SC stays order halting toll on Madurai-Tuticorin highway

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

¬he Supreme Court on Monday stayed in the interim an order restraining the National Highways Authority of India from collecting toll on the Madurai-Tuticorin

A bench comprising Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Manmohan issued notice to V Balakrishnan, a retired Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation assistant executive engineer from Tuticorin district, on whose plea the Madras High Court passed the order.

The top court's direction came after additional solicitor general N Venkataraman, appearing for the NHAI, sought a stay on the high court order. Senior advocate P Wilson, appearing for the petitioner, opposed the plea, calling toll collection "daylight robbery".

The Supreme court was hearing an appeal filed by the NHAI against high court's June 3 order, restraining the authority from collecting toll while observing that the stretch hadn't been properly maintained aside from the saplings not being planted on both sides

The high court acted on a PIL filed by Balakrishnan who claimed that the contract for the Madurai-Tuticorin highway was awarded in 2006 and the stretch was made operational in 2011. He referred to the contract and argued the contractor was supposed to plant saplings on both sides and on the centre median but it was only partially done.

The contractor collected tolls from two toll plazas from the date of usage of the roads but failed to maintain the road as many portions of the stretch were not commutable owing to poor maintenance, Balakrishnan said.

Congress slams Modi rule as era of 'Dictatorship'

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Congress on **√**he Monday said the Modi government in the last 11 years has dealt a deep blow to the country's democracy, economy and social fabric. In a social media post, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that the government has only "smeared the ink of dictatorship" on every page of the Constitution in these 11 years.

"The BJP-RSS has weakened every constitutional institution and attacked their autonomy, " he said.

Whether it is going against public opinion and toppling governments through the back door or forcibly imposing one-party dictatorship, during this period, the rights of the states have been ignored and the federal structure has weakened," Kharge

Kharge said efforts are constantly being made to spread an environment of "hatred, threats and fear". "The exploitation of Dalits,

tribals, backwards, minority and weaker sections has increased continuously. The conspiracy to deprive them of reservation and equal rights continues. The unending violence in Manipur is the biggest proof of BJP's administrative failure," he posted.

The Congress chief claimed that the BJP-RSS has made ita

habit to keep the country's GDP growth rate at 5-6 per cent, which used to be 8 per cent on average during the

"Instead of delivering on the promise of 2 crore jobs annually, crores of jobs were snatched away from the youth. Due to inflation, pubic savings have become the lowest in 50 years and economic inequality has become the highest in 100 years," he

Demonetisation, wrong GST, unplanned lock-down and hammering the unorganised sector have ruined the future of crores of people, Kharge claimed. He alleged that programmes like Make in India, Startup India, Stand up India, Digital India, Namami Gange, and 100 SMART cities have all failed.

"Railways have been ruined. Only the ribbons of the infrastructure painstakingly built by Congress-UPA have been cut.

'The Modi government has wasted the last 11 years in smearing the ink of dictatorship on every page of the Constitution," Kharge alleged.

The BJP, on its part, has lauded the last 11 years of governance under PM Modi.

Modi on Monday asserted that under it India has not just become the fastest-growing major economy but is also a key global voice on pressing issues like climate action and digital innovation.

independence from colonial rule, making supreme sacrifices, What was the RSS doing?" he asked.

EC move on voter data is a good first step: Rahul

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ongress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday ⊿lauded the Election Commission's (EC) reported decision to share the electoralroll data for Haryana and Maharashtra as "a good first step" and urged the poll body to announce the exact date by which the data will be handed over in a digital, machinereadable format.

The leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha shared the screenshot of a media report that claimed that the EC has cleared the way for sharing the

and Maharashtra from 2009 to 2024, following an assurance it gave to the Delhi High Court earlier in the year.

There was, however, no official word from the EC on the reported move as yet. In a social media post, Rahul Gandhi said, "Good first step taken by EC to hand over voter rolls?

"Can the EC please announce the exact date by which this data will be handed over in a digital, machinereadable format?" the former

Congress chief asked. After Gandhi sought the EC's response on his article

media report that claimed that the EC has cleared the way for sharing the electoralroll data for Haryana and Maharashtra from 2009 to 2024

alleging rigging in last year's Maharashtra Assembly election, sources in the poll authority said on Sunday that the constitutional body would respond only if the leader of opposition writes to it directly. They also pointed out that as part of its outreach, the EC had invited all six national parties for separate interactions. While the other five met the EC brass, Congress cancelled the May 15 meeting.

Rahul Gandhi hit back at the EC on Saturday after sources in the poll panel rejected his allegation of rigging in the Maharashtra election, saying evasion would not protect its credibility but telling the truth would. In an article published in a national daily, Rahul Gandhi had alleged "match-fixing" in the Maharashtra polls and claimed that it would next happen in the Bihar election and "anywhere the BJP is

SC gives relief to journalists citing police assault PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

dhe Supreme Court on Monday protected in the interim two Madhya Pradesh-based journalists who were allegedly assaulted by the state police for reporting on

illegal sand mining activities. A bench of Justices Prashant Mishra Manmohan, however, refused to examine their plea and asked them to move the Madhya Pradesh High Court instead.

A separate top court bench on June 4 sought the responses of Madhya Pradesh and Delhi governments on the plea of Shashikant Jatav and Amarkant Singh Chouhan.

The apex court while granting the interim relief posted the hearing on June 9.

"We are not entertaining the plea. However, looking at the allegations, we permit the petitioners to move the concerned high court within two weeks from today. Till the time the petitioners move high court ...the petitioners shall not be arrested," Justice Mishra

The journalists alleged that they were kidnapped, assaulted in custody and subjected to casteist slurs by a senior police

officer and his subordinates. The top court had previously asked why the petitioners did not make the superinten-

dent of police of Bhind a party to the petition. "It is very easy to say all kinds of things against an IPS

officer without making him a party. Whatever comes to your mind, just put it in black and white against the IPS officer," it added. The bench also asked why

the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the NCT of Delhi were made

The counsel said NHRC was made a party as petitioners had previously filed a complaint there and offered to remove it as a party from the On the NCT of Delhi, the

counsel said both the petitioners were in the national capital at present. On May 28, the Delhi High Court granted two-month

protection to Chouhan, who claimed there was threat to his life by the Bhind superintendent of police after he was allegedly beaten in his office. The high court directed

Delhi Police to provide protection to Chouhan, the Bhind Bureau Chief of Swaraj Express news channel.

ASP killed, two others injured in pressure IED blast

Additional Superintendent (ASP) of Police was killed and two officers injured in a pressure IED blast while patrolling in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district on Monday, marking the first fatality of a high-ranking police officer in the state after 14 years amid intensified anti-Naxalite operations.

In May 2011, an ASP and eight other policemen were killed when Maoists blew up a tractor they were travelling in Gariaband district.

The latest incident indicates that the police officers walked into the trap set by Naxalites who had planted the pressureactivated Improvised Explosive Device (IED) near a burnt

According to Inspector General of Police (Bastar

sion occurred near Dondra village on the Konta-Errabor road on Monday.

The officers were patrolling on foot after police received information that Naxalites had torched an earth-mover the previous night.

The explosion occurred as the ASP approached the burnt machine, which was parked about a kilometre off National Highway 30 inside a stone quarry. ASP (Konta Division) Akash Rao Girepunje, Sub-Divisional Officer of Police Bhanupratap Chandrakar, and Station House Officer (SHO) Sonal Gwala sustained injuries in the blast.

All were shifted to Konta Hospital for treatment. Girepunje (42), who lost both the gym. legs in the explosion, later succumbed to his injuries.

The injured officers were reported to be out of danger and airlifted to Raipur for fur-

"The martyrdom of Girepunje is a deeply painful one. It's an irreparable loss to the police force. Such cowardly acts by Maoists only show their weakening strength and desperation. Their efforts to break the morale of security forces will fail," said Sundarraj.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai expressed grief over the officer's death and said Naxalites would face serious consequences.

A jawan accompanying Girepunje said the contractor whose earth-mover machine was torched by Naxalites on Sunday night contacted the ASP this morning when he was at his official residence in Konta and getting ready for

After learning about the incident, the ASP called his subordinates and decided to visit the spot, located around four km away from Konta



A police officer injured in an IED blast near Dondra being shifted to a hospital in Konta, Sukma district

towards the Sukma district headquarters. The burnt earthmover was parked at a stone quarry, around one km from the National Highway 30.

'The ASP and his team reached the area in vehicles and walked towards the spot. When Girepunje went close to examine the machine, the IED

exploded," the jawan said. Girepunje was conscious after the blast despite losing his legs and instructed the officers to inform the Sukma SP and arrange for blood, the official

He was one of the bravest officers of the Chhattisgarh Police. Originally from Raipur

Deputy SP in 2013 and served in several Naxal-affected areas, including Manpur-Mohla and Kanker, as well as in Raipur, Mahasamund and Durg.

The mortal remains of Girepunje were shifted to Raipur for final last rites, which will be performed on Tuesday, the official said. Reacting to the incident,

CM Sai said, "Received information about the martyrdom of ASP Akash Rao Girepunje ji in the IED blast carried out by Naxalites in Konta of Sukma. This is extremely sad. I salute his martyrdom. There are reports of some other officers and jawans also being injured in this cowardly attack. Instructions have been given to ensure proper treatment of the injured."

Taking to X, Sai said Naxalits carried out the cowardly attack out of frustration as security forces have been fighting a big

Chhattisgarh and achieving continuous success.

"They will have to face its consequences. The day is not far when their existence will end in Chhattisgarh," he added. Deputy CM Sharma said in Nagpur that Girepunje ji was martyred in the blast in the

Konta area of Sukma. "He was a brave officer and was a gallantry awardee. If a situation for talks (between Naxalites and the Government) were to be created somehow. such incidents (referring to the blast) end that possibility,"

said Sharma Government had clarified that they didn't want to fire a single bullet provided Naxalites joined the mainstream, availed of the benefits of the rehabilitation scheme and contributed to the development of the society and the nation.

Sundarraj P said as the

Naxalites lacked the courage to confront the security forces directly, they were conspiring to target our brave jawans, valiant officers and innocent civilians through cowardly acts such as IED blasts.

"They are trying to kill villagers and destroy public property. However, any attempt to break the morale of the security forces will fail. The supreme sacrifice of Girepunje inspires us and sends a clear message that we will not stop until Bastar is completely freed from Naxalism," he added.

In past similar incidents, ASP Rajesh Pawar and eight other policemen were killed in a Naxal attack in Gariaband district in May 2011.

In July 2009, SP Vinod Kumar Choubey and 28 other personnel were killed in coordinated Maoist attacks in the undivided Rajnandgaon

Manipur: Protesters clash with security forces

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Protesters took out torchlight processions overnight, burnt a Government building and clashed with security forces, defying prohibitory orders as Manipur continued to witness demonstrations over the arrests of a Meitei organisation leader and four others, police said on Monday. Clashes broke out between

protesters and security personnel in Kwakeithel and Singjamei in Imphal West district, prompting the police to fire several rounds of tear gas shells and rubber bullets to disperse the agitators, an officer said. The Sub-Divisional Collector (SDC) Office at Yairipok Tulihal in Imphal East district was set on fire, causing partial damage to the

Security personnel keep a vigil amid ongoing protests in Imphal, Manipur PTI

building, and official records were destroyed, he said.

The police have initiated an investigation to identify the culprits behind the arson, the officer said, adding that security in the area has been heightened to prevent untoward incidents.

The demonstrators created

mounds of soil on roads in Sekmai and Koirengei areas in Imphal West district to prevent the movement of security forces. They burnt tyres in the middle of the roads and clashed with security forces in Wangkhei, Yairipok and Khurai in Imphal East district,

and several rounds of tear gas

shells were fired to disperse them, another officer said.

Burnt tyres with smoke billowing were seen on the roads in several localities across Imphal this morning.

The situation continues to remain tense with protesters blocking several roads with bamboo sticks. Though several roadblocks, particularly on the Tiddim road that leads to the Imphal airport, have been cleared by security forces," a police officer said.

Women's groups joined the protests and held torchlight processions in Khurai, demanding the immediate formation of a Government in the state, which is now under the President's rule.

Protests erupted across Manipur since Saturday over the arrests of Meitei outfit Arambai Tenggol leader the demonstrations across Kanan Singh and four others.

Investigation (CBI) said it has arrested a member of Arambai Tenggol at Imphal Airport on Sunday for his alleged involvement in various criminal activities related to Manipur violence in 2023, while the police did not disclose details of the four others

Prohibitory orders have been clamped in Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur and Kakching districts, while internet and mobile data services, including VSAT and VPN facilities, have been suspended in these valley areas since Saturday night after violent protests erupted across the state.

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Sunday held a security review meeting with senior officials in the wake of

Assam Government to identify, evict illegal foreigners: Himanta seated at the visitors gallery of

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ssam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday said the State Government would enforce a 1950 law to identify and evict illegal foreigners.

He claimed that the law empowers the district commissioners to declare individuals as illegal immigrants and initiate eviction proceedings.

Speaking during a special day-long Assembly session, he alleged that Congress does not value 'citizenship', as out of four family members of one of its

leaders, three are foreigners. It was an apparent jibe at the opposition party's state presi-

dent Gaurav Gogoi, who was

the Assembly in front of the treasury bench, whom the chief minister had been targeting for his alleged Pakistan links through his British wife.

Sarma, replying to issues of

detection and deportation of foreigners, said the State Government will implement the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, 1950, for the

It allows the district commissioner to declare illegal foreigners and evict them.

Sarma said a constitutional bench of the Supreme Court had recently ruled that the Act is in force and the government can proceed under its provisions.

He said more than 300 ille-

gal Bangladeshis have been deported in recent months.

Responding to AIUDF MLA Rafikul Islam's caution that foreigner detection should be handled carefully because "citizenship is a most valued asset for any individual," Sarma doubled down on his criticism of the Congress.

"Rafikul Islam has said citizenship is the most valuable asset, but it may not be so for Congress as they have people in whose family out of four members, three are foreigners,"

Sarma had been claiming that not only has Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi's wife retained her British citizenship, but their two minor children are also not Indian nationals.

DTCP issues notices over illegal constructions

PARVESH SHARMA

n a major enforcement drive, the Department of Town and Country Planning (DTCP) issued over 150 show-cause notices to property owners in Sushant Lok Phase 2 for a range of vio- property owners on lations, including illegal con- various floors were structions, unauthorised commercial activities and fully covered basements, officials said.

The action was taken under DTCP's newly launched "office-on-the-spot" campaign, which involves realtime inspections and issuance of notices.

As part of the drive, DTCP's entire enforcement wing conducted a street-bystreet inspection of over 1,000 plots in the area. "Violations committed by

the property owners on various floors were recorded, notices were prepared on the spot and issued," said District Town Planner (DTP) Amit Madholia. The notices were also physically pasted on the premises in question. Property owners have been

given a one-week window to respond to the notices. "If replies are found unsatisfactory, strict action will be taken as per norms,"

Madholia added. He further stated that similar inspections would now be carried out weekly in other residential colonies

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- AMIT MADHOLIA, DTP

According to DTCP officials, the crackdown was prompted by numerous complaints from local residents. Common violations included the operation of gyms, showrooms, grocery stores, clinics, battery shops and offices from residential premises — activities not permitted under residential zoning.

Authorities also cited misuse of the non-nuisance activity policy, which allows only up to 25 per cent of a residential building's ground floor to be used for low-impact commercial purposes.

"In many cases, the entire ground floor was found to be converted for commercial use, blatantly violating the prescribed norms," Madholia

Scorching heatwave grips Uttar Pradesh; orange alert issued for 11 districts

ttar Pradesh continues to reel under a severe heatwave stretching from its eastern to western regions. On Monday, Bundelkhand, Agra division, and districts in the Delhi-NCR belt experienced extreme heat, with Jhansi and Agra recording temperatures above 45 degree Celsius.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), an Orange Alert has been issued for Tuesday across 11 districts — Agra, Jhansi, Mathura, Aligarh, Hathras, Firozabad, Etawah, Jalaun, Hamirpur, Mahoba and Lalitpur — warning of intense heatwave conditions.

Additionally, Yellow Alerts have been announced for nearly 25 districts in western Uttar Pradesh and the NCR region, indicating continued hot and dry winds. The weather office has also warned of abnormally warm nights in about 14 districts of southern and western UP, which may add to public discomfort.

On Monday alone, maximum temperatures soared above 40 degree Celsius in at least 22 districts across the state. The IMD has forecast



Tourists try to shield theselves from the scorching heat and strong sunlight while visiting the Taj Mahal, in Agra

that heatwave and "warm night" conditions will persist for the next 1-2 days in parts of Bundelkhand and the Agra region, increasing the risk of heat-related health issues, particularly among vulnerable populations.

Senior meteorologist Atul Kumar Singh from the Regional Meteorological Centre in Lucknow said a change in weather conditions may arrive after June 11, when moisture-laden winds from the Bay of Bengal are expected to bring light rain to Purvanchal and other parts of eastern Uttar Pradesh.

The public has been advised to avoid outdoor activities during peak afternoon hours, stay hydrated, and take necessary precautions against

High power demand

Uttar Pradesh has recorded its highest-ever electricity demand due to soaring temperatures and oppressive humidity. On the night of June 8, the state's power demand surged to 30,161 megawatts, marking a new peak for the year.

Urban Development and Energy Minister Shri A.K. Sharma confirmed the recordbreaking figure and assured that the state's power management system is fully capable of handling the rising load. He said the electricity department is prepared for further increases in demand, which could exceed 32,000 megawatts this summer. Last year's highest recorded demand megawatts. Despite the sharp rise in

demand, the power supply across the state remained uninterrupted. The minister emphasised that all regions must continue to receive electricity as per the scheduled supply timetable. He directed officials to ensure the prompt replacement of damaged transformers to prevent disruptions. Special focus has been placed on rural areas, where power supply will be closely monitored to ensure continuous service.

He further stated that maintenance shutdowns should be strategically planned to avoid causing inconvenience to the public during this intense weather. Complaints related to power disruption must be addressed without delay to maintain public confidence in the system.

Sharma also appealed to citizens to cooperate by using electricity judiciously and avoiding unnecessary con-

Namo Bharat to extend further into Meerut

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

he Namo Bharat semihigh-speed train is set to extend further into the inner areas of Meerut, with the upcoming stations at Shatabdi Nagar and Begumpul expected

to begin operations soon. Alongside, the intra-city Meerut Metro service is also gearing up for launch, aimed at enhancing daily commute options and improving links between industrial areas and the national Capital, officials said on Monday.

At present, Namo Bharat trains run on a 55-kilometre corridor between New Ashok Nagar in Delhi and Meerut South, with 11 operational stations. The next phase will bring the service to Shatabdi Nagar, which is nearing readiness and then to Begumpul, a major central point in Meerut. Meanwhile, Metro services will also start from Meerut South, running on a 23-km stretch within the city.

Between Meerut South and Shatabdi Nagar, two stations, Partapur and Rithani, will operate only metro services, not high-speed Namo Bharat trains. These areas are known for their small-and mediumscale industries, including sports goods, footwear, dairy and food processing units. Improved rail connectivity is expected to make commuting easier for workers and support timely movement of goods, especially between Meerut and

One of the key benefits of the upcoming metro service is better access to the inner city. Currently, those travelling by Namo Bharat to Meerut South often rely on local autos and buses to reach areas like

Begumpul, Bhaisali or

With the new metro route connecting Meerut South to Modipuram Depot, a total of 11 stations will serve daily commuters. These include major locations such as Meerut Central, Bhaisali and Modipuram, among others. Four stations — Meerut South,

Namo Bharat and Metro ser-The Meerut Metro will operate at speeds of up to 120-km per hour, making it one of the faster metro services in the

Shatabdi Nagar, Begumpul and

Modipuram — will serve both

country. The Namo Bharat trains, on the same tracks, operate at a maximum speed of 160-km per hour. This arrangement of sharing infrastructure is a first in India and is intended to optimise use of space and resources.

As Meerut has no dedicated airport, the Namo Bharat line also improves access to Delhi's international airport. For traders, manufacturers and frequent travellers, this could help reduce overall travel time to and from the Capital.

Businesses in sectors such as dairy, footwear and sports manufacturing - which depend on connectivity with Delhi for raw materials and distribution — are likely to benefit from the more direct rail The area around the Namo

Bharat corridor is also being planned for development under the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy of the Uttar Pradesh government. This includes improving infrastructure, housing and services around transit stations to make urban areas more accessible and better connected.

Excitement at Shubhanshu Shukla's home as ISS mission lifts off today rently in Florida, she said that the success of your Axiom 4 him extraordinary and probaretired from the Secretariat,

SHARMILA KRISHNA

reat excitement prevailed at Wing Cdr Shubhanshu Shukla's residence in Triveni Nagar on Monday as the Axion 4 Mission lifts off on Tuesday

Shubhanshu Shukla is set to create history by becoming the first Indian astronaut to visit the International Space Station (ISS) on the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission.

The Ax-4 crew will launch aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft to the International Space Station from LC-39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre at 5.32 pm.

Shubhanshu's residence was decorated with posters, cut outs and banners proclaiming, "We wish you all the best for

Mission. We are proud of you. You are the best" and "Shubhanshu Shukla creates history". The residence is bustling with people, wellwishers and relatives who want to be together to watch this incredible journey. Shubhanshu's two sisters

have come down to their parental home to be with their family on this momentous occasion. A visibly elated sister of Shubhanshu, Suchi Mishra, who is a science teacher at a local school, said that they were super excited. "We are highly happy and proud. These are the only things that we can say in words because feelings which we are experiencing are beyond

About her communication with her brother who is cur-

the family had communicated with her brother on a video call on Sunday. "He is very happy and excited because he has put in such a lot of hard work and the time has come to execute this mission," she said.

She said that they have made arrangements for screening the mission lift off and the family, friends and relatives will gather together to watch and celebrate the occasion together. Talking about Shubhanshu's childhood, she said that he was a naughty boy but not destructive. "He had always been a calm and composed child. He was brilliant and dedication is a quality which he had from his birth. When he is offered a job

to do, he gives it his hundred

percent. If he makes a decision

to do something he never

looks back. This is what makes

bly he has reached where he is now because of this quality of Shubhanshu Shukla

is set to create history by becoming the first **Indian astronaut to** visit the International **Space Station (ISS)** on the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission

When asked if he was interested in being an astronaut in his childhood, she said that he aspired to be in the Air Force. 'This opportunity came his way and he opted for it because he was always interested in participating in activities from which he could learn

something new," she added. She further said that he was

quite young when he joined the Air Force. "As a family we always knew that since he was doing so well professionally, he would reach a high position,"

This is the best part is that the

Suchi said that her neighbourhood is surprised and inspired. "The residents of the colony are thinking that if a person from such a small house and from the same colony can reach such a position, then anybody could aspire to be in his place. Lots of youngsters and proud and happy. students are coming to our Wing Cdr Shubhanshu place and telling us that if Shubhanshu "bhaiya" can do this, they could also do this.

future generation is getting inspired by him," she added. Shubhanshu's father Shambhu Dayal Shukla, who

said that it was a festive atmosphere that was prevailing in his home as if a marriage was taking place. "We organised

Satyanarayan katha and a hawan for his journey into space," he added. He described Shubhanshu as a non-demanding child who was always interested in academics. "He was the youngest while our focus usually remained on the elder daughters," he added. Personally, he said he was very

Shukla was born in Lucknow on October 10, 1985, is an alumnus of NDA and was commissioned on June 17, 2006 in the IAF. He is a Fighter Combat Leader and a Test Pilot with approximately 2000 hrs of flying experience.





Greta Thunberg's humanitarian voyage

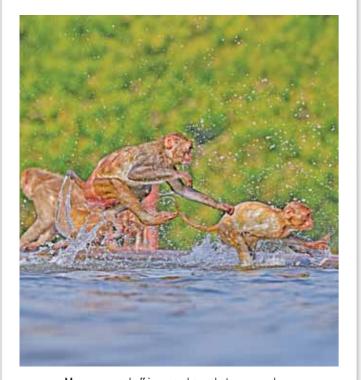
Greta is on a mission to make world aware of the pressing humanitarian crises of our time, siege of Gaza

n an age where silence is complicity, Greta Thunberg has once again placed herself at the forefront of a moral reckoning - this time not for the climate, but for humanity. Her latest act of defiance is a brave and urgent mission to breach Israel's naval blockade of Gaza and deliver humanitarian aid to a region ravaged by war, hunger, and despair. The vessel Madleen, carrying Thunberg and 11 other activists, set sail from Sicily with the goal of not only providing relief but also bearing witness to the suffering that has become normalised in Gaza

The Gaza Strip, home to over two million Palestinians, has been under an Israeli-led land, air, and sea blockade since 2007. What began as a measure to contain Hamas has, over the years, evolved into a systematic form of collective punishment, trapping civilians in a nightmare of restricted movement, economic stagnation, and relentless bombardment. The ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas has repeatedly left Gaza's infrastructure in ruins, its people traumatised, and its future uncertain. After the October 7, 2023 attacks by Hamas, Israel intensified its military offensive, enforcing a "total blockade" for nearly three months. During this period, food, fuel, and medical supplies were cut off almost entirely. While some aid has trickled in since, international agencies warn of a looming famine. According to the United Nations and other humanitarian groups, Gaza's children are starving, hospitals are collapsing, and entire communities are without access to clean water. Greta Thunberg, known globally for her fearless climate activism, has turned her attention to Gaza's humanitarian emergency with the same clarity and urgency. Alongside fellow activists, including Brazilian social activist Thiago Ávila and French Member of European Parliament Rima Hassan, Greta seeks to defy the blockade and deliver critical supplies. Their journey is not only symbolic — it is a desperate attempt to fill a moral void where world leaders have failed.

Defence Minister Israel Katz has declared that Madleen will not be allowed to reach Gaza, calling Thunberg and her fellow activists "antisemitic" and "Hamas propagandists." But labelling humanitarians as enemies does not negate the horror unfolding in Gaza. It only reveals the depth of Israel's moral detachment from the humanitarian consequences of its siege. Greta Thunberg's mission is not about politics — it is about principle. When Governments dehumanise an entire population, it is the duty of civil society to act. Her boat, carrying food, medicine, and dignity, represents more than aid — it is a statement that the world is watching, and that silence is no longer an option. She must be supported because she is doing what international institutions have failed to: bring real attention, real supplies, and real compassion to a suffering population. Let us not forget: humanitarian aid is not a threat - it is a right. Greta Thunberg's journey to Gaza is not merely about a boat and some supplies. It is about reclaiming our shared humanity. It is about saying no to indifference. And in this moral struggle, we must stand with her - not just in word, but in action.

PICTALK !



Macaques cool off in a pond on a hot summer day, in New Delhi, PTI

The world of dharmic war

Unlike the Abrahamic tradition of conquest and domination, the Hindu approach to war — rooted in Dharma — seeks justice, not territory; balance, not revenge

he Hindu civilisation was first exposed to a new experience when Muhammad bin Qasim, an Arab invader, arrived in Sindh. He came from Arabia by land and sea routes. While defending his kingdom, Sindh, Raja Dahir Sen, its last Hindu ruler, was killed and subsequently, common folk were butchered. For no rhyme or reason evident to Hindus, many temples were demolished, their idols smashed and priests killed.

We call this a new experience because common folk and priests, who had nothing to do with fighting the invader Qasim, too were butchered. Nor was there any reason to demolish temples, except for the reason that they were of another religion the invaders hated (and still do). In the Hindu understanding, these are outright adharmic acts. From that day in the year 712 AD to the time of writing this article, the invaders, except for the Europeans, have not bothered to understand what temples and the idols worshipped in them mean for Hindus. Temples are not mere prayer halls, as the Abrahamic places of worship are.

They are deeply spiritual, sacred places where the worshipper connects with the divine. In the Hindu worldview, a war is seldom fought with the intent of capturing the enemy's territory. Attacking others' kingdom(s) is normally to rectify a wrong and not to dispossess the enemy for selfaggrandisement.

It is not that such aggression has not been committed by Hindus against each other; there might have been a few such wars, but they were adharmic acts, deserving of punishment due to their being dushkarmas (bad deeds).

Let us look at the most recent example of Operation Sindoor. India's declared aim was to defeat and destroy terrorists only terrorists — and, as far as possible, not to touch either common folk or even enemy soldiers. Our representative regularly informed the required channels of our intent in this regard, because our military action was against terrorists, and no

That is the essence of the term dharmic, i.e., ethical, distinct from merciless. In contrast, Pakistan invariably does not care whether civilians, women and children, old or young, are hit or killed. It has chosen terrorism as it is a cheap way of fighting a superior India whose military might it can-

Uniforms aren't needed; ragtag outfits can kill and escape accountability. If terrorists are captured or killed, the sponsoring country can safely disown the slain individual. No contact is maintained with the families of the killed. All in all, from the patrons' point of view, terrorists are assets with few liabilities. Pakistani infiltrations, therefore, could continue no matter how poor the country's economy has become in recent years. It is a wonder that the country has managed to remain a member of the United Nations

Organisation (UNO), which is generally seen as a respectable global body.

Not only that, Pakistan has once even been the president of the Security Council y a strange 'rotating' arrangement! Fundamentally, anyone wise would agree that the proper purpose of war should be deriving as well as enjoying a lasting peace. This means that such a war ought to be a dharmic or an ethical one. In common parlance, the minimum expectation

should be no hitting below the belt.

In the Hindu view, no matter how ethical the combat or hostilities are, the killing of women and children is unthinkable. The murdering of husbands in the presence of their wives and children is even worse, because, to a Hindu woman, her husband's life is more sacred than her own. All this is so far as means go.

As far as the ends are concerned, it should not be the acquisition of another country's territory or assets to enrich one's own country. India's experience of invaders like Mahmud of Ghazni and Muhammad Ghori has been detestable. Ghori, an Afghan Turkic invader, was routed by the Hindu monarch of Delhi, Prithviraj Chauhan, in the First Battle of Tarain in 1191 AD, but his life was spared by the Hindu victor.

Ghori, instead of remembering his debt to Maharaja Prithviraj Chauhan, attacked again in 1192 AD. He managed to win the Second Battle of Tarain but, far from showing any gratitude for being let off alive the previous time, had Prithviraj blinded and

would be that in such a combat, there murdered. This was the Islamic invader's 'gratitude' towards a man who could have easily had him killed but chose to

spare his life. Europe has over the centuries witnessed many a war. The cruelties witnessed, especially in the intra-Christian wars (Catholic versus Protestant, Orthodox versus non-Orthodox) were harsh.

World Wars I and II claimed up to 100 million people, soldiers and civilians. WWI solved nothing; it only led to WWII, which produced the infamous Cold War, which ended in 1991 with the dissolution of the Soviet Union, which formerly had been the Czarist Russian Empire. Europe is still at war. There are guidelines set out by the Geneva Convention on how to treat

captured and/or wounded soldiers in war. However, there are no ethical rules. The concept of the dharmic has no place in the European ethos. The difference between the Hindu and Western/Abrahamic worldviews is stark.

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PRAFULL GORADIA

How women are reshaping the future of business leadership

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ndia is witnessing a significant transformation in its educational and professional landscapes, with an increasing number of women enrolling in Master of Business Administration (MBA) programmes and advancing into top leadership roles in the corporate world. This shift marks not only a welcome departure from past trends but also signals a more inclusive and dynamic future for Indian businesses. Historically, business education in India was pre-

dominantly male-dominated. However, recent data highlights a steady and substantial increase in the participation of women in MBA programmes. According to the All India Council for Technical

Education (AICTE), women accounted for 42.11 per cent of total MBA enrolments in the 2022-23 academic year — an impressive leap from 33 per cent in 2018-19. In raw numbers, this represents a jump from 78,374 women in 2018-19 to 1,20,142 in 2022-23. This progress is not limited to statistics alone. The country's top 10 business schools have reported that 50 per cent or more of their 2024 MBA cohorts comprise women, marking a notable move towards gender parity. Even at the state level, such as in Maharashtra, the shift is evident. According to data from the state's Common Entrance Test

(CET) cell, women now form nearly half of all MBA stu-

dents — a remarkable rise. While metro cities lead in women's business education, tier 2 and tier 3 cities are not far behind. Cities like Indore, Nashik, and Coimbatore have seen a 27 per cent rise in women enrolling in MBA programmes since

2020, as noted in the India Higher Education Report 2023. Regional business schools are playing an instrumental role in this expansion. The digital revolution has also democratised access to business education. A KPMG report revealed that between 2021 and 2023, online MBA enrolment by women in non-metro cities rose by 54 per cent, allowing women to access quality education without need-

ing to relocate - an essential consideration for many. Several factors have contributed to this positive trend. First and foremost is economic empowerment. An MBA is increasingly seen as a gateway to financial independence and career advancement, enabling women to break traditional socio-economic barriers. Secondly, business schools are becoming more inclusive. Many institutions now offer scholarships, mentorship programmes, and flexible learning options specifically designed for women. There is also a notable push for innovation in financing, particularly for students from tier 2-3 regions, including customised scholarship schemes and staggered fee payment plans. In addition,

Government and corporate initiatives are fuelling this shift. For instance, the Maharashtra Government introduced a 100 per cent fee waiver for girls pursuing pro-

fessional courses from families earning less than ₹8 lakh per year — a move expected to significantly boost female participation in higher education. The increased participation of women in MBA programmes is translating into real impact in the business world. Women MBA graduates are

making their mark in industries ranging from finance to tech. A study by Institutional Investor Advisory Services (IiAS) revealed that women now occupy 18 per cent of board positions among the top 500 NSE-listed companies. There are 22 women board chairs, 25 women CEOs, and 62 women holding executive directorships among these firms. Moreover, women are showing stronger performance in placements. Data indicates that female MBA graduates have a 36.7 per cent higher selection rate than their male counterparts, showcasing their preparedness and industry relevance. Entrepreneurship is also seeing a surge among women with MBAs. Armed with formal training and a fresh perspective, many are launching their ventures, driving innovation, and contributing significantly to the economy. While the progress is commendable, sustained efforts are required to deepen and expand the gains. Organisations must implement policies that promote gender equality, such as equal pay, anti-discrimination practices, and transparent promotions. Mentorship networks should be developed to provide women with guidance and role models. Additionally, flexible work arrangements can help balance professional and personal responsibilities, further reducing attrition.

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Letters to the Editor

Assembly elections in Bihar

The assembly election in Bihar is due later this year, and the new assembly will have to be constituted before November 22. There is intense political activity in Bihar with speculation about the final shape of rival alliances. The BJP is not confident. The 'jungle raj' dig of the party aims to remind people of the lawlessness during the 15 years between 1990 and 2005. The NDA coalition is finding it difficult to respond to the 20 years of 'jungle raj 2' jibe between 2005 and 2025. The past few months in particular have witnessed daylight robberies, shootouts, kidnapping of women and a brazen display of firearms.

On June 2, Congress leader Alka Lamba, on a visit to Patna, reminded the media of the extraordinarily high number of incidents of sexual violence and killing of minor girls in just the previous fortnight. The discomfiture of the BJP has also increased after a C-Voter survey this week showed Tejashwi Yadav leading the race as the preferred chief minister with a 36.9 per cent approval rating. Nitish Kumar trailed at the second position, with an approval rating of 18.4 per cent, with other contenders behind him. Another point to note is that the Prime Minister's appeal is seemingly not as strong as earlier, with people recalling his failed promises and calling out the tall claims made by the BJP in manifestos before assembly elections in 2015 and 2019.

BHAGWAN THADANI | MUMBAI

An eye opener for all

In a landmark moment for disability representation in the legal field, a visually impaired lawyer appeared in a case before the Supreme Court on June 6.

In what is believed to be the first instance of a blind woman advocate appearing before the Supreme Court, Anchal Bhatheja, who was born with low vision due to birth complications and later lost her eyesight completely due to retinopathy of prematurity, represented a petitioner in a case.

She lost her vision entirely just before her board examinations. She, however, completed her schooling with the help of audiobooks and became the first blind CLAT aspirant to get admission into the National Law School of India, Bengaluru.

She completed her law degree in 2023. In her first appearance before the Supreme Court, Batheja represented a petitioner challenging the constitutionality of the Advertisement dated 16.05.2025 issued for recruitment to the Uttarakhand Judicial Service Civil Judge (Junior Division).

The petitioner is a person with 100 per cent visual impairment. When there's a huge pendency of cases even in the Apex Court, the initiative of this young lawyer can become an eye-opener for the judiciary to emulate her as a glorious example in the legal field.

A P THIRUVADI | CHENNAI

The woman beneath the bridge

ASHISH MUNJAL

As work on the arch design progressed, a massive 476metre span Professor Madhavi Latha ensured the foundation and slope stabilisation matched the immense loads the structure would carry.

It wasn't just rock and concrete. It was about ensuring decades of endurance through rain, snow, windstorms, and even potential earthquakes. Her work, though behind the scenes, became the bedrock of the project's integrity. The iconic steel arch that now defines the Chenab Bridge stands proud not just because of its metalwork, but because someone had read the ground, listened to the Earth, and planned every bolt with precision.

Even as she worked on the Chenab Bridge, Prof Madhavi Latha never stopped being a teacher. Her students at IISc remember how she'd take overnight flights from Kashmir to make it to morning lectures. How she'd bring real-world problems into the classroom and inspire young Indians, especially girls, to believe that engineering wasn't just about textbooks, but about shaping a nation's destiny.

When the Chenab Bridge was finally completed and trains prepared to run, the world applauded the achievement. She proved that bridges aren't just built with iron; they are built with vision, conviction, and indomitable human spirit.

CK SUBRAMANIAM | MUMBAI

CJI REFORMS AIM TO RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST IN JUDICIARY

hief Justice of India BR Gavai's attempts to enhance the image of the judiciary are commendable. He has taken steps to reform the judiciary since he assumed office. His attempts to bring transparency, commitment and accountability to the judiciary are certainly appreciable.

The most praiseworthy step taken by the CJI is the public declaration of assets and properties by the judges of the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice himself. Such declarations help restore the trust of people in the judiciary. Another significant declaration is that the CJI and some of his colleagues won't accept post-retirement

positions from the Central Government. This is significant in the context where many former Chief Justices and judges have accepted positions from the Government, It raises questions about the ethical rightness of the judiciary. Live streaming of all Constitution bench cases is another significant move. It will

help the public understand judicial processes and dispel suspicion about the judgement of cases. Despite all these measures, corruption still lingers in the judiciary. The case of Justice Yashwant Varma of the Delhi High Court serves as a reminder. That a judge can be removed only through impeachment shows the deficiency of the judicial system.

However, a motion will be tabled in the next session of Parliament to impeach Justice Yashwant Varma. From declaring judges' assets to refusing postretirement positions and live-streaming Constitutional cases, these actions help rebuild public confidence. However, cases like that of Justice Yashwant Varma remind us that corruption still casts a shadow. The upcoming impeachment motion highlights the need for deeper systemic reforms to ensure the judiciary remains ethical, independent, and above reproach.

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India's skilled workforce can power the ageing world

The developed world does not require capital; it requires skilled, mobile, and motivated individuals. With a cohesive strategy, legal and ethical frameworks, and a visionary approach; with its young workforce India can become the world's hub for skilled individual exports



By 2030, the world will face an unprecedented workforce shortage of nearly 50 million in developed economies such as the United States, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia. A recent Global Access to Talent from India (GATI) foundation report indicates that this deficit could soar to 250 million by 2050 due to an ageing population, declining birth rates, and shrinking domestic talent pools.

While automation and artificial intelligence (AI) may offer some solutions, the pace of technological substitution will not keep up with the demand for human capital from ageing industrial economies. In this context, India has a significant advantage with its demographic dividend of over 900 million working-age individuals, which is often seen as our greatest asset but could also become a demographic burden. To address this challenge, developing the largest pool of skilled and semi-skilled youth and India's established reputation for adaptability and competence could serve as a vital solution.

India exports around 700,000 of its workforce overseas each year, primarily to sectors such as health-care, transportation, technology, and hospitality. However, this number could increase to 2.5 million annually with an integrated national plan. Such growth in India's workforce exports would not only help meet global demand.

But also, it could generate up to \$300 billion in annual remittances — more than double the current \$129 billion, which ranks India at the top globally. This makes foreign employment a key pillar of India's global economic outreach.

Global Demand Hotspots

The GATI report indicates that 20 nations will account for nearly 90 per cent of the projected global work-

force shortage. The United States will require 11 to 12 million additional workers, followed by the United Kingdom (5 to 6 million), South Korea, Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic (4 to 5 million each), Germany and Russia (3 to 4 million each), and Japan (2 to 3 million).

Other countries, including

each), Germany and Russia (3 to 4 million each), and Japan (2 to 3 million). Other countries, including Canada, Australia, the Gulf states, Taiwan, the Netherlands, Austria, and Italy, will each need an additional 1 to 2 million workers.

Additionally, smaller but high-income nations such as Singapore, Romania, Bulgaria, and Hong Kong will experience shortages ranging from 0.5 to 1 million. The demand is apparent, and India is poised to meet it head-on.

Low to High Skills, All in Demand



The estimated global demand, 70 per cent will be for medium — and low-skilled jobs: approximately 18 to 20 million for low-skilled positions, 6 to 8 million for medium-skilled roles, and 10 to 12 million for high-skilled jobs. Therefore, India's policy must align workforce training with this demand matrix.

The challenge is not just to send more workers abroad but to align the right skills with the right locations and industries. A new approach to migration should focus on three key strategies: unleashing global demand, enhancing domestic supply, and building a resilient long-term migration ecosystem.

Scaling up Skills

Regarding demand, India must actively engage with destination countries to harmonise skill certifications and expedite mutual recognition agreements. To scale up skills on the supply side, India needs to invest significantly in enhancing technical education, soft skills, and foreign language training, particularly in countries like Japan and Germany, where language proficiency is crucial. Key strategies to overcome these barriers include school-level language exposure, industry-centric training, and efficient grievance redressal systems. Some forward-thinking state Governments are already making progress; for instance, certain Delhi Government schools have started offering Japanese as a language option and states like Telangana are pioneering returnee integration programs

However, these efforts require a nationwide

establish a centralised agency for global workforce mobility, similar to the Department of Migrant Workers in the Philippines or the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training in Bangladesh. Such an organisation could unite all stakeholders ministries, state Governments, skill councils, recruitment agencies, and industry bodies — to coordinate recruitment, ensure ethical migration practices, and monitor global demand in real-time. Equally impor-INDIA EXPORTS AROUND 700,000 tant is developing financial support options for migra-OF ITS WORKFORCE OVERSEAS tion to help cover travel, training, and placement expenses, particularly for low and middle-income EACH YEAR, PRIMARILY TO workers. The country also needs robust welfare systems to protect Indian workers abroad and facilitate SECTORS SUCH AS HEALTHCARE, grievance redressal and reintegration support for TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY, returnees. Additionally, it is essential to continuously map and focus on high-demand sectors for Indian AND HOSPITALITY. HOWEVER, THIS talent. Beyond the traditionally prominent fields of NUMBER COULD INCREASE TO 2.5 healthcare, hospitality, domestic work, and logistics, India should also concentrate on emerging sectors MILLION ANNUALLY WITH AN such as green jobs in renewable energy, infrastruc-INTEGRATED NATIONAL PLAN ture development, digital public goods, and sustainability-linked startups, where skill gaps rapidly

widen worldwide. Addressing Migration Barriers

Despite progress, several challenges remain: Indian qualifications are often not globally recognised, and workers face high migration costs along with risks of exploitation by unscrupulous agents. The politi-

cal discourse surrounding immigration remains contentious in countries such as the US, Canada, and Australia, with much of the opposition focusing on illegal migration. However, skilled, structured, and lawful migration is a top priority for most developed economies, not out of goodwill, but due to economic necessity. These countries require sufficiently skilled staff to sustain growth, support ageing populations, and maintain critical public services. This is where India, with its youthful population and expanding training infrastructure, can position itself as a credible global partner.

Diplomatic Push

Several initiatives have already been launched. For instance, Germany is expanding its Skilled Worker Visa program, while Japan has increased the categories of apprenticeship visas available for Indians.

There are ongoing discussions with Eastern European countries regarding recognising Indian driving licenses. Meanwhile, India is signing Government-to-Government migration agreements with countries such as Australia, Austria, Denmark, Italy, and the UK. Through the Young Professionals Scheme, up to 3,000 Indians each year can reside and work in the UK for two years.

Eight-Point Strategy

India must implement an eight-point agenda to address these challenges effectively. First, it is essential to strengthen institutional coordination between central and state Governments. Second, a national migration agency should be established, incorporating international best practices.

Third, skill certification requirements need to align with global standards. Fourth, a national industry association should be created to oversee and facilitate international mobility. Fifth, frameworks for migrant financing and insurance should be developed. Sixth, a new regulatory system must be implemented to monitor recruitment agencies and prevent exploitation. Seventh, support for the reintegration of returnees should be enhanced. Finally, bilateral and multilateral agreements must safeguard labour rights and welfare.

The Way Forward

The developed world does not require capital; it requires skilled, mobile, and motivated individuals. As ageing economies seek workforce support, India is uniquely positioned to provide this talent. With a cohesive strategy, legal and ethical frameworks, and a visionary approach, India can become the world's hub for credible, trained, and empowered individuals. The next wave of growth will not be driven by capital or commodities but by a capable workforce.

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Chirag Paswan's political chess: General seat, BJP and family feud

Those who had predicted that Chirag Paswan would contest from a reserved seat were proven wrong when it was announced that he would enter the Bihar Assembly elections from a general seat. The Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) has officially decided that Chirag Paswan will contest from an unreserved constituency — a significant political move, marking his first foray into state assembly politics. A resolution confirming this was passed at a party meeting, and now Chirag is poised to establish his own political turf — ready, like Hanuman, for a trial by fire.

What prompted this bold decision? A significant undercurrent of pressure seems to be at play. The recent meeting between former LJP MP Pashupati Kumar Paras and Prince Raj Paswan with Union Home Minister Amit Shah has undoubtedly raised the political temperature for Chirag. During the last session of Parliament, Chirag made several statements that seemed at odds with the BJP's stance — on issues such as the creamy layer in reservations, lateral appointments, and the Waqf Board Amendment Act, 2024. His assertive tone unexpectedly invigorated the INDIA bloc, sparking speculation about a potential political shift in Bihar.

In response, the BJP appeared to send a subtle message — neither Pashupati Paras nor Prince Raj is off-limits. The saffron party held individual meetings with several LJP MPs, leaving Chirag visibly unsettled. Even MPs close to the Paswan family were forced to issue clarifications. Meanwhile, RJD MLA Mukesh Roshan claimed that the BJP was in touch with three of Chirag's MPs. It seemed like an orchestrated pressure tactic by the BJP — an indirect attempt to rein in Chirag and remind him of the options available to

According to Sangh sources, the BJP prefers the LJP to remain united under a single umbrella. They believe that splitting the Paswan vote through multiple factions could weaken its effectiveness. Yet, the BJP has always been adept at quiet, incremental consolidation. In the Lok Sabha elections, Pashupati Paras was appeased with promises, while Upendra Kushwaha was accommodated in the Rajya Sabha. Now, Paras has his hopes pinned on the 2025 assembly elections — but he also knows that neither the BJP nor JDU is likely to sacrifice seats to accommodate him separately.

In the upcoming NDA seat — sharing arrangement, both Chirag and Paras will have to find a way to coexist within the limited number of seats allocated to LJP. If they fail to reconcile, it could deepen the rift and weaken the alliance. A splintered LJP — with Rashtriya Lok



Janshakti Party (Paras faction) potentially fielding candidates against Chirag — might end up damaging the NDA by splitting the Paswan vote.

There's also a looming risk that the Paras faction could drift toward the

This possibility gains traction considering that Chirag Paswan faces opposition from within his extended family. RJD leader and Ram Vilas Paswan's son-in-law, Anil Kumar Sadhu, often targets Chirag publicly. In the Congress camp, Sunny Paswan — son of Nitish Kumar's minister Maheshwar Hazari — is also gearing up to challenge Chirag. Former Samastipur MP Prince Raj Paswan, too, could

emerge as a contender.

Despite these tensions, Pashupati Paras has indicated that he's open to reconciliation. In media statements, he has hinted that the relationship with his nephew can be mended, famously saying, "Blood is blood." Paras has even expressed this wish to the NDA leadership. But Chirag has remained firm. In interviews, he has reminded everyone how Paras had once broken away with MPs from Ram Vilas Paswan's original party and evicted him from the party office founded by his father. At that time, Chirag remarked, Paras saw neither his nephew nor his own brother's son.

RAJESH

KUMAR SINGH

This political and personal tug-of-war is emblematic of a deeper struggle within Bihar's NDA ranks. Some believe the BJP is engaged in damage control, attempting to keep both factions

of the LJP under a manageable umbrella. During the Lok Sabha elections, it was Pashupati Paras who bore the brunt of this internal cold war — losing both his ministerial berth and MPs. When he asked for a ticket for his ally Sunil Pandey in the Tarari bypoll, BJP denied the request.

Still, during his recent meeting with Amit Shah, Paras reiterated his party's commitment to supporting the NDA in the 2025 assembly elections. Yet, his political future remains uncertain, caught between fading influence and limited bargaining power.

Historically, LJP's performance in state elections has been inconsistent. In 2015, when it was part of the NDA, it contested 42 seats and won only two. In 2020, when Chirag went solo, the party contested 143 seats but won just one. The 2025 assembly elections will be the first time LJP contests as part of a broader NDA coalition that includes BJP, JDU, HAM, and RLM. BJP and JDU are expected to contest an equal number of seats — perhaps 100 each — leaving limited space for allies like LJP.

Currently, a political "Laxman Rekha" has been drawn: Chirag Paswan's brother-in-law has been appointed Chairman of the SC Commission, and Jitan Ram Manjhi's son-in-law as Vice-Chairman-indicating NDA's effort to balance caste dynamics and internal ambitions. But the road to 2025 remains rocky, with family rivalries, alliance tensions, and a changing electoral map all in play.

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IICT: India's Bold Leap into the Creative Future at WAVES 2025

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The announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit-WAVES 2025 in Mumbai last month to establish the Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) is not just an only budgetary provision but a firm determination and bold declaration of the leadership with intent — "Na ruka hai, na rukega, ye desh hamesha aage hi badega". The allocation of ₹400 crore for setting up IICT in Mumbai signals to the world that India is ready to lead in creativity, innovation, and digital transformation.

The WAVES 2025 was a celebration of artistic excellence that brought together the nation's dreamers and creators. In addition to recognising their talent, the event honoured a diverse group of innovators and storytellers, demonstrating the leadership's strong commitment to creating new opportunities for the country's creative economy. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw aptly put it that IICT will catalyse a new kind of economy rooted in imagination, technology, and cultural strength.

More than just an event, WAVES 2025 reflects our identity and roots. As technology changes how we create and share stories, this year's theme encourages us to stay connected to our heritage. It's about making room for every voice, every story, and every tradition-while keeping creativity fair, accessible, and ethical. WAVES 2025 stands for a future that blends innovation with identity.

It invites us to grow while staying true to who we are, letting our history guide and inspire the stories of tomorrow. As we move forward, supporting local ideas, traditions, and cultural expressions alongside modern creativity is just as

important. More than an academic institution, IICT is poised to become a national launchpad for imagination. It aligns with the aspirations of millions of young Indians who don't just want to consume global digital content but are ready to create, lead, and shape it. With the right infrastructure and leadership vision, IICT offers a platform to translate raw talent into global — class innovation. In the age of innovation, creativity is the new capital — and India is investing in its brightest minds. This announcement comes at a pivotal time. During the YUGM Conclave in April this year, the Prime Minister emphasised a simple yet powerful truth: We have limited time and resources, but there is much to achieve. IICT represents a strategic response to this urgency — an ambitious leap toward a high-growth, innovation-led economy. This is more than an institution; it is a movement — a call for creators to rise. build, and lead from the front. Importantly, the evolution from 'Kala' (art) to Code, showcased at WAVES 2025, unites technology, storytelling, scripture, science, and script into one integrated national vision. This journey isn't just cultural — it is economic. Through AR and VR, ancient knowledge is not only preserved but repurposed. These technologies are being used not only to bring scriptures alive but also to assist in complex medical surgeries, helping doctors plan better and make safer decisions.

This transformation also highlights a deeper truth: creativity is foundational to success in key sectors like education, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing. Creative thinking drives human — centred solutions, whether it's the design of digital classrooms, intuitive medical tools, or smart factories. IICT recognises this and places creative capacity at the core of India's future growth model.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called WAVES 2025 a wave of "culture, creativity, and universal connection". He urged the young people to tell the world the "1 billion untold stories." With its enormous population, he emphasised, India is a "land of a billionplus stories," rich in sports, science, culture, and other fields. "When the world is looking for new ways of storytelling, India has a history of stories which is

timeless and thought-provoking," he said, calling on the WAVES platform to carry this legacy forward globally. Highlighting the global appeal of Indian narratives, he noted that "foreign audiences are watching Indian content through subtitles" and spoke of the growing influence of OTT platforms: "Screen size is small but the scope is huge. Screen is micro but

growth is significant."

IICT will also be the first-of-its-kind institution where storytelling transforms from a cultural tradition into a thriving economic avenue. In India, storytelling isn't just entertainment — it's heritage. From the heartfelt "Dadi-Nani

ki kahaniyan" to the moral — rich tales passed through generations, storytelling has always been the soul of Indian wisdom. But in today's fast-paced digital era, this chapter of our cultural legacy is at risk of fading. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision is not to preserve heritage through nostalgia but to anchor it in opportunity. As he rightly observed, "In today's world, only that which creates value can sustain visibility." IICT transforms heritage from memory into prosperity by turning storytelling into a technology — supported profession.

The Government of India's decision to prioritise the creative economy is among the most futuristic and visionary acts of leadership. The policy of "Virasat Bhi, Vikas Bhi" is not only poetic but powerful. To survive in today's competitive world, imagination must not just be preserved; it must be empowered and rewarded. IICT is that empowerment. From idea to execution, India is investing in its creative, digital, and cultural future. The future isn't waiting, and neither is India.

(The writer is a freelance journalist. Views expressed are personal)



WORLD 08

Israeli forces seize Gaza-bound aid boat, detain Greta Thunberg, other activists

sraeli forces seized a Gazabound aid boat and detained Greta Thunberg and other activists who were on board early Monday, enforcing a longstanding blockade of the Palestinian territory that has been tightened during the war with

The activists had set out to protest Israel's ongoing military campaign in the Gaza Strip, which is among the deadliest and most destructive since World War II, and its restrictions on the entry of humanitarian aid, both of which have put the territory of some 2 million Palestinians at risk of famine.

The Freedom Flotilla Coalition, which had organized the voyage, said the activists were "kidnapped by Israeli forces" while trying to deliver desperately needed aid to the territory. "The ship was unlawfully boarded, its



unarmed civilian crew abduct-Foreign Ministry portraved ed, and its life-saving cargo the voyage as a public relations including baby formula, food stunt, saying in a post on X that and medical supplies - confis-"the selfie yacht of the celebrities is safely making its way to cated," it said in a statement. It the shores of Israel". It said the said the ship was seized in activists would return to their international waters some 200 kilometres from Gaza. Israel's home countries and the aid

would be sent to Gaza through established channels. It circulated footage of what appeared to be Israeli military personnel handing out sandwiches and water to the activists, who were wearing orange life vests. Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani, an

said the ship was still en route to Israel around midday Monday. It was expected to dock at the port of Ashdod. A weeklong voyage

Thunberg, a climate campaigner, was among 12 activists aboard the Madleen, which set sail from Sicily a week ago. Along the way, it had stopped on Thursday to rescue four migrants who had jumped overboard to avoid being detained by the Libyan coast guard. "I urge all my friends, family and comrades to put pressure on the Swedish government to release me and the others as soon as possible," Thunberg said in a pre-recorded message released after the ship was halted.

Rima Hassan, a French member of the European Parliament who is of Palestinian descent, was also among the volunteers on board. She has been barred from entering Israel because of her opposition to Israeli policies toward the Palestinians.

citizens aboard the boat. French President Emmanuel Macron asked Israel to allow them to return to France as soon as possible, his office said in a statement.

Adalah, a rights group in Israel that said it was representing the activists, said Israel had "no legal authority" to take over the ship because it was in international waters and because it was headed not to Israel but to the "territorial waters of the state of Palestine".

"The arrest of the unarmed activists, who operated in a civilian manner to provide humanitarian aid, amounts to a serious breach of international law," Adalah said in a state-

After a 21/2-month total blockade aimed at pressuring Hamas, Israel started allowing some basic aid into Gaza last month, but humanitarian workers and experts have warned of famine unless the blockade is lifted and Israel ends its military offensive.

NATO needs to increase defence by 400 per cent

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TATO members need to increase their air and missile defences by 400 per cent to counter the threat from Russia, the head of the military alliance plans to say on Monday.

Secretary-General Mark Rutte will say during a visit to London that NATO must take a "quantum leap in our collective defence" to face growing instability and threats, according to extracts released by NATO before Rutte's speech.

Rutte is due to meet UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer at 10 Downing St. Ahead of a NATO summit in the Netherlands where the 32nation alliance is likely to commit to a big hike in military spending.

Like other NATO members, the UK has been reassessing its defence spending since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Starmer has pledged to increase British defence spending to 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product by 2027 and to 3 per cent by

Rutte has proposed a target of 3.5 per cent of economic output on military spending and another 1.5 per cent on "defence-related expenditure" such as roads, bridges, airfields and sea ports. He said last week he is confident the alliance will agree to the target at its summit in The Hague on June 24-25.

At the moment, 22 of the 32 member countries meet or exceed NATO's current 2 per

The new target would meet a demand by President Donald Trump that member states spend 5 per cent of gross domestic product on defence. Trump has long questioned the value of NATO and complained that the US provides security to European countries that don't contribute enough.

Rutte plans to say in a speech at the Chatham House think tank in London that NATO needs thousands more armoured vehicles and millions more artillery shells, as well as a 400 per cent increase in air and missile defence.

Italians head to referendum on citizenship, labour

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talians headed to the polls Monday on the second and Ifinal day of referendums that would make it easier for children born in Italy to foreigners to obtain citizenship, and on providing more job pro-

But partial data showed a low turnout, well below the required 50 per cent plus one threshold, risking to invalidate the vote.

Campaigners for the change in the citizenship law say it will help second-generation Italians born in the country to non-European Union parents better integrate into a culture they already see as theirs.

Partial data from Italy's Interior Ministry published at 2100 GMT on Sunday showed that national turnout stood at 22.7 per cent, just over half of the 41 per cent registered at the same time of the day in the latest comparable referendum held in 2011. The polling stations close later Monday at 1300 GMT.

The new rules, if passed, could affect about 2.5 million foreign nationals who still struggle to be recognised as citizens. The measures were proposed by Italy's main union and left-wing opposition parties. Premier Giorgia Meloni showed up at the polls on Sunday evening but didn't cast a ballot - an action widely crit-

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ussia launched 479 drones at Ukraine in

the war's biggest overnight drone bom-

bardment, the Ukrainian air force said on

Monday. Apart from drones, 20 missiles of var-

ious types were fired at different parts of

Ukraine, according to the air force, which said

the barrage targeted mainly central and west-

ern areas of Ukraine. Ukraine's air defences

icised by the left as antidemocratic, since it won't contribute to reaching the necessary threshold to make the vote

"While some members of her ruling coalition have openly called for abstention, Meloni has opted for a more subtle approach," said analyst Wolfango Piccoli of the Teneo consultancy based in London. "It's yet another example of her trademark fence-sitting.

Rights at stake, Supporters say this reform would bring Italy's citizenship law in line with many other European countries, promoting greater term residents.

It would also allow faster access to civil and political rights, such as the right to vote, per cent of Italians were aware eligibility for public employment and freedom of move-

ment within the EU. 'The real drama is that neither people who will vote 'yes' nor those who intend to vote 'no' or abstain have an idea of what (an) ordeal children born the required quorum.

Russia launched 479 drones,

says Ukrainian air force

from foreigners have to face in this country to obtain a residence permit," said Selam Tesfaye, an activist and campaigner with the Milan-based human rights group Il Cantiere.

Activists and opposition parties also denounced the lack of public debate on the measures, accusing the governing centreright coalition of trying to dampen interest in sensitive issues that directly impact immigrants and workers.

In May, Italy's AGCOM communications authority lodged a complaint against RAI state television and other broadcasters over a lack of social integration for long- adequate and balanced cover-

> Opinion polls published in mid-May showed that only 46 of the issues driving the referendums. Turnout projections were even weaker for a vote scheduled for the first weekend of Italy's school holidays, at around 35 per cent of around 50 million electors, well below

destroyed 277 drones and 19 missiles in mid-

flight, an air force statement said, claiming that

only 10 drones or missiles hit their target. It was

not possible to independently verify the claim.

evening and end in the morning, because

of Ukraine with Shahed drones during the more

drones are harder to spot in the dark

Russia's aerial attacks usually start late in the

Russia has relentlessly battered civilian areas

Third UN Ocean Conference opens in France

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Nice

the third UN Ocean Conference opened on Monday as pressure mounts for nations to turn decades of promises into real protection for the sea.

French President Emmanuel Macron, delivering the keynote address in the host city of Nice, urged countries to move "from words to deeds" in safeguarding the oceans.

He warned "the fight for the ocean is at the heart of the years-long battles we've been waging - for biodiversity, climate, our environment and

The conference comes as just 2.7 per cent of the ocean is effectively protected from destructive extractive activities, according to the nonprofit Marine Conservation Institute.

agreed under the "30x30" pledge to conserve 30 per cent of land and sea by 2030. Atop this year's agenda is

marine protected areas in That's far below the target international waters, which cover nearly two-thirds of the ocean and are largely



with countries just fishing anywhere without any sort of regulation, and that needs to change," said Mauro Randone, regional projects manager at the World Wildlife Fund's Mediterranean Marine

ungoverned. "The high seas belong to "It's the Wild West out there everyone and no one practical-"The high seas belong to

ly at the same time, and countries are finally committing to establish some rules."

The ocean is critical in stabilising Earth's climate and sustaining life. It generates 50 per cent of the oxygen we breathe, absorbs around 30 per cent of carbon dioxide emissions and captures more than 90 per cent of the excess heat caused by those emissions. Without a healthy ocean, experts warn, climate goals will remain out of reach.

The treaty will only come into force once 60 countries ratify it. As of Monday, just 32 countries had. Advocates hope UNOC can build enough momentum to cross the threshold, which would allow for the first official Oceans Conference of Parties.

"Two-thirds of the ocean is areas beyond national jurisdiction - that's half our planet," said Minna Epps, director of global ocean policy the International Union for Conservation of Nature. "We

cent of the ocean if it doesn't include the high seas." South Korea, France and the European Union have cham-

cannot possibly protect 30 per

pioned the treaty, but most large ocean nations have yet to ratify it, including the rest of the G20. Thousands of attendees are expected in Nice from delegates and heads of state to scientists and industry leaders. The United States has yet to confirm a formal dele-Moving from protections

on paper to something real

Beyond new commitments, the conference highlights the growing gap between marine protection declarations and real-world conservation.

France, the conference cohost, claims to have surpassed the 30 per cent target for marine protection. But environmental groups say only 3 per cent of French waters are fully protected from harmful activities like bottom trawling

Protests intensify in Los Angeles after Trump deploys troops parked on the closed south-PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

densions in Los Angeles escalated on Sunday as thousands of protesters took to the streets in response to President Donald Trump's extraordinary deployment of the National Guard, blocking off a major freeway and setting self-driving cars on fire as law enforcement used tear gas, rubber bullets and flash bangs to control the crowd.

Many protesters dispersed as evening fell and police declared an unlawful assembly, a precursor to officers moving in and making arrests of people who don't leave.

Some of those remaining threw objects at police from behind a makeshift barrier that spanned the width of a street and others hurled chunks of concrete, rocks, electric scooters and fireworks at California Highway Patrol officers and their vehicles

ran under an overpass to take

Sunday's protests in Los Angeles, a sprawling city of 4 million people, were centred in several blocks of downtown. It was the third and most intense day of demonstrations against Trump's immigration crackdown in the region, as the arrival of around 300 Guard troops spurred anger and fear among many residents.

The Guard was deployed specifically to protect federal buildings, including the downtown detention centre where protesters concentrated.

Los Angeles Police Chief Jim McDonnell said officers were "overwhelmed" by the remaining protesters. He said they included regular agitators who show up at demonstrations to cause trouble.

Several dozen people were arrested throughout the week-



Multiple Waymo taxis burn near the Metropolitan Detention Center of downtown Los Angeles

detained Sunday for throwing he wrote. a Molotov cocktail at police,

and another for ramming a motorcycle into a line of offi-Trump responded to

McDonnell on Truth Social, telling him to arrest protesters in face masks. "Looking really bad in L.A.

BRING IN THE TROOPS!!!"

Clashes escalate as **National Guard troops** arrive

Starting in the morning, the troops stood shoulder to shoulder, carrying long guns and riot shields as protesters shouted "shame" and "go

bers, another set of uniformed officers advanced on the group, shooting smoke-filled canisters into the street. Minutes later, the Los

approached the guard mem-

Angeles Police Department fired rounds of crowd-control munitions to disperse the protesters, who they said were assembled unlawfully. Much of the group then moved to block traffic on the 101 freeway until state patrol officers cleared them from the roadway by late afternoon.

Nearby, at least four self-driving Waymo cars were set on fire, sending large plumes of black smoke into the sky and exploding intermittently as

the electric vehicles burned. By evening, police had issued an unlawful assembly order shutting down several blocks of downtown Los Angeles. Flash bangs echoed out every few seconds into the

Trump banned travel to US by citizens of 12 countries citing national securities

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resident Donald Trump has banned travel to the US by citizens of 12 countries and restricted access for those from seven others, citing national security concerns in resurrecting and expanding a hallmark policy from his first term that will mostly affect people from Africa and the Middle

The ban announced applies to citizens of Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, the Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

The heightened restrictions apply to people from Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela who are outside the US and don't hold a valid visa.

The policy took effect Monday and does not have an

How Trump justified

Since returning to the White House, Trump has launched a campaign of immigration enforcement that has pushed the limits of executive power and clashed with federal judges trying to restrain him.

The travel ban stems from a January 20 executive order Trump issued requiring the Department of State, Department of Homeland Security and the Director of National Intelligence to compile a report on "hostile attitudes"

toward the US. The aim is to "protect its citizens from aliens who intend to commit terrorist attacks, threaten our national security,



President Donald Trump (right) speaks with reporters as Secretary of State Marco Rubio listens upon arriving at Morristown Municipal Airport in Morristown, NJ, en route to Camp David, Md on Sunday

espouse hateful ideology, or otherwise exploit the immigration laws for malevolent purposes", the administration said.

In a video posted on social

media, Trump tied the new ban

to a terrorist attack Sunday in

Boulder, Colorado, saying it

underscored the dangers posed by some visitors who overstay

The man charged in the attack is from Egypt, a country that is not on Trump's restricted list. US officials say he overstayed a tourist visa.

Who is exempt from the

 Green card holders •Dual citizens, including US citizens who also have citizenship of one of the banned

countries Some athletes: athletes and their coaches travelling to the US for the World Cup, Olympics or other major sporting event as determined by the

US secretary of state Afghans who worked for the US government or its allies in Afghanistan and are holders of Afghan special immigrant visas Iranians belonging to an ethnic or religious minority who

are fleeing prosecution •Certain foreign national employees of the US government who have served abroad for at least 15 years, and their spouses and children

People who were granted asylum or admitted to the US as refugees before the ban took

•People with US family members who apply for visas in connection to their spouses, children or parents Diplomats and foreign gov-

ernment officials on official Those travelling to UN headquarters in New York solely on official UN business

Representatives of international organisations and NATO on official visits in the US. •Children adopted by US cit-

Which countries are affected

Trump said nationals of countries included in the ban pose "terrorism-related" and "publicsafety" risks, as well as risks of

overstaying their visas. He also said some of these countries had "deficient" screening and vetting or have historically refused to take back their citizens. His findings rely extensively on an annual Homeland Security report about tourists, businesspeople and students who overstay US visas and arrive by air or sea, singling out countries with high percentages of nationals who remain after their visas expired. "We don't want them,"

Trump said. The inclusion of Afghanistan angered some supporters who have worked to resettle its people. The ban makes exceptions for Afghans on special immigrant visas, who were generally the people who worked most closely with the US government during the

two-decade war there. The list can be changed, the

ment, if authorities in the designated countries make "material improvements" to their own rules and procedures. New countries can be added "as threats emerge around the **State Department**

administration said in a docu-

guidance

The State Department instructed US embassies and consulates on Friday not to revoke visas previously issued to people from the 12 countries listed in the ban.

In a cable sent to all US diplomatic missions, the department said "no action should be taken for issued visas which have already left the consular section" and that "no visas issued prior to the effective date should be revoked pursuant to this proclamation".

WORLD 09

Hamid returns to Bangladesh month after departure sparked uproar

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angladesh's former president Abdul Hamid, who served two terms during deposed premier Sheikh Hasina's regime, returned to the country on Monday after receiving medical treatment abroad.

The 81-year-old ex-president returned from Thailand a month after his "secret departure" sparked protests in Bangladesh for being allowed to leave despite being accused in a murder case.

"He landed here in predawn hours on a Thai Airways flight. He left the airport on completion of required immigration formalities that took nearly an hour and a half," an official of the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) told reporters.

Hamid returned like other ordinary passengers, said HSIA Executive Director



Group Captain SM Ragib Samad. Private TV channels also shared footage of his car leaving the airport.

He left Dhaka on May 8 through the same airport after completing the required formalities but his quiet departure sparked loud protests.

Leaders and activists of the student-led National Citizen Party (NCP), which led last Yunus's interim Government formed two inquiry committees, one of which comprised three advisers. The authorities also sus-

pended two police officers and withdrew another from his assignment in airport immigration on charges of "negligence of duty".

time. Following the protests,

Chief Adviser Muhammad

During a routine visit to a police station in the capital on Monday, home adviser Chowdhury said that the question of Hamid's arrest upon his arrival did not arise as there was no warrant against him.

He added that an investigation into the case was underway and Hamid would face legal actions if he were found guilty of committing any crime.

Media reports and sources close to Hamid said he was diagnosed with cancer and was getting treated in

"The former president went to Thailand for medical treatment. We allowed it as there is no court order against him or embargo by any agency," the Daily Star newspaper reported at that time, quoting an unnamed source.

Hamid is one of the accused in a murder case in his hometown in northern Kishorganj. The case was lodged in connection with last year's violent movement, also dubbed the July Uprising, led by Students against Discrimination (SAD), a large part of which later emerged as NCP.

Deposed premier Hasina, her expatriate son Sajeeb Wajed Joy and daughter Saima Wazed Putul, stationed in New Delhi as the WHO regional director for Southeast Asia, were also named in the case.

The NCP and SAD called Hamid a "cohort" of Hasina though he completed his term months ahead of the ouster of the past regime on August 5, 2024.

Pakistan delegation in UK following talks in US over conflict with India

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Pakistan's high-level delegation led by former foreign minister. Pri eign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has arrived in the UK following diplomatic engagements in New York over the recent military conflict with India, a media report said.

The nine-member group on Sunday held talks with United Nations representatives, diplomats from member states, and senior US officials to present Pakistan's narrative on the conflict following the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives, The Express Tribune reported.

In response to the Pahalgam terror attack, India targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, following which Islamabad resorted to military action, leading to clashes between the two countries' military.

"Our message was clear -Pakistan seeks peace," former foreign secretary Jalil Abbas Jilani, a member of the delegation, said here.

Jilani said Islamabad sought the resolution of all issues, including the Indus Waters Treaty, through dialogue.

Speaking to the media, lawmaker Khurram Dastgir highlighted the regional impact of the water dispute and called for the restoration of the 1960 World Bank-mediated treaty, which India said remained in abeyance until Islamabad ended its support for crossborder terrorism.

"We explained to US officials that India's suspension of the treaty endangers the livelihood of 240 million people and undermines the region's stability," he said.

Dastgir stressed the water dispute was a matter of survival for Pakistan, asserting the country would not compromise on it.

He pointed out that the Americans initially assumed the ceasefire brokered by US President Donald Trump required no further involvement. "Our mission was to make them understand that intervention is necessary as India wants neither a neutral inquiry nor talks,"

Dastgir said. Trump claimed to have played a role in stopping hostilities between India and Pakistan following the

Pahalgam attack, a claim rejected by India. New Delhi has rejected a

third-party intervention on bilateral issues with Islamabad. Senator Sherry Rehman, another member of the group,

said the mission was focused on advocating for peace and ensuring the water treaty and Kashmir issue remained on the international agenda. In the UK, the delegation is

expected to meet senior British officials to highlight Pakistan's stance on the conflict and its broader implications.

British Foreign Secretary David Lammy recently visited both Islamabad and New Delhi.

"We want stability, but recognise the fragility of the situation, particularly in the context of terrorism," Lammy

Explosion at US air base in southern **Japan injures** four Japanese soldiers

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n explosion at a storage site for unexploded ordnances at a US military base on Japan's southern island of Okinawa injured four Japanese soldiers, though the injuries are not life threatening, officials said on Mondav.

The four soldiers sustained finger injuries while working at a facility that belongs to Okinawa prefecture and temporarily stores unexploded ordnance, mostly from wartime and found on the island, local officials said. One of the harshest battles of World War II was fought on Okinawa.

Prefectural officials said the injuries were not life threatening, but no other details were immediately known.

The US Air Force said in a statement that the explosion occurred inside the facility managed by the Okinawa prefectural government at Kadena Air Bases munitions storage area. It said no US servicemembers were involved in the incident.

The Self Defence Force's joint staff said one of the ordinances suddenly exploded when the soldiers were inspecting it at the facility. The blast occurred when the soldiers were trying to remove rust to examine details of the unexploded ordnance, NHK television reported. The SDF said they are trying to confirm what caused the accident.

Hundreds of tons of unexploded wartime bombs, many of them dropped by the US military, remain buried around Japan and are sometimes dug up at construction sites and elsewhere. Many of them are still found on Okinawa, where about 1,856 tons of unexploded US bombs are believed to remain.

Dubai orders Mall of Emirates owner to restructure its board

vear's violent movement that

ousted former prime minister

Hasina's Awami League

Government, said authorities

let Hamid "flee" despite being

Home Affairs Adviser Retd

Lt Gen Jahangir Alam

Chowdhury had vowed to step

down if he failed to take puni-

tive action against the officials

involved, claiming he was

accused in a murder case.



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special judicial committee in Dubai has reportedly ordered the parent company of one of the region's retail giants to restructure its board, trying to end years of turmoil after the death of its billionaire founder and secure the future of the owner of the Mall of the Emirates.

The changes at Majid Al Futtaim come as Dubai tries to guide the family-run businesses that powered the citystate's growth in the United Arab Emirates through generational change.

Authorities also likely want to avoid any further infighting that could slow down the growth of a firm that long has made hiring Emiratis a key goal. The Financial Times first reported on the changes to Majid Al Futtaim's board, saying it came at the orders of a government-established special judicial committee.

In 2022, Dubai's ruler, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, established a special judicial committee to look after the estate

of Majid Al Futtaim's founder also named Majid Al Futtaim — following his

Responding to questions Monday from The Associated Press, the company appeared to acknowledge the changes at Majid Al Futtaim Capital, which oversees its group of companies. The changes "reflect a shareholder-led effort to evolve governance in line with the long-term interests of the Group", the company said in a statement.

"These changes do not affect the operations or governance of Majid Al Futtaim Holding. Majid Al Futtaim continues to operate under an independent board and strong oversight."

Dubai's government did not respond to a request for comment.

The Financial Times described Majid Al Futtaim's parent company as now being overseen by five government and four family representatives. Succession battles aren't unusual in the United Arab Emirates, where family-run businesses dominate private enterprise. Rulers have given merchant families broad control over different sectors in exchange for the promise of big investments and fastpaced development.

But over the years, that economic strategy has caused headaches for authorities. who have intervened when patriarchs die and tensions between disgruntled relatives boil over.

Majid Al Futtaim is a mainstay of the local consumer economy. It's also a giant in the broader Gulf Arab region, owning and operating prominent hotels, entertainment venues and shopping malls.

Its portfolio includes the Mall of the Emirates, a major tourist draw in Dubai that houses the Middle East's firstever indoor ski slope. It also runs regional franchises for global brands, including Lego. Majid Al Futtaim's revenues last year topped \$9 billion.

As crown prince in the 1990s, Sheikh Mohammed mediated a succession dispute between Al Futtaim, the founder, and a cousin. Al Futtaim used the funds from that settlement to start his namesake company.

70 per cent people surveyed in US favour global climate policy: Study

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climate policy at the global level to tackle warming All level to tackie warming might be strongly backed by public, a study has claimed. Global carbon pricing, coupled with a system of redistributing the revenues — either among citizens or for investing in mitigating climate change -- is considered by economists as a 'reference climate policy' as it can both reduce emissions and promote equity.

Co-authored by researchers at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany, the study, in 2021, surveyed over 40,000 people from 20 countries, which account for about three-quarters of the global carbon emissions. The team found a "strong and genuine" support for global climate policy, with 70 per

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Finance Ltd, for the property i.e. Southern Property No. NW-152, area measuring 60 sq. yds., Portion of Plot No. 152, Out of Khasra No. 3/10, situated in the area of Village Khyala, Delhi State Delhi hereinafter referred to as "said property". That Mr Lalit Kumar Jha made us understand that, the saic property was transferred several times on the basis of GPA, ATS and Will and finally Mrs. Manjee Kaur (purchasers as por last transaction GPA purchased the same on the basis of GPA/ATS/Wild lated 09/08.1996. That, Mrs. Manjeet Kaur were absolute owners of the said property. Now, I would like to announce to general public than any person who is having any right, title or interest against that property/share or documents may come to our Delhi office within seven days and rende their claim with documentary valid evidence. If any see the same would be treated as unclaimed and unrebutted and moved forth accordingly.

rebutted and moved forth accordingly. M/S PASS & ASSOCIATES LL B-132, L.G.F, Malviya Naga New Delhi-110017, Mob: 999111600

cent people favouring it in the US and 94 per cent in Japan.

The findings, published in the journal Nature Human Behaviour, also showed that respondents backed policies, including a global carbon pricing scheme, in which the remaining global emissions budget — how much can we emit more before we breach 2 degrees Celsius warming — is divided according to population, with countries receiving emission rights they can trade.

"We were pleasantly surprised by the results. Politicians should not be too afraid of citizens when pushing ahead with global climate protection," coauthor Linus Mattauch, head of societal transition and wellbeing research group at Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, said.

A second survey, conducted in 2023 among 8,000 people in the US and European Union, showed that the respondents supported a concrete timeline for carbon pricing — with, for example, \$90 per tonne of carbon dioxide in 2030, and a per capita reimbursement of \$30 per month for every adult worldwide. This would be a

substantial financial inflow to the Global South, where per capita carbon emissions are relatively low and where 30 dollars has more purchasing power than in the wealthy Global North, researchers said.

They added that three-quarters of the participants in the EU, and more than half in the US, expressed support for the idea, despite understanding that their own country might incur a financial loss under these conditions.

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All other terms & conditions remain unchanged. The Corrigendum has

NORTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

n reference to above tender, the payment term has been revised

No. GSU_DLI_SNT_15 dated 09.06.2025

Ref: i) Tender Notice No. 05/2025-26 dated 17.04.2025

ii) Tender No. 15245006A due on 13.06.2025

been published on website www.ireps.gov.in

N.I.T No.	GSU_DLI_SNT_15 dated 09.06.2025
Name of work with its location	Supply and installation of Telecom facilities in conference rooms in Office of CAO/C/RSP
	Office in Konnects Tower, New Delhi
Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 48,43,707.20/-
Bid Security deposit	Rs. 96,900.00/-
Completion period of work	06 Months
Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 11:30 hrs on 01.07.2025. Opening of tender at 11:30 hrs on 01.07.2025.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased at:	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in.

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FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, LUCKNOW

600/ I, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple

Lucknow-226007

[Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks

and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANKAPPLICANT

V/S MILESTONE TRADEX & ORS. DEFENDANTS

To, 1, Milestone Tradex, Situated At: Moon Court, Ground Floor, MC-4/001, Tower 4, Jaypee

2. Mohammed Nawed, Aged about 48 years, S/o Mohd Farooq, R/o-SP A 4/302 SPA Court

3. Tarana Adil Khan, aged about 45years, D/o Akhatr Adil Khan R/o -SP A 4/302 SPA Court

Nover-4, Near o'D. Course applied refers, Greater Notica, Surajpur, Dist.: Gautam Boudnia Nagar (U.P.) -201310 (Guarantor)

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavit (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant of his counselfully authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 14.07.2025 At 10:30 A.M. failing which the applicant be heard and decided in your absence Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this the 28th March 2025.

bsence. Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this the 26th March, 2025

Fower-4, Near Golf Course Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida, Surajpur, Distt. Gautam Buddha

Greens, Greater Noida, Distt.Gautam Buddha Nagar(U.P.)-201306 (Through Its Proprieto Mohammed Nawed) (Borrower)

ower-4, Near Golf Course Jaypee, Greater Noida, Surajpur, Distt. Gautam Buddha Naga

Tribunal (Procedure Rules))
Original Application No- 1291/2024

Kumar Verma R/o- Vill & Post-Tasing, Teh- Behror, Dist-Alwar, Rajasthan- 301701, have changed my name from Manju Bai to Manju Devi, vide affidavit dated 09/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(2190)C

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Manju Bai W/o- No.

15573629H Hav Rajender

I, Dalvir Kaur Mother of No. 10136616L Hav Hardeep Singh, R/o- Vill- Saharanpur, PO-Marara, Teh & Dist- Pathankot, Punjab- 143525, have changed my name from Dalvir Kaur to Dalbir Kaur, vide affidavit dated 09/06/2025

PD(2191)C I, Shanti Devi Mother of JC-474017W Nb/Sub Kumar, R/o- Kablana, Jhajjar, Haryana- 124104, changed my name from Shanti Devi to Shanti, vide affidavit dated 07/06/2025 Notary Public Delhi.

Notary Public Delhi.

Date- 26.03.2024

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

I, Gitaben Vajubhai Umaraniya Mother of No.14870499H Nk/MT Umraniya Hetulkumar Vajubhai, R/o- 710, Gokul Nagar, Gotri Road, Vadodara, Gujarat have changed my name from Umraniya Geeta Ben to Gitaben Vajubhai Umaraniya,

vide affidavit dated 09/06/2025

before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2193)C I, Udham Singh S/o Ajeet Singh R/o- WZ- 1329 A, 2nd Floor, Nangal Raya, Delhi-110046, do hereby declare that in my Passport (Passport No. M8587431), my wife's name has been written as Savita Devi, whereas her correct name is Sabita Rani, which may be amended accordingly for all

purposes. PD(2194)C I, Priya W/o Shri Suresh Chand R/o House No. 33/ 141, Trilok Puri Delhi-110091 have changed my name ruby to

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Recor (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Piramal Finance Limited (PFL) (Formerly Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd.) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest A 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (th "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connectio with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amount indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date

Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date Name of the Borrower(s) / Description of secured asset (immovable property) Guarantor(s) (LC No. M0151275 of Delhi 22-05-2024 / ₹3065985/- (₹ Thirty lakh Second Floor Left Hand Side Portion, Part of Property No.C-220, Having stranch) Gopal Berry (Borrower)
Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred
Land Area Measuring 107 Sq.Yds, Pertaining to The Khasra No. 18/5/3
Reena Berry (Co Borrower 1)
Eighty Five Only) NPA (06-05-2025)
Situated In the Layout Plan of South Anarkali, Punjab Sweets, Village Khureji Shahdara Delhi, East Delhi, Delhi 110051

payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

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 the prior written consent of PFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PFL as aforesaid, PFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the

Sd/- (Authorised Office

priya for all future purposes.

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Baghdad

ensions have escalated between Iraq's Central Government in Baghdad and the semiautonomous Kurdish region in the country's north in a long-running dispute over the sharing of oil revenues. The Central Government

has accused the Kurdish regional authorities of making illegal deals and facilitating oil smuggling. Baghdad cut off funding for public sector salaries in the Kurdish region ahead of the Eid al-Adha holiday. Kurdish authorities called the move "collective punishment" and threatened to retaliate.

A long-running dispute It's the latest flare-up in a long-running dispute between officials in Baghdad and Irbil,

of oil revenues. In 2014, the Kurdish region decided to unilaterally export oil through an independent pipeline to the Turkish port of Ceyhan. The central government

considers it illegal for Irbil to export oil without going through the Iraqi national oil company and filed a case against Turkiye in the International Court of Arbitration, arguing that Turkiye was violating the provisions of the Iraqi-Turkish pipeline agreement signed in 1973.

Iraq stopped sending oil through the pipeline in March 2023 after the arbitration court ruled in Baghdad's

elled to Washington, where he inked two major energy deals with US companies. The federal Government in Iraq then sued in an Iraqi court, asserting that it was illegal for the regional Government to make the deals without going

through Baghdad. Iraq cuts off funds for public employees in Kurdistan The Iraqi Ministry of

Finance announced a decision last month to halt funding for salaries of public sector employees in the Kurdistan Region. The move sparked widespread outrage in Irbil, triggering strong political and public reactions. The ministry said in a state-

laws." It added that any transfer of funds would be conditional on "the region's commitment to transparency and financial accountability." The federal Ministry of Oil accused Irbil of failing to

deliver crude oil produced in the region's fields to the ministry for export through the state-run SOMO company, which it said had led to massive financial losses amounting to billions of dollars. The ministry warned that

"continued non-compliance jeopardises Iraq's international reputation and obligations, forcing the federal government to reduce oil production in other provinces to

Government eyeing record foodgrain output: Chouhan

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ndia is likely to achieve a new record in foodgrain production during the 2025-26 kharif season starting next month, buoyed by forecasts of above-normal monsoon rains, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Chouhan said.

In an interview, Chouhan also called for stringent laws to curb the sale of fake and substandard pesticides, and better implementation of soil health cards to ensure balanced fer-

The minister, who is leading a 15-day nationwide Viksit Krishi Abhiyan (Developed Agriculture Campaign) across the country, said the outreach program ahead of kharif sowing would help refine policies and research plans to boost agricultural production.

According to the agriculture ministry's third estimate, India's foodgrain production hit a record 168.06 million tonnes in the 2024-25 kharif season. Kharif foodgrain output has risen 31.23 per cent since 2014-15.

The ongoing campaign will help further boost agriculture production in the kharif season



farmers' concerns and educate them about new technologies and practices," Chouhan said.

During visits to 10 states so far, the minister said he learned from farmers that existing crop varieties in some areas have developed resistance to emerging pests. Farmers also raised concerns about fake pesticides and sought greater protection during price crashes.

Research plans and policies for short, medium and longterm implementation will be developed based on these inputs, he said.

"With these efforts, plus

likely good monsoon, should help achieve a new record in kharif foodgrain production in 2025-26," Chouhan said.

Sowing of kharif crops like paddy begins in July with the southwest monsoon onset. Monsoon rains are projected to be normal this year.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast an above-normal southwest monsoon for the entire 2025 season (June to September).

Monsoon's progress had stalled since May 26, and IMD forecasts that after a pause, the southwest monsoon is expected to revive between June 12 and 18, 2025, advancing into central and eastern India.

As farmers prepare their fields for kharif sowing, Chouhan said, farmers complained about substandard pesticides in the market.

"We need to frame a strin-

gent law to address this. Now they get away with paying some penalty. We should come out with a strict law to punish those engaged in selling poor/substandard pesticides," he said. On pulses and oilseed production, the minister said output has improved, but India still has far to go to achieve self-

reliance and reduce import dependency.

The Government is working with a mission approach, distributing better quality seeds and educating farmers on best practices while ensuring procurement. These efforts will be intensified to address yield gaps, he added.

To tackle per-hectare yield gaps, the Government is identifying 100 districts under the Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhyan Krishi Yojana scheme.

"The contours of the schemes are getting ready and will be launched soon,"

Microfinance suffers harsh recovery practices

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icrofinance continues to suffer from the vicious cycle of over-indebtedness, high interest rates and harsh recovery practices, RBI Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao

Addressing HSBC's event for financial inclusion here last week, the senior Reserve Bank official noted that microfinance has placed itself as a promising avenue for providing formal financial services to the excluded sections of the population. While microfinance has played an important role in financial inclusion, some issues need attention, Rao said.

"The sector continues to suffer from the vicious cycle of over-indebtedness, high interest rates and harsh recovery practices. While some moderation in interest rates charged on microfinance loans has been observed in recent quarters, pockets of high interest rates and elevated margins continue to persist," he added.

Even lenders with access to low-cost funds have been found to be charging margins significantly higher than the rest of the industry and in several instances, appear to be excessive, Rao said

Lenders should look beyond the conventional "high-vielding business" tag for the sector and approach it with an empathic and developmental perspective, recognising the socio-economic role that microfinance plays in empowering vulnerable communities, the deputy governor pointed out. "The frequency of disruptions in the microfinance sector has increased of late. Incidents of high borrower indebtedness coupled with coercive recovery practices sometimes lead to tragic consequences," Rao said.

He stressed that it is in the collective interest of all stakeholders that such disruptions are pre-emptively addressed and avoided.

In this regard, he said regulated entities must also enhance their credit appraisal frameworks to prevent overleveraging

"Additionally, they must eschew any coercive or unethical recovery practices, ensuring that financial services are delivered in a manner that is both responsible and sustainable," he said. In his address, he also mentioned reports of mis-selling financial services like insurance

SEBI fines Motilal Oswal Financial Services for violating norms PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

arkets regulator SEBI on Monday imposed a penalty of ₹3 lakh on Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd for violating stock brokers' norms.

The fine needs to be paid within 45 days, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) said in its

The regulator conducted a thematic inspection of Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited on the theme 'Control over Authorised Persons' for the period from April 2022 to January 2024.

In its probe, SEBI found that trad-

ing terminals were not found at authorised places.

"During inspection, 13 terminals (NSE) were not found at the reported location. Further, on verification of trade data as on 04-03-2024, it was observed that trades have been executed from 5 out of 13 terminals, 9 terminals (BSE) were not found at the reported location, and trades have been executed from 1 terminal,"

During inspection on Verification of terminals (NSE), it was observed that 4 terminals were not operated by approved users to whom the terminals were allocated. Also, it was observed that 4 trading terminals



(BSE) were operated by users other than the approved users, it added.

Under the rule, a stock broker's hall will be liable for a monetary penalty in respect of extending the use of trading terminals to any unautho-

rised person or place.
Also, SEBI noted that Motilal Oswal Financial Services had conducted the onsite inspection of two APs (Authorised Persons) and had submitted the inspection report to BSE and NSE. However, it failed to identify fund-based activities during AP inspection and did not report fund-based activities between AP and the client to NSE in the MIS (Margin Intraday Square off) report.

Solar Federation urges extension for transmission charge waiver

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¬he National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) has urged the Government to protect the viability of numerous renewable energy projects facing risks from delays beyond the control of developers, according to a

person familiar with the matter. In the letter to the advisor to the Prime Minister's Office, the federation urged that the Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) charges waiver be extended to projects getting commissioned by June 2026

and meeting a specific criterion relating to connectivity application status, financial closure, land acquisition beyond the 50 per cent threshold, and if orders for equipment have been made.

The federation, representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders across the solar value chain, stated that while the ISTS waiver, originally announced by the Ministry of Power (MoP), has played a "pivotal role in making renewable power more competitive", its delayed implementation by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) in February 2023 left many developers in a limbo.

ISTS charges are the fees levied for using the transmission infrastructure to move electricity between states. They are imposed to cover the costs relating to building and maintaining transmission lines and other infrastructure required for interstate electricity transfer. According to an energy expert, industry estimates state that renewable energy projects of nearly ₹5 lakh crore would be impacted if the waiver of ISTS charges is not extended.

"Several RE developers made early investments, securing



land, achieving financial closure, and signing definitive agreements based on the original MoP notification," the federation said. However, due to aspects like the nearly two-year lag in CERC's ratification and these developers are now at risk of missing the commissioning deadline of June 30, 2025, making them ineligible for the

The federation flagged multiple aspects, including prolonged approvals under Section 68(1) of the Electricity Act due to an ongoing Supreme Court case on Great Indian Bustard conservation, delay in transmission planning and connectivity effectiveness, and delayed commissioning of critical transmission infrastructure.

The federation has proposed a milestone-based eligibility

Consolidation in cement to continue: Dalmia Bharat

ector consolidation in the cement industry by the big players is expected to continue as the leading companies are likely to enhance their capacity share to more than 60 pe cent in the next two years, said the Dalmia Bharat leadership.

Moreover, Dalmia Cement expects a bounce back in growth to 7-8 per cent for the cement sector in FY26, which witnessed a subdued cement demand growth of around 5 per cent last year amidst the general elections and erratic rains, according to the latest annual report of India's fourth-largest cement manufacturer.

"We believe that the demand



growth will bounce back to 7-8 per cent Y-o-Y in FY26, driven by healthy demand from all key drivers — housing, infra-structure building and private investments. The year is also expected to benefit with stronger pricing and a focus on cost savings," said its Managing

Director Gautam Dalmia and Managing Director and CEO Puneet Yadu Dalmia.

Over the pace of sectoral consolidation, they said it has increased during the last three years, and the capacity share of the top four companies has nearly 58 per cent in 2024-25. "Within this, in FY25 alone,

we witnessed 52 million tonnes of capacity changing hands," they said, addressing their shareholders. However, the overall installed cement capacity, over the last two decades, the indus try has grown at a CAGR of 5-6 per cent.

"During the next couple of years, the supply is expected to grow at 7-8per cent CAGR, which could possibly keep the sector capacity utilisation at its current levels. Within this, the industry leaders will continue to expand at a faster pace, and are thus expected to enhance their capacity share to more than 60 per cent in the next two years,"

ity is estimated to reach approximately 670 million tonnes (MT) by the end of FY25, supported by the commissioning of around 33-35 MT of new capacity during the year.

Dalmia Bharat, which achieved a cement capacity of 49.5 MTPA under Phase 1, has an ambition to increase it to 75 MTPA by FY28 and a long-term target of 110-130 MTPA in Phase II, which will be done through a mix of "organic and inorganic" capacity addition.

"Our Phase II expansion strategy will further reinforce our position as a pan-India pure-play cement player, placing us favourably on track to achieve our long term target of 110-130 MTPA," they said.

'Strike against discom privatisation in UP may affect power supply' PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

lectricity supply in the demonstrations on July country may get affected on July 9 as over 27 lakh power workers will go on a nationwide strike against the Government's decision to privatise two distribution companies (discoms) in Uttar Pradesh.

The Uttar Pradesh Government has decided to privatise Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd (PVVNL) and Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd (DVVNL), which alone cover 42 of 75 districts of the state, Shailendra Dubey, Chairman of All India Power Engineers' Federation (AIPEF),

It has also been decided to hold 2 as warning before going on a strike

said. Dubey alleged that Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd and some big officials of the Government are in collusion with selected private houses. They want to sell discom assets worth lakhs of crores to private houses at throwaway prices, Dubey alleged.

He said "the process is on to float the tender inviting bids from interested parties. We are against this, and over 27

power employees across states will hold a one-day strike in July against the privatisation of the two discoms. The strike may also affect power supply."

It has also been decided to hold demonstrations on July 2 as warning before going on a Demonstrations will be held

mainly in Hyderabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Vijayawada, Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Nagpur, Raipur, Bhopal, Jabalpur, Vadodara, Rajkot, Guwaĥati, Shillong, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Ranchi, Srinagar, Jammu, Shimla, Dehradun, Patiala, Jaipur, Kota, Hisar, and Lucknow.

Is Elon Musk about to reveal secrets about Donald Trump?



SURJIT SINGH FLORA

¬rump and Elon Musk exemplify two individuals with little intellect who attained the pinnacle of success globally, with one being the most powerful individual and the other the wealthiest person on Earth.

In fact, the conflict between US President Donald Trump and Elon Musk, the billionaire founder of Tesla and SpaceX, has generated significant discussion worldwide. The insults from the two giants have shocked many investors.

Trump's countdown seems to have started after the friendship that ended when two ungrateful friends suddenly left. Musk, The foolish may unite to overcome the virtuous; however, their cohesion is often fleeting.

who advocates for global improvement, is now determined to remove Trump from office. He proposes impeaching Trump and appointing JD Vance as the acting president. Musk said that now is the time for a big bombshell and that people should release documents related to the Jeffrey Epstein sex scandal.

In fact, Musk and Trump are close to controversies as they want to construct stairs in space to establish a new world on Mars. Their unusual behaviour and body language have garnered global media attention. Musk claims that without his assistance, Trump's second presidential bid would have failed.

Actually, Elon Musk became Trump's biggest opportunistic supporter after Trump survived a shooting attack on July 23, 2024, despite being cynical and having big plans like the former Democrat. This made Musk think that Trump's chances of winning had gone up because of the sympathy wave that followed. He spent a lot of money on his campaign, \$288 million, without thinking about it. So, he became Trump's

most trusted advisor.

However, Trump has vowed to revoke all Musk company contracts. On May 28, the Tesla CEO bluntly slammed the US president's 'Big Beautiful' tax package, highlighting their differences. Musk then left the Trump administration's Department of Government Efficiency. The surge naturally trampled investors. Tesla's stock dropped 14.2per cent after the market closed on Thursday, which cost the company \$152 billion because of the fight between Elon Musk and Donald Trump.

Trump stated on Truth Social that he might cut off Musk's Government contracts and subsidies, which have been extremely beneficial to SpaceX and Tesla. Musk criticised Trump's signature tariffs, accused him of supporting sex criminal Jeffrey Epstein, demanded his impeachment, and threatened to decommission SpaceX's cargo spaceship. Musk declared Thursday evening that SpaceX would not be dismantling its space-

Trump said Musk panicked when he learned Tesla may lose

billions due to the subsidy idea. Trump and Musk are cynical and outspoken. They talk without looking back. To delight someone, they don't take minutes. Their concept of speaking with weights is distant. Musk's cynicism stems from his Autism Spectrum

Musk used Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), a peculiar condition, to his advantage. People with ASD make eye contact while speaking. These individuals struggle to make and keep friends. He taps his feet and waves his hands. Autism causes excessive concentration on anything. This guy cannot comprehend his classmates' feelings because he thinks 'outside the box.'

Musk expressed a desire to engage with the sky and moon, citing a lack of interest in them. He contemplated alternate realms. He was unable to find peace, as his mind was perpetually occupied with thoughts of the cosmos. He persisted relentlessly until he achieved his desired outcome. He stated that he did not experience dreams during his waking hours. Due to the nature of his dreams, he is unable to find rest. Due to his peculiar behaviours, he became accustomed to perceiving perspectives

beyond those of others. Elon Musk may face challenges in his personal life, yet his recent innovations have garnered him global recognition. Numerous marriages were characterised by discontent.

He does not squander time when it comes to ending a relationship. He lacks the chance to utter 'divorce, divorce, divorce'. Upon Xavier Musk's transition to Wilson, he severed his longstanding relationship with the child. Musk has shown his support for the Democratic Party since 2008. During the presidential elections, he activeopposed the Republican Party led by Trump. Following his friendship with Trump, there was a notable shift in his ideological stance. He invested billions of dollars in securing a

victory for Trump. Trump also did everything he could to grow his business. Buying Twitter was an enormous help for Trump's campaign for president. There was a time when Trump couldn't use Twitter. When Musk bought Twitter and changed its name to "X," the first thing he did was let Trump back on. The Washington Post's "Fact Checker" had called Trump the to remain silent. biggest liar and fraud in the

world, which is intriguing. The "Fact Checker" says that

Trump misled the public by posting 30,573 false posts between January 2017 and January 2021. Still, Musk supported his loyalist Trump. The gesture was a move by a rich ousinessman to help another businessman. It's not fair to say it's a favour. They were looking out for each other's interests. Musk, who let Trump into the White House, hid all of his friend's flaws.

On June 3, 2024, a panel of three female journalists on the 'Trump Show' rigorously questioned Donald Trump. A perceptive journalist posed three inquiries simultaneously. Two inquiries pertained to documents associated with the events of 9/11 and the assassination of President John F Kennedy on November 22,

Trump consented to the disclosure of the classified materials. Trump exhibited uncertainty when responding to the third inquiry regarding the documents related to the Jeffrey Epstein sex scandal. He stated unequivocally that disclosing such information will affect numerous lives. Despite the circumstances, Musk chose

Musk remarked, 'This is the moment to deploy the truly significant weapon, as Trump's sit-

uation worsened. The mention of Trump in these documents highlights a disheartening narrative of unrestrained wealth and opulence. Jeff Epstein, originating from modest beginnings, is associated with the Jewish community, a group that has given rise to numerous Nobel laureates, including

The world notoriously recognises Epstein for his malevolent actions. Musk shared archival footage highlighting the connection between Trump and Epstein. Flight records indicate that Trump has been a passenger on Epstein's private jet since 1990.

At a minimum, 36 underage females provided testimony regarding the assaults perpetrated by Jaffrey in Palm Beach. In the initial term of the Trump administration (2019), Jaffrey took his life while incarcerated Musk posits that it was a murder intended to conceal evidence rather than a suicide. Trump will find it challenging to refute these compelling alle-

Trump and Musk are revealing each other's influence to the 10 million followers of the Truth' social account, while Musk is reaching out to the 220 million followers of the 'X'

United States ought to remain steadfast in their support for these two individuals. Trump was the selection they made. We should sound the alarm. Individuals ought to relinquish the expectation of restoring America's status as the foremost nation for them. Conversely, within the community, the recently elected Prime Minister of Canada, Mark Carney, has garnered significant acclaim for his decision to invite Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the G-7 summit, showcasing his effective leadership skills next In the end, their success

demonstrates that there is an abundance of uninformed individuals in the globe who elect such leaders and purchase their products. Albert Einstein succinctly

encapsulated the principle of the prevalence of ignorance with his renowned quote: "Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not certain about the universe." Enjoy the spectacle of two of the most hyper egoist individuals attempting to annihilate each other.

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3 Indian shooters make WC debut in Munich

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wo-time medallist Elavenil Valarivan will fancy her chances on the first competition day of ISSF World Cup here on Tuesday as three shooters from the country make their tournament debut, in the women's 10m air rifle and men's 10m air pistol events respectively.

The first two finals — the women's 10m air rifle and the men's 10m air pistol — are lined up on the opening day of the season's third World Cup (Rifle/Pistol) stage at the Olympic Shooting Range.

The National Association of India (NRAI) had sent a 22-member team for the tournament with double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker and Kiran Ankush Jadhav shooting in two individual events. Elimination and qualifications to four of the 10 events on the roster begin from Tuesday afternoon besides the two finals.

Opportunity for Indian rookies and debutants

India will field as many as three World Cup debutants in the two medal events on the opening day, with national champion Ananya Naidu in the women's event and Aditya Malra and Nishant Rawat in the men's event, starting for the first time at this level.

Arya Borse, the second Indian air rifle shooter, is also in her first senior year but has Munich range is familiar to replicate their performance in entered and around 118 con-



been in great form, making one individual final and winning two mixed team silvers in the year's first two World Cup stages in Buenos Aires and Lima respectively.

That leaves two-time Olympian and two-time individual World Cup gold medallist Elavenil and Asian Championships winner and four-time World Cup medallist Varun Tomar to don the senior's mantle in the two events. "The thing is the

most of the shooters and they have all come here several times for other events on the European circuit also, so that should not be a problem.

"They have all settled down well and are shooting well in training... So let's see," quipped national rifle coach Deepali Deshpande during pre-event training on Monday morning.

India have done very well in the first two World Cup stages in South America earlier this year and will look to

tending for medals including the Germany city. National pistol coach Samaresh Jung the three Indians. Among those 118 will be the said, "The scores are good, all are fit and fine, so we are con-

fident enough. The thing

about Munich is, it always

attracts a big and quality field

but if we are able to perform

at our best, we should be in

The women's air rifle qualifica-

tions will be spread over two

relays with a 150 plus field

the reckoning."

The Challenge

reigning Paris Olympics champion in the event Ban Hyojin of Korea as well as the bronze medallist Audrey Gogniat of Switzerland.

Also starting will be the reigning world champion Han Jiayu of China and the 2022 worlds winner Alison Weisz of the USA.

Strong challenges are also expected from the likes of women's 50m rifle 3 positions Wednesday.

(3P) Olympic champion Chiara Leonne (Switzerland), Paris Games 3P silver medallist Sagen Maddalena (USA) and Norwigian rifle legend Jeannette Hegg Duestad, among others.

In the men's air pistol China's reigning Olympic champion Xie Yu leads all three Paris medallists (Federico Maldini and Paolo Monna of Italy) in starting the event, alongside legends such as Christian Reitz (former Olympic champion) of Germany, Damir Mikec (reining mixed team Olympic champion) of Serbia, Lee Wonho (fourth in Paris) of Korea and Yusuf Dikec (Paris mixed team silver medallist) of Turkiye.

The men's pistol has 117 medal contenders in a total field of 135.

Other Indians in action

Also seen in action on day one will be the women's 25m pistol and men's 3P team. The inform troika of Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh and Simranpreet Kaur Brar, who all won individual silvers in the two South American legs, will seek high scores in the first precision stage of the event.

Likewise, the men's 3P team comprising Paris bronze medallist Swapnil Kusale and the seasoned Chain Singh, besides Kiran Jadhav, will try to navigate through the first elimination round of the event, before the qualifications and the final, takes place on

against West Indies, SA various Indian venues.

Kolkata, Delhi swap Tests

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olkata's Eden Gardens and Delhi's Arun ▲Jaitley Stadium will swap their allocated Test matches against West Indies and South Africa respectively during India's upcoming home season, the BCCI announced on Monday.

While Delhi was set to host the opening Test against South Africa from November 14-18, it will now host the second Test against West Indies starting October 10.

Though the BCCI release doesn't state the reason for the venue swap, it is understood that air pollution levels in mid-November in the National Capital Region become a health hazard like it happened during a Test match against Sri Lanka few years back. The Sri Lankan fielders were wearing masks and a few reportedly suffered from breathing problems.

It is understood that BCCI's Cricket Operations team collated the AQI data over the past few years and decided that venue swap is a viable option. India's home season starts with two WTC Tests against West Indies, starting October 2 in Ahmedabad, followed by the Delhi Test.

India then play a full three format series against South Africa starting with two Tests, followed by three ODIs and five T20 Internationals across While Kolkata hosts the

opening Test against the Guwahati's Proteas, Barsapara Stadium will become the latest Test venue as the second Test will be played from November 22 to 26. The ODIs will be held at Ranchi (November 30), Raipur (December 3) and Visakhapatnam (December 6). The five T20Is will be held at Cuttack (December 9), New Chandigarh (December 11), Dharamsala (December 14), Lucknow

Ahmedabad (December 19). Meanwhile Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) has expressed its inability to host the women's ODI series against Australia starting September 14, which was supposed to serve as a precursor to the 50-over World Cup starting September 30.

(December 17) and

Men's A series vs **Australia, South Africa**

The fringe players in Indian men's team set-up will have their hands full with BCCI hosting both Australia A and South Africa A for four 'unofficial Tests' and six List A games.

Both the touring sides will play two 'Tests' and three List A games each. Australia A series will happen in Lucknow and Kanpur while Bengaluru's COE will host the Proteas A team for the 'unofficial Tests'. Rajkot will host

India must nail conditions to do well in England: Ex-cricketers



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ormer Indian cricketers on Monday advised the Shubman Gill-led side to ace the conditions in England for a successful tour while Michael Vaughan believes that the five-Test series could be a start of "something special" for the visitors.

India are going through a transitional phase following retirements of Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and spin ace Ravichandran Ashwin, while fast bowler Mohammed Shami was not picked in the touring party. Cheteshwar Pujara said each and every player will have to contribute for the team to come up trumps.

"India's team to England must adapt quickly and play (according) to the conditions. As someone who understands batting in English conditions and team dynamics, I believe discipline, patience and support for each other are crucial," said Pujara. "Every player will need to contribute and respect the challenges that lay ahead. I am sure this tour will be a great opportunity for the growth and success of each player and the team as a whole," Pujara told Sony Sports, the official broad-

caster of India's tour to England. Former left-arm pacer Ashish Nehra also echoed the same sentiment. "To me, England tour is always challenging but it's great fun as well. Adapting to the conditions will be the key and I am sure our players are capable of doing that. Bowling wise we have the experience and stability." Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan said the sooner Indians

adapt, the better it is for them.

India's new squad faces a tough challenge in England, but as an all-rounder, I know adaptability is key. Gill's leadership, Pant's energy, and India's young talent must step up. "England's conditions test every skill — swing, seam, and temperament. If India's players adapt quickly and stay united, they can surprise England, just as we've seen in the past with new teams rising to the occasion," he said.

Start of something special for India"

India are starting a new era under the leadership of Gill and Vaughan, who led England to many memorable Test wins, said appointing the 25-year-old as their Test captain was a "bold move" and it could be a defining tour for them.

Lack of solution prompted Kohli retirement: Monty Panesar

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probable lack of solution for his recurring struggles with the ball outside the off-stump prompted Virat Kohli to take retirement from Test cricket ahead of the England tour, feels former spinner Monty Panesar. Panesar, who played 50 Tests and

helped England to a rare Test series win in India back in 2012, reckons Kohli would have found it tougher to deal with the moving ball around the off-stump than his previous tours of England. In 2018, Kohli had staged a stellar turnaround in England after a forget-

table tour of 2014 when James Anderson got the better of him in the corridor of uncertainty. "With Kohli, what has happened is that against the ball outside the off stump, the fifth stump line, especial-

ly in Australia on fast bouncy pitch-

es he was struggling," the left-arm



maybe the fact that in England it is going to swing a lot more, he'll probably hasn't worked out solutions in that corridor of uncertainty "And I

reasons why he thought to retire and put all his energy with RCB and ODI cricket for India.'

Panesar said that Kohli had the from Test cricket last month, leaving

to do the same at this stage of his career would naturally be much tougher. "I think he's done very well as a cricketer in all formats. He has been a brilliant ambassador for Test cricket. He probably feels that he's done his best, he's achieved everything and probably feels like it's time for the youngsters to

"It would a lot tougher for Kohli to repeat the same performances in 2018. Just simple fact that he's been struggling over the last 12 to 18 months with that ball outside off stump. He hasn't got a solution for that, you know problem that he has on fourth and fifth stump. "So he's thinking it's better for

Indian cricket to give youngsters a go and hopefully find the next superstar," said Panesar, who is commentating on the Saurashtra Pro T20 League.

Kohli and Rohit Sharma retired

answers to bounce back in 2018 but a huge void in the dressing room. Shubman Gill will captain the team in transition, starting with five Tests in England beginning on June 20.

England can't afford to produce green tops

While India are not high on experience, England don't have a fearsome bowling attack in the absence of Mark Wood and Jofra Archer, who might be fit for the second Test.

Panesar said it's even steven going into the first Test. "It would be an interesting series. It would depend on how India plays the swinging ball. Do they attack? Do they defend?

"It is going to be very warm, pitches are going to be flat. I don't think England would look to take home advantage. They will produce neutral pitches. They can't play Bazball on a seaming pitches. That will also play into the hands of Indian batters as they would like playing on flat pitches.

Bumrah message filled Cameron Green with confidence ahead of his surgery received encouraging feed-

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"special" message from Indian pace spearhead ✓ **L**Jasprit Bumrah on the eve of Cameron Green's back surgery gave the Australian allrounder the much-needed reassurance about his decision to go under the knife.

Green had suffered a stress fracture last year. While the injury could have healed naturally over nine to twelve months, he chose to undergo surgery in October.

Jasprit Bumrah reached out the night before I was getting surgery. He was in the middle of a Test match in

India," Green told reporters. "Just a few things like that are really special and makes you feel a lot better about it. To get someone like him to reach out and then to watch him during the summer, to see how good he is obviously post-surgery, filled me with a lot of confidence," Green told reporters.

Green had spent the 2023 IPL season with the Mumbai Indians while Bumrah was sidelined, recovering from the same procedure. The Indian pace ace had missed the 2022 T20 World Cup but made a remarkable comeback postsurgery, playing a key role in India's run to the 2023 ODI World Cup final and powering



the Men in Blue to the T20 World Cup title last year.

Bumrah then cemented his red-hot form in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, where he tions, including Jason Behrendorff and New South Wales pacer Ben Dwarshuis. "The main reason for (the operation) was to shave down

some bone — I've obviously had a bit of trauma in my L4, and extra bone had just developed on that part of the spine," Green told cricket.Com.Au's 'Unplayable Podcast'. "By doing that, it forced my

back from other bowlers who

had undergone similar opera-

spine not to be able to bend as well, and it was probably smashing up against this new bone that wasn't helping it flex. That put a bit too much pressure (on the L4 vertebrae)

that I'd actually broken the facet joint on the other side, which was quite rare for a back injury," he added.

Green is expected to play the

WTC Final against South Africa, starting this week, as a specialist batter. He heads to the marquee Test on the back of three centuries in five county cricket matches for Gloucestershire. "The silver lining to having back injuries is I've got four chances only to be a batter," he said.

"I felt like my game's always been good around those periods. I'm always going to keep bowling, but you're so much more relaxed [with] half a game to worry about.

Australia's faces South Africa's ambition in WTC final

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hen it comes to major cricket finals, Australia is in a league of its own. Only Australia has won all four men's global trophies. It is hard to beat in finals, having won 10 of 13 across the 50over World Cup, 20-over World Cup, Champions Trophy, and World Test Championship. And let's not get started on the women's team, which is even more dominant.

The men go for world title Number 11 from Wednesday in the WTC final against South Africa at neutral Lord's.

That ruthless focus Australia brings on the biggest stages is in marked contrast to South Africa, a perennial underachiever. The Proteas have won just one of cricket's major international titles, the Champions Trophy's inaugural predecessor in 1998, when most of the cur-

rent Proteas were toddlers. An experienced squad — average age 29 1/2 — compensates with a bond that can't be underestimated, a determination to have each other's backs.

2023-25 WTC cycle as the Proteas, who used 30 players — more than any other team - found a run-scorer or wicket-taker at just the right time. They won their last seven tests and were first to qualify for the final.

"We haven't been super team qualified in December.

"We definitely haven't been clinical or ruthless when the opportunity or the situation is called upon. But I think what we've done is that we've found ways to make sure that the result is on our side.'

Who opens with Khawaja? Australia already had a veter-

That showed often in the

dominant in our performances," South Africa captain Temba Bavuma said when the



final by crushing India by 209 runs at the Oval. Ten of that 11 are back. Only David Warner is missing, retired

Bengaluru to a first Indian

from the test format. Medium-pace bowler Josh Hazlewood was injured and didn't play, but he's expected to replace one of the 2023 stars, Scott Boland. Hazlewood overcame a shoulder injury to spearhead Royal Challengers

with 22 wickets in 12 innings. Warner's permanent

replacement at opener still hasn't been settled. Sam Konstas made an audacious debut at age 19 in December against India, but Travis Head was preferred in Sri Lanka in February. They seem to be the main candidates.

Marnus Labuschagne has opened only once since 2016, with the knowhow to switch and his form has dropped to on when it counts.

the point of concern. He averaged just 28.33 in the WTC cycle and attempts last month to spark form at Glamorgan in the second tier of English County Championship fell flat. In the same division, allrounder Cameron Green scored three hundreds for Gloucestershire in a comeback from lower spine surgery which sidelined him for six months. But he's not ready to bowl.

It may not matter. Australia has four of its top 10 all-time leading wicket-takers in Nathan Lyon (553, third), Mitchell Starc (382, fourth), captain Pat Cummins (294, eighth), and Hazlewood (279, 10th).

Steve Smith is locked in at Number 4 in the batting order. He turned 36 last week and hasn't played in the top flight since March, just like Konstas, opener Usman Khawaja, Lyon, Boland, and wicketkeeper Alex Carey. But they're entrusted

Diksha shoots over par, out of top 10, Kouskova secures title PRESS TRUST OF INDIA a bogey on the first hole, but

Tenerife (Spain)

was named Player of the Series

after bagging 32 wickets and

leading India to their only win

in the five-match series. The

26-year-old Green also

iksha Dagar carded a dismal 1-over par 73 in the final round to finish tied 14th at the Tenerife Women's Open.

The Indian had been well placed to secure a top 10 finish after the third day but a difficult final round saw her slip five places with a cumulative score of 4-under 284.

The other Indian player to make the cut was Avani Prashanth, who after a rough third round played a fine final round of 4-under 68 and rose 23 spots to finish at tied 20th.

Sara Kouskova, who moved into the lead at the end of the third day, converted that into her second consecutive LET title. Kouskova shot 1-under 71 with five birdies, two bogeys and one double bogey. She finished at 9-under and one



shot clear of second placed German Helen Briem (70).

She has now become the third Czech player to win two LET titles alongside Klara Davidson Spilkova and Jana Melichova. Kouskova is now placed second in the order of merit. Diksha began her round on the front nine with picked up a shot on the third only to bogey the fourth and fifth holes. She gained another shot on

the sixth hole but ended the front nine with a bogey on the ninth and she was 2-over 36 for the front nine. The back nine started with a

reclaimed the lost shot with a birdie on the 13th which was followed by her final bogey of the round on the 13th. Birdies on the 15th and 17th

bogey on the 10th before Dagar

helped her gain back some ground and secure a top 15 finish for the week. Her final score for the week was four under. Starting on the back nine, Avani had already made four

birdies with only one bogey by the hallway mark. She finished her round with her fifth birdie of the day on the ninth hole and was 4-under for the day and two under for the week.

India gear up for Hong Kong test in Asian Cup Qualifiers

Kowloon (Hong Kong)

eeking its first win in the tournament, the Indian football team will face another acid test when it takes on Hong Kong in a crucial AFC Asian Cup 2027 round three qualifier match here on Tuesday.

As per reports in the local media, all 50,000 tickets for the match have been sold out, setting a new attendance record for Hong Kong football. Manolo Marquez's men will

have their task cut out as they face a Hong Kong side that has been revitalised under the guidance of manager Ashley Westwood, who knows a lot about Indian football and will certainly look to use his knowledge to the home side's advantage. Placed in Pot 1 for the qualifiers, India, ranked 127th, got off to a slow start with a draw against Bangladesh in March.

Meanwhile, Pot 2 side Hong Kong, ranked 153, also managed only a point in Singapore, meaning there is still nothing to separate the four sides in Group C after the first matchday.

For Hong Kong, the day will be a historic. The game is not only a crucial qualifier in their search for only a second AFC Asian Cup berth in 59 years, but also the inaugural football match at the 50,000 seater Kai Tak Stadium, part of the Kai Tak Sports Park, the largest sports complex in Hong Kong.



and constructed at a cost of HKD 30 billion at the site of the city's former airport, the stadium even features a flexible pitch system for other sports and entertainment events.

It will be India and Hong Kong's 25th meeting since their first in 1951. India lead the head-to-head with nine wins, Hong Kong have eight, while seven have been draws.

However, the Blue Tigers have won only once on Hong Kong soil, a 2-1 friendly victory in 1957. The previous meeting in

2022 is still fresh in the memories of many — a 4-0 drubbing in a rain-lashed Asian Cup qualifier in Kolkata.

Featuring a retractable roof however, reiterated that it's "all about now"

"It was quite a comfortable scoreline but since then, Hong Kong have changed a lot. They have a new coach and a lot of new players. So, it's not going to be as easy, and you cannot get complacent or take things lightly. "Every game on the international stage is tough, especially on away soil. We are preparing in the best way, and we will go for the maximum points on Tuesday," said the 31year-old Jhingan.

Since August 2024, Hong Kong have been coached by Westwood, a familiar name in football. The Englishman led Bengaluru FC from 2013 to 2016 and also Defender Sandesh Jhingan, took charge of ATK and "Playing against Hong Kong is a significant challenge because they have a good defensive setup, and we know their coach as well. He has a lot of experience in India," Chhangte said.

"Hong Kong are a good counter-attacking team as well, and we have to be well aware of that. We have a plan, and it's all about executing. If we go into the game with the right mindset, attitude and hunger, we can win this game," said the winger, who celebrated his 28th birthday on Sunday.

Apart from the new coach, the Hong Kong squad also features many new naturalised and foreign-born players. Among them are forwards Juninho and Stefan Pereira, midfielder Fernando, and defender Dudu - all born in Brazil. Spain-born forward Manolo Bleda and Japan-born midfielder Sohgo Ichikawa also made their Hong Kong debuts recently.

Among the experienced lot are goalkeeper Yapp Hung Fai, who has over a century of caps, defenders Sun Ming Him, Yue Tze Nam and Tsui Wang Kit, all of whom ply their trade in the Chinese Super League, and midfielder Tan Chun Lok.

The majority of the squad, however, play their club football in the Hong Kong Premier League for Kitchee SC, Southern District, Lee Man FC, Eastern FC and current champions Tai Po FC.

Shooting League of India to help develop sport, says Mary Tucker

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okyo Olympics silver medallist Mary Tucker feels the Shooting League of India will provide huge opportunity to develop the sport both within India and across the world.

The 23-year-old, who won silver in the mixed 10m air rifle team event during Tokyo2020, has earlier competed for the University of Kentucky and West Virginia University in the NCAA competitions, and also represented Saltendorf in Germany's Bundesliga.

Tucker said she enjoys competing in team format tournaments.

"I really like leagues. I have experience with the NCAA and with the Bundesliga, and I really like being on a team and having that atmosphere of being able to have spectators rooting for an entire team.

I really like the format of having top athletes and junior athletes competing together. I feel like that's a huge opportunity to develop shooting sports both within India and all around the world," Tucker was quoted as saying in a media release.

The ISSF has allocated the window between November 20 and December 2 for the first season of the SLI, and the tournament will feature mixed team events in pistol (10m, 25m), rifle (10m, 50m 3 positions), and shotgun

"India is at a really high what it's like to compete with level in the sport, so it's realthe pressure of a team. It's ly a good opportunity for the very different."

with people from outside, but also it's a great opportunity for international athletes because we get to compete with the really high-level Indian shooters. "I think it will be a really great opportunity as well to

Indian athletes to compete

build a kind of fan base and hopefully get some more interest in the whole world," she further added. Tucker feels the experience

of playing for several teams may give her an advantage in the upcoming league. 'Those athletes who have shot in the NCAA or in the Bundesliga for many years could have a bit of an advan-

tage because we do know

going to be different types of opportunities and experiences that we will get with this league. "It may put you in a situa-

Tucker also said that she

believes that the league will

not only help in growing the

popularity of the sport across

the USA and other regions,

but also help her individual

game. "The opportunity to

travel more and train with

other high-level athletes is

going to help bring my level

of shooting up. And there are

tion that is super different or uncomfortable. And that will help a ton because we are going to be able to get used to those situations," Tucker

Leadership role brings out best in him, says Shreyas

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aving guided Kolkata Knight Riders to their third title last year and led Punjab Kings to the IPL final this year, star India cricketer Shrevas Iver says he "loves" leadership role as it helps to bring out the best in him.

Iyer was pivotal in guiding PBKS to the IPL final against Royal Challengers Bengaluru this year, scoring 604 runs, including six half-centuries. But, as luck would have it, he missed out on a Test spot for the five-Test away series against England beginning later this month. He also led Delhi Capitals in the past.

It (captaincy) brings in a lot of maturity and responsibility. You are always expected to perform and contribute in the best way possible for the team because whenever there is a hurdle or some kind of adversity you face as a team, they always come to the captain," Iyer told the T20 Mumbai League.

Sinner's eye-catching run at French Open ends in heartbreak we're trying to improve every day and

RoundGlass Punjab FC later.

Afghanistan side that defeated

India in the FIFA World Cup

Under Westwood, Hong

Kong have only lost once in 12

matches — 0-1 to Liechtenstein

in a friendly. But only two wins

have come against higher-

ranked opponents, Solomon

Islands and Philippines (both

In preparation for the match

against India, Hong Kong

played a non-official friendly

against Manchester United FC

that they lost 1-3 on May 30,

and then a FIFA friendly

against Nepal on June 5, which

was a scoreless affair.

Lallianzuala Chhangte shared

his thoughts on the opponents.

Qualifiers last year.

friendlies).

He also coached the

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Paris

fter a flawless fortnight in Paris, Jannik Sinner was on A the brink of capturing his first French Open title after a dominant run on the clay courts of Roland-Garros.

Facing defending champion Carlos Alcaraz, the top-ranked Italian was firmly in control. Sinner's deep groundstrokes, excellent service, heavy top spin, and subtle variations had worn down Alcaraz, who found himself 5-3 down and trailing 0-40 in the fourth set, and facing three match points. At that moment, it felt like the best of all possible worlds for the 23year-old Sinner.

But then the momentum swung. Alcaraz fought back, saved the first match point when Sinner sent a forehand long. On the second, Sinner missed a return. The third ended line exchange.

Sinner had just let his chance slip away

From there, Alcaraz produced one of the greatest comeback in Roland-Garros history to win the longest final ever played on the Parisian dirt - 5 hours and 29 minutes — 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (10-2)." It's an amazing trophy, so I won't sleep tonight very well, but it's okay," Sinner said



during the trophy ceremony.

Exciting rivalry

There is hardly anything between the two best players in tennis at the moment, who have now combined to win the last six Grand Slam titles and appear poised to build one of the sport's most compelling rivalries in the years ahead.

Sunday's duel delivered a match of rare intensity, filled with punishing

baseline rallies, exquisite drop shots, and brilliant passing shots — thrilling a packed Court Philippe-Chatrier.

This one hurts!

Reflecting on the match in his postfinal press conference, Sinner tried to draw positives from a devastating loss.

"Obviously, this one hurts," he said. "There's not so much to say right now. But again, I'm happy with how

put myself in these kinds of positions. It was a very high-level match, that's for sure. I'm happy to be part of it. But yeah, the final result hurts."

It was a particularly tough ending for Sinner, who had not dropped a set on his way to the final, including a dominant semifinal win over threetime French Open champion Novak Djokovic. Before facing Alcaraz, Sinner had

never lost a Grand Slam final, winning his first three. A victory would have made him just the fifth man in the Open Era to win three consecutive major titles. "I'm pretty sure you are going to be

a champion, not once but many, many times," Alcaraz told him during the trophy ceremony. "It is a privilege to share the court with you in every tournament, making history

Sinner, who will remain world No. 1, said he'll lean on his family and loved ones to recover from the loss.

"Now it's my time to take something from the close people I have," he said. "As I've always said, before my career started, I never would've imagined finding myself in this position. It wasn't even a dream because it felt so far away - I wasn't even thinking about it. Now I find myself here, playing the longest final in the history of Roland-Garros.

Saptak finishes 44th in Swiss Challenge



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ndia's Saptak Talwar struggled in windy conditions to card a 7-over 78 in the final round, finishing tied 44th at the Swiss Challenge here. After three steady under-par rounds had positioned him for a strong finish, the Indian golfer struggled on the final day and slipped out of contention. Talwar, who was inside the top 20 heading into the last round, tumbled down the leader board to end the tournament tied for 44th.

He began his round on the front nine and had already dropped five shots halfway through the round. He had a double bogey on the third fol-

lowed by a bogey on the fourth and another two bogeys on the sixth and sev-

On the back nine, he picked up a shot on the 14th only to make three consecutive bogeys between the 15th and 17th holes and ended the week at a total score of even par. Felix Mory became a two-time winner on the HotelPlanner Tour after holding his nerve in a play-off to claim the Swiss Challenge title.

The Frenchman signed for a two under par round of 69 on the final day to reach 12 under par for the week alongside Spaniard Santiago Tarrio, before Mory birdied the first extra hole to secure victory.

some bunkers," R Banks-Smith,

Wrestler Hakuho quits Japan Sumo Association

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akuho, a retired "yokozuna" or grand champion and viewed by many as the sport's greatest wrestler, said on Monday he has quit the Japan Sumo Association after an apparent falling out with the governing body of the ancient sport. The Mongolia-born

Hakuho was earlier sanctioned by the Japan Sumo Association, accused of failing to control the behaviour of a wrestler in his so-called stable, the term used for a training team headed by retired wrestlers. Hakuho's stable was closed a year ago. Japanese media reports say the wrestler in question engaged in physical violence. But closing a stable, instead of just punishing an individual wrestler, was unusual. He did not directly criticize the professional Japan Sumo Association, but he said wrestlers who had trained under him were treated unfairly. Hakuho, who was granted Japanese citizenship, said he had been in talks with the association but recently decided to quit because there was no hope of reopening his stable.

His farewell and future



hotel. Hakuho said he wants to create a body to govern sumo outside Japan — the "world sumo project." He called it a "new dream" to "expand sumo to the world."

ation, I think it's best to contribute to sumo from the outside," he said, wearing a dark suit and referring to the Japan Sumo Association.

Appearing with a lawyer and other officials he had tapped for his team, Hakuho said they were getting corporate sponsors to back sumo grand slams, which draw amateur sumo wrestlers from around the world, including children and women.

Hakuho said he was friends

"After 25 years of loving sumo Chairman Akio Toyoda, who and being loved by sumo, I has expressed interest in supwant to advance toward a porting his efforts. Toyota new dream," Hakuho told already supports various reporters Monday at a Tokyo amateur and professional sports activities. Toyota com-

firmed Akio Toyoda's friendship with Hakuho. "He (Hahuko) is devoted to trying to bring the world closer together through sumo," the "When I think of my situcompany quoted Akio Toyoda saying in a statement. Many regard the Mongolia-born Hakuko as the greatest champion in the sport's history

and he holds many of its

records. Hahuko's late-father,

who went by the given name

of Monkhbat, was an Olympic

silver medalist for Mongolia in

1968. He also competed in at

Sumo encompasses very

strict rules and traditions that

have prompted other top

wrestlers to pursue careers

the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

with Toyota Motor Corp. outside the sport.

US Open: Oakmont began removing trees, started golf trend PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ast month, Scottie Scheffler made mention **⊿**of a trend in golf design that rubs him wrong — removing trees from courses.

This week, the world's best player and favourite to win the US Open will play a course that did just that, but didn't become one bit easier the way some layouts do when the trees go away. Under the dark of night three decades ago, the people in charge of Oakmont Country Club started cutting down trees. They didn't stop until some 15,000 had been removed. The project reimagined one of America's foremost golf cathedrals and started a trend of tree cutting that continues to this day.

While playing a round on YouTube with influencer Grant Horvat, Scheffler argued that modern pro golf — at least at most stops on the PGA Tour has devolved into a monoto-nous cycle of "bomb and gouge": Hit drive as far as possible, then gouge the ball out of the rough from a shorter distance if the tee shot is off line.

"They take out all the trees and they make the greens bigger and they typically make the fairways a little bigger, as well," Scheffler said. "And so, the only barrier to guys just trying to hit it as far as they want to or need to, it's trees."

Oakmont has stood the test of time

Scheffler and the rest in the 156-man field that tees off Thursday should be so lucky. While the latest Oakmont

renovation, in 2023, did make greens bigger, fairways are never wide at the US Open and they won't be this week.

Tree-lined or not, Oakmont has a reputation as possibly the toughest of all the US Open (or any American) courses, which helps explain why it is embarking on its record 10th time hosting it. In the two Opens held there since the tree-removal project was completed, the deep bunkers, serpentine drainage ditches and lightningfast greens have produced winning scores of 5-over par (Angel Cabrera in 2007) and 4 under (Dustin Johnson in 2016).

In an ironic twist that eventually led to where we (and Oakmont) are today, the layout was completely lined with trees in 1973 when Johnny Miller shot 63 on Sunday to win the US Open. That record stood for 50 years, and the USGA followed up with a course setup so tough in 1974 that it became known as "The Massacre at Winged Foot" —

score of 7-over par. "Everybody was telling me it

won by Hale Irwin with a



look back at the '74 Open with Golf Digest. "It was like a backhanded compliment. The USGA denied it, but years later, it started leaking out that it was in response to what I did at Oakmont. Oakmont was supposed to be the hardest course in America."

In a precursor to what could come this week, Rory McIlroy and Adam Scott played practice rounds last Monday in which McIlroy said he made a 7 on the par-4 second and Scott said he hit every fairway on the front nine and still shot 3 over.

Nicklaus: Trees should only come down for a reason' While Oakmont leaned into

tree removal, there are others who aren't as enthused. Jack Nicklaus, who added

trees to the 13th hole at Muirfield Village after seeing players fly a fairway bunker on the left for a clear look at the was my fault," Miller said in a green, said he's OK with tree removal "if they take them down for a reason."

"Why take a beautiful, gorgeous tree down?" he said. Like Oakmont, for example. What's the name of it? Oak. Mont. What's that mean? Oaks on a mountain, sort of. And then they take them all down. I don't like it." A lot of Oakmont's members weren't fans, either, which is why this project began under dark of night. The golf course in the 1990s was barely recognizable when set against pictures taken shortly after it opened in 1903. Architect Henry Fownes had set out to build a links-style course. Dampening the noise and view of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which bisects the layout, was one reason thousands of trees were planted in the 1960s and '70s.

"We were finding that those little trees had all grown up and they were now hanging over

the chairman of Oakmont's grounds committee when the project began, said in a 2007 interview. "And once you put a tree on either side of a bunker, you lose your bunker. So, you have to make a decision. Do you want bunkers or do you want trees?" Oakmont went with bunkers - its renowned Church Pew Bunker between the third and fourth fairways might be the most famous in the world - and thus began a tree project that divides people as much today as it did when it started. "I'm not always the biggest fan of mass tree removal," Scott said. "I feel a lot of courses that aren't links courses get framed nicely with trees, not like you're opening it up to go play way over there." Too many trees, though, can

pose risks. Overgrown tree roots and too much shade provide competition for the tender grasses beneath. They hog up oxygen and sunlight and make the turf hard to maintain. They overhang fairways and bunkers and turn some shots envisioned by course architects into something completely different. They also can be downright dangerous. In 2023 during the second round of the Masters, strong winds toppled three towering pine trees on the 17th hole, luckily missing fans who were there watching the