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'Quad working for peace in Indo-Pacific'

PM to attend Quad summit, to hold bilateral talks with US President Biden

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 21 SEPTEMBER

rime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in the United States on Saturday on a threeday visit, saying he looks forward to participating in the Quad Summit being hosted by President Joe Biden in his hometown Wilmington and addressing 'The Summit of the Future' at the UN General Assembly in New York.

"PM@narendramodi arrives in the historic city of Philadelphia. An actionpacked day with engagements in bilateral and Ouad formats in Wilmington, Delaware lies ahead," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal wrote on social media platform X.

In a statement before his departure, Mr Modi said he is keen to join "my colleagues" President Biden, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of Australia and Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan for the Quad Summit. The forum, he noted, has emerged as a key group of like-minded countries to work for peace, progress and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

The PM said his meeting with President Biden will allow



the two leaders to review and identify new pathways to further deepen the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership for the benefit of their people and the global

"I am eagerly looking forward to engaging with the Indian diaspora and important American business leaders, who are the key stakeholders and provide vibrancy to the unique partnership between the largest and the oldest democracies of the world,"

Mr Modi said 'The Summit of the Future' is an opportunity for the global community to chart the road ahead for the betterment of humanity. "I will share views of one-sixth of humanity as their stakes in a peaceful and secure future are among the highest in the world,

he added. The four-nation Quad Summit will take place late tonight. On the margins of the summit, Mr Modi will hold bilateral meetings with President Biden and the PMs of Australia and Japan.

Mr Modi will hold wideranging talks with President Biden on bilateral issues as well as global developments, including the conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia.

According to Foreign Sec-

retary Vikram Misri, the meeting between the two leaders gives the PM an opportunity to thank President Biden for his pioneering role in strengthening the India-US relationship and for several new initiatives such as the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technolo-

This is likely to be Mr Modi's final official meeting with Mr Biden, who has announced that he won't be running for re-election.

Agreements related to the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework and the India-US Drug Framework will also be exchanged between the two countries during Mr Modi's visit.

Asked if a meeting between the PM and former US President Donald Trump was also scheduled, Mr Misri said: "There are many meetings which we are trying to fix. Right now, I will not be able to tell you about any specific meeting." Mr Trump, who is in the running for the US presidency as the Republican Party candidate, earlier announced that he would be meeting Mr Modi during the latter's visit to

the works of Delhi, and also work towards getting Arvind

also said that she would work

under the guidance of the

AAP chief. It was last week

that Mr Kejriwal had said he would resign from the post

of CM and undergo trial by

The senior AAP leader had

Kejriwal back as CM.

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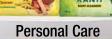


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Atishi takes oath as Delhi's 3rd woman CM would not let anyone hamper

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Senior AAP leader Atishi on Saturday took oath as the new Chief Minister of Delhi. in a ceremony held at the Raj Niwas here. Other than the CM, five

Cabinet ministers were also sworn in alongside her, as ena administered their oath. The members of the Cabinet include familiar faces, such as Saurabh Bharadwaj, Gopal Rai, Kailash Gahlot, and Imran Hussain, while Mukesh Ahlawat is a new entrant.

The oath-taking ceremony was a relatively low-key affair, given the circumstances of outgoing CM Arvind Kejriwal's resignation, who had announced his decision to step down, stating he would return to the post only after receiving a "certificate of honesty" from the people of Delhi in the upcoming assembly polls due early next year.

He had proposed Atishi's



name and the same was approved by AAP legislators in its party meeting, where she was chosen as the leader.

Minister of State, Corporate Affairs and Lok Sabha MP from East Delhi Harsh Malhotra, Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi, AAP leader Manish Sisodia, BJP MP Manoj Tiwari and several other dignitaries were

present on the occasion. Being the third woman

CM of Delhi after Sushma Swaraj and Sheila Dikshit, Atishi's leadership will be keenly watched. She has previously handled over 10 portfolios in the Kejriwal government, including Education, Higher Education, and Public Works Department.

She had earlier said that she was not happy as her leader, Mr Kejriwal, had to resign from the post, and had asked people not to congratulate her.

She had also said that she

fire (agni nariksha) to get th certificate of honesty from the public after allegations of corruption were levelled against him in the Delhi excise Mr Kejriwal had made this

announcement after being released on bail in the Delhi excise policy case and has said that now he would go before the people and only become CM when people vote him to power.

Atishi becomes the second serving woman chief minister in the country at present, alongside Bengal's Mamata Banerjee. She is also the 17th woman chief minister of a state in Independent India.

Junior doctors return to work after 42-day strike

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 21 SEPTEMBER

Junior doctors on Saturday partially resumed work in 26 government medical colleges and hospitals after a prolonged 42-day cease-work strike demanding justice in the wake of the brutal rape and murder of a 31 year-old woman post graduate trainee (PGT) doctor inside her workplace at R G Kar Medical College Hospital on 9 August.

Amid outrage and massive protests over the incident, the junior doctors had been refraining from work in these teaching hospitals, while raising a five-point charter of demands.

These demands include justice for the incident with arrests of all culprits involved in the case, the removal of Kolkata police commissioner Vineet Kumar Goval, as well as the principal secretary in charge of the health department Narayan Swaroop Nigam, director of medical education (DME) Prof Kaustav Nayak and director of health services (DHS) Dr Debashis Halder, ensuring safety and security inside college premises and formation of a task force



in every teaching hospital. A breakthrough came after their meeting earlier this week with chief minister Mamata Baneriee, where most of their demands were accepted, though the government has refused to remove the principal

secretary. Today, a day after ending their sit-in protest in front of Swasthya Bhawan, the state health department headquarters, the junior doctors, includings PGTs, house staff and essential emergency services department but not in the OPDs (Out-Patient Departments) "We have started rejoining

duties today. Our colleagues have started returning to their respective departments since this morning only in essential and emergency services, but not in the OPDs. Please do not forget that this is only a partial resumption of duties," Aniket Mahato, one of the

He said some of his colleagues have already left for flood-hit districts of the state where they would start 'Abhava clinics' (medical camps), to demonstrate their commitment to public health even amid ongoing protests.

'Abhaya' is the nickname given by many to the RG Kar rape-murder victim.

"Today, we visited floodravaged Keshpur in West Midnapore district and held medical camp there. We attended flood-affected patients at the Abhaya clinic and distributed dry food among people. Tomorrow, we will visit another flooded area, Panskura," he said. The agitating doctors said that they would wait another seven days for the administration to fulfil their demands for justice for the deceased doctor and the removal of the state health secretary. Thereafter they would start another round of cease-work strike.

The CBI, which is investigating the rape and murder case, has arrested several people, including former principal of the RG Kar Hospital, Sandip Ghosh, in the course of its investigation into the mat-

interns in state-run medical agitating doctors, said.

Tea workers' bonus: Negotiations inconclusive, unions stick to 20 pc

Unions have decided to continue their agitation across their respective plantations

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SILIGURI. 21 SEPTEMBER

he tripartite meeting called by the labour department yesterday to discuss the bonus for tea workers in the Hills ended inconclusively after a section of workers staged an agitation last night in Siliguri. The planters in the Hills had agreed to provide a 9.5 per cent bonus, while the Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations (CCPA) had announced a 16 per cent bonus.

Trade unions in the Hills, united in their demand for a 20 percent bonus, have decided to continue their agitation across their respective plantations. Leaders from all the



row in the Hills to decide on their next course of action until the labour department convenes another meeting to resolve the issue.

Meanwhile, unions representing over 175 tea plantations in the Terai and Dooars have agreed to a 16 per cent bonus, along with compensatory payment, for the 2023-24 accounting year. This decision came after a lengthy bipartite meeting in Kolkata that extended late into the night on 19 September.

This was the second round of in-person meetings held by the CCPA to address the bonus issue. Last vear, after similar discussions, the CCPA agreed to a 19 per cent bonus. However, this year, the unions settled for 16 per cent, considering the financial challenges faced by many tea gardens. Despite the lower percentage, the overall bonus amount remains similar to in workers' wages.

Sources indicate that although unions were initially hesitant, they ultimately accepted the 16 per cent bonus, acknowledging the "distress situation" affecting many tea estates. The increased wages and the current economic climate made this agreement a fair com-

Ziaul Alam, spokesperson for the joint forum of trade unions, noted that a key point of the negotiations was the adjustment of the salary ceiling for bonus calculations. For this accounting year, the ceiling has been raised from Rs 16,500 to Rs 17,000, influencing the calculation of gross earnings.

Nirjal Dey, president of the Darjeeling district (plains) branch of INTTUC, called

the agreement a significant achievement. He emphasized that despite the 'adverse situation' facing the tea gardens, the unions and CCPA were able to reach a mutually beneficial settlement.

Mr Alam further highlighted the ongoing difficulties caused by severe wea ther and 'illogical regulatory measures' imposed by the Tea Board of India, which have added strain to the industry.

The agreement will benefit nearly 2.75 lakh workers. including temporary and contractual labourers, across the Terai and Dooars regions. The total bonus disbursed is expected to inject approximately Rs 300 crore into the local economy, providing crucial relief to workers and their families as they continue

Water experts suspect hidden tributaries for feeding dams despite no rain

KANCHAN SIDDIOUI

Even without any rain in the last three days inflow of thousands of acre-feet of water to the upper dam reservoirs continues. Seniorwater commission officials suspect certain 'hidden'

feeders responsible for the

flow of water to the dams.

Rains in the upper dam catchment areas have completely stopped since Wednesday afternoon, but the Maithon reservoir recorded increasing water inflow from 811 acrefeet to 25,724 acre-feet. The figures in Panchet ranged between 3.048 acre-feet to 50.669 acre-feet. The outflow, accordingly, had to be scaled up from 811 acre-feet to 21,856 and 19,400 acre-feet in Maithon and from 4,159 acrefeet to 80.040 acre-feet in

Panchet in the last three days. 'We are really surprised to note the altering and even accelerating degrees in con-

tinued inflow in both the dams," said Shashi Rakesh, member secretary, Damodar Valley River Regulation Committee. He added, "We suspect some never diagnosed hidden small tributaries responsible for this. We've taken note of this bizarre issue and have suggested the hydrology sur-

hold an inspection on this.' In November, 2020, during the Durgapur Barrage's lockgate disaster that had forced the state irrigation authorities to go for absolute evacuation of the barrage pond, an unknown rivulet Khadia was

vev experts of the Damodar

Valley Corporation should

identified as 'culprit' for uninterrupted feeding to the dried up pond, when the upper dams had halted discharge for restoration work of the damaged lock-gates. Despite the halt, water flow was measured 1,236 cusecs near the affected lock-gate, said executive engineer Sanjoy Majum-

dar of Damodar Headworks.

Damodar originates from Khamarpat Hill on the Chota Nagpur plateau and travels 592 km across Jharkhand and West Bengal. Its key tributaries are Barakar, Konar and a few smaller feeder channels like Khadia, Guaia,

$Gall oping \, trains \, to \, stop \, at \, all \,$ stations during Puja days

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 21 SEPTEMBER

As Durga Puja is round the corner and the pre-puja crowd is already swelling with every passing day, the Sealdah Division is gearing up to handle the enormous footfall during the festive

Aiming to accommodate a huge festive rush during the upcoming Durga Puja, the Sealdah division authorities have decided to provide stoppages of galloping trains at all stations in all sections during Puja days from 9-12

The authorities are also to critically monitor the punctuality of train movements at the apex level during Puja

The decision was taken during a high level meeting to make arrangements for

controlling the massive crowd expected during puja days and facilitating them with proper transportation for visiting pandals.

A crucial issue that poses a threat in train movements in some pockets is the puja pandals close to tracks.

According to the divisional railway sources, there are 50 puja pandals, which are allegedly constructed within 10 to 20 meters from the railway track. According to official

sources, huge crowds at these pandals are a potential threat to the safety and security of train operations.

Considering the situation, the Sealdah division authorities have decided to deploy a special RPF contingent at such places in coordination with local police authority, to manage the crowd.

The Sealdah Division authorities are also considering restricting trolley movements at Sealdah station during peak hours from 6 pm to 5 am during puja days.

Apart from this, the divisional railway has decided to specially monitor train indication system and passenger address system at stations like Sealdah, Bidhannagar, Dum Dum, Naihati, Ballygunge, Sonarpur, Kolkata, Kanchrapara, Barrackpur, Majherhat, Krishnanagar and so on.

One injured after firing incident

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Unidentified assailants fired several rounds from close range at one Krishna Nunia in Chinakuri, under Kulti police station of Asansol Durgapur Police Commissionerate (ADPC) last evening.

At the time of shooting, Krishna Nunia was standing beside his parked motorcycle in Chinakuri, in front of the residence of TMC district chairman and former Kulti MLA Ujjal Chatterjee.

Kulti police arrived at the site and immediately shifted him to Asansol District Hospital. He was lying on the ground in a pool of blood. The victim is a resident of Nunia Bustee in Asansol

Sandeep Karra, ADCP (West) of ADPC said that police have started investigations and are scanning CCTV footage in the area. So far, nobody has been Kulti police arrived at the site and immediately shifted the victim to Asansol District Hospital. He was lying on the ground in a pool of blood. The victim is a resident of Nunia Bustee in Asansol town.

arrested in this case.

Prima facie, police suspect that the suspects had fired at him due to some old rivalry. This is the third time miscreants have attempted to kill him. There are several criminal cases against Krishna Nunia in Kulti police station area.

He received five bullet injuries in both hands, stomach and legs. His condition is critical. Uiial Chatteriee visited the hospital today to meet him and said that the police should take strong actions and nab the misTwo college students expelled for allegedly taking part in agitation STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

Two students of Saradamoni College in Bankura have been expelled from the college allegedly for taking part in the agitation on the RGKarissue. Both of them are students of the fifth semester.

Shyamal Santra, head of the department of the college and minister of state said that both the students have been raising funds in the name of agitation and have been expelled from the college after receiving complaints from other students.

Both the students have refuted the allegations and claimed that when they have been agitating on this issue like others in the state. nobody from the college has informed them not to take part in any agitation.

Lyangcha shops wait to welcome Anubrata Mondal



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE BURDWAN. 21 SEPTEMBER

Whenever Kesto da came to Shaktigarh, our counters

recorded encouraging footfalls and hefty business. He's now released on bail and we're eagerly waiting for his arrival here, said an excited Probodh Sarkar, a

seller of Burdwan's Lyangcha

Hub, today. Birbhum Trinamul Congress leader Anubrata Mondal, arrested in cattle smuggling case, was in Tihar Jail in New Delhi. He's granted bail and is likely to return to his home Anubrata Mondal at a Lyangcha shop in Shaktigarh.

turf in Birbhum soon.

with him.

The leader, as the confectioners of Shaktigarh, said, "Always liked lyangcha and during his every visit, uncountable people used to come and sit in the shop. Kesto da used to buy the dessert for

Another seller Abdul Hakim said, "He means good and lucrative business for us. We've very excited after he is released from jail."

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WBPHED/EE/AMD/NIeT-27 of 2024

WBPHED/EE/AMD/NIeT-27 of 20242025 and ID: 2024_PHED_754394_1 to 8 different works/supply under Asansol Mechanical Division, P.H.E. Dte. For details visit website https://wbtenders.gov.in The last date submission of tender is 30.09.2024 upto 1 6: 0 0 hrs.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Asansol Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. ICA- T17312(2)/2024

PWD TENDER NOTICE

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Barasat Division, PWD. invites online e-Tender for the work of "Repair and renovation work of Security Booth, Room No. 12 & 18, old drivers room cum security room, Disha room, NS DNS room construction of Gents & Ladies Toilet, installation of collabsible gate at NS/ DNS room, infront of CCU & at superintendent chamber of Basirhat District Hospital under Basirhat Sub Division PWD of Barasat Division PWD. In the District of North 24 Parganas." e-NIT No. WBPWD/BSTD/EE/NIT37e/ 24-25 Tender ID: 2024 WBPWD 753823_1 Bid submission start date (online) 19/09/2024 from 6:30 P.M. Bid submission end date (online) 01/10/2024 up to 3:30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only Details of N.I.T. and Tender document may be down in load ed from stronger Barasat Division.

potholes of Kholapota-Baduria-Maslandapur-Habra (KBMH) Road from Ch. From 19.00 kmp to 22.50 kmp of Bongaon Sub-Division under Barasa Division, PWD during the year 2024-25.' Sl. No.: 02 "Repairing of potholes of Kholapota-Baduria-Maslandapur-Habra (KBMH) Road from Ch. From 24.00 kmg

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Air Conditioning Machine and El work at

ADM(G), ADM(LR), ADM (D) Bunglow, in the Dist of Nadia." Estimated Amount: Item Rate e NIQ No: WBPWD/ EE/NED/NIQ-C-1/28/ (1st call) 24-25, Bid submission start date (online) 25.09.2024 from 10.00 A.M Bid submission closing date. (online)

25.09.2024 from 10.00 A.M on submission closing date (online) 01.10.2024 from 01.00 P.M NIT and Tender document may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- R.B. Mallick Executive Engineer, PWD Nadia Electrical Division Krishnagar, Nadia. ICA- T17355(2)2024

PWD TENDER NOTICE ne e-tender for the work of " SITC of

http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer-I Barasat Division. ICA- T17357(2)/2024

to 27.00 kmp of Bongaon Sub-Division under Barasat Division, PWD during the year 2024-25." e-NIT No WBPWD/BSTD/EE/NIT35e/24-25. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_753537_1, 2024_WBPWD_753537_2, Bid submission start date (online) 19/09/2024 from 6:30 P.M. Bid submission end date (online 30/09/2024 upto 3:30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender document may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Barasat Division. ICA- T17343(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Uttar Dinajpu Division, PWD invites online e-tender fo Division, PwD invites online e-tender 70 1 (one) no. Civil work. e-NIT No. 10 of 2 0 2 4 - 2 5. Tender 1 D 2024_WBPWD_753890_1 Bid submission start date (online) 21/09/2024 from 11:00 a.m. Bid submission start date (online) submission closing date (online 28/09/2024 at 11:30 a.m. Corrigendum if any, will be published in website only Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Uttar Dinajpur Division,PWD ICA- T17366(2)/2024

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE

N.I.T. NO.- WBIW/SDO/KCSD-X/
eNIT-04e/2024-25 (2nd Call)

On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, e-Tender is invited by the undersigned for 01 (One) no. of work under Kangsabati Canals Sub-Division No. X, Kotulpur, Bankura, I & W Dte., Online bid submission closing date: 30.09.2024 till 11:00 Hours 1ST. Other details may be seen in the website details may be seen in the website www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.wbiwd.gov.in Sd/- Sub-Divisional Officer, Kangsabati Canals Sub-Division No.-X, Kotulpur, Bankura. ICA-T17290(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Directorate of Agriculture, West Bengal

Office of the Economic Botanist-III,

Wesat Bengal NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (NIT) No. 15/RKVY/CAFETERIA/ARC/2024-25 The Economic Botanist-III, W.B. invites etender for the following works/supplies Name of the Work: (01) Supply and Installation of Poly Green House (400 sq.m.) with Fan-Pad Cooling system and (02) Supply and Installation of Shade net house-tubular structure [insect proof, UV Stabilized 40 mesh white net with rain proof cover and mother beds for production of ARC, (200 Sq. mt)], Estimate Value 11.49 Lakh, EMD 23980/-Last Date of bid submission 27.09.2024 upto 3:00 P.M. The Technical Bid Opening Date: 30.09.2024 at 3:00 P.M. The bid froms and other details are available at the website http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- H.S. Das, Economic Botanist-III. ICA- T17287(2)/2024 PWD TENDER NOTICE EE/PWD/TD, invites e-Tender for Urgent repair works 0.00 kmp to 5.500 kmp in

patches of Basulichak - Boga Road unde Haldia Construction Sub Division No.I, in Haldia Construction Sub Division No.I, in the Dist. of Purba Medinipur in the year 2024-2025. NIeT No. 25 of 2024-2025 Tender ID: 2024 WBPWD_753219_1 Bid submission start date (online): 19.09.2024 from 10.00 Hours Bid Submission closing date (online): 01.10.2024 at 15.00 Hours Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIeT and Tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte. Tamluk Division.

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer-I, P.W.Dte., Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division, P-12,

C.I.T Road (1st Floor), Kolkata 14 invites e-tender (online) for the work of (1) SITC of Air Conditioning Machine with allied

E.I. Work at YOGA, Physiotherapy Unit as well as of PG OPD room and Conference Room at The Calcutta Homoeopathic Medical College &

Hospital.vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EE/CKHED/eNIT-55/24-25

Tender ID: 2024 WBPWD 752924 1

Bid submission end date (online) for the

nformation /download/upload will be

available from the website:

http://etender.wb.nic.in, http://wbtenders.gov.in & http://pwdwb.in Sd/- A. Haldar.

Executive Engineer-I, P.W.Dte. Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division ICA- T17317(2)/2024

TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited by the Ex-Eng Bol.MD, PHED on behalf of Governor of W.B. vide Ref. No. WBPHED/56/Bol M D / 2 4 - 2 5 and I D : 2024_PHED_753837_1 to 2 for Operation & Guarding of pumping machinery & others for different PWSS of Birbhum district. Details can be obtained from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in The last date of tender submission is 28.09.24 upto 12.00 noon. Sd/- for Ex-Engr, Bol.MD Divn., PHED. ICA- T17306(2)(2020 Divn., PHED. ICA- T17306(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL KMDA TENDER NOTICE e-NIT No: 6/EE/HGD/W&S/KMDA of

e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, W&S Sector, KMDA, 1, R.N. Tagore Road, Kolkata-700076, from eligible and resourceful contractors, for the work, Name of Work, Sectionated Amount Engineer Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Annual Maintenance for staff quarter of building no 100,200,300,400,500,600 including jungle cutting and garbage cleaning on daily basis inside the premises of at Ariadaha Mallick Inside the preimises of at Aradana Manick Bari Campus under Kamarhati Municipal area for a period of 12 months., Rs.7.15,080/-, Rs.14,302/-, 12 months. End date and time of online Bid submission: 01.10.2024 upto 16:30 hrs., for details contact the above office or visi (KMDA-573) www.kmda.wb.gov.in www.wbtenders.gov.in GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE WBPHE/AE/06/CHIN/2024-25

e-Tender is invited by the Assistant Engineer, Chinsurah Sub Division, PHE Dte. for NIeT NowBPHE/AE/06/ CHIN/2024-25 for various PWSS related works under Hooghly Division PHE Dte. Bid submission Closing Date is Sid Submission Closing Date is 25.09.2024 upto 03:00 p.m. For Details, corrigendum/addendum, participating in the tender log on to :-www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Chinsurah (Sadar) Sub-Division, PHE Dte. Government of W.B. ICA-T17299(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGA The West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (A Government of West Bengal Undertaking 'Shilpa Bhavan' 31, Black Burn Lane, Kolkata-700012 CORRIGENDUM for Extension of Date

NIET 06 of 2024-25 SI .01 and 02 for Signage Work

1) Tender ID: 2024_MSMET_743084_1 and
2) Tender ID: 2024_MSMET_743084_2 A corrigendum in connection with th above mentioned Notice inviting Elec tronic Tender (NIET) has been pub lished for information of the intend ing bidders. Last Date of submission of Tender: 25.09.2024 up to 2.00 p.m. Date of opening of Tender ex-tended to: 27.09.2024 up to 2.00 p.m For details, log on to https:// wbtenders.gov.in. & https://

Sd/- Superintending Engineer ICA- T17285(1)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Tenders from bonafide bidders as per GO are invited by the Executive Engineer, PWD, Berhampore Division No-II. e-N.I.T. No. 08 of 2024-25. Tender for the work (I) Construction of Doctor's Rest Room at first floor in the main building of MMC&H., Murshidubsd (Raattierer Saathi). Estimated Amount put to tender Rs. 996142-88. Tender ID: 2024 PWD, 754153_1, (Iii) Repair and renovation of Doctor's rest room of Female Medicine Ward, Male Medicine Ward, Pediatrics Medicine Ward at 2nd Floor of main building of MMC&H. (Ratterer Saathi). Estimated Amount put to tender Rs. 990513.87. Tender ID: 2024 PWD, 754153_2, (Iiii) Repair and renovation of Doctor's rest room of Female Surgical Emergency, Female Ortho, Pediatrics Surgery Ward, Male Surgical Cold Ward at first floor of main building of MMC&H., Murshidabad (Ratterer Saathi). Estimated Amount put to tender Rs. 983486-37. Tender ID: 2024 PWD, 754153_3 & (Iii) Repair and renovation of Doctor's rest room of Anaesthesia Doctor room and Male Surgical Ward ground floor of main building of MMC&H, Murshidabad (Ratterer Saathi). Estimated Amount put to tender Rs. 914217-70. Tender ID: 2024 PWD, 754153_5. Details may be obtained from office during working h o u r s a n d a l s o f r o m http://wbwdnders.gov.in Bid submission start date and time: 20.09.2024 from 6:00 p.m. (IST). N.B.- Any corrigendum/ and addendum, if issued for this eNIT will be published in Online mode only. Berhampore Division No.II

PWD TENDER NOTICE

PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, P.W.D, North 24 Prgs
Electrical Division invite online e Tender
for the work of :- "Urgent Electrical
Illumination works at entire Hospital
campus at Naihati State General
Hospital, Dist. - North 24 Parganas
under Barrackpore Electrical SubDivision, P.W.Dte. (Rattirer Sathi
S c h e m e) " N I T N O:
WBPWD/EE/N24/EL/e-NIO-178/24-25 WBPWD/EE/N24/EL/e-NIQ-178/24-25 Tender id: 2024_WBPWD_754107_ Bid Submission start date (Online 19/09/2024 Bid Submission Closing dat 19/09/2024 Bid Submission Closing date (Online): 01/10/2024 Corrigendum if any will be published website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be d o w n l o a d e d f r o m http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD NORTH 24 PARGANAS ELECTRICAL DIVISION. ICA-T17372(2)/2024 **GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL** PWD TENDER NOTICE
e- Quotation is invited by the Executive
Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical

Division. Onkarmal Jetia Road, Howrah Division. Onkarmal Jetia Road, Howrah— 711103. NIQ No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIQ-13 of 2024-2025. Memo.2676 Dt.19.09.2024. Tender ID -2024_WBPWD_754025_1. Name of Work: Electrical Installation works regarding illumination and beautification of recently renovated Military Bridge at Uluberia in the District of Howrah, Last Date of bird submission. Military Bridge at Uluberia in the District of Howard Last Date of bid submission: 04.10.2024. Intending bidder may download the Quotation documents from the website: www.pwd.wb.in, http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-A.Das Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical Division. Govt. of West Bengal ICA- T17378(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WBDOF/BW/1/2024-25 2024_DOF_753319_ South 24 Pgs Supply of good 30.10.2024

23.09.2024 WBDOF/BW/3/2024-25 2024_DOF_753340_: nd Purba Medinip ntai, Purba Medinipu 30.10.2024 Other details may also be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Director of













emonially run by the Eastern Railway from Kolkata station to Prinsep Ghat station to commemorate 40 years of Chakra Rail (Circular Railway) operations in

One dead in floods: Susanta Maity, a resident of Pursura No.1 anchal was washed away by the flood waters on Saturday. Mr Maity had stepped out in early morning in waist deep flood water to attend nature's call. The flood waters carried him away. His body was recovered after two hours by a local resident, who raised an alarm. The body has been sent for post-mortem.

Rape arrest: Siliguri police have arrested an assistant sub-inspector on charges of alleged rape, following a complaint lodged by a woman in July this year. The accused, Amar Bir. who was posted in the traffic department under the Siliguri Police Commissionerate, was produced in court today. His arrest came after the Siliguri Court rejected his anticipatory bail plea on Friday. The complaint had been filed at the Matigara police station, prompting the subsequent investigation and arrest of the accused.

8 nabbed from border: The BSF apprehended eight individuals. including three Bangladeshi nationals, along the Indo-Bangladesh border, under the North Bengal Frontier on Friday. Two of the Bangladeshi nationals were handed over to the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB). while the third was turned over to the New Jalpaiguri police station. Additionally, five Indian nationals were also apprehended and smugaled items, including contraband, were seized. The Indian suspects were handed over to the police for

Masagram station: The engineering department of Howrah division transformed the Masagram station approach by developing 1,000 sqm of area with a sprawling 200m x 5m space for enhanced passenger experience. The department has also planted 158 plants.

Special Metro Services for ISL: The Kolkata Metro Railway has decided to run one special service on each day of the Indian Super League (ISL) football matches slated to be played at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan in Salt Lake. The special service would be operated after the match on 23 and 27 September, 5 and 19 October, 9, 23, 29 and 30 November, 12, 14, 17 and

Kalna girl wins gold in Pattaya: A student from Kalna, East Burdwan bagged a gold medal in the Asia Pacific Sports Championship held at Pattaya in Thailand. Class V student Keya Das won gold medals in the entire three segments of the tournament and returned home on Saturday.

21 December.

CBI interrogates Sandip Ghosh's confidants

Both are under the scanner for their unwarranted presence at RG Kar crime scene



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

ne central bureau of Investigation (CBI), probing the rape and murder of a junior doctor at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital today interrogated Birupaksha Biswas and another doctor Avik Dey, both considered close to former principal of R G Kar hospital Sandip

Ghosh, today. Both the junior doctors are under the CBI scanner allegedly for their roles in promoting threat culture in government medical colleges and hospitals and their alleged presence at the scene of crime on 9 August, where they were not supposed to be present.

Birupaksha Biswas is former senior resident doctor attached to the pathology department of the Burdwan Medical College & Hospital arrived at the CBI's office on Saturday for interrogation related to the 9 August rape and murder case.

Biswas was summoned a day after the special court in Kolkata extended the CBI

CBI unearths major flaws in medicine procurement system

KOLKATA, 21 SEPTEMBER

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officials probing the financial irregularities in R. G. Kar Medical College & Hospital in Kolkata have detected severe flaws in the medicine procurement system of the medical facility under its former principal Sandip Ghosh.

Sources aware of the development said that during the process of procurement of medicines from outside agencies, the essential aspect of the technical evaluation of all the bidders was ignored.

As per protocol, the technical evaluation is the first step in shortlisting the bidders based on their relevant expertise and reputation in the supply of medicines to

custody of former officer in-

charge of Tala police station

media that he had indeed

gone to the RG Kar hospital

on that day but was not pres-

too was a PGT at SSKM, was

seen in the alleged assembly

ent at the seminar hall.

Mr Biswas claimed to the

Similarly, Avik Dey, who

Abhijit Mondal

 $reputed\,medical\,institutions.$ The bidders shortlisted through this technical evaluation system are supposed to be allowed in the second stage or financial aspect of the bidding, where one shortlisted bidder quoting the lowest bidding price is awarded the contract.

This technical evaluation part is the most important in such cases since the patients' health depends on the items the bidders will supply.

However, the sources added, the investigating officials have come across incriminating documents which reveal that the first step of the technical evaluation was hardly followed at R.G Kar under Ghosh's command,

Bidders, even without

at the seminar hall, whom

the Kolkata Police had claimed

to be a fingerprint expert,

which was contested by the

state branch of Indian Medical

the West Bengal Medical

Council on 7 September,

along with two other doctors,

the erstwhile resident medical

Biswas was suspended by

Association.

any remote capability of qualifying in the technical evaluation process, were allowed to step into the second stage, the sources added.

In most cases, the sources said, the tenders were awarded to such non-eligible bidders just because they quoted the lowest bidding price.

Several R.G. Kar insiders including some post-graduate trainees have informed the investigating official that their repeated alerts directly to Ghosh about the quality of the medicines supplied were ignored.

The investigating officials have also come to know that the junior doctor who was raped and murdered within the hospital premises in August was extremely vocal about the quality of the medicines.

officer of the radiodiagnosis department of Burdwan Medical College Avik De and junior doctor of Midnapore Medical College & Hospital Mustafizur Rahaman Mallick.

While the central agency interrogated Birupakhsa Biswas in the morning, interrogation of Dey continued late in the evening.



Artists display their canvases during a protest rally against the recent rape and murder case at RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata

Bangladesh rolls back order, allows export of 3k tonnes of Hilsa to India

STATESMAN NEWS SER

KOLKATA, 21 SEPTEMBER

The news that the interim government in Bangladesh has finally decided to export Hilsa to India ahead of the Durga Puja festival has brought smiles on the faces of fish-loving Bengalis in Bengal.

Rolling back from its earlier decision to ban export of Hilsa to India this year, the Bangladeshi government on Saturday has approved to send 3,000 tonnes of freshwater fish to its neighbouring country.

The commerce ministry of Bangladesh stated today that with requests from different fish importers' associations in India, 3,000 tonnes of Hilsa would be exported to the latter on the eve of the Durga Pujas.

The ministry has sent a copy of its approval to the importers' association like Fish Importer's Association (FIA) in Kolkata today.

The FIA had made an appeal to Tauhid Hossain,



an advisor to the Bangladesh government on 9 September requesting him to reconsider the decision to stop export of Hilsa to India considering Durga Puja festival.

FIA in its letter had requested Bangladesh government "to please allow export of Hilsa fish for the Durga Puja" with a reminder that the former has been bringing Hilsa from Bangladesh since 1996.

The commerce ministry in Dhaka has asked the importers to send all requisite documents to the former's export division by 12 noon on 24 September otherwise applications made after the deadline won't be accepted. Importers, who have already applied to the interim government, requesting it to allow export of Hilsa to India

don't need to send further applications, according to the ministry.

Even when Bangladesh had banned the export of the fish to India, exceptions were made considering the festive season. It was former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who has taken refuge in India after being deposed last month, had reintroduced what is now called, 'hilsa diplomacy'. More than 2,000 tonnes of Hilsa on an average from the Padma river had been exported to India since 2019 in the run-up to Durga

This move by the country's interim government is akin to denying basic rights to Bengalis. Bangladeshi Ilish from Padma, a distributary of river Ganga, is essential

to Bengali Puja food. Fish importers said that every year several hundred tonnes of Hilsa is imported to Bengal via the Petrapole land customs station.

"Between September 2019 and 2023, the government of Bangladesh had allowed the export of Hilsa as a good-

will gesture during Durga Puja. We humbly request the interim government to allow the export even this year." according to an importer in

Last year, the first consignment of Padma ilish arrived in Bengal from Bangladesh through the Petrapole land port on 21 September. Nine cargo trucks, each carrying five tonnes of Hilsa, had come from Barisal.

The Bangladesh commerce ministry had allowed 79 fish exporters to send 3,950 tonnes of Hilsa to India as a special gesture on the

occasion of Durga Puja. Importers said only 1,300 tonnes of Hilsa finally reached the state

FIA secretary Sayed Anwar Maqsood said, "We are thankful to the Bangladesh government for reconsidering our appeal. With approval to export Hilsa the bilateral ties between the two neighbouring countries would be strengthened.'

Bangladeshi hilsa will be available in Kolkata and other districts by 26 or 27 September,

Rupashree scheme gets praise from UNICEF

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, 21 SEPTEMBER

UNICEF has praised the Rupashree scheme, introduced by chief minister Mamata Banerjee for women empowerment.

Trinamul Congress on its X handle wrote: "Bengal comes out on top yet again! First, Kanyashree received the prestigious UN Public Service Award. And, now the state's social welfare schemes, brainchild of Smt@Mamata Officiasl have earned high praise from UNICEF. With visionary initiatives like Kanyashree and Rupashree #BengalShows The Way setting new benchmarks every

day."
Mr Manjur Hossain,
UNICEF's head field officer, while addressing a conclave organized by the Confeder-



(CII) said these social welfare schemes are the main driving force of social welfare.

Chandrima Bhattacharya, state finance minister and president Trinamul Mahila Congress, said, "It is really great that schemes like Kanyashree and Rupashree have received praise from UNICEF. Miss Mamata Banerjee has shown the path of women's emancipation globally," she said, adding, "These schemes have set up new

parameters for social development of women.'

Through Kanyashree lakhs of women are getting financial assistance to carry on with their higher studies and the schemes have helped women immensely.

Rupashree scheme gives financial assistance to girls coming from economicallychallenged families during

marriage. Dr Shashi Panja, state minister for women and child development and social welfare said the schemes mooted by Mamata Banerjee have played an important role in women empowerment.

The schemes have received global accolades as they have immensely benefitted society. The state government is committed to ensure women empower-

Protest site at Sector V gets a fresh $coat\,of\,paint\,after\,doctors\,move\,out$



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 21 SEPTEMBER

The 11-day sit-in protest had ended on Friday and by next day, Saturday all 'traces' of it were erased from the streets and walls of Salt Lake.

The road in front of the Swastha Bhawan, the health department headquarters, was being cleaned. The junior doctors had been staging their protest at the site in front of the health headquarters.

Work began on Saturday morning in "war-like urgency." Slogans and protest art graffiti were being removed from the walls and a fresh coat of paint was being applied. We want justice is a move-

ment, which is written in the heart of the people. It can't be erased," said Dr Kinjal Nanda, a junior doctor of R The road in front of the

Lake's Sector V is not wide one. Adjacent to it is the health administrative headquarters, in front of which the junior doctors sat in protest.

The road beside it had been filled with slogans of

The walls of nearby buildings had also been painted with various protest images. Protesters had written slogans everywhere, demanding jus-

tice-on the sidewalks, doors, windows, and even manhole covers, all of which had been coloured with protest art. Until Friday, these images, colours and writings were clearly visible on the road next to the Swastha Bhawan. But by Saturday, all traces of the protest had disappeared.

Who is responsible for erasing these slogans? On whose orders was this "cleanout? No one had any answers.

On Saturday afternoon, about 15 workers were seen on that Sector V road. Some were pouring black paint on the street, while others were coating blue paint on the footpaths.

Just a day before, this road and the walls had been resounding with protest slogans. The freshly-painted blue walls looked as if they had never been touched by

any other colour. When asked why they were painting over it, one worker paused from applying black paint over the slogans and said, "We're doing what our contractor told us to. He's not here right now. We started this work in the morning, removing the paint with thinner." On being asked under whose orders this was being done, the reply came, "We don't know!" There were no answers to further questions about who, why, or when.

The protest had started after the body of a female doctor was found at R G Kar Hospital on 9 August. Junior doctors had been on strike for 42 days.

On Saturday, they resumed emergency services, and the partial strike was lifted. The RGKar case had even reached the Supreme Court.

After the apex court ordered the junior doctors to return to work, they had staged a protest march to the health headquarters.

A temporary sit-in site

was set up with tarpaulins, and ordinary citizens had extended their support. Day and night, they stayed on chanting "We want justice!"

The road in Sector V had echoed with their slogans

From Saturday, the junior doctors had returned to emergency services. Within a day of the cease-work ending, efforts were underway to restore the protest site to its previous state.

Some people speculate that this quick restoration is due to the upcoming Durga Puja. Typically, before the festival, roads and walls around Kolkata are repaired and repainted.

KMC chasing Mahalaya deadline for road repairs

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 21 SEPTEMBER

With the 'puja mood' setting in among Bengalis, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is trying to make the most of the ongoing dry spell for repairing roads. The roads department of the civic body is carrying out works round-the-clock, while chasing the Mahalaya deadline for repairing city roads.

As informed by mayor Firhad Hakim, most of the city roads are in a good condition while a few have developed potholes.

According to the mayor, the technology of plastic roads by the road department of the civic body has proved to be fruitful overall.

'However, a few roads, where the movement of cranes is a regular feature or even stretches where construction for the Metro is on, have been damaged. We had urged the city traffic police to provide the list of roads that need to be repaired and DC traffic has shared the stretches. Some roads like the Sealdah bridge, where the tram tracks were visible. have been repaired. We are carrying out the repair work at the road near Bypass, which is also getting damaged



because of movement of

cranes," said Mr Hakim. As reiterated by the mayor, if the dry spell continues to prevail for another seven to eight days, the municipal corporation hopes to complete the road repair works by Mahalaya.

"This is because, if pitching is done during rains, it will get scraped off and the repairing would not be done properly. Therefore, we were waiting for dry spells as it was raining continuously for the past 10-12 days. We got the dry spells and work is being carried out 24x7. If the dry spell continues, the roads under KMC will no longer remain damaged."

Meanwhile, the civic body has also decided to put up signages showing names of the custodians of various roads.

"We have been instructed to put up signages with names of the respective authorities responsible for the upkeep of those stretches," informed the mayor.

Centre refutes state's claims on floods

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 21 SEPTEMBER

A political battle has begun over the cause of floods in south Bengal. While chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday sent a fourpage letter to the Prime Minister after visiting the flood-affected areas, claiming that this was a "manmade flood" and alleged that the DVC released water without notifying the state, Jal Shakti minister C R Patil refuted the allegation claiming that the state was duly informed regarding the release of water from DVC.

minister last night, Patil has especially refuted the chief minister's allegations that DVC had been releasing water from two of its dams namely Maithon and Panchet without giving prior intimation to the state government.

In his letter to the chief

The ministry further claimed that from 14 to 17 September, it was decided to release 50 per cent less water than originally planned at the state's request.

However, after the increase in rainfall on 16-17 September, the decision

was reconsidered to avoid accidents.

University discusses nanotechnology Professor Ena Ray Banerjee,

principal investigator of the

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The Immunobiology and Regenerative Medicine and Transitional Outcomes research unit of department of zoology, University of Calcutta (CU) in collaboration with BioConsort Consulting and Research LLP, startup incubated under the RUSA 2.0 entrepreneurship hub of CU recently organised a daylong workshop at Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Siksha Prangan (Centre for Research) on in nano-science and nanotechnology.

The topic of the seminar was Innovation: Idea to Market. BioConsort is a startup, an end-to-end technology solution provider, with the objective to translate the findings of academic research to revenue generating products, to train the students to make them industry ready and self reliant.

Immunobiology and Regenerative Medicine Research and Transitional Outcomes Research unit, inaugurated the workshop and spoke about the importance of academic entrepreneurship in today's age, when the academic job market is saturated and there is a growing need for inno-

vations and new technologies.

She highlighted the impor-

tance of collaborative research

especially among the multidisciplinary faculty of the vast university and the need to go beyond publishing their research work in the highimpact journals.

Dr Shinjini Mitra, director of BioConsort said that this was a much awaited workshop, because the higher education curriculum of the university does not include any course of entrepreneurship, nor is there any ecosystem where enterprise building is encour-

The workshop was attended by faculty from the departments of microbiology, environmental science, geography, applied optics and photonics among others.

The registrar of the University of Calcutta and the nodal officer for the RUSA Hub Prof Debashis Das assured to implement relevant policies form smoother running of the hub so that many more startups can originate.

Kerala CM stands by ADGP Ajith Kumar, his political secretary

The Chief Minister came out against CPI-M-backed independent MLA PV Anvar, who raised serious allegations against ADGP Aiith Kumar and the CM's political secretary P Sasi

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erala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday came in to fully protect ADGP MrAjith Kumarand his political secretary PSasi against whom CPI-M-backed independent MLA PV Anvar has raised serious allegations.

Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, Chief Minister said no immediate action will be taken against ADGP MR Ajith Kumar, who allegedly met RSS leaders

No one is going to be removed just because someone has leveled an allegation, the Chief Minister said

The investigation on the allegations against the ADGP is going on. Once the report is ready, and if it is seen that he (ADĞP) has acted beyond his remit, appropriate action would be taken," the CM asserted.

Chief Minister Vijayan completely rejected the claim of CPI and RJD, the two constituent parties in the Left Front, that ADGP Ajith Kumar's meeting with RSS leaders was a political matter. The Chief Minister's firm stance was that no one should misunderstand that anyone sitting in a responsible position will be removed just because someone made an allegation.

He said that sending policemen as interlocutors for political



purposes is not the style of the ruling left front.

V D Satheesan stated that ADGP M R Ajithkumar met with RSS leaders as my intermediary. The opposition leader might be making such statements based on his party's past experiences of using police officers as intermediaries for various purposes. We do not have such practices," CM

Vijayan said. He also emphatically ruled out any action against his political secretary, P Sasi, against whom CPI-M-backed independent MLA PV Anvar raised serious allegations, saying that Sasi is doing exemplary service. "He cannot do anything unlawful," the CM

The Chief Minister came

out against CPI-M-backed independent MLA PV Anvar, who raised serious allegations 'Leader of the Opposition against ADGP Ajith Kumar and the CM's political secretary P Sasi. He expressed his displeasure with PV Anvar for constantly making accusations

outside the party in the media. The Left MLA should have brought the complaint to the attention of the party and the

Chief Minister, he said. "Hacking the phone was something a public servant should not have done. Anwar has no leftist background. He is from Congress," the CM said and added that Anwar's phone hacking will also be

"If a complaint is received, action will be taken. Anwar filed a complaint here. A special investigation team was landslide disaster.

Terming it "destructive journalism", CM Vijayan said that Kerala has been discredited due to the fake news

He said that there is a hidden agenda behind the media's inaccurate reporting of figures related to relief efforts in Wayanad. He emphasised that this issue goes beyond just fake news or journalistic CM Vijayan said that such

sensational news quickly travels worldwide. The opposition has accused the government of misrepresenting its expenditures for Wayanad's rehabilitation. This misinformation has proliferated on social media, breaching numerous boundaries. The chief minister noted that while false claims spread swiftly, the truth often becomes obscured, making it difficult for the government to countermisleading reports, even in press releases effectively

Meanwhile, PVAnvar MLA launched fresh allegations against ADGPMR Ajith Kumar on Saturday, accusing him of involvement in alleged money laundering and obstructing the investigation of the solar case.

"With that money, Ajith Kumar bought a flat in Kowdiar and sold it just ten days later for twice the price," Anvar further alleged. Anvar also said that apart from the house in Kowdiar, Ajith Kumar has three other houses.

He suggested that ensuring that insurance is not only available but also accessible to the most vulnerable is a key challenge that we must tackle.

'diverse insurance solutions'

Dr P K Mishra moots

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Principal Secretary

PK Mishra has stressed that

globally the development of

diversified insurance products for disaster risks is gaining

In this endeavour, he fur-

ther added that the National

Disaster Management

Authority (NDMA) and

Department of Financial

Services' (DoFS) diverse out-

reach to global and domestic,

private and public institutions

to gain deeper insights into

these financial structures

will surely assist in building

Addressing a National

Disaster Management

Authority's (NDMA) Workshop on "Why Disaster Risk

Insurance Matters-Key Con-

cepts and Benefits" here on

Friday, he suggested diverse

insurance solutions, while

underlining the need for sus-

tainability at its core - pro-

viding insurance to an ever-

expanding group at affordable

rates and maintaining a grow-

emerging trends highlight

India's potential to innovate

in its application of disaster

risk insurance and join the

global trend toward more

resilient, efficient and inclusive

Expressing concern about

an increase in the frequency

and intensity of disasters

globally, including in India,

Dr. Mishra advocated for a

strategic vision for expanding

insurance coverage across

diverse sectors and entities.

He also underscored the

need for robust actuarial

Firstly, how can we effec-

tively reach those segments

of the population who find

it difficult to purchase insur-

ance? This raises questions

of accessibility - how can

we broaden insurance reach

through more affordable

pricing, increasing awareness,

and simplifying the claims

legal framework.

critical issues.

insurance solutions.

He emphasised that the

ing and viable risk pool.

a robust disaster insurance

market in India.

momentum.

Secondly, what role should the government play in supporting the expansion of insurance? Should the government act as a catalyst, facilitating the growth of the insurance market, or should it take a more direct role, such as purchasing insurance for certain sectors? How should the government create public-private partnerships that improve the outreach of insurance services and products? These crucial questions directly relate to the fiscal sustainability of insurance-related interventions, he added.

Elaborating on the Prime Minister's vision and commitment to this subject, he delved into an all-inclusive ten-point agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in 2016. Drawing inspiration from the Prime Minister, he specifically observed that disaster risk coverage is a must for all, starting from poor households to small and medium enterprises to multi-national corporations

expertise and a well-defined He mentioned two notable government-backed insur-In the context of these ance programmes, Pradhan emerging trends in expanding Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana insurance coverage, he struc-(PMFBY) and Ayushman tured his deliberation on two Bharat.

to nation states.

With the aim of advancing India's social objectives by providing risk protection to vulnerable populations, he said the PMFBY focuses on the agriculture sector, offering affordable crop insurance to farmers, thereby safeguarding their income from crop losses due to natural disasters. He further added farmers' livelihoods and enhances resilience in rural

On Avushman Bharat

which provides health insurance coverage to economically disadvantaged individuals, ensuring access to quality healthcare and reducing out-of-pocket expenses, the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister said both these initiatives are central to the government's broader agenda of promoting social equity, financial inclusion, and household-level risk management, demonstrating the critical intersection of insurance with development

Building on the success of existing programmes like Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Ayushman Bharat, Dr. Mishra recommended exploring the introduction of large-scale disaster risk insurance to address the significant protection gap in

this under-insured area. He stressed that this would involve designing differentiated insurance products and services for a range of stakeholders, including households, small businesses, utilities, infrastructure services, and various levels of government - local, state, and

Underlining the key challenge which lies in ensuring the financial viability of these mechanisms, Dr. Mishra emphasised that the success of any insurance model depends on effectively distributing risks. He said not only it is vital to ensure that those who pay premiums see it as a sensible and costeffective way to transfer their risks; but also, those responsible for pay-outs have access to a sufficiently large risk

pool to maintain financial

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the CM said

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said that at least one charge

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During the conference, the

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The Chief Minister also

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do hereby declare that my client namely RUPA DAS (DEY) W/o. Ujjal Das, D/o. late Amitava Dey of Village: Debigarh Manasabari Gali, Madhyamgram, P.S.: Madhyamgram, Dist. North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700129. That after demise of my lient's father Amitava Dey, my client along with her sister namely Rati Dutta Chowdhury (Dey) were going to Barasat B.L. & L.R. Office on 12-09-2024 for the payment of rent in respect of their father's property situated in Barasat Mouza, Dag No. 129 area of land 03 cottahs, but on the way from Barasat Station to Barasat B.L. & L.R. Office my client lost hree original Deeds in the name of their father being Deed No. 6972/2017 of A.D.S.R. Barasat and two connected Deeds being Nos. 2636/1995 of A.D.S.R.-I, Barasat and 6802/1989 of A.D.S.R. Barasat. Thereafter finding no trace about the said my client lodged one G.D.E. being No. 147, dated 12-09-2024 the Barasat Police Station. That here mentioned, my client and her sister never mortgaged, handover to any person or bank or any concerned authority. I hereby request to any kind hearted person who traced out or find out the said three deeds, kindly communicate with my client or myself being Mobile No. 7890325438 and 9233003939.

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Kamal Haasan bats for a Tamil as PM; fair share in financial redistribution

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Versatile actor and Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) party president Kamal Haasan on Saturday batted for a Tamil as the Prime Minister and said 'we have to prepare the country for that'.

Addressing the General Council of the MNM, after peing elected as its pres in Chennai, he said "Tamils are the most honest in the country and they pay the highest taxes, including me. But, we are being penalised for being so. When it comes to other states, they are Karna (of the Mahabharata), but to us they remain a Kumbarkarna.

On the Tamils being more acceptable and accommodative, he cited the example of C Rajagopalachari (popularly called Rajaji), and said "There was one Rajagopal, leave aside the tag Achari, and he was Governor of Bengal and also a CM of Tamil Nadu. He was a Telugu. That shows the accommodation of the Tamils. Even 20 years ago, from the same stage, I have questioned why a Tamil could not come to the leadership of the country as a Prime Minister."

"Long before, Anna (Dravidian icon and late Chief Minister CN Annadurai) had said 'north flourishes while the south is in decline'. The same is being witnessed now. Tamil Nadu has accepted population control. Now, they say, we have more numbers and hence more seats in Parliament. We will take care and you need not come. See, the country is run by our taxes," he said underscoring the need for a fair share in financial redistribution.

On his continuing to act in films even while having a leg in politics, the veteran actor justified it saying, "To earn my livelihood and to support the party, I act in films and it is my vocation. There is nothing wrong in it since no one is a full time politician. I have seen many veteran politicians playing cards and dining." Then, quoting Periyar (rationalist social reformer EV Ramasamy), he remarked "No one is a full time politi-

IAF set to dazzle Chennai to mark its 92nd anniversary

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to host an immaculate air show in the skies over Tamil Nadu, on 6 October as part of its 92nd anniversary celebrations. This year's event is based on theme "Bhartiya Vayu Sena - Saksham, Sashakt, Atmanirbhar" (Potent, Powerful, and Self-Reliant), highlighting the lAF's unwavering commitment to safeguarding the nation's airspace.

The people of Chennai

will witness a thrilling spectacle on the day, with 72 aircraft from the IAF displaying mesmerising aerobatic manoeuvres and synchronised formation flying. The event will take place at the iconic Marina Beach. The last such spectacle was carried out over Sangam area in Prayagraj on 8 October 2023, which drew lakhs of spectators. Similar response is anticipated this time. The air show will feature performances by the IAF's elite teams Akash Ganga, renowned for their skydiving prowess, the Suryakiran Aerobatic Team, famed for their close formation aerobatics, and the Sarang Helicopter Display Team, known for their stunning aerial choreography. In addition to these acclaimed teams, the IAF will be showcasing flypast and aerial displays by a wide range of aircraft from its inventory, including the indigenously manufactured state of the art Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, Light Combat Helicopter Prachand and Heritage aircraft like Dakota

and Harvard.

Adulterated laddus: Advocate files complaint against YS Jagan Mohan Reddy



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, 21 SEPTEMBER

A police complaint has been filed against the former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and TTD chairman, board members and officials over the adulteration of the ghee with animal fat in the famed Tirupati laddus at Saidabad police station of Hyderabad by a right-wing advocate. Meanwhile, as the controversy rages on the Tirupati Tirumala Devasthanam has sought to assure devotees that the quality of laddus

K Karuna Sagar, an advocate with Telangana High Court wrote in his complaint that the low quality ghee mixed with animal fat defiles and insults the sanctity of the sacred Tirumala temple. "This decision undermines the 300 year old tradition of offering laddu prasadam to Sri Venkateshwara Swamy, deeply hurting the religious sentiments of devotees of Sri Venkateshwara Swamy in particular and Hindus at large, especially those who refrain from consuming non vegetarian food."

He further wrote," Therefore, I kindly request your office to investigate this matter and take appropriate action against YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, former chief minister of AP state, TTD chairman, board members and officials for undermining the sanctity of the Sri



Venkateshwara Swamy temple and for hurting the religious sentiments of millions of Hindus under section 298&299 of IPC.

Meanwhile TTD's executive officer J Syamala Rao assured that the "sanctity of Srivari laddu prasadam has been restored." He said, "We will ensure the sanctity of laddu prasadams using pure cow ghee," adding that the lack of in-house lab for ghee testing allowed suppliers to take advantage of the situation. He said the National Dairy Development Board has offered to donate ghee adulteration testing equipment worth Rs 75 lakh. It would be operational by December-January. But in the meantime TTD has temporarily suspended the use of cow based products in Srivari Prasadams. It has also temporarily halted the supplies for anna prasadams in order to check their qual-

The film fraternity has also jumped in after Prakash Raj slammed deputy chief minister Pawan Kalyan for suggesting constitution of Sanatana Dharma Rakshana Board' at the national level. Prakash Raj urged him to investigate and find out culprits instead of blowing it up nationally. Actor Vishnu Manchu defended Pawan Kalyan slamming Raj and asked him to "reflect on where the real communal colour is being added."

India

Navy chief calls for maintaining vigil to ensure maritime security

He asked naval commanders to ensure combat readiness of all naval platforms and equipment

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hief of the Naval Admiral Dinesh tripathi has impressed upon top Naval Commanders the need to maintain vigil towards ensuring maritime security and coastal defence, through close liaison, synergy, and functional linkages with the Coast Guard and other maritime agencies.

He also called upon them to ensure combat readiness of all naval platforms, equipment, weapons and sensors.

He was addressing the second edition of the fourday bi-annual Naval Commanders' Conference 2024 which concluded on Satur-

The conference focused on contemporary security paradigms, and critical analysis to further enhance the combat capability of the Navy and synergise operations with the other Services.



It was also meant to delve into the dynamics of the geostrategic situation of the region in the backdrop of international developments and through intense discussions by the senior hierarchy of the Navy, formulate a future roadmap to consolidate as a First Responder and Preferred Security Partner

in the Indian Ocean Region and its steadfast commitment and contributions to the national vision of Aatmanirb-

Admiral Tripathi described the conference as the single most important apex-level forum of the Indian Navy to discuss, ideate, and find soluthe Navy remains a Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive & Future Ready Force.

He highlighted the flux in the contemporary geostrategic environment together with emerging disruptive technologies and evolving tactics in the maritime domain. Enumerating the key focus areas for the Indian Navy in the short, medium, and long term, the Navy chief urged the Naval Commanders to continue evolving the Indian Navy as a well-balanced multi-dimensional seamlessly networked force ready to respond, protect, and promote national maritime interests - Anytime, Anywhere, Anyhow.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed and interacted with the Naval Commanders on 19 September. He acknowledged the Indian Navy's efforts in maintaining maritime security in IOR and appreciated the key role played by the force in protecting the critical commodities transiting through the Gulf of Aden. He shared his thoughts on a multitude of operational and strategic issues with the Naval Commanders, exhorting them to maintain high operational preparedness and readiness to tackle emerging maritime challenges. He also impressed upon the need for enhancing jointness with other Servic-

The Chief of Defence Staff

and the chiefs of the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force also interacted with the Naval Commanders during the conference, sharing their assessments of the operational environment, and outlining readiness levels to defend national interests. They also highlighted areas of convergence amongst the three Services vis-à-vis the prevailing operational environment, to enable further integration of the Armed Forces to collectively meet India's national security challenges and imperatives.

Kharge questions BJP's peace narrative in Jammu and Kashmir

 $Questioning Prime\ Minister$ Narendra Modi's narrative of peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir, Congress President Mallikariun Kharge on Saturday asked why a surge in terror incidents has taken place in the peaceful Jammu region. Talking to media-persons

here, Kharge said the BJP leadership should tell "why terrorism has revived in areas that were declared terrorfree several years ago". The Congress chief alleged

that PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah were generating "jumlas" to mislead the people and get votes.

Kharge said that Modi and Shah in a bid to divert the attention of people were telling "lies" that the Congress will resume talks with Pakistan. "We never went to eat biryani and hug the Pakistani leaders", he said.

'We entered into a poll alliance with the National Conference to remove BJP",

He alleged that the BJP

hatred against the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and this exposed their "poisonous mindset". Congress will launch an agitation against threats to Rahul Gandhi.

He also questioned the Prime Minister's failure to take action against leaders of his party who used derogatory remarks against Rahul.

"BJP and RSS leaders have no agenda and they talk about chopping off the tongue of Rahul who is under attack for speaking the truth and an atmosphere of hate is created against him like it was done against his grandmother Indira Gandhi"

Rahul was also called a terrorist by a BJP leader but we are not scared of the "false

narratives" being built by

He said the Congress has declared seven guarantees. Our priority is to restore statehood to J&K, provide a health insurance scheme which will provide coverage of Rs. 25 lakh to every family in Jammu and Kashmir, a monthly benefit of Rs 3,000 will be given to women heads of families, an interest-free loan of Rs.5 lakh will also be given to women, OBCs will get their rights as enshrined in the Constitution and one lakh jobs are vacant and when we come into power will notify them immediate-

Kharge said the BJP said they would give 5 lakh jobs but they have been here for ten years but they have not done anything in this direc-

Replying to questions on the Tirupati Prasadam row, Kharge said, "Investigation is going on and whatever comes out they have to take action. If such things are happening that's not right because it affects the faith of people".

Gujarat: Nine members of family attempt suicide over unpaid dues of ₹2.75 crore

RAJKOT. 21 SEPTEMBER

Nine members of the Soni family from the Kevdavadi area of Rajkot attempted mass suicide by consuming poison on Saturday. The familv members have been rushed to Civil Hospital for emergency treatment. Reports said that the Soni family - jewellers by profession - took the extreme step after traders from Mumbai withheld Rs 2.75 crore for 22-carat gold jewellery they had supplied.

Despite repeated follow-

ups over the last 11 months, the payment was not made. It is alleged that the traders not only failed to clear the dues but also issued threats to the family.

Police have launched an investigation into the case. They are examining the circumstances surrounding the family's financial difficulties and recording statements from various individuals involved.

The family has named four individuals from Mumbai - Vijay Kailasji Rawal, Prashant, Mahendra, and others - as responsible for withholding the payment.

The condition of the family members deteriorated quickly after consuming the poison, and they were immediately shifted to a government hospital for treatment.

In a similar case in 2023, seven members of a family, including three children, were found dead in their apartment in Surat in what police suspect to be a case of mass suicide. The family, reportedly facing severe financial distress, left a note explaining their drastic step.

Bihar BJP protests against Rahul Gandhi over controversial remarks on reservation

AGENCIES

PATNA, 21 SEPTEMBER

BJP state unit leaders, led by Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha, protested against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday, demanding his resignation following controversial remarks on reser-

Rahul Gandhi recently made a statement about reservation during an address at the Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. The State BJP's SC/ST

Morcha gathered outside the party's office in Patna, accusing Rahul Gandhi of disrespecting the Constitution, which was drafted by B.R. Ambedkar, and mocking Indian democracy on foreign soil.

Vijay Kumar Sinha has criticised Rahul Gandhi, saying that despite his prominent constitutional position, Gandhi's advocacy for the removal of reservations on a global platform was "extremely unfortunate" and showed disregard for the country's Constitution.

"Rahul Gandhi should either issue a public apology or resign from the constitutional post he is holding, on moral grounds for his remarks on foreign soil," Sinha said.

Rahul Gandhi is holding the constitutional post of the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha.

During the protest against Rahul Gandhi, Deputy Chief Minister Sinha was joined by his Cabinet colleague Nitin Nabin, who strongly criticised Gandhi for his remarks on reservation.

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Centre issues advisory to states for effective implementation of ToFEI manual

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 21 SEPTEMBER

In a significant move to youth, the Central government on Saturday issued an advisory to all States and Union Territories (UTs), calling for effective implementation of the Tobacco-Free Educational Institution (ToFEI) manual, in line with the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 in educational institutions.

The advisory was issued jointly by the Secretaries of the Union Ministry of Education and Union Ministry of Health and Family

The joint advisory, signed by the Secretaries of the Department of School Education, the Department of Higher Education, and the Department of Health and Family Welfare, underscores the alarming effects of tobacco consumption, particularly on children and adolescents, as per the Education Min-

It draws attention to the findings of the Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) 2019, which revealed that 8.5 per cent of school

students aged 13 to 15 in India consume tobacco in concern is the fact that over 5.500 children in India begin. using tobacco every day. Moreover, 55 per cent of lifelong tobacco users initiate the habit before the age of 20, with many adolescents turning to other addictive substances as a result," it said.

The Education Ministry said the advisory emphasises the need for collaborative efforts of all the stakeholders to safeguard young people from the dangers of tobacco

The advisory encourages educational institutions various forms. Of particular including schools at all levels, colleges for higher or professional education and universities, both in the public and private sector to adopt the ToFEI manual and guidelines as a comprehensive guide to safeguard the health and wellbeing of students, it said.

The goal is to protect future generations by raising awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco use and promoting tobacco control measures within educational institutions, it added.

Joint Parliamentary Committee to do thorough study: Jagdambika Pal slams Owaisi's remarks on Waqf

NEW DELHI, 21 SEPTEMBER

Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) Chairman and BJP MP Jagdambika Pal on Saturday responded to AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi's criticism of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, urging all members of the committee to thoroughly understand the Bill and present a comprehensive report rather than making "baseless" state-

Pal emphasised that the government's decision to refer the Bill to the JPC demonstrates



its intent to ensure a detailed evaluation.

"If the government had wanted to pass the Bill as it is, it could have done so, given its majority in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Referring it to the JPC means that all 31 members, including Owaisi, should carefully review the Bill and contribute to a comprehensive report," he said. Owaisi, who is a member of the JPC, had earlier criticised the Bill, claiming it could potentially confiscate Waqf properties, including mosques.

'A law is being made in our country that will take our lands from us. We have already lost the Babri Masjid, and we will not lose any more," Owaisi had said.

In defence of the Bill, Pal pointed out that Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, while introducing the Bill, had clarified its purpose of ensuring proper administration of Waqf properties and making the management process more transparent.

He emphasised that the amendments aim to benefit marginalised sections of society, including women, children, and the poor while promoting education and healthcare. The JPC Chairman acknowledged that while some individuals oppose the Bill, the JPC's role is to carefully consider all viewpoints.

Politicians have no right to tarnish lawyers' image: Kapil Sibal on Vivek Tankha's defamation case

AGENCIES

BHOPAL, 21 SEPTEMBER

Madhya Pradesh High Court on Saturday conducted hearing in a defamation case against former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, former Minister Bhupendra Singh Yadav and State BJP President V.D. Sharma.

The case was filed by Congress Raiva Sabha MP and senior advocate Vivek Tankha, who alleged that the trio BJP leaders have made false alle-



the OBC reservation. The case was filed earlier

in January 2022.

Senior and renowned advocate Kapil Sibal represented Tankha during the hearing in the court on Sat-

The case was heard in the court of Justice Sanjay Dwive-

After the hearing, advocate Sibal said, "It's not about Vivek Tankha only, but about all the advocates who exercise their duty in the courts."

"We (Tankha) filed a petition against the Madhya

Pradesh government's ordinance regarding the municipal body elections, and not against the OBC reservation quota," Sibal said talking to the press after the court hearing in Jabalpur on Saturday.

He claimed that the trio (Shivraj, Bhupendra and VD) had told the court that case was filed on the basis of media reports, and the news reports have not quoted them line-by-line. However, the court wasn't satisfied with their reply.



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S ASIAN VOICES

July uprising and some thoughts of **Bangladeshi-Americans**

t was heartwarming to see so many old faces from my school days as I attended the second reunion of Gregorians of North America (GNA), held on September 14 in New Jersey, US. Nearly 200 former students of St Gregory's High School, Dhaka had gathered ~ many with their spouses ~ from all over the US and Canada. The occasion was one of reconnecting, reminiscing, and exchanging stories, anecdotes and school-era jokes. The most popular session was the one that focused on how Bangladesh became a Test-playing cricket nation and how we can build upon our recent extraordinary Test performance against Pakistan. There were many exciting comments regarding the ongoing tour of India. The session consisted of our early cricket heroes such as Syed Ashraful Hug, Yousuf Babu, and Khandker Nazrul Quader Lintu. Their personal stories of early failures, hard work and subsequent success entertained us all. Their experience-rich comments about the future kept everyone in rapt attention, and we wondered why these three stars are not a part of our present-day cricket board leadership, especially when so much is changing at the top echelon of professional bodies. Shahudul Haque ~ Gullu to us all ~ kept the audience enthralled with the story of his incredible journey of walking more than 15,300 miles in 1,425 days (three years and 11 months). Starting on October 17, 2020, he has walked every day. Everyone gasped when he recounted that on rainy days, when he cannot go

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his 13-storey apartment building for as many times as it takes to complete his daily routine of minimum five miles. The circumference of Earth is nearly 25,000 miles, of which he has already passed the halfway mark. For someone who is in his mid-70s, such a feat of endurance made

him an instant hero of the event. Where I had the privilege to speak was a session titled "Recent events in Bangladesh and how NRBs can contribute in the changed circumstances." Everyone spoke in a manner that proved that they had been following the recent uprising most meticulously. There was a lot of pride in what has been achieved, accompanied with some feeling of uncertainty, especially regarding the various forces that appear to have been unleashed. While there were some uncertainties regarding reforms, a consensus seemed to prevail about significantly trimming the prime minister's power and fixing

two terms. Generally they all welcomed the

ple's power made it all possible. They marvelled at the bravery of our young. Though we have a long tradition of student movements, the distinguishing feature of the July uprising was the par-

and girls from schools. The Road Safety Movement in 2018 seemed to have broken the psychological barrier of school students to get down to the streets to fight for what they considered to be right and just. Families descended on the streets of Dhaka with

What amazed the NRBs over and

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Inflation Risks

s we move into the second half of the fiscal year, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) forecast of a 4.5 per cent average inflation rate brings some optimism. Easing crude oil prices are expected to provide a cushion, but the persistence of food price volatility casts a shadow over the inflationary outlook. While the RBI remains hopeful that the vegetable price shocks, which have characterised the first quarter of this fiscal year, may reverse, the risks associated with food inflation are far from over. Food prices have long been a key driver of inflation in India, as they account for nearly half the retail

The August inflation print of 3.65 per cent, though only slightly higher than the previous month, was largely driven by rising food prices, particularly vegetables. Given this context, it becomes evident that food inflation is not iust an economic concern, but also a political one. Rising food costs can strain household budgets and disproportionately affect lower-income groups, making it a challenge for the government to manage both inflation and public sentiment.

One of the critical factors in India's food price volatility is the unpredictability of monsoon patterns. A delayed or inadequate monsoon season can severely impact crop yields, leading to supply shortages and driving up prices. Moreover, the global supply chain disruptions, exacerbated by geopolitical tensions, continue to pose risks to India's food security and inflation. Although domestic food production remains resilient, these external factors can create fluctuations that are difficult to control through monetary policy alone.

The RBI's cautious stance in keeping interest rates unchanged for nine consecutive meetings reflects its delicate balancing. Easing monetary policy too quickly could reignite inflationary pressures, especially if food prices remain unpredictable. On the other hand, maintaining a restrictive monetary policy could stifle growth and dampen consumer spending, which is critical for India's economic recovery post-pandemic.

The RBI has also pointed out that September's inflation figures may face challenges due to an unfavourable base effect. This signals that while inflation may appear higher in the short term, it does not necessarily indicate a worsening inflationary trend. However, the central bank's upcoming monetary policy meeting in October will be crucial in determining the future direction of interest rates and inflation control strategies. Beyond food inflation, the central bank has also raised concerns about the financial sector, particularly non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and microfinance institutions.

These sectors face growing risks related to asset quality and cybersecurity, indicating that the financial stability of the broader economy is intertwined with inflationary trends. As NBFCs turn to offshore bonds for funding, their exposure to global financial risks increases, which could complicate efforts to stabilise inflation. Ultimately, India's inflationary landscape in the second half of the fiscal year will depend on how successfully the RBI manages these multiple, often competing, factors.

Exploited Abroad

he tragic plight of Indian men lured into joining the Russian army ~ with the obvious intent of sending them to battle Ukraine ~ through deceitful travel agents, underscores the severe risks posed by human trafficking and fraudulent job schemes. Many of these men, hailing from economically disadvantaged regions, sought better lives abroad, only to find themselves on a battlefield in a foreign land. This situation is emblematic of the vulnerabilities that unregulated migration and the false promises of unscrupulous intermediaries create. The exploitation these individuals faced did not end when they reached Russia.

Promised non-combat roles, they were instead coerced into joining the Russian army, with threats of imprisonment hanging over them. Their harrowing experiences ~ surviving bombings, drone strikes and witnessing the deaths of fellow soldiers ~ reveal the full extent of their ordeal. Many were mentally and physically shattered, and for some, the trauma will last a lifetime. At the heart of this tragedy is a deep-rooted issue: the exploitation of the economically disadvantaged by rogue travel agents. These agents took advantage of their clients' desperation and dreams of a better future, convincing them to sign contracts they could not understand. Worse, some agents retained duplicate debit cards to siphon off the salaries the men were earning, leaving them financially devastated upon their return.

This fraud points to a larger systemic failure. While economic challenges in states like Punjab and Uttar Pradesh push people to seek opportunities abroad, the lack of proper regulation and oversight in the recruitment industry leaves these job seekers vulnerable to exploitation. The absence of sufficient job opportunities at home adds to their desperation, making them easy targets for human traffickers disguised as job consultants.

The fraudulent actions of these intermediaries reflect not just criminal behavior but also an exploitation of the poverty and helplessness that drive young men to leave their families and risk everything abroad. Moreover, the role of Indian authorities in addressing these scams has been reactive rather than preventive. While investigations have been launched, and some efforts made to bring the men back home, these are short-term solutions. The root of the issue ~ lack of employment opportunities and poor regulation of overseas recruitment ~ remains unaddressed. Unless the government tackles the systemic problems that lead to such exploitation, more individuals will likely fall prey to these schemes.

There is also an urgent need to impose strict regulations on travel agents and recruitment agencies operating in India. Transparent systems must be established to ensure that prospective workers fully understand the nature of the work they are being hired for, especially when language barriers exist. Holding fraudulent agents accountable and compensating the victims should be top priorities for Indian authorities. The Centre must take swift and decisive action to prevent further exploitation of its citizens and to ensure that those who have already been wronged receive justice and support.

Simultaneous poll

Simultaneous elections would also encourage voting, which is essential to any functional democracy. Voter weariness develops when elections are spaced out over multiple time periods, which lowers turnout in state-specific elections. On the other hand, simultaneous elections increase voter turnout because citizens understand the importance of voting for both state and federal legislatures at the same time. Since the public would be making a decision on a broad scale at one time, political parties would need to provide more thorough campaigns that address both local and national issues.



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ndia, a modern-day exemplar of democratic values, is standing at the threshold of an important reform ~ One Nation, One Election. As a nation that has set the benchmark for democratic processes, it becomes crucial that we reflect on how to improve the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of our democratic systems.

Elections are essential to a healthy democracy, but they should serve the country's agenda of national growth, not hinder it. Simultaneous elections don't just refer to a logistical change but a transformative shift that will unlock the full potential of Indian governance. As we march toward a Viksit Bharat ~ a developed India ~ this change may serve as the impetus for streamlining our democracy to meet the aspirations of an upcoming global power.

Democracies thrive on the active participation of their citizens and ability of their institutions to stay stable. However, regular elections in India are a continual source of distraction to both the people of India and the politicians. Currently, elections in India are staggered over several months, with some state or the other going to the polls at a given time.

This puts the nation in a constant state of campaign mode, with political parties fixated on electoral strategies rather than governing. Democracy is not only about casting a ballot; it is also about governing well. This process is hampered by the ongoing election cycle, which draws focus away from implementing policies and toward winning elections.

One of the most significant advantages of holding simultaneous elections is the financial savings it would generate. Every time there is an election, whether it is a state or federal one, enormous resources are spent on staff, security, campaigning, and logistics. Even though the work at hand electing representatives ~ is fundamentally the same, these expenses are constantly incurred under

the current system. Elections for the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies can be held concurrently, allowing the Centre and the states to split the costs evenly and saving a significant amount of public funds. This is particularly crucial for developing nations like India, where money saved from recurrent elections is better used to support urgent needs like infrastructure, healthcare, and education. The democratic principle demands that public funds should be efficiently used, and holding of simultaneous elections is a step in that direction.

The fact that regular elections lead to uncertainty in the business climate is equally significant. Political shifts frequently result in uncertainty in policies and supply chain disruptions, which have an immediate impact on businesses and industries, especially those that depend on migrant labour or

supply continuity. Businesses are unable to make longterm decisions because of a persistent worry of changing political winds, which stunts their ability to grow.

A more stable political climate would result from synchronizing elections, allowing companies to concentrate on development and expansion rather than he

dge their bets against prospective policy changes every few months. India's economy would grow dramatically as a result of this stability, which would also allow companies to plan with assurance.

Moreover, the perpetual cycle of elections frequently makes it difficult to put important policies into action. Elections produce a political climate in which governments, both national and state. put off making critical decisions out of concern for public backlash.

Vital welfare programmes often face delays or slowdowns even in the absence of the Model Code of Conduct, as political attention completely turns to election campaigning. Development initiatives therefore frequently stall, and the momentum required to propel

reforms is lost. Simultaneous elections would lessen the likelihood of these interruptions, enabling the administration to stay focused on development and governance for the duration of its mandate. This would result in much smoother implementation of policies and also a more consistent flow of public services to the citizens, thus aligning with the long-term goal of creating a "Viksit Bharat."

The burden that regular elections inflict on the security and administrative machinery is another important factor. Administrative staff, educators, and government workers are diverted from their primary duties to perform election-related tasks during elec-

Offices are understaffed, schools are shuttered, and security personnel are taking time away from their principal responsibility of upholding peace and order. This impacts vital services like education in addition to causing inefficiencies in governance. Simultaneous elections would

> allow the administrative setup to function more effectively by reducing the diversion of resources for election duties. Security forces, too, would be relieved of the constant election-related deployments. allowing them to focus on their primary role of maintaining internal security and public order. The efficien-

y gained from reducing such distractions would have a ripple effect on governance, ensuring that essential services continue uninterrupted. Simultaneous elections would also encourage voting, which is essential to any functional democracy. Voter weariness develops when elections are spaced out over multiple time periods, which lowers turnout in state-specific elections.

On the other hand, simultaneous elections increase voter turnout because citizens understand the importance of voting for both state and federal legislatures at the same time. Since the public would be making a decision on a broad scale at one time, political parties would need to provide more thorough campaigns that address both local and national issues. Increased voter turnout results in more representative governance. This would foster a more robust democratic climate where the interests of voters take precedence over immediate political benefits.

Simultaneous elections have parked worries from some that local issues may take precedence over national ones, potentially marginalizing regional parties. This reasoning, nevertheless, falls apart when examined more closely. Indian voters have demonstrated time and again that they are capable of telling state elections from national ones. Even in elections that are held close together, they frequently elect different parties to office at the state and federal levels. Regional parties would still have lots of chances to interact with their voters and bring up regional concerns.

In fact, simultaneous elections would encourage national parties to concentrate more on local issues, fostering greater political competition and guaranteeing that local, regional, and national issues are sufficiently addressed. In reality, since voters would be making more thoughtful and well-informed decisions, this would strengthen India's democracy.

Countries around the world, including Brazil, the Philippines, and Honduras, have adopted some form of simultaneous elections, demonstrating that this model is both practical and effective. These nations have seen the benefits of holding elections at multiple levels simultaneously, including reduced costs, increased voter turnout, and more efficient governance.

India, with its vast electorate stands to gain even more from such a system. Once implemented, the logistical challenges, while real, would be far outweighed by the gains in governance, fiscal responsibility, and democratic participation.

Though there are difficulties with the "One Nation, One Election" plan, India has continuously shown itself to be a creative and adaptable democracy. There is an obvious need for reform. Small implementation problems shouldn't be used as a justification for skipping execution if the reasoning is sound.

Concurrent elections would simplify government, lessen the nation's financial load, steady the business climate, and increase democratic engagement. Governments would be free to concentrate on accomplishing goals rather than constantly promoting for the next election. In a nation as diverse and dynamic as India, this reform is not just desirable ~ it is necessary for the continued growth and development of the

India can take a step toward becoming a fully developed country and a "Viksit Bharat," where governance is effective, responsive, and focused on the needs of the people rather than the demands of the election calendar, by adopting this revolutionary idea.

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their tenure in office to a maximum of

toppling of the previous government, having suffered the humiliation for many years of belonging to a country whose reputation of corruption, nepotism, abuse of power, cronvism and unaccountable power surpassed most others of similar category. Like us at home, the non-resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) also wondered how the Sheikh Hasina government could become so unbelievably oppressive. Whatever details I could provide led to more in-depth questions about the gradual deterioration of the quality of governance in Bangladesh. They wondered, like many of us, how a powerful regime like Sheikh Hasina's could fall so fast, so completely, and so ignominiously. Peo-

ticipation of younger generation ~ boys

courage and bravery that armies get trained for years to master.

over again were the stories of these students, spontaneously joined by the general public ~ including women, the elderly and young mothers ~ who continued to demonstrate for days in spite of police killing.





SIR, The tragic death of Anna Sebastian Perayil due to workplace stress underscores the alarming pressure faced by modern professionals, especially those in highdemand fields like chartered ac-

In the past, the separation between work and personal life was more distinct ~ leaving the office meant freedom from workrelated stress. Today, however, the blurred lines between work and home, intensified by remote working, have created a never-ending work cycle for many.

Employers may justify these demands by citing high salaries, but monetary compensation alone cannot ensure mental well-being.

Moreover, professionals like chartered accountants often fall outside labour law protections, leaving them vulnerable to exploitative practices.

Remedies should include stricter regulations to limit working hours, mental health support systems, and the right to disconnect from work outside office hours, and the inclusion of professionals under labour protection laws.

Employers need to recognize that sustainable productivity depends on mental well-being, not just financial incentives.

> Yours, etc., Narayanan Kizhumundayur, Thrissur, 20 September.

GOOD OLD DAYS

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SIR, This refers to the news report, "Centre initiates probe into death of EY employee", published in today's edition of *The Statesman*.

The report of the death of a 26year-old chartered accountant with Ernst and Young India is disturbing.

A majority of the workforce is under immense pressure and

but also to compete and deal with the politics at play in most organi-Gone are those days of nine to

stress not only to meet deadlines,

five jobs when family members used to sit together in the evening and listen to radio programmes, watch television shows or simply chat. Saturdays used to be either a



half day or holiday. Now, it is just the opposite,

with many employees leaving office late in the evening, fighting their way through unimaginable traffic and reaching home just in time for dinner. Due to this lifestyle, health

complications have been on the rise, and mental health issues are becoming a serious matter of concern, more shockingly amongst the younger generation.

I feel it is imperative that proper rules should be set regarding office times, deadlines and even nutritional requirements of employees. These must be effectively implemented and monitored to assess their mental and physical well being.

Yours, etc., Anupam Neogi, Kolkata, 20 September.

VIJAYKUMAR HARBISHETTAR AND SARASWATHI TENAGI

Ith the exponentially growing elderly population worldwide, the number of people with dementia is also rising, warranting the need for more trained caregivers to support them. With changing demographics, one wonders if schools will one day get converted into elderly day-care centres. India has approximately 18 per cent of the world's population. It is also seeing a rising greying population, and hence, there will be more people with dementia to care for in the years to come.

It is estimated from a recent research paper from a Longitudinal Ageing study that 7.4 per cent of older adults in India have dementia. This means there are an estimated 88 lakh people with dementia in India. Alzheimer's disease is the most common type of dementia, which constitutes up to 70-75 per cent of all types of dementia. This article marks the occasion of World Alzheimers' Day, with the theme, "Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer's".

Family members who are taking care of their elderly with dementia do understand the fact that understanding the illness would help in better caregiving, and reduce stress on caregivers. As per the World Alzheimer's Report of 2019, 62 per cent of healthcare workers considered dementia as a part of normal aging and did not think it was an illness. The report found many family members considered dementia as a social stigma and tried to hide it from others. The majority of the general public reported that nothing could be done once dementia is diagnosed. These attitudes pose barriers to early identification, treatment, and management. The public's knowledge, attitudes, and practices about this illness need to change, and this can be achieved by educating people about the illness.

Alzheimer's disease is a disease of the brain occurring due to the accu-

mulation of 'corrupted or badly programmed' proteins inside and in between the nerve cells. Since these are toxic in nature, they break cell connections as well as cause the death of nerve cells, without replacement. This means the stored information in the group of cells is lost, and as a result, the relevant ability to function suffers. Thus, there is a gradual decline in the function related to that region of the brain. Generally, when the inner part of the so-called 'temporal lobe' that is closer to the ears degenerates, short-term memory and new learning are affected. Since the process starts early in this area, forgetfulness about recent events with intact long-term memory is usually the first sign of Alzheimer's disease.

Later, there is a decline in concentration, ability to solve problems, calculations, and ability to sequence events needed in routine activities and to look after oneself. Unfortunately, there is a gradual worsening over a few years and a loss of autonomy as they become dependent for all functions. There are, in addition, so-called behavioural problems that increase the stress of caregiving family members. This will cause problems if the main caregiver is a spouse of a similar age who also may have ageing-related medical ailments.

Treatment depends on the stage of the illness and mainly involves caring, which becomes a full-time job for some caregivers, not much different from managing a baby. Educating the public and training healthcare staff, including screening in special cases, is needed so that illness can be detected early and care plans can be prepared. This helps to plan and reduce the stress on families. When the disease starts progressing, the behaviours secondary to dementia are to be managed. Often, creating a routine schedule for the persons, and group activities, if feasible, will help manage the behaviours without the need for medications. They need to engage in cognitively stimulating activities.

Very few cities have agencies that provide trained formal caregivers to manage them, and if this suits the

patients, it takes away a lot of stress from family members. The advanced stages involve managing basic needs and treatment is entirely aimed at giving them comfort. Listening to music and engaging in some activities have been reported to help improve behaviour. Everyone must learn and understand the factors contributing to and worsening the condition. Talk to doctors about the course of the illness. Don't miss prescribed medications and other health advice. While managing persons with dementia, one must respect their personal space and dignity. Focus on the current functioning and help them stay active. Support them for their memory loss by repeatedly reminding them of names and relations without losing patience. It is best for family members to take turns in caregiving roles.

Recent advances include attempting to detect the illness by special early brain scans and approval of disease process-modifying medications. Three such drugs have received approval in the USA, and one is also available in Japan. They work by removing the accumulated bad proteins by making them more soluble or by other similar means. Currently, no optimistic reports have been heard from experts and clinicians about these medications. From our practical understanding, as of now in India, there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease.

Therefore, we can focus on risk reduction strategies. Recently, two more risk factors were added to the previous list of 12 risk factors throughout life, making it 14, of which we can work on the modifiable ones to delay or prevent Alzheimer's disease.

The risk factors for Alzheimer's disease are High Blood Pressure, Diabetes, high cholesterol levels, smoking, excessive alcohol use, obesity, and physical inactivity. Since these are also risk factors for heart disease, the public knows how to manage them. The same health advisory for maintaining a healthy heart applies to the prevention or delay of Alzheimer's disease. This includes regular, frequent physical health check-ups for high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol. If



one has developed any of these, the most important thing is regular monitoring to ensure they are under control and complications are prevented. Adopting a healthy lifestyle, such as regular exercise, yoga, or meditation, ensures regular physical activity. Along with these, avoiding smoking and alcohol use are also useful. It is never too late to quit smoking, and the body starts to recover after quitting smoking.

Hearing loss is listed as one of the major contributing risk factors. Also, sensory impairment in visual modality has been listed as a risk factor. This suggests that there is a need for older people to undergo regular vision and hearing tests. Depression and loneliness also increase the chances of Alzheimer's illness. Hence, identifying and treating depression becomes very important. Resistance to seeking help for depression will, therefore, mean the risk is increasing. If depression is not fully improved, there is a need to expedite its treatment to protect the brain. Loneliness is another social problem recognised by experts in many coun-

tries. Loneliness must be overcome. Older people must get involved in regular activities after retirement to keep themselves occupied. They must socialize well. Social media using smartphones can also be of help if used judiciously. They must try to attend functions and ceremonies to meet family, relatives, and friends regularly. Early morning or evening walks in parks and socialising with contemporaries helps to maintain good health. A healthy diet and maintaining sleep hygiene, though not listed as important factors, can also help.

Many family members complain that their elderly parents do not wish to see doctors regularly or take medications appropriately. This can also worsen the situation and affect relationships as it continues to cause worries in adult children or spouses. One must have a regular routine and be occupied with favourite interests, including watching sports and newspapers, engaging in debate, and meeting friends or contemporaries. The scheduled activities always keep the emotions and thoughts of the mind in check. Getting older is inevitable, especially when the current trend is increased longevity, and therefore, many are at risk of Alzheimer's disease. Taking responsibility by adopting a healthy lifestyle, thereby working on the risk factors, one can prevent or delay the illness, which improves the quality of life of self and caring for family members.

(The writers of this article are psychiatrists at NIMHANS and Bowring & Lady Curzon Hospital, Bengaluru, respectively.)

NOW AND AGAIN

SKIN SECRETS

CHANDER GUPTA

hen I joined the bank's service in 1984 as an officer, our batch had to undergo an Induction Programme at the Staff Training Centre (STC) as per standard procedure. The bank officials who imparted training in the STC were called instructors. It was a month-long programme in a residential campus. The instructors were the bank's general cadre officers who had been picked up from operations for training assignments for a fixed tenure. There were half a dozen instructors at the STC who would take our classes, four in a day, by rotation. Besides teaching us the basics of banking, they would regale us with humorous anecdotes from their work experience. Each one of the instructors had their own eccentricities and peculiar experiences which would reflect in their lectures.

The lectures of one instructor would be interspersed with two particular tips. He would often tell us to 'save your skin first'. It was said in the context of decision-making that we as bankers would be involved in, after completion of the probation period. It was practical advice to safeguard our job first and foremost while taking any decision, especially a credit decision. Another advice he would repeat frequently was to 'be thick-skinned'. It implied that as officers we should not be sensitive to reproach and rebuke from our seniors and customers. One day when he was repeating the same counsel for the umpteenth time, a retort from a trainee brought the house down. The trainee summed up succinctly the instructor's exhortations in a witty riposte: "Sir, do we have to be skin specialists?". Later on in our career, the advice of our

instructor stood us in good stead. Now that I have retired from the bank's service, a reference to 'skin' again made an impactful impression during a chat with an NRI niece named Bhavna, settled in New York. There was this conversation around health which navigated towards organs of the body. It was a revelation for me when Bhavna told me that skin was the largest organ in the human body. I was surprised to think of skin as an organ. My erudite friend was a bit bemused at my ignorance of this plain fact. But my scepticism didn't let go of the conversation around skin. I wondered aloud, seeking clarification from Bhavna, as to what care we took of this largest organ of our bodies? Bhavna was prompt to satiate this curiosity of mine with a simple counter question. "Don't we bathe regularly?" It at once dawned upon me that our bathing basically serves the purpose of cleansing and maintenance of our skin, the largest organ of our body. The significance and secret of skin were revealed to me again!

🐚 POLITICAL DIARY KALYANI SHANKAR 🔻

Consensus vital for simultaneous polls

he Modi government has decided to bring the controversial 'One Nation One Poll' bill to Parliament in the next session. The timing was excellent as it was announced on the day the Prime Minister completed 100 days in office in his third term.

While the idea seems reasonable, and we must move gradually towards the concept, is the country ready for it? Is there a consensus among the political parties for such a move? Does Modi have the required majority to get the bill passed in Parliament? While persuading the BJP-ruled states will be easy, will the opposition-ruled states agree? There are many such questions. On the whole, without mobilising the numbers required for a two-thirds majority in Lok Sabha, Constitutional amendments cannot be passed.

Opposition parties are not in favour of the concept. They include the Congress, the Left parties, Trinamool Congress and regional and smaller parties. They fear that the synchronised polls might favour the BJP.

The Prime Minister has been batting for the One Nation, One Election concept to check the disruptions caused by frequent elections. Modi and the BJP think that it would favour the party. He tried to bring it in his first two terms but failed. Further, the BJP manifestos also promised to get the idea implemented.

The government set up a highlevel committee headed by former President Ramnath Kovind last year. In its report, the committee endorsed the government's proposal. The committee suggested the formation of a committee to oversee the implemen-

Though the ruling party and the Kovind Committee support the idea, the measure faces constitutional, legal, political and other obstacles. Currently, elections for state assemblies and Lok Sabha are held separately, but from 1952 to 1967, India had one synchronised election. This trend of holding separate elections began during Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's time. It was because she used Article 356 to dismiss state governments with the result that the election cycle was disturbed.

The Law Commission is also likely to propose synchronised polls across all three levels of government – Lok Sabha, state assemblies, and local bodies - by 2029.

Apart from the Prime Minister, Union Home Minister Amit Shah also reiterated commitment to the proposal when Modi completed 100 days this week in his third term.

The Kovind committee suggests a joint electoral roll for all elections so that voters will use the same list for national, state, and local polls. It would reduce errors in voter registra-

To promote transparency and inclusion, it is planned to hold detailed discussions nationwide to gather feedback from various stake-

The Committee has suggested a two-phase implementation. In the first phase, elections will be held for Lok Sabha and Assemblies. The second phase will hold polls for local bodies and urban local bodies.

The opposition parties have yet to come on board because they believe that simultaneous polls mean an advantage for the BIP. Already, the Congress, Communist Party of India, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Trinamool Congress, Nationalist Congress Party and All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen have rejected the proposal. Congress leaders Mallikharjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi claimed the concept won't work in a democracy. The main objections come from the regional and smaller parties with different issues.

The next hurdle is the amendment of the Constitution. This may be tricky because Modi has no majority in Lok Sabha. Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds majority, and the BJP is far from that. Also, the Constitution of India is silent over whether polls should happen simultaneously.

The third challenge is deploying adequate forces. The Election Commission would require 24 lakh electronic voting machines and voter-verifiable paper audit trail machines. These logistical challenges need to be addressed.

Above all, the most important thing is political consensus. How will the government persuade the opposition parties to agree on the one nation, one poll idea? The Centre must go out of the way, consult each

political party, and convince it. The logistics side also needs to be considered, particularly on security. While the government is in a hurry, the Opposition wants to settle political scores. The BJP must take adequate measures to bring the Opposition on board. Since the idea is good and checks the wastage of money and the occurrence of elections every two years, the Opposition must think twice before rejecting the



idea. Political scores cannot be settled on a sensitive subject like "One Nation One poll". Even if the bill is defeated in Parliament, Modi can always claim that he brought the measure to Parliament to fulfil a poll promise, but the Opposition sabotaged it. While the move may thus not be immediately possible, it is worth exploring ways to implement it eventually.

100 YEARS AGO

"ALL BLACKS" WIN

IMPROVED FORM AGAINST CORNWALL

The "All-Blacks" defeated Cornwall at Camborne by 29 points to 0. The weather was fine and 11,000 spectators were present. The "All Blacks" appeared distinctly more to advantage than in the opening fixture. Eight changes were made in their team The "All Blacks" immediately developed a marked superiority, and led by ten points to nil in the first ten minutes, Napia, the Maori back, converting tries scored by Parker and Cooke. Shortly before the interval Senson scored an unconverted try, and at half-time the score was 13 to nil. The "All Blacks" were even better in the second half. Brown, Parker, Irvine and Moll

scored tries, Brown converting two. Cornwall was represented for the most part by Camborne and Redruth players. They were plucky, but lacked the skill to contend with the pace, combination and individual brilliance of the New Zealanders.

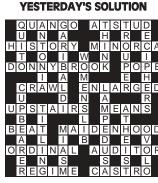
AFTER SIX YEARS

ARRESTS IN LAHORE BOMB OUTRAGE

FURTHER information from the most authentic source regarding the arrests in connexion with the bomb outrage at Anarkali, Lahore, in 1918 states that two Europeans and some Indians were injured in this outrage as the result of bombs being thrown at them while they were passing by that quarter.

For a long time the perpetrators could not be traced, but it has now been brought out by the C. I. D. of the Puniab. and the case is still under investigation There are altogether six accused who will shortly be placed on trial. It is stated that the report that a large number of men have been arrested is without foundation though several confessions have been made.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Fit pair to be worn by Latvian hunchback extremely gullible
- Soppy mouth attracting kiss from drunken lips?
- against European from the East
- 13 Worn-out fossil one to
- about in old crown
- dependency (9) 16 Regularly he's in CIA target
 - 19 Reptile displays pride in Tarsus recklessly
- mum reflected in capital (7) 23 Dull reporter saying

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- throw away
- 14 One to march or stroll 25 Sound shortened in
- 21 Workers organised to run in short jacket (5)
 22 King needs a wash,
- something cutting? 24 Refuse to be carried in 4

this cruise ship?

- shout to encourage Maurice?
 - Up there: some endlessly stormy god (10)Get weight reduced
 - somehow cook (3,5)Swimmer takes position restricting current
 - Urge charming female to go topless
- Meet old man entertaining men say
- Location likely to see better girl embracing
- Days initially lost in broadcast confused situation One in flight has
- climbing (4) 14 Not prepared for away match
- 15 Writer's Christmas card impressing bird (4,6)
- 17 Freeholders from the Old Country Railway

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- 18 Sceptical sort acting so atrociously
- 20 Fur coat owner's hesitant admission?
- 21 Jerk outside court
- with adult signalling of
- 22 Flesh and blood covering fifty pots fired here
- 23 On radio man would listen

NOTE: Figures in parentheses denote the number of letters in the words required. (By arrangement with The Independent, London)

THUMBNAILS

Club NPC annual general meeting held: The Club NPC **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) and networking event, held on 21 September, at the PHD Chamber of Commerce in New Delhi, brought together over 15,000 members from various sectors of the construction industry. Leaders, professionals, and stakeholders participated in a landmark event that emphasised innovation. knowledge-sharing, and a unified approach to advancing India`s construction industry. On the occasion, **Professor Charanjeet Singh** Shah emphasis on skill development resonated with attendees as he outlined how technological advancements can align the construction industry with India's ambitious growth tar

IDFC FIRST Bank unveils 'Ashva': IDFC FIRST Bank, a leader in innovative financial solutions, has announced the launch of the Ashva Credit Card, its newest offering for the modern, discerning customer. The Ashva Credit Card, powered by Visa, is a celebration of the spirit and aspiration of the new India

350 students certified for 'future-tech skills' : Samsung India`s flagship CSR initiative, the 'Samsung Innovation Campus, (SIC) has concluded its Coding & Programming. Artificial Intelligence (AI). Big Data and Internet of Things (IoT) courses for 350 students in Gorakhpur at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University. The students were handed over certificates of completion by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath at a ceremony held at the University premises. This initiative reiterates the brand's commitment to being a strong partner of the country and working alongside the government in its mission to skill India and power #DigitalIndia.

'Roma collection': Duroply. one of the leading plywood companies, has launched a contemporary range of Dyed Veneers ~ 'Roma Collection' This premium range of dyed veneers is a celebration of the intricate and timeless beauty of Italian architecture, embodying the sophisticated charm that Italy is renowned for, Launched under the flagship Duro Nature`s Signature Brand. these veneers are for the discerning audiences who value elegance and beauty in

their day-to-day life.

IAA Transportation '24: The TSF Group, one of the largest automotive groups based in India, is showcasing its exhaustive product offerings including brakes, axles & wheels aimed primarily at the global trailer market. As a renowned Tier-1 supplier to global OEMs for over 60 years, the group strongly focuses on design, develop ment, world-class quality. competitive cost and superior customer centricity. Brakes India is exhibiting its 22.5-inch lightweight monobloc Single Piston Air Disk Brake at the IAA Trans-

'Anantam' unveiled: Ganga Realty, a prominent real estate developer based in Gurugram, has unveiled 'Anantam', the tallest residential tower in the city, located in Sector 85. The project`s Tower A, launched under an exclusive Expression of Interest phase. received an extraordinary response from homebuvers in a remarkably short period Ganga Realty is offering a limited-time Expression of Interest with a special inau-

portation '24.

Training and upskilling of over 700 women travel agents: Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) President Jyoti Mayal empowering women within the travel sector. In an initiative, Mayal led the training and upskilling of over 700 women travel agents across India. Through programmes such as TAAI's Pathshala, she ensured that women were equipped with the knowledge and skills to thrive in the industry, fostering both employment and leadership opportunities for women in

India has potential to become \$10tn economy by 2032: Report

The country is expected to become a \$4 trillion economy in 2024–2025. which would make it the world's fourth-largest economy

NEW DELHI, 21 SEPTEMBER

riven by strong GDP growth and robust manufacturing and emphasis on building infrastructure, India is on its way to becoming the third largest economy soon and has the potential to add \$1 trillion to its GDP every 1.5 years to reach the \$10 trillion economy mark by 2032, a new report showed on Saturday.

The country is expected to become a \$4 trillion economy in 2024-2025, which would make it the world's fourthlargest economy.

According to a report by IDBI Capital, the country is on track to become a \$10 trillion economy by 2032, positioning itself as the world's third-largest economy by 2030.

"By adding USD 1tn every 1.5 years going forward, India is forecasted to emerge as the third-largest global economy over the next six years," the report noted.



the 10th largest economy in the world, with a GDP of \$1.9 trillion at current market prices. Key initiatives such as "Make

in India" are expected to play a pivotal role in bolstering the nation's manufacturing capabilities and positioning India as a global manufacturing hub. On Thursday, a report by S& P Global projected that India is on track to become the third-largest economy by fiscal 2030-31, driven by a

has emerged as the fastestgrowing large economy at an 8.2 per cent growth rate in FY24, significantly exceeding the government's earlier esti-

As per a recent NITI Aayog document, for India to become a developed nation, it needs to strive to be a \$30 trillion economy by 2047 with a per capita income of \$18,000 per annum. By then, the GDP would have to grow 9 times robust projected annual growth from today's \$3.36 trillion and

mate of 7.3 per cent.

need to rise 8 times from today's \$2,392 per annum, according to the document.

The 21st century can be India's century, as the country pole-vaults into the future confident of its capabilities. India is the fifth largest economy in the world today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said this week that India is becoming a major stakeholder in the global supply chain and this growing capacity is the foundation of its economic growth.

September set to be busiest month for IPOs in 14 yrs: RBI

NEW DELHI, 21 SEPTEMBER

As Indian stock markets remain resilient amid global challenges, September is set to be the busiest month for initial public offerings (IPOs) in 14 years, with over 28 companies entering the market so far, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Financial markets are undergoing shifts. In the primary equity market, there is a surge of interest in small and medium enterprises (SMEs) IPOs, including from domestic mutual funds, with massive oversubscriptions.

About 54 per cent of IPO shares allotted to investors were sold within a week of listing, according to the Central Bank's monthly bulletin.

"A growing number of listed companies are turning to qualified institutional placements (QIPs) for raising capital, estimated at around Rs 60,000 crore in the first eight months of 2024," it read.

With intermittent corrections on global cues, bench-



mark indices in the secondary market have moved up, and the outlook remains bullish, said the RBI.

Global funds have been investing heavily in the Indian debt market for the fifth month in a row since May 2024. On the other hand, corporate debt issuances remained low during the financial year so far despite easing yields as issuers awaited the US rate cut.

The RBI said that as large risk capital investors tread cautiously, the early-stage investment landscape is seeing an increasing number of micro venture capital firms and founder-led funds.

Despite guardrails and concerns about interconnectedness with the regulated financial system, the footprint of private credit - non-bank lending in high-yielding and illiquid debt-like instruments - is gradually expanding to cater to customised require-

ments of borrowers that are

underserved by traditional

sources of capital.

Rough estimates place private credit assets under management at around \$15 bil-

"Fintech lenders, which are reported to have captured over 52 per cent of the market share of personal loans, are increasingly turning to private credit to raise funds and diversify borrowing sources. The resilience of private credit in a credit downturn, however, remains untested," the Central Bank said.

NEWSFEED

'SWACHHTA PLEDGE' ADMINISTERED

COAL INDIA LTD



Coal India Limited Chairman PM Prasad administered the & Swachhta Pledge to the employees to mark the commencement of the 'Swacchata Hi Sewa' 2024 at CIL corporate headquarters in Kolkata. The Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign, will run from 14 September to 2 October 2024. This year's theme is Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata emphasising behavioural change and building a sustainable waste management ecosystem from source to

BRIDGE AND ROOF

Bridge And Roof Co. (I) Ltd. is observing "Swachhata Hi Seva-2024" campaign with the theme 'Swabhav Swachhata -SanskaarSwachhata'. As part of the 'Swachhata Ki Bhaagidari' initiative, the Company organized Tree Plantation "Fk Ped Maa Ke Naam" on 18 September 2024 at its Howrah Workshop. Rajesh Kumar Singh, CMD led the campaign along with other directors. Several employees along with their families actively particiated in this event, reflecting their commitment to environmental sustainability.



KOLKATA METRO RAILWAY



tember to 1 October. During the Pakhwada, cleaning and sanitisation drives at stations, trains, colonies, hospital and other railway establishments will be carried out with special focus on plastic waste management. As a part of this programme. 'Swachhta Pledge' was administered by Kolkata Metro Railway General Manager P Uday Kumar Reddy at Metro Rail Bhavan.



As a part of the nationwide Swachhata Hi Seva campaign the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) is organising a series of cleanliness activities from 17 September to 2 October. BBMB held a large-scale cleanliness drive on 17 September at the Motor Market in Sector 48, Chandigarh. The event was led by Manoi Tripathi. Chairman of BBMB, who set a commendable example by personally participating in the cleaning efforts.

MINISTRY OF STEEL AND SAIL



The Ministry of Steel in coordination with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), a Maharatna CPSE, organised a 'Swachhata Run' at Nehru Park in New Delhi on 21 September. The event was led by Sandeep Poundrik, Secretary, Steel. Amarendu Prakash, Chairman, SAIL, senior officers from the Ministry of Steel and SAIL along with a large number of employees actively participated. As part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' 2024 campaign, SAIL is conducting several activities across its Plants and Units from 17 September to 2 October.

LIC appoints Infosys to build its **NextGen Digital Platform**

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has undertaken a digital transformation programme named DIVE (Digital Innovation and Value Enhance-

Under DIVE, LIC aims to significantly boost its digital platform with an aim to provide superior experience to its customers, field force, partners and employees.

LIC has appointed Infosys to build its new state-of-art NextGen Digital Platform which will be an integrated end-toend digital insurance solution to provide excellent Services to its customers, Business lifecycle management and operational activities for sales intermediaries and digital frontend platform for branch employ-

Siddhartha Mohanty, CEO & MD, LIC, said, "Our vision is to transform LIC into a technology enabled organisation providing life insurance solutions. We look forward to our partnership with Infosys in creatingworld class digital solutions and providing best-in-class experience for all our stakeholders including customers and sales intermediaries.'

Oil India holds its 65th Annual **General Meeting**

Oil India Limited (OIL), a Maharatna CPSE, held its 65th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 14 September.

Dr RanjitRath, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) addressed the shareholders of the Company and thankfully acknowledged their continuous trust & investment in the company. In his address, Dr Rath highlighted OIL's ongoing efforts to expedite its exploration initiatives with total domestic exploration acreage of 58,564.2 Sq. KM across category I, II and III sedimentary basins.

for financial year 2023-24 Power Finance Corporation

PFC pays final dividend of ₹462 cr

(PFC), a Maharatna Company and a leading NBFC in the power sector, has paid Rs 462 crore to the government and Rs 363 crore to other shareholders, totalling Rs 825 crore as the Final Dividend for the financial year 2023-

For the Financial Year 2023-24, PFC paid Rs 4455 crore dividend, out of which Rs 2,495 crore, including the final dividend of Rs 462 crore, was paid to Government of India against 55.99% of share-

This is the highest-ever

dividend paid by PFC in any Financial Year.

The first, second & third interim dividend @45%, 35% & 30% % i.e. Rs 4.5, Rs 3.5 & Rs 3 per equity share of face value Rs 10 each, respectively, were declared by the board of directors earlier in November 2023, February 2024, and March 2024 in addition to the final dividend @25% i.e. Rs 2.5 per equity share for the financial year 2023-

During FY 2023-24, PFC earned its highest-ever Profit after Tax (PAT) of Rs 14,367

'Invest Madhya Pradesh ~ Global Investors Summit' in Feb 2025

Government of Madhya Pradesh successfully conducted its 4th Interactive session in Kolkata

This event, held at Hotel J W Marriott, Kolkata, is a precursor to the biennial flagship event, 'Invest Madhya Pradesh Global Investors Summit' scheduled for February, 2025 n Bhopal. The Kolkata session witnessed an impressive turnout of over 700 participants, including prominent industrialists from sectors $such \, as \, Steel, Food \, Processing, \,$ IT, Textiles and Logistics.



Investors from West Bengal, particularly from Bardhaman,

Hooghly, Howrah and Medinipur, as well as the neighbouring states, engaged in fruitful discussions with key stakeholders.

Representatives from leading industrial organizations such as NASSCOM, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), Bengal Chambers of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Indian Chambers of Commerce (ICC) and, Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC) also attended the session.

ICG signs MoU with The Habitats **Trust and HCL Foundation**

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on 19 September signed a Memorandum of Understanding with The Habitats Trust and HCLFoundation for marine conservation at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. The agreement was signed by IG AnupamRai, Deputy Director General (Operations & Coastal Security), Dr NidhiPundhir, Director, HCLFoundation and Mr RushikeshChavan, Head of, The Habitats Trust, This strategic partnership aims to



initiatives, including removal of Ghost Nets addressing the pressing issue of abandoned hing gear that poses threats to marine life, Mapping and Classifying Ghost Gear Aggregation Åreas which will enhance understanding of areas affected by ghost gear to prioritise cleanupefforts.

International appreciation to IP University VC



The Vice Chancellor of Guru Gobind Singh IndraprasthaUniversity,Delhi Padma Shri Professor (Dr) Mahesh Verma has been given the Certificate of Appreciation by the General Assembly of the FDI World Dental Federation convened at Istambul, Turkive.

The Certificate of Appreciation was conferred to him in recognition of his outstanding and significant contributions to the FDI World Dental Federation as member of the FDI Science Commit-

A global name in the field of dental science, Dr.Verma is also Professor Emeritus. Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, New Delhi. | latest developments.

Bank of Baroda gets Rajbhasha Kirti **Puraskar for 3rd consecutive year**

Bank of Baroda has been awarded 'First Prize' under the Government of India's RajbhashaKirtiPuraskar' Scheme for the year 2023-2024 for outstanding performance in Official Language Implementation. The award was received by Bank's Man-

aging Director & CEO, Deba-

datta Chand, at the hands of

Minister of Home Affairs &

Co-operation Amit Shah, during the Hindi Diwas - 2024 & Fourth AkhilBhartiyaRajbhashaSammelan held on 14 September in New Delhi. Bank of Baroda has received Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar consecutively for the third year in the nationalised Bank category, which includes two 'First Prizes' and one 'Second

Ministers visits MoFPI pavilion at World Food India 2024, Delhi

NIFTEM-Kundli has been making some exciting advancements in the food technology sector.

Union Minister of MoFPI ChiragPaswan, Union Minister of State for MoFPI Ravneet Singh Bittu, Union Minister of New & Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi, visited the MoFPI Pavilion, at World Food India 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, where Dr.Harinder Singh Oberoi, Director of NIFTEM-K, showcased some of the institution's



NIFTEM-K signed MoU with major corporates, including Tetra Pak, Hexagon Nutrition Ltd., LT Foods Ltd., Fermenta Biotech Ltd., Tirupati Life Sciences Ltd., Sahyadri Farms, Tata Consumer Products Limited (TCPL), and Hindustan Unilever Ltd.

Bank of Baroda adopts (GenAI) Bank of Baroda, one of India's

leading public sector banks, has made significant strides in its digital transformation journey by adopting advanced technologies in the field of data and artificial intelligence (AI).

The Bank has introduced three different generative AIpowered solutions for its customers and employees. 'Aditi' is a GenAI powered Virtual Relationship Manager aims to enhance the digital customer service experience. These human-like

interface(https://www.bankofbaroda.in/contact-us/vrm) presented in the form of digital avatars, offer conversational banking across a range of services. Available on the Bank's web portal, the capability supports audio, video, and chatbased assistance, ensuring 24x7 banking services with multilingual support, thereby augmenting the overall customer experience. This service is being gradually rolled out to our existing customers through an enrollment process available on the Bank's web-

PFC receives recognition for outstanding contribution in renewable



(PFC), A Maharatna Company and leading NBFC in Indian power sector received notable recognition from Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) at RE-INVEST 2024 for its outstanding contribution to India's

renewable energy sector. PFC has played a pivotal role in providing financial support to 68 GW of 200 GW total installed renewable capacity, demonstrating its commitment to sustainable energy

As the largest financier of renewable energy projects in India, PFC's dedication to advancing green energy infrastructure underscores its leadership and vital role in shaping the country's clean energy

Govt accords approval for NPCIL-NTPCJV Company

REC signs MoU with RE developers for ₹ 1.12L cr during 4th RE-INVEST

REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSU under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during 4th Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet & Expo (RE-INVEST 2024) in Gandhinagar with RE developers aggregating about ₹1.12 lakh crore which will be implemented

over a period of 5 years. The MoUs cover projects based on Solar and Wind hybrid projects, Solar and Wind Round the Clock (RTC) project, Firm and Dispatchable RE (FDRE) power, Floating Solar Plants, Ultra Mega Renewable Energy park, Hydroelectric Power Project, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), Pumped Storage, Hydropower, Green Ammonia/Hydrogen, Solar Cell/Module Manufacturing and other innovative tech-

nologies.

tember, 2024 accorded approval to the AnushaktiVidhyut Nigam Ltd. (ASHVI-NI), a Joint Venture (IV) of **Nuclear Power Corporation** of India Limited - NPCIL (51%) and NTPC Ltd. (49%) to Build, Own & Operate

nuclear power plants in India in accordance with provisions of the Atomic Energy Act. Additionally Govt. of India has approved transfer of



ahiBanswara Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (MBRAPP) 4x700 MWe based on indigenous PHWR technology, from NPCIL to the JV Company ASHVINI. The Govt has also approved exemption to NPCIL to invest more than Rs 500 crore and exemption to NTPC to invest more than Rs 5000 crore in a single JV/Subsidiary Company.

This will enable adequate financing for accelerated Nuclear Power capacity addition in India.

In addition to MBRAPP, 'ASHVINI' shall also pursue other Nuclear Power Projects in different parts of the country.



Death toll rises to 31 after rare Israeli airstrike on Beirut

Israel said it killed 11 Hezbollah operatives, including Ibrahim Akil who was in charge of the group's elite Radwan Force, in the strike that hit a densely populated southern neighbourhood on Friday

ASSOCIATED PRESS

he death toll from an Israeli airstrike on a Beirut suburb has risen to 31, including seven women and three children, Lebanon's health minister said on Saturday.

Firass Abiad told reporters 68 people were also wounded of whom 15 remain in hospital, adding that search and rescue operations were still ongoing, with the number of casualties The rare strike—the dead-

liest targeting the Lebanese capital since the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah war—hit a densely populated southern neighborhood on Friday afternoon during rush hour as people returned home. Israel said it killed 11 Hezbollah operatives, including Ibrahim Akil who was in charge of the group's elite Radwan Force. The militant group members were in a meeting in the basement of the building that was

Hezbollah announced overnight Friday that 15 of its operatives were killed by Israeli forces, but did not elaborate on the location of these deaths.

Lebanese troops cordoned off the area preventing people from reaching the building that was knocked down as members of the Lebanese Red Cross stood nearby to take any recovered body from under the rubble. On Saturday morning, Hezbollah's media office took journalists on a tour of the scene of the airstrike where workers were still digging through the rubble.

The Minister of Public Works and Transport Ali Hamie told reporters at the scene that 23 people are still missing.

The airstrike on the crowded Qaim street knocked out an eight-story building that had 16 apartments and damaged another one adjacent to it. The missiles destroyed the first building and cut

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tially the last of the group

before he leaves office on

Jan. 20 — by opening his

home in Wilmington,

Delaware, to each of the lead-

ers and hosting a joint meeting

and formal dinner at the high

school he attended more

Anthony Albanese, Indian

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime

Minister Fumio Kishida all

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Depot. New Jalpaiguri and DEMU Shed

Siliguri Junction of Katihar Division for a

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₹27,22,100/-; Bid Security: ₹ 54,400/-

Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00

hrs, and opening at 15:30 hrs, or

14-10-2024. For complete information with

he tender document of above e-tender will

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NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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Australian Prime Minister



second where the meeting of Hezbollah officials was being held, according to an Associated Press journalist at the scene.

In a nearby building, shops were badly damaged including one that sold clothes and had a sign in English that read: 'DRESS LÏKE YOU'RE ALREADY FAMOUS.

Friday's deadly strike came hours after Hezbollah launched one of its most intense bombardments of northern Israel in nearly a year of fighting, largely tar-

Israel has neither confirmed nor denied involvement

hospitals across the country

were filled with the wound-

in the attack which marked a major escalation in the past 11 months of simmering conflict along the Israel-Lebanon border.Israel and Hezbollah have traded fire regularly since Hamas' Oct. 7 assault on southern Israel ignited the Israeli military's devastating offensive in Gaza. But previous cross-border attacks have largely struck areas in northern Israel that had been evacuated and less-populated parts of southern Lebanon. Earlier this week, Israel's security cabinet said stopping Hezbollah's attacks in the country's north to allow residents to return to their homes is now an official war goal, as it considers a wider military operation in Lebanon that could spark an all-out conflict. Israel has since sent a powerful fighting northern border.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, 21 SEPTEMBER

Communication breakdowns

with local law enforcement

hampered the Secret Service's

performance during a July

campaign rally where former

President Donald Trump

was shot and wounded,

according to a report released

Friday that lays out a litany

of missed opportunities to

stop a gunman who opened

fire from an unsecured roof.

summarizing the key con-

clusions of a yet-to-be final-

ized Secret Service report

lays bare the cascading and

wide-ranging failings that

preceded the July 13 shooting

at the Butler, Pennsylvania,

rally at which Trump was

struck in the ear by gunfire.

of clear guidance from the

Secret Service to local law

enforcement, the failure to

Those include an absence

A five-page document

'Weaponising ordinary devices violates international law'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS, 21 SEPTEMBER

Weaponising ordinary communication devices represents a new development in warfare, and targeting thousands of Lebanese people using pagers, two-way radios and electronic equipment without their knowledge is a violation of international human rights law, the United Nations human rights chief said Fri-

Volker Türk told an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council there must be an independent and transparent investigation of the two attacks in Lebanon on Tuesday and Wednesday where these devices exploded, reportedly killing 37 people and injuring more than 3,400 others.

"Those who ordered and carried out these attacks must be held to account,"

Lebanon has blamed Israel for the attacks, which appeared to target Hezbollah militants but also saw many civilian casualties, including children. Hezbollah has fought many conflicts with Israel, including a war in 2006, and

at the rally grounds that left

Trump open to sniper fire

and "complacency" among

some agents, said Ronald

Rowe Jr., the agency's acting

director. Though the failed

response has been well doc-

umented through congres-

sional testimony, news media

investigations and other pub-

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AFFIDAVIT

I, ABHISHEK KUMAR GUPTA, Son of Lt. Sujit Prasad, resident of Bankim Nagar, Isckon Mandir Road, P.O. Sevoke Road,Dist. Jalpaiguri, WB, declare that in my Birth Certificate being no. SHSDP / SLG No. 01020, Registration No. 7272/2001, where my name has been recorded as

Secret Service report details communication failures

it has conducted near-daily strikes against Israel to support Hamas militants who attacked Israel on 7 October.

Before the council meeting, Israel's U.N. Ambassador Danny Danon was asked by reporters about speculation Israel was behind the two explosions.

'We are not commenting on the specific attacks you mentioned, but I can tell you that we will do everything we can to target those terrorists to minimize casualties for civilians," he replied.

Lebanon's Foreign Minister Abdallah Bouhabib accused Israel of terrorizing the entire Lebanese population on streets, in markets, shops and their homes where their communications devices exploded.

mangled and bloodied hand, telling ambassadors from the 15 council nations: "Look at the ugliness of what has happened in this picture."

Bouhabib insisted that Israel not only launched the attacks but told the council there were "official declarations" and a tweet by an adviser to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "that was lately deleted, emphasizing the responsibility of Israel and praising the positive results of this assault." He appeared to be referring to a deleted tweet by Netanyahu adviser Topaz Luke, who reportedly retweeted a post that included a reply indicating that Israel was behind the attacks in Lebanon and neighboring Syria.

Biden putting personal touch on Asia-Pacific diplomacy in his final months in office



ASSOCIATED PRESS WILMINGTON, 21 SEPTEMBER

President Joe Biden is looking to showcase the Indo-Pacific partnership he has nurtured since taking office as he hosts the leaders of Australia, Japan and India in his hometown Saturday with an eye on his

When Biden entered the White House he looked to elevate the so-called Quad, which until then had only met at the foreign minister level, to a leader-level partnership as he tried to pivot U.S. foreign policy away from conflicts in the Middle East and toward threats and opportunities in the Indo-Pacific. This weekend's summit is the fourth in-person and sixth overall gathering of the leaders since 2021.

The University of Burdwan, Raibati, Burdwan, Please visit website www. buruniv.ac.in

for Walk-in-Interview for recruitment of one Project Assistant under a SERB-DST project of Govt. of India.

SURI MUNICIPALITY BIRBHUM Memo No. 2120/SM/HQ Date: 20-09-2024

) A walk-in interview will be held on 01-10-2024 for selection of Health Officer, ii) Offline application are invited for the post of 01 No. of Clerical Assistant and 2 Nos. of Office Assisant under Suri Municipality, Birbhum For more details visit Website of Suri Municipality / Office Notice Board. Sd/- Chairman, Suri Municipality

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the name of my son Abyan Agarwal is hereby changed to Avyaan Agarwal by virtue of affidavit dt 05.07.2024 in court of Metropolitan Magistrate Calcutta. Henceforth his all documents e.g. Birth Certificate, Passport, Aadhaar Card shall be in the name of Avyaan Agarwal. Suraj Agarwal

Father & Natural Guardian of Date: 21.09.24 Avyaan Agarwal

राजस्थान सरकार कार्यालय नियन्त्रक राजस्थान स्टेड मोटर गैराज, विभाग, जयपुर क्रमांक पुफ ४ / (1)स्डोर्स / द्रर अनु. / स्टे.गो./ 2024 2025 / ई-निविदा सूचना (NIB)

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descended on the sleepy city of Wilmington for the meetings before their appearances at the United Nations General Assembly in New York next

"He wanted to have a private moment with them, to continue to grow those relationships," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said. "That's what this is On Friday afternoon, Biden

welcomed Albanese to his expansive home set on a pond in a wooded area several miles west of downtown. On Saturday, he was to host Kishida and Modi there as well, before convening all the leaders for consultations at Archmere Academy in nearby Claymont.News reporters and photographers were prohibited from covering Biden's individual meetings with the leaders, and Biden would not be holding a press assertiveness...

PWD (GOVT. OF WB) TENDER NOTICE

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1) Emergent Flood Damage Repairin

work on Kabulia-Tilakchwak Road at Ch. from 10.40 km to 10.50 km under

Hooghly Construction Sub-Division-I

Arambagh, PWD, Under Hooghly Constructin Division, PWD during the

year 2024-25. 2) Emergent Flood

ramage Repairing work on Tantisa lealth Centre Link Road at Ch. from

1.50 km to 2.00 km under Hooghly

Construction Sub-Division-II Arambagh, PWD, Under Hooghl

Constructin Division, PWD during the

ear 2024-25. 3) Emergent Flood

Balarampur-Chatrasal Road at Ch. 8.50

km to 8.75 km under Hooghl Construction Sub-Division-II

Arambagh, PWD, Under Hooghl

Constructin Division, PWD during the year 2024-25. 4) Emergent Floor

Damage Repairing work by Brick Stitching on Approach Road of Singur Trauma Care Centre Ch. from 0.00 Km

to 0.25 Km in stretches under Hooghly

Construction Sub Division III under Hooghly Construction Division (PWD)

n the district of Hooghly during the year 2024-25. **5)** Emergent Floor Damage Repairing work by Bric

Stitching on Diversion road of Naliku

ROB Ch. from 14.70 Km to 15.50 Km in stretches under Hooghly Construction

Division (PWD) in the district of

Hooghly during the year 2024-25 6) Emergent Flood Damage Repairing

work by Brick Stitching on Tarakeswar Kanariaghat Road Ch. from 0.00 Km to 1.00 Km in stretches under Hooghly

Construction Division (PWD) in the

district of Hooghly during the year 2024 - 25. **7)** Emergent Flood Damage

Repairing work on Jagatpur-Dharampota Road at Ch. from 17.00 km to 17.20 km under Hooghly

Construction Sub-Division-II

Arambagh, PWD, Under Hooghly Constructin Division, PWD during the

year 2024-25. **8)** Emergent Flood Damage Repairing work by Paver Block on Champadanga Pursurah Arambagh

Road at Ch. from 11.500 km to 11.700

km under Hooghly Construction Sub-Division-I, Arambagh, PWD, Under

Hooghly Constructin Division, PWD

during the year 2024-25. Last Date and time limit for receipt of the application

26.09.2024 up to 12.30 p.m. Last Date

and time limit for issue of Tender paper 26.09.2024 up to 1.30 p.m. Last Date

paper 26.09.2024 up to 2.30 p.m

Date and time of opening of Tende

Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIQ/NIT and

S. Roy Pratihar

Hooghly Construction Division

Chawkbazar, Hooghly

Executive Engineer, PWD

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rom: https://wbpwd.gov.in/

26.09.2024 up to 3.00 p.m.

conference, Jean-Pierre said The gathering is also an opportunity for Biden and Japan's Kishida to bid each other farewell. Biden and Kishida, who are both stepping away from office amid sliding public support, count the tightening of security and economic ties among the U.S., Japan and South Korea as one of their most significant accomplishments. The two leaders sat down for their one-on-one conversation on

defense system intercepted

most of the Katyusha

rockets.The militant group

said its latest wave of rocket

salvos was a response to past

Israeli strikes on southern

Lebanon. However, it came

days after mass explosions

of Hezbollah pagers and walkie-talkies killed at least

37 people — including two

children. Some 2,900 others

were wounded in the assault

which has been widely attrib-

uted to Israel.The Lebanese

health minister said Saturday

The improved relations between Japan and South Korea, two nations with a deep and complicated history that have struggled to stay on speaking terms, have come amid worrying developments in the Pacific, including strides made by North Korea in its nuclear program and increasing Chinese

Saturday morning.

AFFIDAVIT

Nima Gyalpo Bhutia, R/o. 128 Gandhi Road behind Compuset, Darjeeling, P.O., P.S. and Dist.: Darjeeling, P.O., P.S. and Dist.: Darjeeling. That in my son's Nawang Youden Bhutia birth certificate being No.1829 ny name has been written as Tshering Doma Bhutia and also my son's Indian Passpor being No. M3614146 my name has beer written as Tshesing Doma Bhutia. My son's marriage certificate also my name has been written as Tsering Donker Bhutia. I an swearing this affidavit to declare that Tshering Dolker Bhutia, Tshering Doma Bhutia, Tshesing Doma Bhutia and Tsering Donker Bhutia are one and the same identical person, vide Affidavit No. 5137/24, date 21-09-2024 at Notary Public

SILIGURI COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

Teacher (Purely Temporary basis and Class basis remuneration) in Hindi (1) and Law (1) will be held on 25-09-2024, Wednesday (11-00 A.M.) at Siliguri College of Commerce. For details, please college www.siliguricollegeof commerce.org

follow

Dr. Ranjan Sarka Principa Siliguri College of Commerce Siliguri

TINBATTIMORE BRANCH DIST. JALPAIGURI-734005

Ref No.: BR / TINBT / 24-25

Date: 20.09.2024

Mr. Hasibul Rahaman

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया BOI

S/o. Basiruddin Ahammed Vill.: Teligachh Mahadevpur, P.O.: Lakshipur, P.S.: Chopra District-Uttar Dinajpur, Pin-733207, West Bengal

> APPENDIX-IV [See Rule-8(1)] **POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the BANK OF INDIA (TIN-BATTIMORE Branch) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financia Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Inter est (Enforcement) Rules. 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 01-07-2024 cal ling upon the borrower Mr. HASIBUL RAHAMAN to repay the amoun nentioned in the notice being Rs. 49.81.211.70 (Rupees forty-nine lakh eighty one thousand two hundred eleven and seventy Paisa) plus interest thereor within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the corrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security nterest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 20th day of September of the

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank Of India, Tinbattimore Branch for an amount Rs 49,81,211.70 (Rupees forty-nine lakh eighty-one thousand two hundred elever and seventy Paisa) plus interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets Description of the Immovable Property

All the part parcel of property including Land & building having measuring are 0.08 acre which is recorded under the Khatian No. 492 (LR), Plot No. 174 (LR), J.L No. 24, Mouza - Chopra, Police Station - Chopra, District: Uttar Dinajpul West Bengal. Owner of the property is Mr. Hasibul Rahaman

On the North by the land of Dhala Md @ Dhala On the South by 26 Ft Wide Metal Road On the East by the land of Dhala Md @ Dhala On the West by House of Khademul Islam Place: Chopra (Uttar Dinajpur) Date: 20-09-2024

Authorized Officer

New address (Relocation)

Fourth Floor, Beekay Centrio,

Siliguri - 734001, West Bengal.

All the concerned are requested to take note of the same.

my name has been recorded as ABHISEK KUMAR GUPTA inplace of

ABHISEK KUMAR GUPTA inplace of my correct name as ABHISHEK KUMAR GUPTA & in my above said Birth Certificate, where my father's name has been recorded as SUJIT GUPTA inplace of his actual name as SUJIT PRASAD. ABHISHEK KUMAR GUPTA & SUJIT PRASAD and SUJIT GUPTA are the same one & single identical person. Vide affidavit on 9/9/2024 before the LD. Notary Public at Siliguri.

NOTICE

document released Friday

marks the Secret Service's

most formal attempt to cat-

alog the errors of the day

and comes amid fresh scruti-

ny of the agency following

Sunday's arrest of a man

Trump at a Florida golf

Notice is hereby given to all concern that I, Sri Debarshi Mukherjee, S/o. Debasish Mukhopadhay @ Debasish Mukherjee, residing at R.R.N. Road, Old Post Office Para, Sahar Cooch Behar, P.S.: Kotwali, P.O.& Dist.: Cooch Behar, is the absolute owner of land measuring 0.049 Acres of land in R.S. Plot No. 4303 Cor-responding to L.R. Plot No. 5489, L.R. Khatien No. 23256 & 27321, Mouza-Sahar Cooch Behar, J.L. No. 130, P.S.: Kotwali, Dist.: Cooch Behar through a registered Gift Deed being Behar through a registered Gift Deed being Behar through a registered Gift Deed bein Book No. I, Deed No. 6428, Vol. No. 0801-2019 Pages No. 103964 to 103978, date 6.08.2019 & 19.08.2019, executed before th District Sub Registry Office, Cooch Behar which Gift Deed related with another Chain Deed being No.I-7463 dated 28.10.2014 Gitt Deed related with another Chain Dee being No.1-7463 dated 28.10.2014 (29.10.2014). That today when I am going t market for Xerox with my folio bag contains with the said original Chain Deed being No. 7463 dated 28.10.2014, & 29.10.2014 and the said original chain deed has been lost from m custody and I have lodge a General Diary be fore the Kotwali Police Station under P.S.: Ko walli, vide G.D.E. No. 1303/2024 dates wali, vide G.D.E No. 1303/2024 date 20.09.2024 by declaring the said facts. If an person, concern, bank or financial institution naving any claim / objection over the aforesa property may contact the undersigned within (Seven) days from the date of publication of the

Sri Debarshi Mukherjee Mobile No. 8250292514

notice and on failure thereof the property will b eated as free from all encumbra

Siliguri - 734008, West Bengal

For ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd. Just -

Authorized Signatory

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, GYALSHING DISTRICT SIKKIM

Memo No. 464 / D&SJ / Gyalshing Dated: 20-09-2024

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given of the publication of the

Employment Notice bearing No. 462 / D&SJ(G), Dated: 20-09-2024 in the Website: https://gyalshing.dcourts.gov.in of the District & Sessions Court, Gyalshing District for filing up of 01 (One) post of Stenographer, Grade-III.

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Sd/

District & Sessions Judge Gyalshing District, at Kyongsa, Sikkim

preceding July assassination attempt on Trump States Secret Service. It's important that we hold ourselves to account for the failures of July 13th and that we use the lessons learned to make sure that we do not have another failure like this again," Rowe said at a news conference accompanying the release of the summary. The report details a series of "communications deficiencies" before the shooting by 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks, who was killed by a Secret Service counter-sniper after firing eight rounds in Trump's direction from the roof of a building less than 150 yards from where Trump was speaking.

Form No. 3 [See Regulation-15 (1)(a)]/16(3) who authorities say stalked | DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL **KOLKATA (DRT 3)**

fix line-of-sight vulnerabilities lic statements, the summary on the part of the United Jawahar Lal Nehru Road, Kolkata-700 071 Case No.: OA/236/2023 is under sub-section (4) of section 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Exh. No.: 4646 INDIAN BANK

M/S B M ENTERPRISE AND ANR

(1) M/S B M ENTERPRISE AND ANR 134/H/2, TILJALA ROAD, KOLKATA WEST BENGAL-700046

(2) SRI MUKESH RAM 134/H/2, TILJALA ROAD, KOLKATA 700046, WEST BENGAL Also At. 134, TILJALA ROAD, GOBINDA KHATICK ROAD, KOLKATA- 700046,

WESTBENGAL AlsoAt. 1434, NASKAR HAT, SWARUP PLACE, PS- TILJATA, KOLKATA-700039, WEST BENGAL

SUMMONS

WHEREAS, OA/236/2023 was listed

before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registraron <u>26/07/2024.</u> WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you fo recovery of debts of Rs. 4917653.09/

(application along with copies o

ocuments etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-(i) to show cause within thirty days of e service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant unde serial number 3A of the origina application: (iii) you are restrained from dealing

with or disposing of secured assets of such other assets and propertie disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way o

ease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interes is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed unde serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal; (v) you shall be liable to account for the

sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished

to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 02/12/2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 30/07/2024

Sd/-Registrar-in-Charge Kolkata Debts Recovery Tribunal-3



























PM Modi could visit Varanasi next month



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE VARANASI, 21 SEPTEMBER

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit his Varanasi parliamentary constituency next month between October 17 and 22.

According to party sources here on Saturday preparations are underway for the inauguration of projects worth around Rs 15,000 crores by PM which will also include the newly renovated Sigra stadium.

To prepare the roadmap for the PM's arrival, senior officials of the central and state governments had a meeting with the district police and administration officials through video conferencing on Friday evening.

Sources said along with the inauguration and laying of the foundation stone, the PM will have a darshan of Kaal Bhairav and worship at Baba Vishwanath temple. They said an invitation has been sent to the PM on behalf of Shri Kanchi Kamakoti Medical Trust for the inauguration of their programme on October 20.

Though there is no information from PMO yet officials hinted that PM's programme could be fixed in the third week of October. Meanwhile, before this, on September 26, the PM will virtually lay the foundation stone of the new terminal building of Babatpur Airport.

Rijiju stresses on dialogue to bring peace in Manipur

Hundreds of people lost their lives while thousands of others were forced to take refuge in relief camps after ethnic clashes erupted in Manipur last year

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

nion Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju Saturday emphasised on restoring peace in the strife-torn state of $Manipur\ through\ dialogue.$

"It is necessary to bring peace in Manipur. Both communities must come together. There should be dialogue," he said on the sidelines of the North Eastern Students' Festival 2024 here after being asked about the situation in the northeastern state.

Notably, hundreds of people lost their lives while thousands of others were forced to take refuge in the relief camps following ethnic clashes erupting in Manipur on May 3, 2023. It may be mentioned that



has been facing criticism from the Opposition parties for not visiting the northeastern state. They have been accusing the BJP-led government in the state as well as the Centre of failing to resolve the issue.

Earlier this month, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge slammed Modi over the situation in Manipur and said his abject failure in the strifetorn state was unforgivable.

He also demanded the dismissal of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh and a Supreme Court-monitored investigation into the ongoing violence. In July 2023, an Opposition MPs' delegation from the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) had visited

Manipur. Talking about the

Students Festival, Rijiju, who

represents the Arunachal West

Parliamentary constituency,

theme of the Northeast Students' Festival is Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

Pointing out the work done under the leadership of the Prime Minister for the Northeastern Region, he said, "A lot has changed in the last 10 years. The work done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the people of Northeast, people are aware of this, still, we will have to take it vigorously."

Meanwhile, in a post on X, Rijiju wrote, "The incredible energy and talent showcased here today reaffirm my belief that students are the promising future of the Northeast. Their passion and dedication will not only drive the progress of this vibrant region but will also contribute immensely to the growth and development of our entire nation.'

People have reverence for Tirupati Prasad, but such cases raise doubts: Ramnath Kovind

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE VARANASI, 21 SEPTEMBER

Former President Ramnath Kovind said when BabaVishwanath's Prasad came to $him\,yesterday, "In\,my\,mind,$ I remembered the incident of Prasad in Tirupati.'

"People have reverence for Tirupati Prasad, but such cases raise doubts", he said while adding " I apologize to Baba Vishwanath that I could not have his darshan this time but will do so the next time.'

The former President said that some of his colleagues had gone to Baba Vishwanath Dham last night. When they gave him prasadam at night, the incident of Tirumala suddenly came to his mind and he felt a little uneasy. But, everyone has unwavering faith and reverence in Baba Vishwanath's Prasadam, he added.

Kovind said that he does not want to go into details about it, but this could be the story of every temple in the country. Such adulteration can occur at every pilgrimage site. According to the Hindu religion, this is a big sin and should be investigated prop-

Inaugurating a two-day national seminar on 'Indian Cow, Organic Agriculture, and Panchgavya Chikitsa' at BHU here on Saturday, he termed the adulteration in food items as unfortunate. He said that the farmer also thinks that if he has 100 bighas of land then he wants to cultivate 10 bighas of it



without the use of chemical substances.

"The farmer is doing cowbased farming to ensure that part of the food he or his family needs to consume, but the farmer forgets that he can also cultivate wheat and paddy in the same way. For the cultivation of spices and other grains, we will have to depend on the market. How can he think in isolation? In such a situation, scientists should tell the country the solution," he added.

The seminar's objective was to discuss organic farming along with the treatment of diseases faced by the people like cancer, diabetes, depression, blood pressure, allergies, etc. through desi cow rearing and Panchgavya therapy. Milk obtained from western breed cows such as Jersey, Holstein, and Friesian can cause many health problems. Milk obtained from Indian breed cows Gangatiri, Sahiwal, Gir, Lal Sindhi, etc. comes in the category of A-2 milk.

At the seminar, opinions were gathered on the conservation and promotion of indigenous breeds of cows. The programme coordinator Prof. OP Singh said that Ayurveda in the world starts from Kashi.

Cross-state taxi dispute threatens to disrupt Assam-Meghalaya tourism

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE **GUWAHATI. 21 SEPTEMBER**

A growing conflict between transport operators in Assam and Meghalaya's taxi associations threatens to disrupt tourism in the region.

The dispute centers on the All Khasi Meghalaya Tourist Taxi Association (AKMTTA), which has been advocating to restrict Assam-registered tourist taxis from accessing popular destinations like Cherrapunjee and Dawki in Meghalaya.

This restriction is being pushed as a protective measure for local taxi operators, who argue that outside vehicles, particularly from Assam, are cutting into their livelihoods.

The AKMTTA's recent rallies and protests, including a black flag protest and an upcoming demonstration, emphasize their demand for exclusive rights to transport

This tension escalated when NGOs like the Hynniewtrep National Youth Federation (HNYF) began blocking Assam-registered tourist vehicles from proceeding beyond key checkpoints, despite police presence.

On the other hand, Assam's transport operators, represented by the Motor Parivan Sewakarmi Sanmilita Manch, have warned that if these restrictions persist, they will retaliate by limiting or halting all tourist operations to Meghalaya.

They argue that such restrictions harm not only the tourism sector but also restaurants that rely heavily on cross-state tourism. This standoff has the potential to tourists within Meghalaya. severely affect tourism rev-

> erative approach. The conflict mirrors policies in states like Sikkim, where non-local vehicles are restricted from entering certain tourist areas, adding further complexity to the sit-

> > Both sides are urging their respective governments to find a resolution that supports local businesses while maintaining healthy cross-border

enues in both states, high-

lighting the need for a coop-

Petition against PM's election from Varanasi: Hearing on 18 October

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ, 21 SEPTEMBER

One Vijay Nandan, who filed a petition against Prime Minister Modi's election from Varanasi Lok Sabha seat, has been given time by the Allahabad High Court to seek legal advice. The court has also sought an affidavit on the delay in filing the petition. Now the case will be heard on October 18. The order was given by a single bench court of Iustice Soumitra Dayal Singh

on Friday. The petitioner has accused the Election Commission that his nomination papers were rejected to give an electoral advantage to

Prime Minister Narendra

In the election petition, there was a demand to cancel the election of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, declare the nomination of the petitioner valid, and hold re-election on the Varanasi seat. Besides, demand has also been made to give appropriate compensation and take action against the returning officer.

During the hearing, the court found that the election petition was first presented on September 3. The reporting section has filed the report 19 days after the However, an deadline. application has been submitted for condonation of delay. The court also asked the petitioner whether he wanted to take legal opinion on this aspect or wanted to take time. The petitioner asked for time.

On this, the court ordered the petition to be listed on October 18. The petitioner is a resident of Seoni district, Madhya Pradesh. He had filed nomination papers from Varanasi in the last Lok Sabha elections. But his nomination was canceled without assigning any reason. Based on this, he filed an election petition making the district election officer, Varanasi, and PM Narendra Modi along with the Chief Election Commission as defendants.

gram Jana Samhati Samiti

(PCJSS) and the Bangladesh

government on December

Indian Chakma leaders

on Friday urged the Prime

Minister (Narendra Modi)

not to hold any dialogue or

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to PM Modi, also sought

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BJP slams Cong govt after K'taka varsity restrains students from taking part in Ganesh Utsav do willingly and with religious

AGENCIES BENGALURU, 21 SEPTEMBER

After Tumkur University in Karnataka issued a circular restraining students from participating in the Ganesh Utsav procession scheduled to be held in Tumakuru city on Saturday, the BJP has criticised the ruling Congress in the state.

Hitting out at the Congress government over the issue. Karnataka BJP President B.Y. Vijavendra on Saturday slammed that systematic attack on Ganesh Utsav processions in the state is unprecedented and anti-Hindu forces are disrupting the peace. There is a wellorganised conspiracy in the state to suppress Hindu religious practices and traditions, he underlined.

The university should immediately withdraw this circular. Efforts to prevent students from participating in the festival, which they

devotion, must be stopped immediately, he demanded. The circular released by

the University on Friday stated that on September 21 (Saturday) the Ganesh Visarjan procession is organised. There is information about people, school-college students and children taking part in the event. The police inspector in Tumakuru City has informed that elements who will disturb the peace and incite communal feelings are also taking part. In this connection, authorities are directed to take precautionary measures with regard to the forceful participation of stu-

The circular further states that along with taking precautionary measures, it is directed to strictly inform students not to take part in any untoward incidents. The direction in this regard is given to all departments, colleges and hostels.

dents.

Tripura: Tribals stage massive protests against attack on minorities in Bangladesh

AGARTALA, 21 SEPTEMBER

Thousands of tribals, mostly Buddhist Chakmas, on Saturday organised massive demonstrations and rallies in the Tripura capital to protest the continuous attack on minorities in neighbouring Bangladesh.

Braving the rains, various organisations including youth and student wings of Tipra Motha Party (TMP) and Tripura Chakma Students Association (TCSA), held the demonstrations and rallies, separately.

After the demonstrations and rallies, the protesters submitted separate memoranda to the Bangladesh

government through the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Agartala demanding an immediate halt to all kinds of attacks and atrocities on the minorities in Bangladesh.

Chakma community leader Amitav Chakma said since last month continuous attacks, atrocities, and burning of houses, shops and properties belonging to Buddhists and Hindus have been going on in different parts of Bangladesh, especially in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHTs).

"More than 79 people, mostly from the Chakma community, were killed by Muslims and their goons during the past few weeks. The Bangladesh government



is yet to take any effective step to stop these acts of violence against innocent people," Amitav Chakma told the media.

Demanding immediate intervention to protect the minorities in Bangladesh, he said that the Chakma community people in India have been urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take urgent steps to stop the violence against the Buddhists, Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh.

TCSA Vice-President Dharma Chandra Chakma said that the majority Muslims of in Bangladesh

to drive out the minorities belonging to Buddhists, and Hindus from their inhabited areas or from the country. "The situation is very

launched a series of attacks

rapidly deteriorating from bad to worse in Bangladesh for the Buddhists, Hindus and other minorities," Dharma Chandra Chakma told the media.

The Chakma leaders also demanded the implementation of the 'CHT peace accord' for the protection of the tribals in the hill region

of the country. The armed struggle of 'Shanti Bahini' in the CHT ended through the signing of a bipartite agreement between Parbatya Chatta-

of the hill tribes and religious minorities are protected.

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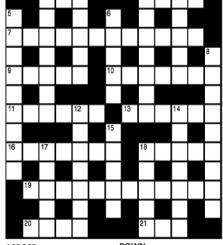
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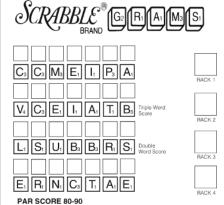








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Sport

Manchester United banking on Marcus Rashford's return to form

Manager Erik ten Hag believes star striker is 'on his way back' after poor run last season



LONDON, 21 SEPTEMBER

anchester United manager Erik ten Hag, reflecting on Marcus Rashford's resurgence after a challenging season said "Marcus is on his way back". After scoring a personal best of 30 goals in Ten Hag's debut sea-

son, Rashford's form dipped sharply last term, leaving him with just eight goals and out of England's European Championship squad.

The striker struggled with form, discipline, and focus. A trip to Belfast in January without permission saw him dropped from the FA Cup fourth-round tie against Newport, a low point in his turbulent campaign.

However, recent performances suggest Rashford is reclaiming his spark. The forward netted twice in United's midweek EFL Cup win against Barnsley, bringing his tally to three goals for the season—a feat it took him until December to achieve last year. His improved form coincides with the return of

legendary United striker Ruud van Nistelrooy to the club's coaching staff, although Ten Hag insists the turnaround is largely down to Rashford himself. "He always knew, and every player knows, when your lifestyle is not right, you can't perform," Ten Hag explained. "You don't get the right levels when you don't have a good and disciplined life away from Carrington." Rashford, now demonstrating a renewed focus and commitment, appears to be taking control of his career, a fact that has not gone unnoticed by Ten Hag. "He took control of it, and I think he is on the way back. Probably he needed some help but at the end of the day, he has to do it by himself." Despite

being left out of England's latest squad by interim manager Lee Carsley, Ten Hag is confident that Rashford's international career will soon regain momentum. "It is not up to me, but I think he will always be an option for every manager," he said, expressing optimism about Rashford's chances of a recall for upcoming Nations League fixtures.

Harmanpreet Singh credits team for FIH award nomination



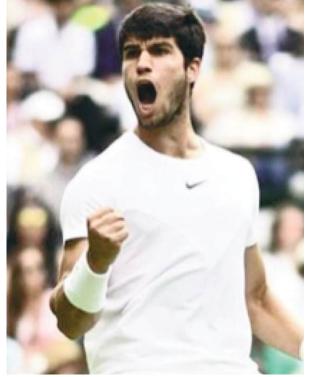
NEW DELHI. 21 SEPTEMBER

After standout performances in Test matches, the FIH Hockey Pro League and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Indian men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh has been nominated for the FIH Player of the Year Award. The 28-year-old defender has won the award in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

"It is a great honour to be nominated for the FIH Player of the Year Award again. While I am elated to be named among some of the best players in the world, I would like to acknowledge that it would not have been possible without the support of my team. All the goals I have scored in the FIH Hockey Pro League and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games are because the team created those goal-scoring chances for me," Harmanpreet Singh said.

Harmanpreet has been nominated along with Thierry Brinkman (NED), Joep de Mol (NED), Hannes Müller (GER), and Zach Wallace (ENG) after taking into consideration all international matches held in 2024.

Rod Laver Cup: Alcaraz happy with 'experience' despite loss



BERLIN, 21 SEPTEMBER

After a straight-sets defeat against Taylor Fritz and Ben Shelton in men's doubles of the Rod Laver Cup, Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz reflected on his experience of playing in front of Tennis maestro Roger Federer, citing a "great expe-

"I think I'm good [at doubles], but I'm not as good as [I am at] the singles, I guess. I hope to see him tomorrow in the singles. I hope he enjoyed the doubles match, and obviously it was great seeing him in the practice. He didn't tell me any tactics, any advice. But he just told me that he's really happy about watching me in real life, that I'm here. It was a great time for me. I wished [for] that moment for a long time," Alcaraz said.

Real Madrid manager Ancelotti prioritises results over style of play

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti on Friday said he wasn't interested in the criticism his side has received at the start of the 2024-25 season. Many fans have criticised the Spanish club as they rode their luck, saved by the woodwork in one match and their opponent's Although results have

gone their way, Real Madrid have ridden their luck in recent matches, with Real Sociedad hitting the post three times against them last League, Stuttgart created more chances, before two goalkeeping errors gifted Madrid a 3-1 win.

Asked about his side's lack of balance in midfield and defense ahead of Saturday's match at home to Espanyol, Ancelotti insisted he was more interested in the results, reports Xinhua.

"It doesn't bother me that people say Madrid plays badly because I see our fans delighted with what we're doing," he replied. "I think Real Madrid fans are used to rock and roll football and not to a lot of passes. And above all they like winning more than playing well, commented the coach.

The Italian also rejected claims that his side looks unbalanced, with players



such as Jude Bellingham, Vinicius, Kylian Mbappe and Rodrygo more attack-minded, while they lack a holding midfielder due to Eduardo Camavinga's ankle injury.

"Balance is collective work that I can do with two forwards or with three. Putting in a new midfielder doesn't mean you have more balance. The debate could be what Bellingham is: Forward or midfielder? We don't know. I like to see my team defend well, not waste time in possession and be vertical. It is difficult to define what beautiful football is," added Ancelotti. Ancelotti has both Jude Bellingham and Aurelien Tchouameni available to face Espanyol, who travel to Madrid in good form.

New format for Intercontinental Cup 2024

AGENCIES ZURICH, 21 SEPTEMBER

The International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) announced the Intercontinental Cup 2024, an exciting new format that will feature stand-alone intercontinental competitions and give more fans the chance to watch their favourite clubs in action on home soil.

The revamped tourna-

ment will bring together champions from the six confederations for five thrilling and December 2024, with the final set to take place in Qatar. The tournament, which was announced in December 2023, replaces the annual Club World Cup which will now be played every four years with 32 teams from 2025. For the $first\,time\,in\,the\,tournament's$ history, clubs from Africa, Asia, and Oceania will have the chance to host FIFA matches, with the higherranked of the two competing teams staging the opening two matches in their home countries. The action kicks off on Sunday with the FIFA African-Asian-Pacific Cup Play-Off, where Al Ain, winners of the AFC Champions League 2023-2024, will face Auckland City, the 2024 OFC Champions League winners.

Jamshedpur FC stun Mumbai FC for first home win of ISL 2024-25

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE JAMSHEDPUR, 21 SEPTEMBER

Jamshedpur FC registered a fascinating win over Mumbai City FC 3-2 after falling a goal behind, to secure their first home victory of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 season, at the JRD Tata Sports Complex this evening.

Spanish midfielder Javi Hernandez powered the comeback after Jordan Murray cancelled out Nikolaos Karelis' strike as the Men of Steel at home ousted the Islanders mounting a comeback to take a lead into the second half after being 1-0 down.

Mumbai City FC started the game on a dominating note. In the fifth minute, they got their first opportunity when Yoell van Nieff snatched the ball from Javi Hernandez and glanced an attempt from distance. His shot took a curl but went inches wide. Three minutes later, Jamshedpur FC earned their first positive chance after a corner was



headed down by Pratik Chaudhari onto the path of Javier Siverio who laid it down for Jordan Murray. The

latter's shot however, was deflected out for a corner. The corner by Imran Khan was met by Tiri, whose clear-

ance almost cost Mumbai City FC a goal as the ball hit the crossbar. In the eighth minute when Thaer Krouma

 $won \, a \, header \, against \, Stephen \,$ Eze. The ball was collected by Nikolaos Karelis, whose shot hit the net.

India name 23-member squad for 2025 AFC U20 Asian Cup Qualifiers in Laos



AGENCIES NEW DELHI, 21 SEPTEMBER

India U20 head coach Ranjan Chaudhuri on Saturday announced a 23-member squad for the 2025 AFC U20 Asian Cup Qualifiers in Laos

from September 25 to 29. India are placed in Group Galong with Iran, Mongolia and the hosts Laos.

The squad: Goalkeepers: Divyaj Dhaval Thakkar, Sahil,

Pramveer, L Hemba Meetei, Ngangbam Surajkumar Singh, Malemngamba Singh Thokchom, Dhanajit Ashangbam, Manabir Basumatary, Thomas Cherian, Sonam Tsewang Lhokham. Midfielders: Manjot Singh Dhami, Vanlalpeka Guite, Akash Tirkey, Ebindas Yesudasan, Ishaan Shishodia, Manglenthang Kipgen. Forwards: Kelvin Singh Taorem,

Korou Singh Thingujam,

Priyansh Dubey. Defenders:

Monirul Molla, Thanglalsoun Gangte, Naoba Meitei Pangambam, Gwgwmsar Govary Índia's fixtures at AFC

U20 Asian Cup Qualifiers 2025 (all matches in Vientiane,

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India vs Laos

feet and playing aerial shots against the spinners when the field is up. Shastri's remark came after Kohli lost his wicket to spinner Mehidy Hasan Miraz in the second innings of the ongoing first Test against Bangladesh at MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Friday. Kohli, who was loooking in good rhythm, was trapped in front of the wickets on the ball that pitched on the middle stump line. Kohli departed after scoring 17 as he didn't take the DRS which later showed that the ball had edged his bat before hitting the pads. Kohli, who only got six runs in the first innings, has been struggling to pile runs on home soil in Test cricket since the last two years. Since 2021, Kohli has

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THUMBNAILS

Shakib Al Hasan becomes oldest Bangladeshi Test cricketer: Veteran allrounder Shakib Al Hasan etched his name in Bangladesh cricket history on Saturday by becoming the oldest player from his nation to feature in a Test match. At 37 years and 181 days, Shakib took the field on Day 3 of Bangladesh's first Test against India in Chennai. surpassing the previous record held by left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique, who was 37 years and 180 days when he last played a Test in 2008. Shakib, a central figure in Bangladesh cricket for over a decade, continues to add to his illustrious career with this latest milestone. Widely regarded as one of the game's premier all-rounders, his longevity and contribution to the team have been instrumental While Shakib's achievement is significant. the world record for the oldest Test cricketer remains with England's Wilfred Rhodes, who played his final Test at 52 years and 165 days in 1930. Rhodes' record, as well as his remarkable 30-year Test career, stands as one of cricket's longest-lasting feats. On the field, however. Bangladesh found themselves in a tough spot

Clinical India on cusp of huge victory at Chepauk

After Pant, Gill centuries, Ashwin's triple strike reduces Bangladesh to 158/4 in 515-run chase

TRIDIB BAPARNASH

ishabh Pant added a cherry on top of his fairytale return in Test cricket after more than 700 days with a sixth century while Shubman Gill brought up his career's fifth to set up India's declaration at 287/4 and leave Bangladesh with a monumental target of 515. In reply, Najmul Hossain Shanto led the visitors' fightback with an undefeated fifty after they squandered a sedate start by losing four quick wickets to reach 158/4 by the time play was called off due to bad light on Day 3 of the opening Test at the MA Chidambaram Stadium here.

When India declared their second innings in the postlunch session, Bangladesh had more than two days of play left to scale the steep total, and the opening pair of Zakir Hasan and Shadman Islam rightfully took their time to settle in and gave the side a steady start, reaching 56 for no loss at tea.

Post tea, Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah

strangulated the free flow of runs in the first three overs, and on the fourth, Zakir played an ambitious drive to a ball not nearly full enough, and Yashasvi Jaiswal ended his 47-ball 33 with a sensa-

Zakir's departure opened the floodgates as Ravichanreeling with three quick blows of Shadman (35), Mominul Haque (13) and Mushfigur Rahim (13), leaving Shanto and Shakib Al Hasan (5 not out) with a big job ahead of

The Bangladeshi toporder batters could only blame themselves for the ordeal as the conditions tive batter hit one low to Rahul at mid-on. The three quick dismissals brought in the experienced

a ball after slog-sweeping

Ashwin for a six as the diminu-

Shakib Al Hasan, who was yet to settle down before play was called off almost 40 minutes before the scheduled close. At the other end. captain Najmul batted calmly yet quickly to end the day batting on 51 off 60, and the duo walked back after adding 12 unbeaten runs for the fifth wicket.

Earlier on Saturday, Gill and Pant resumed from an overnight score of 81/3 and put their heads down for big knocks. They were content to defend for a while without worrying about edges and close-in fielders before gradually opening up in the seventh over of the day when Gill struck two sixes over wide long-on to launch the counterattack

Pant, on the other hand, took his time to warm himself up before stamping his authority with a ramp-sweep off Hasan Mahmud for a six over fine leg 10 minutes before lunch.

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CHENNAI, 21 SEPTEMBER

After playing a 119-run knock against Bangladesh in the second inning of the first Test, star India cricketer, Shubman Gill said that it gave him a lot of "satisfaction" to score the century.

On Saturday, Gill scored 119 runs from 176 balls at a strike rate of 67.61 at the MA Chidambaram Stadium. He smashed 10 fours and 4 sixes during his time on the crease.

The 25-year-old's stayed unbeaten during India's second inning until skipper Rohit Sharma declared at 287/4. Speaking at the post-day

press conference, Gill said that scoring runs against any opposition gives a batter a lot of confidence.

what I have been working on. So, it gives me a lot of satisfaction," Gill said.

When asked about his preparation against the spinners, the 25-year-old added he practiced before the series and had certain plans, which he just implemented during the match. "Not really, I practiced

before the series and had certain plans, So I think, I executed them. It's about having a good defence and also not missing out on the opportunities that you get as a batsman to be able to score runs," he

At the end of day three, Bangladesh were 158/4, with skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto (51*) and Shakib Al Hasan (5*) unbeaten.

Bangladesh started the post-Tea session at 56/0 with Shadman Islam (21) and Zakir Hasan (32) unbeaten on the

Jasprit Bumrah struck early for India in the session, removing Zakir for 33 (4)



tional catch low to his left and behind him at gully.

dran Ashwin left the visitors

remained flat throughout

edge for Gill to complete a low catch at short midwicket. Ashwin then produced a beauty to get rid of Mominul, who failed to read the turn. and ended up losing his offstump. Mushfiqur perished

the day unlike the previous

two days. Shadnam, who

went back looking to play a

length ball behind square,

ended up giving a leading

Sarandeep named Delhi head coach: Former India spinner Sarandeep Singh was on Saturday appointed coach of the Delhi senior men's team for the upcoming domestic season. Singh will replace Devang Gandhi, who chose not to continue due to personal reasons. Gandhi was part of the coaching set-up of both the senior and junior teams last season. Meanwhile, Sarandeep, also a former national selector. also pipped former Delhi batter KP Bhaskar for the head coach's position, sas



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Afghanistan eye historic whitewash of South Africa on Sunday

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against a dominant India

Afghanistan scripted history by claiming their first-ever series win against a top-five ICC-ranked ODI team, dominating South Africa with a 177-run victory in the second

The victory has landed the Afghans on the cusp of registering a historic whitewash of the Proteas when they lock horns in the third and final ODI on Sunday, and in a way an opportunity to avenge their T20 World Cup semi final exit after losing to the same opponents in the West Indies.

The triumph against the Proteas also marked Afghanistan's largest margin of victory in ODI cricket, eclipsing their 154-run win over Zimbabwe at the same venue in 2018.

Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Rashid Khan played pivotal roles in Afghanistan's commanding win. Gurbaz recorded his seventh ODI century, the most by any Afghanistan batter in the format. He received strong support from Rahmat Shah (50) and Azmatullah Omarzai (86 not out), with the latter also recording the fastest half-century by



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the 300-run mark in ODIs

off 32 balls. Afghanistan posted 311/4 in their 50 overs, marking the 10th time they've crossed

and their sixth-highest score in the format.

Rashid Khan, dismantled South Africa's batting lineup, claiming a brilliant five-wicket haul. Left-arm spinner

Nangeyalia Kharote, in only his third ODI, took four wickets, contributing to South Africa's dramatic collapse from 73/0 to being bowled out for just 134. Rashid's hamstring issue flared up in the first innings while batting with the physio coming in to attend to him, but the motivation to win the series pushed the Afghanistan star.

Adil Rashid becomes first English spinner to claim 200 ODI wickets

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LEEDS, 21 SEPTEMBER

Adil Rashid has registered his name into the record books during the ongoing One-Day International series against Australia, by becoming the third English bowler and first spinner to take 200 wickets in the 50-over format.

Rashid is already England's leading spinner in the format, with Moeen Ali (111) and Graeme Swann (104) the only other spinners to take more than 100 men's ODI wickets. Sophie Ecclestone also has 100 ODI wickets for the women's team.

Rashid achieved the feat when he dismissed Glenn Maxwell (7) in his sixth over in the second England-Australia ODI at Headingley. Maxwell tried to cart the legspinner out of the ground but hit straight to deep mid-

Adil Rashid made his ODI debut against Ireland in



August 2009 for a five-game series vs Ireland but had to wait for almost six years before he featured again in

the format. After his comeback, Rashid became a whiteball regular, and along with Moeen Ali formed a potent

in ODIs. Alongside his incredible ODI figures, the 36-yearold has strong figures across

the other two formats. He has 122 scalps to his name in T20Is and has to date taken 60 wickets in 19 tests

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