

## **Trump warns Iran as strikes escalate**

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS Dubai

srael appeared to be expanding its air campaign on Tehran five days after its surprise attack on Iran's military and nuclear programme, as US President Donald Trump posted an ominous message warning residents of the capital to evacuate.

"IRAN CAN NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON," Trump wrote Monday night before returning to Washington early from a Group of Seven summit in Canada. "Everyone should immediately evacuate Tehran!" he added. Trump later denied he had

rushed back to work on a ceasefire, telling reporters on Air Force One during the flight back to Washington: "I'm not looking at a ceasefire. We're looking at better than a ceasefire." Asked why he had urged for the evacuation of Tehran, he said: "I just want people to be safe?

Earlier, the Israeli military had called for some 330,000 residents of a neighborhood in downtown Tehran to evacuate. Tehran is one of the largest cities in the Middle East, with around 10 million people, roughly equivalent to the entire population of Israel. People have been fleeing since the hostilities began.

Israel says its sweeping assault on Iran's top military leaders, nuclear scientists, uranium enrichment sites and ballistic missile programme is necessary to prevent its longtime adversary from getting any closer to building an atomic weapon. The strikes have killed at least 224 people in Iran and wounded 1,277 since Friday. Iran has retaliated by launch-



Smoke rises from the building of Iran's State-run television after an Israeli strike in Tehran, Iran, Monday

ing more than 370 missiles and hundreds of drones at Israel. So far, 24 people have been killed in Israel and more than 500 wounded. The Israeli military said a new barrage of missiles was launched on Tuesday, and explosions could be heard in northern Israel.

Downtown Tehran appeared to be emptying out early Tuesday, with many shops closed. The ancient Grand Bazaar was also closed, something that only happened in the past during anti-Government demonstrations or at the height of the coronavirus pandemic. On the roads out of Tehran

to the west, traffic stood bumper to bumper. Many appeared to be heading to the Caspian Sea area. Long lines also could be seen at gas stations in Tehran, with printed placards and boards calling for a "severe" response to Israel visible across the city.

for doctors and nurses as the attacks continue, but insisted everything was under control and did not offer any guidance for the public on what to do. The Israeli military mean-

while claimed to have killed someone it described as Iran's top general in a strike on Tehran. Iran did not immediately comment on the reported killing of Gen. Ali Shadmani, who had just been named as the head of the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, part of the paramilitary Iran has named other generals to replace the top leaders of the Guard and the regular armed forces after they were killed in earlier strikes.

Before leaving the summit in Canada, Trump joined the other leaders in a joint statement saying Iran "can never have a nuclear weapon" and calling for a "de-escalation of hostilities in the Middle East, Authorities cancelled leave including a ceasefire in Gaza."

French President Emmanuel Macron told reporters that discussions were underway on a ceasefire between Israel and Iran, but Trump appeared to shoot that down in his comments on social media.

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Macron "mistakenly said that I left the G7 Summit, in Canada, to go back to D.C. To work on a cease fire' between Israel and Iran," Trump wrote. "Wrong! He has no idea why I am now on my way to Washington, but it certainly has nothing to do with a Cease Fire. Much bigger than that."Meanwhile, US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth headed to the White House Situation Room to meet with the president and his national security team.

Hegseth didn't provide details on what prompted the meeting but said on Fox News late Monday that the movements were to "ensure that our people are safe."

#### **ISRAEL WILL DEGRADE IRAN'S NUKE PROGRAMME**

Israel will continue to do what is within its capabilities to "degrade" Iran's nuclear programme, the country's ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, said on Tuesday, amid escalating tensions between the two countries. He also said it would be better if a diplomatic solution could be achieved to halt the hostilities

The envoy said Israel took military action to "severely degrade" Iran's nuclear programme and missile capabilities, claiming it posed a "threat" to his country during an interaction with media here.

"We'll continue to do what is in our capabilities to degrade Iran's nuclear programme," he told reporters when asked about the future course of the confrontation

Asked about the expectations from the US. Azar said Washington and Israel are "completely in sync". He said he felt that the US would "support" Israel's action. Israel is grateful to the US for its military and political assistance, Azar asserted.

ahead of strikes.

television anchor fleeing her

studio during a live broadcast.

The Israeli military said

Tuesday it had hit the station

Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu said the Ísraeli

programme back a "very, very

ong time," and told reporters he

Iran maintains its nuclear

programme is peaceful, and the

US and others have assessed

The head of the International

weapon since 2003.

Trump said he wasn't ready to give up on diplomatic talks, and could send Vice President JD Vance and special envoy Steve Witkoff to meet with the Iranians.

"I may," he said. "It depends on what happens when I get back."

Israeli military spokesperson Brig Gen Effie Defrin said Monday his country's forces had "achieved full aerial superiority over Tehran's skies."

The military said it destroyed because "the broadcast channel more than 120 surface-to-surwas used to spread anti-Israel face missile launchers in central propaganda." Iran, a third of Iran's total, including multiple launchers just before they launched balstrikes have set Iran's nuclear listic missiles towards Israel. It also destroyed two F-14 fighter planes that Iran used to taris in daily touch with Trump. get Israeli aircraft, the military

said. Israeli military officials also said fighter jets had struck 10 Tehran has not had an organcommand centers in Tehran ised effort to pursue a nuclear belonging to Iran's Quds Force, an elite arm of its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard that con-Atomic Energy Agency has ducts military and intelligence repeatedly warned that the

country has enough enriched operations outside Iran. Israel's military issued an uranium to make several evacuation warning for a part nuclear bombs should it choose of central Tehran that houses to do so.

## **DGCA** gives clean chit to 787 Dreamliner fleet

**AI FLIGHTS DISRUPTED** 

consecutive days on Tuesday as

seven international flights - all

using the 787-8 Dreamliner -

were cancelled while several

scares due to adverse weathe

Dubai), Al 153 (Delhi-Vienna),

(Ahmedabad-London), AI 133

Al 143 (Delhi-Paris), Al 159

(Bengaluru-London) Al 170

Mumbai to San Francisco.

board.

crash.

(London-Amritsar) and AI179

241 of the 242 people on

DGCA has completed a

focused review of Air India's

Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleet,

amid rising concerns over

recurring technical issues and

increasing international flight

volumes post Ahmedabad

In a meeting held with key

executives from Air India and

Air India Express, the DGCA

reviewed the operational

robustness of the carriers,

with particular attention to the

Boeing 787 aircraft, which

form the backbone of Air

India's long-haul network.

others reported mid flight

conditions. The cancelled

services are AI 915 (Delhi-

Technical snags continued to

dog Air India for the second

#### RAJESH KUMAR New Delhi

he Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said on

Tuesday the recent inspection of Air India's Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleet has not revealed any significant safety issues and Air India has cancelled 66 flights to be operated with Boeing 787 since the June 12 fatal Ahmedabad plane crash which involved an aircraft of the same model.

"The recent surveillance conducted on Air India's State TV and police headquarters, as well as three large hos-Boeing 787 fleet did not reveal any major safety concerns. pitals, including one owned by The aircraft and associated the Guard. It has issued similar evacuation warnings for parts maintenance systems were of the Gaza Strip and Lebanon found to be compliant with existing safety standards," the On Monday, an Israeli strike DGCA said. It has advised Air hit the headquarters of Iran's State-run TV station, sending a India to strengthen internal

coordination. DGCA also reviewed recent operational data for Air India's wide-body operations, with specific attention to the Boeing

787 fleet. Air India's Dreamliners came under intense scrutiny from aviation authorities after flight AI 171, bound for London, crashed shortly after takeoff from Ahmedabad at 1:38 pm on June 12, killing

Passengers being deplaned during a scheduled halt at Kolkata airport after an Air India flight from San Francisco to Mumbai suffered a technical snag in one of its engines, in Kolkata, Tuesday

## PM Modi arrives in Canada for G7

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Calgary

rime Minister Narendra Modi has said he will dis-**C**uss important global issues and emphasise the prior-ities of the Global South as he meets world leaders at the G7 Summit in Canada's Kananaskis.



also expelled an equal number of Canadian diplomats.

India had accused Justin Trudeau's Government of allowing pro-Khalistani elements to operate from Canadian soil.

Carney, an economist and political newcomer, took charge as Canada's new prime minister in March following the exit of Irudeau from the

After Trudeau's exit, New

In the last few months, the

Delhi said it hoped to rebuild

ties with Canada based on "mutual trust and sensitivity".

security officials of India and

Canada resumed contact and

both sides were looking at the possibility of appointing new

Describing India and

Canada as "vibrant democra-

cies", the external affairs min-

istry said last week that New

Delhi believes the forthcoming

meeting between the prime

ministers of the two countries

on the sidelines of the G7

Summit will offer an important

igh commissioners.

top office.



Rain cripples Capital, brings





#### NCW takes note of Odisha gang rape, demands action

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has taken suo motu cognisance of the alleged gangrape of a 20-year-old student at Gopalpur beach in Odisha during the Raia festival. Terming the incident "shocking," NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar urgeo the State police to arrest all remaining accused and ensure a swift, time-bound probe. Police have apprehended 10 suspects. including four minors, as they attempted to flee the State. The NCW demanded free medical and psychological aid for the survivor, along with compensation under Section 396 of the Bharativa Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and has sought an Action Taken Report within three days

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#### Haryana opens largest multi-modal transport terminal Haryana marked a major milestor

with the inauguration of India's largest automobile Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal at Maruti Suzuki's Manesar plant by CM Nayab Singh Saini and Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Developed under PM Modi's Gati Shakti National Master Plan, the ?11,709 crore terminal links Haryana's auto industry to 17 logistics hubs, 380 cities, and key ports like Pipavav and Mundra, boosting exports and integration into the global supply chain. CM Saini called it a symbol of 'Viksit Bharat' and Haryana's emergence as an automobile hub. Vaishnaw highlighted Indian Railways' transformation, including a tenfold budget increase since 2014, 100% electrification of Haryana's rail network, and upgrades to 34 Amrit Bharat stations

FULL REPORT ON P10



Vehicles wade through a waterlogged underpass following heavy rains in New Delhi

#### VAISHNAVI MISHRA New Delhi

elhi and the surrounding NCR region received relief from the sweltering summer heat on Tuesday as heavy premonsoon showers, accompanied by strong winds, lightning, and thunderstorms, lashed the city, bringing down the temperatures and improving the weather significantly.

The showers started in the afternoon and continued into the evening and night, significantly lowering the city's temperature. The maximum temperature came down to 34 degrees Celsius, while the minimum was recorded at 27 degrees Celsius. This drop in temperature was

a welcome change for the residents, who have been struggling under the scorching sun and high humidity.

Earlier in the day, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) had issued a red alert for Delhi and nearby areas, forecasting thunderstorms, hail, moderate to heavy rainfall, and strong winds with speeds reaching up to 70 kmph in isolated places.

Their predictions came true as the weather turned stormy by the afternoon.

From the morning itself, the city's weather felt different. Clouds covered the sky, keeping the sun hidden for most of the day.

Modi arrived here Monday evening (local time), his first visit to Canada in a decade, with discussions with world leaders to be focussed on crucial global issues, including energy security, technology and innovation.

"Landed in Calgary, Canada, to take part in the G7 Summit. Will be meeting various leaders at the Summit and sharing my thoughts on important global issues. Will also be emphasising the priorities of the Global South," Modi said in a post on X Monday evening.

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PM Modi is on a four-day, three-nation tour to Cyprus, Canada and Croatia. He arrived Monday evening (local time) in Canada from Cyprus on the second leg of his visit, at the invitation of Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney. The Kananaskis gathering

on June 16-17 is the Prime Minister's 6th consecutive participation in the G7 Summit.

PM Modi being welcomed upon his arrival at Calgary airport in Canada PTI

"At the invitation of PM @MarkJCarney, PM @narendramodi arrives in Alberta, Canada for the G7 Summit. PM will be participating in @G7 discussions on the future of energy security, including diversification, technology, infrastructure and investment, to ensure access and affordability in a changing world. PM will also hold several bilateral meetings on the sidelines," Ministry External Affairs Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal posted on X.

Prime Minister will also hold several bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the Summit, com-

ing over a month after India's Operation Sindoor that targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam attacks. Carney's invitation to Modi to attend the G7 Summit signalled the new Government's intent to repair the ties with New Delhi that plummeted to an all-time low over the killing of pro-Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. In October last year, India

opportunity to exchange views and "explore pathways" to reset bilateral ties. During PM Modi's last visit recalled its high commissioner and five other diplomats in 2015, bilateral ties were eleafter Ottawa attempted to link vated to the level of strategic them to the Nijjar case. India partnership.

## Woman burglar arrested in Delhi after combing hours of CCTV footage

#### VAISHNAVI MISHRA New Delhi

of hundreds of CCTV feeds he walked through Delhi's and eventual capture after Squiet neighborhoods with a calm face and a black meticulous police work. Her break ins came to a halt purse over her shoulder. What when officers from the Anti-

chilling ease.

complaints were filed, one

seemed like the actions of any other working woman in through footage from over Delhi, in reality, was the modus 250 CCTV cameras, arrested operandi of a 23-year-old burher from Delhi's Chhatarpur glar working under the radar. Tucked in her black purse area on Saturday. What they were fifty keys, each one capafound in her possession was ble of opening the doors to telling: fifty assorted keys that someone else's home she allegedly used to break into

Joynila Tongsin Anal, a native of Chandel in Manipur, moved to Delhi in October 2024 looking for better opportunities. What followed was not the story of another jobseeking migrant making it in the big city, but rather one of What the police found breaking into houses, analysis in her possession was telling: fifty assorted keys that she allegedly used to break into Burglary Cell of South West houses, bypassing District, after combing locks with ease

the first, a resident reported missing items including a laptop, an LED TV, action camera and accessories. In the second, a man claimed that someone had entered his house and houses, bypassing locks with stolen some gold earrings, another diamond earring, an The hunt for Joynila began expensive set of headphones, after two separate burglary hoes, and cash.

The pattern of both thefts from Kishangarh and another was similar, quiet entry and from Safdarjung Enclave. In selective theft of valuables.

That was the first red flag. Realising they were likely dealing with a serial burglar, the Anti-Burglary Cell swung into action. Under the leadership of Inspector Ram Kumar and supervision of senior officer Vijay Kumar, the team began pulling surveillance footage from around the two crime scenes.

video, frame by frame, zooming in on faces, movements, and unusual behavior.

And there she was. In multiple clips, a young woman with a seemingly ordinary appearance could be seen walking into residential colonies alone, sometimes even carrying shopping bags - a perfect camouflage.

### Minor assaulted in Delhi, three held

According to police,

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delh

n a deeply disturbing incident in the national Capital, L three men were arrested on Tuesday for assaulting and humiliating a nine-year-old at the popular Sarojini Nagar market in southwest Delhi. The minor, a Class 3 student, was allegedly accused of theft and subjected to degrading treatment by shopkeepers in the market.

The video of the incident, which quickly went viral on social media, shows the minor being physically abused and publicly humiliated by the accused. One man can be seen holding the visibly frightened minor by his hands and an unclasped belt, while another pours water into the minor's pants. As the child cries and pleads for mercy, the accused shopkeepers continue to verbalinto their own hands.

#### the boy had gone to the market and was accused of stealing by the shopkeepers, who took the law into their own hands

ly abuse him. In a particularly cruel moment, liquid soap is sprayed on the boy's hair. Another man can be seen poking the boy with his foot while hurling abuses.

The victim's mother, a Nepali national who works as a cook in the Sarojini Nagar market area, had no idea her child would be subjected to such abuse while she was at work. According to police officials, the boy had gone to the market and was accused of stealing by the shopkeepers. Instead of informing the authorities or his parents, the three men took the law

Taking swift action after the video went viral, the Delhi Police arrested the three accused - Pankaj (35), who owns a readymade garments stall in the market, and his two helpers Pradeep Kumar (29) and Vishal (30). All three have been booked under relevant sections of the

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act (which relates to cruelty towards children), and Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southwest) Amit Goel said, "The child was subjected

to extreme humiliation and physical abuse. One of the men held him tightly by his hands and belt, while another poured water into his pants. Yet another man kicked him and abused him.

They watched hours of



## Newlywed woman held for poisoning |AN ADVERTISEMENT husband to death in Garhwa

### NITYANAND DUBEY

n what appeared to be a stark reminder to the residents of Garhwa, Jharkhand of the Sonam -Raja Raghuvanshi case, a newlywed woman was arrested for allegedly poisoning her husband to death. The accused, Sunita Devi, is said to have mixed pesticide into her husband's food on the night of June 15. The following morning, 22-year-old Buddhnath Singh was found dead in his home

According to police, Sunita had reportedly convinced her husband to buy the pesticide from the local market under the pretext of needing it for crop protection. Buddhnath's mother, Rajmati Devi, filed an FIR on Monday, accusing her daughter-in-law of murdering her son by poisoning his meal. The Ranka police have taken the woman into custody and sent her to judicial remand, while the post-mortem report is awaitdeath. ed to confirm the exact cause of death.

Ranka SDPO Rohit Kumar

IIM Bodh Gaya's RISE Programme

sparks social impact across 13 states

roots initiative in Bihar has

evolved into a nationwide

the Nallamala forest of

Telangana to aspirational

districts in Uttar Pradesh,

students tackled real-world

challenges spanning educa-

tion, water, sanitation, clean

organisations such as Tata

Trusts (CInI), Bharti Airtel

Foundation, BAIF, Tata Steel

Foundation, and Ramky

Partnering with renowned

Piramal

energy, and livelihoods.

Foundation,

From tribal settlements in

effort.

Singh confirmed the arrest, stating that Sunita was apprehended following a complaint by her mother-inlaw. During interrogation, police officials said Sunita initially misled investigators and even accused her mother-in-law of poisoning Buddhnath. However, after sustained questioning, she eventually confessed to mixing poison into her husband's food herself, leading to his

The case is under further investigation as police await the forensic report to estab-

Foundation, students were

embedded in on-ground proj-

ects-auditing rural schools

conducting health surveys,

supporting digitisation of SHG-run businesses, and

advancing renewable energy

adoption in remote house-

In Bihar, IIM Bodh Gaya

villages—Mahudar,

Rampur.

continued its deep-rooted

engagement in its five adopt-

Bapunagar, Turi Khurd, Turi

Activities included baseline

surveys, menstrual health

drives, school evaluations,

and expansion of institute-led

initiatives like Sparsh and

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Foundation and Jeevika.

with Glad Bharat

RISE has grown into more

than just a field-based learn-

ing programme. It's a plat-

form where management

education meets purpose,

where students not only learn

from the grassroots but con-

tribute to them. With each

passing year, RISE continues

to shape empathetic, action-

driven leaders ready to

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lish the final cause of death. The victim's family claims that Sunita was never interested in living with her husband and only returned to her in-laws' house under pressure from relatives and community elders. Buddhnath's mother alleged that her daughter-in-law had expressed disinterest in the marriage right from the beginning.

As per the FIR, Buddhnath Singh, a resident of Bahokundar village in Ranka police station limits, had married Sunita, daughhusband.

ter of Raghunath Singh from Bishunpur village in Chhattisgarh's Ramchandrapur police station area, on May 11, 2025. The day after her arrival at her marital home, Sunita returned to her parental house, stating that she did not like Buddhnath and would not live with him. Despite this, both families

wanted to preserve the marriage and held a community meeting on June 5. Following the talks, Sunita returned to Garhwa with her

### Flights likely to begin from Bokaro Airport in Nov: DC **R SHARMA : BOKARO**

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Passenger flights from Bokaro Airport are likely to commence by November 2025, said Deputy Commissioner Ajay Nath Jha during his visit and review meeting on the airport premises Speaking to media persons after the inspection, Jha today. said that he has already discussed the matter in detail with the Principal Secretary of the department and all necessary updates have been shared. The administration has now begun addressing the core issues that have stalled the airport's operation-lighting on the nearby hill, relocation of the slaughterhouse, enhancing airport security, and other pending tasks.

The DC said, "There is no challenge too big. What's needed is coordination and commitment—both of which are now in motion. The state government is fully determined, and our role is to bridge the gaps between responsible agencies.

He further announced that structured weekly review meetings will now be conducted to ensure transparent and timely progress. Highlighting a targeted timeline, he said that flights are expected to begin by Kartik Purnima, which coincides with the annual Lugu Pahad fair and religious gatherings in November. The DC's swift and focused action marks a shift from previous delays to a results-driven approach-bringing renewed hope to the people of Bokaro, who have long awaited the launch of air connectivity in the region.



### Beyond the Runway: Yoga routines every Model and everyone else should try

create meaningful change.



II) - 3 breaths each side Builds strength and improves posture - especially helpful for those who stand for long periods. 4. Chair Pose

(Utkatasana) – 30 seconds Fires up the legs, core, and balance. A prep for long shoots or casting lines. **Tree Pose** 

(Vrikshasana) – 30 seconds per side

Grounding and calming, while helping with posture

(Ardha Matsyendrasana) – 30 seconds each side

A gentle massage for the minutes spine and internal organs. 4. Legs Up the Wall (Viparita Karani) – 5 min-

A must-do for models! Reduces leg fatigue and swelling from heels or travel. 5. Box Breathing (4-4-**4-4 count)** – 2–3 minutes

utes

A powerful technique for managing anxiety and

residue, and prepare for

Whether your day ended

Safe space for surrender.

2. Low Lunge + Side

Stretch – 1 minute per side

with applause or rejection,

this flow brings you back to

1. Child's Pose

(Balasana) – 2 minutes

deep rest.

equilibrium.

Sequence:

too long.

3.

spine

4.

A full-body hug.

minute per side

Savasana (Corpse 5. Pose) + Body Scan - 5-7

The most underrated pose. Lie down, close your eves, and scan your body from head to toe. Let go. Tips for Sticking with It:

Don't aim for perfection. Aim for presence. Use music or

That was it. No pitch. No silence — whatever helps call to action. Just a whisper. you tune in. **Repeat one flow** 

Almost as if it wanted to be discovered—not declared.

ed



That subtlety became its strength. The ad didn't just rely on design-it relied on restraint. It taught, in the simplest of ways, that silence too can be persuasive.

A Quiet Lesson in Storytelling

At that age, my friend didn't know the first thing about branding or consumer psychology. But what he instinctively grasped was that this wasn't just an advertisement—it was a story. A story told without shouting. A story that rewarded attention.

In that moment, he learned something profound: that great storytelling doesn't demand the spotlight—it earns it. The Carlsberg ad became, for him, a kind of silent mentor. It showed how imagination, suggestion, and trust in your audience can achieve far more than a flood

of information ever could. That tiny inscription on the truck said more than

entire pages of ad copy. When Images Speak Louder Than Words

The Economist that would A similar moment of silent leave a mark-not an article, not a headline, but an adverimpact occurred in my own life—one that still resonates tisement. It was discreetly tucked away on the back

with clarity. I was a student of journalism at the time, eager to learn from the legends of the field. One of my most influential teachers was Dileep Padgaonkar Sir, a man whose memory and insight turned every lecture into a master-

net, when television commerclass He often spoke about the cials were loud, exaggerated, power of visual storytelling. and formulaic. Magazines like The Economist offered a There was one photograph window to a wider, subtler he used to recall repeatedlyworld. One such day, flipping a snapshot taken during India's Emergency era. In his words, it captured the very through an issue, he noticed a full-page image of a truck slowly climbing a rugged, spirit of that turbulent time. mountainous road. At first glance, the ad seemed entire-

The image, which had once appeared on the front page of The Times of India, showed a woman sprinting through a rain-soaked Connaught Place, trying to catch a moving bus. In one hand, she clutched an umbrella; in the other, the bus's rear handle. Her handbag swung precariously. One foot was still on the wet pavement, the other barely on the step. A single misstep, and she could have met with

grave injury. The caption read: "The Fearful Grip of the Emergency. The photograph, he said,

It didn't just depict a woman

running-it mirrored an

loudest. held a viewer's gaze longer than any headline ever could.



BY AMBRISH SRIVASTAVA

 ${f T}$  his is a true story—one that my close friend

shared with me not long ago.

It's his memory, vivid and unshaken by time, that I now

recount here exactly as he

told it. Because sometimes,

the quietest moments leave

The Simplicity That Stood

More than forty years ago,

when my friend was a curi-

ous Class 10 student, he

stumbled upon something in

page. It didn't clamour for

attention, didn't boast with

fanfare. And yet, it found a

permanent place in his mem-

ory-refusing to fade even

era untouched by the inter-

ly unremarkable—no catchy

slogans, no bold colours, no

celebrity faces. Just a truck, a

in plain print, was the expect-

"Consumption of alcohol is

But then, almost hidden-

painted on the side of the

truck itself, in minuscule

**Elegance** in Restraint

gettable was not what it

What made the ad unfor-

At the bottom of the page,

disclaimer:

World's

road, a landscape.

health

injurious to health.

font—were the words:

Best Beer."

"CARLSBERG.

This was the 1980s-an

after decades.

the deepest impressions.

Out

## JHARKHAND 02

## **ETCHED IN MEMORY** The Whisper That Spoke Volumes

something. The joy of discovery. The thrill of a whisper made people stop. Reflect. Feel. overheard.

Sir would often build on this lesson with another powerful illustration. Picture a man arriving at

a railway station early in the morning. As his train approaches, he realizes he forgot his newspaper—a part of his daily ritual. He spots a vendor with multiple newspapers laid out. Which one will he choose?

The "First Pick" Principle

The answer, Padgaonkar Sir would explain, lies in the photograph. Before layout or headlines, it's the image that draws the eye. A compelling visual speaks directly to the subconscious. If the photo engages, the layout invites, and the headline connects the reader buys. This spontaneous instinctive act, he termed the "First Pick."

That lesson stayed with me. Just as the Carlsberg ad whispered its message through silence, that Emergency-era photograph screamed through stillness. Neither needed explanation-both relied on presence. On how they made the viewer feel, not what they told them to think.

Advertising That Becomes

If I were to describe both these moments-the ad and the photograph—I'd call them poems in invisible ink, meant for those who pause long enough to notice. The truck on the mountain, the woman in the rain-both symbols of effort, of grace under pressure, of stories waiting quietly to be discov-

ered. Neither demanded attention. They earned it.

**Final** Thoughts

These two seemingly unrelated memories-one from a magazine, the other from a classroom-now sit side by side in my mind. And they remind me of a deeper truth: that the most powerful messages in life, whether in advertising or journalism, often speak in whispers, not

roars. That old Carlsberg ad may never win an award. That Emergency-era photograph may never be framed in a gallery. But both endureetched not just in memory, but in meaning.

Because sometimes, the stories that stay with us are not the ones that shout the They are the ones that

The writer is a senior





#### BY RACHNA TIWARI

**PNS : RANCHI** 

programme.

The Indian Institute of

Management Bodh Gaya is

scaling new heights in com-

munity engagement through

its flagship Rural Immersion

for Social Engagement (RISE)

In its latest edition, 145 stu-

dents from the Integrated

Programme in Management

(IPM) partnered with 20 lead-

ing development organisa-

tions to drive social impact

What began as a grass-

across 13 Indian states.

fter my last article on A ner my last a used how yoga has been my anchor in the fast-paced world of modeling, many of you wrote in asking: But where do I start? What routines do you actually follow?

So here it is — a guide to my go-to yoga flows. These are not just for models, by the way. These are for any one who deals with long hours, high pressure, or simply wants to reconnect with their body and mind.

You don't need to be flexible. You don't need fancy leggings. All you need is 20-30 minutes and the willingness to listen to your body

I break my routine into three parts: Morning Wake-Up, Midday Reset, and

**Evening Unwind. Feel free** to mix and match based on your needs.

1. The Morning Wake-Up Flow (15–20 minutes) Purpose: Activate your body, stretch out stiffness, and energize your mind.

This routine is like a natural espresso shot — only without the crash. Sequence:

1. Cat-Cow (Marjarvasana-Bitilasana) 1 minute

Gently warms the spine and wakes up the nervous system. 2. Sun Salutations

(Surya Namaskar A) – 3 to 5 rounds A full-body stretch and light cardio. Perfect to get

the blood flowing. 3. High Lunge to Warrior II (Virabhadrasana

**Optional Add-on: Breath of Fire** (Kapalabhati Pranayama) -1 minute Excellent for mental clar-

ity and metabolic boost. 2. The Midday Reset (10–15 minutes)

and poise

Purpose: Undo screentime stress, restore calm, and recharge focus.

Ideal for lunch breaks or between meetings/shoots. You can do this in a quiet corner — no mat needed Sequence:

1. Neck Rolls + Shoulder Rolls - 1-2 minutes

Releases built-up tension from posing, typing, or scrolling.

Seated Forward Fold (Paschimottanasana)

1 minute Calms the nervous system, stretches the back and

hamstrings. 3.

a people-first approach.

I recently met an 18-year-

old girl from Bedo, Ranchi,

currently in her first year of

college. She was undergoing

attendance

Seated Spinal Twist

daily for a week, then returning to the present 3. Evening Unwind Flow switch. (15–20 minutes)

Model or not, your Purpose: Decompress the body deserves maintenance, body, release emotional

not punishment. Yoga has been my quiet superpower — helping me stay poised on the outside and strong on the inside.

routines can transform how you show up in the world. This International Yoga

yoga. Let's live it — one breath at a time.

WITH A CAREER SPANNING TEN YEARS, THE WRITER HAS SOLIDIFIED HER EXPERTISE IN HR. ENTRE-PRENEURSHIP, AND INNO-VATION ECOSYSTEM DEVELOPMENT. SHE IS A PRINT AND RAMP MODEL, WHO WAS ALSO FEATURED IN VOGUE AND GLADRAGS MAGAZINES.

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow!

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Season 4 has made its presence felt across the country, and the message is clear innovation is not just limited to big cities; it belongs to every youth who wants to solve a problem.

After generating enthusiasm in schools and colleges across the north, south and northeast, the programme has now reached Bihar and Jharkhand, where hundreds

of students are coming together to create new and useful things. At the centre of this new chapter were three prestigious institutions of Ranchi – Gossner College, St. Xavier's College and Marwari College, where the Design Thinking Open House transformed classrooms into ideation labs.

Meanwhile, students from IIT Patna participated virtually, proving that geographical boundaries are no longer a barrier in shaping India's

Marwari College, the workshop was an eye-opening experience. "This was the first time for me to see that problems around me can be turned into real projects with the right kind of thinking," he said. I was always aware of local problems - lack of sanitation and waste management - but now I felt I could do something about it. His notebooks were filled with initial sketches of waste sorting solutions for small towns.

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BY DR. KANINIKA MITRA

 $\mathbf{F}^{\mathrm{or}\ \mathrm{Jharkhand}}_{\mathrm{vulnerable}}$  is tribal and children, access to timely diagnosis and treatment is a right, not a privilege

Every year, June 19 marks World Šičkle Cell Awareness Day, drawing attention to a disease that affects thousands of children in India and Jharkhand but remains wide-

misunderstood and rarely discussed. Despite its prevalence, limited awareness and inadequate access to care mean that its impact continadvances in early diagnosis ues to pose serious chaland genetic counselling offer lenges, particularly among new possibilities for reducing tribal and marginalised comthe burden of SCD, provided they are implemented with munities Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is cultural sensitivity, care, and

significant inherited blood disorder, particularly prevalent in tribal, marginalized, and underserved communities in India and other parts

of the world. A child can inherit Sickle Cell Disease if a blood transfusion and had low haemoglobin levels. She both parents carry the sickle looked Pale, visibly fatigued, cell trait. Children living with and weak, she shared how SCD often face debilitating she needs to visit the hospital pain, repeated hospitalisaalmost every month for medtions, continued medication icines and sometimes for and blood transfusions from blood transfusions. These fretime to time. Many are quent hospital visits often unable to attend school concause her to miss classes, sistently or live active lives. making it difficult to meet the Although SCD is manageable, minimum

requirement her college able illness and even death, mandates for appearing in especially in resource-conexams In addition to the physical strained settings. Recent

toll, those affected with Sickle Cell Disease often experience social stigma and discrimination. Due to widespread myths and misconceptions, such as the false belief that SCD is contagious, social acceptance remains low, further isolating them from their communities.

India bears the secondhighest burden of SCD globally, after Africa. According to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, sickle cell is widespread in many tribal groups of India. About 1 in 86 births among tribal population have SCD, the prevalence being higher in Central, Western, and Southern India. However, SCD is found across all ethnicities and communities. In

National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission on July 1, 2023, marked a significant turning point in the state's health efforts. public Jharkhand is taking decisive and inclusive action, especially for its vulnerable and tribal populations who are disproportionately affected by the disease.

The state is undertaking universal sickle cell screening for all individuals between the ages of 0 to 40, aiming for early detection and timely intervention. For those diagnosed, Jharkhand is ensuring access to comprehensive support through free regular check-ups, medicines, and counselling services. Health workers are being trained to identify, and manage SCD effectively at the grassroots level, enabling a responsive

and informed healthcare system

In addition, the government is facilitating access to disability certificates and Ayushman Bharat health cards for eligible individuals, further reducing barriers to treatment. Awareness campaigns are also being rolled out to dispel myths and misconceptions that contribute to stigma and social exclusion of those living with the condition. These multifaceted efforts reflect Jharkhand's deep commitment to breaking the cycle of suffering, empowering communities through knowledge, care, and early intervention.

However, we still have a long way to go. The healthcare system must address long-standing barriers by increasing awareness, regularity of point-of-care testing

tools and medical supplies and ensuring adequately trained personnel. To improve early diagnosis and outcomes, targeted screening is essential, particularly for priority groups such as undiagnosed antenatal mothers, newborns and individuals with symptoms including those with a history of multiple transfusions, low haemoglobin levels, or a family history of SCD. Strengthening community awareness healthcare worker training, robust supply chains, and integrating SCD services into school health and public health programmes are vital steps forward.

UNICEF supports a public health response to SCD that prioritizes early detection, access to care, and supportive services for affected families. Our engagement is guid-

ed by values of equity, compassion, inclusion, and community engagement. In Jharkhand, UNICEF supports government efforts to combat sickle cell disease by strengthening health sys tems, training healthcare workers, for promoting early detection and management. This also includes generating awareness and supporting social and behaviour change communication to reduce stigma On this World Sickle Cell

Awareness Day, let us commit to a future where no child suffers in silence, where early detection is the norm, and where every person with SCD receives the care, dignity, and opportunity they deserve.

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# JHARKHAND 03

## Kin of martyr Sunil Dhan get Rs 2. 66 crore financial assistance Family members of the martyr meet Chief Minister Hemant Soren

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**▼** hief Minister Hemant Soren handed over a cheque of financial assistance amount of Rs 1 crore 20 lakh issued under the State Bank of India, Police Salary Package to the family members of martyr constable Sunil Dhan, while the Home Department credited an amount of Rs 1 crore 46 lakh 26 thousand 972 to the bank accounts of the martyr's dependents on Tuesday.

The family members of martyred constable Sunil Dhan of Jharkhand Jaguar (STF) met Chief Minister Hemant Soren today at the Chief Minister's residential office located at Kanke Road. Ranchi. On the occasion, Soren handed over a cheque

of financial assistance amount of Rs 1 crore 20 lakh issued under the State Bank of India, Police Salary Package, as honorarium to the family of martyred constable Sunil Dhan.

The CM talked sympathetically to the family of the martyr jawan and inquired about their family situation. He said that the state government is always supportive of the family of the martyr. He said that constable Sunil Dhan has given his supreme sacrifice while serving the

people of the state, we salute his martyrdom. The Chief Minister said that our government deeply understands the pain of a martyr's family. Jharkhand will always be indebted to its martyrs. Encouraging the family of the



Chief Minister Hemant Soren handing over a cheque to the family members of martyr constable Sunil Kumar Dhan in Ranchi on Tuesday. PNS

martyr, he said that the state government is with the family of its brave constable Sunil Dhan. Our government will continue to help his family in

every possible way in honor of the martyr's sacrifice. Martyr constable Sunil

take action in public interest.

Problems related to many

Priyansh Dhan (5 years) and Aniket Dhan (3 years) along Dhan's 65-year-old mother with other family members Fagni Orain, 29-year-old wife interacted with the CM and

shared detailed information about the family situation. The CM asked the family to provide good education to their children. He told the wife of martyr constable Sunil Dhan that under the provision of the state government, she can do a government job on compassionate grounds if she wants. The martyr's wife told the Chief Minister that her children are still very young. In the coming days, she will consider doing a job.

The Chief Minister told the martyr's wife that all of you family members should move forward with courage and patience, the state government will always stand with you in your happiness and sorrow. Mother of martyr constable Sunil Dhan, Fagni

Orain told the CM that her ancestral home is in Kanti Pohra Toli of Karra block in Khunti district where farming is available for income. On the occasion, the CM directed the officials present that all the benefits available to the family of the martyr should be provided to them soon. Connect the family with other benefits including pension. The officials informed the Chief Minister that the process related to giving pension amount has been completed. The concerned family members will start receiving pension amount from next month and all the processes

fits have been completed. It is known that on 12 April 2025, during a special operation against raid

related to giving other bene-

Maoists in the dense forest of Ratamati village Chotanagra police station area under Chaibasa district, Constable 361 Sunil Dhan deputed in AG 11 of Jharkhand Jaguar was seriously injured due to IED explosion, he was airlifted to Ranchi for better treatment where he attained martyrdom on 12 April 2025 during treatment.

Principal Secretary Home Department Vandana Dadel, DIG Jharkhand Jaguar Indrajit Mahatha, Senior DSI Jharkhand Jaguar Sunil Kumar Rajwar, Deputy General Manager State Bank of India Ranchi Zone Manoj Kumar, Chief Manager State Bank of India Vikas Kumar Pandey and other officials were present on the occasion.

#### Dr Irfan Ansari holds Janta darbar at Congress office they have been clearly told to

Chatra, Giridih, Hazaribagh,

Janta Darbar After Janta

problems related to land.

giving shelter to land mafia.

#### **PNS : RANCHI**

 ${f F}$  or quick resolution of public problems, a Janta Darbar was organized at Bhawan Congress on Tuesday. In the Janta Darbar, Health and Family Welfare and Food Supply Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari came face to face with the problems of the people and directed the officials of the concerned department to resolve the problems on the spot. Giving the above infor-mation, State Congress spokesperson Sonal Shanti said that a total of 97 people put their problems before Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari, on which he took immediate initiative and asked the officials to find a way to resolve the problems. In the total cases that

came in Janta Darbar, 5 related to health center construction, 12 from supply department, 13 from treatment, 7 for employment, 7 from disaster management, 8 from



#### Health Minister Dr Irfan Ansari listens to the problems of common people during a Janta Darbar on Tuesday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

ration card, 13 for transfer, 7 for land related 22 cases, apart from this, people put problems related to various departments before the min-Khunti put their problems. In ister, in many cases, Dr. Irfan Ansari gave direct instruc-Darbar, Dr. Irfan Ansari said tions to the officials and that hundreds of complaints directed to expedite the have come, there are more process for resolution of there are more complaints against many COs, they are many problems and also instructed to inform about the progress of the work. In Janta

departments including drinking water, police station, urban development, health food supply have come, my effort is to solve the problems, I want to do my best for the public, about 90% of the problems have been resolved, in some cases there are technical difficulties which will be removed in time. He said that work will be done on all applications in any case, the organization is also getting benefit from Darbar, people from various districts including Ranchi, Gumla, Dhanbad, Palamu,

Janta Darbar along with the public, this is a good initiative, if public work is done then people come, the public has expectations from us. Congress is associated with public concern. Mahagathbandhan government is the government of the people. People have come from almost all the districts of Jharkhand, this event will be organized from time to time. BJP has ruined the entire system, crushed it, but we have sympathy for the state. BJP has no contribution for Jharkhand. BJP has no right over Jharkhand. The state is ours. The people of the state will develop. The lower level officials will have to take a soft stand towards the people. Our effort will be to reduce this number gradually and solve the problems of the people. He said that the BJP is upset with the improvement in the health department. BJP is opposing the construction of RIMS 2. When RIMS 2 is constructed, the people of Jharkhand will get employ-ment, better facilities, which BJP is opposing. Babulal Marandi's government has weakened the foundation of Jharkhand. We will strengthen it. Vinay Sinha Deepu, Rajesh Sinha Sunny, Rajan Jagdish Verma. Sahu. Narendra Lal Gopi, Rajiv Chaudhary Chintu were also present in the Janta Darbar.

Gandari Dhan and two sons

### **NHAI pushes elevated flyover** inauguration date to July 3 **Union Minister Nitin Gadkari will gift Ratu** Road flyover to people

#### **PNS : RANCHI**

Ranchites will have to wait a little longer to travel on the Ratu Road flyover as the date of inauguration of elevated flyover has been extended from June 19 to July 3. The regional office of NHAI in Ranchi has confirmed this. Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari will gift the Ratu Road flyover to the people of Ranchi on July 3 and will also review the work being car-ried out by NHAI in Jharkhand.

Now the NHAI officials have started making good use of this extra time. Project Director Ekta Kumari said that noise barriers are being installed on both sides of the flyover. With its installation, the sound of vehicles will not reach the people living around the flyover. Apart from this, the work of PVR grill is also going on.

In fact, the ramp of Ratu Road flyover is very close to the southern gate of Raj Bhavan near Naga Baba Khatal. Therefore, keeping in mind the security of the Raj Bhavan, a bullet-proof barrier has been installed at this place. Also, care has been taken that the sound of vehi-



over does not reach the Raj Bhavan.

The length of Ratu Road flyover is 3.57 km. Its construction work started in November 2022. The target to complete the work was January 2025. But there was a slight delay due to technical reasons. About Rs 400 crore has been spent on its construction and land acquisition. Its ramp is near Naga Baba Khatal located next to

the Raj Bhavan. On reaching Piska turn, this flyover is divided into two parts. The ramp of one part is near Hehal and the other part is about 800 meters ahead on Itki Road. A total of 101 pillars have been used to prepare it. It has been constructed by NHAI from a named KCC company

This flyover is already being called the lifeline of Ranchi's traffic system. Because this is a route on which there is tremendous traffic pressure. There is a dense population on both sides of the road from Ratu Road to Piska turn. It takes 40 to 60 minutes to cover a distance of just 2.5 km.

As soon as the no-entry opens at 10 pm, the movement of big vehicles to go to Samiti Pandra Bazar becomes a problem for this road. Road accidents happening every day have become the identity of this road. But as soon as the movement of vehicles starts on the flyover on July 3, people on this route will get a lot of relief. At present, the people of Ranchi are eagerly

### **Monsoon arrives in State** soaking 18 districts, Red alert issued for 2 days

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southwest monsoon The made its much anticipated entry into Jharkhand on Tuesday, June 17, covering 18 out of the 24 districts and bringing immediate relief

Bokaro Koderma and Giridih while Khunti, Deoghar, Dhanbad and Jamtara may experience very heavy rain signified the orange alert. A yellow alert stated heavy showers for Dumka, Godda,

### BJP raises issue of supply of faulty security equipment to HC

and explosive detector are very poor from the quality point of view. According to the report of the Special Branch team, the deep search mine metal detector is completely useless.

This equipment is not capable of detecting explosives. The quality of the under vehicle search mirror ry noor He

cles passing through the fly-Buildcon.

from the persistent heat. According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), the remaining parts comprising Garhwa, Palamu, Chatra and some parts of Latehar, Hazaribagh and Koderma are likely to be covered in the next 1 to 2 days.

The normal date for the onset of the rainy season for Jharkhand is June 15. Though late by two days, monsoon arrived with early morning showers in various parts of the State with rainfall activity expected to intensify in the coming days.

As per the information shared by the Meteorological Centre, Ranchi, there is a possibility of extremely heavy rain in Dhanbad, Dumka, Jamtara, East Singhbhum, Saraikela Bokaro and Kharsawan, Ramgarh on June 18 and a red alert has also been issued for this. An orange alert stating heavy showers has been issued for Khunti, Ranchi, Hazaribagh, Giridih, Koderma Deoghar and West Singhbhum for June 18 while the districts of Gumla, Simdega, Lohardaga, Sabihganj, Pakur and Godda may receive heavy rain.

A red alert for extremely heavy rain has been issued for June 19 for Ranchi, Ramgarh, Hazaribagh,

Pakur Sabihganj and Chatra. The districts of Garhwa, Chatra, Palamu and Latehar are likely to receive very heavy rain on June 20 highlighted the orange alert while Hazaribagh, Koderma, Giridih, Deoghar and Dumka are predicted to witness heavy showers. A yellow alert stating heavy rain has been issued for the districts of Garhwa, Chatra, Palamu Deoghar, Jamtara and Dumka for June 21.

The bulletin also stated a significant drop in the maximum temperature levels in various parts of the State. As per the data released on Tuesday evening, in the last 24 hours, the maximum temperature in the State capital came down by 6.2 degrees and was recorded at 28.3 degree Celsius. The maxitemperature mum in Jamshedpur and Daltonganj

dropped by 5.3 and 5.2 degrees and was observed at 29.9 and 33.2 Degree Celsius respectively.

The highest rainfall of 55.5 mm was recorded in Simdega. From June 18 to June 21,

the maximum temperature in Ranchi and its surrounding areas will be around 26-27 degree Celsius while the minimum temperature is expected to be 23 degree Celsius



State BJP Spokesperson Pratul Shahdev and Co- Media in-charge Yogendra Pratap during a press conference at the party office in Ranchi on Tuesday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

**PNS : RANCHI** The BJP has accused the State government of tampering with the security of the Jharkhand High Court. State spokesperson Pratul Nath

Shahdeo made this allegation citing the report of the Special Branch. In a press conference, he said that in the name of security of the High Court. upgraded equipment has been purchased without ten-

der, but when the Special

Branch team investigated it in June 2024, it was found to be useless on the quality test. Therefore, the Chief Minister should take cognizance himself and ensure complete security arrangements for the High Court. Also, action should be taken in the matter of purchasing poor equip-ment from the quality point

of view. Shahdeo, citing the report, said that the deep search mine metal detector, under vehicle search mirror

gested to the state government that there should be no compromise with the security of the High Court. The state government should immediately take help from the Union Home Ministry and make the security of the High Court foolproof. The BJP spokesperson

said that gun shootouts have taken place in the courts of Hazaribagh, Jamshedpur and Deoghar in Jharkhand. Therefore, the security of the High Court cannot be compromised at all. The State Government needs to follow Rajdharma and take strict action against the concerned officials as well as the agencies supplying the equipment. He asked that one year has passed since such a serious matter came to light. Still why no FIR has been registered against anyone. He has also expressed apprehension of commission games in the purchase of equipment.



**Union Minister Sanjay Seth greets** Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar at Raj Bhawan in Ranchi on Tuesday. PNS

#### **PNS : RANCHI**

In his maiden two-day visit underscoring NABARD's commitment to rural transformation, Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood, Deputy Managing Director (DMD), visited the Jharkhand Regional Office on 16th and 17th June 2025. His itinerary combined strategic reviews, stakeholder interactions, and fieldlevel insights, reflecting NABARD's integrated approach to inclusive development.

The visit commenced with a traditional Jharkhandi welcome at the Regional Office in Ranchi. Dr. Sood unveiled a commemorative signboard to mark the International Year of Cooperatives - 2025, reiterating NABARD's strong support to the cooperative

ecosystem-a key pillar of rural empowerment.

This was followed by the virtual inauguration of three JIVA Natural Farming Projects at Bhandra (Lohardaga), Bishnupur (Hazaribagh), and Sarriayahat (Dumka), aimed at promoting regenerative, low-input agriculture that enhances farmer incomes while preserving ecological integrity. He interacted with the project beneficiaries, FPOs, Project level Tribal Development committees, and Village Watershed Committees at the RO.

Dr. Sood later chaired a review meeting with senior bankers to assess the performance under Ground Level Credit (GLC) and deliberate on strategies to move beyond production-centric lending towards value chain



in Rajrappa, Ramgarh, and

engaged with the members

on critical themes such as

market linkages, collective

processing, and branding-

key drivers of rural enter-

the JIVA and Tribal

Development project of

financing, aggregation, and market-linked interventions. During the meeting, the **Regional Cooperative Banks** informed Dr. Sood, DMD that they will now be lending to the LAMPS/ PACS for onlending to the farmers. On 17th June, Dr. Sood

visited the Snehlata Farmers

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NABARD in Patratu, Ramgarh.

He then visited the Namkum LAMPS, a model Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society under the PACS Computerisation Scheme. He along with Shri Suraj Kumar, IAS, Registrar, Cooperative Societies, GoJ, jointly handed the ePACS certificate to the LAMPS. Dr. Sood interacted with the LAMPS officials and the **Registrar**, Cooperative Societies, Government of Jharkhand, and appreciated Producer Organisation (FPO) the diversified functions. He also advised that the LAMPS could build upon its good work and benefit from the current transformation in the cooperative sector. He also planted a tree at Namkum LAMPS premises prise growth. He also visited as a part of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative.

### **ACB** arrests former Excise Commissioner in liquor scam

**PNS : RANCHI** 

The Anti-Corruption Bureau today arrested former Excise **Commissioner** Amit Prakash in the liquor scam case. Earlier on June 3, suspended IAS Vinay Chaubey, then Joint Commissioner of Excise Department Gajendra Singh and others accused in the Jharkhand liquor scam case were produced before the special court of ACB. All the accused were produced through video conferencing. After the appearance, the court extended the judicial custody period of all the accused till June 9.

The accused produced in the court included suspended IAS Vinay Chaubey, then Joint Commissioner of Excise Department Gajendra Singh, Excise Department officers Sudhir Kumar, Sudhir Das and others. Senior IAS officer of

the state Vinay Chaubey was called by the ACB for questioning in the case related to the liquor scam on May 21. After this he was arrested. At present Vinay Chaubey and Gajendra Singh are in judicial custody. In view of the serious allegations against them, the state government has suspended both the officers



## NATION 04



## **BJP slams Congress for false** propaganda on census 2027

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delh

he BJP on Tuesday alleged that the Congress is carrying out false and misleading propaganda on census 2027 because its hope of gaining power by creating division in society is falling apart with the Narendra Modiled Government's decision to include caste enumeration in the nationwide exercise.

Terming the government's notification on the 16th census a "damp squib", the Congress on Monday said it is silent on the inclusion of caste in the exercise and asked whether this is another "Uturn" by the Government.

The Home Ministry noted that some misleading information, which stated that there was no mention of caste count in the gazette notification, was being spread and later asserted that the Census 2027 would include caste enumer-

ation. Lambasting the Congress for "misleading" people with false claims, BJP national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi alleged that the prime

New Delhi

on Tuesday.

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per protocol.

failed to do so on June 10.

**Robert Vadra skips ED summons again** 



BJP national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi

objective of the Opposition and blurred vision, rather a party by resorting to such a motivated nefarious vision, 'petty" act is to create confuhowever, they (Congress) are sion in society and gain power. unable to see what is categorically explained in the Modi

Since it is witnessing its objective falling apart, the Government's decision to con-Congress has resorted to duct the census," he charged. spreading "falsehood, decep-They are running completetion and lies", he told reporters at the BJP headquarters.

Trivedi said the press releases issued by the Government had clearly mentioned that along with the census, a socio-economic assessment and caste census would also be

"Marred by its myopic view

"The party decided to stop the caste census (enumeration)

in 1951 and did not allow the Kaka Kalekar Commission report and the Mandal Commission report to be released," he said.

With the 'Sabka saath, sabka vishwas' mantra, Trivedi said, the NDA Government under Prime Minister Modi's leader ship wants to conduct a census with caste enumeration to ensure "recognition of all castes, respect for all castes and upliftment of the most backward castes".

On the contrary, the leaders of the Congress and "INDI Alliance" only want the upliftment of their families by creating division in the society on caste lines, the BJP leader charged.

"In 2022, our alliance Government in Bihar decided to conduct a caste survey in the state," the BJP leader said.

Trivedi also raised questions over the Congress government's decision to conduct a fresh caste survey in Karnataka and asked whether the previous survey conductto vote bank politics in the name of caste but did nothing ed with an expenditure of for the backward communi-₹165 crore was erroneous.

## **PK Mishra urges States to focus** on high impact DRR plans

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, PK Mishra, on Tuesday said that states should focus on low cost but high impact interventions to mitigate disaster risks. Addressing the valedictory session of the two-day Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Mishra said the

potential of loss in certain disasters is found to be more than estimated which needs re-calibration of mitigation efforts to tackle them. Observing the nature of

disasters is changing, he said that we must accept this reality that hazards are interconnected, impacts are multiplying and risks are evolving faster than we are adapting. "In view of the emerging

challenges of extreme events and uncertainties, states need to recalibrate and re-activate their institutions, processes and systems for equipping themselves to be ready to handle such situation by preventing loss of life and property," he added. Mishra said that states

should focus on low cost but

high impact interventions to not a matter of hours but is mitigate disaster risks. a matter of minutes, as every

"Preparedness and awareminute taken in mobilisation ness is crucial for tackling and starting relief operation increasing uncertainty on counts. Thus, the speed of response should be disaster occurrence. The hazimproved. There is still a lot ard and vulnerability landto be done on the early warnscape are changing and so should enhance the preing from for certain disasparedness level of the states," ters," added Mishra. Giving example of drought said Mishra, according to an having the potential to official statement.

severely affect lives and liveli-"For better transition from hood, the principal secretary relief and response approach to preparedness and mitigation approach, states need to institutionalise the lessons learnt. This is essential, so that insights from the past disasters are not forgotten," he added. Mishra said India's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) financing model has tackle these kind of disasters. States should focus on low been acknowledged at the global platform on DRR held in Geneva on June 4 to June 6, 2025, states should ensure for proper utilisation of recovery and mitigation

funds. Highlighting India's vast geographical and climatic geography, which mandates a robust national disaster response force, he said that scheme for volunteer mobilstates should assess and invest in capacity augmentation of isation like community agencies involved in the involvement is very impordisaster relief operations.

"Disaster preparedness is tiveness of disaster response.

'Thug life' film must be released in Karnataka. guns can't be put to people's head: SC

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

he Supreme Court on Tuesday came down heavily on the Karnataka government over actor Kamal Haasan's film "Thug Life" not being released in the state, saving mob and vigilantes cannot be allowed to take to the streets. A bench of Justices Ujjal Bhuyan and Manmohan said rule of law has to be established and guns cannot be put to people's head to stop them from watching the movie.

The top court gave one day time to the Karnataka government to apprise it about release of the movie in the state, saying once a film has got the Central Board of Film Certification clearance, it has to be released in all the state.

The bench said if Haasan has said anything inconvenient it cannot be taken as a gospel truth and the enlightened people of Karnataka should have debated and said he was wrong.

The top court was also critical of the high court's recent observations seeking an apology over Haasan's remark over Kannada language, and said it has not business to seek apology. The bench transferred to the apex court, the case related to the movie pending before the high court and posted the matter for further hearing on Thursday.

"Thug Life" released in cinema halls across the country on June 5. The Tamil movie, which reunites Haasan with filmmaker Mani Ratnam after 1987's "Navakan", could not be released in Karnataka after the 70-year-old's comments about Kannada language sparked a

major controversy. The top court was hearing a

plea filed by one M Mahesh Reddy challenging the non release of the movie in Karnataka. The high court had strongly criticised Haasan for his remark suggesting that "Kannada was born out of Tamil", and observed that a "single apology could have

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Vadra had no intention of avoiding summons and was obert Vadra, the busiready to appear before the ED nessman husband of anytime before or after his R nessman husband of Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, skipped his travel abroad later this month. The agency is understood to scheduled deposition before be summoning Vadra to record the Enforcement Directorate his statement under the

for the second time in a money Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and laundering case linked to UKsubsequently file a chargesheet based arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari, official sources said in the case. The federal probe agency had questioned the He was asked to appear on businessman for three consec-Tuesday (June 17) after he utive days in April in a separate money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in a

Sources close to Vadra said 2008 land deal in Haryana. He he has communicated his travel plan to the UAE and UK for is being investigated in three money laundering cases by the this week in advance to the agency and that he would join ED. Bhandari (63) fled to the probe once he is back in

London in 2016, soon after the Income Tax Department raid-He skipped the June 10 summons saying he had flu-like ed him in Delhi. A UK court symptoms on June 9 and had earlier this month refused an undertaken a COVID test as application filed by the Indian government seeking permis-

His lawyer had then said that sion to appeal in Britain's Supreme Court against the discharge of Bhandari in an extradition case, virtually ruling out chances of him being brought to the country to face the law.

The ED filed a chargesheet in this case in 2023, alleging that Bhandari acquired the 12, Bryanston Square house in London in 2009 and got it renovated "as per the directions of Robert Vadra, who provided the funds for the renovation". Vadra has denied that he

owns any London property directly or indirectly. Terming the charges a "polit-

ical witch hunt", Vadra said he was being "hounded and harassed" to subserve political ends

The ED is also investigating Vadra in a separate money laundering case linked to alleged financial irregularities in a land deal in Rajasthan's Bikaner.

## **Environment Minister urges** *matri* vans for Aravalli Green Wall Project

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

nion Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav on Tuesday urged people to create forests in the name of their mothers as part of the Aravalli Green Wall Project, an ambitious plan to build a 1,400-km long and five-km wide green buffer around the Aravalli mountain range.

Launching the 'National Workshop on Strategies for Combating Desertification and Drought' in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Yadav said that unsustainable farming practices, excessive use of urea and pesticides, and overuse of groundwater are some of the key reasons for land degrada-

tion worldwide. He warned help restore such degraded that fast-paced desertification is threatening the human food chain.

Yadav said India is taking several steps to tackle land degradation and desertification, including interlinking of rivers, distribution of soil health cards to farmers and plantation programmes.

The Government has now decided to restore degraded land in the Aravalli range, which stretches from Delhi to

Guiarat, he said. The minister encouraged people to develop matri van (forests named after one's mother) on degraded forest land under this initiative. He also said that under the

Green Credit Programme, companies could be asked to

areas. Inspired by Africa's 'Great Green Wall' that spans from Senegal in the west to Djibouti in the east, the Aravalli project aims to establish a 1,400-km long and five-km wide green belt across 29 districts in Harvana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi. Yadav said the project will

be a turning point in the careers of divisional forest officers in these districts.

According to the government, the Aravalli Green Wall will help fight air pollution in the region, support India's climate goal of creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, and help restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.

The five-km wide green belt across 29 districts will cover 6.45 million hectares in the four states. About 42 per cent of this area, or 2.7 million hectares, is already degraded.

Of the total degraded land, 81 per cent lies in Rajasthan, 15.8 per cent in Gujarat, 1.7 per cent in Haryana and 1.6 per cent in Delhi, according to the action plan.

said the potential of loss in

certain disasters is found to

coming forth as one of the

largest-fatality disasters.

Hence, our mitigation efforts

should be re-calibrated to

cost but high impact inter-

ventions to mitigate disaster

Mishra said that urban

flooding solutions need to

keep in mind the local

The principal secretary

further said the Aapda Mitra

tant for enhancing the effec-

risks," he added.

conditions.

"These days lightning is

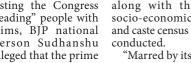
be more than estimated.

The Aravallis, the oldest mountain range in India, serve as a natural barrier against desertification, preventing the spread of the Thar desert and protecting cities like Delhi, Jaipur and Gurugram. They are also the origin of important rivers such as the Chambal, Sabarmati and Luni.

resolved the situation."

Centre's intention to take control of judges' appointments: Sibal





#### ly false and misleading propaganda because they feel that their hopes are not being fulfilled, the Rajya Sabha MP added. Trivedi alleged that the Congress has always resorted

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

R ajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Tuesday alleged K that the real motive of the government in moving towards bringing an impeachment motion against Justice Yashwant Varma for alleged corruption is to take control of appointment of judges by doing away with the Collegium system and bringing in the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC).

Sibal, who is also a senior advocate, also accused the government of having a selective approach in handling the cases of Justice Varma and Justice

Shekhar Yadav, against whom Opposition MPs have submitted a notice in the Rajya Sabha judges for moving an impeachment

motion for making allegedly "communal" remarks last year. Law Minister Kiren Rijiju has underlined the government's resolve to take all political parties on board in moving the impeachment motion against Justice Varma. A fire incident at Varma's residence in the national capital in March, when he was a judge at the geting a judge against whom Delhi High Court, had led to there is no evidence and you the discovery of several burnt are protecting a judge against

sacks of cash at the outhouse. Addressing a press conference, Sibal said the intention of the government is to finish the there is an impeachment

Collegium system and to take motion pending before the Chairman and he has been sitcontrol of the appointment of ting on it for verification of sig-Talking about Justice Varma, natures," Sibal said. Sibal said, "I can say with Rijiju wants to bring a utmost responsibility that he is motion on the first day of one of the finest judges that I

Parliament's Monsoon session have argued before. You ask any to put the Supreme Court's inhouse inquiry report in Justice lawyer in the High Court or Supreme Court, there is not a Varma's case in the public whiff of any wrongdoing by this domain, he said.

judge. You ask any lawyer in "For what? Why are you Allahabad." "It is shocking that protecting Shekhar Yadav?" you (the government) are tar-Sibal added.

Why isn't the opposition not realising that the game plan is to take away the power to whom there is no evidence appoint judges from the required because his statement Collegium and give it to the is in the public domain and NJAC, Sibal alleged, adding "That is the whole purpose of

this exercise". Slamming the government, he said it took a decision against a high court judge without any inquiry and procedure.

'The judge was not even heard. This is absolutely shocking...Unfortunately, the political class is brought into the act," he said.

Sibal last week had questioned why Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has not taken any action on the notice for moving an impeachment motion against Justice Yadav of the Allahabad High Court and alleged the government was trying to save the judge who made "totally communal" remarks last year.

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

ases of a low weight at birth from four States Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and West Bengal — account for nearly half of India's cases, despite an overall progress in lowering rates over the last 30 years, an analysis of the National Family Health Survey shows.

The findings are published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) Global Health.

Having a low birth weight — under 2.5 kg — can often signal a mother's underlying health issues and poor nutrition, and has been linked with problems in the child's cognitive development and a vulnerability to chronic conditions in later life.

Analysing data gathered from all five waves of the national survey, researchers from Duke and Harvard universities in the US and institutes in South Korea found that overall, the prevalence of low birth weight in India fell by eight percentage points from 26 in 1993 to 18 in 2021. State-wise, the average

prevalence was seen to decline across the five waves of the



survey from 25 per cent in 1993 and 1999 to 20 per cent in 2006, and 16 per cent in 2021, when the last wave concluded

Analysis of data from the fifth wave (2019-21) suggests that 42 lakh babies were born with a low weight in a single year, almost half (47 per cent) of which came from only four states - Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and West Bengal.

Prevalence in 1993 was found to be the highest in Rajasthan (48 per cent), while in 2021, Punjab and Delhi saw the highest prevalence at 22 per cent.

States such as Mizoram and Nagaland had the lowest

in 1993 and in 2021 as well. The authors wrote, "The overall prevalence of low birth weight in India declined from 26 per cent to 18 per cent during the period. The 2019-21 survey revealed that four states, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, and West Bengal, accounted for almost half of all low-birth-weight births in India." The data from the fifth

wave also showed that babies having both a lower weight and a smaller-than-average size at birth were "considerably more likely" to be born to women with little or no formal education and from the poorest households.

## Home Ministry tasked with ex-Agniveer progress plan

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delh

**◄**he Union Home Ministry has been tasked to "coordinate activities for further progression" of ex-Agniveers after their term with the armed forces ends, according to a Government notification.

amended the Allocation of aim to bring down the age Business Rules, 1961, by inserting a new point in the second schedule under the Department of States of the Union Home Ministry "coordinating activities for further progression of Ex-Agniveers", it said.

In June 2022, the government rolled out the Agnipath retain 25 per cent of them for The Government had recruitment scheme with an 15 more years.

The Government has profile of the three services. already reserved 10 per cent of Under the Agnipath jobs for ex-Agniveers in all scheme, candidates between future appointments of constables in the 11-lakh-strong the age bracket of 17-andhalf years and 21 who get Central Armed Police Forces selected are enrolled in Army, like CRPF, BSF, CISF, SSB etc. Air Force and Navy as The CAPFs recruit around Agniveers for a period of 4 10-12 thousand personnel in years with a provision to

constable ranks. No physical test would be required for recruitment of former Agniveers.

the former Agniveers into the paramilitary forces as such tests have already been done by the Army.

They will just need a physical fitness certificate, an official had said.

Various Central Government agencies and departments have also announced plans to recruit

DRDO, IIT-Delhi demonstrate experimental progress in quantum communication

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delh

ndia has successfully demonstrated an experi-L mental advancement in quantum communication domain that paves the way for real-time applications in quantum cyber security, according to the defence ministry.

"The free-space quantum secure communication using quantum entanglement over a distance of more than one km was achieved via a free-space optical link established on the IIT-Delhi campus," it said in a statement on Monday.

With this, India has entered a "new quantum era", officials said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has congratulated the DRDO and IIT-Delhi for this landmark achievement, stating that India entered a new quan-

tum era of secure communication which will be a "gamechanger" in future warfare.

This entanglement-assisted quantum secure communication paves the way for real-

cyber security, including longdistance Quantum Key

Distribution (QKD), the development of quantum networks, and the future quantum internet," the statement said.

The experiment attained a secure key rate of nearly 240 bits per second with a quantum bit error rate of less than 7 per cent, the ministry said.

These efforts align with India's broader objectives to advance quantum technologies for national development.

Under the project 'Design time applications in quantum and development of photonic

technologies for free space QKD', sanctioned by Directorate of Futuristic Technology Management (DFTM), DRDO, the demonstration was given by Prof Bhaskar Kanseri's research group in the presence of several senior officials of the DRDO, Dean (R&D) IIT-Delhi, Director (DIA-CoE) and DRDO laboratory scientists.

"Quantum entanglementbased QKD offers several significant advantages over the traditional prepare-and-mea-

sure method by enhancing both security and functionality. Even if devices are compromised or imperfect, the use of quantum entanglement ensures the security of key distribution.

"Any attempt to measure or intercept the entangled photons disturbs the quantum state, allowing authorised users to detect the presence of an eavesdropper," the statement said.

Quantum communication provides fundamentally unbreakable encryption, mak-

ing it a dual-use technology with applications in securing data in strategic sectors such as defence, finance, and telecommunications, as well as in protecting national security-related communications, it said.

"Free-space QKD eliminates the need to lay optical fibers, which can be both disruptive and expensive, especially in challenging terrains and dense urban environments," the statement said.

Earlier, India's first intercity quantum communication

link between Vindhyachal and Prayagraj in 2022, using commercial-grade underground dark optical fiber was demonstrated by DRDO scientists along with Prof Bhaskar's team, it said.

More recently, in 2024, the team successfully distributed quantum keys using entanglement over a 100 km spool of telecom-grade optical fiber in another DRDO-supported project.

These technologies are being developed through DRDO-Industry-Academia - Centres of Excellence (DIA-CoEs) - an initiative of the DRDO.

Where 15 Centres of Excellence have been established at premier academic institutes like IITs, IISc and universities for development of cutting-edge

defence technologies. Department of Defence R&D Secretary and DRDO Chairman, Samir V Kamat, and IIT-Delhi Director, Prof Rangan Banerjee, also congratulated the team for these key achievements.

## NATION 05



## **J and K: Tensions rise** between Omar, LG's office

#### MOHIT KANDHARI 📕 Jammu

ensions between Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha have intensified, with Abdullah expressing frustration over the lack of clarity in the division of responsibil-

ities between their offices. Speaking at an event in New Delhi on Monday, Abdullah highlighted the issue, stating that the presence of "two Governments" in Jammu and Kashmir is undermining effective governance.

The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference escalated the matter on Tuesday by sharing Abdullah's remarks on Fact is, today there are two

which shouldn't be the case. It

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nance," Abdullah said, empha-

sising the need for a clear

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within his Government.

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social media.

stepping his stated role, which Sinha has publicly limited to law and order and security. Governments in J and K,

The fact is, he does dabble which should not be the in governance-related matcase. It is the worst form ters," Abdullah said, pointing to Sinha's involvement in laying foundations for factories in industrial estates and distributing job orders, both "Fact is, today there are two Governments in J and K, managed by the elected

Government. He urged Sinha to endorse the business rules framed by the Cabinet, which Abdullah delineation of roles. He noted said align with the J and K that while he is not inclined to Reorganisation Act and do issue threats, "everything not encroach on the LG's authority over security, law naling growing impatience and order, or officer transfers.

The Chief Minister also ref-Abdullah criticised the erenced the recent Pahalgam Lieutenant Governor for overattack, suggesting that Sinha's

assertion of a limited role might be an acknowledgment of security lapses under his

watch. "Pahalgam happened under his watch, and it seems that is his way of putting his hand down," Abdullah remarked. He cautioned, however, that public anger over the attack should not be misconstrued as support for the events of August 5, 2019, when the region's special status was revoked.

Abdullah stressed that the business rules proposed by his Government aim to eliminate confusion and ensure smooth governance.

"We just want to ensure that the distribution of responsibilities is clear cut and there is no confusion," he said.

## Raja Raghuwanshi murder was not solely result of love triangle: Meghalaya DGP

#### GIRISH SHARMA Bhopal

he investigation into the sensational murder of Indore's transporter Raja Raghuwanshi has taken a deeper turn, with Meghalaya Director General of Police Idashisha Nongrang on Tuesday stating that the crime was not solely the result of a love triangle.

The DGP, speaking during a scene recreation exercise conducted by the police at the crime site in Sohagpur, said that investigators have found multiple underlying motives behind the killing, beyond just a failed romantic relationship. Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Mayank Awasthi echoed the same, stating that

while a romantic angle is one aspect, the investigation has

AI plane crash: Grieving father, mourners bid



Raja Raghuvanshi murder case in Meghalaya

uncovered compelling evidence recently married Sonam pointing to broader motiva-Khushwanshi, but their relationship quickly soured. Police tions. Authorities remain confident about the strength of evibelieve Sonam conspired with dence collected across all her brothers - Govind dimensions of the case. Deepak, and Mohar - to kill Raja Raghuwanshi had Raja. On May 23, they alleged-

Bhopal have assisted in collecting vital evidence from the scene. All four accused have been arrested and formal charges have been filed. During interrogation, Raja's brother Sachin revealed that Sonam had confessed to the

murder, admitting her brothers helped execute the plan. One of the most disturbing revelations in the case came from Sachin's testimony - Sonam reportedly manipulated Raja into believing that offering his life as a sacrifice would cure her ailing father. Shockingly, Raja is said to have agreed.

**Bihar to get** 

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Patna

🔿 ix more cities in Bihar will

S get air connectivity, with the state cabinet on

Tuesday giving its nod for the

six new

airports

ly lured him to Sohagpur on false pretenses, strangled him

with a mobile phone charger

cable, and suffocated him by

stuffing a ten-rupee note in his

mouth. Forensic and crime

scene investigation teams from

### Amarnath yatra route declared No Flying Zone

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Jammu

**◄**he Jammu and Kashmir Government has declared the routes of the has

annual Amarnath Yatra a 'No Flying Zone' from July 1 to August 10, 2025, as part of enhanced security measures for the pilgrimage.

The order, issued by the J and K Home Department on the directives of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, prohibits the operation of all aviation platforms and devices, including drones, UAVs, and balloons, along the traditional Pahalgam and shorter Baltal routes

The Amarnath Yatra, scheduled to commence on July 3, 2025, attracts thousands of pilgrims annually to the holy cave shrine in the Himalayas.

#### tearful farewell to Captain Sumeet Sabharwal The 'No Flying Zone' restriction aims to ensure the safety and smooth conduct of the pil-

grimage amid heightened security concerns. The order follows discussions with stakeholders, who assessed the prevailing security scenario in the Union Territory and proposed additional logistical measures. The Union Ministry of

Home Affairs has also recommended declaring the entire yatra route a 'No Flying Zone' for the duration of the pilgrimage. However, exemptions will be permitted for medical evacuations, disaster management, and surveillance operations by security forces.

A detailed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for these exceptions will be issued separately, the order stated

TN RAGHUNATHA Mumbai

> aptain Sumeet Sabharwal — who was ∠commanding the Air India flight AI-171 Boeing 787 Dreamliner that crashed last week in Ahmedabad killing 241 passengers and several others - was cremated here on Tuesday, as his 88year-old Pushkaraj Sabharwal led a large number of mourners in bidding a tearful farewell to his son.

Hours after his body was brought to his Powai home in Mumbai where he had lived most part of life, Sumeet's mortal remains were consigned to the furnace at the nearby Chakala electric crematorium in north Mumbai. Captain Sumeet (56), who

Pushkarai Sabharwal, father of Captain Sumeet Sabharwal, who was the

pilot of the Air India plane which crashed in Ahmedabad last week

was single, was a resident of the F Block of JalVayu Vihar in the upscale Hiranandani Gardens area of Powai. Capt. Sabharwal is survived by father Pushkraj Sabharwal. Sumeet's mother

had passed away two years ago.

Earlier, his octogenarian father Pushkraj, who was in tears but maintained a stoic silence, led the prayers held near a building temple, stand-

ing beside his son's coffin with folded hands amid chants of 'Om Namah Shivay Mantra Har Har Bhole Namah Shivaya,

His family members, friends, neighbours, colleagues and people from different parts of Mumbai had turned out to bid a goodbye to Sumeet, who was among those killed in the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday last.

glimpse of him. Apart from Sr Sabharwal, Sumeet's aunt and his two nephews, who too are pilots, were present at the prayer meeting. Sr Sabharwal placed flowers at the casket and stood in silence and then chanted prayers with others with family members and friends. He answers, to reforms. Safety broke down while chanting and security must be a prior-'Om Namah Shivay Mantra ity, not just in aviation, but in Har Har Bhole Namah Shivay every sector," Hiranandani in front of the casket, which said.

had a photo of the late ace pilot in a Captain's uniform. He was helped by close family mem-

bers. Hiranandani Group cofounder and Managing Director Niranjan Hiranandani and Shiv Sena MLA Dilip Mama Lande were among those who visited

signing of an agreement in this regard with the Airports Authority of India (AAI), offi-Sumeet's house to have a last cials said. The new airports will be 'Very sad, a young life was developed in Madhubani, taken away ( in the crash). This Birpur in Supaul, Munger, Valmiki Nagar in Bettiah, is a thoughtful moment, we Muzaffarpur and Saharsa under need to study this thoroughly. We cannot afford to go like this the Centre's regional connectiv-ity scheme UDAN, they said. again. The family is devastated. The only justice now is to The cabinet, headed by Chief ensure this moment leads to

Minister Nitish Kumar, gave its go-ahead for signing the Memorandum Understanding (MoU) between the state's Directorate of Aviation and the AAI for developing the airports, they added.

"A total of Rs 150 crore has been allocated, with Rs 25 crore for the development of each airport," Additional Chief Secretary S Siddharth told reporters.

The decision was taken with a few months left for the assembly elections in the state.

The cabinet also gave its nod to the issuance of the Letter of Award (LoA) to Kumar Infratrade Enterprises Ltd for the construction of a five-star hotel near Income Tax Golumber in Patna, he said.

#### "The hotel will be developed on the public-private partner

Golumber in Patna, is also

Minimum Support Price (MSP)

for chana at Rs 5,650, mustard

at Rs 5,950 and masoor at Rs

It was also decided that the

contract of 1,717 retired army

personnel recruited in the

Special Auxiliary Police (SAP)

will be extended till 2025-26.

6,700, Siddharth said.

The cabinet also fixed the

being finalised," he added.

## Assam Government announces ₹25,000 aid each to 350 families affected by blowout

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Guwahati

he Assam Government on Tuesday announced a financial aid of Rs 25,000 each to about 350 families affected by a blowout at an ONGC crude oil well in Sivasagar district, with the release of gases continuing for the sixth day. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, while announcing the aid, said Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri held a meeting with top officials in Delhi earlier in the day regarding the blowout, and both the state and central Governments were seized of the matter.



be personally visiting Sivasagar.

"ONGC has said that they have already invited a specialist from the US and they are hopeful that the leakage will be stopped soon. Our chief secretary has spoken to the Union petroleum secretary as well and he has assured of

## **Sharad Pawar rules out** two NCP factions' merger

#### TN RAGHUNATHA Mumbai

C etting at rest intense speculation about the merger **J**of the two factions of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday vehementthose who left the party, but ly rules out the possibility of

hands with the BJP is not in which the both leaders had not sync with the Congress ideolspoken anything about the ogy," the NCP (SP) chief who possible merger. played a key role in the forma-

Speaking at the foundation tion of the Congress-led day foundation day function, Opposition front INDIA bloc, Sr Pawar had said: "A split took said. Sr Pawar exhorted his place in our party. We never supporters not to bother about thought that such a thing would happen in the party, but

The blowout began on June 12 at well no. RDŠ 147 of rig no. SKP 135 of Rudrasagar oil field of ONGC at Barichuk of Bhatiapar. A private firm, SK Petro Services, was operating the well on behalf of the state-

CM Himanta inaugurating the newly built Lakhimpur Zila Parishad office. Dr Ranoj Pegu, Minister of Education and Tribal Affairs, Manab Deka MLA of Lakhimpur were also present at the event PIONEER PHOTO

Chief Minister's Relief Fund." run Maharatna company. Sarma, who had on He said Puri held a meeting Monday evening visited the at his office to discuss the matpeople affected by the inciter. "I will have a video condent, said, "There are about ference with him once I reach 350 families in the camp and Guwahati," Sarma said.

anxious... Sarma said the state's chief Compensation will be worked secretary spoke to the ONGC chairman in the morning out later. For immediate relief, regarding the matter and the we will be providing Rs 25,000 each to the families from the top boss of the company will

taking all steps," he added.

The chief minister said the details of compensation to the affected people will be worked out later, with stopping the leakage being the top priority now.

"If required, the state Government will provide more financial assistance and I will also visit the place again," he added.

Meanwhile, members of regional organisation Bir Lachit Sena gheraoed the office of SK Petro Services in Sivasagar on Tuesday and demanded compensation for the affected people.

party hands with the party led by his nephew Ajit Pawar whom he called an "opportunist".

Addressing a rally at Pimpri-Chinchwad near Pune, Sr Pawar said: "We do not want to join hands with opportunists who went with the BJP for power. We will along with us those who share the thoughts of Gandhi, Nehru, Phule, Shahu, Ambedkar".

"However, if someone is going with the BJP for the sake of power, then you cannot say that they practise the ideology of the Congress. One may align with anyone but joining

concentrate on the forthcoming local body elections.

"I have seen these kinds of developments on several occasions in my career. Please don't worry or bother about those who deserted the party," he said

Responding to his uncle and NCP (SP) chief's remarks, deputy chief minister of Sr Pawar's nephew Ajit Pawar said: "Everyone has the right to present his or her view.

The remarks by Sr Pawar and Ajit Pawar came a week after the two factions of the NCP held parallel 26th foundation day celebrations, in

it happened. Some people ship (PPP) mode, and the land went with other ideologies. If will be given on a 90-year some people remained loyal to the party, it is because of our lease. The bidding process for party's ideology." the construction of two more On the other hand, Ajit five-star hotels, near Bankipore Bus Stand and near R

Pawar responded to his uncle's statement by saying: "Couple of years ago, we had to make a decision...we are not sadhusant being in politics. We took the decision ( to split) to ensure that we address the issues of people."

It was Sr. Pawar's cryptic statement made in May this year that led to the speculation about the possible merger of the two NCP factions.

### Plan to transform Aravalli region into hub of ecotourism announced

are

#### PARVESH SHARMA

Gurugram

aryana Environment, Forest, and Wildlife Minister Rao Narbir Singh has announced an ambitious plan to transform the Aravalli region into a hub of ecotourism through the proposed Jungle Safari Project and Aravalli Green has entrusted Haryana with

Wall Project These initiatives aim to promote sustainable tourism,

communities.

they

the responsibility of implementing the Aravalli Green Wall Project and Jungle Safari, conserve biodiversity, and which will be a milestone from an environmental pergenerate employment for local spective," he said.

Speaking to the media, The Aravalli mountain Minister Singh emphasised range, considered the oldest in the ecological and economic India, spans across Haryana, significance of the initiative. Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Delhi, covering approximately 1.15 million hectares. 'The central Government

## Adhikari pulls large crowd in Trinamool Congress den

#### SAUGAR SENGUPTA Kolkata

n what could be considered a frightening scene for Mamata Banerjee a BJP delegation led by Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari on Tuesday managed to galvanise a large crowd --- at Khiderpore a veritable Trinamool Congress den adjacent to the Muslim dominated Kolkata Port area --- nearly twice as big as the one that came to hear out the Bengal Chief Minister for her

version of the devastating fire whelming crowd that assemat Khiderpore locality that engulfed more than a thousand shops

bled in no time as he said that the "fire was man made because the interests of TMC On Monday afternoon politicians are involved here?

Banerjee came to inspect the He said "the TMC extent of devastation caused by Government had decided to accommodate the rich who would open shopping malls here by setting ablaze the dreams and livelihood of the poor businessmen who have been running their shops for generations ... and all this for a meagre Rs 1 lakh," when many of the traders comthe Chief Minister. plained that they had lost not only lakhs but crores to the blaze.

The Chief Minister on Monday visited the area and said that "a place has already been earmarked for your rehabilitation with proper fire fighting system ... besides we will provide Rs 1 lakh to the affected shopkeepers," leading to a furor among the local traders hitherto known for their unflinching allegiance towards "We are by your side ... the

BJP will fight your cause both legally and otherwise and will not let their conspiracy materialise at the cost of your interest," Adhikari on Tuesday said followed by loud cheers from the crowd that had gathered.

Incidentally it has been the same Khiderpore Garden Reach area that had been voting for the Chief Minister and her party for the past 15-16 years.

### District coordination meeting of all departments held in Gurugram Jaipur National Highway (NH-

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Gurugram

he first district coordina-

tion meeting of all departments in Gurugram was held under the chairmanship of DS Dhesi, Principal Advisor, Urban Development, Government of Haryana, on Tuesday.

In the meeting, various issues and matters requiring interdepartmental coordination and action were discussed. The meeting was attended by CEO GMDA Shyamal Misra,

Divisional Commissioner R.C. Bidhan, and Deputy 48) to Panchgaon has been Commissioner Gurugram Ajay approved, and the toll will be shifted within three months' Kumar.

The principal advisor took time. Meanwhile, works pertaining stock of various projects being undertaken in the city by the to the enhancement of road local authorities to enhance infrastructure were also dis-

infrastructure development & cussed in the meeting, and uplift the civic amenities for the GMDA officers submitted that 95 kilometers of master roads citizsens. In the meeting, the National have been upgraded by the authority this year, while the Highway Authority of India (NHAI) officials submitted that MCG team said that 44 kilomethe plan of shifting the relocaters of internal roads have been tion of Gurugram's Kherki repaired by the corporation. Daula toll plazsa from Delhi-Dhesi outlined that new

roadworks may be identified and estimates may be prepared timely in order to undertake repair of the next set of roads in the city.

Additionally, the flood protection measures being undertaken by GMDA, MCG, and MCM to ensure a safe monsoon in the city were also briefly discussed in the meeting. GMDA officers said that the setting up of a flood control center is in progress, which will support on-the-ground requirements of labor, machinery, and pump sets during periods of

heavy rainfall. Mock drills have been carried out at all underpasses in the city, and the necessary remedial measures to be taken have been communicated to the concerned departments.

Additionally, desilting of drains is also being carried out by all local authorities in their respective areas. DS Dhesi further directed all departments to intensify their action plans in order to curb issues of waterlogging in the city during the monsoon season and ensure regular coordination between all

local authorities.

Moreover, to resolve waterlogging issues at Narshinghpur, GMDA is constructing a kachcha naala, which will be connected to the Badhshahpur drain to channelise the storm water from the service road of Narshinghpur during monsoon season.

It was further directed to NHAI officials that the cleaning of the 3 culverts across the national highway and its connection with the Badshahpur drain must be completed on priority.



Assam Information and Public Belations Minister Pliush Hazarika distributed assistive devices like wheelchairs, hearing aids and smart canes to several beneficiaries at a programme organised by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment Assam PIONEER PHOTO

a mid-Sunday night fire at the colonial Orphanganj market and allegedly had to digest some dissenting voices from the crowd that claimed the fire was a sabotage. Adhikari received thunderous applause from the over-





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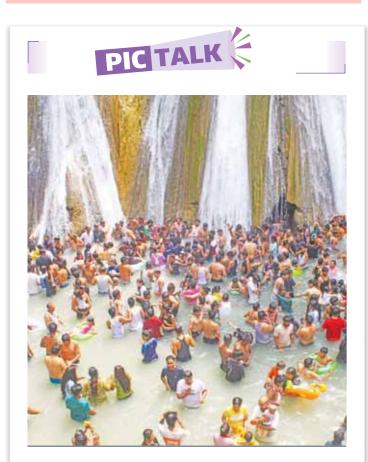
### A turning point for **India-Canada ties**

Prime Minister Modi's Canada visit could mark a new chapter in India's diplomatic engagement with the West

rime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Canada for the G7 Summit has captured global attention – not merely for its diplomatic weight but for its potential to recalibrate several key international relationships. This visit, his first to Canada since 2015, marks a crucial inflection point in India's foreign policy. Canada's outreach under a new leadership, and possibly, even in the broader Indo-Pacific dynamics that include China. This visit assumes heightened significance as it comes on the heels of a major diplomatic fallout between India and Canada.

In 2023, ties hit rock bottom following the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia, with then Prime Minister Justin Trudeau suggesting Indian involvement - a claim India flatly denied. The recent change in Canadian leadership, with Mark Carney taking office after Trudeau's exit, seems to signal a new willingness to repair and rebuild the ties. Carney's invitation to PM Modi to attend the G7 Summit in Alberta was more than just protocol - it was an overture of trust, diplomacy, and re-engagement. Modi's acceptance of the invitation, and his public emphasis on "mutual respect and shared interests," underscores India's readiness to reset the relationship. On the sidelines of the two-day summit PM Modi is expected to hold bilateral meetings not only with PM Carney but also with several other world leaders. With India and Canada both being vibrant democracies with strong people-to-people ties bolstered by a diaspora of over 1.6 million Indo-Canadians - the scope for strategic cooperation in areas like education, technology, climate change, and trade remains vast. In 2024, bilateral trade in goods stood at \$8.6 billion, nearly evenly split between exports and imports. Services trade was even more significant, at \$14.3 billion. Modi's visit could serve to unlock stalled trade discussions, revitalise strategic partnerships, and perhaps even set the stage for a long-pending Free Trade Agreement. Although India is not a formal member of the G7, Modi has been a regular invitee since 2019 - a testament to India's rising geopolitical and economic influence. This year's G7 deliberations are especially charged, focusing on intensifying global crises: the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, fresh conflict in West Asia following Iran-Israel strikes, and economic instability triggered by geopolitical realignments and trade tensions. India's position as a neutral but influential voice on many of these issues - particularly the Ukraine conflict - places it in a unique spot. Modi's presence offers the West a crucial bridge to the Global South, while allowing India to assert its values of multilateralism and peaceful diplomacy.

This visit may offer an indirect way to resolve tensions with China as well. With rising anti-China sentiment in several G7 countries and a growing Indo-Pacific strategy that seeks alternatives to Chinese hegemony, India's role becomes pivotal. A recalibrated India-Canada axis, especially under a more globally nuanced leader like Carney, could act as a soft diplomatic channel for India to manage its competitive yet critical relationship with Beijing. Modi's 23-hour tour may well be the catalyst for a series of longoverdue resets, not just with Canada, but with the world.



# **A Quiet Revolution in Indian Politics**

The Modi Government's announcement of the 2027 Census date has set the stage for a transformative political shift: The implementation of the long-awaited 33 per cent reservation for women in 2029 elections

he Modi Government's recent announcement of the Census date as March 2027, before the implementation of a 33 per cent quota for women in Parliament and State legislatures in 2029 polls, has been welcomed by women. This is not just a step but a monumental leap for women's empowerment and gender justice - a cause that women have long championed.

The introduction of a women's quota in legislatures, preceded by a Census and delimitation, is a significant milestone that must come sooner than later. This process is closely tied to the concepts of delimitation and the Census. Delimitation will follow the Census, followed by the implementation of the one-third quota for women.

Why is this topic coming up now, considering that the 2029 elections are still some time away? It seems that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) aims to keep this issue in the spotlight to attract women voters in the interim.

All political parties are making efforts to court women voters in the upcoming elections, whether for the Lok Sabha or state assemblies. State assembly elections, such as those in Bihar, are scheduled for later this year, with more set to occur next year. The Congress party and other Opposition parties have been criticising the Modi government for the delay in conducting the national Census.

Two key issues need to be addressed before the Government can implement the women's quota: Census and delimitation. Both are sensitive issues. Once the data from the Census is available, Parliament will need to pass a Delimitation Act to establish a commission for overseeing the redrawing of constituency boundaries. Women's empowerment is a long-standing effort to provide one-third reservation for women. This goal has been on the agenda of previous Governments. However, the Modi Government successfully passed the law in 2023, with implementation scheduled for 2029. Historically, despite facing Opposition from parties such as the Samajwadi Party and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), the bill was passed in both houses of Parliament in 2023.

Many male representatives expressed concerns about possibly losing their seats due to the redistribution, which favoured women. Nevertheless, the Government pushed the bill through, and members adhered to the party whip. The nationwide Census, scheduled for March 2027, will include caste enumeration for the first time. and the results will significantly influence



not just a technicality but a crucial process

as it redraws the boundaries of parliamentary and assembly constituencies, particularly when the population has increased more than five times since Independence. The anticipation and uncertainty surrounding this process are palpable Most politicians are closely monitoring

how these constituen-

the delimitation process. Delimitation is Parliament building has adequate seating capacity to accommodate the increased number of members. While central states such as Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan could gain approximately 31 seats, southern states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala might lose around 26 seats.

Currently, the Lok Sabha's representation is based on population figures from the 1971 Census. The delimitation of seats was frozen in 1976 and again in 2001 to promote family planning, and this freeze will remain in effect until after the first Census post-2026.

Southern states are concerned that reliance solely on population figures may not accurately reflect their representation, as they have successfully controlled population growth. They worry about getting fewer seats compared to northern states. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin stated on X, "The Indian Constitution mandates delimitation after the first Census post-2026. The BJP's delay of the Census to 2027 reveals their intention to reduce Tamil Nadu's parliamentary representation.

We need clear answers from the Union Government." Home Minister Amit Shah has assured that southern states will not lose any seats on a pro-rata basis. These changes could not only alter the numbers but also shake the existing power base. Political dynasties, particularly in some northern states, which are deeply rooted, could lose their traditional seats of power. Political parties may need to reassess their strategies.

The women's quota may quietly usher in one of the most significant political realignments in decades - challenging not only regional balance but also entrenched power hierarchies. Ultimately, the women's quota could become a game changer if it parallels the earlier initiative that empowered women's sarpanches through a bill in 1992. That effort was so successful that today, there are 1.45 million women sarpanches. The success of the present initiative largely depends on women's commitment to entering politics.

> (The writer is a popular columnist. Views are personal)

## Canada's Car-nama: Modi invite marks strategic shift



came out of the left field and has truly set the cat amongst is ample scope to increase that number to US\$10 billion the pigeons in Canada, in the wake of Justin Trudeau's allegations against India last year. Canada's headache has been the US tariffs against Canadian exports to the USA, mak-

in the coming years by 2026/2027.

As per an Agriculture Canada report, in 2022, India imported Can \$35.4 billion worth of processed food and beverages, with Canada supplying only Can \$20.9 million (0.1 per cent) of that total. There is a case for Canada to increase that by 10x within the next year or two. India's largest imports from the world were palm oil, soya bean oil, and sunflower oil, and Canada's share was negligible or non-existent. Defence, Nuclear, automobile and housing are just a few of the sectors for Indo-Canadian cooperation, with India being one of the major QUAD players in the Pacific security region. With the Nijjar case locked into the Canadian legal system, the gaze now moves to India's concerns about Khalistani terror within Canada, and their transnational terror and extortion plots in India. Car-Nama will have to learn to hyphenate their relationships with the USA, as both nations India and Canada, learn to deal with the American tariffs and maintain their happy positions of strength in the relationship. This is a moment of reckoning for the Mark Carney Government to seize the initiative and he will find Modi's India a very willing ally.

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cies will be redrawn. Delimitation can cre-

ate more constituencies based on the lat-

est Census data. Media reports say that it

could increase the number of Lok Sabha

seats from 543 to 888 and the number of

Rajya Sabha seats from 250 to 384, accord-

ing to a Government response to the

Supreme Court. This increase could lead

to a more representative and diverse

Parliament. Envisaging this, the new

Tourists bathe at Kempty Falls in Mussoorie to beat the scorching heat. PTI

he new Canadian Government has brought with it a summer of hope. The Indo-Canadian troubles of last year seem to be melting into the past.

Though not out of the woods yet, both camps are making the right noises. Carney's G7 invitation to India's PM Narendra Modi has brought about mixed reactions across Canada, with Poilievre accepting that India was a necessary invitee and the Khalistani supporters' meltdown.

This is the Canada's CAR-NAMA moment for Carney and Narendra Modi (Namo) which could help turn the page on Indo-Canadian relationships. Carnama in Hindi translates to miracle or brave act.

Mark Carney's Liberal Government has been eager to distance itself from Trudeau's image and policies, whilst silently working back channels with global players, like India.

Anita Anand and Dr S Jaishankar's phone diplomacy facilitated Modi's acceptance for the G-7 after other partners felt it imperative for India to be present.

India and Canada have moved a step further,

with an intelligence-sharing understanding, to combat the rising threat of international crime and extremism. This

ing all things Canadian, more expensive. This in turn has driven prices up, affected jobs, and brought in higher inflation in Canada.

It is rumoured that a back-channel trade deal between India and Canada may not be far away, signalling Canada's return as an Indian frontline trading partner, not merely as America's 51st state, but as a proud nation rich

in heritage and the world's largest natural resources.

India is an insatiable consumer of minerals, fuels, pulses, fertilisers, steel, pearls & precious stones, oil & gas, and nuclear fuel.

India's earliest nuclear reactors were built with Canada's help in the early 1970s and this could kickstart a new wave of mini-reactor technology across India.

There are also products like lumber, organic chemicals, plastics and foreign students across Canada.

According to the COMTRADE database on international trade, India's imports from Canada were US \$6.26 Billion during 2024, this was as against 7.5 billion in 2023 when

the Trudeau allegations hit trade. Given the jump from US 2.7 billion in 2022 to US\$ \$7.5 billion in 2023, there (The writer is an Analyst, Lawyer, Author & commentator, who writes on International relations, Aviation and law. Views are personal)

## Letters to the Editor

#### Do not damage communal harmony

The statement made by Hemant Biswa Sarma is false and entirely fabricated. Muslims hold deep respect for Hindu temples, as instructed in the Holy Quran. Why would they desecrate a temple by throwing beef near it? This allegation is baseless and only reflects Sarma's longstanding anti-Muslim stance.

He has already ordered the demolition of 600 madrasas in Assam. Being a Brahmin by caste, it seems he is seeking undue political credit from the BJP by promoting violence and targeting Muslims through police actions, including reported firing orders. This is not governance - it is political overaction designed to boost his image as an anti-Muslim hardliner. Meanwhile, he turns a blind eye to more pressing tragedies, such as the plane crash in Ahmedabad; the helicopter crash that claimed 13 lives, and the drowning of five youths in Basar, Godavari.

I personally served as a Veterinary Assistant Surgeon in Basar, bathed in the sacred Godavari River, and witnessed the harmony of the region. I also spent three months in Assam and saw firsthand the cordial relations between Hindus and Muslims, who make up 42 per cent of the population. Under Congress rule, a Muslim even rose to become the President of India. Sarma himself was once a part of Congress. When the BJP falls, he won't hesitate to return to Congress.

#### India's maternal mortality rate improves

In India, the maternal mortality ratio (MMR), which signifies the number of maternal deaths per one lakh live births, has improved to 88 in 2020-22 from 93 in 2019-21.

However, six states saw an increase in maternal mortality ratio: Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh. The Office of Registrar General, working under the Ministry of Home Affairs, released the data this month.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) defines maternal death as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of her pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and site of pregnancy. The maternal mortality ratio in India has consistently been declining over the past few years. It stood at 130 deaths per one lakh live births in 2014-16, whereas it stood at 88 in Unlike maternal mortality ratio, the maternal mortality rate is the maternal deaths in women aged 15-49 years (reproductive age) per lakh of women in that age group. The maternal mortality ratio is declining in India overall, but a few.

One factor that can increase the complications among regnant women is anaemia. The National Family Health Survey-5 results showed that 52.2 per cent of pregnant women aged 15-49 years have anaemia.

#### The first martyr of freedom: Rani Laxmi Bai Remembering Rani Lakshmibai on her death anniversary

is not a mere ritual; it is a moment of introspection. Are we truly the heirs of the freedom for which she gave her life? Her life teaches us that independence is not a gift but a right earned through sacrifice, struggle, and perseverance. She exemplified the power of Indian womanhood, a force that, when awakened, can reduce empires to ashes. Her sword's gleam still shines through the pages of history, her voice still calls to every soul that lives for pride. Rani Lakshmibai may have left this world, but she became immortal. Her saga is not just Jhansi's story; it is the saga of India's very consciousness.

Whenever Mother India calls, whenever pride faces peril, the name of Rani Lakshmi will resound like a battle cry. She was not just a queen; she was the soul of India and she will remain so forever. Rani Lakshmibai's life is not merely a story of battles; it is a living lesson in leadership, resilience, and strategy. A young queen who blended political diplomacy, administrative skill, and military organisation with fearless decisions, she was not just a battlefield heroine but a pioneer of national awakening. Her indomitable spirit, therefore, transcends history, offering a timeless blueprint for courage and self-determination. It is a profound legacy that continues to inspire generations to uphold justice and national pride.

### **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IS** THE ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY

is refers to the news 'Kommineni out' (17-6-25). It is said dictatorship begins with control over media and suppression of freedom of expression. This has been witnessed during the Emergency period in India. Newspapers used to have some blank space indicating that the news meant for the space had been censored by the Government.

Voice of dissent was dealt with too harshly. The present scenes resemble the same. Hundreds of dissenters and journalists are lodged in prison for a long time, even without framing charges. The very role of the media is to present the facts and expose the mistakes and misdeeds of the Government. Most in the monopolised media are seen singing in praise of the rulers in a subjugated tone. Articles glorifying the economy reaching fourth place and GDP growth are repeatedly appearing.

But very rarely do articles or editorials appear highlighting the growing disparity, growing unemployment, social issues,

efforts to prop up communal divide to cover up the failures, etc. Even courts convey their displeasure over such turns of events that suppress the freedom of expression but fail to sensitise the Government.

The latest one is the arrest of journalist Mr Kommineni, a well-known name in Andhra Pradesh; his release was ordered by the Court. But history is very clear with its message that such suppression cannot last for a long time and when the people understand the facts, they react accordingly to restore democracy and normalcy in a democratic manner.

This is also witnessed in India. Promoters of the Emergency were defeated and the massive movement for democracy won. Suppression of dissent is an expression of fear of getting exposed for deliberate misdeeds. Positive corrections will go a long way in strengthening democracy.

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## **G7** Summit in Canada: Diplomacy Tested, Alliances Strained

Prime Minister Mark Carney's invitation to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi – despite ongoing tensions over Khalistani extremism and human rights concerns – signals a bid to recalibrate relations

#### From Ground Zero Alberta (Canada)

he leaders of the G7, comprising the world's wealthiest democracies, convened in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada, from June 15 to 17. The meeting served as a significant demonstration of the G7's resolve to maintain unity during challenging circumstances.

The most recent G7 meeting took place in Canada in 2018, during which President Donald Trump, in the early stages of his presidency, departed from the summit in a state of anger. He declined to endorse the concluding joint statement, issued threats regarding tariffs against his fellow leaders, and characterised the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, as "very dishonest and weak

However, on this occasion, Trump departs from the G7 summit prematurely to address the Israel-Iran conflict. It is now widely recognised that Trump's second presidency is significantly more controversial than the first. The fractures within what can scarcely be referred to as the "Western family" have now been thoroughly exposed. In the interim, European initiatives have predominantly concentrated on preventing a severe rupture with the United States rather than attempting to mask the unease stemming from division. Given this new reality, a successful summit is characterised by the absence of melodrama or significant confrontation. Mitigating the damage has emerged as a goal in its own right.

While Mark Carney has found himself in the unusual position of hosting a US president who has repeatedly claimed that his country, Canada, should be the 51st US state, he has had to explain to him that his country is not for sale. For this year's summit amid a perilous escalation in the Middle East and Mr. Trump's reshaping of global alliances.

Also, as soon as Indian PM Narinder Modi lands at Calgary airport, some Sikhs and MPs oppose his G7 attendance, citing India's human rights record. Despite this, the new information-shar-

ing pact is a major step toward normalising relations and addressing internal security challenges in both nations.

While the advocacy group Sikhs for Justice held a day of protests Monday, Modi landed at the Calgary airport in the evening and then made his way to the summit in the nearby wilderness retreat of Kananaskis. Then on Tuesday, condemning Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he visits the G7 leaders' summit.

The protest in downtown Calgary included posters of the leader handcuffed in a prison jumpsuit and another depicting him behind bars. The rela-

tionship between the two nations has worsened since Canada accused Indian Government agents



of assassinating Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a 45-year-old naturalised Canadian citizen and prominent advocate for a separate Sikh homeland in India. New Delhi calls the claims "absurd" and "preposterous." Punjab is uneasy about India-Canada tensions over the Sikh slaughter. The controversy damaged India-Canada ties, prompting diplomatic expulsions in 2023 and 2024

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney is openminded and forward-thinking. He warmly invited

Modi to attend the summit, despite India's economic, commercial, market, and strategic importance. In this digital technology era, the G7+5, an informal alliance of major developing economies, has invited India, Mexico, Brazil, and South Africa as guests in previous years. India, Brazil, South Africa, Russia, and China founded the BRICS alliance of developing countries, which some see as a mirror of the G7's geopolitical and economic competition.

The G7 and invited parties reached a wide consensus on these invitations. The data shows India's 50-year exit from the G7, while the invitations emphasise the guests' economic might outside. With less

than 1 per cent of the world's GDP, Russia first visited the G7 in 1992. Meanwhile, the five original



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BRICS nations had less than 9 per cent of world GDP. The G7 accounted for 63 per cent of global GDP. The G7 currently accounts for 44 per cent of global GDP, whereas the original BRICS have quadrupled to 25 per cent. Since becoming the 47th President of the United States for the second time on January 21, 2025, Trump's aggressive, capitalist, and expansionist policies have caused turmoil in the US and across the globe. Trump's terror tariffs and immigration crackdowns have sparked violent demonstrations in several US states for the second time. On April 5, 2025, 1400 sites in 50 US states conducted the first anti-regime protests.

Now violent demonstrations against immigration deportation continue. Canada joined in 1976. The G-8 group included Russia, but it ejected it in 2014 for annexing Crimea. These gatherings often include other major nations. France hosted this organisation's 2019 conference and welcomed India for the first time. Invitations have continued since.

The world's fourth biggest economy is India. India has a greater economy than France, Italy, Canada, and Japan. Canada needs new trustworthy partners to address global peace, law, and order issues. After Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party beat Stephen Harper's Conservatives in 2015, Canada was in high demand worldwide. Now things have changed. At the sum-mit today (Tuesday), Prime Minister Modi will



address energy security, technology, and innovation, particularly the AI-Energy Alliance and quantum challenges, with G7 leaders, invited outreach nations, and international organisation leaders.

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Canada spent \$300 million and \$600 million hosting the G-7 meetings in Huntsville, Ontario, in 2010 and Charlevoix, Quebec, in 2018. This meeting should deliver important outcomes.

The Indian Prime Minister may have a chance to address national interests, diplomatic, trade, economic, and military problems with G-7 and other leaders, as well as Pakistan's role in worldwide terrorism

While Indian political observers say Modi's visit may allow Canada and India to rebalance ties. As Canada's prime minister since March, Carney has raised hopes of a thaw. According to former Indian envoy to the US Meera Shankar, Modi's trip will "hopefully mark the beginning of a reset in India's relations with Canada, which have plummeted over the Canadian allegations regarding the Nijjar case and India's belief that Canada indulges Sikh extremism directed against India."

She said both sides gain "if the relationship is sta-bilised, particularly in a volatile world. With bilat-eral trade hitting \$9 billion in 2023 and Canadian pension funds investing \$55 billion in India, India and Canada have strong commercial and interpersonal ties. About 5 per cent of Canada's population is Indian, with roughly 2 million living there. The US and North America are the top choices for Indian students pursuing higher education.

#### Outstanding issues and relationship implications

New Delhi and Ottawa are trying to repair their ties, but Nijjar's murder remains unsolved. The group supports "Khalistan," a fringe separatist movement seeking an independent Sikh state from India. New Delhi wants stricter steps against India's banned Khalistan movement.

On the other hand, Senator Baltej Singh Dhillon, a former member of the Mounted Police, wrote in public essay on Sunday that "inviting Prime Minister Modi currently represents a troubling departure from our principles." He also stated that "prioritising short-term strategic calculations over long-term democratic values" "sends the message that trade and geopolitical interests matter more than sovereignty, justice, and public trust" and that "there are no real consequences for foreign interference in our democracy." In the end, the meeting will test Canada's global leadership and Carney's diplomacy. Canada has a unique opportunity to establish a host. If this summit goes well, Canada might become a more vital Western partner amid high tensions and risks. Canada may lose credibility for years if it doesn't.

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## **Hydro-Politics in Boil: India Wields Water** as Weapon After Pahalgam Massacre

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Modi and Carney poised to bury the bilateral hatchet

President of the World Bank, warned in 1995 that "the wars of the next century will be fought over water," few took him seriously. Today, that foresight reverberates across the fault lines of Asia's geopolitical map.

As glaciers shrink, river flows diminish, and populations swell, water is no longer a shared life source — it has become a potent geopolitical lever. Former UN Secretary – General Boutros Boutros – Ghali too had warned that water, especially in arid, densely populated regions, could spark future conflicts.

This warning is materialising in South Asia, where India, Pakistan, and China - three nuclear powers — are tangled in an uneasy hydrological balance. What was once theoretical is now dangerously real.

China's infrastructural build-up along the Brahmaputra, India's tougher stance on the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) — especially after the Pahalgam carnage — and Pakistan's wors-ening drought fears are all interwoven in

a complex new theatre of hydro-politics. As diplomacy erodes and climate extremes escalate, Asia's river systems may well become tomorrow's battlegrounds.

#### The Pahalgam Massacre

The gruesome terror attack in Baisaran meadows near Pahalgam on April 22, 2025 — where 26 Indian tourists and one Nepali national were gunned down by Islamist extremists has deeply unsettled India and shaken the very foundations of South Asia's oldest water-sharing pact: the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960.

India's subsequent decision to suspend its operational commitments under the IWT marks a sharp departure from its long-held water diplomacy ethos - where rivers once symbolised cooperation, they now represent coercion.

Though framed as a temporary measure, India's move is already yielding disruptive consequences across Pakistan's farming belt, dependent as it is on the Indus system.

By halting hydrological data sharing and beginning regulatory moves to prioritise its water rights, India has pushed Pakistan toward an impending agricultural disaster and a humanitarian dilemma.

#### Pakistan's Fields Are Run Dry

India's withdrawal from routine data sharing and its upstream recalibrations have left Pakistan's breadbasket provinces - Punjab and Sindh grappling with acute water stress just as their Kharif sowing period begins.

According to Pakistan's Ministry of National Food Security, the Kharif cycle (April-July) contributes roughly 65 per cent of total crop yield annually, and over 85 per cent of it is irrigation — dependent via Indus canals. In Punjab, which supplies over 70 per cent of Pakistan's wheat and half of its sugarcane, planting of water-intensive crops like rice and cotton is already lagging by nearly a month. In Sindh, where cotton, sugarcane, and paddy dominate, the Indus River System Authority (IRSA) estimates a 30 per cent drop in canal water flow. Remote sensing and NDVI (Normalised Difference Vegetation Index) analysis from early May show a 14 per cent drop in vegetation density versus last year's average. Farmers from regions such as Okara, Multan, Bahawalpur, Jacobabad, and Larkana are holding street protests, citing failing crops, shrivelling seedlings, and vanishing groundwater tables as tube wells run dry without river seep-

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New Delhi hasn't completely choked the river flows — an act that would violate the IWT and risk global condemnation. Instead, it is exercising its treaty - sanctioned rights with strategic precision.

#### Long-term Blueprint

The Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Central Water Commission are pursuing a multi-pronged plan: construction of seven mini hydropower projects (adding up to 1,800 MW) on the Chenab and

Jhelum; expansion of irrigation in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab; real-time satellite surveillance to ensure no surplus flow enters Pakistan during low-flow months. A senior official confided, "Water is now a pillar of our national security calculus."

Steps already taken | India has stopped sharing real-time river data and flood alerts - a move that has left Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) operating in the dark during monsoon months.

Historically, India's telemetry inputs were responsible for nearly 90 per cent of Pakistan's flood warnings

#### **Reservoir action**

The pace of filling reservoirs like Tulbul (Jhelum), Baglihar, and Ratle (Chenab) has been accelerated, causing delays of 15-20 days in downstream flow.

Diverting flow | Projects like Shahpur-Kandi on the Ravi and the Ujh multipurpose project have seen renewed momentum. These aim to

store water previously flowing into Pakistan allowing India to finally utilise its entitled 3.6 million acre-feet (MAF) that often went untapped.

#### A New Water Doctrine Emerges

India's recalibration signals a break from its earlier posture of moral restraint. The new policy is predicated on conditional reciprocity: that continued cross-border terrorism will be met with escalating economic and ecological costs.

This is not without precedent. After the 2016 Uri attack, India considered revisiting the treaty. Following the 2019 Pulwama bombing, it initiated a water diversion on the Ravi. But the post-Pahalgam suspension of the IWT represents the most decisive stance yet - clearly articulating that terrorism and treaty sanctity cannot run on parallel tracks.

#### **Collaboration to Confrontation**

The Indus Waters Treaty, brokered in 1960 with World Bank mediation, allocated 80 per cent of the total river waters (Indus, Chenab, Jhelum) to Pakistan and the remaining 20 per cent (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej) to India.

India retained restricted, non-consumptive rights over the Western Rivers, mainly for hydropower, irrigation, and navigation. Traditionally, New Delhi chose under-utilisation to avoid regional escalation.

But patience has worn thin. Years of terror attacks traced to Pakistan-based outfits have forced a rethink.

The freeze in water cooperation — especially real-time data sharing and advance flood warnings — is not just administrative friction; it marks a structural shift. India's approach has turned kinetic: the battle is no longer verbal, but hvdraulic.

#### Water Wars on the Horizon?

Through a calculated manipulation of the Indus flow, India has touched Pakistan's most vulnerable nerve - its water-reliant agrarian economy, already fragile under political and economic stress. This pressure tactic highlights not only Pakistan's food and water insecurity but also the unsustainable costs of sponsoring cross-border terrorism.

If Islamabad does not reassess its approach to Kashmir and terrorism, its dream of uninterrupted Indus waters could be headed toward a terminal drought.

What began as a diplomatic freeze may evolve into a full-spectrum hydro-strategic doctrine. India has drawn a clear line: terrorism and treaty privileges cannot coexist in perpetuity.

(The writer is a strategic affairs columnist and senior political analyst. Views expressed are personal he long-drawn bitterness in New Delhi-Ottawa bilateral ties is beginning to show

signs of a rapprochement with PM Narendra Modi expected to meet his new Canadian counterpart Mark Carney on the margins of the upcoming G-7 Summit in picturesque Kananaskis in the Canadian province of Alberta from June 15 to 17.

Both sides will need to ensure that a major irritant in the bilateral relationship - Khalistani extremism in Canada — is not allowed to derail efforts to normalise ties.

That India's perennial bugbear Justin Trudeau is no longer the Canadian PM has contributed in no small measure to the initiation of efforts to end the chill in bilateral relations.

Modi swiftly accepted an invite from Carney to participate in the gathering of the world's advanced economies – US, Canada, UK, France, Italy, Germany and Japan — even though it came just a few days ahead of the meet. As "vibrant democracies", the two countries will "work together with renewed vigour guided by mutual respect and shared interests", Modi affirmed.

It was Trudeau's policy of appeasement of the Khalistani elements based on Canadian soil that saw bilateral relations nose-dive since he became PM in 2015.

The ties deteriorated even further in 2023-24 after the Trudeau Government's accusations that the Indian Government was behind the killing of Khalistani separatist Kuldeep Singh Nijjar in Canada in June 2023.

Both sides are hoping to turn a new

chapter under the new Canadian PM. It's perhaps the reason why Carney invited Modi even though he's facing domestic criticism,

including within his party, in the backdrop of charges by Canadian security that Indian agents were behind Nijjar's killing.

Carney, on his part, said India is the world's most populous nation and with the fifth largest economy, besides being "central" to several supply chains.

For the economist turned politician who never held any political office till he became the PM, the outreach to India is driven by pragmatism and realpolitik.

Having succeeded Trudeau as the Liberal Party leader and PM, Carney not only has to deal with the challenges of a world in geopolitical and economic flux but also the harsh reality of his country no longer being treated as a valuable ally by its all-powerful neighbour, the US.

Instead, Donald Trump in his second term as US President has unleashed a trade war on Canada. Furthermore, in what is even more

galling for Ottawa, Trump has questioned Canada's sovereignty by threatening to annex it.

As Carney negotiates a new path and shapes an economy wherein the US is no longer its largest trading partner, it has become imperative for his Government to look for new trading partners.

It's in this backdrop that Carney is seeking to bury the hatchet with the two Asian giants, India and China — countries with whom Ottawa's ties have been extremely fraught in recent years.

Carney has also reached out to Beijing with a recent phone call to Chinese premier Li Qiang, where they agreed to "reset" ties. Beijing, of course, has been engaged in its trade war with Washington, though the two sides have reached a delicate truce for now.

India, facing its share of troubles with Trump's trade war, too is looking to closer economic ties with other partners. The normalisation of ties with Canada could, therefore, see the two sides revive discussions for a trade pact, talks on which

were halted by Canada in September 2023 as tensions mounted after the Najjar killing.

It's noteworthy that trade ties have remained quite stable despite the turbulence in bilateral relations. In 2023, bilateral trade in goods between the two countries was 12.65 billion Canadian dollars, while in services it was 13.49 billion Canadian dollars.

Canada also sees India as a key partner in its efforts to enhance economic links with the Indo-Pacific in its strategy for the region.

The two also have shared interests in cooperating on security matters in the Indo-Pacific amid China's expan-

sionist muscle-flexing. Security will be one of the important items on the G-7's agenda as well as energy. For India, Canada can be an important ally in its campaign against Pakistan on the issue of cross-border terrorism.

However, as India and Canada prepare to bury the hatchet, it will require some deft diplomatic manoeuvring from both to ensure the Najjar killing as well as the broader issue of activities by Khalistan separatist elements is not allowed to bedevil ties.

Ottawa would do well to remember that it was these secessionist elements who were behind the deadly bombing of AI-182 'Kanishka' in 1982 that exploded over the Atlantic Ocean, killing 329 passengers. As former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton once warned Pakistan — you cannot keep snakes in your backyard and expect them only to bite your neighbours.

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## **Mehul Choksi takes kidnapping** allegations against India to UK court

It is India's position that the

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ehul Choksi, the businessman wanted in India to face charges in the Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud case, is suing the Indian government and five individuals in the High Court in London as conspirators for his alleged kidnap, torture and attempted rendition.

The Indian authorities have denied the allegations and objected to the UK jurisdiction on the basis of state immunity and also sought permission for expert evidence on Indian law and the Indian Constitution to be taken into account.

During a case management hearing listed before Justice Freedman on Monday, the court was told that Choksi claims to have been tortured back in May 2021 as part of

a kidnap attempt orchestrat-



ed by the government of allegations against India, alleging it masterminded an For the avoidance of doubt, international plot to kidnap

nothing in these submissions and harm him. is intended to waive or should present claim is being purbe interpreted as waiving India's state immunity, the sued principally with the (misguided) intention of court was told this week by the Indian side. Choksi was accused of

attempting to cause embarrassment to India and obtain making extremely serious leverage in the Claimant's

international attempts to avoid extradition, barrister Harish Salve argued on behalf of the Indian authorities.

Choksi's lawyers, led by barrister Edward Fitzgerald, allege that there was a collusion between five individuals in the attack on him in Antigua to be forcibly taken to Dominica in the Caribbean with the purpose of being rendered to India.

The Defendants thereby entered into an unlawful means conspiracy whereby the Defendants agreed to, and then did, inflict unlawful and injurious acts on the Claimant by means of assault, battery, false imprisonment, unlawful detention and/or unlawful restriction of liberty, Choksi's legal claim reads.

The businessman, meanwhile, remains in custody in Belgium, fighting against his extradition to India

He is wanted in India along with his nephew, Nirav Modi,

who remains behind bars in London after repeated attempts at bail have been denied by the English courts.

There are three sets of criminal proceedings against Nirav in India — the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) case of fraud on PNB, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) case relating to the alleged laundering of the proceeds of that fraud and a third set of criminal proceedings involving alleged interference with evidence and witnesses in the CBI proceedings In April 2021, then UK

home secretary Priti Patel had ordered his extradition to face these charges in the Indian courts after a prima facie case was established against him. But recent court hearings in London have alluded to a confidential impediment to his extradi-

tion, believed to be an asylum application.

### **Trump says all of Tehran** should evacuate immediately **Authorities within Iran's**

**Government continued** 

Many shops in the capital

stood closed. The city's ancient

Grand Bazaar was closed,

something that's rarely done,

like during demonstrations

or during the height of the

On the roads out of Tehran

coronavirus pandemic.

empty out.

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Slage in the country's east over a potential rockslide,

three weeks after a mudslide

submerged a vacated village in

about 40 kilometers (25 miles)

southwest of Davos, were being

barred from entering the village

because a rock mass on a plateau

overhead has accelerated so

rapidly that it threatens to col-

lapse, a statement from local

no stranger to such evacuations:

Villagers had been ordered out of

Brienz/Brinzauls in November

and in June two years ago - before

Residents of Brienz/Brinzauls,

the southwest.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Washington

S President Donald to insist everything was Trump posted an under control and did ominous message on his social media site Monday not offer any guidance calling for the immediate for public on what to do evacuation of Tehran but later denied reports he had rushed appeared to be beginning to

back to Washington to work on a ceasefire.

Israel's air campaign on the Iranian capital appeared to broaden on the fourth day of an intensifying conflict after it issued warnings on Monday for about 300,000 people in Tehran to evacuate ahead of airstrikes.

People were seen leaving to the west, traffic stood the city Tuesday morning as bumper to bumper. Many shops and the historic Grand appeared to be heading to the Bazaar were closed. Iranian Caspian Sea area, with local authorities insist everything is reports suggesting there were under control and no guidsome diversions. ance has been issued.

Here's the latest: People seen leaving Tehran

As the sun rose Tuesday on Iran, the downtown area of Tehran, the country's capital, entirety of Israel. It remained unclear how the city could be evacuated.

Authorities within Iran's government continued to insist everything was under control and did not offer any guidance for the public on what to do. G7 leaders call for de-escalation but insist Iran must not get nukes

Leaders of the Group of Seven countries meeting in Canada signed a joint statement calling for de-escalation of fighting between Israel and Iran while reaffirming that Iran cannot be allowed to have a nuclear bomb.

The statement reads: We, the leaders of the G7, reiterate our commitment to peace and stability in the Middle East. In this context, we affirm that Israel has a right to defend itself.

Long lines also could be We reiterate our support for seen at gas stations operating the security of Israel. We also in Tehran. Iran's capital, affirm the importance of the Tehran, is home to some 10 protection of civilians. Iran is million people. That's roughthe principal source of regionly the same population for the al instability and terror.

Swiss village evacuated

## Trump rejects intelligence assessment on Iran nukes

India.

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S President Donald Trump insist ed that Tehran was very close to building a nuclear weapon despite congressional testimony from his top intelligence adviser earlier this year.

Back in March, National Intelligence Director Tulsi Gabbard told lawmakers that spy agencies have assessed that Iran is not building a nuclear weapon and the country's supreme leader has not authorised the nuclear weapons program that he suspended in 2003.

Trump dismissed that when speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One during an overnight flight back to Washington after leaving the G7 summit early. I don't care what she said, Trump said. I think they were very close to having it.

Trump not in the 'mood to negotiate' Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon, it's very simple, Trump told reporters on Air Force One during his overnight flight back to Washington.

He accused Iranian leaders of being unwilling to reach an agreement over their nuclear programme, and suggest-

for de-escalation

#### ed he was now less interested in talking with them.

They should have done the deal. I told them, do the deal, Trump said. So I don't know. I'm not too much in the mood to negotiate.

The Republican president, who said he plans to meet with advisers in the Situation Room, appears to be gradually building the public case for a more

#### Iran cancels leave for medical personnel In Tehran on Tuesday, placards and boards calling for a severe response to Israel could be seen everywhere

direct American role in the conflict.

His shift in tone comes as the US has repositioned warships and military aircraft in the region to respond if the conflict between Israel and Iran further escalates. Iran cancels leave for medical personnel In Tehran on Tuesday, placards and boards calling for a severe response to Israel could be seen everywhere.

### **US Congress to mark Dalai Lama's** 90th birthday as Day of Compassion

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Washington

wo influential congressmen have introduced a bipartisan resolution in the US Congress to designate July 6 as A Day of Compassion in honour of the Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama's 90th birthday.

The resolution was introduced on Monday by Republican Michael McCaul and Democrat Jim McGovern. McCaul, chairman emeritus of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, introduced a resolution alongside McGovern designating July 6th, 2025, as 'A

Day of Compassion' in honour of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's 90th birthday, according to a press release issued by McCaul's office.

Despite having faced persecution, oppression, and unspeakable violence at the hands of the CCP (Chinese

Holiness the Dalai Lama has maintained inner peace and continues to preach compassion - inspiring not only his own people, but the entire world, McCaul said.

Ahead of His Holiness's 90th birthday, I am proud to introduce this resolution calling for 'A Day of Compassion' and affirming Tibetans' fundamental human rights as we look forward to the day the Dalai Lama and his people can

McGovern said the Dalai Lama is an inspiration to millions of people around the world.

are both timeless and urgent-

Communist Party), His ly needed in the present circumstances.

He has been a passionate advocate for the freedom and dignity for the Tibetan people. It is appropriate for Congress to honor the 14th Dalai Lama and his countless accomplishments on his 90th birthday.

May his next one be celebrated in Lhasa (Tibet), the Democratic leader said.

This resolution also recognises the Dalai Lama's lifelong commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights and the preservation of Tibetan culture.

It reaffirms bipartisan US support for the Tibetan people's right to self-determination, opposes Chinese government interference in Tibetan practices, and expresses deep respect for the Dalai Lama's moral leadership and humanitarian contributions to the international community, the press release said.

over threat of rockslide a huge mass of rock tumbled down the mountain, narrowly missing the village.

> Farm work in the area was also being halted and livestock owners moved their animals out of nearby pastures due to early warning signs on Sunday

The mountain and the rocks on it have been moving since the last Ice Age.

While glacier melt has affected the precariousness of the rocks over millennia, local authorities say melting glaciers due to man-made climate change in recent decades hasn't been a factor.

The centuries-old village straddles German- and Romanschspeaking parts of the eastern Graubünden region and sits at an altitude of about 1,150 meters (about 3,800 feet).

### G7 leaders push on without **Trump amid Iran crisis**

## confidence vote over bitcoin scandal

that could escalate in dangerous and uncontrollable ways. Israel launched an aerial bombardment campaign against Iran on Friday, and Iran has hit back with missiles and drones.

officials said Monday. Farm work in the area was also being halted, and livestock owners moved their animals out of nearby pastures due to early warning signs on Sunday. Authorities said the region is closely monitored by early-warning systems in the town, which is

His teachings on religious tolerance, non-violent responses to conflict and violent extremism, and peace-building

return to their homeland in peace, he said. The Dalai Lama has been living in India since 1959, after fleeing Tibet during the 1959 Tibetan uprising.



European leaders push

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot discussed the developing situation in the Middle East on Monday PTI

road of negotiations with Iran

during a bilateral meeting

with President Trump on the

sidelines of the G-7 meeting in

Canada, her office said in a

statement Tuesday. She also

underlined the necessity in this

moment of reaching a cease-

fire in Gaza. More than 40

Palestinians killed while wait-

ing for aid in Gaza. At least 45

Palestinians were killed in the

Gaza Strip while waiting for

a local hospital.

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS Paris

rench Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot spoke with US with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Monday night and then in the ensuing hours with the Iranian, British and German foreign ministers about the situation in the Mideast.

The French, British and German ministers passed on joint messages to the Iranian foreign minister about the need for a de-escalation and a return to diplomacy, according to a French diplomatic official. They urged Iran to return to negotiations as soon as possible, without conditions, the official said.

They urged Iran to avoid any threats to Western interests, any extension of hostilities elsewhere in the region and any nuclear escalation including leaving the Non-Proliferation Treaty, stopping cooperation with the IAEA or pursuing further enrichment, the official said.

The ministers also passed along messages to Israel on the need to not target Iranian authorities, infrastructure and the civilian population, the official said. The official was not authorised to be publicly named in accordance with Foreign Ministry policy. Italy's Meloni reiterates negotiations with Iran Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni reaffirmed the opportunity to reopen the ASSOCIATED PRESS Prague

he Czech coalition government on Tuesday faced a parliamentary no-confidence vote over a bitcoin-related scandal.

The main opposition centrist ANO (YES) movement led by populist billionaire Andrej Babiš requested the vote after the Justice Ministry accepted a donation of bitcoins and sold them for almost 1 billion Czech koruna (\$47 million) earlier this year.

The three opposition parties, including ANO, the anti-migrant Freedom and Direct Democracy movement and the liberal Pirates party, are unlikely to oust the fourparty coalition government led by conservative Prime Minister Petr

Fiala, which has a majority in the lower house of Parliament.

Justice Minister Pavel BlaZek resigned from his post over the issue on May 30 and was replaced by Eva Decroix on June 10.

**Czech coalition Government faces no-**

Bla⊠ek said he wasn't aware of any wrongdoing, but didn't want the coalition to be harmed by the scandal. Fiala said he appreciated his resignation and believed BlaZek acted ith goodwill.

Bla⊠ek was a close ally of Fiala in the government and also in his conservative Civic Democratic Party. The new minister is from the same party. Decroix said she will order an independent probe into the ministry's activities in the case. The scandal focues on the fact that the bitcoins were donated to the ministry by a person who was previously convicted of drug dealing and other crimes, while it was not clear why he did it.

The opposition has accused BlaZek of possible money laundering, because it wasn't clear where the bitcoins originated, and demanded the resignation of the entire government. The issue has been investigated by the national police's organised crime unit. Czech lawmakers were debating the no-confidence motion, the fourth since the government took over after a 2021 election, with a vote expected late Tuesday or Wednesday.

The scandal comes just months before the Oct 3-4 parliamentary election.

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS Kananaskis (Canada)

ix of the Group of Seven leaders are trying on the final day of their Tuesday, to all Tuesday to show the wealthy nations' club still has the clout to shape world events despite the early departure of President Donald Trump.

Prime Minister Mark Carney and his counterparts from the UK, France, Germany, Italy and Japan will be joined by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and NATO chief Mark Rutte to discuss Russia's relentless war on its neighbor.

World leaders had gathered in Canada with the specific goal of helping to defuse a series of pressure points, only to be disrupted by a showdown over Iran's nuclear programme

Trump left the summit in the Canadian Rocky Mountain resort of Kananaskis a day early late Monday, saying: "I have to be back, very important." It came as conflict between Israel and Iran intensifies and the US leader declared that Tehran should be evacuated "immediately" - while also expressing optimism about a deal to stop the violence.

Before leaving, Trump joined the other leaders in issuing a statement saying Iran "can never have a nuclear weapon" and calling for a "de-escalation of hostilities in the Middle East, including a ceasefire in Gaza."

## Trump warns Iran, US may back Israel with military aid

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS Washington

UN and commercial trucks to resident Donald Trump enter the territory with desperately needed food, according in about eight hours Monday went from sugto Gaza's Health Ministry and gesting a nuclear deal with The circumstances of the Iran remained achievable to killings were not immediateurging Tehran's 9.5 million resly clear. Palestinians say Israeli idents to flee for their lives as forces have repeatedly opened he cut short his visit to an interfire on crowds trying to reach national summit to return to food distribution points run by Washington for urgent talks with his national security team.

more help from Trump.

direct U.S. Military support,

comes with enormous political

risk for Trump.

a separate US and Israelibacked aid group since the He was expected to arrive at centres opened last month. the White House early Tuesday Local health officials say at a moment of choosing in his scores have been killed and presidency. Israel, with five hundreds wounded. days of missile strikes, has done considerable damage to

In those instances, the Israeli military has acknowledged firing warning shots at people it said had approached its forces in a suspicious manner. Egypt, Jordan and others call for a halt to the conflict Twenty countries denounced in a joint statement the escalating tensions in the Middle East caused by what they term Israel's aggression against Iran and called for diplomacy and dialogue to restore stability in the region.

Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon, it's very simple, Trump told reporters on Air Force One during his overnight flight back to Washington.

He accused Iranian leaders of being unwilling to reach an agreement over their nuclear programme, and suggested he was now less interested in talking with them.

They should have done the deal. I told them, do the deal, Trump said. So I don't know. I'm not too much in the mood to negotiate.

The Republican president, who said he plans to meet with advisers in the Situation Room, appears to be gradually build-Iran and believes it can now ing the public case for a more deal a permanent blow to direct American role in the Tehran's nuclear programme conflict. His shift in tone comes particularly if it gets a little as the US Has repositioned warships and military aircraft But deepening American involvement, perhaps by proin the region to respond if the conflict between Israel and viding the Israelis with bunker-Iran further escalates.

busting bombs to penetrate Trump made an early depar-Iranian nuclear sites built deep ture from G7 underground or offering other

White The House announced Monday, while Trump was at the Group of Seven summit in the Canadian



Rockies, that the president would be cutting his trip short.

a ceasefire. We're not looking Simply stated, IRAN CAN for a ceasefire, Trump said, NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR adding that Macron is a nice WEAPON, he wrote on social guy but he doesn't get it right media. I said it over and over too often. Trump said he wasn't ruling

We're looking at better than

again! Everyone should immediately evacuate Tehran! out a diplomatic option, and he Asked about his evacuation could send Vice President JD comments aboard Air Force Vance and special envoy Steve One, Trump told reporters that Witkoff to meet with the Iranians. It depends on what I just want people to be safe. happens when I get back, he

He also insisted French President Emmanuel Macron He also dismissed congreswas wrong to say the US Was sional testimony from National working on a ceasefire.

Intelligence Director Tulsi Gabbard, who told lawmakers in March that U.S. Spy agencies did not believe Iran was building a nuclear weapon.

I don't care what she said, Trump said. I think they were very close to having it.

Speculation grows that Trump may be tilting toward more direct involvement

The Israelis say their offensive has eviscerated Iran's air defences and they can now strike targets across the country at will. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says the Israeli bombardment will continue until Iran's nuclear programme and ballistic missiles are destroyed.

So far, Israel has targeted multiple Iranian nuclear programme sites but has not been able to destroy Iran's Fordo uranium enrichment facility.

The site is buried deep underground - and to eliminate it, Israel may need the 30,000pound GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator, which uses its weight and sheer kinetic force to reach deeply buried targets and then explode. But Israel does not have the munition or the bomber needed to deliver it - the penetrator is currently delivered by the B-2 stealth bomber.

Israel's own defenses remain largely intact in the face of Iran's retaliatory strikes, but some of Tehran's missiles are getting through and having deadly impact.

The White House, soon after announcing Trump was returning to Washington, dispatched Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth for a prime-time Fox News appearance as speculation grows about whether Trump could be tilting toward more direct U.S. Involvement.

Hegseth told Fox News' Jesse Watters that of course Trump wanted to see a deal made to curb Iran's nuclear programme. His position has not changed, Hegseth said. What you're watching in real time is peace through strength and America first. Our job is to be strong. We are postured defensively in the region to be strong

in pursuit of a peace deal. And

we certainly hope that's what

happens here.

## WORLD 09



## China to commission third aircraft carrier 'Fujian' later this year: Official media

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Beijing

hina plans to operationalise its third aircraft carrier 'Fujian' this year as it has completed nearly three years of sea trials, setting the stage for the Chinese navy for the first time to operate three carrier groups, official media reported on Tuesday.

Fujian, stated to be China's most advanced aircraft carrier possessing the electromagnetic aircraft launch system (EMALS) similar to that of the American aircraft carrier USS Gerald R Ford, was launched in 2024 and since then completed multiple sea trials, accumulating more than 100 days of sea trials. The entry of the carrier with more than 80,000 tons carrying a wide variety of carrier-borne aircraft, including fighter jets, early warning aircraft, antisubmarine aircraft and drones will enable China to enter a new ing a nuclear-powered one, era of three aircraft carriers, making them the frontline force state-run CCTV reported. The of its navy as Beijing seeks to official daily, Global Times, expand its global influence with quoted Wei Dongxu, a Chinese deployments in the South

military affairs commentator, as China Sea, the Taiwan Strait and saying that Fujian has been the Indian Ocean in future. making steady progress in sea trials, and is expected to be commissioned within this year. ed aircraft carrier with EMALS China currently has two air-

while the other two aircraft carcraft carriers in operation - the riers are equipped with ski-Liaoning, a refit of the Sovietjump take-off ramps. The era ship commissioned in 2012, Fujian features a flat-top flight and Shandong, which is an deck. indigenously built 2nd aircraft

Simultaneously, China is carrier commissioned in 2019. developing a new fighter aircraft Ahead of its operationalisathat can operate from its carrition, Fujian flexed muscles joiner groups. Early this year, President Xi Jinping issued ing Shandong in conducting fresh orders revising rules to exercises north of the Philippines this month, while transform the country's military Liaoning has led exercises in the into world-class armed forces, Pacific waters of Japan's exclufocusing on combat readiness and war preparation amid sive economic zone drawing growing rivalry with the US and protests from Japan. According to the official tensions over Taiwan and neigh-

media, China plans to have four bours. On Monday, Stockholm International Peace Research to five aircraft carriers, includ-

tilities began. Israel says its sweeping assault on

Iran's top military leaders, nuclear scientists,

Institute (SIPRI) Yearbook 2025 revealed that China, which has 600 nuclear weapons, is rapidly growing its nuclear stockpile adding 100 warheads a year in an apparent attempt to match with stockpiles of the US and Russia.

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**OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER** DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, DELHI, 4" FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI - 110001

#### SALE PROCLAMATION AXIS BANK Vs. URMILA TAPLIYAL

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 38, 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT. 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993.

- URMILA THAPLIYAL, 998, GALI NO. 2, NEAR RAO MANSA RAM SCHOOL, KAPASHERA, NEW DELHI 110037, ALSO AT: ROYAL SUNDARAM ALLAINCE, RIDER HOUSE, PLOT NO. 136, SEC 44, GURUGRAM 12200, HARYANA
- TARUN THAPLIYAL, 198, GALI NO. 2, NEAR RAO MANSA RAM SCHOOL, KAPASHERA, NEW DELHI 110037 ALSO AT: DIRECT DOORDARSHAN KENDRA, NEW DELHI, DIRECT DOORDARSHAN BHAWAN PERNICUS MARG, NEW DELHI 110001 (CD2) (CD3) COSMOS INFRA ENGINEERING (INDIA) LIMITED, RISHI APARTMENT, 4 BATTERY LANE, RAJPUR ROAD, CIVIL LINES, DELHI - 110054 ALSO AT: 314 & 316, ANSAL CHAMBERS - II, BHIKAJI CAMA PLACE, NEW DELHI - 110066

Whereas Transfer Recovery Certificate No. 121/2023 in OA No. 691 of 2015 drawn by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 17.13.030.00, together with costs and future interest @ 12.00% p.a., from the date of filing of OA i.e. 23.10.2015

ill its realization and also to pay cost as per the Certificate debtors together with costs and charges as per recovery certificate And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said certi PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE Clean that Mr. Rajender Kumar (25% undvided share), Mr. Himanstu Madan (25% undvided share) & Mr. Salish Kumar (50% undvided share) are claming to be the owners of First Floor without roof rights built on Property No. C47 (Southern Portion), area measuing 228 styds, in Block-C4, admeasuing The General Public is hereby informed that my Client Shri Dharam Pal Digwal son of Late Nopram Digwal resident of B-580, Sector-1, Avantika, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have severed all relation with their son Manish Digwal and his wife J. attent interacting 220 stuppes, in Disease 0 4, and years, situated in the area of Village Ghondli, L han Nagar, Illaga Shahdra, Delhi-110051 'said Sale Devel dt 21 08 2023, registration No. 8274 vide a Sale Diead dt 21.05/2023, registration No. 2024, executed by Mrs. Kavita Luftus, who acquires the said property finough a Bariaj Acra. All persons are hereity informed that above mentioned owners want to sell the said property informed that above mentioned availing loan facility from our classification of the said property is little // said information and any other kind of the said property is little // said imrotegate, and any other kind of based property is little // said imrotegate, and any other kind of based property is little // said imrotegate, and any other kind of based property is little // said imrotegate, and any other kind of based property is little // said imrotegate, and any other kind of based property is little // said imrotegate, and any other kind of based property is little // said imrotegate, and any other kind of based property is little // said imrotegate, and any other kind of based property is little // said imrotegate, and find the said many Alexander (Arkocals S. Consultant) 200, 201, 2016 for 20, 31/maid Marg, Moti Negat, New Dehn 51. legal@kendegat.com Phr 0114/11/2527-26

Smt. Hemlata Digwal and Grand son Damoder Anand Digwal and Grand daughter Durgesh Nandani due to their bad habits, My clients have disowned and debarred their said son and his wife alonowith their childrens from all thei movable and immovable properties. Anyone dealing with Manish Digwal and Hemlata Digwa will do so at his/her/their own risk and esponsibility and my client will not be held esponsible for any actions Deed or transactions Sarried out by Shri Manish Digwal and his wife Smt. Hemlata Digwal DEEPAK (ADVOCATE) H.O: K-62 Tis Hazari Court Delhi-110054, Mob. 9717124913

െ CSB Bank PUBLIC NOTICE ON AUCTION OF PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS

Tracked Heinlaps Smart Puture PLEUGED GULD ORNAMENTS The borrower/s in specific and interested bidders, in general, are hereby informed that on account of non-repayment of the Banks due by the borrowers and under despite the payment notice and recall/auction notice issued by the Bank, the gold ornaments pledged with the bank security by the respective borrowers for the loan availed by them will be sold in public auction on "as is where is" and "non-recourse" basis through e-auction portal https://gold.samil.in on 25" June, 2025 at 10.30 AM. The auction may be adjourned to any other later date at the discretation of the bank upon publication of the same in the Bank's notice board. The borrowers are hereby further inform that the gold ornaments will be disposed of by private sale if the public auction is not successful and if there is a further balance to be recovered thereafter, legal action will be initiated against the borrower/s for recovery of the balance amounts due to the bank. In case of diseased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs.

S.	Account Name	Client	No.of	Bal. Outstan-	Weight
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1	Alka Rani	4065431		65,624.50	14.5
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2	Manju Gupta	3452154	001	1,25,120.00	25.6
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5	Manju Jain	8145989	001	5.23.969.00	108.5
6	Naresh Kumar	4315309	001	26,996.00	5.5
7	Rahul Samay Sinch	4600010 4983830	001	98,094.00	17.8 6.7
9	Samay Singh Vinay Kumar	4983190	002	35,566.00 1,04,252.00	19.8
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15	Manisha Sanjay	4854347	001	99,054.94	22.3
17	Umesh Chand	4578500	001	89,640.00	20.0
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18	Irfan Khan	4987087	001	39,622.00	6.8
19	Jenuddin Bappu, Yaday	4545091 4413675	001	39,769.00	7.3
21	Pappu Yadav Rahul	7755693	001	3.31.533.00	63.2
22	Ramesh Kumar	4982102	001	56,279.00	11 0
23	Ranjeet Kumar	4676314	001	30,846.00	5.8
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20	Ramakant Prasad	4988257 7256617 4260559	002	7 66 926 99	156.1
30	Sanjay Bidhuri Satya Prakash	4260559	001	42,778.50	9.5
31	Sumit Kumar	4984896	001	51,084.00	10.2
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34	Dalip Kumar	4988407	001	2 04 093 80	36.8
35	Gurpreet Md Akbar	4990499	001	27,237.00 1,98,779.40	4.8
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40	Rishu Chhabra	NARELA	001	1,05,140.00	17.8
41	Abhishek Shukla	4573934	001	40,701.50	9.4
42	Nisha	4647268	001	47.033.15	9.9
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the e	<ul> <li>auction portal https://gold.samil.</li> <li>of Delhi   18.06.2025</li> </ul>	ın.		orized Officer,	
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER			
Name of Work and its location	30-Elect-08-T-2025-26-E3 Electrical work in connection with extension of platform no. 9 at ANVT, construction of shunting neck towards NDLS end to accommodate additional trains at ANVT.		
Approx cost of the works in		Rs. 1088363.00	
Address of the office		Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.	
Earnest Money		Rs.21800.00	
Date & time of submission of tender		10.07.2025, 12.00 Hrs.	

### Israels strikes on Tehran broaden as Trump issues ominous warning Israel. People have been fleeing since the hos-

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srael appeared to be expanding its air campaign on Tehran five days after its surprise Lattack on Iran's military and nuclear programme, as US President Donald Trump posted an ominous message warning residents of the capital to evacuate

IRAN CAN NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON, Trump wrote Monday night before returning to Washington early from a Group of Seven summit in Canada. Éveryone should immediately evacuate Tehran! he added.

Trump later denied he had rushed back to work on a ceasefire, telling reporters on Air Force One during the flight back to Washington: I'm not looking at a ceasefire. We're looking at better than a ceasefire.

Asked why he had urged for the evacuation of Tehran, he said: I just want people to be safe.

Earlier, the Israeli military had called for some 330,000 residents of a neighborhood in downtown Tehran to evacuate.

Tehran is one of the largest cities in the Middle East, with around 10 million people, roughly equivalent to the entire population of

PUBLIC NOTICE My, Wife Smt. Stuti Narnolia, R/O. Hasanpur, Samstipur, Bihar-84820, had purchased flat no -D7-1002, Project Eco Village -3, in the housing scheme, named SUPERTECH ECO\_ VILLAGE-3 situated at Plot No- GH-06, Sector -16B, Greater Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar, (ILP) -201303 After her death, I requested to M/s Supertech Limited to transfer the said flat to my name alone, if anybody has any objection, he/she may contact M/s upertech Limited office at Supertech E-Square. Plot No C2, Sector-96, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India 201303 within 15 days of the Published notice. Ashish Kumar S/o. Sh. Arun Kumar Drolia, R/o. lasanpur, Samstipur, Bihar -848205.

early Tuesday, with many shops closed. the corona virus pandemic. TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN This is to inform to general public that m client SH Om Prakash S/O Ganesh Sal

Havinder Kumar Mittal (Mob No. /2Ueb33409) sio Manabir Prasad Mittal for 1981-8, Soc-17, HUDA, Jagadhri, Distti Yamuna Nagar, had instructed me to give a legal Public Notice as under-1. That said Ravinder Kumar Mittal is having every legal interest in the Shri Balaji Educational & Charitable Trust (Registration No. 3669 of 2007-2008) which is invecoable Public Charitable Trust & Shri Balaji Potytechnic, which owned & possessed a building & land measuring 46Kanal 2 Marias bearing Knewat No.379/JS4, 94//82, Khatauni No.430, 113, Khasra No: 107, 108, 110, 111, 114/1, 115, HB No.45 situated at Bubka Road, Radaur, Distt Yamuna Nagar(HR) & other properties approx more than Eight (80) Crore of Rupees. 2. That there are senous litigations pertaining to the said Trust, college & its properties pending in the courts at Jagadhri, District Yamuna Nagar, bearing No.CS/4511/ 2012-2013 & CS/4584/2012-2013 fixed for dated 02.08,2025 & one CR/499/2021 is pending before the order of JMIC, Jagadhri which is under investigation. My client Ravinder Kumar Mittal have came to know that some persons with mala fide & dishonest intentions & by correct of JMIC, Jagadhri which is under investigation. My Client SH Om Prakash S/O Ganesh Sad R/O D1/59 OmVihar Phase 5 Uttam Nagar Delhi 110059 hereby declare that they have dissowned and disinherited their son Deepak and their doughter-in-law Durgawati from all their immovable and movable properties and also severe all their relations from their said son and all their relations from their said son and his wife. Any person dealing with him on his wife shall be doing so at his own risk consequences and cost, for which my client will not be responsible in any manner. Raieev Kumar. Advocate Rajeev Kumar, Advocate Enrl No. D/186/2012

#### DIWAKAR JHA (Advocate) WZ-139C, New Mahavir Nagar, New Delhi-18 PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICI Anurag Mishra S/o Sh. Po ews Paper Article For Lost Allotment letter I, Sudi

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg: Residential First Floor, without terrace, roof rights, covered area measuring 1130 sq. ft (104.98 sq. mtrs), built up on Plot No

situated at Residential Colony known.

aipuria Enclave, Kaushambi, Ghaziabao ehsil and Distt. Ghaziabad. U.P.-201010

ereinafter referred to as "said property

Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Ujjw Kanti Mahato and Mrs. Nupur Mahar (hereinafter called the "Purchasers") intend

Any person including Bank/s, Financia Institution/s. relative/s having any claim right, title or any interest of any natur

hereby called upon to make the sam known, in writing, with documentar evidence, by Registered AD Post, to undersigned at the address mentione herein below within 07 days of publication

his notice and in the event of no respo

tsoever into or upon the said property

since Friday. Iran has retaliated by launching more than 370 missiles and hundreds of drones at Israel. So far, 24 people have been killed in Israel and more than 500 wounded. The Israeli military said a new barrage of missiles was launched on Tuesday, and explosions could be heard in northern Israel. Shops closed, lines for gas in Iran's capital Downtown Tehran appeared to be emptying out

The ancient Grand Bazaar was also closed, something that only happened in the past during anti-Government demonstrations or at the height of

PUBLIC NOTICE

Online applications are invited for th application is 30-06-2025.

Amritsar Registra

Dated CHD :- 17/06/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE The general public is hereby informed that Axis Bank Limited, having is harch af Liris Hoor, Himataya House K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001, is proposing to extend a loan facility in favour of Smt. Sobhagyawai (Borrower) against a Freehold Built-up Properly bearing Wunicioal No. 18/2, admeasuring approximately 105 square yards, situated at Kishan Ganj, Near Rama Park, on Bhagat Singh Road, Delhi-110007 (hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property"). As per the available records, Smt Kamla Rani, wife of Sh. Shori Lal, was the recorded owner of the Said Property by virtue of a Sale Deed dated 18 12:1965, negistered under Document No. 15266, and the Said Property was subsequently sold to Mr. Kapil Kumar by way of a Sale Deed dated 25 05:2007, registered under Document No. 3654. The Said Property is now intended to be sold to Smt. Sobhagyawati

T.R. C. No. 121/2023

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Ravinder Kumar Mittal (Mob No.7206653409) s/o Mahabi Prasad Mittal r/o 1981-B, Sec-17, HUDA, Jagadhri, Dist

**PUBLIC NOTICE** adversary from getting any closer to building an atomic weapon. The strikes have killed at least 224 people in Iran and wounded 1,277

(Borrower). It has been reported that the original Sale Deed(s) pertaining to the Said Property have been lost or misplaced vide NCR/LR No.2909832/2025. Any

Himanshu Ahuja (Advocate) Contact No.: 011-41830049

uranium enrichment sites and ballistic missile programme is necessary to prevent its longtime

Chandra Mishra, had purchased flat no-008 Tower B4, Project Eco Village-2, Situated a GH-01, Sector-16 B Greater Noida-201301 After his death, I requested to M/s Supertec Limited to transfer the said flat to my name alone, if anybody has any objection, he/she may contact M/s Supertech Limited office at Supertech E-Square, Plot No C2, Sector 96, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India 201303 within 15 days of the Published notice. Sudha Mishra W/o. Sh. P C Mishra R/o. 127, Good Shepherd lony, Kolar Road Huzur, Kolar Road, Bhopal Madhya Pradesh-4620429 DIWAKAR JHA (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the following original documents belonging to my client Mrs. Meera Malhotra have been lost/misplaced; Sale Deed dated 27-4-2005 vide vasika no. 1934 regd at Gurgaon for property bearing plot no. 939 admeasuring 250yds situated at Saraswati Kunj village Wazirabad Tehsil Gurgaon. Any person or institution in possession of these documents or who has knowledge of their whereabouts is requested to immediately contact Adv. Avhijit Patro (No. D/204/2002), T301, BPTP PF-1, Sector 77 Faridabad or call on 8800903978 with in 15 days from the date of this notice Eurthermore an individual or entity dealing with these docume without the express permission of my Client will be doing so at their own risk and peril.

Avhijit Patro (Advocates & Consultants) D/204/2002 Office: T 301 BPTP PF-1 Sector-77, Faridabad, Haryana. Ph: 8800903978

PUBLIC NOTICE The Rosemary Apartment C.G.H.S. Ltd H. No. WZ-551A, Top Floor, Sri Nagar, Shakur Basti, Rani Bagh, Delhi-34 . S. Ltr In pursuance to rule 19(2)of DCS rules 2007, it is to inform publicly that the following members of The Rosemary Apartment Co-Op G.H.S. Ltd. have resighed from their membership. The name of the resigned members are as follow 1). Devendra Gupta (M. No.206) 2). Ma Rajni Kumar (M. No.161) 3). Ms Manjee Kaur (M. No.204) 4). Sh. Aditya Aggarwa (M. No.218) 5). Ms Shruti Rai Gupta (M No.219) 6). Sh Naman Rai Gupta (M. No 224) 7). Ananta Wali (M. No.230) 8). Sh Pawan Kumar Sharma (M. No.123) and 9). Ms Rupali Diwan (M. No. 199) Any person having any objection to the

resignation of the above mentioned members may file their objections in writing aving been received to the notice, the tit of the owner in respect of the said prope hall be deemed to be clear of any charge at the office of the Registrar Cooperative noumbrance of any nature whatsoever an ny subsequent claim shall not bind of lients/Purchaser, in any manne Societies (RCS).Parliament Street, Nev Delhi or a the office of the society at H. No. WZ-551A, Top Floor, Sri Nagar, Shakur Basti, Rani Bagh, Delhi-34 whitin 7(Seven) Shivkant Arora, Advocate days from the date of publication of this

M/s Intellective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, President-Rosemary Apartment CGHS Ltd. New Delhi -110024

> NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE INVITING TENDER

work and its Cen	30-Elect-10-T-2025-26-E3. Electrical work regarding provision of Centralized control and command center (C-4) at BRSQ Railway Station.			
Approx cost of the works in :-		Rs. 8966875.00		
Address of the office :-		Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.		
Earnest Money:-		Rs. 179300.00		
Last Date & time of submission		of tender :-	10.07.2025, 12.00 H	rs.
Opening of tender :-			10.07.2025, 12.00 H	rs.
Website & notice board :-		www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.		
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persons with mala fide & dishonest intentions & by committing the acts of forgery, cheating etc. & by misrepresenting the facts & by adopting the illegal means are going to atlienate & disposing off the moveble & immoveble properties as detailed above and they are illegally doing the secret negotiations in this regard and through this Public Notice, I hereby intimate on behalf of umar Rai S/o late Sh. Dharnidhar Rai R/o Village arauni Baraiyarour. Post Barauni Deodhi, Block N Barauni, B, Deodhi, Begusarai Bihar -85111 purchased a property bearing No-0402. ased a property bearing .... in SUPERTECH CAPETOWN, proj 74 Moida Gaul utuated at GH-01/A, Sector -74, Noida Gautar studiata at GH-01/A, Sector -74, Noida Gautar suddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, I have lost th original allotment letter of the above said property, nave request M/s Supertech limited, to issue th Ravinder Kumar Mittal to the General Public th Inv client Ravinder Kumar Mittal to the General Public that (kindly not to do r participate in any such illegal dealings regarding the movable & immovable properties of the said trust in any manner whatsoever by amending & changing the trust deed & its constitution by adding oneself as member of the said trust and not to indulge in purchasing, selling, gifting, lease, mortgage, by merger and amalgamation or transfer in any manner whatsoever of the movable & immovable properties of the said trust & college and if any person, class of persons, any other trust or any other institutions do any illegal transactions of dealing regarding the said trust & college and its said properties then her/hey shall be llable & face the consequences, C/vill & Criminal actions/fituations as per law. uplicate allotment letter of the said property, nybody or financial Institutions have objection she may contact to M/s Supertech limited offic lot no-C-2, Sector 96, Noida-201303 UP, With DIWAKAR JHA (Advocate

MAYANK BHARDWAJ, Advocate District Court Compound, Jagadhri District Yamuna Nagar (Haryana)



Kanti Mahato and Mrs. Nupur Maĥati (hereinafter called the "Purchasers") intend: to purchase the said properly from Mr. Nira Kumar(hereinafter called the "seller") wh sowned the said property vide Gift Deec dated 19.12.2024, Document No. 15869 Further Seller has informed us that initially Mrs. Nirmala Roy and Mr. Ram Kishore Prasad Singh owned the said property vide allotment letter and Sale Deed datec 14.06.2004 was executed by M/s Rajshree Juilders & Promoters Pvt. Ltd. And after Juinfortunate death of Mrs. Nirmal Roy or 28.04.2022, her shares have been devolvec upon her legal heirs Mr. Ram Kishore Prasad Singh, Mr. Niraj Kumar and Mrs Prasad Singh and Mrs. Madhulika giftec heir respective shares in favour of Mr. Nira Vadhulika and out of them Mr. Ram Kishore Prasad Singh and Mrs. Madhulika giftec heir nespective shares in favour of Mr. Nira vanda sa lso informed that the said property is not mortgaged anywhere and here is no charge or dispute or any ilitgatior sending regarding the said property. Any person including Bank/s, Financia I. Shobhit S/o Satish Chandra Srivastava R/o H-707, Supertech Icon, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Shobhit Srivastava for all future purposes.

PD(2270)A

I, Shikha W/o Shobhit Srivastava R/o H-707, Supertech Icon, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Shikha Srivastava for all future purposes.

PD(2271)A I, POOJA RAO alias KAVITA RAO, D/o Sh. Mafat Lal Rao residing at H.No. C-63/B, Near Durga Pur Mandir, Janta Garden, Pandav Nagar, Shamas Pur, Delhi-110091, have changed my name from POOJA RAO to KAVITA RAO and shall henceforth be

known as KAVITA RAO for all purposes. PD(2272)A

I, Manju W/o Mukteshwar K - 381 Jahangirpuri, Delhi -110033, I have changed my name to Nankana urf Manju permanently. That Manju and Nankana urf manju is same Person. PD(2273)A

Given under my hand and seal on 03.06.2025

And whereas there will be due there under a sum of Rs. 17,13,030.00, together with costs and future interest @ 12.00% p. a., from the date of filing of OA i.e. 23.10.2015 till its realization and also to pay cost, Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the property/properties as under shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "On line Electronic Bidding" through the website https://www.bankeauctions.com on 01/08/2025 between 12.00 pm and 01.00 pm with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 01.00 pm,

required The description of the property proposed to be e-auctioned is as follows: Description of property EMD PROPERTY BEARING FLAT NO. 306, THIRD FLOOR, BLOCK NO. 23, PALM APARTMENT, COSMOS GREEN, BHIWADI, RAJASTHAN - 1301019 Rs. 19.00 LAKHS Rs. 1.90 LAKHS The EMD shall be paid through Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of Recovery Officer, DRT-I, Delhi- A/c T. R. C. No. 121/2023 along with selfattested copy of Identity (voter I-card/Driving/license/passport) which should contain the address for future communication and self-attester copy of PAN Card must reach to the Office of the Recovery Officer, DRT-I, Delhi latest by 30/07/2025 before 5.00 PM. The EMD received thereafter shall not be considered. The said deposit be adjusted in the case of successful bidders. The unsuccessful bidder shall take return of the EMD directly from the Registry, DRT-I. Delhi after receipt of such report from e-auction service provider/bank/financial institution on closury of the e-auction sale proceedings The envelope containing EMD should be super-scribed "T. R. C. No. 121/2023" along with the details of the sender i.e. address, e-mail ID and Mobile Number etc. Intending bidders shall hold a valid Login Id and Password to participate in the E-Auction email address and PAN Number. For details with regard to Login id & Password, please contact M/s C 1 INDIA PVT. LTD Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Building No. 301, Gurugram Haryana (India) Tel. 91 7291981124/25/26, 9948182222, E-MAIL : andhra@c1india.com, supporl@bankeauctions.com WEBSITE https://www.bankeauctions.com. Prospective bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain user ID/password well in advance, which is mandatory fo hidding in above e-auction from M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD Details of concerned bank officers/Helpline numbers etc. are as under: Name & Designation Email & Phone Nos. Ms. POONA (DEPUTY MANAGER) Email: poonm21@axisbank.com 10. What is proposed to be sold are the rights to which the certificate debtors are entitled in respect of the properties. The properties will be sold along with liabilities, if any. The extent of the properties shown in the proclamation is as per the Recovery Certificate schedule. Recovery Office shall not be responsible for any variation in the extent due to any reason. The properties will be sold on 'as is where is' and 'as is what is condition 11. The property can be inspected by prospective bidder(s) before the date of sale for which the above named officer of the bank may be contacter 12. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason. 13. EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be received by such bidders from the Registry of DRT- I, on identification/production of Identity proof viz., PAN Card, Passport, Voter's ID, Valid Driving License or Photo Identity Card issued by Govt. and PSUs. Unsuccessful bidders shall ensure return o their EMD and, if not received within a reasonable time, immediately contact the Recovery Officer, DRT-I, Delhifor the Bank 14. The sale will be of the property of the above named CDs as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot. 15. The property will be put up for the sale in the lots specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of a portion o the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale also be stopped if, before any lot is knocked down the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned 16. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attemp to acquire any interest in the property sold. 17. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made there under and to the further following conditions: The particulars specified in th annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation 18. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be in multiple of Rs. 50,000 (Rs. Fifty Thousand only). In the event of any disput arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction. 19. The Successful/Highest bidder shall be declared to be tha purchaser of any lot provided that further that the amount bid by him is not less that the reserve price. 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**Recovery Officer-I** 

Dated: : 18-Jun-2025, Place:- Noida

Debts Recovery Tribunal - 1, Delhi

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## India's largest Gati Shakti Multi-Modal **Cargo Terminal inaugurated in Gurugram**

PARVESH SHARMA Gurugram

arvana has achieved a historic milestone in the field of logis tics and industrial infrastructure. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, along with Union Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, and Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw, inaugurated the country's largest automobile Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal at Maruti Suzuki India Limited, Manesar, Gurugram, on Tuesdav.

During the event, the Union Minister and Chief Minister, Saini, flagged off the first cargo train from the new Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal. Located at the IMT Manesarbased Maruti Suzuki plant, this terminal has been developed under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Gati Shakti National Master Plan, a visionary initiative aimed at creating a world-class logistics network across India. The total cost of this project

is ₹1 lakh 17 thousand 91 million. Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited has a 55.4 percent share, HSIIDC has a 19 percent share, and Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has a 5 percent share in the project. While



welcoming the Union Minister at the inauguration of Haryana's first and India's second Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal, CM Saini said that the launch of India's largest such terminal marks the beginning of a golden chapter in Haryana's growth story.

He emphasized that this is not merely a steel structure but a milestone in realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat.' "The terminal will not only transport vehicles manufactured at the Manesar and Gurugram plants to 17 hubs and 380 cities across

India but also export vehicles to ports such as Pipavav and Mundra-thereby directly integrating Haryana into the global supply chain," said the Chief Minister. He expressed pride that the

Haryana Government is a key partner in bringing this historic project to life.During the event, the Chief Minister also highlighted that today Haryana has become one of India's leading automobile manufacturing hubs, producing nearly 50 percent of all cars made in the country

"The development of an

internal railway yard by the Harvana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation at Maruti underscores the state's commitment to 'Ease of Doing Business' and infrastructure development," he said.

Reaffirming its vision to emerge as a logistics hub, the state has also partnered with various industry bodies and educational institutions to enhance workforce skills across Haryana, he said. Saini said that this project is an outstanding example of PM Modi's visionary Gati Shakti initiativemore than a scheme, it repre-

sents a revolution and a commitment to transform India's approach to infrastructure velopment.

He further shared that the PM Gati Shakti platform brings together key sectors such as railways, roads, ports, airports, waterways, and logistics under one integrated vision. The railway siding at Maruti Suzuki is a living example of this, allowing cars manufactured at the plant to be directly loaded onto cargo trains and shipped to destinations across India, he added. Addressing the gathering, Union Minister Ashwini

Vaishnaw highlighted the significant transformation Indian Railways has undergone over the past decade under the leadership of the prime minister. He said that before 2014, the

Railways' annual budget hovered around ₹24,000-25,000 crore. Now, it has been increased to ₹2.5 lakh crore. Basic passenger amenities like toilets were absent in many stations and coaches. In the last two and a half years, a focused campaign has been launched to increase the number of general coaches. More than 1,200 general coaches were added in just the past year, he said. The minister added that a major decision was taken recently to upgrade passenger train services. 100 new Mainline EMU (MEMU) trains will soon be introduced.

"These new MEMU trains, designed for short-distance travel, will feature 16 to 20 coaches (compared to the older 8-12 coach trains). Additionally, 50 new Namo Bharat passenger trains will also be added to the rail network," he said.

The Railway Minister also shared plans to modernize the rail factory in Sonipat, with work to begin soon. Highlighting growth in the past 11 years, Vaishnaw said that before 2014, Haryana received a railway budget allocation of ₹315 crore.

### SEBI board to meet to discuss regulatory reforms

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Mumbai

arkets watchdog SEBI's board is likely to discuss a series of regulatory reforms during its upcoming meeting on Wednesday.

Several of these proposals have already been floated for public consultation, indicating a broader push towards refining the regulatory landscape.

This would mark the second board meeting under the chairmanship of Tuhin Kanta Pandey, who assumed office on March 1. One of the key agenda

items is the simplification of rules and regulatory compliance for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) investing exclusively in Indian Government Bonds (IGBs) through the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) and the Fully Accessible Route (FAR). This move is aimed at attracting more long-term bond investors to the Indian market, people aware of the

development said. Currently, foreign investors can invest in Indian debt through three routes— General, VRR, and FAR. The VRR and FAR routes are comparatively liberal, as they allow investments without many of the restrictions, such as security-wise or concentration limits that apply under the General route

To further streamline this, SEBI proposed creating a new FPI category, IGB-FPIs, focused solely on Government bond investments, according to the consultation paper issued last month.

Under this, the regulator recommended easing registration and other compliance requirements for these entities.

Notably, SEBI suggested that IGB-FPIs should be

**Currently, foreign** investors can invest in Indian debt through three routes-**General**, VRR and FAR

exempt from disclosing investor group details, since bond investments under VRR and FAR are not subject to such caps.

Typically, FPIs are required to disclose their group structures for monitoring investment limits, but this requirement may no longer apply to IGB-focused investors.

In addition, the board may discuss a proposal to rationalise the content of the placement document of Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP) by prescribing only the relevant information regarding the issue, people aware of the development said.

## India oil demand to grow by one million barrels per day by 2030: IEA

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delh

ndia, the world's thirdlargest oil-consuming and Limporting nation, will lead global oil demand growth by a large margin, adding a steep 1 million barrels per day by 2030 on the back of stellar economic expansion, IEA said on Tuesday.

The global oil demand is expected to grow by 2.5 million barrels a day by the end of the decade, reaching a plateau near 105.5 million barrels per day (bpd) by 2030, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said in its latest report released Tuesday.

Barring any major disruption to the oil market, the world is expected to remain well supplied through the end of the decade, the global energy watchdog said, though rising geopolitical risks in the Middle East and unresolved trade tensions could cast a shadow over the outlook.



### Welfare schemes benefitted over 50 lakh informal workers: Ministry

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

he labour welfare schemes have benefit-

ted more than 50 lakh unorganised workers across the country, particularly those engaged in beedi, cinema and mining sectors, the Ministry of Labour and Employment said on Tuesday.

These workers do not have access to social security schemes run by other bodies like Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), which is under the administrative control of the labour ministry.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment, through the Directorate General of Labour Welfare (DGLW), is implementing a range of welfare schemes dedicated to improving the lives of unorganised workers in India, particularly in the beedi, cine, and mining sectors, said a labour ministry statement issued on completion of 11 years of the Modi Government.

With a direct impact on over 50 lakh workers and their families, these schemes form a cornerstone of the Government's inclusive and compassionate labour welfare strategy, it added.

The overarching goal of these welfare schemes is to provide social protection, health services, financial assistance for education, and housing support to workers often located in remote and underserved regions.

One of the key components of the welfare framework is the Education Assistance Scheme. which provides annual scholarships ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹25,000 for the wards of beedi, cine, and non-coal mine workers.

The scheme, implemented via the National Scholarship Portal (NSP), receives over 1 lakh applications every year, with direct benefit transfer (DBT) ensuring transparent and timely disbursement.

Healthcare support under the Health Scheme includes outpatient services through a national network of dispensaries, as well as reimbursement for specialised treatments for critical illnesses such as heart disease, kidney transplantation, cancer, tuberculosis, and minor surgeries.

The financial assistance ranges from Rs 30,000 for minor surgeries to Rs 7.5 lakh for cancer treatment, ensuring access to life-saving healthcare for low-income workers.

Although the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS), introduced in 2016, has now been sunset and merged with Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), the ministry disbursed pending installments to eligible beneficiaries until March 31, 2024.

**Plans afoot** to repeal explosives act to bring new law

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

The Government has proposed to repeal the 141-year-old Explosives Act of 1884 and introduce a new law stating that the existing legislation is based on the old British pattern and is not adequately meeting the country's growing requirements.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has sought comments and suggestions from the general public, industry associations and other entities concerned on the proposal before July 17 this year. It said the Explosives Act, 1884 is a pre-constitutional act and it was comprehensively modified in

IEA forecast India's demand for crude oil, which is converted into fuels like petrol and diesel in refineries, to rise from 5.64 million bpd in 2024 to 6.66 million bpd in 2030.

The country meets over 95 per cent of its oil needs through imports as domestic production is declining.

"India's oil demand will increase by a steep 1 million bpd over the forecast period more than any other country in the wake of stellar GDP expansion, at an average annual rate of 2.8 per cent," it said. The United States, the world's

gasoil, naphtha and

LPG/ethane of 3.3 per cent, 2.0

per cent and 2.5 per cent,

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by secular trends such as urbantop oil consumer, may see isation, industrialisation and the demand peaking at 20.47 milbuilding out of the country's lion bpd in 2025 (20.42 infrastructure. milIndia to lead global oil demand growth, add 1 mn bpd

Expansion in the petrochemical feedstocks tracks the launch by 2030: IEADemand for of new projects coming on stream with the widespread industrial-linked products will adoption of clean cooking actonly marginally lag the growth rate for retail-oriented transport ing as an additional boost to fuels, with annual increases in LPG demand.

Government subsidy programmes have been instrumental in this respect, in particular, the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana scheme

For gasoil (diesel), making up around one-third of India's launched in 2016 that aims to total oil use, this amounts to an provide LPG connections aggregate gain of 3,80,000 bpd across the country, replacing

over the forecast period, buoyed traditional cooking methods, IEA added.

The report, Oil 2025, stated that while global demand growth continues, structural changes in supply and consumption patterns are expected to reshape the oil market over the coming years.

While production capacity is forecast to rise by more than 5 million bpd to 114.7 million bpd by 2030, electric vehicles are projected to displace 5.4 million bpd of oil demand globally by 2030.

Electric car sales reached a record 17 million in 2024 and are expected to surpass 20 million in 2025, the report said.

#### The Labour Welfare Organisation (LWO), functioning under DGLW, administers these schemes through a network of 18 Welfare Commissioners, who oversee their implementation at the regional levels.

### Mahindra to acquire stake in Isuzu

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

he Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Tuesday cleared Mahindra & Mahindra's proposed acquisition of a nearly 59 per cent stake in commercial vehicle maker SML Isuzu for ₹555 crore. Mahindra & the automotive, farm equip-Mahindra in April announced ment, agricultural products and

the acquisition of a 58.96 per services sector, etc. cent stake in SML Isuzu for ₹ "CCI approves the proposed 555 crore. "The proposed comcombination involving acquisibination relates to acquisition of tion of SML Isuzu Ltd by SML Isuzu Ltd (Target) by Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd, the regulator said in a post on X. Mahindra and Mahindra In April, the Mumbai-based Limited (acquirer)," CCI said in a release. Mahindra & Mahindra automaker Mahindra & is the flagship company of the Mahindra said it would acquire Mahindra group. It is engaged in the entire stake of 43.96 per cent

1978. Many large and small companies began to manufacture high explosives after independence.

"It is observed that the Explosives Act, 1884, which is based on the old British pattern and is not adequately meeting the country's growing requirements and development in the explosive sector thereby resulted in difficulties for the industry," the DPIIT's note for public and stakeholder consultations said.

### Dedicate zones for startups in industrial corridors: Goyal

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

ommerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has directed officials to earmark dedicated zones for MSMEs and startups within the industrial corridors under development in Andhra Pradesh, an official statement said on Tuesday.

The minister suggested this during a review meeting on June 15 to assess the progress of NICDC-led industrial nodes.

The National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) is the nodal body for these corridors.

The commerce and industry ministry said the review focused on the development of three major nodes in the State

- Krishnapatnam Industrial Area under the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC), Orvakal Industrial Area under the Hyderabad-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (HBIC), and Kopparthy Industrial Area under the Visakhapatnam—Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC).

Goval also directed officials to focus on attracting anchor investors and startups by building innovation-friendly ecosystems within each industrial

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node. He stressed the need to establish dedicated incubators

to nurture early-stage enterprises and facilitate a robust startup ecosystem. 'The minister also instruct-

ed officials to earmark zones within each node for MSMEs and startups, offering subsidised rates and equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and technological support," it added.

## Indian standards on toys better than global standards, helping local units in exports: BIS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Mumbai

ndian quality standards on toys are better than global benchmark, helping domestic manufacturers in exporting their products in overseas markets, according to a senior BIS official.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has developed and published Indian standards for toys that encompass physical, chemical, and electrical safety requirements. These standards are aligned

with international benchmarks set by ISO and IEC, ensuring global harmonisation in toy safety practices.

To enforce compliance, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) issued the Toys (Quality Control) Order), 2020, which came into effect on January 1, 2021.

This order mandates that all toys sold in India, whether manufactured domestically or are better than global stan-

dards," said Adbhut Singh, Scientist E/Director, Western Regional Office Laboratory

(WROL), BIS, Mumbai. Singh said the BIS standards have helped in increasing sales of Indian toys in both domestic and global markets.

"Indian standards have been made as per our weather conditions and other domestic

requirements," he said in an interaction with media here.

According to GTRI report, India's toy exports declined marginally to \$152.34 million in 2023-24 from \$ 153.89 million in the year before.

As per the latest figures, there are 1,640 BIS-certified tov industries in India, of which 1,165 licences are for non-electronic toys and 475 for electric toys.

Moiz Gabajiwala, CEO of Zephyr Toymakers Pvt Ltd which has a manufacturing plant in Bhiwandi near Mumbai — said the BIS standards has fostered innovation and created a "level playing field", enabling them to compete more effectively with established players.

"Our turnover has increased substantially after the BIS standards came into effect. The company clocked a revenue of ₹25 crore last fiscal year and is aiming for 20 per cent growth in 2025-26," he said

### INBRIEF

#### HINDUSTAN ZINC APPROVES ₹12,000 **CRORE INVESTMENT TO EXPAND CAPACITY**

Hindustan Zinc Limited has approved a ₹12,000 crore investment to expand its metal production capacity by 250 KTPA, including a new smelter in Rajasthan. The move aligns with rising zinc demand and infrastructure growth

held by Sumitomo Corporation,

promoter of SML.



#### FACULTY INDUCTION PROGRAMME **CONCLUDED AT GNDU**

The Faculty Induction Programme at UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Guru Nanak Dev University, concluded on June 17, 2025, with a valedictory session. Led by Prof. (Dr.) Karamjeet Singh, the programme equipped new faculty with



pedagogical and policy insights, reaffirming the university's commitment to academic excellence and faculty development

#### **BEL OFFERED JOBS TO 8 GNDU STUDENTS** AT ₹13 LAKH PER ANNUM

Under Vice Chancellor Dr. Karamieet Singh's leadership, GNDU hosted a successful campus placement drive by Bharat Electronics Ltd, offering ?13 LPA packages to eight BTech (ECE) students. The recruitment included tests and interviews. University officials praised the



achievement, highlighting GNDU's strong industry ties and commitment to professional excellence

imported, must conform to seven specific Indian standards and bear the ISI mark under a valid BIS licence.

It is prohibited to manufacture, import, store, distribute, sell, or even exhibit for sale any toy that does not comply with these standards.

"Indian standards on toys



## SPORTS 11

## **Boca Juniors, Benfica draw** 2-2 in Club World Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Miami Gardens (US)

enfica overcame a twogoal deficit, getting Ángel Di María's penalty kick in firsthalf stoppage time and Nicolás Otamendi's 84th-minute goal for a 2-2 draw against Boca Juniors in a heated Club World Cup match that included three red cards, four yellows and 22 fouls

Boca Juniors played in a home-like environment with the Argentine club's supporters making up most of the 55,574 crowd at Hard Rock Stadium against one of Portugal's premier teams.

Both teams finished a man down and one Boca player was sent off after he was substituted from the match due to injury on Monday night.

Heavily armed police were present at checkpoints to ensure order for a Boca supporters' group that is extremely fierce and passionate.

But, most of the rough action was on the field, not in the stands, as the game included red cards for Boca's Ander Herrera in the 44th, Benfica's Andrea Belotti in the 72nd and Boca's Nicolás Figal in the 88th. Boca built its lead on goals by Miguel Merentiel in the 21st minute and Rodrigo Battaglia in the 27th.

Referee César Ramos awarded the penalty after a video



performing last season in the review for Carlos Palacios' kneeing Otamendi. Argentina first division and

Herrera, who was taken out disappointing in the Copa Libertadores, used the support after 20 minutes, got a red card for protesting the decision. of their fans to fuel them and earn a point in group play. Belotti was sent off for a foul

when a high kick caught Ayrton Costa on the back of the head and Figal for knocking over Florentino.

#### **Kev moment**

cise in its play and gave the ball Otamendi's front post header away many times unprovoked, will play Friday as well and helped Benfica salvage a point. Boca Juniors, after undertake on the only semi-profes-

Their second match, against

Bayern Munich in Miami on

Friday night, will prove to be

a more challenging game. Benfica, which was impre-

sional team in the Club World Cup, Auckland City, which was badly beaten by Bayern.

#### What they said

"This was a game where there's two really big teams and they're gonna leave it all out there on every ball." - Alan Velasco, Boca Juniors midfielder.

"It will be a new experience (playing against Auckland City FC), of course we saw the result against Bayern and we will have to do the same.

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### Chelsea 2-0 win over Los Angeles FC in Club World Cup



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Atlanta (US)

edro Neto scored in The first half and Enzo Fernández in the 79th minute to give Chelsea a 2-0 win over Los Angeles FC in Group D's Club World Cup opener.

Chelsea put pressure on LAFC goalkeeper Hugo Lloris early in the match. Neto scored in the 34th minute, picking up a pass from Nicolas Jackson and cutting onto his left foot for a near-post finish on Monday.

attendance at the 71,000capacity Mercedes-Benz

Stadium, many of them backing LAFC. The Black and Gold had positive sparks of energy and possession

throughout the first half, but struggled to find any real Chelsea's day was made even more positive by the debut of opportunities in front of goal. Delap, a promising 22-year-LAFC almost got one back old English striker signed

from Ipswich Town.

While Chelsea is the favorite

to top Group D, LAFC's next

two matches become essen-

tial to moving on to the

knock-out rounds. LAFC vs

Flamengo will prove to be an

them a moment, they'll pun-

ish you. They had two

chances, and they punished

us." - Marky Delgado,

LAFC midfielder.

Takeaways

just before the 60-minute mark, but Chelsea goalkeeper Robert Sánchez came up with a save to keep Denis Bouanga off the scoresheet. The Black and Gold aimed to get some more experience onto the pitch at the half, bringing on former Chelsea man Olivier Giroud.

entertaining game, with the two sides most likely battling Giroud made a stir as he subbed on when he had to it out for the group's second wait on the sidelines for a spot. matchday shirt with his name What They Said and number. The mixup led to a delay in the start of the "It's a high level against a quality team. If you give

Coming in off the bench, Fernández made no mistake finishing Liam Delap's cross, adding an insurance goal for The Blues

### Flamengo 2-0 beats **Esperance** de Tunis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Philadelphia (US)

uiz Araujo and Giorgian de Arrascaeta each scored ⊿a goal and Flamengo beat Esperance Sportive de Tunis 2-0 in the Club World Cup.

After dominating possession for 17 minutes, de Arrascaeta opened the scoring after finishing off a cross from Araujo on Monday night.

Araujo capped an amazing performance in the 70th minute by scoring Flamengo's second goal. This came from an assist by Jorginho, Flamengo's new signing and former Club World Cup Champion.

The Lincoln Financial Stadium brimmed with energy for the entire 90 minutes thanks to the 25,797 Flamengo and Esperance's fans present. The attendance was far from the stadium's 67,594 maximum capacity.

#### **Key Moment**

In the 66th minute, Esperance had a chance to tie the score with a counter-attack led by Youcef Belaili, but Agustin Rossi made a crucial save to keep Flamengo in the lead. This allowed Araujo to put the game out of Esperance's reach four minutes later.

Flamengo could earn a firstplace finish in Group D if they continue playing like they did in this one

> previously reported online abuse. In a bid to try to pro-

> tect athletes from that sort of

abuse, the International Tennis

Federation (ITF), Women's

Tennis Association (WTA),

All England Lawn Tennis Club

and United States Tennis

Association in 2023 launched

the Threat Matrix. The pro-

gram monitors public-facing

social accounts for abusive

and threatening content on social networks. It also pro-

Despite years of reporting

online abuse, Boulter said the

volume has become over-

whelming - and her concern

now lies with protecting those

where I am right now, I think

there is just too many to

"I think that by the end of

coming up behind her.

vides support for players.

### **Drogheda barred from Conference** League by UEFA ownership rules

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Geneva

rish Cup winner Drogheda lost its appeal against being Lremoved from the Conference League next season for breaking UEFA rules when investors own multiple clubs. The Court of Arbitration

for Sport said its judges gave an urgent decision dismissing Drogheda's appeal that was heard on Monday. On Tuesday, UEFA will start

making the draws for qualifying rounds in the third-tier European competition.

Drogheda and Silkeborg of Denmark qualified for the Conference League second preliminary round but are owned by the Trivela Group from the

one owner has "decisive influence" over management of

both. Drogheda apologized to fans in a statement for the situation leading to a decision that caused "great heartbreak and disbelief" and will cost the club at least hundreds of thousands of euros (dollars) in

UEFA prize money. The American-back club missed a March 1 deadline set by UEFA to anticipate a pending problem and make changes to the ownership or executive structure.

CAS said the three judges agreed UEFA communicated key information which Drogheda "knew or ought to have known about." A 2-1 majority of the judges

"rejected (the club's) submissions on alleged unequal treat

and Aston Villa in the past two years were resolved by one of the ownership stakes being placed into a blind trust for the season. A UEFA expert panel also imposed transfer bans and limited cooperation between clubs in question.

The UEFA panel is also assessing if Crystal Palace and Lvon can both enter the next Europa League. Lyon's American owner John Textor has a 43 per cent stake in Palace though with limited decisionmaking power.

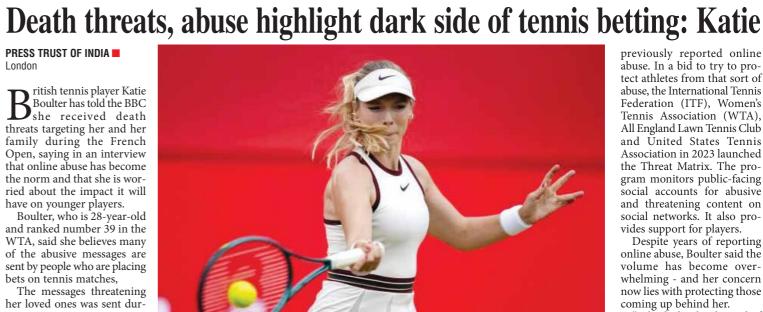
In the latest case, Silkeborg took priority with UEFA to get the Conference League place because it finished higher in the Danish league this season than Drogheda did in the Irish league last year.

#### Boulter has told the BBC she received death threats targeting her and her family during the French Open, saying in an interview that online abuse has become

the norm and that she is worried about the impact it will have on younger players. Boulter, who is 28-year-old

and ranked number 39 in the WTA, said she believes many of the abusive messages are sent by people who are placing bets on tennis matches,

The messages threatening her loved ones was sent during her French Open firstround match against Carole Monnet on May 29. After losing the first-set tie-break, Boulter won the match 6-7 (4),



tioned damaging her "grand- messages, said she is worried mother's grave if she's not about the toll the widespread dead by tomorrow" and "can- abuse takes on younger playdles and a coffin for your ers.

phone. "I think it increases in num-

becomes more apparent every

"As a tennis player, I just "At the verv start of mv ber and it also increases in the level of things that people say. I don't think there's anything off the cards now." Many other players have ation."

almost do that," she said.

single time you go on your

There were 22,137 fans in second half.

United States.

UEFA rules to protect sporting integrity do not allow teams from a multi-club network to enter the same competition if United, AC Milan, Brighton

ment by UEFA," the court said. Other cases involving Manchester City, Manchester

Drogheda loses prize mone of 350,000 euros (\$406,000) that UEFA pays for playing in the Conference League second qualifying round.

6-1.6-1

But the loss of the tiebreaker prompted the outrage.

"Hope you get cancer," said one message. Another men-

entire family. A third said: Go to hell, I lost money my mother sent me."

Boulter, who shared with the BBC screenshots of the

career, it's probably something I took very personally... Getting comments about the way you look," she said. "It

want to see and protect some of the younger players that come through and try to find a way around this whole situ-



### 'F1' movie mirrors his rivalry with Piastri: Norris

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New York

ando Norris says the new Formula 1 movie con-Itains some reminders of his own rivalry with McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri after their collision at the Canadian Grand Prix.

Speaking Monday at the Times Square premiere of "F1," starring Brad Pitt, Norris said his rivalry with Piastri remains friendly, even if they sometimes run into "roadblocks and chicanes."

"You always want to be the top dog and you always want to be on top - of everyone, not just your teammate. You want to be on top of the grid, right?" Norris said. "The interesting part, and I think the thing that the F1 movie gets into a little bit more, is how teammates have to be teammates but also how they want to beat one another, and how do you get that balance right? Because if it's too much one way, it's not good. If it's too much the other way, it's not good. It's a difficult balance, but that's part of the sport."

#### **Roadblocks in the** relationship

Norris apologised immediately for colliding with Piastri in Sunday's race as he tried to overtake. The contact caused Norris to hit the wall, ending his race. Piastri was able to finish fourth and extend his standings lead over Norris to 22 points ahead of next week's Austrian Grand Prix

'We've always known we want to beat each other, but I think one thing we've done very well is work together as a team," Norris said. "Of course there's always going to be some little roadblocks and chicanes and things to navigate through, but in the end of the day, I think, as long as we pull through the other day together, that's the most important."

#### **Russell hopes for more Mercedes wins**

George Russell's victory in Canada on Sunday made him the only driver other than Norris, Piastri and defending champion Max Verstappen to get a win this season.

## Inter Kashi win first appeal at CAS against AIFF

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New York

nter Kashi on Tuesday won their first appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against the All India Football Federation (AIFF) after the Varanasibased side were deducted three points for a contested I-League match earlier in the year.

The CAS ruling, though, will not hand Inter Kashi the I-League title yet. The AIFF's appeals committee had on April 18 ruled against Inter Kashi in a case relating to their match against Namdhari FC — who were alleged to have fielded an 'ineligible player' — on January 13, setting aside a decision given by the national federation's disciplinary committee.

After the appeals committee ruling, Inter Kashi finished the I-League at second spot with 39 points, while Churchill Brothers of Goa were declared champions on 40 points. Inter Kashi filed an appeal at the Switzerland-based CAS on April 24 had already handed the trophy to against the decision of the AIFF Churchill Brothers on the basis of its appeals committee and the world's

apex sports tribunal ruled in favour of the club on Tuesday. There is another Inter Kashi appeal

pending at the CAS and that may decide who will be the 2024-25 I-League champions, though the AIFF 2025 by the Appeal Committee of the All-India Football Federation is set aside," the CAS said in its ruling on Tuesday

"The terms of the decision issued on 24 February 2025 by the All-India Football Federation Disciplinary Committee in the matter IL 2024-25/102 are hereby confirmed," said the CAS award delivered by three arbitrators

Frans de Weger of the Netherlands presided over the bench, with Michele AR Bernasconi of Switzerland and Jeffrey G. Benz of United Kingdom being the other members.

(1) On the basis of the complaint received the Committee is of the view that the defendant club Namdhari FC has fielded an ineligible player resulting out of a failure to make the player serve the suspension in Match number 45 of the I-League 2024-25 against Inter Kashi FC in accordance with Article 12.3.2 of the I-League 2024-25 Regulations for accumulation of 4 cautions in the given season. "(2) The said match shall result in a forfeiture (0-3 loss) for the defendant club Namdhari FC in accordance with Article 57 read with Article 26 of the Code of fielding an ineligible player," the court explained.

Inter Kashi said on their social media handles that they welcomed the CAS ruling. The costs of the arbitration, to be served to the parties by the CAS Court Office separately, shall be borne 20 per cent by Inter Kashi, 40 per cent by the AIFF, 20 per cent by Churchill Brothers FC Goa and 20 per cent by Namdhari FC.

The CAS directed the AIFF to pay two thousand Swiss francs (₹2.12 lakh approx) to Inter Kashi while Churchill Brothers and Namdhari FC will have to pay one thousand Swiss francs (₹1.06 lakh) to the Varanasi-based club "as legal contribution towards its legal costs and other expenses incurred during these arbitral proceedings".

#### appeals committee decision. "The appeal filed on 24 April 2025 by Inter Kashi FC against the decision issued on 18 April 2025 by the Appeal Committee of the All-India Football Federation is upheld.

The decision issued on 18 April India gear up for Tajikistan test ahead of U-23 Asian Cup qualifiers

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

ndia men's football team will take on hosts Tajikistan in a friendly match on Wednesday, kicking off a crucial two-match tour that serves as preparation for the AFC U-23 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers later this year.

The match will be played at the Hisor Central Stadium near Dushanbe, with the second fixture against Kyrgyz Republic scheduled for Saturday.

Bahrain, Qatar and Brunei Darussalam, India will be aiming to qualify for the continental event for the first time when the qualifiers are held in September.

The ongoing tour is seen as vital tune-up in terms of acclimatisation, team cohesion, and tactical fine-tuning. The Naushad Moosa-

coached 23-member squad had been in camp in Kolkata since June 1 before flying out to Dushanbe.

After arriving in the Tajik capital on Monday evening, the Drawn in Group E alongside team held a mobility session



task at hand.

Tuesday morning and followed it up with a 90-minute evening training session at the venue, which is located around 25 kilometres from the city.

Tajikistan U23s were last in action in November 2024 when they lost two friendlies against United Arab Emirates, both by a 0-3 margin.

At the AFC U23 Asian Cup 2024, Tajikistan were knocked out in the group stage after defeats to Iraq and Saudi Arabia and a win over Thailand. Moosa, however, is not reading too much into past results and is focused on the

"We know Tajikistan are a strong team. They qualified for

the U23 Asian Cup last year and also did well at the senior Asian Cup," Moosa stated in AIFF website.

The players will, of course, be different tomorrow. The coach has changed. We just have to go out there and do our job right," added Moosa.

Despite Dushanbe being located 700 metres above sea level, the weather is hot at this time of the year, soaring to almost 40 degrees during the





**ICC ready for 4-day Tests** 

in 27-29 WTC cycle: Report

# **Shubman Gill is mix of both Rohit** and Kohli as captain: Jos Buttler

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ndia's new Test captain Shubman Gill is a mix of his predecessors Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli but he will be "very much his own man" in the middle when he leads the national side in the eagerly-awaited five-Test series against England starting on Friday, feels Jos Buttler.

Buttler, the former England limited-overs captain who played under Gill in this year's ÎPL, said the 25-year-old will need to find a balance between his captaincy role and his own batting.

"He is a really impressive player and an impressive young man," Buttler said on his podcast 'For The Love of Cricket' alongside former England pacer Stuart Broad.

"He's pretty calm and measured when he speaks, but (it's) interesting, I feel like on the field he's got a bit of fight about him, a bit of intensity, quite passionate. I think he will be a mix of Kohli and Rohit.

"Kohli (was) that sort of real from those two guys, but he'll



aggressive (character), really be very much his own man." transformed the Indian team, Buttler said the job of captaining India in Test cricket is in your face, up for the contest. Rohit was a bit on the other like being a "third or fourthside, a bit more laid back, very most influential people" in

cool, calm, collected customer, the country "He talked about compartbut with that sort of fight," he added. Buttler expects Gill to mentalising batting and captaining; so when he's batting he "He is obviously learned just wants to be a batter and

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his captaincy and try and separate the two roles," he said.

"I don't think we can quite understand the level of interest and the stardom that these guys have. You see it around the IPL, you're aware of it, but actually living that yourself, I think they say the Indian Test captain is like the third or then he will try and work on fourth-most influential person

in India, behind the Prime Minister, so you really are put

up on that pedestal. (There are a) one-and-half billion people, all cricket-mad, so it's going to be a huge job for him. Kohli is the king, Shubman is the prince: that's the narrative that they spin out there, and I feel that he's the coming man... Stepping into that No. 4, it's big shoes, isn't it?" "IPL teams as good as international teams"

Buttler said the level of competitiveness in IPL, given its unique window, makes some of the teams in the competition as good as internation-al teams. "I would say some teams would compete well, they are just as good as international teams. I think (a) Mumbai Indians XI had nine or 10 players who had played international cricket and they are just not any odd internationals either.

"Obviously, the window the IPL has, there is no competition from international cricket, it has got its own designated window. All the best players in the world are available,

all the local Indian talent where the depth is just growing and growing and growing," he said.

"Suryavanshi's ton was inspiring and deflating"

Buttler said 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi's 38-ball 101 for Rajasthan Royals against Gujarat Titans, which was the second-fastest IPL ton and fastest for any Indian in T20 cricket, was both "inspir-

This guy is (about) 20 years younger than me, and he is just smashing us all around the park. Absolutely (sent) shockwaves throughout the cricket

"...The first ball, he gave himself a bit of room and smacked it over wide long on for a six... that fearlessness. I love these guys out there; there are so many brilliant players. They almost want to make a statement as in 'look at me."

Buttler also recalled Suryavanshi's knock of 57 against Chennai Super Kings and said, "I'm like 'this guy is the best player I have ever seen," he said

#### The ICC first sanctioned four-day Tests for bilateral

he International Cricket Council (ICC) is ready

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to sanction four-day Tests for smaller nations in the 2027-29 World Test Championship cycle but India, Australia and England can still play the traditional fiveday matches, according a report.

The move to reduce matches by one day would be a significant change and can help smaller nations to play more Tests and longer series.

"During discussions last week at the WTC final at Lord's, the ICC chair, Jay Shah, is understood to have expressed his support for fourday Tests, with a view to sanctioning them in time for the 2027-29 WTC cycle," The Guardian' reported.

"England, Australia and India would still be permitted to schedule five-Test series of five-day matches for the Ashes, the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and the newly named Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, the first iteration of which begins with the first Test between England and India at Headingley on Friday.

contests in 2017. England played Zimbabwe over four days at Trent Bridge last month after four-day Tests

against Ireland in 2019 and 2023According to the report, "many smaller nations are

reluctant to host Tests due to the time they take out of the schedule and the cost, but a move to four-day cricket would enable an entire three-Test series to be played in less than three weeks.

"In four-day Tests the playing hours are extended to mandate a minimum of 98 overs per day rather than 90 overs to mitigate the time lost," it said.

"South Africa's threadbare itinerary despite being crowned world champions in the thrilling final against Australia at Lord's last week has further highlighted the issue, and focused minds on the need for change," it added.

The 2025-27 World Test Championship will, however, will continue under the existing format of five-day matches. It begins with Sri Lanka hosting Bangladesh in a two-Test series on Tuesday.

composed at the other end,

stroking three boundaries

Sri Lanka also handed a

first test cap to Lahiru Udara,

the seasoned runscorer from

the domestic arena, in what

will be Angelo Mathews'

119th and last test match for

The match at Galle is the

Test

first in the 2025-2027 cycle of

World

Championship, starting just days after South Africa won

the title for the first time with

a victory over defending

champion Australia at Lord's

and a six in his 25.

his country.

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### Sophie Devine to retire from ODIs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Auckland

ew Zealand women's team captain and pro-IN team captant and pre-lific all-rounder Sophie Devine will retire from the ODIs after the World Cup in India and Sri Lanka later this year.

regarded as one of the The 35-year-old is widely most prolific allregarded as one of the most rounders in women's prolific all-rounders in women's cricket, having cricket, having amassed amassed 3990 runs from 152 **3990 runs from 152** ODIs at an average of 31.66 with the help of eight centuries. **ODIs at an average of** 

She has also scored 3431 runs from 146 T20Is with one century. She has also taken 107 and 119 wickets in the ODIs and T20Is respectively. She, however, has not played in any Test. "It feels like the right time for me to start stepping away. I feel very fortunate to have NZC's support in finding a solution that means I can still give to the WHITE FERNS," said Devine in a statement issued by New Zealand Cricket

tain of the White Ferns in on Tuesday. Devine's statement came 2020, and has since led the ahead of the announcement of team to new heights, including the 17 centrally contracted a bronze medal at the players by New Zealand Commonwealth Games in Cricket (NZC) on Wednesday. 2022 and a maiden ICC She will remain available for Women's T20 World Cup vic-T20I cricket on a "casual playtory last year. ing arrangement" but will not NZC's head of women's high be centrally contracted. performance Liz "It's important that everyone Green said Devine had the organisation's full support. knows I'm focused and dedi-

cated to giving this group everything I can before I step away. I'm really excited by

'be a bit in the middle".

to nine months."

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Her decision to retire after

the ODI World Cup in India

and Sri Lanka from September

30 to November 2 came after

Devine took a break from

cricket to prioritise her men-

tal health in January. She will

lead the team in the ODI

Devine was permanent cap-

World Cup in September.

eight centuries

ffspinner Tharindu Ratnayake took two where this young group's going wickets in his test and I'm looking forward to playing my part in the next six debut for Sri Lanka on Tuesday as Bangladesh struggled to 90 for three in the first session of the series. The 35-year-old is widely

Galle (Sri Lanka)

Bangladesh won the toss and elected to bat in the first match of the new World Test Championship cycle but the morning session belonged to 29-year-old Ratnayake, who got his test cap after churning out wickets in the domestic circuit.

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It was right-arm seamer Asitha Fernando who set the tone early. Still riding the bounce from a productive county stint with Glamorgan, he had Anamul Haque caught behind for a duck.

Then came Ratnayake, the ambidextrous bowler who can turn the ball both ways, and he made his mark in just his fourth over. Shadman Islam, with rigid feet and hands hard, poked at a delivery that spun away and only succeeded in feathering it to Dhananjaya de Silva at slip. Ratnayake wasn't done yet. Mominul Haque, who had



been settling in nicely, edged a ball that bounced a shade more than expected. De Silva flew to his left and took a brilliant catch.

Just when Bangladesh appeared to be teetering, cap-tain Najmul Hossain Shanto and the experienced Mushfiqur Rahim dug in. Their 45-run fourth-wicket stand helped steady the innings somewhat, but their work is far from done.

Mushfigur, unbeaten on 20 at the lunch interval, has gone 13 innings without passing 50, a lean patch by his standards. Shanto looked

on the weekend. the side-ons (bowlers) but he delivers

the ball from about a foot or even a bit more closer to the batsman than the average bowler so the ball feels quicker even than the pace he is actually bowling at."

Buttler said Bumrah's action could make one feel like a sitting target.

"For me as a right-hander, it always felt like it was coming in, but he could

# Bumrah has excellent balance in delivery, says Stuart Broad

feels fast bowling great Stuart Broad.

Buttler.

"You were ready, but Bumrah is so balanced, in his run-up, it's a shortstride pattern, so he never gets over stride and of balance. I look at Glenn McGrath (who) had the most balanced delivery stride that I watched

## cast 'For the Love of Cricket' which also featured England batter Jos

Ctar India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah's ability to deceive bat-Uters and his excellent balance in delivery stride makes him the player to watch out for in the upcoming marquee Test series against England,

and Bumrah is the same."

Tharindu Ratnayake takes two wickets on debut for Sri Lanka

ing and deflating". world," he said.

Broad compared Bumrah with the legendary Australia fast bowler Glenn McGrath in having the "most balanced delivery stride" in world cricket. "He (Bumrah) jogs in, you will be thinking 'this will be 70 miles an hour' and it hits you at 90 and you don't get a real flow. When I faced Shoaib Akhtar, he sprint in at a hundred miles an hour and delivered at a hundred

load management. Broad, who took 604 wickets from 167 Tests before retiring in 2023, said Burmah will take a "shedload of wickets" if he plays in all the five matches of the series starting in miles an hour," Broad said in the pod-

Bumrah is not expected to play all the five-Tests of the series which has been confirmed by chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar and head coach Gautam Gambhir as a part of work-

#### Leeds on Friday.

"He is going to be certainly one to watch and certainly someone that England won't want to play five Tests, because if he does, he's going to pick

to his competitive spirit (and) that he has grown up in that (Virat) Kohli (captaincy) era."

up a shedload of wickets, isn't he?

'There was that great bit of play in

Australia wherein he got in a scrap in

the last over with (Sam) Konstas and

(Usman) Khawaja was on strike. He

nicked Khawaja off, got him out. He

fast bowler has to have that emotion

in him, but there is a real sharpness

"He has definitely got that; every

was screaming and roaring.

Buttler said there isn't a bigger superstar in the touring Indian side than Bumrah. "I don't think there's a bigger star in that touring squad than Jasprit Bumrah," he said.

But facing him, he creates awkward angles, the run-up is unique, the action is unique. I think it have seen

## Hosting 2036 Olympics will be win-win for India in every aspect: MoS sports

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delh

ndia's bid to host the 2036 Olympics is not merely an Lattempt to make a statement internationally but also a well thought out plan to create world-class infrastructure, bolster the economy and tackle pressing social issues affecting the country's youth, says Minister of State for Sports Raksha Khadse.

In an exclusive interview, the 38-year-old three-time Lok Sabha MP from Maharashtra's Raver constituency, dismissed criticism from some quarters that the country needs to focus more on becoming a sporting powerhouse before aiming for something as expensive as hosting the Olympics.

"Preparing to host events like the 2036 Olympics or the 2030 Commonwealth Games is about creating world-class infrastructure, economic investment and legacy systems that directly benefit athlete development," she asserted in the interaction at her office here.

"Sports is also a way to deal with so many issues such as depression and even drug



Minister of State for Sports Raksha Khadse

addiction. And keeping all this in mind, when you bring an event like the Olympics to the country, it becomes a galvanising force even socially. It creates a fitness movement of its own and enhances the output of a nation. It's a win-win for all," explained the deputy to union minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

India's bid to host the Games will pick up pace next month when a delegation

comprising officials from the nation-builders." sports ministry, and the Indian Olympic Association heads to Lausanne for discussions with the International Olympic Committee after submitting its letter of intent last year.

"There is no denying that by hosting an Olympics, we will make a statement. It's a sign that you are a developed country. But at the same time, it also gives the youth an oppor-

tunity to take the lead as

To drive home the point that hosting the Games and developing Indian sports need not be seen in isolation, she cited the World Para-Athletics Championships in Delhi later this year because of which the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium is being renovated with a MondoTrack, the most advanced surface for track events currently in use globally.

"We are ensuring that every rupee spent has a long-term multiplier impact," Khadse, only the second woman and the youngest to be assigned the sports ministry, assured.

The 2024 Paris Olympics cost over \$9 billion while the upcoming 2028 Games in Los Angles are estimated to require a spending of more than \$7 billion. More often than not, the projected cost exceeds the final expenses by a significant margin.

The 2016 Rio Summer Games have been the most expensive so far, costing \$23.6 billion. NSFs aligning with Ministry's vision

The ambitious Olympics bid would also require a cohesive administrative system to work seamlessly, but India's National Sports Federations (NSFs) have often been mired in turf wars and one-upman-

ship, leading to court cases that end up hurting the prospects of athletes. Khadse said the ministry is

focussing on accountability without compromising on autonomy of the administrators to ensure better coordination. "There should not be politics and athletes should be the focus, their growth should be

priority. The federations should have their autonomy but there should also be greater harmony between NSFs and the ministry," she said. "It is very important to

achieve this given that we are aiming to host the 2036 Olympics. It would require a cohesive approach. The ministry, NSFs and the IOA cannot pull in different directions, their goal has to align," she added.

The ministry and the IOA have differed on the subject of autonomy.

IOA President PT Usha has stated that plans to have a regulatory body to oversee NSF functioning, as proposed by the draft sports bill, would undermine the IOA and be construed as government interference by the IOC.

"Mansukh bhai has spoken to all NSFs, and tried to understand their difficulties and issues. We are also working towards reducing litigation so that administration does not suffer. Our aim is to ensure that athletes get the best. The ministry is guiding the NSFs on this goal and they are responding positively to it." Another thorny issue for

Indian sports is the menace of

doping. The country continues to rank high in the global list of dope offenders and has struggled to tackle the problem despite increased awareness

Khadse said while she supports penal action against those who encourage doping among minors, it is not prudent to criminalise it.

"Agreed that those doing it at the elite level are probably aware of the various aspects of doping but those who are at a much junior level or have not reached the elite level are not as aware. They buy things without realising the consequences or on the advice of coaches," she pointed out.

"The recently amended National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 already empowers the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) with legal authority and investigative powers similar to law enforcement bodies.

"We want to start Compulsory Anti-Doping Education for athletes, coaches, and parents as well as randomised testing at State and Junior Levels. Those who facilitate drugs or doping to minors should be penalised under a strict law," she said.

beat me on the outside, and you sort of find yourself in a horrible position, squared up and a bit of a sitting target," said the former England white-

ball captain. "He is a superstar bowler, and that's what you expect in international

cricket, you are going to come up against great players and certainly someone England will need to play well to have good success," he said.

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he Pataudi name will remain a part of the India-England cricket rivalry with the winning captain of the upcoming five-Test series set to be presented with a medal named after the royal family that has a rich connect with the game in both countries.

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