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2 soldiers injured in J&K gunfight with terrorists

Two Army personnel were injured in a fierce gunfight between security forces and terrorists at Kalakote in J&K's Rajouri district Tuesday. Two or three heavily armed terrorists are believed trapped at the site of the operation that began late Monday and continued till last reports. P 13

Punjab bans high-yield paddy

Punjab CM Mann banned the Pusa 44 high-yield paddy from 2024, citing high water consumption and long maturation. Shorter-duration paddy varieties would reduce farm fires, he said. P 6

950 held for Assam child marriages

In the second crackdown on child marriages, 961 people were arrested Tuesday in Assam on charges of marrying under-age girls and encouraging or solemnising such illegal unions. P 13

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Lawyers for Dow Chemical appeared in a Bhopal court for the first time Tuesday on the seventh summons issued over a plea moved by an NGO working with the 1984 gas tragedy victims. P 13

Bus teeters on river bridge, riders escape

Forty passengers on a bus to Bhubaneswar had a miraculous escape after the vehicle hit the railings of a bridge over a swollen Mahanadi. The riders escaped via the emergency exit. PG OPP

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Cops raid 100 locations linked to NewsClick, arrest founder

UAPA Case Filed: Portal Got Money For Pro-China Propaganda'

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New Delhi: Delhi Police's Special Cell on Tuesday arrested the editor-in-chief of web portal NewsClick, Prabir Purkayastha.

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astha, and its human resources head, Amit Chakravarty, after coordinated raids at about 100 locations in the country.

The cops are probing allegations against the portal that it received funding illegally in connection with an FIR filed under the stringent UAPA and

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Aug 2023: NYT article alleges NewsClick among cos funded for pushing Chinese propaganda. FIR filed under UAPA & IPC

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journalists, including Prabir Purkayastha, Paranjay Guha, Thakurta, Urmilesh, Abhisar Sharma, quizzed. Purkayastha & NewsClick HR head Amit Chakravarty arrested. Rest let off

► Cops seal NewsClick office, seize mobile phones and laptops of the journalists

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Thieves Strike Jackpot! G20 Planters Vanish, Leave Just Mud In Their Wake

Security Staff Deployed During Summit Absent, Public Property Vulnerable To Theft & Damage

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New Delhi: Just three weeks after the conclusion of the G20 Summit, which saw the city's beautification with a green makeover, many of the potted plants placed along the roads around Bharat Mandapam at Pragati Maidan have started disappearing.

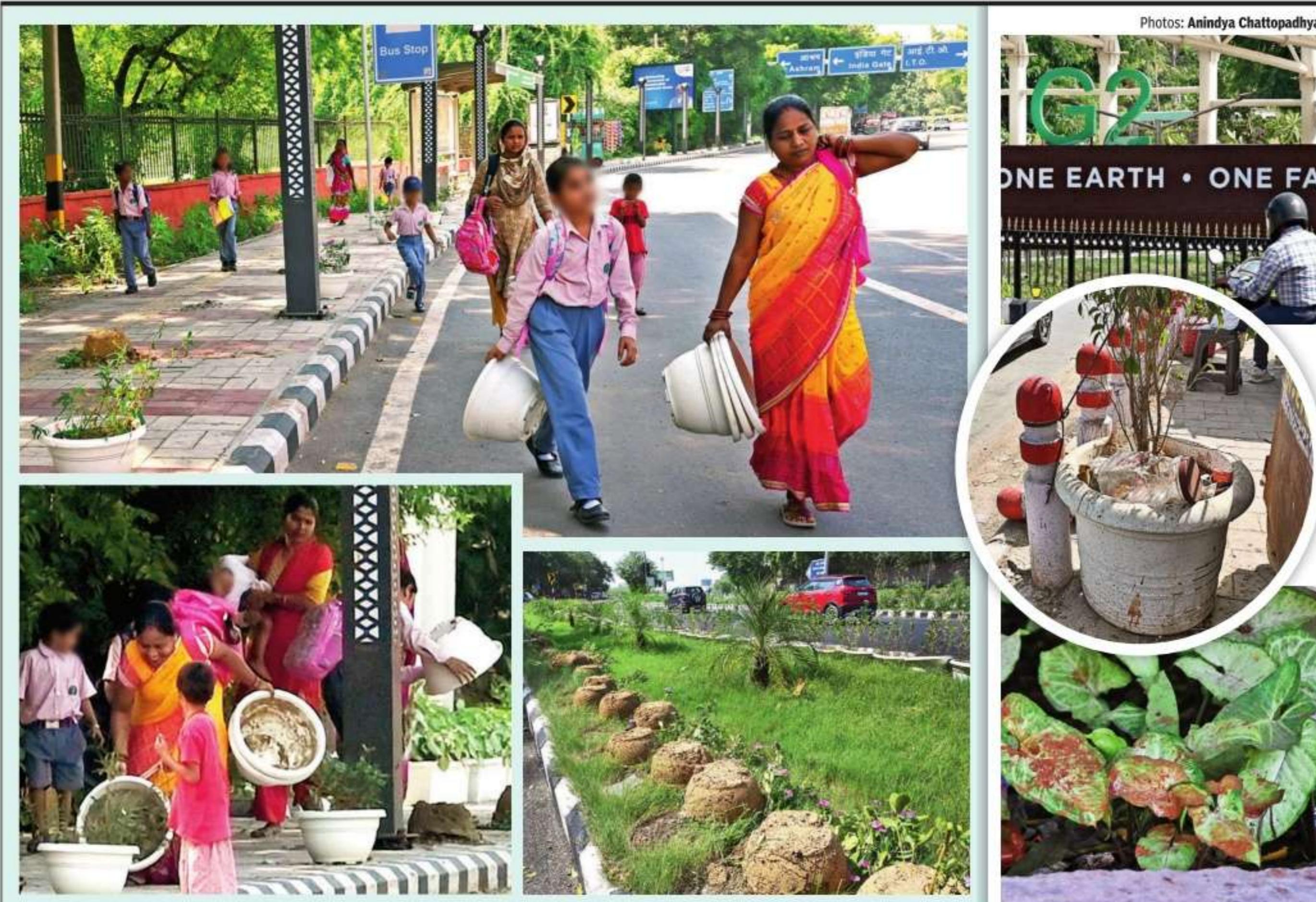
On Tuesday afternoon, at the busy Bhairon Marg, a group of women and children could be seen overturning some white plastic pots, dumping the mud on the grass and leaving casually with the stolen goods.

In the run-up to the summit last month, the Public Works Department (PWD) had placed about 1.6 lakh flowering and lush green potted plants to fill the gaps on central verges and roadside. It had also received assistance from Delhi Police, which deployed cops to stand vigil and keep an eye out for theft.

However, at present, most of the security staff earlier seen on the roads is absent, leaving the public property vulnerable to theft and damage. With no proper maintenance, many of the plants have already dried up.

According to an official in PWD's horticulture wing, the department has taken almost half of the pots placed for G20 back to four nurseries to avoid theft. To take care of the remaining plants, private contractors will be hired.

"We are watering the pots placed along the roads with the help of tankers. But that is not sufficient sometimes. About half the pots that were smaller in size — with a diameter less than 18cm — have been sent back to the nurseries. The



problem might be with the pots placed by the forest department," said the official, adding that so far, no direct complaint from the zones has been made to the police.

While there was no immediate response from forest of-

ficials on Tuesday, a department official had earlier said: "A few incidents were reported wherein flowerpots were damaged after bikers rammed them. The two-wheelers were also damaged."

As part of the G20 prepara-

tions, PWD had used potted plants to add to the existing green spaces along key roads, including Zakir Hussain Marg, Purana Qila, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Sachivalay Marg, Press Enclave Marg and Vikas Marg. A sec-

tion of Mathura Road in front of Bharat Mandapam had been turned into a lush green zone with a series of fresh, flowering plants placed side by side in earthen and plastic pots. Four types of palms were also procured — seaforthia, raphis,

phoenix and areca.

Theft has been a major problem for PWD to deal with, with three nozzles of fountains at Delhi Gate stolen last month. Earlier, electrical items and decorative lights were reported missing too.

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New Delhi: The ballooning borrowings of Delhi Jal Board and its alleged diversion of funds for smaller works has become the focus of a special audit by Delhi government's finance department.

Sources said the finance department had started the audit and was looking into the board's detailed accounts of revenue collection, funds aid and expenditure. An examination of the accounts has indicated that not only have its borrowings gone up in the past few years, but a large amount of funds also given to the board through budgets have allegedly been diverted to other heads, officials said.

The board, tasked with production and distribution of potable water and treatment and disposal of wastewater, had failed to provide information on the utilisation of funds received under various heads, the officials said. The finance department has asked it to provide the details of Rs 12,712 crore that it had received from the government in the last five years and assets it had created from that money.

No reaction was available from the AAP government on the special audit. The Delhi government allocated Rs 6,342 crore for the water sector for the 2023-24 financial year.

Sources said that the board is currently executing several schemes, including rejuvenation of the Yamuna, setting up of sewage treatment plants, laying down sewer and water lines, among others, worth nearly Rs 18,000 crore.

"The board was given Rs 1,557 crore this May for projects in the current financial year, including the Yamuna cleaning, but it allegedly di-

verted Rs 750 crore towards pending liabilities without the government's permission. Another Rs 472 crore was given to the agency to clear bills related to replacement of water and sewer pipelines, while it sought more money to clear pending payments of contractors. All these issues require to be examined thoroughly," an official said.

Sources said the board's outstanding liabilities, recorded at Rs 26,268.89 crore on

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The examination of DJB's accounts has indicated that not only have its borrowings gone up in the past few years, a large amount of funds made available to it through budgets were diverted to other heads

March 31, 2018, had now crossed Rs 70,000 crore (including the tax component) at the end of the 2022-23 financial year.

Officials added that increasing expenses and stagnant revenue had left the board with a high deficit. While the number of consumers and demand for water have risen, the agency's revenues from water tariff had fallen in the last six years.

According to the Delhi Jal Board Act, the agency is supposed to meet the operations and maintenance costs and should be able to make payments on its debt using the water and sewerage charges, but it has been taking Rs 900 crore from the government every year to meet expenses towards salaries, wa-

ges and operations.

Extension of Home Guard volunteers' tenure okayed

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New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK SAXENA on Tuesday approved the extension of tenure of 8,539 Home Guard volunteers, including 4,060 deployed with Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) as bus marshals, reiterating his earlier directions to the chief minister and the Delhi home minister to complete the process of fresh enrolment within the specified period.

The LG's office said the proposal for fresh enrolment of 10,285 Home Guards had been pending with Delhi government since July and no time schedule for its completion had been mentioned by the home department in the latest proposal. No reaction was available from the AAP government.

Officials said the last enrolment of Home Guards was made in 2011 and, though their term should be extended up to three years, they got regular extensions with the approval of the LG.

"The tenure of the existing Home Guards was going to lapse on September 30. With the LG approving the proposal for amendment in Rule 8 of Delhi Home Guards Rules 1959 last week, their term has been extended up to March 31, 2024 or till the time fresh enrolment takes place," said an official, adding that they should meet the basic criteria such as satisfactory service records, general conduct and physical fitness.

Officials said that at the time of last extension for six months till September 30, the LG had directed the chief minister and the home minister to complete fresh enrolment.

"In their last proposal to extend the tenure in February 2023, the director general of Home Guards had reasoned that due to several commitments, including the G20 Summit and for fighting Covid-19's new strain, the role of Home Guards as auxiliary to police as well as in DTC buses was crucial for compliance of various preventive measures. Even after a lapse of seven months, the fresh recruitments have not been made," the official from the LG's secretariat pointed out.

Over 80% of women complain buses don't stop for them at halts: Survey



HC vacates its stay, job axe lands on Assembly fellows

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Tuesday vacated its stay that had allowed fellows engaged by Delhi Assembly to continue work despite their contracts being terminated by the lieutenant governor. Unless the Supreme Court rules otherwise, the vacation of the stay means that the tenures of the fellows stand terminated.

Justice Subramoni Prasad pointed out that the Supreme Court had gone into the issue when it declined to stay the letter of termination of July 5 and propriety demanded that the high court should not have passed an interim order.

"This court is inclined to vacate the stay granted by it. However, it is always open for the petitioner to approach the apex court to get appropriate clarifications

again, not so much as a whisper was made to the elected government before taking a large-scale step such as this, that upsets governance across many departments."

The high court had on September 21, while hearing a petition by several terminated Assembly fellows, directed that their services with the Delhi Assembly Research Centre shall continue till December 6 and stipends will be paid to them. But the Assembly secretariat and the services department through standing counsel Santosh Kumar Tripathi argued that since the issue was pending in the apex court, the high court ought not to have restrained authorities from terminating the contracts as it amounts to a stay in a matter where the SC chose not to interfere.

Appearing for the Assembly Speaker, senior advocate Sudhir Nandrajog said it was not a party to the proceedings before Supreme Court, nor the fellows. He argued that the apex court had merely referred the amendment to its constitution bench without going into the merits of the July 5 letter.

The high court, however, said the Assembly or the fellows can seek clarification if they want and disposed of the plea.

Upstaging past performances: Ramlilas bigger & grander affair

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New Delhi: Expect laser shows, stunts and scene-stealers this year at the various Ramlila events in the city. Artists from across the country have started arriving for the rehearsals for the organising committees' various versions of the Lord Ram story. What used to be small-scale street plays are now huge spectacles, with all the drama that modern technology can create.

Ramlila, a performance with songs, narration, recital and dialogues based on the *Ramayana*, is performed in the 10 days leading up to Dussehra. While in some places in Delhi, it's a small affair, it is an extravaganza in other places, including at Red Fort, Ramlila Maidan and Dwarka.

The Lav Kush Ramlila at Red Fort has been part of Delhi's Dussehra culture for ma-

ny years. Considered one of the biggest productions of Ramlila not just in the city but the entire country, the performance is a gala event yoked to high technology. Bollywood stars and politicians play the characters of the *Ramayana*. This year actor Gagan Malik, noted for his portrayal of Lord Ram in the 2012 TV series *Ramayana*, is leading the cast in the titular role. Haryanvi actor Kavita Joshi will bring Sita to life. The formidable character of Ravana will be portrayed by actor Mukesh Rishi.

Arjun Kumar, president of the Lav Kush Ramlila Committee, told TOI, "Among the political bigwigs acting for us this year are BJP's Ashwini Kumar Choubey, who will play the character of Parashuram, and AAP's Brijesh Goyal, who will portray Angada." Goyal himself added, "We are going to approach more politicians from AAP this year, among them MP Sanjay Singh, MLA Dilip Pandey and mayor Shelly Oberoi."

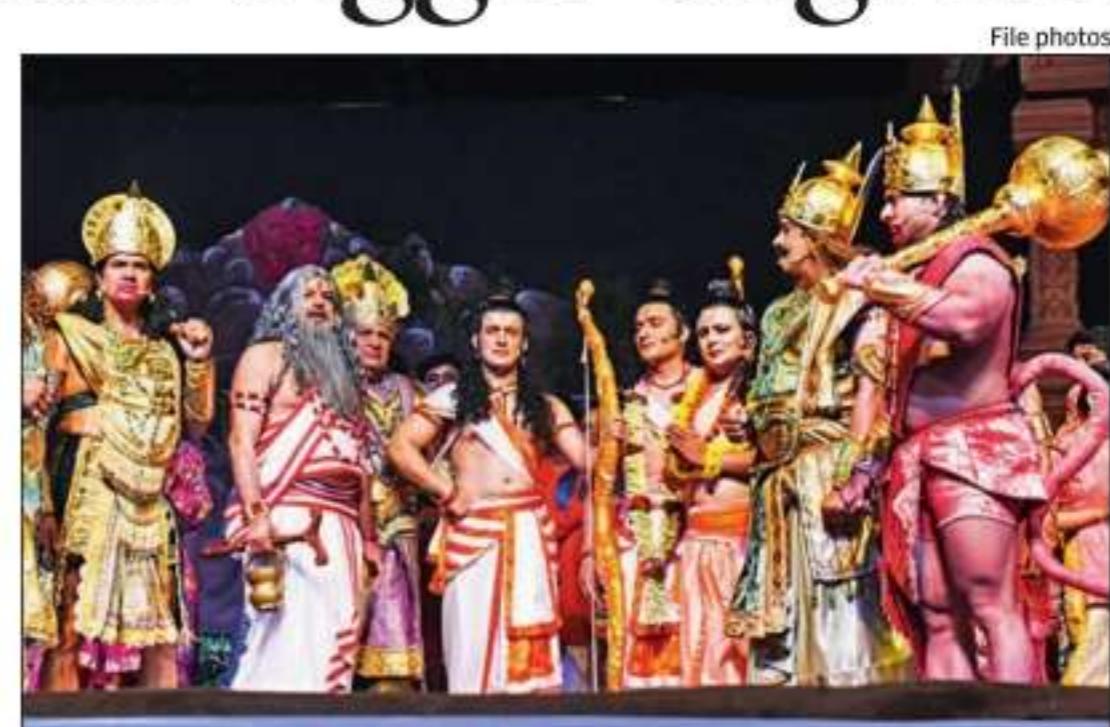
Joshi expressed happiness at depicting Sita in the Ramlila. "Growing up, we saw only men donning the female roles at the Ramlila, which even to me as a child was incongruous," she said. "Now it is great to see that these female characters are being played by women themselves. This not only adds to the realness of the performance, but the audience, especially the women, will also be able to relate to the enactment of Ram's life."

Stating that this year the performance will be bigger and better, play director Sun-

will be a musical in the Bheematali tradition. Most of the artists performing are from Uttarakhand and they start rehearsing two months before the show starting on October 15," said a member of the organising committee.

One of the oldest Ramlilas in the city is organised by the Shri Dharmik Leela Committee, which is more than 100 years old. This year, the highlight will be a stage that will provide an unhindered display to all viewers. "Our stage is going to be more than 60 feet tall. We will also use laser lights for various purposes, for instance to create a halo for the character of Lord Ram," said Ravi Jain, president of the committee.

Many Ramlila organisers in the city also have plans to put up selfie points at their venues where people can take photographs with G20 and Chandrayaan 3 as the background.



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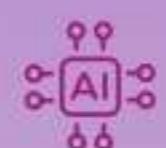


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Mayor moves HC seeking nod to travel abroad

New Delhi: Mayor Shelly Oberoi has moved Delhi High Court challenging the denial of clearance by the central government for her visit to Brisbane to attend the Asia Pacific Cities Summit-2023.

The summit is scheduled between October 11 and 13.

The matter was mentioned by Oberoi's counsel on Tuesday before a division bench of chief justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Narula, which scheduled it for hearing on Wednesday.

The counsel said that Oberoi has to travel to Australia on October 9, seeking urgent hearing of the matter.

The plea said that till now the file related to Oberoi's visit had not been given permission by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Oberoi wants to participate in the summit because it will be of immense benefit to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, the plea said. The agreements of this summit can have a direct impact on people's lives, the plea said. TNN

Excise policy case: Court allows two to turn approver

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The court of special judge M K Nagpal pardoned Reddy and Arora on the condition that they make a full and true disclosure of the circumstances of the offence committed

ged in Tihar jail.

The supplementary chargesheet filed by ED in May this year had accused Sisodia of receiving kickbacks from Amit Arora, another businessman and an accused in the case, through Dinesh Arora.

"Amit Arora paid Rs 2.2 crore to Sisodia through Dinesh Arora for getting policy changes in his favour in the GoM report/excise policy 2021-22... This amount is directly a bribe/kickback to a government functionary and is proceeds of crime under Section 2(1)(u) of PMLA, 2002. In this manner, Sisodia participated in the generation of the proceeds of crime," ED had said in its prosecution complaint.

In November last year, Arora had also turned approver in the case being investigated by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). He and Reddy were arrested by ED and are currently out on bail.

The court passed the order after hearing arguments by the counsels for the two accused and ED, represented by special public prosecutor N K Matta.

Earlier, the court had allowed businessman Sarath P Reddy to turn approver in the ED case.

According to the investigation, Arora was allegedly a close associate of Aam Aadmi Party leader and former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, an accused in the case. Sisodia was arrested by both ED and CBI and is currently lod-

Worried About Building Collapse In Quake? It's Not About Height

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New Delhi: The tremors felt in Delhi-NCR on Tuesday afternoon originated in Nepal's Bajhang district, and a total seven quakes were recorded within about 30 minutes, of which five were aftershocks following the second quake, Nepal's National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre said.

India's National Centre for Seismology said the 6.2M second quake had originated at a depth of about 11km, stating that deeper earthquakes impact a larger area.

There was widespread panic in north Delhi's GTB Nagar; a hub of students living in paying guest accommodations. "I was fast asleep on a mattress on the floor when suddenly the room started shaking around 2.30pm. I saw room decorations swinging and rushed out of the building in my nightwear along with other PG mates," said Shreya Jain, a Delhi University student.

At condominiums in NCR cities, residents suddenly found their houses shaking and poured into common areas, with videos of swinging fans and television screens circulating on messaging apps.

Sumit Dubey, a resident of

Express Zenith in Noida's Sector 77, had just put his eight-month-old baby down for a nap when he saw a chandelier above the cot swinging. "I held my daughter in my arms and ran towards the staircase. It took me time to climb down from the 12th floor with the infant in my arms. All the while, I covered her head with a pillow," he said.

While the maximum panic was seen in highrise buildings—offices or apartments—experts said a tall building isn't necessarily more vulnerable. "Height of a building doesn't make it susceptible to collapse. Safety of a building depends on the design, the way it's being maintained and other factors. There's no earthquake-proof building, but quake-resistant ones can be constructed," said Moushri Joshi, an architect.

According to scientists, there was no danger of wide-

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dinates almost at the same place. There was a soft zone of 50-60 square km where the aftershock occurred, which is a good sign," said OP Sharma, director, NCS.

He explained that the aftershocks were a good sign. "Earthquakes happen when stress increases in tectonic plates, or when the shearing and bearing strength of the source rock is exceeded by the stress. The rocks rupture, leading to an earthquake. It's as if the earth has suffered a heart attack. Aftershocks are a good sign because these show that the stress is being released, thereby reducing the chances of a more devastating quake," said Mishra, adding that the quake occurred along the north Almora fault line.

(With inputs from Shreya Ghosh)

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₹800cr to boost amenities in villages: LG

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hority, the LG said, "I have decided to give that fund to DDA to be spent on the development of villages." DDA will be asked to identify the amenities required in each village by talking to the village head and will draw a list of all the works required in villages, he added.

Saxena laid the foundation stone of a sports complex at Qutabgarh, which, said officials, will be completed by next month. The complex will have multiple sporting facilities, including akharas for men and women wrestlers, a kabaddi ground, jogging track, open gymnasium, badminton court and a volleyball court. Qutabgarh is among the five villages adopted by the LG for redevelopment.

North West Delhi MP Hans Raj Hans, Rohini MLA Vijender Gupta, Delhi chief secretary Naresh Kumar and DDA vice-chairman Subhash Pandya were also present on the occasion.

Saxena also visited nearby villages of Jaunti and Nijampur to witness development works, including the construction of a sports centre. He dedicated a rejuvenated waterbody in Jaunti to the villagers and said it wo-

VK SAXENA SAYS

I am disappointed that these villages are part of the capital city, yet lack the amenities. It is a worrisome fact

uld add to the village's water security and recharge the groundwater.

The waterbody, revamped by DDA, is now fit for collecting rainwater. Officials said a footpath had been constructed around it while plantation work had been completed. "It will not only beautify the village but will also promote physical wellbeing of villagers as they can enjoy morning and evening walks here," said a DDA official.

To encourage artisans who make beautiful environment-friendly clay utensils, the LG distributed electric pottery wheels.

Panda said many development works were being undertaken by DDA to transform the lives of the residents of Delhi.

Rapid growth in rural areas after AAP formed govt

New Delhi: Rejecting the lieutenant governor's claims that the villages in the city lacked basic amenities, development minister Gopal Rai said rapid growth had taken place in these areas ever since AAP had come to power here.

Rai claimed that no other government had been able to do as much development work in Delhi as the AAP government under the leadership of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal.

New roads, drains and community centres were built in villages through Delhi Gram Vikas Board. The government has opened mohalla clinics to provide free and quality healthcare to people closer to their homes," the minister said. Villages are also receiving 24-hour electricity and arrangements for water and sewer lines have been laid, he added.

"Numerous development projects are underway at a war footing in the villages," Rai said. The government stated that it had granted approval for 167 projects worth Rs 115.5 crore in August. TNN

BJP lauds LG order on funds for rural areas

New Delhi: Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on Tuesday said the party welcomed the order of lieutenant governor Vinai Kumar Saxena to release Rs 800 crore for initiating development work in rural areas through Delhi Development Authority.

"Recently a delegation of senior Delhi BJP and village panchayat leaders, led by the Delhi BJP president, had met the LG and apprised him of the problems being faced by farmers of Delhi and other residents of rural areas," the party stated.

The demands mainly relate to the withdrawal of property tax levied on villages, restoration of farming status for Delhi, development work in far-flung villages, the party stated. The Delhi BJP president had urged the LG to ensure that while fulfilling other demands might take time, the development funds for village areas were released at the earliest, it added. TNN

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Punjab Bans Rice Variety To Cut Farm Fires By 50%

Banks On Short-Duration Paddy Though Stubble Burning Has Spiked

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New Delhi: Counting on a variety of paddy that takes a shorter time to mature, officials in Punjab are confident that they will bring down the incidents of stubble burning by 50% this season. The preparation of the fields after the rice harvest involves burning the stubble, smoke from which blows towards Delhi and causes immense pollution in the winter months.

At the moment though, harvest remnant fires number almost double that of the last two years. Between September 15 and October 3, there have been 561 farm fires recorded in Punjab, including 105 of them on Tuesday, 119 on Monday and 123 on Sunday. According to the remote sensing data from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, in 2022 and 2021, there were, respectively, 350 and 237 fires in the same period.

Paddy is grown in around 32 lakh hectares in Punjab. On Tuesday, Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Singh Mann declared a ban on the Pusa44 variety of rice starting from the next year. He asked farmers to cease cultivating Pusa44 and other long-duration paddy for their high water consumption and longer maturation periods.

"These water-guzzling varieties take longer to ripen and produce stubble in larger quantities. While Pusa44 takes 152 days to ripen, the PR126 variety takes just 92 days," said Mann. This difference of two months could help alleviate the pollution caused by farm fires because it is the winds and colder weather after October that aggravate pollution in Delhi. An earlier clearance of fields for wheat sowing under ideal weather conditions could avert the

THAT DREADED TIME OF THE YEAR

Stubble burning cases

2022	49,900
2023 (Aiming)	Around 25,000

Farm fires on October 3

2022	75
2023	105

Farm fires till October 3

2022	350
2023	561

> In 2022, rain towards late September and early October delayed harvesting, leading to less incidents of stubble burning

> This year, farmers endorsed short duration paddy variety PR126

1,17,672 paddy management machines, 23,000 under procurement

> A few farmers encouraged to shift from paddy to cotton

> Those endorsing cotton given 30% discount on seeds

> Harvest expected a little early, barring in area affected by floods

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smoke blowing towards the national capital.

However, this ban hasn't been well-received by farmers, who claim it will lead to financial losses. They argued that Pusa44 yields significantly more per acre than PR126. Farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dalwale said, "Pusa44 produces up to 40 quintals an acre, whereas PR126 yields 25-30 quintals. Farmers have to earn some money from the harvests to meet expenses."

The joint secretary added, "This year more than 50% of the farmers have opted for the short-duration PR126 variety, which consumes less water, generates 20% less straw load and requires no early sowing."

Farmer Onkar at Nabha confirmed this, saying, "A majority of farmers who have tried the new variety PR126 paddy this year have found it took less time to ripen and leaves behind less

gible incidents of stubble burning in the last week of September before gradually picking up in October. That was due to rain, which caused delayed harvesting," explained Jagdish Singh, joint secretary, agriculture, Punjab government.

"This year, the farmers have sown a short-duration variety. Last year, there were around 50,000 recorded incidents of farm fires. We are gearing up this year for 25,000 or less."

As for Haryana, where stubble fire count is just 137 to Punjab's 561 so far, government officials claimed that farmers were now favouring cotton over maize for better earning but had yet to break from the rice-wheat monopoly. This year, Haryana offered incentives to paddy farmers to shift to alternative crops.

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(With inputs from Patiala)

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This is the reason, Jagdish Singh said, while the climate plays a major role in pollution transport to Delhi, the paddy season will wind up earlier this year in Punjab. "It is difficult to give a deadline, but we have reasons to believe that the major portion under paddy will be free by the first week of November," he said.

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In Delhi, 10,000 to 10,00,000 nanoparticles are found in a cubic centimetre of air. During the lockdown period, when vehicles on the road were reduced to around 50%, the nanoparticle concentration was reduced by 31%. At the same time, events such as Diwali increased nanoparticle concentration up to 35%, compared to usual emissions," Mishra said, adding that the nanoparticles in the range of 10 to 100-nm size were directly from vehicle engine exhaust that were released on the roadside.

The study said that when windspeed is high, the nano pollutants got dispersed to surrounding regions, increasing exposure among residents living near the road.

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The study also suggests that policy formulation towards the concentration of the particles was required for reducing their emission from engine sources to mitigate the impact these particles have on the atmosphere and human health.

The study includes a series of events in 2021, such as the lockdown, pollution events, Diwali and the time period before and after these events. It aims to identify the reduction of nano

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How These Forensics On Wheels Help Cops Put Cons Behind Bars

On-Site Tests, Preventing Evidence From Decaying Among Many Benefits

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New Delhi: The mobile forensics vans introduced to save time while lifting and analysing evidence from crime scenes have till August visited over 25,000 spots since their induction in February. This has proved a boon for police in their investigation. Forensic experts are able to perform on-the-spot forensic tests in the vans before sending them for further analyses to the Forensic Science Laboratory.

The spots visited this year till August related to house (10,492), burglary (4,164), rape and child sexual abuse incidents (924), robbery (700), murder (352) and attempt to murder (474). Crimes of other sorts required the vans to make 8,537 visits.

"The vans carry an official in charge of the crime team, fingerprint experts and forensics photographers. They collect vital evidence from the crime scene," an official said.

Besides equipment like a refrigerator, weighing machine, CCTV camera, LED screen, stereo microscope, laptop, digital camera and flashlights, the vans also have 14 types of scientific kits. The main purpose of these kits is to ensure that samples and exhibits are collected without being contaminated. Deliberate collection often leads to



proof being contaminated.

The officer explained, "Before sending the exhibits to FSL, we conduct on-the-spot tests to determine the

integrity of the evidence lifted and the level of contamination." Earlier, experts at crime spots collected exhibits according to their judgment.

Often, reports after analyses at FSL showed the collected samples had been contaminated. "With the use of the scientific kits, the collection of evidence is also more proper and precise," the officer added.

These kits help forensic experts to analyse fingerprints, body fluids, hairs, fibres, gunshot and explosive residues, bite marks, documents, tyre marks, shoe prints, drugs and other important samples.

"The kits are helpful for analysing different crime situations," said the official. "For example, if the case is related to drugs, we have a narcotics test kit that allows on-the-spot detection of substances such as marijuana, opium and heroin. In cases related to firearms, we use gunpowder detection and bullet hole testing kits. It helps us perform a presumptive test on a crime scene for suspected shooters. It also detects the presence of components in gunshot residues." Apart from the kits, the mobile forensic vans also have the facility to preserve the samples at different temperatures.

Ravindra Singh Yadav, special commissioner of police (crime), claimed that the 15 forensic vans had enhanced evidence collection capabilities. "Forensic evidence plays an important role in the conviction of criminals. These special vans have the latest equipment that helps us conduct on-site tests," Yadav said.

Delhi cops get transit remand of man held for ₹25-crore heist

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police on Tuesday adjourned till October 25 the hearing in the application filed by various accused persons seeking the status of the investigation in a case pertaining to alleged conspiracy behind the 2020 northeast Delhi riots.

The application was filed by Devangana Kalita, Natasha Narwal, Asif Iqbal Tanha, Meheran Haider and Athar Khan.

Meanwhile, special public prosecutor Amit Prasad told the court that in the application, advocate Mehmod Pracha, the counsel for one of the accused, had levelled personal allegations against him – that he had "taken cash from the police in an underhand manner".

Pracha had claimed in the application that these were the findings of a private investigator. Prasad submitted in the co-

Delhi riots conspiracy case put off till Oct 25

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ur that if this allegation was found to be correct, he is "not fit to continue as the SPP" in the case. He further said Pracha should place the material on record to substantiate his "false and grave allegations", along with the affidavit of the private investigator. The SPP added that the counsel for the accused had put a "question mark on his integrity" and the "prosecution cannot be browbeaten like this".

Prasad further said that under the law, the counsel for the accused cannot represent an accused in this case as he himself was named in the statement of one witness. There was conflict of interest and violation of Bar Council rules, he added.

On September 19, Delhi Police had told the court that the accused in the larger conspiracy case do not have any right in law to seek the status of the probe before the arguments on the charges.

Over 7k EWS seats vacant in pvt schools this yr

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New Delhi: Out of the 35,186 sanctioned seats for economically weaker sections/disadvantaged category (EWS/DG), only 28,000 seats had been filled and 7,186 were vacant till September for the 2023-24 academic session in Delhi's private schools. Close to 7,000 seats remain vacant, shows data from the directorate of education (DoE).

The data is for nursery, KG and Class I admissions in Delhi's private schools. Under Section 12(I)(C) of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 25% of seats are reserved for children belonging to EWS/DG and children with special needs (CWSN) in these schools. Out of the 25%, 3% is reserved for CWSN.

The number of filled seats in 2023-24 is noticeably lesser than in 2022-23, when 32,503 seats were taken of the

NGO OFFICIAL SAYS
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total 33,000 for which draw of lots was conducted.

Asked about the vacancies, a senior DoE official said: "The admission process is ongoing, and efforts are being made to fill all seats as per the sanctioned strength."

In 2020-21, the department had filled 26,180 seats. In 2020-21, lots were drawn for approximately 52,400 seats. It was the Covid year, and many schools had denied admission, stating that

they had fewer general category admissions. A case was also filed in Delhi High Court, which ordered that less general admission cannot be a ground for denying EWS admissions.

The admission in the EWS/DG category is generally completed by December-end but in 2021-22, it was extended till March.

Earlier in September, the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) had called upon the Delhi chief secretary and education secretary over the EWS/DG category admissions in private schools. An association of private schools had complained to the commission about seats decreasing over the last few years and students losing out on opportunities and rights provided under the RTE.

The Affordable Private School Association had demanded an investigation by the NCBC on the matter. Chief secretary Naresh Kumar and

secretary of education Ashok Kumar were present during the meeting.

"In Delhi, until the academic year 2018-19, more than 50,000 seats were reserved, but by 2023-24, this number was reduced to 32,269. Delhi's population has increased over the past five years, but there has been a decrease of approximately 35% in reserved seats for economically and socially weaker sections," Lakhshya Chhabria, president of the association that consists of budget private schools, said.

Ekramul Haque of Mission Taleem, an NGO working to help children take admission under the quota, said: "It is high time the government found out why every year thousands of seats remain vacant. This year, so far, two draws of lots have been conducted. Last year, seven draws were done. Yet, the seats stayed vacant. Most of the time admission denial complaints are also not addressed."

Special Cell busts firearms syndicate, 2 women arrested

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With the arrest of two women, Delhi Police's Special Cell claimed to have busted a syndicate engaged in interstate arms trafficking, officials said on Tuesday. Police also recovered ten high-quality pistols from the possession of suspects Chanchal (32) and Vikansha (23), both residents of Bulandshahr in UP. The arrests were made by the team led by inspector Shiv Kumar.

The seized firearms, which were intended to be supplied to gangsters operating around Delhi-NCR, were brought from Khargone, Madhya Pradesh," said a police official.

After receiving a tip-off that the women will deliver an arms' consignment at the MB Road-Surajkund Road intersection, a trap was laid on October 1, said an officer, adding that "after spotting the duo carrying bags, a police team nabbed them and recovered five pistols bearing .32 bore bullets and five single-shot pistols of .315 bore".

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PISTOLS SEIZED FROM THE WOMEN

During interrogation, the duo divulged that acting at the behest of a Mathura-resident, Sonu Chaudhary, they procured these weapons from an arms supplier in Khargone. "Their compensation for the safe delivery of the consignment was Rs 10,000 each. It also came to light that they have been in these illegal activities for over two years now and have supplied more than 200 weapons to criminals so far," an officer said.

Chanchal also disclosed that her sister Soni was apprehended earlier under the NDPS Act. Chaudhary, the mastermind behind these illegal dealings, was identified as the maternal uncle of Vikansha and had connections with Soni. This familial criminal nexus ultimately led to their involvement in illicit activities.

"Further investigation into the case is underway to find linkages of the syndicate and to nab Chaudhary who has been found involved in many criminal cases, including murder and the NDPS Act," a police officer added.

Kaushal gang's key extortion biz busted, 13 nabbed

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Gurgaon: A months-long investigation and an undercover operation to dismantle one of NCR's largest organised extortion rackets at Khandwa Mandi led Gurgaon police to arrest 13 suspected members of the notorious Kaushal gang this week.

Police said Atul Khatana, allegedly responsible for operating the racket and collecting the money, and Sujit alias Bullet, believed to be a trusted associate of Kaushal, were among those held in searches over Monday and Tuesday. The others are Manish Bhati, Suraj, Anil Kumar, Rakesh Yadav, Anand Kumar, Ravi Chaudhary, Purna Chand, Pawan, Rahul alias Billa, Niranjan and Jaiprakash.

But the latest arrests are police's second attempt to shut the gang's operation at the sprawling mandi.

In February, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) alerted Gurgaon police about the racket after it carried out raids at the houses of Kaushal's associates – Amit Dagar and Sandeep alias Bandar – in the city. The agency also told police that the mandi racket was one of the main sources of cash inflow for the gang, other than its influence over the lucrative liquor trade in the city.

Cops tried to talk to vendors, but none were willing to speak for fear of action against them, police told TOI on Tuesday.

It was then decided to send cops undercover. So, in May and June, cops stationed themselves as vegetable sellers at the mandi and pieced together the operations.

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Teased as 'girl', bullied in class, 14-yr-old kills self

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Gurgaon: The body of a Class IX student was found hanging from the ceiling fan of his room in Hisar on Saturday. His family alleged that the 14-year-old boy was repeatedly harassed by two of his classmates — both girls — who labelled him "effeminate".

An FIR was registered at Hisar police station on Monday against the two girls and the class teacher under sections 305 (abettment of suicide of a child) and 34 (a criminal act done by several persons in furtherance of the common intention of all) of the IPC following a complaint by the boy's parents.

His father — who works in Dabur and rushed back home after getting the news — alleged that his son was so frustrated with the constant bullying that he pleaded with his mother to shift him to another school. The 14-year-old had even raised the issue with his class teacher, but she took the

POLICE SAY

An FIR has been registered against the class teacher and two classmates. We have initiated an investigation into the allegations

girls' side, the family said.

The boy's mother was at a relative's house in Jind when his body was found hanging by his grandfather on Saturday morning. His sister was in another room. With the help of neighbours, the boy was brought down and taken to a nearby hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival.

"Our mother had gone to Jind to collect some medicines and decided to stay over at a relative's house. That night, my brother told me he did not want to go to school the next day as his classmates would bully him. They would call him 'effeminate'. He had complained to his class teacher, to no avail," the boy's sister said.

The sister called their mother and informed her that her brother was very upset. "This was not the first time that he had complained about being bullied in school. My mother said she would talk to the class teacher and the girls after she returned from Jind in two days," she added.

An autopsy was done and the body was returned to the family for the last rites on Sunday. "An FIR has been registered against the class teacher and the two classmates. We have initiated an investigation into the allegations. We haven't recovered any suicide note so far," said ASI Anup, the investigating officer.

The tragedy echoed another involving a boy of almost similar age in Faridabad last year — Class X student who left a deeply poignant note to his mother in which he wrote "this school has killed me". He referred to the apparent inability of the school authorities to protect him from vicious bullying he had faced at the hands of some of his classmates.

Liquor Shock: Restaurants Run On Empty After Long Weekend

Large Players Snap Up Stocks Ahead Of Licence Renewals

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MORE HICUPS FOR BUSINESS

renewed from October 1. The wholesale alcohol business, accordingly, came to a halt.

As a single outlet owner complained, "The government circular and intimation from alcohol brands reached only the big buyers, those that procure liquor in bulk. But small bars like ours, which do not buy in bulk since we do not have storage capacity, were unaware of this and now we are in a quandary."

A liquor supplier claimed to have sent a message to all outlets irrespective of size

taurants and customer experience wouldn't be impacted.

Many bar operators hoped that the renewal of licences and registration of brands would be completed within the next couple of weeks. October is when festive consumption starts and any delay in wholesale availability of liquor would affect business, especially in small bars. They said that Delhi already had the disadvantage of not having many brands, some of them globally prominent, for sale in the city and this sort of a hiccup would hit the prospects of the bars.

Manpreet Singh, owner of Zen restaurant and treasurer of National Restaurants' Association of India, hoped that this system of annual license renewal would give way to a seamless automatic renewal exercise for existing brands.

Navdeep Singh Sethi of Klap and Khi Khi was relieved that he had ordered stocks in advance because the few brands still available to order are not the ones he offers in his outlets. He said he had a new cocktail menu for his res-

Grounds of arrest to be given in writing, SC directs ED

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After ACB registered the case, the Punjab and Haryana high court suspended the judge.

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court bench said ED failed in discharging its functions as per the parameters and no consistent and uniform practice seemed to be followed by the agency regarding furnishing grounds of arrest to the accused.

"We hold that it would be necessary, henceforth, that a copy of written grounds of arrest be furnished to the arrested person as a matter of course and without exception," the bench said while pronouncing the verdict.

The court said the agency should be "transparent, above board and conform to pristine standards of fairness and probity and not be vindictive in its stand".

Referring to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and the apex court's recent judgment in the Senthil Balaji case, the court said a mere order of remand is not enough to validate the grounds of arrest.

Annual voter roll update to start from October 27

New Delhi: Delhi's annual summary revision exercise, which aims to add new voters and remove the names of those who have relocated or passed away, will now start from October 27. The campaign was earlier scheduled to start from October 17.

The office of the chief electoral officer (CEO) of Delhi said the exercise will continue till December 9. During the 44-day period, people can file their claims and objections, and the election office will run special campaigns at all polling stations on every Saturday and Sunday. The electoral roll will be published on January 5.

According to officials, draft electoral roll of each assembly constituency will be available on the CEO Delhi's website on October 27. Electoral rolls will also be available at all polling station locations.

Officials said the applications can be submitted online on the ECI's Voters' Service Portal www.voters.eci.gov.in or through voter helpline app. TNN

'Mental health problems need a holistic approach for treatment'

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The speakers urged the youth to maintain mental well-being while keeping themselves physically fit and healthy

New Delhi: The spectrum that psychology deals with is not limited to mental well-being through therapy. There is also a correlation with art, poetry and the sense of liberation through body movement and exercise. This message was delivered by mental health influencers at the 10th Mental Health Festival held at AIIMS on Tuesday.

Dr Nand Kumar, organising chairperson, Mental Health Foundation India (MHFI) and professor of psychiatry at AIIMS, said that the festival aimed to de-stigmatise mental illness and normalise the concept of mental health as a basic human right.

The speakers urged the youth to maintain mental well-being while keeping themselves physically fit and healthy. Kumar said, "A disease of the mind cannot be treated by the mind alone. Healing needs a holistic approach."

alone may not be enough. To achieve optimum mental health, we need to look little beyond this and consider the illness holistically."

As suggested by the World Federation of Mental Health, the theme of the discussion was "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right".

Shrishti Asthana, chief coordinator, MHFI, said that the theme provided an opportunity to rekindle the efforts to make the world a better place for all people.

The festival had brought mental health influencers out of their reel life into real life to interact with their audience. The event also offered participants the opportunity to hear influencers such as Nayab Midha and Shruti Seth talking about their lives and experiences through the "Human Library" segment.

Kumar said, "When we discuss mental health problems, we talk about the stigma, treatment gap and dearth of psychiatrist and psychologist help. Certainly, we need an adequate number of psychiatrists and psychologists to offer treatment to people with mental illness, but that

Declare dry day on Chhath Puja, demands Cong

New Delhi: Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Arvinder Singh Lovely has demanded that Chhath Puja on November 19 be declared a 'dry day'. Lovely appealed to the Delhi government and the LG in this regard, a Delhi Congress press statement said.

Chhath Puja is tied to politics in the capital as it is one of the major festivals of Purvanchalis, who constitute more than 30% of the city's population. People from eastern UP, Bihar and parts of Jharkhand are believed to be in the majority in 16 of 70 Assembly seats in the capital, as per a survey of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies. TNN

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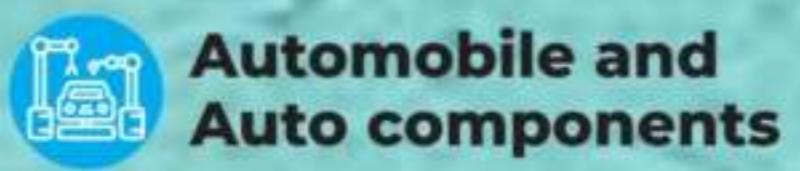


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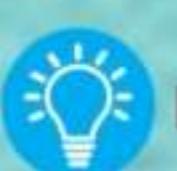
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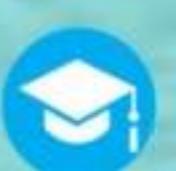
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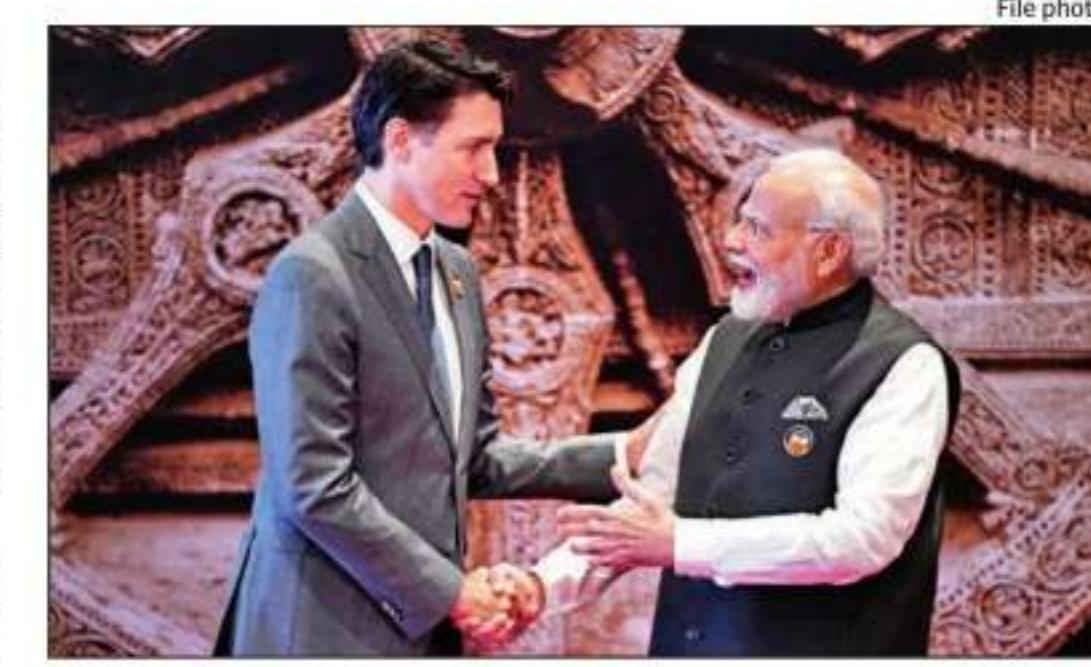


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Two Armymen hurt in Rajouri, gunfight with terrorists still on

Jammu: Two Army personnel were injured in a fierce gunfight that broke out between security forces and terrorists in Kalakote in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district late on Monday and continued till the time of going to press on Tuesday, with two to three heavily armed terrorists believed trapped at the site of the anti-terror operation, reports **Sanjay Kharuria**. Sources said the injured soldiers were evacuated to a nearby health facility where they were in stable condition and "out of danger".

The operation is being conducted in difficult terrain, so efforts are being made to avoid collateral damage," defence spokesperson Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said, adding that locals were fully cooperating with the security forces. Sources said ADGP (Jammu Zone) Mukesh Singh, who had rushed to the encounter site on Monday, had been supervising the operation and was present at the spot till late Tuesday.



PM Trudeau said it was important for Canada to have diplomats in India

Toronto: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Tuesday said Canada was not looking to "escalate" the situation with India amid the diplomatic row between the two countries over the killing of a Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar and asserted that his government will continue to have "constructive relations" with New Delhi.

Speaking in Ottawa, Trudeau said that it was important for Canada to have diplomats on the ground in India, amid a report by Financial Times that New Delhi wanted as many as 41 of the 62 remaining Canadian diplomats out of the country, the Toronto Sun newspaper reported.

"Obviously, we are going through an extremely challenging time with India right now," Trudeau was quoted as saying by the state-run CBC News.

Nijjar was shot dead by two masked gunmen in British Columbia on June 18. PTI

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US: It's up to India to respond to Canada's call for cooperation

The Biden Administration has engaged with the Indian government on a number of occasions urging them to cooperate with Canada in its probe into the death of a Khalistani terrorist, a US state department official said.

"As US secretary of state made it clear during his meeting with foreign minister S Jaishankar last week, we remain in coordination with our Canadian colleagues on this question," state department spokesman Mathew Miller said. When asked if India has agreed to cooperate with Canada, Miller said this is for New Delhi to respond to. "I will let the Indian government speak for themselves and I will speak for US government, and we urge that cooperation." PTI

The CM has requested

Gehlot tenders unconditional apology for judiciary remarks

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur: Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot tendered an unconditional apology to the high court on Tuesday over a PIL seeking contempt proceedings against him for remarks against the judiciary in August this year, citing his law degree and claiming "distortion" of his comments by a publication.

In a written submission, Gehlot asserted that he has never come across any kind of corruption in the judiciary. But he pointed out that in the past few years, many judges of the Supreme Court and high courts have expressed concern over alleged corruption. "I was only expressing similar concerns but my statements were distorted and misconstrued in the news report," the chief minister said in his reply.

"He (CM) has utmost regard for the majesty of law and the judiciary. If the high

court feels that by the statement he has in any manner attempted to lower the respect or dignity of the judiciary in the minds of the public, he tendered his unconditional apology," Prateek Kasliwal, counsel for Gehlot, added, quoting from the CM's reply.

"The statement by him (Gehlot) reflects concern shown by those who held higher positions in the judiciary. Also, in his tweet on August 31, he had clarified his stand and said he had high regard for the judiciary," Kasliwal added.

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After 18-yr wait, Dow Chemical finally shows up at Bhopal court

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Union Carbide Corporation, which Dow took over in 2001.

The application contend that Dow had acquired UCC despite knowing that it was declared an "absconder" by a Bhopal court in 1992 after the company didn't

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submit to the court for trial. In 2005, the trial court issued the first summons to Dow Chemical. After that, six more summons were issued.

On behalf of the company's legal representative Ami Wilson, senior advocate

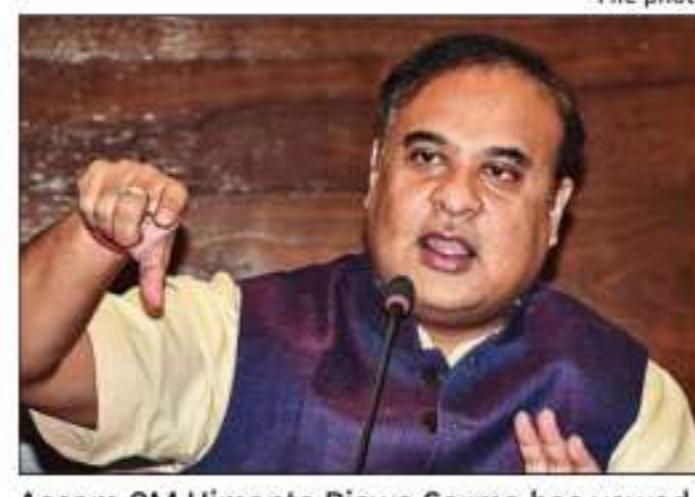
Ravindra Shrivastava appeared in the court on Tuesday and sought more time to study the case and "find out if a Bhopal court has the jurisdiction to issue a summons to the company and proceed further in the case".

He added that it was "partial presence" in the court on behalf of the company.

He filed a one-page memo on behalf of the company, saying that the Bhopal court doesn't have jurisdiction over the corporation as it's based in the US. After hearing both sides, the judge reserved his judgment for October 6, 2023.

961 arrested for child marriages in Assam

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Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma has vowed to free the state of child marriages by 2026

Guwahati: In a fresh crackdown against child marriages, 961 people were arrested in Assam on Tuesday on charges of marrying girls below the permissible age and encouraging or solemnising such illegal unions.

It is the second such crackdown by the Himanta Biswa Sarma-led BJP government this year. The first drive, in February, netted over 3,000 people. Around 8,000 people were named in 4,000 FIRs.

According to Assam Police chief PRO Pranabjyoti Goswami, 551 of the 916 arrested on Tuesday were men who married underage girls. 351 family members and 14 marriage solemnisers. Dhubri and Barpeta districts re-

ported the highest number of arrests at 192 and 142, respectively. Except Hailakandi (59) and Kamrup (50), the remaining districts saw below-50 arrests. While only one person was arrested in the

hill district of Dima Hasao, four were arrested in Kamrup (Metro) district.

On September 11, CM Sarma had told the Assam Assembly that 3,907 people had been arrested in such cases in the last five years. The latest arrests would take that number to 4,823. Of the 3,907 held earlier, 3,319 were facing charges under the Poco, and 62 were convicted by courts under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, Sarma had said.

The Assam government launched a crackdown against child marriage from February this year, with over 3,500 people arrested against over 4,000 FIRs, after the CM had announced a zero-tolerance policy against the social evil. After the first crackdown, Sarma vowed to free Assam of child marriages by 2026.

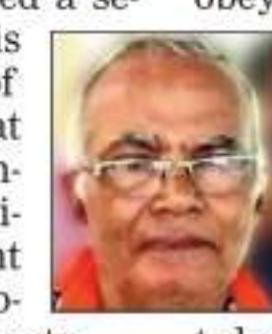
Bagchi has previously served in Croatia as ambassador and headed the department handling Bhutan and Nepal. He has also worked as the deputy high commissioner in Sri Lanka and in the PMO. TNN

Kerala priest joins BJP, defrocked

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kochi: Kerala's Syro-Malabar Catholic Church said on Tuesday that it had temporarily relieved a senior parish member of his pastoral duties as vicar of the Church of St Thomas at Mankuva in Idukki for joining BJP two weeks ago in violation of rules that prevent a Catholic priest from associating with any political party.

The Idukki diocese termed Father Kuriakose Mattom's removal as vicar "a primary disci-



plinary measure". "When he is part of the Catholic priesthood, he will have to obey the rules of the church. Our belief is that he will obey the rules since he has been cooperating with us since being informed about the decision," Father Jins Karakatt, chief of the diocese's media commission, told reporters on Tuesday. "A commission will be formed to look into the matter," he added.

A video purportedly showing Father Mattom being felicitated with a shawl at a BJP event has

been circulating on the social media. The priest can be heard saying in the purported clip from the ceremony that he never thought of BJP as a party that Catholics couldn't join. Father Mattom didn't respond to calls from TOI.

BJP clarified that Father Kuriakose was given membership 15 days ago. "A membership campaign was going on here, and some parishioners who are party members approached the priest. He expressed interest in taking a membership and we accepted him," BJP's district president KS Aji claimed.

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(Department of Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply)

Letter No.11610138/SMCG-UP/2023-Dated: 03.10.2023

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4. RTI Officer L-4

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Rahul call recipe for majoritarianism, posts Singhvi, deletes tweet

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Even as Congress pressed ahead with its campaign for a nationwide caste census by dubbing PM Narendra Modi as "fake OBC" for ignoring the demand, there was much drama over dissent from its senior MP and legal eagle **Abhishek Singhvi** who questioned Rahul Gandhi's call for "proportionate quota" as a seed of "majoritarianism". The senior lawyer later deleted the tweet, saying it was the result of a staff member's carelessness.



tweet may be a reflection of his own personal view, but in no way does it reflect the position of Indian National Congress – the essence of which is contained both in Raipur Declaration on February 26, 2023 and in CWC Resolution of September 16, 2023."

Singhvi, coincidentally, deleted the tweet around the same time. "It was a careless forward by a staff which was deleted with a slight time lag when I came out of a function in the Supreme Court and saw it. I deleted it immediately," he said.

Meanwhile, AICC OBC department chairman Ajay Yadav slammed PM Modi for calling "caste census" push a sin, and argued that it was actually a virtuous demand which will lead to better policy formulation for the backward and poor communities. "Modi calls himself an OBC. But He is a fake OBC. Else, he should accept the demand for a caste census," he said.

Yadav also demanded the removal of 50% ceiling on reservations, and sought proportionate quotas. He said the backward communities are poorly represented in judiciary and academics, because of policy deficiencies, specially the criteria of "creamy layer".

TENDER NOTICE

Maya demands caste survey in UP

SP chief Mayawati on Tuesday demanded the UP government start conducting the caste survey right away, saying though some parties are against it, this is the only way to justice for the OBCs. She said Bahujan Samaj Party is happy that the country's politics is taking a new turn in favour of the neglected 'Bahujan Samaj'. PTI

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2.	14231196/23.10.2023	Gas CO2 Grade I	300000 kg	51060/-
3.	17231393/30.10.2023	Ducting Arrgt. for LHB Type Power Car	52 Set	56680/-
4.	14231199/23.10.2023	Primer for LHB Coaches	2322 Litre	134530/-
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7.	02231117/25.10.2023	PA System for LHB AC2T/3T Coach	828 Sets.	804030/-

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R.O. No. 104-S/2023-24

Dated: 03.10.2023

Moradabad Municipal Corporation
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E-Procurement Tender Notice

Ref. No: 96/Env. Eng./NNM/2023-24 Date 03.10.2023

Tender reference	: 65/Env.Eng/NNM/2023-24 Date 21-08-2023
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The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Uttar Pradesh e-Procurement Portal <https://etender.up.nic.in> from 04/10/2023 at 10:00 Hours (IST) onwards. Online bids are invited for the following works up to 22/10/2023 at 16:00 hours. Technical Bid will be opened on same day at 17:00 hours at Office of the Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Pili Kathi, Moradabad.

For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above mentioned portal.

Additional City Commissioner
Nagar Nigam Moradabad

Advt. No.: 3027/03/2023

Modi slams 'jitni abadi' call, says Cong cheating South

'Party Doesn't Want More Seats For South Post Delimitation'

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Hyderabad: PM Narendra Modi came down heavily on Tuesday against Congress's slogan "Jitni abadi, utna haq" (the rights of any group are proportionate to its population share), calling it discriminatory and warning of potential injustice to the southern states that have successfully controlled their population.

"Whoever coined this slogan must do a rethink. Congress is cheating the southern states as it does not want more seats to be given to them after the delimitation of parliamentary seats. People must understand this and question Congress," the PM said addressing the Induru Praja Garjana Sabha in Nizamabad.

Modi also addressed the issue of government control over places of worship in the south, particularly Tamil Nadu, emphasising that the Congress-supported DMK government in the state has "tight control" over temples. "Funds are also misused," he said.

Yadav also demanded the removal of 50% ceiling on reservations, and sought proportionate quotas. He said the backward communities are poorly represented in judiciary and academics, because of policy deficiencies, specially the criteria of "creamy layer".

Economic status report of Bihar castes held back, BJP asks why

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Parties attending the meeting had therefore expected the release of the economic status of different castes. When the economic status report was not released, leader of the opposition Vijay Kumar Sinha asked at the meeting: "Where is the report on the economic status?"

Nitin had said on Monday that information regarding the economic status of each family has been collected along with the headcount and that the economic report would also be released.

The government did not explain why it was holding back the report on the economic status, said a politician who attended the meeting. He said the government had failed to announce even a date for the release of economic



Prime Minister Narendra Modi challenged parties in states like Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana to consider whether Congress intends to apply the 'Jitni abadi' slogan to temples as well and free them from government control, similar to places of worship for minorities

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He spoke lies and loots people. Congress has history of not being able to come to power once it is removed from the seat in many states. The party is rejected by the country's people but it goes to any extent to grab power," he said.

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The PM painted chief minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) with the same brush, saying voting for the latter's party or Congress in Telangana means "one and the same".

Modi underscored BJP's commitment to helping the poor and reducing poverty in the country. He cited a recent Niti Aayog report that highlighted a reduction in the number of poor people in India due to the NDA government's initiatives, including the distribution of free rice.

He called on all political parties in the country, including those in the opposition's INDIA bloc, to join hands in the mission to uplift the poor from poverty.

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PM: Does Cong want Muslims to lose their rights?

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Addressing a rally, the PM seemed to be foisted on Rahul as he took on the Congress leader's embrace of the old Socialist slogan, 'jitni abadi, utna haq (the share of different communities/castes in societal resources should be determined on the basis of their numbers).

"As yesterday, Congress has started chanting 'jitni abadi utna haq'.

However, former PM Manmohan Singh used to say

that minorities have the first right on a nation's resources.

Now, his party is saying population should decide who has the first right. Does this mean that Congress wants to reduce the rights of minorities? I want people to be aware of this new conspiracy of Congress and its allies," the PM said.

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People wait for PM Modi during a roadshow in Chhattisgarh's Jagdalpur on Tuesday

Naxals", the PM said, "I am repeating that the Congress party is no longer being run by Congress people. Senior leaders of Congress are sitting with their mouths shut, neither are they asked, nor do they dare to speak after seeing all this and the party is being run by traitors from behind the curtains."

Modi said it had not been disclosed what secret arrangement Congress had made with other countries. "But it is being seen that as a result of that, Congress has been working harder to hurt India by criticising. It seems to be enjoying doing so as its love for the country has ceased," he said. He further said Congress caused poverty in the country and divided society on caste lines in a bid to secure its vote bank. "The party is engaged in the same act even today."

KCR wanted to join NDA, was rebuffed, says Modi in T'gana

Disgraceful, Says KTR Refuting Claim



File photo

Bhubaneswar: After Bihar, the Odisha government is planning to publish a survey report on backward classes soon. The Odisha State Commission for Backward Classes (OSCBC), which conducted a survey between May and July this year, has recently submitted its report to the state government. Sources said 42% of the state's 4.7 crore population belonged to 208 backward classes. "The government may publish the report soon," an official said.

Senior BJD MLA and former minister Debi Prasad Mishra on Tuesday said domain experts are analysing the data.

"The government is clear about its intention of properly enumerating the OBCs and extending them benefits. The commission's report is being studied," he said.

The OSCBC had conducted the survey on social and educational situation of backward classes from May 1 to July 10. Initially, people from identified backward classes were asked to voluntarily report their occupation and educational qualification by May 19. This was followed by door-to-door enumeration to cover the remaining population and validation of data by inviting objections.

While the opposition Congress targeted the government for delay in conducting the survey, BJP questioned the method.

BJP legislator Naresh Nayak said the government had not conducted the survey diligently. "Had they gone door-to-door properly, correct data would have been generated. The exercise was voluntary in which people had to visit the survey centres with documents for identification. In the process, many were left out," he said.

Senior Congress MLA Narasimha Mishra said neither the Centre nor the state government wants development of OBCs.

The PM's statements come at a time when Con-

gress has accused BJP of going soft on BRS in recent months and the Centre of not getting KCR's daughter, Kavitha, arrested after she was questioned by the ED in the alleged Delhi excise scam in March this year.

At the rally, the PM said: "Please listen to this carefully. Before the GHMC elections, KCR would receive me at the airport, but what happened to him after BJP won 48 seats in the GHMC elections? Corrupt leaders don't have the guts to sit beside me. When he offered to join NDA, I clearly told him that I know your government's irregularities. I cannot allow you to be in NDA."

According to Modi, KCR met him again after a few days, "praising" him and saying "India was fast developing" under his leadership.

"How can KCR shower so much love on me? He told me that he had achieved all that he wanted to in politics and wanted to make his son the CM. KCR would never join hands with Modi. The PM should try his hand in storytelling and scriptwriting. He has a good chance of winning the Oscar," KTR, also the BRS working president, said on Tuesday.

Earlier, in a rare direct attack at KCR at a rally in Nizamabad where he appealed to BJR to "give a chance" to form the government in the state, Modi also ruled the fact that the CM "stopped welcoming" him in Hyderabad after the saffron party's big win in the 2020 Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections.

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Cops seek to link portal's content to 'foreign hand'

Cash Route Points To Larger Plot, Claims Official

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The proceedings are still on; so far, two accused, Prabir Purkayastha and Amit Chakravarty, have been arrested," the Delhi Police spokesperson added. The two were arrested after several hours of questioning with a cop, who didn't wish to be named, alleging that they didn't cooperate in the investigation and appeared to be giving tutored answers. The cop said that this had led to the need for custodial interrogation by the investigating officer.

Tuesday's raids happened at multiple locations in Delhi, Mumbai, Telangana, UP and Gurugram. The company's offices and residences of journalists and employees associated with the website were searched. Teesta Setalvad and a few others were also raided in Mumbai.

During the raids, the police claimed to have seized a sizeable number of electronic devices, including laptops, mobile phones and data dumps from hard disks.

In its FIR, the police have invoked UAPA's section 16 which relates to terror along with section 17 (raising funds for terrorist acts), section 18 (conspiracy) and section 22C (which covers terror-related offences committed by companies), sources said. Besides UAPA, the cops have slapped IPC sections pertaining to promoting enmity between two groups (153A) and criminal conspiracy (120B).

Premises of Prabir Purkayastha and journalists and consultants with the website like Urmilesh, Paranjay Guha Thakurta, Abhisar Sharma, Anindyo Chakravarty, Bhasha Singh and others were raided and asked to join the probe.

All but two suspects were let off by the evening and sources said that they would be asked to join the investigation again soon. As of now, cops will analyse the mirror images of the data retrieved forensically from the devices of some of the suspects, they said.

The portal is being investigated since 2021. At first, the enforcement directorate began a probe into money laundering



Material seized from the NewsClick office being brought to the office of Delhi Police's special cell in New Delhi on Tuesday

'Quizzed about farmers' stir, Delhi riots'

The journalists who were raided and questioned by the Delhi Police's Special Cell through Tuesday alleged that they were asked questions pertaining to Delhi riots and farmers' protests besides other issues. Police sources said they had a set of questions and every query pertained to their probe in the case.

Journalist Paranjay Guha Thakurta, who worked with NewsClick as a consultant, was questioned for several hours. He said: "At 6:30am, nine policemen came to my house at Gurugram. They asked me some questions. I voluntarily came with them to the Special Cell of Delhi Police... Was asked the same set of questions again and again," he alleged. According to Thakurta, he was asked if he was an employee of NewsClick to which he replied in the negative. "I said, 'No, I am a consultant'... After coming here, I came to know that an FIR under UAPA has been registered," he added. Soon after the raids began, the journalists posted on X about cops at their doorsteps. Abhisar Sharma posted: "Delhi Police landed at my home. Taking away my laptop and phone..." Bhasha Singh said: "Finally, the last tweet from this phone. Delhi Police seized my phone."

allegations and raided Purkayastha's home.

This was followed by Delhi Police's economic offences wing filing an FIR against the portal. In August this year, the ED attached a flat in Saket linked to Purkayastha.

The latest FIR was filed in the aftermath of an investigation by New York Times that claimed a link between Neville Roy Singham, a Shanghai-based businessman of Sri Lankan-Cuban descent, who works closely with the Chinese government, and NewsClick.

The findings were reportedly similar to what the ED had allegedly found in its probe that kicked off in 2021.

The ED's investigation had suggested that Singham was the key source of a funding of Rs 38 crore that PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt Ltd received be-

tween 2018 and 2021 from abroad. The probe had alleged that the content, videos in the main, on the portal were Chinese government's talking points. One of the internal reports quoted a portal video titled "China's history continues to inspire the working classes," as a case in point.

However, Delhi Police's FIR seems to have a separate direction besides the funding angle.

A source claimed that the focus of the special cell's probe was towards establishing that the content on the portal was being 'guided' by foreign powers which had the potential to create unrest in society. "It is also the subject of our probe that such actions pose a challenge to the sovereignty of India. The route of money transfer prima facie points to a larger conspiracy," the source claimed.

INDIA bloc slams raids, says govt muzzling media

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Police raids on 30 journalists on Tuesday led the INDIA group to accuse the Modi government of muzzling the media that spoke truth to power while being indulgent towards journalists who "incite hatred and bigotry".

Criticising the action against journalists affiliated with NewsClick, INDIA partners pointed to previous raids on media organisations, apart from alleging "misuse" of Information Technology Rules to "actively... undermine media and browbeat journalists".

A joint statement by INDIA partners said the government was trying to convert the media into a "mouthpiece for its partisan and ideological interests" by facilitating the takeover of media organisations by "crony capitalists".

"Both the government and its ideologically aligned organisations have resorted to reprisals against individual journalists who spoke truth to power. Furthermore, the BJP government has also spearheaded regressive policies like the IT Rules 2021 that constrict the media from reporting objectively. BJP is not only hiding its sins of omission and commission from the people of India, it is also compromising India's global standing as a mature democracy," the INDIA partners said.

Pledging support to the press, it said BJP deliberately "persecuted and suppressed the media" by deploying investigating agencies to suppress the BBC, NewsLaundry, Dainik Bhaskar, Bharat Samachar, the Kashmir Walla, The Wire and NewsClick journalists. Several INDIA constituents slammed the government individually also, asserting that such actions flew in the face of the government's claim of India being 'mother of democracy'.

While Congress said the

Job of agencies to find truth: BJP

The police crackdown on NewsClick was routine action, and cops were "doing their job independently" and in accordance with law, I&B minister Anurag Thakur said Tuesday, reports Ashok Pradhan. "I don't need to justify this. If someone has committed something wrong, it is the job of investigating agencies to uncover the truth," he said.

"There is no written rule that investigating agencies cannot operate when there are suspicions that you have made wrongful gains or have done objectionable activities," he said.

early morning raids on journalists came as a "fresh distraction from the explosive findings of caste census in Bihar and the growing demand for caste census across the country", AAP said. BJP was "scared" of journalists. TMC's Mahua Moitra mocked the government, saying, "New India takes the press seriously."

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said, "The raids are a sign of the losing BJP. This is not a new thing. But how many crores of rupees are being given to 'Mitra channels' every month in the name of government 'prachar-prasar' (advertisements), someone should also print it." CPM chief Sitaram Yechury condemned the raids and called the raids an "attack" on the fundamental right of freedom of expression.

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Journalist bodies express concern over NewsClick raids

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Journalist bodies from across the country on Tuesday expressed shock and deep concern over the raids on homes of journalists and contributors affiliated with news website NewsClick, highlighting that investigations of specific offences must not "create an atmosphere of intimidation under the shadow of draconian laws".

The Editors Guild of India (EGI), Delhi Union of Journalists (DUJ), National Alliance of Journalists (NAJ), Indian Women's Press Corps (IWPC), Network of Women in Media (NWM), DigiPub, Foreign Correspondents Club of South Asia (FCC), Press Club of India (PCI) and Foundation for Media Professionals (FMP), each condemned the targeting of journalists, some even drawing parallels with the Emergency era silencing of voices critical of the ruling party.

"While we recognise that the law must take its course if actual offences are involved, due process has to be followed. The investigation of specific offences must not create a general atmosphere of intimidation under the shadow of draconian laws, or impinge on the freedom of expression and the raising of dissenting and critical voices," EGI said.

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Harrowing 24 hrs for elderly couple forgotten at airport

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hours passed, my mother went to check at the counter regarding the flight status. The staff took the boarding passes from her and asked them to sit till further instructions. This kept happening repeatedly and they were only told 'My supervisor is on the way, you have to talk to him,' Richa said.

The Shahs were finally told that the Mumbai flight had departed. "They panicked on being told this and reached out to me frantically. I also panicked and tried to somehow telephonically reach out to IndiGo to assist them. The local staff at the airport only spoke Turkish and my parents could not communicate with them," Richa added.

When Richa finally managed to speak to someone on the IndiGo helpline from India, the airline issued the couple a boarding card for flight the next day. "They were stranded for 24 hours in Istanbul... on chairs at a secluded place in the airport with a loaf of bread and coke," she said.

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6 Pak nationals held for gold smuggling bid

Amritsar: Huge difference between gold prices in Pakistan and India is enticing enough for visitors from across the border to smuggle pure gold through the integrated check post (ICP) at Attari, where the customs seized 2.5 kg of the precious metal, valued at around Rs 1.52 crore, from 6 Pakistani nationals in the last 3 days, reports **Yudhvir Rana**. "The gold we confiscated was in the form of ornaments on Pakistani visitors," the officer said.

"It is a significant financial incentive for common passengers travelling between Pakistan and India to take a risk and earn a substantial amount of money at one go. Saving around Rs 20 lakh by smuggling 1 kg of pure gold from Pakistan by a group of passengers is enough to encourage others too," the sources said.

Canada hasn't hinted it plans to shut consular operations

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The high commission had said earlier that with some diplomats having received threats on various social media platforms, Canada was assessing its "staff complement" in India and, out of an abundance of caution, decided to "temporarily" adjust staff presence in India.

Canada has also not indicated yet that it's looking to shut consular operations in India. India has suspended visa services in Canada citing threat to Indian diplomats from Khalistan supporters. The action followed Trudeau's allegation in Parliament that there were "credible allegations" of India's involvement in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Indian government sources reiterated that Canada had

Separatist wanted by NIA led Monday's protest outside Indian high commission in London

Paramjeet Singh Pamma, a Birmingham-based Sikh separatist wanted by the NIA for promoting secessionism and radicalising the youth of Punjab, amongst other serious offences, was leading the pro-Khalistan anti-India chanting with a mic at the front of Monday's protest outside the Indian high commission in London, it has emerged, reports **Naomi Cantor**.

The Indian flag was defiled in various ways at the protest by different protesters and slogans were raised against PM Narendra Modi and PM Rishi Sunak. A metropolitan police spokesperson told **TOI** one man was arrested at Monday's protest on suspicion of violent disorder relating to a protest at the same venue on a different date.

shared no specific evidence about the involvement of any Indian agent's role in the murder.

Canadian media had earlier reported that Ottawa has intercepts of conversations involving Indian diplomats that point to official involvement in Nijjar's shooting last June. "Ottawa is

limited in what it can share with the Indian government, partly to protect the sources and methods used to collect the intelligence, but also to avoid compromising the murder investigation, according to people familiar with the matter," said the report in **Financial Times**.

Raju and his wife Rakhi, 59, deny they were ever evicted.

House of Ujjain rape accused may be razed

Ujjain: The Ujjain Municipal Corporation (UMC) is preparing to roll the bulldozer on the shanty of the autowallah who has been arrested for raping and brutalising a 12-year-old girl last week. The accused's parents, meanwhile, have approached police and local administration, threatening to die by suicide if their home of 20 years is demolished, reports **Brajesh Parmar**.

"Why punish my little grandchildren? What crime did they commit?" asked 64-year-old Raju Soni, the father of accused Bharat Soni.

UMC building officer Harsh Jain said, "We are progressing towards taking action, as per law, against the construction. We removed the encroachment in 2020."

Raju and his wife Rakhi, 59, deny they were ever evicted.

HC refuses to suspend Ldweep MP conviction

Naidu fields a battery of top lawyers

Former Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu

Tuesday failed to secure any relief from the Supreme Court, which posted for October 9 his plea

challenging an high court order

refusing to quash the skill development case FIR.

Senior advocates Harish Salve, Abhishek Singhvi and Siddharth Luthra appeared for him before a bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Bela M Trivedi. "How many senior lawyers were going to argue for the same person," asked Justice Trivedi, adding, "We would not have permitted so many lawyers had it been lower court or the high court. In the Supreme Court, you have that privilege." PTI

SC rejects plea for wall at Ram Sethu site

The Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to entertain a PIL seeking directions for the construction of a wall at the Ram Sethu site 'in the sea'

for a few metres/kilometres so that everyone can have its 'Darshan'.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia said that the issue fell within the administrative domain of government and the court could not interfere with it. TNN

'Unwell' Ajit skips Delhi trip with CM, Fadnavis; but meets NCP men

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cabinet meeting on Tuesday. However, CM Shinde said Ajit was unwell and no different meaning should be drawn from his absence. However, Ajit held a meeting of NCP ministers at Devgiri, his official residence, on Tuesday evening, giving rise to further speculation that he was unhappy.

NCP MP Supriya Sule alleged there was trouble within the alliance government. "It is being said that one of the parties in the three-engine government is upset and has met Fadnavis. The honeymoon period is not yet over and already they are upset," she said.

An observer said, "Cabinet expansion was said to be on the cards, but the formula for the 14 remaining berths hasn't been decided and there is no consensus. The BJP wants 10 berths and wants to give only 2 each to Ajit's NCP and the Shinde Sena. However, the two parties want to have 4 berths each at least. There is also no consensus over distribution of guardian ministers' posts to cabinet ministers." Observers said there was pressure on Shinde-Fadnavis from the NCP to carry out cabinet expansion.



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प्रेस-विज्ञप्ति

फ्लोटिंग पद के विरुद्ध विकित्सा पदाधिकारियों के नियोजन हेतु अनलाइन माध्यम से प्राप्त आवेदन के आधार पर योग्य एवं अयोग्य अन्यथियों की सूची प्रकाशित करते हुए दावा/आपति प्राप्त करने के सचिव में सूचित करते हुए दिनांक-24-05-2021 के प्रावधान के आलोक में राज्य के सरकारी विकित्सा महाविद्यालयों (आईएन्जीआईएमएस०, पटना सहित) से वर्ष 2021 में एमएस०बी०एस० उत्तीर्ण एवं इन्टर्निंग पृष्ठ किए हुए छात्रों को राज्य सरकारी की सेवा में प्लॉटिंग पदों के विरुद्ध विकित्सा पदाधिकारियों के पद पर 2 वर्षों के लिए अनिवार्यतः यामीन के बीचों में सूचिता पर नियोजित किये जाने हेतु दिनांक समाचार पत्रों में विज्ञप्ति प्रकाशित करते हुए दिनांक-20-02-2023 से 06-03-2023 तक इच्छुक अन्यथियों से अनलाइन माध्यम से आवेदन आमंत्रित किया गया जिसमें 1290 पदों के विरुद्ध कुल 665 इच्छुक अन्यथियों से आवेदन प्राप्त हुआ।

2. अनलाइन माध्यम से प्राप्त आवेदनों की समीक्षा करते हुए नियोजन के योग्य अन्यथियों की अनुशंसा करने हेतु विभागीय आदेश ज्ञापांक-601(2), दिनांक-10-04-2023 द्वारा सूचित करायी एवं अन्यथियों की समीक्षा की गयी। समीक्षा के क्रम में कुल 574 अन्यथियों चयन हेतु अनुशंसा के योग्य (अनुलम्बनक-1) पार गए। साथ ही 91 अन्यथियों को अनुशंसा करने हेतु दिनांक समाचार पत्रों में विज्ञप्ति दिनांक-2 घोषित किया गया। अनुलम्बनक-1 एवं 2 में अकित योग्य एवं आयोग्य अन्यथियों की सूची विभागीय वेब-साईट <https://state.bihar.gov.in/health> के नोटिस बोर्ड पर विरुद्ध कुल 665 इच्छुक अन्यथियों से आवेदन प्राप्त हुआ।

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(शीलश कुमार)

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HC refuses to suspend Ldweep MP conviction

Naidu fields a battery of top lawyers

Former Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu

Tuesday failed to secure any relief from the Supreme Court, which posted for October 9 his plea

challenging an high court order

refusing to quash the skill development case FIR.

Senior advocates Harish Salve, Abhishek Singhvi and Siddharth Luthra appeared for him before a bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Bela M Trivedi. "How many senior lawyers were going to argue for the same person," asked Justice Trivedi, adding, "We would not have permitted so many lawyers had it been lower court or the high court. In the Supreme Court, you have that privilege." PTI

SC rejects plea for wall at Ram Sethu site

The Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to entertain a PIL seeking directions for the construction of a wall at the Ram Sethu site 'in the sea' for a few metres/kilometres so that everyone can have its 'Darshan'.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia said that the issue fell within the administrative domain of government and the court could not interfere with it. TNN

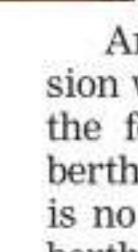
'Unwell' Ajit skips Delhi trip with CM, Fadnavis; but meets NCP men

Chaitanya Marpakwar & Priyanka Kakodkar | TNN

cabinet meeting on Tuesday. However, CM Shinde said Ajit was unwell and no different meaning should be drawn from his absence. However, Ajit held a meeting of NCP ministers at Devgiri, his official residence, on Tuesday evening, giving rise to further speculation that he was unhappy.

NCP MP Supriya Sule alleged there was trouble within the alliance government. "It is being said that one of the parties in the three-engine government is upset and has met Fadnavis. The honeymoon period is not yet over and already they are upset," she said.

An observer said, "Cabinet expansion was said to be on the cards, but the formula for the 14 remaining berths hasn't been decided and there is no consensus. The BJP wants 10 berths and wants to give only 2 each to Ajit's NCP and the Shinde Sena. However, the two parties want to have 4 berths each at least. There is also no consensus over distribution of guardian ministers' posts to cabinet ministers." Observers said there was pressure on Shinde-Fadnavis from the NCP to carry out cabinet expansion.



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Ready with better tactics where we can't fight China's might: IAF

Air Chief Pledges To Remain Forward Deployed Until Ladakh Pullout

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New Delhi: The IAF is ready with 'better tactics and techniques' to deal with challenges in places along the frontier where it cannot counter China's 'might or numbers', even as the force plans to induct fighters, helicopters, missiles and radars worth Rs 2.5 to 3 lakh crore in the next seven to eight years to tackle the collusive China-Pakistan threat, Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari said on Tuesday.

The IAF is 'constantly monitoring' with ISR (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) capabilities the situation along the LAC with China, which has upgraded all its air bases facing India and deployed an extensive network of radars and surface-to-air guided weapons (SAGWs) since the military confrontation.



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tion in eastern Ladakh erupted in April-May 2020.

After also deploying SAGWs and radars, including LLTRs (low-level transportable radars), along the LAC, the IAF is now looking for mountain radars to look equally deep into enemy territory. The People's Liberation Army-Air Force, incidentally, has more

than four times the number of fighters and bombers as compared to the IAF.

"We will continue to remain forward deployed till complete disengagement in eastern Ladakh takes place. Our operational war plans are very dynamic and we keep revising them based on the situation developing

across any front," ACM Chaudhari said, in the run-up to the IAF Day on October 8.

Referring to the "coordination" between India's two adversaries, ACM Chaudhari said Pakistan is now manufacturing the Chinese JF-17 'Thunder' multi-role fighters, while also inducting 25 advanced J-10C jets. The two countries also train together with their latest 'Shaheen' exercise taking place in north-west China last month.

But ACM Chaudhari exuded confidence, stating that plans were underway to bolster IAF's combat capabilities with contracts worth Rs 1.7 lakh crore over the next one year. This includes 97 more Tejas Mark-IA fighters to add to the 83 such jets ordered under the Rs 46,898 core contract inked with Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) in February 2021.

TN engineer kills Class XII boy for rejecting his advances

Cuddalore: A Class 12 boy was hacked to death by an unemployed engineering graduate in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as V. Jeeva (17) and the accused as S. Ananth (24)—both lived in the same locality. Police have launched a hunt for Ananth, who absconded after committing the crime.

Police said a few days ago, Ananth invited Jeeva to his house and attempted to have sex with him, but Jeeva turned down his proposal. Jeeva had kept in his mobile phone photos of a girl he had befriended on Instagram. Ananth managed to get the screen shots of the photos and started blackmailing Jeeva to give in to his proposal. He threatened that he will morph the photos of the girl and post them online.

Police said recently Jeeva had taken Ananth's phone and broken it, leading to a quarrel. On Tuesday morning, when Jeeva was going to school, Ananth attacked him from behind with a knife and stabbed Jeeva on his neck and chest. TNN

Masked man who showered notes at Jaipur malls arrested

Jaipur: A 28-year-old social media influencer who tried to recreate a scene from the popular web series 'Money Heist' was arrested on Tuesday, two days after he stood atop a car wearing a Money Heist-style mask and showered hundreds of Rs 20 notes in the air at two Jaipur malls.

DCP (East) Gyan Chandra Yadav said the accused, Ajay Sharma visited City Pulse and Gaurav Tower on October 1 to create content for an Instagram reel. His antics attracted a huge crowd and videos of the note shower went viral.

"We identified the vehicle registration number from the video and subsequently summoned the accused. We arrested him on Tuesday," said Yadav, adding that Sharma was booked for disturbing peace and violating the Motor Vehicles Act. TNN

Intimidating taunt led to Deoria carnage, say police

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Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday visits a kid who survived the bloodbath

Deoria/Lucknow: A preliminary police probe has revealed that it was an intimidating taunt by Satya Prakash Dubey (55) that enraged Prem Yadav (45) and led to the bloodbath in Fatehpur village on Monday morning in which six people were killed, including Yadav, Dubey and four members of Dubey's family.

Meanwhile, 16 of the 27 accused named in the carnage were arrested on Tuesday. The action came after the rival families involved in the incident lodged FIRs against each other with the Deoria police.

UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath visited the eight-year-old son of Dubey, who survived the carnage and is being treated at a Gorakhpur hospital. Yogi directed the doctors to ensure there was no compromise on his treatment.

Police sources privy to the probe said Yadav had come to look after his field, which was ripe with paddy, on Monday morning. Dubey, whose house is barely a few meters from Yadav's field, spotted him and allegedly said, "You won't be able to harvest the crop. I will teach you a lesson for life."

Dubey then went inside

his house, but Yadav followed him and started banging on his door. When Dubey came out, the two began arguing, which soon turned ugly.

Yadav pushed Dubey inside his house, and his family members overpowered and allegedly thrashed Yadav. Even after Yadav fell to the ground bleeding, Dubey allegedly kept assaulting him, polio sources claimed.

Yadav managed to run outside and fell unconscious in the field. When a relative found him lying there in a pool of blood, they gathered to take revenge. Police sources told TOI that they have contacted two villagers who claimed to be eyewitnesses to the incident.

Meanwhile, the first FIR was lodged by Nisha Dubey, the married daughter of Satya Prakash. She named 77 people — 27 named and 50

unidentified — in the FIR. Nisha alleged the mob barged into her father's house on Monday morning carrying firearms, sticks, and lathis and killed her parents, Satya Prakash and Kiran, and siblings Shalini, Nandini, and Gandhi.

A second FIR was lodged on Tuesday by Anirudh Yadav, the uncle of Prem Yadav. Anirudh named all five deceased members of Dubey's family in the FIR and said they killed Prem over a land dispute. Anirudh stated in the FIR that Prem had gone to his field when Dubey and his family members attacked and killed him.

Deoria SP Sankalp Sharma told TOI that Anirudh is among the 16 accused arrested. Sharma said police have recovered a spade, an iron rod, and three sticks used in the crime.

CPM's netas hijab remark sparks row in Kerala

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the new girls coming from Malappuram. We believe that there are girls in Malappuram now who will say no to wearing headscarf as part of the communist party existing in Kerala. We also believe it was due to education. So, the role of this organisation in bringing free thinking to the state is not small."

After Muslim organisations and even CPM's fellow travellers like independent MLA KT Jaleel took exception to Kumar's remarks, Govindan told reporters that the party had clarified earlier that the choice of clothing by a person was his/her democratic right guaranteed by the Constitution. "No one should interfere with that personal right. We don't wish that anyone should make suggestions about wearing any attire or make any critical reference about clothing. That portion in Anil Kumar's speech was in divergence with the party's stand. Such a remark should not have been made," he said.

Kumar did a U-turn on

Sena MP makes dean clean dirty toilet of Maha hospital where 35 died in 3 days

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Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Dean of the Nanded hospital, where at least 35 deaths have been reported since September 30, was made to clean a dirty toilet and urinals on Tuesday by Shiv Sena MP Hemant Patil, who was angered by the filth and unhygienic conditions at the facility.

Videos and photographs of dean SR Wakode and another doctor being made to clean the toilet were recorded and shared on social media.

The Hingoli MP, who visited Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital following reports of an unusually high death toll, said: "I got to see firsthand the shabby state of affairs. The washroom of the dean's own chamber was defunct. There was no water there. Another washroom was being used as a storeroom."

Several urinals at the hospital and the drainage pipes were broken, and it appeared that the toilets had not been

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because bills, running into a few lakhs, had not been paid.

Patil said he would apprise CM Eknath Shinde of the matter and seek stringent action against the department heads. "The doctors, including the dean, should be booked for causing death due to negligence," said the MP. Wakode could not be reached for a comment.

CM Shinde said his government had taken the deaths "very seriously", and appropriate action would be taken after a detailed inquiry. He, however, denied that there were shortages of medicines and staffers at the hospital.

Maharashtra's medical education minister Hasan Mushrif, too, said he "was told there was no shortage of medicines or doctors". "A high-level committee had been formed to probe the deaths," he said.

While 24 deaths, including that of 12 newborns, were reported between September 30 and October 1, 11 more patients had succumbed till Tuesday evening, Chavan said, adding that 64 more patients admitted to the hospital were critical.

Govt renews UAPA ban on Tripura outfits NLFT & ATTF

New Delhi: The home ministry on Tuesday declared the two Tripura-based insurgent outfits, National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF), and all their fronts as "unlawful associations" under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act for a further period of five years, with effect from October 2, 2023, reports Bharti Jain.

Both NLFT and ATTF are already designated as "terrorist organisations" under UAPA, which lists 42 terrorist outfits operating across different theatres. While a ban under the anti-terror law remains in force indefinitely unless revoked, an organisation may be declared an "unlawful association" for a definite period, usually five years. The "unlawful" tag automatically expires unless its validity is extended through a fresh notification.

The central government said ATTF and NLFT have a professed aim of establishing an independent nation with the secession of Tripura from India through armed struggle, in alliance with other armed secessionist organisations in the state, and to incite the indigenous people of the state for such objective.

Manipur tribal body calls off shutdown after 2 days of protest

Imphal: Manipur's Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) called off its indefinite shutdown in Churachandpur district on Tuesday evening after protesting for two days against the four arrests made by the CBI in the case pertaining to the murder of two Imphal students reported missing since July 6, reports N Benson Singh.

The organisation is also contesting the arrest of a tribal suspect in an alleged transnational terror conspiracy being investigated by the NIA.

ITLF said it would monitor the situation and decide later if an "intense agitation" was required.

In Kangpokpi district, the Committee on Tribal Uni-

ty (CoTU) blocked NH-37 for 15 hours on Monday over the arrests by the CBI and NIA, besides the alleged abduction of a 52-year-old man from the New-Keithelmanbi area on September 30.

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Delhi court ordered on Tuesday that Manipur violence suspect Seiminlun Gangte be held in NIA custody until October 11. Gangte was arrested on Saturday for his alleged involvement in an SUV blast in Bishnupur, Manipur, in June. NIA had requested an additional 10 days of custody, following registration of a case against Gangte under UAPA and other anti-terrorism laws. Additional sessions judge Sachin Gupta granted an eight-day extension of custody. The court permitted his counsel to meet him on alternate days. TNN

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A) Fresh-Tender Work :-

S. No.	Jobs No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
1	29/DGM/SM(WC-7)/ET/2023-24	M/o Drain (M/o drain and R.C.C. Box Culvert work at 45 mtr. wide road from Kent R.O. Sector-87 to Sector-83 Metro Line along Sector-83, 84), Noida.	158.22
2	26/DGM/SM(WC-5)/ET/2023-24	M/o Drain (Maintenance and Covering of Internal drain in Sector-57), Noida.	195.06
3	22/DGM/SM(WC-9)/ET/2023-24	D/o Sector-94 & 94A (C/o Central Verge & Footpath on 30 mtr. wide road from Metro Station Gol Chakkar Sector-94 to Pusta road), Noida.	146.47
4	30/DGM/SM(WC-10)/ET/2023-24	D/o Sector-155, 156, 157 & 159 (Repair/Raising of drain & laying of cover and painting work on Central Verge, footpath for 45 mtr. outer road in Sector-157), Noida.	145.29
5	31/DGM/SM(WC-10)/ET/2023-24	Strengthening of road (P/L DBM & BC on 30 mtr. road in front of Plot No. SC-02/A1 Parallel to Pusta Road in Sector-150), Noida.	195.04
6	32/DGM/SM(WC-10)/ET/2023-24	Strengthening of road (P/L DBM & BC on 45 mtr. road in front of DFCC Railway Office in Sector-145 Parallel to Expressway), Noida.	186.00
7	33/DGM/SM(WC-10)/ET/2023-24	D/o Sector-152, 153 & 154 (Cleaning of Jungle's Repair of drain, laying of interlocking tile & laying of cover for outer & internal Road Block C in Sector-153), Noida.	186.50

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 17.10.2023 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 18.10.2023 at 11.00 AM.

B) Re-Tender Work :-

S. No.	Jobs No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
8	20/DGM/SM(WC-9)/ET/2023-24	Strengthening of Road (DBM & BC Work for Clover Leaf (Sector-93A & Sector-108) of Sector-82 Flyover), Noida.	114.35
9	03/DGM/SM(WC-10)/ET/2023-24	Construction of Approach Road Work of access road from 45.00 mtr wide Metro Road between Sector-146 and 147 of Noida to Greater Noida Knowledge Park-3 via Bridge under construction on Hindon River upto Noida Border, Noida.	4201.38
10	04/DGM/SM(WC-10)/ET/2023-24	D/o Sector-162 (Construction of 24.00 mtr. road, Drain & Culvert in front of Plot No. 15&16 in Sector-162) Noida.	409.75

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 10.10.2023 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 11.10.2023 at 11.00 AM.

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(P. Siva Shankar, IAS)
Chief Executive Officer,

DGIPR 2023-2024/3919

TMC members detained in Delhi over stir, released later

New Delhi: Trinamool Congress leaders led by Lok Sabha MP Abhishek Banerjee were detained from Krishi Bhavan on Tuesday night after they staged a dharna in front of the office of junior minister for rural development Sadhvi Nirjan Jyoti in protest against the minister only agreeing to meet a five-member delegation and not the group of 40 that landed there, reports Mohua Chatterjee.

The party, however, insisted that she would have to meet the entire group. The TMC members were released later in the night.

The party would protest over unpaid dues outside the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata on October 5, Abhishek Banerjee said. In Kolkata, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee said the Centre's actions on Tuesday proved that it does not believe in democratic norms and federal structure.

विहार सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, भगुआ
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संदेकों से प्रतिशत दर निवादा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमण्डल, भगुआ।
2. निवादा आमंत्रण करने की तिथि : दिनांक-29.09.2023
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20% Rain Deficiency In Key Rice Producing States Poses Risk

Monsoon rain deficiency stood at 9% of long-term average as on Sept 15, with largely rice producing states like Kerala, Bihar, Jharkhand and North Eastern states bearing the brunt at over 20% deficiency. The area under rice sowing for most of these states has risen YoY, except for Jharkhand, which could be a risk given the sharp shortfall in rains and high water consumption of the rice crop.

Source: CEIC, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, I-Sec research

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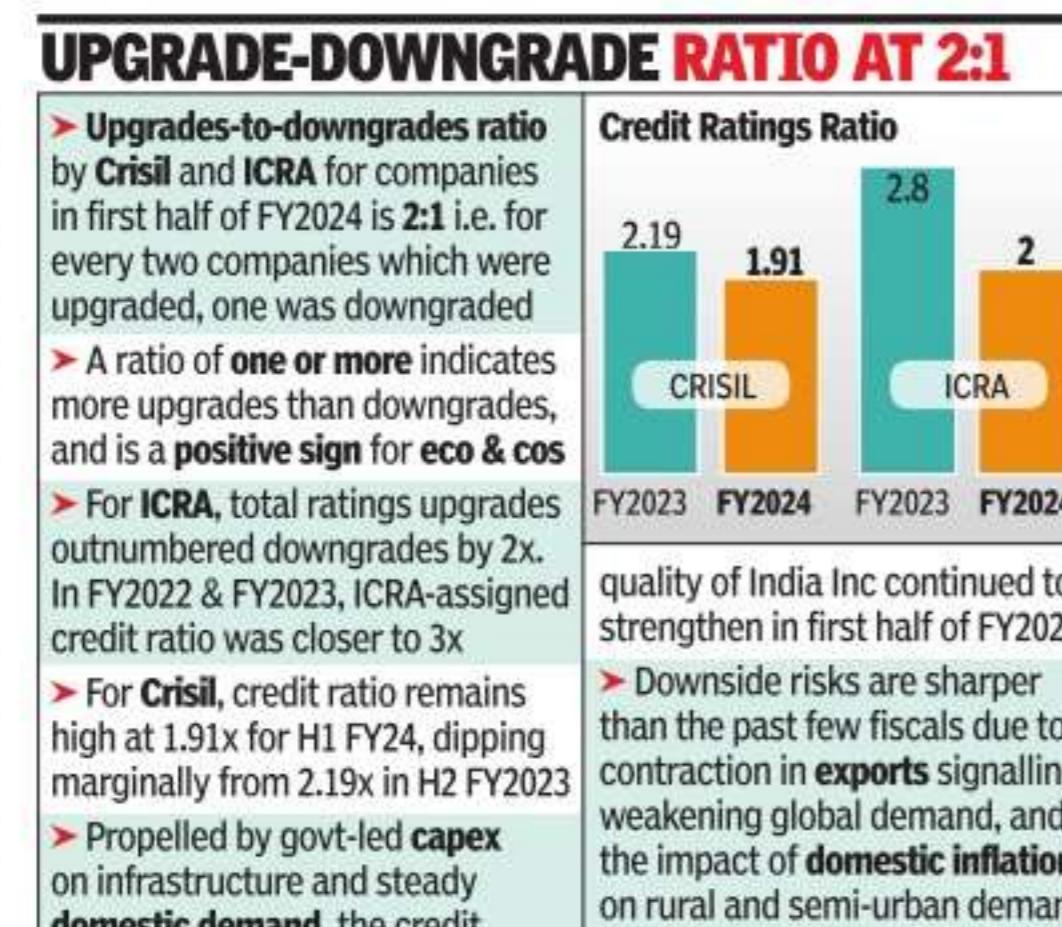
High rating upgrades signal strong H1 show by India Inc

Domestic Demand, Govt Capex A Boost | Exports A Worry

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Mumbai: Strong domestic demand and government capex are helping most Indian companies grow at a healthy pace while several companies dependent on exports are facing some headwinds, credit rating analysis for the first half of fiscal 2024 (H1 FY24) by Crisil and ICRA showed.

During these six months, the ratings upgrades-to-downgrades ratio by both credit rating companies was nearly 2:1, i.e., for every two companies which were upgraded, one was downgraded. A ratio of one or more indicates more upgrades than downgrades, and is a positive sign for eco & cos



analysts at ICRA, in H1 FY24, the credit quality of India Inc continued to strengthen, "building upon the strong performance observed in the preceding two fiscal years, led by domestic consumption and investment-focused sectors. Both the investment grade as well as the non-investment grade categories showed a net improvement in their credit profiles, even as the pace of improvement moderated in comparison with the previous two fiscal years."

According to Crisil, in the months ahead, six sectors will face headwinds in terms of operating cash flows or balance sheet strength. "The export-oriented and commodity-linked sectors in this bucket are likely to see an impact on operating cash flows, while their balance sheets remain in healthy," the report noted. As for capex, government spending has been rising while the private sector has not driven a meaningful pickup, Crisil said.

Overall, according to Crisil, credit ratio moved

WB retains GDP growth forecast at 6.3% for FY24

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The World Bank on Monday retained India's growth projection for the current fiscal year at 6.3%, while raising the inflation forecast to 5.9%, against the 5.2% estimated six months ago.

"Adverse weather conditions contributed to a spike in inflation in recent months. Headline inflation rose to 7.8% in July due to a surge in prices of food items like wheat and rice. Inflation is expected to decrease gradually as food prices normalise and government measures increase the supply of key commodities," the multilateral development

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bank said in the latest India Development Update.

Driven by Indian growth, South Asia is projected to expand faster than any developing country region in the world. The report was upbeat on India, saying it will grow fast despite the global headwinds due to high global interest rates, geopolitical tensions, and sluggish global demand. "Service sector activity is expected to remain strong with growth of 7.4% and investment growth is also projected to remain robust at 8.9%," it said.

While the publication took note of India's high public spending, World Bank's country director for India Auguste Tano Kouame said: "Tapping public spending that crowds in more private investments will create more favourable conditions for India to seize global opportunities in the future and thus achieve higher growth."

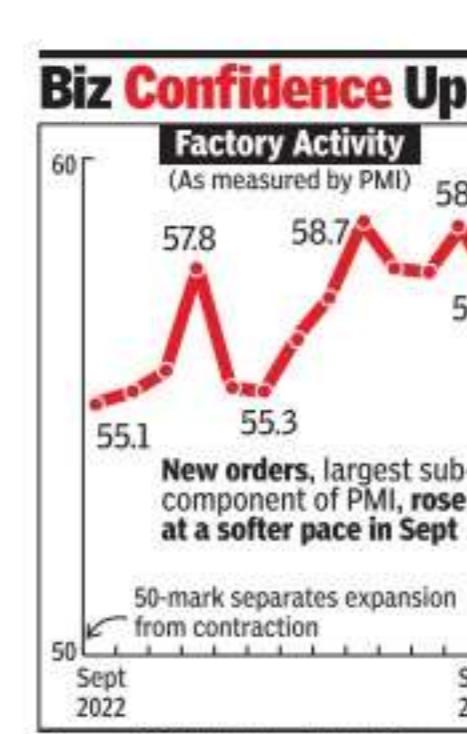
Mfg activity at 5-mth low in Sept, but stays strong

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New Delhi: Manufacturing activity in the country remained robust in September on the back of new orders although growth was the slowest in five months while business confidence surged, a survey showed on Tuesday.

The S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) registered a reading of 57.5 in September, down from 58.6 in August. Although the lowest in five months, the latest data remained firmly above the no-change mark of 50 and its long-run average (53.9), signalling a sharp rate of expansion.

The 50-point mark separates expansion from contrac-



facturing sector stage a sharp recovery against the backdrop of the global slowdown, which has hurt shipments from the country.

New orders, the largest sub-component of the PMI, rose at a softer pace in September, the survey results showed. That said, the latest increase was sharp and historically strong.

The survey showed that manufacturers were confident that output volumes would increase over the course of the coming 12 months, with the overall level of positive sentiment improving to its highest in 2023 so far. Buoyant customer appetite, advertising, and expanded capacities all boosted optimism.

Speed up IBC process, cut PSB stakes: OECD

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Paris-based OECD has suggested that the government should accelerate the insolvency and bankruptcy (IBO) process and reduce government ownership in banks and financial institutions, while addressing key performance gaps, including "increased role" of private conglomerates which are seen to have "negative consequences".

While the agency took note of reforms in several sectors, from defence and oil to finance, it did not elaborate on the issue of conglomerates, which was listed

as part of the reforms needed to improve product and labour market functioning. Putting out data to show lower labour productivity and higher unemployment rate than OECD countries, a majority of which are developed nations, the agency, often referred to as a rich nations club, called for "creation of quality jobs by modernising labour regulations and skill development programmes".

OECD highlighted the dependence on fossil fuel and listed air pollution, extreme weather episodes, and droughts in India becoming increasingly problematic as performance gaps

on the climate change front. It then went on to recommend an increase of share of renewable energy in the overall mix — an area where India has made significant strides — along with reform of power distribution companies as areas that need attention.

"Provide additional government's support to shift household cooking fuels from biomass-based to less carbon-intensive sources," it said in a report 'Going for Growth' that focuses on reforms that countries need to undertake to deal with the current economic slowdown and focus on vulnerable groups.

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IL&FS has completed debt repayment of ₹2,150 crore to senior secured creditors in IL&FS Tamil Nadu Power Company (ITPLC) on September 30, 2023. Debt repayment disbursal in ITPLC is part of restructuring proposal approved by 88% lenders.

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ing banker Uday Kotak, Tech Mahindra's Vineet Nayyar and retired civil servant G C Chaturvedi to navigate the group through choppy waters.

The board set about clearing a maze of companies and sold assets to clear debt. While the erstwhile directors of the failed entity did not face action, cases were initiated against some executives who were part of the top management at the holding company and subsidiaries such as IFIN and ITNL, but they have not been completed yet.

The statement said the board has initiated the first interim payout of Rs 810 crore for IL&FS, the holding company. Of this, Rs 180 crore will be paid to 19 domestic and international banks and around Rs 630 crore to over 1,100 public debenture holders, public funds and others.

The group has also initiated an interim payment of Rs 795

HDFC Bank revamps top management after merger

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New Delhi: HDFC Bank has undertaken a revamp of its top management, following a merger of mortgage player HDFC, to increase the focus on technology and the large network.

Group head Arvind Kapil has been tasked with managing mortgage business, while Arvind Vohra will be the group head for retail assets business (excluding mortgages). It also split retail branch banking operations into two units, headed by Smita Bhagat and Sampath Kumar, who will handle the western and southern regions.

Deputy MD Kaizad Bharucha has also been made the director in charge of several anti-money laundering, oversight and internal monitoring as well as assigned the responsibility of inclusive banking initiatives group and ESG.

Besides Ramesh Lakshminarayanan, CIO will lead the entire IT and digital function of the bank to unify all the technology and digital developments and to create a more holistic core and customer experience layer, an internal memo said. The idea is to fully integrate the IT modules of HDFC and HDFC Bank.

Parag Rao, who was leading the payments, consumer finance, and digital banking segments has also been tasked with marketing, liability product group, and third-party and non-resident products.

Jumeirah group of Dubai looks to set up hotels in India

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New Delhi: Dubai-based Jumeirah Group is "considering" having hotels in India, one of the key source markets for its

portfolio of 27 luxury properties globally. While almost half of them are in the Gulf, the group's senior leadership is currently in India to scout for opportunities and increase awareness among the travel trade here about its other hotels for the Indian high-spending globetrotter.

"We have 27 properties with 12 of them in Dubai. We are going to open two new hotels in Dubai next year, and one each near the Red Sea and in Geneva in 2025 and 2026, respectively. We are looking to expand in new destinations and are considering India with interest. Our luxury brand will be the right property at the right location that gets both domestic guests and draws people from other geographies, too. Our brand has a great recall with Indian travellers," Jumeirah Group CCO Alexander Lee said.

Their brand recall can be gauged from the fact that almost no Indian family's holiday in Dubai is complete without their picture at the Burj Al Arab, which is a Jumeirah property, and the Burj Khalifa.

It clearly wants to attract more Indians going to those places, too. The global luxury hotel company is a member of Dubai Holding.

Indian IT gears up for muted Q2 earnings

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- Brokerages peg tier-I companies' sequential growth between -1.4% to 2.2%
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Brokerage firm Motilal Oswal said revenues of tier-I companies are expected to remain muted on account of weak macro, cuts in discretionary spending, and project deferrals. Despite the marginal impact from forex fluctuations, the downbeat forecast for the September quarter would barely lift the spirits of Indian IT which, traditionally, is a strong wicket to baton. The dominant theme in the Indian IT sector hinges on cost-takeout projects to fund enterprises' transformation programmes.

In Q2 FY24 (September quarter), the IT sector is expected to deliver a soft quarter, although Q2 has historically been a seasonally strong quarter. Growth divergence is expected between companies, with tier-I IT sequential growth ranging from -1.4% to 2.2% and mid-tier IT sequential growth ranging from 0.9% to 3.8%, HDFC Securities said in its IT earnings preview.

Brokerage firm BNP Paribas said that while most IT services firms saw a further moderation in revenue growth in the June quarter, deal wins ac-

New system for verification in case of investor death

New Delhi: Sebi on Tuesday announced a centralised mechanism for reporting and verification through the KYC registration agency in case of an investor's demise.

The US-based company, which was formed by the merger of Mylan and Pfizer's legacy Upjohn division in 2020, said the India API divestment is part of a larger \$6.94 billion global divestiture that includes

taining some selective R&D capabilities in the API space and that the transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2024.

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A Bengaluru-based in-house tax expert in an engineering company said that the SC, in its order, did not indicate that its order would apply retrospectively. It is quite common for employees to be deputed from the overseas head office or any other overseas group company to the Indian subsidiary or affiliate company. While depu-

ted employees work under the direction of the Indian company, for the purpose of continuation of their social security benefits, the employment contract continues to vest with the overseas company. Salaries for the deputed employees are reimbursed on actual basis by the Indian company to the over-

seas entity.

Northern Operating Systems provided specified back-office services to its overseas affiliates. When required, managerial and technical staff were deputed to it by the overseas group entities for a specified tenure. These employees remained on the payroll of their original employer and salary, social security benefits, etc. were received by them from the respective overseas entities.

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To make matters worse, 77% of the national wealth, the country's cake, gets to be consumed by only 10% of the population. And no less than 73% of the cake is gobbled by just 1% of the people, who form not just the upper crust and the icing but the cherry on top of it all.

According to a UN Survey conducted in 2019, 80 million Indians lived below the official poverty line drawn at \$1.25 per day, and 84% lived on less than \$7 a day, about ₹450 at the exchange rate of the time, which had to make do for food, shelter and clothing, never mind luxuries like medical expenses.



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Teen girl in coma after run-in with morality police in Tehran: Report

Paris: An Iranian girl aged 16 has been left in a coma after an assault on the Tehran subway, a rights group said on Tuesday. The Kurdish-focused rights group Hengaw said the teenager, named as Armita Garawand, had been badly injured in a run-in on the Tehran metro with female morality police officers and was being treated under tight security at Tehran's Fajr hospital and "there are currently no visits allowed for the victim, not even from her family".

The claim has been denied by the Iranian authorities who say that the girl "fainted" due to low blood pressure and that there was no involvement of the security forces. Iranian authorities remain on high alert for any upsurge of social tension just over a year after the death in custody of Mahsa Amini who had been arrested for allegedly violating the strict dress rules for women. Her death sparked months of protests.

Maryam Lofti, a journalist from the Shargh daily newspaper, sought in the aftermath of the incident to visit the hospital but was immediately detained. She was subsequently released, it added. The case has gone viral online, with a purported video of the incident said by some to show the teen, with friends and apparently unveiled, being pushed into the metro by female police agents. Masood Dorosty, managing director of the Tehran subway system, denied there was "any verbal or physical conflict". The IranWire news site, based outside Iran, cited a source as saying she had sustained a "head injury" after being pushed by the officers. AFP

Will eject Indian troops from Maldives: Prez-elect

Pro-China Mohamed Muizzu Says Wouldn't Stand For A Foreign Military In Country Against Will Of Citizens

Male: The president-elect of the Maldives said he will stick to his campaign promise to remove Indian military personnel stationed in the archipelago state, promising he would initiate the process. Mohamed Muizzu told his supporters gathered on Monday night at a celebration of his election victory that he wouldn't stand for a foreign military staying in the Maldives against the will of its citizens. "The people have told us that they don't want foreign military here," he said.

It's a serious blow to India in its geopolitical rivalry with China in the India Ocean region, where the Maldives' presidential runoff election Saturday was seen as a virtual referendum on which of the regional powers would have the biggest influence on the archipelago. Outgoing President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, who was elected president in 2018, was battling allegations by Muizzu that he had allowed India an unchecked presence in the country. Muizzu's party, the People's National Congress, is viewed as heavily pro-China.

Muizzu's main campaign theme was about an alleged threat to the Maldives' sovereignty by some Indian military personnel on an island, part of the party's yearslong "India out" strategy. Solih insisted that the Indian military's presence in the Maldives was only to build a dockyard under an agreement between the two governments and that his country's sovereignty won't be violated.



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Xi congratulates Muizzu, vows to deepen ties

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday pledged to deepen China's ties with the Maldives as he congratulated President-elect Mohamed Muizzu, whose party campaigned for forging close ties with Beijing. Muizzu, from the People's National Congress and a close associate of former Maldives President Abdulla Yameen who forged close ties with China during his Presidency from 2013 to 2018, defeated India-friendly incumbent Ibrahim Mohamed Solih in the presidential runoff held on Saturday. Yameen is currently serving an 11-year prison sentence for corruption. Muizzu is due to take over the office on November 17 after which he was expected to outline his foreign policy priorities. PTI

The number of Indian troops in the Maldives is unknown. Critics say the secrecy behind the agreement between the two governments regarding the placement of military personnel and their role has led to suspicion and rumour. Known activities of the Indian military include operating two helicopters donated by India and assisting in the rescue of people stranded or faced with calamities at sea.

Former President Abdulla Yameen, leader of the People's National Congress, made the Maldives a part of China's

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SHE'S (JOYTHI) MY ROLE MODEL. LAST TIME WE PLAYED EACH OTHER I HAD WON, AND TODAY SHE WON. IT IS NOT A BIG DEAL, BECAUSE WHOEVER WINS, IT'S GOING TO BE INDIA'S WIN."

— ADITI SWAMI, SAID AFTER LOSING TO JOYTHI SUREKHA VENNAM IN THE ARCHERY COMPOUND SEMIFINALS

Dream Of Joining UP Police As DSP Spurs Parul To Terrific Kick For 5000m Gold; Annu's Javelin Finds No Challenge; Tejaswin Proves A Rare Hero With Silver In Decathlon

OUR GIRLS ARE MADE OF GOLD

TIMES IN HANGZHOU

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History created and records broken. That was the Indian athletics' story from the track and field arena of the Olympic Stadium here. It was another super show which saw India claiming six medals in athletics on Tuesday, powered by steeplechaser Parul Chaudhary and Annu Rani's sensational gold-winning effort.

The two achieved a significant milestone for Indian athletics in the history of the continental Games – becoming the first women to top the podium in the 5,000m race and javelin throw.

Later, Tejaswin Shankar made a sensational Games debut in the decathlon event, breaking Bharatinder Singh's 12-year-old national record of 7,658 to clinch an impressive silver with a total of 7,666 points from 10 events.

It was Parul who started India's gold rush with a superlative show in the women's 5,000m under overcast conditions, recovering from a lowly sixth place till the halfway mark to pip Japan's Ririka Hironaka in the last 25m of her race to secure the top position with a timing of 15:14.75.

All through her race, the 28-year-old Meerut girl had only one thought racing in her mind – to secure a gold and join Uttar Pradesh's police as a Deputy superintendent (DSP). Lagging for most part, the 28-year-old switched gears in the final two laps. From sixth spot, she first recovered to fourth and then to the second position to burst through in the final 25m to edge past Hironaka.

The Japanese clocked 15:15.34 for silver, while Caroline Chepkoech Kipkirui of Kazakhstan settled for bronze in 15:23.12. On Monday, Parul had won her first Asian Games medal – a silver – in the women's 3,000m steeplechase.

"In the last 50m, I was thinking that

my state government would give me a nice job. The government has this policy that whosoever wins the gold at Asian Games will be made a DSP. That was the only thing which had kept my mind occupied during the final burst. I felt great after claiming the top spot. Now, I can be a DSP, too," said Parul, currently working with Northern Railways as a Travelling Ticket Examiner.

"Last night, I was tired after winning silver. I slept only for three hours. Since I wasn't able to win gold medal in the 3,000m steeplechase, I wanted to get gold in 5,000m anyhow. The gods were kind enough," she added.

Parul said she had strategically planned her race and was confident of finishing first despite trailing for a major part of the competition. "I knew I would be able to cover it. That was all part of my strategy. The Japanese girl was getting tired and I was confident of overtaking her."

Before Parul, Sunita Rani (silver in 1998 and bronze in 2002), OP Jaisha (bronze in 2006), Preeja Sreedharan (silver in 2010) and Kavita Raut (bronze in 2010) have won Asian Games medals in the women's 5,000m.

In the women's javelin, the 31-year-old Annu Rani created history by becoming the first Indian female javelin thrower to win Asian Games gold. She produced a season-best effort of 62.92m in her fourth attempt to secure the top spot. It was a brilliant show by Annu as she crossed the 60m-mark for the first time since winning the bronze at the Birmingham CWG last year. Dilhani Lekamge of Sri Lanka (61.57m) and Huihui Lyu of China (61.29m) settled for silver and bronze medals, respectively. This was Annu's second Asian medal after winning bronze at Incheon 2014.

"I worked hard for this medal the whole year. This was my last competition of the season. Thankfully, the performance came through," Annu said.

She admitted that she wanted to quit the sport and was depressed after failing to achieve her season-best dur-

HOMESTRETCH HAUL: Japan's Ririka Hironaka (top, left) can only watch as Parul Chaudhary races past her in the 5000m final. (Below) Anu Rani led from the front to win the women's javelin event



ing competitions. "I was depressed and under pressure to perform since the government had been spending so much on our training and exposure trips. The whole year I couldn't give my season's best. The throws were coming during my training but not in competitions. The thought of quitting crossed my mind several times. But I continued motivating myself and to day the results came," she added.

In decathlon, Birmingham CWG bronze medallist in men's high jump, Shankar won silver after setting a new

national record. It was India's first decathlon medal in 49 years. Vijay Singh Chauhan was the last Indian to win a Games decathlon medal in 1974. "I am happy and satisfied with my performance. I broke the national record, so I couldn't have expected anything more," he said, adding that he will focus on high jump for the Paris Olympics and would only return to decathlon after the Summer Games. "I will return to high jump now because that's where I think my chances are to win a medal in the Olympics."

PAK'S NADEEM PULLS OUT DUE TO INJURY

Hangzhou: World Championships silver medallist, Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who was India's Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra's main challenger in the javelin, pulled out on Tuesday after a knee injury.

An MRI scan done here confirmed the flare-up of Nadeem's "chronic injury", which he had carried at the Budapest world championships..

"At the first training session on September 27, Arshad Nadeem complained to Dr Asad Abbas that he has been grappling with persistent pain (in right knee) for several months," a Pakistan statement said.

"The MRI revealed a chronic injury. Arshad has now decided not to participate to prevent any untoward situation that may hinder his training program and participation in the Paris Olympics 2024," it said.

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Jaiswal powers India into semis

Opener Slams 49-Ball Hundred; Nepal Fall Short Despite Spirited Fight

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but ran out of steam as they finished at 179/9.

In the IPL, Jaiswal drew attention with a 13-ball 50 during his unbeaten 98 (47 balls) for Rajasthan Royals against Kolkata Knight Riders. On the strength of his domestic performance, the Mumbai-based player earned a Test cap and made it count with a sublime 171 on debut against West Indies.

In China on Tuesday, Jaiswal shored up his reputation as an all-format player with an innings laced with hard hitting. He got the team off to a blazing start with skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad (25), beginning his onslaught by launching Karan KC for maximums off the last two balls of the second over.

As Jaiswal toyed with the Nepalese bowlers, Gaikwad at the other end struggled to get his eye in and made it look like he was batting on a very different surface. India ended the powerplay with 63, of which Gaikwad contributed just 14.

Jaiswal brought up his half-century off 22 deliveries by dancing down the track against Sandeep Lamichhane and sending the ball high over the long-off boundary for a six. Just when Gaikwad was settling in, he miscued a full-length delivery from Dipendra Airee to Rohit Paudel at

deep mid-wicket.

Jaiswal was deprived of strike for a short span when Tilak Varma (2) and Jitesh Sharma (5) struggled in the middle. With Shivam Dube (25 not out) at the other end, Jaiswal raced to 99 with a boundary and completed his century with a single. Off the next delivery he faced, Jaiswal mistimed a full toss from Airee and was caught by Abhinash Bohara at short third man.

Rinku Singh (37 not out; 15b; 2x4; 3x6) then stepped up to take India past the 200 mark with a six off Bohara which landed in the trees beyond deep cover.

With an imposing total to chase, Nepal openers Aasif Sheikh (10) and Kushal Malla (29) attacked India's opening bowling pair of Arshdeep Singh (2/43) and Avesh Khan (3/32). The pace duo picked up five wickets between them, but their performance wasn't exactly top draw. But spin twins Ravi Bishnoi (3/24) and debutant Sai Kishore (1/25) proved a handful for the Nepalese.

In the other quarterfinal of the day, Pakistan defeated Hong Kong by 68 runs.

Brief scores: India: 202/4 in 20 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 100, Ruturaj Gaikwad 25, Shivam Dube 25, Rinku Singh 37; Dipendra Airee 2-31) bt Nepal: 179/9 in 20 overs (Kushal Bhattel 28, Kushal Malla 29, Dipendra Airee 32, Sundeep Jora 29; Arshdeep Singh 2-43, Avesh Khan 3-32, Ravi Bishnoi 3-24).

MEDALS TALLY

Country	G	S	B	T
1 CHN	161	90	46	297
2 JPN	33	47	50	130
3 KOR	32	42	65	139
4 IND	15	26	28	69
5 UZB	14	15	21	50
6 TPE	12	10	18	40
7 THA	10	11	19	40
8 PRK	7	10	6	23
9 BRN	7	1	4	12
10 HKG	6	15	24	45c



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INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

ARCHERY: 6.10pm – Compound mixed team QFs – India vs Malaysia – Joythi Vennam, Ojas Deotale; 7.30am – Semis followed by medal matches; 11.50am – **Recurve mixed team QFs** – India vs Indonesia – Atanu Das, Ankita Bhakat; 12.50pm – Semis followed by medal matches

ATHLETICS: 4.30am – 35km mixed team race walk – Rani Manju, Ram Babu; 4.30pm – Men's high jump final – Jesse Sandesh, Anil Kishore; 4.35pm – Men's javelin throw final – Neeraj Chopra, Jena Kishore; 4.40pm – Women's triple jump final – Sheena Neliclak; 4.45pm – Women's 800m final – Harminder Bains, Chanda; 5.10pm – Men's 5000m final – Gulveer Singh, Avinash Sable; 5.45pm – Women's 4x400m relay final – Sonia Baishya, Florence Barla, Jisna Mathew, Kailash Mishra, Prachi, Subha Venkatesan; 6.05pm – Men's 4x400m relay final –

Arokiarajiv, Amoj Jacob, Chacko Kurian, Arul Rajalingam, Rajesh Ramesh, Nihal William

BADMINTON: 7.30am – Women's singles R16 – PV Sindhu vs Putri Wardani (Indonesia); 7.50am – Men's singles R16 – Sunil Kumar vs Dmitry Panarin (Kazakhstan); 8.10am – Women's doubles R16 – Treesa Jolly/Gayatri Gopichand vs Korea; 8.30am – Mixed doubles R16 – Krishnadas Prasad/T Castro vs Malaysia; 9.10am – Men's doubles R16 – Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty vs Indonesia; 10.10am – Men's singles R16 – Kidambi Srikanth vs Kodai Narao (Japan); 10.30am – Women's doubles R16 – T Castro/AP Machimanda vs China

BRIDGE: 6.30am – Men's team **semifinal**

BOXING: 1.15pm – Women's 66-75kg final – Lovlina

CHESS: 12.30pm – Men's, Women's team R4

DIVING: 10.30am – Men's 10m platform prelims – Siddharth Pardeshi; 5pm – **Final**

DRAGON BOAT: 6.30am – Men's 200m heat; 6.45am – Women's 200m heat

SQUASH: 9.30am – Mixed doubles semis – India2 vs Hong Kong 2; 10.30am – Mixed doubles semis – India1 vs Malaysia1; 3.30pm – Men's singles semis – Saurav Ghosal vs Chi Hin Leung (Hong Kong)

VOLLEYBALL: 8am – Women's pool match – India vs Nepal

EQUESTRIAN: 6.30am – Jumping individual, team qualifier R1 – Yash Nensee, Kirat Nagra, Tejas Dhingra; 11.30am – Final

HOCKEY: 1.30pm – Men's **semifinal** – India vs Korea

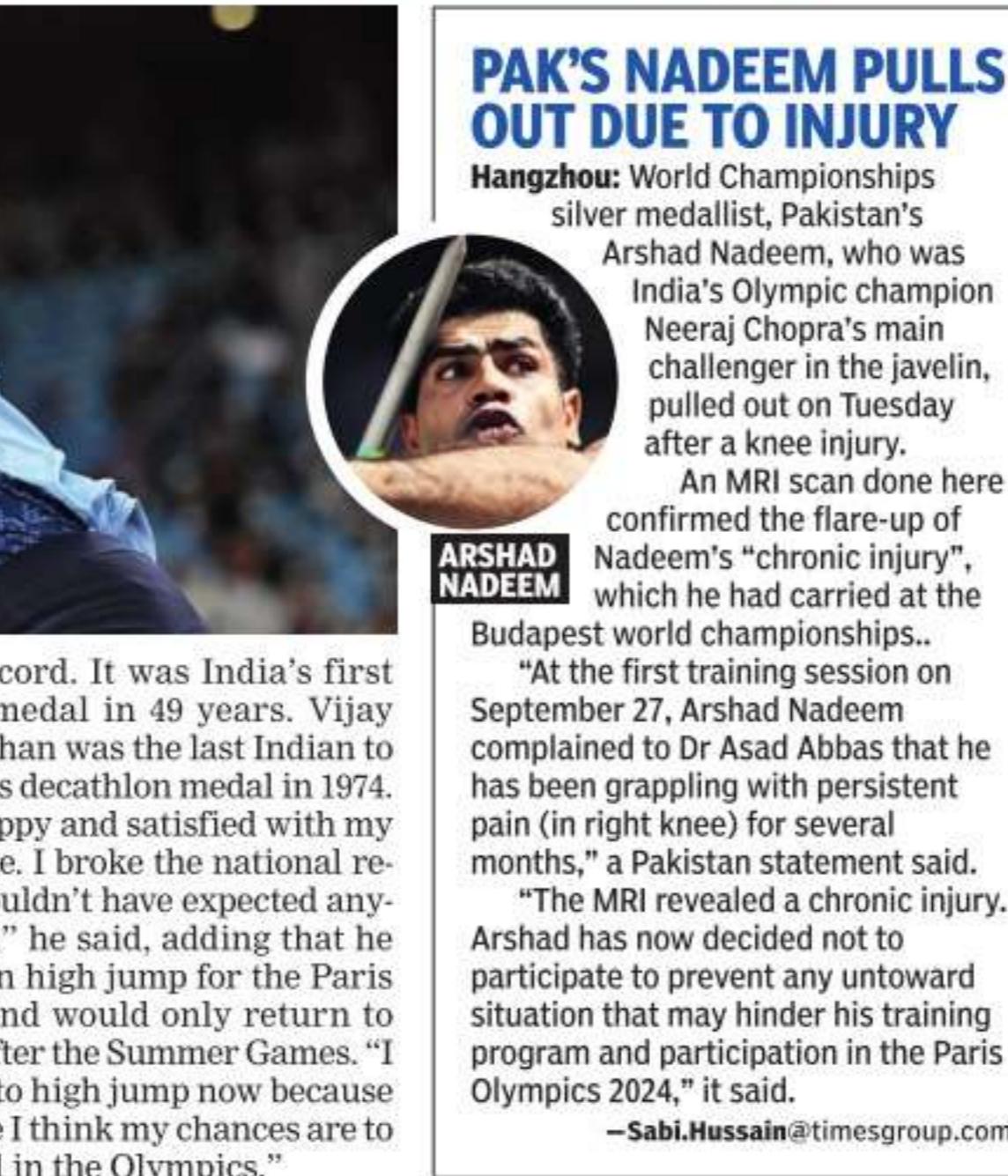
KABADDI: 6am – Men's team match – India vs Thailand; 1.30pm – Women's team match – India vs Thailand

ROLLER SKATING: 11.30am – Mixed inline freestyle pair – Jinesh Nanal, Shreyasi Joshi

SPORT CLIMBING: 9.05am – Women's speed relay qualifications – Anisha Verma, Shivprat Pannu, Shivani Charak, Sanya Shaikh; 6.10pm – Semis, Finals

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Lovlina to fight for gold, secures Paris Olympics berth

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Hangzhou: Lovlina Borgohain's height is her biggest asset. It adds to her reach, the tall frame allows her to thwart her opponent's potential attacks while landing effective hooks on the counter.

The Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist boxer employed the same tactics against her semifinal opponent, Thailand's Baison Maneekon, to book her place in the gold medal bout of the women's 75kg category on Tuesday.

In the process, she also secured a quota place for the Paris Olympics 2024. By virtue of making the final of her weight division, she became the fourth Indian boxer at Hangzhou to qualify for the Summer Games after Nikhat Zareen, Preeti Pawar and Parveen Hooda.

"I am happy with my performance. I had come to the Asian Games with a specific plan to not only win gold but also qualify for the Paris Olympics. While I have achieved one target (secure Paris Games quota), claiming the gold will provide the icing on the cake. This bout (against Maneekon) was important because it was the qualifying bout for Paris. In the final round, I regained my strength and was able to give my 200 percent effort," Lovlina said.

In the semis, the reigning world champion in the middle-weight category, Lovlina started cautiously and remained defensive in her approach before asserting her authority over her shorter opponent, who struggled to reach her shoulders and punch upwards.

Lovlina moved around the ring effectively, finding opportunities to land some well-placed left crosses and hooks on her Thai rival. Maneekon, too, had her moments when she rattled Lovlina with a measured jab in the second round. However, Lovlina counter-attacked with soft punches and conserved her energy to skilfully dodge Maneekon's attacks. The Indian won by unanimous decision.

"The second round was difficult but I am happy to prevail. I was holding in too much and tried to keep my distance by moving around," she explained.

In the other bout of the day, Preeti lost her semifinal bout to China's Chang Yuan, the reigning champion in the women's 54-kg division, by unanimous decision and settled for bronze. Preeti looked off-colour and couldn't repeat her mix of controlled aggression and tactical acumen which she had shown in her previous bouts.

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— Ojas Pravin Deotale

TRIPLE TREAT

Archers Assure Three Medals In Compound; Abhishek & Ojas To Battle For Gold In Men's Final; Jyothi In Women's Title Clash

TIMES AT HANGZHOU

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Fuyang (Hangzhou): Indians archers found their targets at the Fuyang Yinhua Sports Centre's archery range as Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Abhishek Verma and Ojas Pravin Deotale progressed to the finals of the individual compound events at the Asian Games here. Vennam beat compatriot Aditi Gopichand Swami, the reigning archery world champion, to make the women's individual gold medal match after overturning a one-point deficit in the final set.

Later, world champion Deotale and Verma ensured an all-India final in the men's individual compound after humbling their respective opponents. This will be India's first-ever gold-silver finish in archery's compound competitions at the Asiad.

Ojas edged past Akbarali Karabayev of Kazakhstan 150-142 in the quarterfinals before staving off a tough challenge from South Korea's Jaewon Yang 150-146 in the

semis to book his berth in the final. Verma, meanwhile, defeated Kazakhstan's Andrey Tyutunin in a shootout after the scores were tied at 147-all in the last eight. The Indian then overcame South Korea's Jaehoon Joo 147-145 in the semifinals to march into the final.

"The conditions were tough. It was overcast and windy. It was challenging throughout but I kept my nerves in check and didn't allow the conditions to affect my rhythm. I am happy to make the finals and it would be interesting to play my senior teammate Abhishek in the title round. I am up for the challenge and equally happy that gold and silver will be coming to India," said Deotale.

Vennam, meanwhile, scored a narrow 149-146 win over Swami in the semis after defeating Adel Zhexenbinova of Kazakhstan in the last-eight. In the final on Saturday, Vennam will face South Korea's Chaewon So.

"Today's twin wins have given me good confidence heading into the final. Both matches were tough and could have gone either way. The conditions were also

challenging. Archery is all about how strong you are mentally. I kept faith in my abilities despite some narrow misses. I am happy with my performance," said Vennam.

Swami will play Indonesia's Ratih Zilizati Fadhy for the bronze medal on October 7. At 17, Swami had claimed India's first-ever individual gold at the World Archery Championships in August. The circuit debutant also collected gold in

the team category. "Vennam is my role model and it was fun to play against her. Losing to her in the semis was not a big deal because ultimately an Indian has gone into the final. All my teammates are my inspiration, and when I made it to the Indian senior team this year, I was a bit stunned. They help me out a lot like an elder sister or brother would," Aditi said.

Sindhu, Prannoy & Srikanth have it easy

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P V Sindhu registered a 21-9, 21-15 victory against Wen Chi Hsu of Chinese Taipei in the second round of women's singles at the Asian Games badminton on Tuesday. Sindhu will play Putri Kusuma Wardini of Indonesia in the pre-quarterfinals. Sindhu has a 1-1 record against the Indonesian, making amends for her loss at the Swiss Open with a win in Madrid Masters.

HS Prannoy, Kidambi Srikanth and the women's pairs of Teesha Jolly-Gayatri Gopichand and Ashwini Ponnapa-Tanisha Crasto also made the pre-quarterfinals.

After a bye in the first round, Prannoy had an easy 21-9, 21-12 victory against Batdavaa Munkhbat of Mongolia. He will face world No.85 Dmitriy Panarin of Kazakhstan next. Srikanth, who defeated world No. 122 Lee Yun Guy of Korea 21-16, 21-11, faces second seed Kodai Naraoka of Japan on Wednesday.

The world No. 3 enjoys a 2-0 record against the world No. 21 Indian. Teesha Gayatri downed Maldivian sisters Aminath Nabeeha, Abdul Razzaq-Fathimah Nabaha Abdul Razzaq 21-14, 21-12 to set up a pre-quarterfinal clash with third-seeded Korean pair of Kim Se Yeong and Kong Hee Yong. Ashwini and Tanish-

INDIAN RESULTS (RD II)
Men's singles: Kidambi Srikanth bt Lee Yun Guy (Kor) 21-16, 21-11;
HS Prannoy bt Batdavaa Munkhbat (Mon) 21-9, 21-12

Women's singles: PV Sindhu bt Wen Chi Hsu (Tpe) 21-10, 21-15; Gregoria Mariska Tunjung (Ind) bt Ashmita Chaitali 21-17, 21-16.

Doubles (RD I): Teesha Jolly-Gayatri Gopichand bt Aminath Nabeeha/Fathimah Nabaha (Mal) 21-14, 21-12; Ashwini Ponnapa-Tanisha Crasto bt Maisha/Aishath (Mal) 21-2, 12-2 retd.

INDIA @ HANGZHOU

EASY WINS FOR KABADDI TEAMS

Indian kabaddi players had a good day in office as both the men's and women's teams notched up comprehensive victories in their group fixtures on Tuesday. The men's team, a record seven-time champions, registered an emphatic 55-18 win over Bangladesh in a Group A match. Women's side recorded a 56-23 win over South Korea. PTI

CONTRASTING RESULTS IN CHESS

The top-seeded Indian men's chess team were held to a 2-2 draw by Iran in the fifth round. In women's team event, second-seed India crushed Mongolia 4-0 with Koneru Humpy and R Vaishali leading the way. Both the men's and women's teams are in second spot with eight match points each. While Iran (9) are leading among men, China (9) are topping women's section. PTI

DIVERS CONTINUE TO DISAPPOINT

Indian divers continued to disappoint as Siddharth Bajrang Pardeshi and London Singh Hemant failed to qualify

ON TRACK: PV Sindhu will play Indonesia's Putri Kusuma Wardini in the pre-quarters

sha downed Maisa Fathuhulaismail and Aishath Afnaan Rasheed of Maldives as the latter retired in the second game trailing 21-2, 12-2. The Indian girls will face Zhang Shu Xian and Zheng Yu of China next.

INDIA ASSURED OF THREE MEDALS IN SQUASH

Hangzhou: Saurav Ghosal was dominant in his men's singles victory while the mixed doubles pairs were also equally facile in their waltz to the semifinals of the squash competition, assuring India of three medals here on Tuesday.

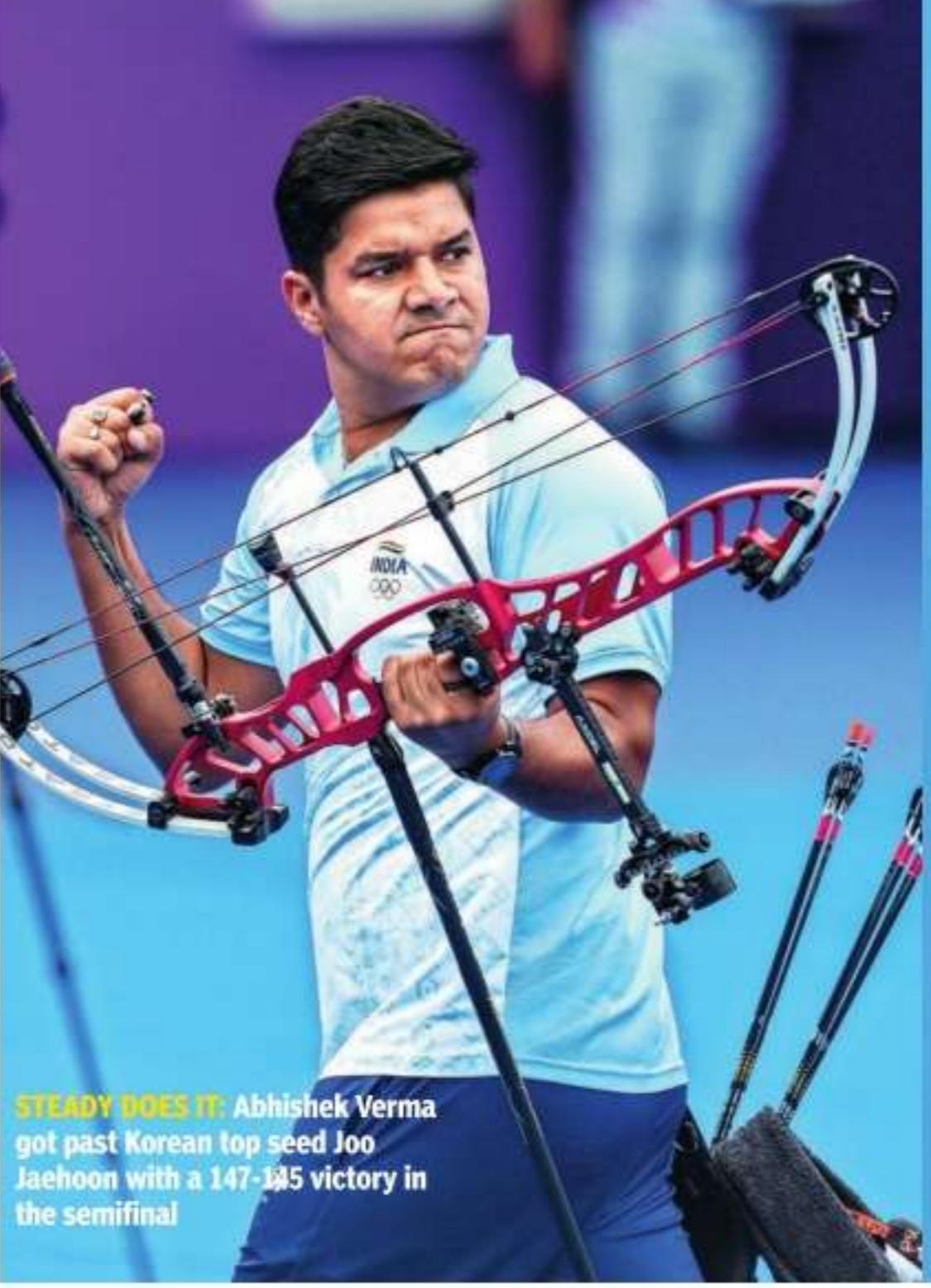
Veteran Ghosal was in his elements while scoring 11-5, 12-10, 11-3 win over Japan's Ryunosuke Tsukue while the mixed doubles team of Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh defeated Yang Yeonsoo and Dongjun Lee 11-4, 8-11, 11-1 in 32 minutes.

India started the quarterfinals on a bright note through the mixed doubles duo of Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Singh Sidhu, who came from behind to beat Jemyca Aribado and Andrew Garica of Philippines 7-11, 11-5, 11-4.

ON TOP: Saurav Ghosal (left) and Abhay Singh won their respective quarterfinal matches with ease

However, it was curtains for India's Tanvi Khanna as she lost to Satomi Watanabe in the women's singles quarterfinals 5-11, 6-11, 12-14.

Ghosal, a gold medallist in Incheon Games 2014, brought forth his years of experience to



STEADY DOES IT: Abhishek Verma got past Korean top seed Joo Jaehoon with a 147-145 victory in the semifinal



Reigning world champ Ojas Deotale roared to a four-point win over South Korean Yang Jaewon

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Dutee slams Swapna for 'transgender' slur

Olympian Backs Nandini In Row

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Hangzhou: Olympian Dutee Chand, who was banned in 2014 by the Athletics Federation of India for hyperandrogenism before getting a favourable verdict from Court of Arbitration in Sports (CAS), on Tuesday criticised Swapna Barman for calling her teammate and heptathlon bronze medallist Nandini Agasara a transgender.

She also claimed there are many top athletes in India who have hyperandrogenism.

Wading into the controversy, Dutee told TOI, "In India we have six-seven athletes with high testosterone levels, and they are competing even now. I won't take names but in the India squad there are four athletes who have this condition. It's not just me or some other athlete who has this problem (hyperandrogenism)," pointed out Dutee, who was suspended earlier this year for testing positive for a banned substance.

"This girl (Swapna) had won the gold in the last Asian Games. But this time she finished fourth and it's not good to blame anyone for that. This girl does not have proof with her, so how can she raise such an allegation."

Atanu Das

RECURVE ARCHERS FALTER AGAIN

Recurve archers once again failed to earn Olympic individual quota places as both Atanu Das and Dhiraj Bommadevara were ousted in the quarterfinals, reports **Archiman Bhaduri**. Although both the archers lost in shoot-offs, it was a rather poor show from both the Indians.

Dhiraj, who shocked double

Olympic gold medallist Kim Woojin in the World Cup Final last month, strangely missed the target twice before losing to Kazakhstan's Ifrat Abdullin 5-6 (30-29, 19-29, 28-27, 16-15, 28-28) (9-10). Das did stage a comeback after making a poor start in the first start but could not get past local lad Qi Xiangshuo losing 5-6 (23-29, 29-29, 30-28, 29-27, 28-29) (10-10*).

complaint with the Athletics Federation of India or World Athletics against Nandini, how can she say something like this in public. If she had doubts, she should have first complained with the AFI," Dutee said.

SWAPNA LODGES PROTEST

Meanwhile, Swapna stuck to her guns and lodged a protest against Nandini with the organisers. "The organising committee has received a protest from Swapna Barman for calling her teammate and heptathlon bronze medallist Nandini Agasara a transgender. Under the new WA regulations, which came into effect on March 31, 2023, DSD athletes must lower their testosterone levels to less than 2.5 nmol/L for a minimum of 24 months to compete internationally in any event in the female category. Transgender athletes are barred from competing."

the World Athletics for further action," sources said.

Asked about the World Athletics (WA) rule that athletes with differences in sexual development (DSD) must lower their high testosterone levels to compete in women's events, the organisers said there are still grey areas.

"How can she humiliate her teammate in front of the society by tweeting? "Athletes compete at the Asian Games after getting clearance from the authorities.

"These tests cannot be done during a competition. Whenever there is a complaint, it will be forwarded to the World Athletics by the continental body," they added.

“ THIS GIRL (SWAPNA) DOES NOT HAVE PROOF WITH HER, SO HOW CAN SHE RAISE SUCH AN ALLEGATION. HOW CAN SHE HUMILIATE HER TEAMMATE IN FRONT OF THE SOCIETY BY TWEETING? ”

— Dutee Chand

Indian women trounce Hong Kong 13-0 en route to last four

Will Face Hosts China For A Berth In Summit Clash

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The Indian women's hockey team finished their Pool A engagements with a glut of goals against Hong Kong on Tuesday. With their resounding 13-0 win, India topped the

pool and vaulted into the semifinals where they run into hosts China.

The contest turned out to be a dress rehearsal ahead of the tougher challenges as India aim for a gold medal which would guarantee them a ticket to the Paris Olympics.

Vandana Kataria and Deepika led India's goal rush, sounding the boards



three times each. India went ahead in the second minute with Vandana finding the mark off a pass from Navneet Kaur. India quickly doubled the lead with Vandana assisting Deepika inside the circle to score.

Although the score line is convincing, India will have to pull themselves together in terms of penalty corners. They wasted two consecutive

opportunities in the third and fourth minutes. In all, they earned 16 penalty corners and managed to convert six against a team with a rather feeble defence.

That said, India experimented with variations with Monika and Sangita Kumari working the flanks well. The relentless attacks resulted in India finishing the opening quarter with a 6-0 lead. India marginally slowed down in the second quarter but came

back with renewed intensity and made light work of the opposition in the final quarter.

India will play their last-four contest on Thursday.

Men set for Korea test

Indian men will have their task cut out when they take on a plucky South Korea in the semifinal on Wednesday. While India topped Pool A with an unbeaten record, Korea had one blemish, a shock 2-3 loss to China.

Ranked no. 12 in the world, and third among Asian teams behind India and Malaysia, defence is Korea's USP and among their strengths is their never-say-die attitude.

RESULT: India 13 (Vandana Kataria 2, 16, 48; Deepika 4, 54, 58; Monika 7, Deep Grace Ekka 11, 42; Sangita Kumari 27, 55; Vaishnavi Phalke 34, Navneet Kaur 58) bt Hong Kong 0.

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India will play their last-four contest on Thursday.

Jena hopes to claim a medal and book 2024 Paris Olympics berth

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Kolkata: After Kishore Jena's stupendous showing at World Championships in August which helped him finish fifth in the javelin final with a throw of 84.77m, all his focus will now be on qualifying for Paris Olympics as he competes at his maiden Asian Games in Hangzhou on Wednesday.

Expectedly Neeraj Chopra will remain the cynosure but India

would hope for Jena to also finish on the podium and hit the Olympic qualifying mark of 85.50m.

Despite the expectations though, Jena remains as grounded as ever and is relishing the prospect of competing with Chopra, who is a constant source of inspiration for him on and off the field.

However, Jena's coach Samarjeet Singh Malhi wanted him to only focus on his showing and not worry about others. "Jena's competition is with himself. Hopefully, he will give his best during the event and better his show," said the coach on Tuesday.

While he has been brilliant this year, his coach Malhi is not resting on the laurels. "We have been especially working on his block and rhythm after he came back from the Worlds. If he can get that perfect rhythm and maintain his body posture, he will be able to perform better," added the coach.

Arjun was born near the Loktak Lake, the largest freshwater body in Northeast India. Sunil took his first canoeing lessons at the water sports training complex near the lake. He shifted to Hyderabad in 2013 on the advice of his aunt who is also a canoe coach. In 2015, he got selected for the national camp and became the national champion next year. He then trained at the Roorkee Army centre but polished his skills at the Bhopal SAI Centre under Pijush Baroi, who is the

men's coach.

Arjun was also in Roorkee before shifting to Bhopal recently on the advice of Baroi. They paired up for the first time a few months ahead of the Canoe Sprint World Championships in Germany.

Arjun's family is from Bhagpat, Uttar Pradesh, but later they shifted to Roorkee. "My father is no more and my mother works at a medicine manufacturing factory in Roorkee and earns ₹8000 to ₹10000 a month. We live in a rented house. It was very difficult with that meagre income. My mother suffered a lot," said Arjun.

"It is a little better now since I am at the Bhopal SAI Centre," said Arjun, a class 12 student. PTI

Canoe medallists: Tiding over struggles to reach podium

Hangzhou: Sunil Singh Salam, son of a fisherman, and Arjun Singh, born to a factory worker, grew up 2000km apart from each other. But there is a binding thread—an unending passion for water sports unhindered by their difficult formative years.

The 24-year-old Sunil from Moirang, Manipur, and the 16-year-old Arjun, who grew up in Roorkee, combined that passion to land India a bronze medal in men's double kayak 1000



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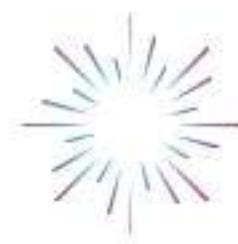


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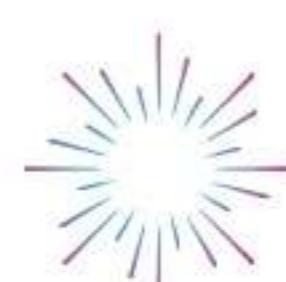
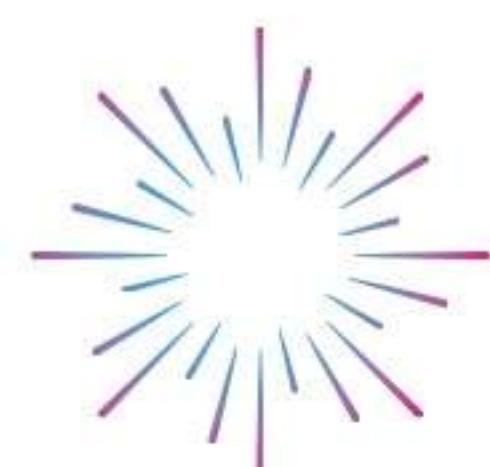
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