

Keshav Chandra inaugurates 2-week workshop on 'Bird Identification & Basic Ornithology'

PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ Mr. Keshav Chandra, Chief Secretary on Tuesday inaugurated the two-week workshop on 'Bird Identification & Basic Ornithology'. The workshop was organized by the Zoological Survey of India, A&N Regional Centre, Port Blair under the Accelerate Vigyan, Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary thanked the Department of Science & Technology, GoI for taking the initiative in providing skill training under Accelerate Vigyan. He elucidated the most basic of bird watching definition, aside from simply watching or listening to birds, most birders go a few steps by documenting their observations, identifying the birds, and sharing their findings with fellow bird enthusiasts. The Chief Secretary also mentioned that birding meaning is inextricably rooted in an appreciation and sense of wonder at the avian species in bird watchers and this is what everyone from novice bird watcher to expert birder has in common. He also highlighted how he expanded his species list with every trip and experience birding in different habitats with Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-in-Charge, Zoological Survey of India. Landscape photography is his passions have taught him to wake up before sunrise, and later he has shifted to Bird Photography also. He has beautifully described how bird watching can shape an individual's personality by developing the perseverance and patience of the watcher. He concluded by giving remarks upon the serenity and pristine beauty of these islands which attracts many bird watchers and flourishes an unimaginable biodiversity and wished ZSI for taking up this kind of activities. Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Islands highlighted about the collaboration between the Forests Department and ZSI in which they have carried out surveys from Landfall to Indira Point. The PCCF is also emphasised about the bird tourism and the value of education in this industry. He also mentioned to the students about the various new job opportunities waiting in the tourism industry and others etc. Dr. P. Vijayachari, Director, ICMR In his speech

mentioned the significance of Bird identification in basic and applied sciences and how these two embed into medical sciences. He signified the urgency in the need of more specialised experts in the field of ornithology in our country. Along with the experts he put forward the importance of youth of these islands in similar kinds of programme. He emphasized the status of inter-sectorial co-ordination between Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Health Science and local Community. The speaker also cited the interconnection between Zoonotic disease and biodiversity. Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-in-Charge, ZSI, Port Blair, welcomed the dignitaries, guests, participants and other officials. In his welcome address he glided through the history of Zoological Survey of India through these hundred years and how it

Protozoa to Mammalia from marine and terrestrial ecosystems. ZSI, Port Blair is a Nodal Centre on National Coral Reef Research Institute (NCRI) for monitoring the coral reef research in Indian waters, in which he thanked the A & N Administration for allotment of land. The ZSI, Port Blair is recognized research centre for Ph.D., M.Phil., in Ecology, Taxonomy, Zoogeography, Marine Biology and Fisheries; P.G. Diploma in Animal Taxonomy and Biodiversity under Pondicherry University, Puducherry. This centre is also recognized field training centre for Islands Biodiversity by Indira Gandhi National Forests Academy (IGNFA) and Tamil Nadu Forests Academy, Coimbatore (TNFA). MoEF&CC, GOI recognized as a training centre under the Forestry & Research Training on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity for the Personals of Other Services and Other Stakeholders. It is also one of the training centre under the Accelerate Vigyan programme (AV), Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science & Technology, GOI. Over the period, the ZSI, Port Blair reported more than 11,000 species of fauna (both terrestrial and marine), presently ZSI, Port Blair holds about 1,80,000 preserved (Dry & Wet) specimens of various faunal group, of which 3500 of 22 faunal group are displayed in its museum for the viewing of researchers, students, and general public, which is recently renovated.

The scientists of this centre have reported more than 20 new species to science from different faunal group, which includes Narcondam Tree Shrew, besides about 900 new records to A & N Islands, India, & Southeast Asia from this archipelago. The valedictory function has concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-in-Charge, Zoological Survey of India. The programme was also attended by Officers from Department of Environment & Forests, Botanical Survey of India, Fishery Survey of India, Anthropological Survey of India, Andaman and Lakshadweep Harbour Works, Pondicherry University and GB Pant Hospital. The Inaugural Function was started with a prayer song and lighting of traditional lamp. About 31 participants have registered for this two week workshop.



has shaped the survey methodologies. ZSI, Port Blair, has conducted certificate courses on Para-Taxonomy, including People's Biodiversity Register under the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) of the Skill India Mission since 2017 and trained more than 100 local unemployed youths. Of which many of them joined in different departments of A & N Administration. There were mentions about the Bird Hazards studies which were carried out in the Naval Air Station of Port Blair, Campbell Bay and Shippursince 2013 and recommendations have been submitted for the bird hazard management. The faunal communities of marine and terrestrial ecosystems of these islands are being inventorized by the Centre by conducting exploratory surveys. Since its inception, about 95 research programmes have been completed on several faunal groups of this archipelago. The major areas of studies at this Centre are on Taxonomy, Ecology and Zoogeography of

MP pays tribute to Birsa Munda Calls him a symbol of bravery & sacrifice



PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma on Tuesday paid rich tributes to Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary. Mr. Sharma attended two functions this morning at Ranchi Association, Mohanpura and Attam Pahar to pay his tributes. He garlanded the statue of freedom fighter Birsa Munda during the function and

interacted with the members of Chota Nagpuri Community.

Addressing the public, he said that freedom fighter Birsa Munda is a symbol of bravery and sacrifice and the young generation must follow his path of bravery and honour. "His contribution to protecting the interests of tribal society will always be remembered," the MP added.

Pankh NGO celebrates Children's Day with divyangs



PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ As part of Children's Day celebration, Pankh NGO in the presence of Swami Sudhanadji of Chinmaya Mission, Founder President of Pankh Smti Komal Anand and member, Ms Sasi celebrated this special day by spending time with the divyang children who can't come out of the house. In order to make this occasion meaningful the children were made to do therapeutic exercise and were also provided with CP lock chairs. Pankh NGO also made a visit to Balika Niketan where they replenished the stationery bank which was inaugurated by Pankh and is being replenished every month. The special day was also celebrated with a cake cutting ceremony. A session on "speak positive" and importance of studies for the growth of these children was also held.

PBGKR celebrates Children's Day with children of rural villages



PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi celebrated Children's Day with the students of Govt. Middle School Ograbraj, Muslimbasti, Mithakhari, Tushnabad and

Namunagar by handing of RO (Water Purifier) units to each school which was earlier requested by the schools to PBGKR. Mr. Dubey, DEO, Wimberlygunj, Mr. Hanifa, Principal, Tushnabad, along with teachers and children of the schools. The

Pramukh of Ferrarrgunj, Smt Padmavati, along with Pradhan of four areas namely Mr. Shaffique, Mr. Anand, Mr. Venkat and Mr. Basheer and PRI members gave their valuable time to witness a wonderful show presented by the children. Topics like 'Importance of Trees & Impact of Social Media on today's upcoming generation were showcased via skits by the kids. Sweets were also distributed among 250 children of all schools by Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi.

Pension

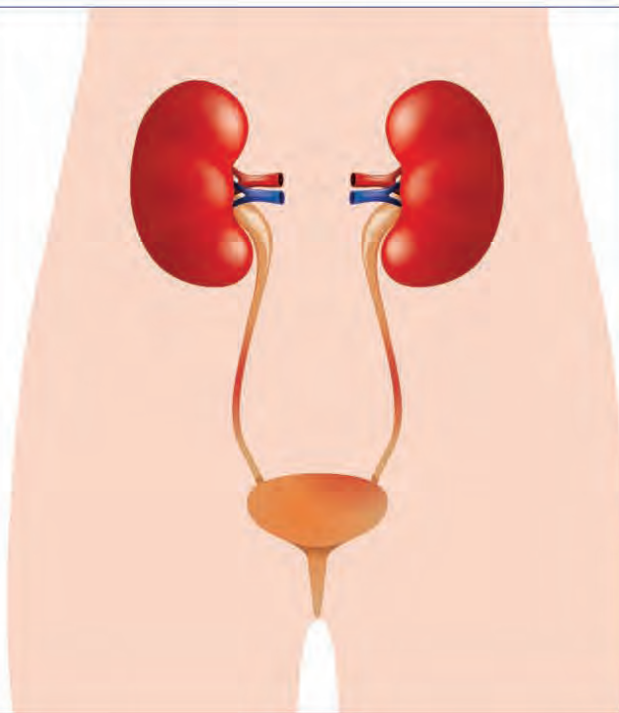
Adalat today

PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Port Blair is organizing 'Pension Adalat' on 16th November, 022 from 11am to 1pm at the Office of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Port Blair. This Pension Adalat intends to redress grievances related to EPS pensioners like commencement of new pension, Non-receipt of monthly Pension, Digital Life Certificates etc. All the members/pensioners under Employees' Pension Scheme-1995 have been requested to make use of this Grievance Redressal mechanism.

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SC appoints amicus curiae to help it decide if lawmakers can claim immunity from prosecution for taking bribe to vote

NEW DELHI, NOV 15 /--/ The Supreme Court on Tuesday appointed senior advocate P S Patwalia as amicus curiae to assist it in examining whether an MP or MLA can claim immunity from criminal prosecution for taking bribe to make a speech or vote in the Legislative Assembly or Parliament. A five-judge constitution bench headed by Justice S A Nazeer also asked advocate Gaurav Agarwal to assist Patwalia in the matter. The bench, also comprising Justices B R Gavai, A S Bopanna, V Ramasubramanian, and B V Nagarathna, said it will hear the issue on December 6, 2022. In 2019, a bench headed by then chief justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising Justices S Abdul Nazeer and Sanjiv Khanna had referred to a five-judge bench the crucial question, noting it had "wide ramifications" and was of "substantial public importance". The three-judge bench had then said it will revisit its 24-year-old verdict in the sensational Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) bribery case on an appeal

filed by Sita Soren, a JMM MLA from Jama constituency in Jharkhand. The top court, in its 1998 five-judge constitution bench verdict delivered in the PV Narasimha Rao versus CBI case, had held that parliamentarians had immunity under the Constitution against criminal prosecution for any speech made and vote cast inside the

house. She had appealed against the Jharkhand High Court order of February 17, 2014 refusing to quash a criminal case lodged against her for allegedly taking bribe to vote for a particular candidate in the Rajya Sabha elections held in 2012. She was charged by the CBI with allegedly taking bribe from one candidate and voting for another. Sita Soren is the

daughter-in-law of former union minister and Jharkhand chief minister Shibu Soren, who was a key accused in the JMM bribery case. Shibu Soren, along with his four-party MPs, had allegedly taken bribe to vote against the no-confidence motion against the then P V Narasimha Rao government at the Centre in July 1993. (PTI)

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Extract of unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 30 Sep 2022 (Rs. in Lakhs)									
Particulars	Consolidated			Standalone			30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	31.03.2022 (Audited)
	Quarter ended 30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)			
Total Income from operations (net)	59.91	59.30	131.45	59.91	59.30	131.45			
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax	55.61	45.17	109.73	55.61	45.17	109.73			
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	(52.46)	116.93	396.10	41.66	76.81	178.94			
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(52.81)	104.69	389.73	44.91	64.57	172.57			
Equity Share Capital (FV ₹10 each)	9.48	9.48	9.48	9.48	9.48	9.48			
Other Equity	4,729.38	4,607.91	4,792.33	3,118.37	3,076.53	3,117.28			
Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each)	(5.53)	12.34	41.79	4.40	8.10	18.88			
Basic:									
Diluted:	(5.53)	12.34	41.79	4.40	8.10	18.88			
NOTE: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly unaudited Financial Results filed with the Calcutta Stock Exchange Ltd. under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended from time to time.									
By Order of the Board For R.K. Commercial Ltd. Sudhir Prakash Director									
Place : Kolkata Date : 14.11.2022									

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 (₹ in Lakhs)									
Particulars	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED				30.03.2022 Audited
	Quarter ended 30.09.2022 Unaudited	Six months ended 30.09.2022 Unaudited	Quarter ended 30.09.2021 Unaudited	Year ended 30.03.2022 Audited	Quarter ended 30.09.2022 Unaudited	Six months ended 30.09.2022 Unaudited	Quarter ended 30.09.2021 Unaudited	Year ended 30.03.2022 Audited	
Total Income from operations (net)	812.94	800.37	2,374.40	812.94	800.37	2,374.40	800.37	2,374.40	
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax	(1,822.33)	(1,868.02)	243.96	573.15	(1,830.92)	(1,885.14)	242.31	545.47	
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	(1,456.05)	(1,495.40)	185.79	480.11	(1,464.64)	(1,512.52)	184.15	452.43	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(1,458.58)	(1,492.98)	199.74	546.07	(1,467.17)	(1,510.10)	198.09	518.39	
Equity Share Capital	445.24	445.24	445.24	445.24	445.24	445.24	445.24	445.24	
Reserves(excluding Revaluation Reserve)*as shown in the audited Balance Sheet of previous year "	-	-	-	10,819.97	-	-	-	11,102.94	
Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each)	(32.70)	(33.59)	4.17	10.78	(32.90)	(33.97)	4.14	10.16	
Basic:	(32.70)	(33.59)	4.17	10.78	(32.90)	(33.97)	4.14	10.16	
Diluted:	(32.70)	(33.59)	4.17	10.78	(32.90)	(33.97)	4.14	10.16	
Notes:									
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Calcutta Stock Exchange Ltd. under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended from time to time.									
2 The above unaudited results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee have been approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 14th November, 2022 and the Auditors have performed limited review.									
By Order of the Board For Kanak Projects Ltd. Sd/- Sudhir Prakash Director									
Place : Kolkata Dated : 14.11.2022									

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(CIN-L51109WB1983PLC035938)														
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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 PREPARED IN COMPLIANCE WITH INDIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (IND-AS)														
Rs.in lakhs, except equity per share data														
		Standalone						Consolidated						
		Quarter Ended 30.09.2022	Quarter Ended 30.06.2022	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021	Year to date 30.09.2022	Year to date 30.09.2021	Year Ended 31.03.2022	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022	Quarter Ended 30.06.2022	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021	Year to date 30.09.2022	Year to date 30.09.2021	Year Ended 31.03.2022	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	(a)Revenue From Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(b)Other Income	35	(11)	(2)	24	65	145	35	(11)	(2)	24	65	145	
	Total Income From (a+b)	35	(11)	(2)	24	65	145	35	(11)	(2)	24	65	145	
2	Expenses													
	(a)Cost of Material Consumed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(b)Excise duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(c)Purchase of Stock-in-Trade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(d)Contract Operating Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(e)Changes In Inventories Of Finished Goods And Work-In-Progress	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(f)Employee Benefit Expense	1	1	1	2	3	4	1	1	1	2	3	4	
	(g)Finance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(h)Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(i)Other Expenses	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	2	
	Total Expenses (a to g)	1	1	2	2	4	6	1	1	2	2	4	6	
3	Profit /(loss) before exceptional items & tax (1-2)	34	(12)	(4)	22	61	139	34	(12)	(4)	22	61	139	
4	Exceptional Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Profit/(loss) before tax (3+4)	34	(12)	(4)	22	61	139	34	(12)	(4)	22	61	139	
6	Share in net profit/(loss) of associate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Tax Expense/(Credit) net	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(i)Current Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(ii)Deferred Tax	9	(3)	-	6	17	37	9	(3)	-	6	17	37	
	Total Tax Expense (6(i) + 6(ii))	9	(3)	-	6	17	37	9	(3)	-	6	17	37	
8	Profit / (Loss) for the period from continuing operations (5+6-7)	25	(9)	(4)	16	44	102	25	(9)	(4)	16	44	102	
9	Other Comprehensive Income (net)													
	(a)Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(ii) Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(b)Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(ii) Income tax relating to items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total other comprehensive income/ (loss) (9(a)+9(b))	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Total Comprehensive Income/ (loss) for the period (8+9)	25	(9)	(4)	16	44	102	25	(9)	(4)	16	44	102	
11	Net Profit attributable to													
	a) Owners of the Company													
	b) Non-controlling interest													
12	Other Comprehensive income attributable to													
	a) Owners of the Company													
	b) Non-controlling interest													
13	Total Comprehensive income attributable to													
	a) Owners of the Company													
	b) Non-controlling interest													
14	Paid up Equity Share Capital of Rs. 10/- each	91.09	91.09	91.09	91.09	91.09	91.09	91.09	91.09	91.09	91.09	91.09	91.09	
15	Earnings per equity share (FV of Rs. 10/- each)													
	(a)Basic	2.74	(0.99)	(0.44)	1.76	4.83	11.20	2.74	(0.99)	(0.44)	1.76	4.83	11.20	
	(b) Diluted	2.74	(0.99)	(0.44)	1.76	4.83	11.20	2.74	(0.99)	(0.44)	1.76	4.83	11.20	
Notes:														
1) The unaudited financial results for the period six month ended 30TH September 2022 have been reviewed by the Audit Com mittee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 14TH November 2022. The statement has been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs pursuant to Section 133 of Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules, 2016, Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2016 and in terms of regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and SEBI circular dated 5th July 2016.														
2) The Company is in a single Business Segment and therefore Ind AS 108 on "Operating Segments" are considered to constitute one reporting segment.														
3) Attention is invited to the following:														
a) The net worth of the Company has been eroded, which has been substantially effected the going concern assumption of the Company.The Company is having substantial investment which is not yielding any return. However,expectation are there of good returns depending on the improvement of market scenario. The Company is not in a position to meet its financial commitments and the chance of possible inflow of Fund depends on the future business development which is in offing.														
b) Total receivable from M/s Tantia Agrochemicals Pvt.Ltd.(TAPL) including interest thereon at the end of the year was Rs.52 lacs. No interest have been considered during the period as the said company is under liquidation.														
c) In the absence of loan agreement indicating the terms and conditions, no interest was charged on loan of Rs.75 lacs given to one party.														
d) No provision has been made in respect of interest expenses on loan of Rs.282 lacs taken from a party without execution of of terms and conditions of the agreement.														
e) No provision has been made in respect of interest on loan taken due to financial constraint . The same has resulted in under statement of loss for the period by Rs.42.81 lacs on loan of Rs.949.44 lacs. The statutory Auditors of the Company have modified their Auditors' Report in this regard.														
4) The Company could not meet the minimum requirement of Net Owned Fund (NOF) of Rs.200 lacs, in accordance with the provisions of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 applicable to Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). Consequently upon the same Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the NBFC Certificate of Registration issued by it to the Company on 20.11.2018. However,steps are being taken to revive the business of NBFCs of the Company by fulfilling the minimum requirement of NOF.														
5) The figures for the corresponding previous period have been regrouped/ reclassified wherever necessary, to make them comparable.														
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FOR TANTIA FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED														
(BINOD AJITSARIA)														
ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR														
DIN: 05341354														
Date : 14.11.2022														
Place : Kolkata														

Seminar to mark 69th Cooperative Week celebration

PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ As part of the 69th All India Cooperative Week 2022, a seminar on 'Cooperative Marketing, Consumers, Processing and Value Addition' was organized by A&N Cooperative Union with support of Cooperative department and the cooperative Institutions of A&N Islands on Tuesday at Ashim Bhattacharya Community Hall, Chouldhari, Smti Tapashi Saha, Pradhan, GP Chouldhari graced the occasion as the chief guest and inaugurated the seminar by lighting the traditional lamp.

In her brief address, the chief guest highlighted importance and need for strengthening and promoting more cooperatives in rural area. Cooperatives are the way life which provides more employment for rural youth. She appealed all to come forward and to become a part of cooperative for self-reliance. She also offered all possible assistance and support for the rural youth for strengthening the cooperatives in the area.

Among others spoke person on the occasion include Mr. S.K. Choubey, AVS, AHVS, Mr. G. Mohan, AGM, NABARD, Mr G. Srinivasan, GM, ANCOFED; and Mr. P.



Aboobacker, Social Worker. Dr. S.K.Choubey highlighted the benefit of schemes of AH&VS for cooperatives. Asst. General Manager, NABARD spoke on schemes available for Marketing Cooperatives and

SHG for marketing. Mr Suresh Babu, Principal RGCTC spoke on today's topics on Cooperative Marketing, Consumers, Processing and Value Addition, Earlier Mr. Shyamnath, FM welcomed the guest & participants and Mr. Naresh Ram, NCUI proposed vote of thanks.

Doctors at GBPH performs vital surgery

PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ A 38 year old male patient from Diglipur, North Andaman was brought to the Department of Surgery



with complaints of pain in abdomen and difficulty in digestion and weight loss from the past 3-4 months. He was examined and investigated with blood investigation and CT Scan of abdomen and chest and found to have cancerous growth arising from the stomach. He was further evaluated with Upper GI endoscopy and Biopsy was taken from the growth which was confirmed as Adenocarcinoma arising from the pylorus of the stomach. He was planned for a major laparoscopic subtotal resection of the

stomach with reconstruction. A team of Specialist Doctors headed by Dr. Saji Vargheese, HoD Department of Surgery, Dr. Anil, HoD Anaesthesia ,ANIMS / GB Pant Hospital on 25/08/2022 performed a total laparoscopic subtotal D2 resection of the stomach containing the cancerous growth followed by reconstruction of the GI Tract namely Gastro-jejunostomy. The surgery was performed through 5 key holes (ports) lasting for 4½ hours. Post operatively, the patient was shifted to Surgical ICU and recovered well and started oral intake on the 4thday after surgery. The patient was discharged on 10thday post operation. Following discharge, the patient was called after 3 weeks and was started on Adjuvant Chemotherapy and completed 2 cycles and the patient is doing extremely well and is on a normal diet. Such advanced supra major laparoscopic surgeries for Gastro- Intestinal Cancers are performed on regular basis at GB Pant Hospital/ ANIMS, which were initially referred to mainland super Speciality Hospital and thus providing such advanced surgeries for cancer patients in the Islands itself without going to mainland.

Agricultural Education Day of ICAR-CIARI gets underway



PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) commemorated the birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of Republic of India, as Agriculture Education Day on 3rd December every year. In this connection, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair is conducting various activities like Debate, Painting, Quiz, Concept Paper writing competitions for school/ College students, Scientist-Student interaction, Seminar, Open Day for Technology Exposition & Demonstration to farmers & students and Catch the pride of ICAR-CIARI through lens (photo contest for the staff) during the period 15th November to 5th December, 2022. Speaking on the inaugural program session of debate competition conducted on 15th Nov 2022, the Director ICAR-CIARI Dr. E.B Chakurkar encouraged the students to participate wholeheartedly and also take the opportunity to meet the scientist and interact with them.

He expressed his happiness on the insight provided by the students on the topic "Whether agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries are promising professional careers or not" which has given us the opportunity to have a smart career. A total of 09 schools comprising Ummat Public School, Austinabad, Kamaraj English Medium School, Brookshabad, Khalsa

Public School, Aberdeen bazar, Don Bosco School, Lal Pahad, Govt. Sr. Secondary School, Port Mout, St. Mary School, Bathu Basti, Govt. Model Sr. Secondary School, Aberdeen bazar, Saraswati Shishu Mandir School, New Pahadgaon, Ravindra Bangla School,VIP Road totalling to 82 students along with 5 teachers participated. Dr. Sirisha Adamala, Scientist with her team coordinated the debate competition for the students of category 9th to 12th standard at Garacharma Research Complex of CIARI.

Dr.R. Jayakumaravaradan, Scientist & Organising Secretary summarized the deliberation of the debate which indicated that, Agriculture forms the primary sector and creates opportunity for secondary and tertiary sector; beside it contributes significantly high towards GDP and also adds to employment to the tune of more than 50%.

Further in present scenario there is substantial involvement of corporate in agriculture sector At the outset, Dr. S. K Zamir Ahmed, Pr. Scientist and Nodal officer AED, briefed on the idea behind the conduct of Debate under the aegis of Agriculture Education Day and also put forth the gratitude to the Principles of School and Colleges for deputing their students for the programme. Shri. D Karunakaran, Scientist & Organising Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

State BJP President, PRI members of Middle Andaman meet Secretary (RD)

MAYABUNDER, NOV 15/--/ A team consists of Mr. AjoyBairagi, Mr Tusar



Bepari, FCI Consultant member, Mr. Venkateshwar Rao, Pradhan, Shivapuram Panchayat, Mr. Sujith Mistry, Pradhan GP Nimbutala, Mr. PK Mondal, State General Secretary Kishan Morcha met the Secretary

(RD), Mr. Suneel Anchipaka on Tuesday and discussed various issues related to the development of their Panchayats. The delegation discussed various issues, including opening of quarries, allotment of funds to Panchayats, Samithi & Zilla Parishad besides discussing the cooperative societies which have been adversely affected during the past two years. Mr Suneel Anchipaka agreed that Gram Panchayats hold the key for the development of rural areas in the islands and assured to look into their genuine demands. He also informed me that he will visit N&M Andaman in the first week of December.

—KARTIK

69th All India Cooperative Week inaugurated

PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ Along with the rest of the country, the Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Union with the support Cooperative Department, A&N Administration, NABARD, Port Blair, NCUI Project and other cooperative institutions of the Islands organized the inaugural function of week-long Cooperative Week celebration in the premises of Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Union, Teylerabad. The main theme of this year's celebration is India@75: Growth of Cooperative and Future Ahead.

The week-long function was inaugurated by Mr. Rajesh Goyal, Secretary (Coop)-Cum-Registrar Cooperative Societies by hoisting of Cooperative Flag in the presence of huge number of cooperators in the premises of Union at Teylerabad.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Rajesh Goyal underlined the very



purpose of organizing the week-long celebration. He stressed the need of involvement of more members in cooperative affairs resulting in strengthening the movement. Further, he said about 2,200 cooperatives are already registered in the islands, out of which only 50% are functional.

In order to involve the maximum number of members in

cooperative affairs, he appealed to all cooperatives to convene their General Body meeting during the week-long programme and conduct a membership drive campaign also. A seminar on Ease-of-doing Business of Cooperative, GeM and Export Promotion was organized by Andaman Nicobar State Cooperative Union. Further, he said there are lot of potential in

tourism, handicraft and hospitality sector for promoting more cooperatives for employment generation. He appealed the cooperators to explore the opportunities available in the sector to generate employment. Cooperatives help to abolish monopoly holding in the market. Mr. Kumar Harshavardhan, EDI put a light on the topic "Ease-of-doing Business for Cooperatives, GeM AND Export Promotion". Mr. V Manoj, General Manager, NABARD also spoke on the occasion, highlighting various benefits available with NABARD for strengthening cooperatives.

Earlier, Mr. Pushpalatha, Director, Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Union welcomed the guests and participants. While the programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Naresh Ram, CEI, NCUI.

NATIONAL PRESS DAY GREETINGS

I extend my heartiest greetings to all journalists from the media fraternity of Andaman and Nicobar Islands on National Press Day. I am glad to see our media fraternity is working tirelessly towards the development of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. National Press Day is observed every year on November 16. It is symbolic of a free and responsible press in India. This was the day on which the Press Council of India started functioning. I acknowledge the hardship and risks involved in conduct of the profession world over, especially in a remote state like Andaman and Nicobar Islands and appreciate the role played by the media in these Islands.

I express gratitude to the media fraternity for going about their duty professionally without fear or favour and I applaud media's remarkable role during Covid-19.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma
Member of Parliament
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that 16th November is being observed as the "National Press Day" in A&N Islands along with rest of the country. This was the day on which Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog for the media. The theme for this year's celebration is 'The Media's Role in Nation Building'. A free, fair and responsible press plays a vital role in any democratic country. The introduction of advanced technology in mass communication has made media more powerful. As fourth pillar of democracy, Media has an exalted responsibility and instrumental role to play in facilitating the development of our nation while achieving the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India. In contemporary times, values like journalistic ethics and highest professional standards while disseminating unbiased news have assumed more importance than ever before. To commemorate the National Press Day on 16th November, 2022 in the AmritKaal of India's Independence, I extend my warm greetings to all members of media fraternity and call upon them to contribute wholeheartedly towards Nation Building.

Jai Hind!
(Admiral D K Joshi)
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)
Lt. Governor, A & N Islands
Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency

Candidates holding two hall tickets for CRWE told to surrender one

PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ In continuation to the Vacancy Notice No. 1-3/2022-R&E Cell dated 01.08.2022, it is noticed that the some candidates have filled applications twice using nooks & tricks and the Hall Tickets are issued twice to the Combined Recruitment Written Examination for filling various Group 'C' posts under the A & N Administration scheduled to be held on 20.11.2022 (Sunday). All such candidates holding two hall tickets are advised to surrender either one of the Hall Ticket to the Recruitment Cell, Secretariat physically or by electronic mode from the candidates personal e-mail id to the e-mail id personnelwing@gmail.com immediately failing to do so and the candidates found appeared with the Hall Tickets in different Shifts, the candidature of all such candidates would be summarily cancelled and their application will be treated rejected.

Rainfall forecast

PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ Port Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on Nov. 15 & 16. Due to squally weather, wind speed exceeding 45 kmp his likely to prevail over Andaman Sea. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea on Nov. 16.

For further enquiries/ information, one may contact the helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077.

For any emergency/ assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.

Financial relief for next of kin of deceased Hope Town resident

PORT BLAIR, NOV 15/--/ An unfortunate incident was reported on 28th October 2022 from Hope town (Chunnabatta) wherein it was reported that on 2nd October 2022, one CH Appa Rao, S/o Late CH Punnavaslu & two others went for fishing near to the sea area of Hope Town (Chunnabatta) under Ferrargunj Tehsil. During the course of fishing, CH Appa Rao fell into the sea and later his body was recovered.



Considering the incident to be an unfortunate one, Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has sanctioned an amount of Rs.1,50,000/- towards immediate relief/ financial assistance to the bereaved family of the victims. The amount was sanctioned under Andaman & Nicobar Islands scheme for providing financial assistance to victims of accidents. (Who are not covered under the prevailing NDRF/ SDRF norms).

Following the directions, Mr. Dilkhush Meena, Assistant Commissioner (Relief &

Disaster Management) completed the documentation & disbursed/ issued the relief money to the beneficiary. The succor being provided as a helping hand to the bereaved family of deceased who lost their family member/ means of livelihood, will enable them to restart the essential activities, so as to reduce their level of suffering.

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G20: For India, uneasy lies the head ...

India will host the next G20 summit in September next year. It is definitely a testimony to India's growing clout in international geopolitics. India's G20 presidency hopes to provide new strength, direction and perspective to discussions on diverse subjects which include green development, digital transformation, women-led development and greater voice to the Global South in issues of international economic cooperation. The G20 is a premier forum for international economic cooperation and it plays a crucial role in shaping and strengthening the global architecture and governance on all major international economic and development issues. G20 members represent around 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade and about two thirds of the world's population. Since the global economy is facing unprecedented uncertainties and instabilities and as the Central Banks across the globe tread into uncharted territories of QT (quantitative tightening), the role of the G20, as a platform connecting developed and emerging economies of the world, assumes greater significance in shaping global trends and practices. With the G20 Presidency, which India is going to assume on 1 December 2022, the country is sure to obtain the opportunities to showcase its leadership abilities at world stage.

Constituted in 1999 in the wake of the 1997 global financial crisis as a new group of countries having systemic economic influence, the G20 has a wide set of issues on its agenda ranging from financial stability, debt burden, Sustainable Development Goals, health crisis to food security. By assuming G20 Presidency, India will be able to focus on issues of critical global importance, put forth its narratives on development models and bring its strengths as the largest democracy and fastest growing economy of the world to bear on the G20 agenda. There is little doubt that, G20 being a key institution of global governance, India's role in it and prospects for Presidency would be keenly watched by the world powers. In the fast changing geo-political atmosphere, all accept the fact that India's inclusive governance model with emphasis on multilateralism and pluralism, promises one of the finest years of G20 leadership, where G20 can make a serious contribution to making globalisation fairer, sustainable, besides transforming the processes of international negotiations. And now India's presidency promises a lot more when it comes to reforming processes, contents and intents of negotiations and then multilateral engagements of greater hues and magnitude. Especially, the food security situation has worsened with growing conflicts, and spiralling climate crises marked by droughts, floods, cyclones, and economic downturns in the past few years. In this context, India's presidency of the G20 offers a historical opportunity for the country to share its successful journey in moving from a food-deficit nation to a food-surplus nation. India's presidency of the G20 can also be utilised to address the growing challenges of food security for creating resilient and equitable food systems. After all, as the saying goes, uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.

Retired CJI did a lot in his 74 days in Supreme Court

REFLEX ACTION

Indira Jaising

As we speak of a new Chief Justice of India ('CJI') being sworn-in, much has been written and said about the former CJI Uday Umesh Lalit. It is difficult, if not impossible, to add anything new to the wealth of literature available on the subject. Yet, it must be said: Justice Lalit came with legacy.

Justice Lalit's grandfather, Ranganath Lalit was a prominent practising lawyer in Solapur, a town in Maharashtra which, to this day, is renowned for its enterprise and textile industry. His father, Umesh Lalit was a judge of the Bombay High Court, who resigned during the Emergency, in protest against his transfer during his brief tenure. He was one of the founding members of the Akhil Bharatiya Adhivakta Parishad, an organisation of lawyers associated with the right-wing, Hindu nationalist volunteer organisation, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. Naturally, when Justice Lalit assumed the office of the CJI, there were fears about his own loyalties to the ruling dispensation. They were allayed as he displayed his independence from his former clients, which included the present Union Home Minister, Amit Shah.

His judicial philosophy was best expressed in his approach to bail. He granted bail to high profile undertrials including poet, activist and teacher Dr. P. Varavara Rao, civil rights activist and journalist Teesta Setalvad and journalist Siddique Kappan, who were languishing in jail. Kappan, though, continues to suffer incarceration because of denial of bail in the Enforcement Directorate case against him by a Prevention of Money Laundering Act Court, his appeal against which was not placed before or heard by ex-CJI Lalit.

Given Justice Lalit's brief tenure, he chose to leave a legacy on the administrative side by setting up more than one Constitution Bench and clearing arrears to the extent possible. What endeared him to the Bar was that he was one of them, opening up for this generation of lawyers a dream to chase if appointed to the Bench at a young age to become the CJI rather than continue indefinitely as a practising lawyer. After him, the next directly-appointed advocate to become CJI, if all goes well, will be Justice P.S. Narasimha. Beginning his career in Delhi, in the chambers of late senior advocate and jurist Soli Sorabjee, he could not have gone wrong. From then on, he got all the right

breaks. Assisting senior advocate Harish Salve as amicus in T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad versus Union of India (1995) at the Supreme Court, he rose to prominence and acquired a public profile. He was often seen at judicial seminars as a resource person – a sure road to success.

Justice Lalit's appointment as special public prosecutor in the 2G case by the Supreme Court recognised his expertise in criminal law. In hindsight, one may say he was the chosen one. For me personally, what stands out most was his demeanour as a judge, indeed reflecting his human qualities. Polite to a fault, I never saw him lose his temper even with those who deserve a mouthful. It was always a pleasure appearing in his court. He tried his best to achieve closure in the senior designation matter; nevertheless, he had no option but to refer the on-going controversy to a larger bench of three judges. Regardless, the process, which was in cold storage in the Supreme Court, was kick-started under his tenure and will soon be complete. How and why was the challenge to the judgement of the Bombay High Court discharging scholar, writer and human rights activist Dr. G.N. Saibaba and six others in an alleged Maoist links case listed on a Saturday? That weekend, in fact, CJI Lalit was travelling to Solapur and hence I had my doubts as to who constituted the bench. On Friday that week, Justice Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud had already said that there was no hurry and the CJI could be approached for listing of the matter on any urgent ground. Naturally, therefore, the decision to list on a Saturday was that of the master of the roster.

Moving on to the constitution of the bench, the division bench comprising Justices M.R. Shah and Bela M. Trivedi, which heard the appeal against the Bombay high court's judgement, was not a bench which was in session ordinarily. Folklore has it that during a weekend, few judges are available in Delhi. Given the unprecedented order of suspension of an order setting the accused at liberty, this matter

remains an unresolved mystery. Given Justice Lalit's reputation of being transparent, an explanation could have been in order. Since there can be as many approaches to a case as there are judges in the court, this was a conscious choice. But why? The answer will be blowing in the wind till we get one from former CJI Lalit. The stay of the Bombay High Court's order discharging Dr. Saibaba has brought the reputation of the Supreme Court down and resulted in a loss of confidence in the court. It is childish to pretend that judges have no political philosophy, overt or covert. The polarisation among them reflects in which petitions the court chooses to entertain on a daily basis and from the profile of the petitioners. In a situation of this kind, it is imperative for the CJI to demonstrate neutrality and commitment to the Constitution.

The court awaits reform in this respect. The most frightening debate during his tenure was the dog whistle often made by the then Attorney General for India, K.K. Venugopal, that the age of retirement of Supreme Court judges should be extended. That could well have happened, especially since CJI Lalit had a tenure of only 74 days. Thankfully, it did not happen, paving the way for Justice Dr. Chandrachud to fulfil his legitimate expectation of being elevated as the 50th CJI. Yet, I believe that given the majoritarian basis of the politics of this country, every CJI must feel insecure, sadly so, despite constitutional guarantees of a secure tenure. Watching the swearing-in of Chief Justice Dr. Chandrachud on Wednesday morning, I was impressed by the smooth transition of power, where the old order changed giving way to the new. There was no Trump-like effort to allege the stealing of constitutional office. But for how long? Given the Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju's lament that the power to appoint judges has been hijacked by the judiciary, we are most likely going to see a move to shift this power back to the Executive. It is then that the Bar and the Bench will be truly tested.

The wish list from CJI Dr. Chandrachud is long and lengthy. But above all, I look forward to seeing a commitment to liberty, a restoration of eroded secular values, and a check on majoritarianism and an anti-Constitutional concentration of power in the hands of the Executive. (IPA)



A group of tourist click a selfie at Mughal Garden Shalimar in Srinagar enjoying Autumn in Kashmir on Tuesday

New CJI is a person of diverse interests

Supreme Court Justice D. Y. Chandrachud took over as the Chief Justice of India on November 9 following the superannuation of Chief Justice U. U. Lalit who was in the position for only 74 days. New CJI Chandrachud will remain in his position for two years.

Chandrachud has endeared himself to a vast majority of court watchers with the manner in which he manages his court. His demeanour is said to be refreshingly different. If his humility is a rare quality in a person of his stature, he puts everyone at ease with his sense of humour.

Often at 4pm, he asks the lawyers in his court, "Don't you feel the urge for a cup of tea? Some time back, as the clock struck four, he elaborated on his love for tea and spoke about how he felt a strong craving for the beverage at that hour, which also happens to be the time

for the court to wrap up for the day. He recalled that when he was a lawyer in the Bombay High Court, he would have his tea in the staff canteen which was next to a courtroom. When he became a judge, he sat in the same courtroom, while he could not just enter the canteen anymore.

As Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, since the lawyers were more comfortable arguing in Hindi, he would help them shed their hesitation to switch from English to Hindi by starting off in his 'Bambaiya Hindi'. Proceedings would commence in English but would shift soon to Hindi and lawyers appreciated the efforts he

took to make the situation more convenient for them.

He also won admirers with his ability to differ from the established ways of working. Recently, he observed in his court with reference to providing the larger population with access to court proceedings: "Yesterday, I saw someone using a mobile phone, perhaps recording what we were saying during the proceedings. Initially, I thought, how can he record the proceedings? But then my thoughts changed. What is the big idea? It is an open court hearing. Nothing is confidential here."

The 63-year-old Chandrachud, enjoys a rock-star appeal in legal

corridors and beyond. It is much for his youthful smile and non-stuffy persona as his ability to sympathise with human sufferings, giving law a playmates including the likes of children of film star Shashi Kapoor as also kids from the servants quarters. "He is a hard worker. He has no vice except for his obsession with work. He has ability to built bridges and reach out to people who may not be in agreement. I am confident that as CJI he will be able take along his judge colleagues and also reach out to the bar and resolve their issues", said an eminent lawyer.

Chandrachud's first wife, Rashmi, had died from cancer in 2007. Some years later, he married Kalpana Das, who was formerly working with the British Council. His elder son, Abhinav, practices law at the Bombay High Court and younger son, Chintan, is employed with a law firm in the UK. (IPA).

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My head hangs in shame, says Delhi HCCJ over non-payment of compensation to kin of sewer death victims

NEW DELHI, NOV 15 /--/ "My head hangs in shame," the Delhi High Court Chief Justice said on Tuesday, lamenting the "complete unsympathetic attitude" of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) towards the families of two people who died inside a sewer this year.

The high court, which was annoyed over non-compliance with its October 6 order by which the DDA was directed to pay Rs 10 lakh compensation each to the families of the deceased, said it had asked the authorities to pay the amount to the victims' kin as they had lost their sole bread earners in the incident. Pursuant to the high court's direction, DDA Vice Chairman Manish Gupta was present at the hearing. A sweeper and a security guard had died on September 9 in Outer Delhi's Mundka area after they inhaled toxic gases inside a sewer. The incident occurred when a sweeper had gone down to clean the sewer and fainted. A security guard who rushed to his rescue also fell unconscious, and both died.

The high court, which was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) initiated by the court on its own based on a news report of the incident, expressed displeasure over non-payment of Rs 10 lakh each by the DDA to the victims' families and said "not even a single penny" was released by the authority. It, however, noted that as a part of a separate compensation, the Delhi government has paid Rs 1 lakh each to the two families and the remaining Rs 9 lakh will be paid to them within 15 days. "We are dealing with people who are working for us so that our life is made comfortable. And this is the manner and method they are being dealt with by the authorities. Very unfortunate," a bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad said. The chief justice added, "My head hangs in shame." "From October 6, we are now on November 15. When the court had directed DDA to pay the amount, why it was not done? This is the question," the bench said.

The counsel for DDA said it was the duty

of the Delhi government to pay the amount. Delhi government standing counsel Santosh Kumar Tripathi submitted the DDA was trying to mix up the compensation which is to be paid as per the Supreme Court order and that the amount of Rs 10 lakh to be paid by the Delhi government was by a cabinet decision of March 5, 2020. The bench said the question of liability could have been decided later on but the anxiety of the court was that, as an immediate measure, something needed to be given to the affected families. On being asked by the bench about the total annual budget of the DDA, the Vice Chairman said it was Rs 3,000 crore. "You have the budget of Rs 3,000 crore and we requested you to pay only Rs 10 lakh as an immediate measure and you came up with all kinds of excuses. Later we could have adjusted the amount by fixing the responsibility. We asked you to pay so that there is some financial and emotional sense of security to the families who have lost their bread earners," the bench said.

On the issue of rehabilitating and giving compassionate appointment to one of the family members of the deceased who was an employee of the DDA, the agency urged the court to grant 15 days for the purpose. The court said, "We are not concerned with any other compassionate appointments. This one has to be done on priority basis." It granted 15 days-time to DDA for doing that. "The conduct of DDA reflects complete unsympathetic attitude towards the deceased families," the court observed. On October 6, the court had directed the DDA, under whose jurisdiction the incident took place, to pay Rs 10 lakh each as compensation to the families of the deceased and consider granting compassionate appointment. It had also sought the presence of the authority's vice chairman in case the order was not complied with till November 14. The court had then remarked it was unfortunate that even after 75 years of Independence, the poor were forced to work as manual scavengers. On September 12, the high court had taken cognizance of the two deaths and directed that a PIL be registered. (PTI)

UGC asks varsities, colleges to create state-of-the-art digital experience for G20 meetings

NEW DELHI, NOV 15 /--/ The University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked varsities and colleges to encourage their faculty and students to gather ideas for the creation of state-of-the-art digital experience for G20

meetings. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), is inviting Expressions of Interest from interested entrepreneurs, start-ups, firms, and college students for conceptualising the digital

experience using the latest emerging technologies for the G20 meeting to be held in various cities. "All the universities and their affiliated colleges and institutions are requested to encourage their faculty members and students to actively participate and submit their Expression of Interest with all the necessary documents duly signed by an authorised signatory (or the zip files over email) on

or before November 18," UGC Secretary P K Thakur said in a letter to the varsities. Participants are required to submit fresh ideas for execution at the pan-event level. These include setting up of "Digital Selfie Points" where artificial intelligence and machine learning-based technology can be used to make it interactive-cum-immersive for the users. (PTI)

AFFIDAVIT

I, BASANTI KUMARI (Old Name), SAHANA (Adopted Name) D/o Handu Chik Baraik, aged about 26 years, by faith Hindu presently R/o Gariajor, Simdega, Jharkhand and at present R/o Stewart Gunj, P/o Bambooflat under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District, Andaman & Nicobar islands, do hereby declare as follows:

1. That I have completed 26 years of my age and my date of birth is 05.02.1996.
2. That, in all my documents my name is mentioned, printed and written as BASANTI KUMARI.
3. That, now I have embraced Islam religion and renounce Hinduism as per my will and wish and I adopted new Islamic name as SAHANA.
4. That hereinafter I shall be known as SAHANA as a member of Islam religion.
5. That this affidavit is made for adopting new name and making correction in all my personal and official documents.
6. That I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false or do not believe it to be true I am liable to imprisonment and also to fine.

Henceforth I should be known as SAHANA instead of BASANTI KUMARI for all purposes and intends.

The above said paras are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DEPONENT

AFFIDAVIT

By this deed I, the undersigned N RAVI KUMAR, S/o Shri N CHANDER RAO and Smti RATNAM, previously called RAVI KUMAR, S/O NAKKACHENDER RAO & SERURATHNAM doing private driver and presently residing at Panighat village, Bambooflat Post under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District, Andaman & Nicobar Islands -744107 solemnly declare:-

1. That for and on behalf of myself, my parents and remitter issue wholly renounce/relinquish and abandon the use of my former name/surname of RAVI KUMAR, S/o NAKKACHENDER RAO & SERURATHNAM and in place thereof I do hereby assume from this date the name/surname N RAVI KUMAR, S/o Shri N CHANDER RAO and Smti RATNAM and so that I, my parents and remitter issue may thereafter be called, known and distinguished not by me and former name/surname, but assumed name/surname N RAVI KUMAR, S/o Shri N CHANDER RAO and Smti RATNAM.
2. That for all purpose of evidencing such my determination declare that I shall at all times hereafter in all records, deeds and writings and in all proceedings, dealings and transactions, private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever use and sign the name N RAVI KUMAR, S/o Shri N CHANDER RAO and Smti RATNAM as my name surname in place and in substitution of my former name/surname.
3. That I expressly authorize and request all persons in general and relatives and friends in particular, at all times hereafter to designate and address me, my parent and remitter issue by such assumed/surname of N RAVI KUMAR, S/o Shri N CHANDER RAO and Smti RATNAM accordingly.
4. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed former RAVI KUMAR, S/o NAKKACHENDER RAO & SERURATHNAM and adopted name/surname N RAVI KUMAR, S/o Shri N CHANDER RAO and Smti RATNAM of affix my signature and seal, if any, this 14th day of November 2022.

DEPONENT

AFFIDAVIT

I, BASANTI KUMARI, D/o Handu Chik Baraik, aged about 26 years, by faith Hindu presently R/o Gariajor, Simdega, Jharkhand and at present R/o Stewart Gunj, P/o Bambooflat under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, do hereby declare as follows:

1. That I have completed 26 years of my age and my date of birth is 05.02.1996.
2. That I have so many Muslim friends, and I am very much impressed by my friends and the teaching of Islam and culture.
3. That, I intend to embrace Islam religion and renounce Hinduism.
4. That, there is no any criminal force or undue influence or any coercion of any person or persons behind embracing Islam but only as per my will and wish.
5. That hereinafter I shall be known as SAHANA as a member of Islam religion.
6. That I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false or do not believe it to be true I am liable to imprisonment and also to fine.

Henceforth I should be known as SAHANA instead of BASANTI KUMARI for all purposes and intends.

The above said paras are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DEPONENT

J&K panchayat members' body demands allowance for gram sabhas to award works up to Rs 3 lakh

JAMMU, NOV 15 /--/ A representative body of elected panchayat members on Tuesday alleged that the Jammu and Kashmir administration's decision to resort to e-tendering even for small works was depriving educated youths from local villages of employment avenues. The All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) also demanded that works up to Rs 3 lakh should be sanctioned by gram sabhas. The AJKPC alleged that the works done by contractors under the capex budget in rural areas were of very low quality. The contractors also don't pay heed to the requests of gram sabha members while district officials ignore the panches and sarpanches," he said. "Despite repeated prayers to the government and assurances by senior officers, even tenders for petty works are being allotted by e-tendering, which is not only undermining the autonomy of gram sabhas but also depriving the local educated youth of employment avenues," AJKPC chief Anil Sharma told reporters. He alleged that

panchayat members always complained that the works done by contractors in rural areas were of very low quality.

The contractors do not have any accountability either, he said. "Neither do the contractors pay heed to the requests of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members nor do the officials listen to the prayers of the panches and sarpanches," he said. The AJKPC president said the role of PRI members in checking the quality of works had been curtailed as Utilisation Certificates for works done under the district budget were issued by the respective administration. It is insignificant that from which account the money is being spent for development works, there must be accountability of the contractors and government employees, he said. He cautioned officials of the district administration and the rural development department not to test the patience of elected representatives and muzzle the autonomy of PRIs.

AJKPC leaders also urged Lieutenant Governor Manor Sinha, the commissioner secretary of the Rural Development

NAME CHANGE

I, Anil Meshack S/o Hector Meshack, residing at No. C 76(1) Dobhi Diggi, Aberdeen Bazar, Port Blair, Andaman And Nicobar Islands 744104, declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as Anil Joseph Meshack and Prithi Meshack in my minor son Aarav Antony Meshack aged 10 years in his Birth Certificate. The actual name of mine and my wife is Anil Meshack and Prithi which may be amended accordingly.

Jolly Bouy, Redskin to remain closed

PORT BLAIR, NOV 15 /--/ Stakeholders of tourism sector have been informed that Jolly Buoy Island will be opened for tourism activity from 16th November 2022 to 15th May 2023 and the Redskin Island of Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park, Wandoor will be closed from the 16/11/2022 to 15/05/2023 for tourism activity. The entry permit permits will be available at IP&T Counter for the visitors on a first come, first served basis, subject to availability of boats.

Delhi court grants bail to actor Jacqueline Fernandez in money laundering case

NEW DELHI, NOV 15 /--/ A Delhi court on Tuesday granted bail to actor Jacqueline Fernandez in a Rs 200 crore money laundering case involving conman Suresh Chandrashekar.

Special Judge Shailendra Malik granted the relief on a personal bond of Rs 50,000 and one surety of like amount. The judge had on August 31 taken cognizance of a supplementary charge sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate and asked Fernandez to ap-

pear before the court. Fernandez, who was summoned by the ED several times in connection with the investigation, was named as an accused for the first time in the supplementary charge sheet.

The ED's earlier charge sheet and supplementary charge sheet did not mention her as an accused. The documents, however, mentioned the details of the statements recorded by Fernandez and fellow actor Nora Fatehi. (PTI)

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General Conditions:- <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The eligibility of the candidate in respect of age will be determined as on 01-01-2022 (Relaxable in case of SC/ST/OBC as per Govt. Rules).2. The candidate who is selected for the above post has to go for tour to any place in A&N Islands. He/she will get TA/DA as per the rules.3. The engagement will be purely on contractual basis for four months and no claim for continuation or regular appointment will be entertained.4. Applicants should bring duly filled-in bio-data cum application form available on CCRAS website (www.ccras.nic.in) with a set of self attested certificates, mark-sheets, category certificates, experience certificates etc along with their original certificates and two recent passport size photographs.5. The candidates are required to report at 10:00 A.M in the Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Chakkargaon, Port Blair.6. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the walk-in interview.7. Extension of tenure may be considered on need basis and performance of the incumbent.8. The Officer In-charge, RARI, Port Blair reserves the right to postpone and/or cancel the advertisement without assigning any reason.				
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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Chouldari invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors of appropriate class of APWD, MES, ALHW & P&T for the below mentioned work.

1. NIT NO. EE/PRI/SAD-I/RR/22-23/64 **Name of Work:** - Conversion of Footpath to CC Road from Old Panchayat to Ranjit Mondal house at Chouldari-04 under Gram Panchayat Chouldari. **Estimated Cost Rs:** - 13, 28,014/- **Earnest Money Deposit:** - 26,560/- **Time of Completion:** - Six (06) Months, Tender Fee: - ₹ .500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: - 28/11/2022 (1500 hrs)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.

Tender ID:- 2022_RDPRI_8028_1

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PM Modi, Prez Biden review India-US ties in Bali

BALI, NOV 15 /--/ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden on Tuesday reviewed the state of India-US strategic partnership including in sectors like critical and emerging technologies and artificial intelligence.

It is understood that Modi and Biden also touched upon the Ukraine conflict and its implications in their meeting that took place on the margins of the G-20 summit in this Indonesian city. In its readout, the ministry of external affairs (MEA) only said that the two leaders also discussed "topical global and regional developments" in the meeting. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi met President of USA, Joseph R Biden on the margins of G-20 Leaders' Summit in Bali today," the MEA said. "They reviewed the continuing deepening of the India - US strategic partnership including cooperation in future oriented sectors like critical and emerging technologies, advanced computing, artificial intelligence, etc," it said in a statement. The MEA said Prime Minister Modi thanked President Biden for his "constant support" for strengthening the India-US partnership. "He expressed confidence that both countries would continue to maintain close coordination during India's G-20 Presidency," it

said. A White House readout said Biden met Modi and President Joko Widodo of Indonesia on the margins of the G20 summit in Bali to reaffirm their shared commitment to the G20 as the premier forum for international economic cooperation. "Facing significant global challenges, the leaders discussed how the G20 continues to demonstrate its collective capacity to bring together major economies to advance sustainable and inclusive growth in our economies and beyond, tackle the ongoing climate, energy, and food crises, strengthen global health architecture and promote technological transformation," it said.

The readout said Biden applauded Indonesia's G20 Presidency and that he looks forward to continuing to support the G20's work under India's Presidency. The MEA said the two leaders expressed satisfaction about close cooperation between India and US in new groupings such as Quad and I2U2. While the Quad comprises India, the US, Australia and Japan, the members of the I2U2 are India, Israel, the US and the United Arab Emirates. On the Modi-Biden meeting, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi described the conversation as "useful exchange". "A useful exchange between PM @narendramodi & @POTUS @JoeBiden on

sidelines of G20 Bali Summit. Leaders appreciated the continuing deepening of India-US Strategic Partnership & close cooperation in groups like Quad, I2U2, etc. Agreed to maintain close coordination during #G20India," he tweeted. Modi and Biden held the conversation days after external affairs minister S Jaishankar met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on the sidelines of the ASEAN-India Summit in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh. Jaishankar and Blinken discussed a range of issues including bilateral ties, the Ukraine conflict and the situation in the Indo-Pacific among others. Since the Ukraine conflict began in February, Prime Minister Modi spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin as well as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy a number of times. In a phone conversation with Zelenskyy on October 4, Modi said that there can be "no military solution" and that India is ready to contribute to any peace efforts. In his meeting with Russian President Putin in the Uzbek city of Samarkand in September, Modi conveyed to him that "today's era is not of war". India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and it has been maintaining that the crisis must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue. (PTI)



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meeting US President Joe Biden at the G20 Summit in Bali (Indonesia) on Tuesday

State govts should consider public interest before politics, common man not interested in meetings: SC

NEW DELHI, NOV 15 /--/ Every state government should consider public interest before politics, the Supreme Court observed on Tuesday as it asked Punjab and Haryana to take concrete steps, rather than just hold meetings, to address the problem of flooding in 25 villages due to overflowing of river Ghaggar. The apex court said except two meetings of the Ghaggar Standing Committee no concrete steps have been taken by these states on the recommendations made by the Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune, after the last orders passed by the top court in the matter. "The common man is not interested in meetings but is interested in finding out the solution. Every state government should consider the public interest first above the politics," a bench of Justices MR Shah and M Sundresh said in its order. In August, the apex court had directed Punjab and Haryana governments to take measures recommended by the CWPRS, Pune, to find a solution to the problem of floods experienced in 25 villages due to overflowing of river Ghaggar. On Tuesday, the bench said though status reports are filed on behalf of the states concerned, it appeared no further concrete steps are taken except holding the meetings. It directed the states concerned to prepare and submit the proposed detailed project reports (DPR) to implement the recommendations made in the final model study report submitted by the CWPRS, Pune, and the orders passed by the apex court within four weeks. The apex court was hearing a plea filed by Nagar Panchayat Moonak and others highlighting the problem of over-flooding in Ghaggar Basin which was affecting 25 villages in Punjab and Haryana. "Though the major portion of the affected area is the state of Punjab, the state of Punjab has not taken the matter very seriously," it said. (PTI)

Centre should do away with GST if it can't clear our dues: Mamata

JHARGRAM, NOV 15 /--/ Launching a tirade against the BJP-led Union government, chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said the Centre should do away with the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime if it is unable to clear the dues it owed to the state.

Mamata wondered if she would have to "beg" to get the dues cleared. Addressing a rally in the tribal-dominated Belpahari area of the Jhargram district, she said the BJP-led government must either make the payment or the party must step down from the seat of power. "They are not releasing funds under the MNREGA scheme. The BJP has to step down from power if it does not clear our dues. The Centre must scrap GST if it is can't clear the state's dues (Jodi amader bokeya na dey, tahole bondo kore dik GST)". "They are not doing us any favour by giving us GST dues; it is people's money that they have taken through GST," she said at the birth anniversary programme of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda. Mamata said that she had also met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and raised the matter. "We had agreed on implementing the GST; we thought the Centre would clear our dues. But

now the Centre is taking away all money collected as GST but not giving us our dues. I had met the Prime Minister and requested him, but nothing moved forward. Are we supposed to beg for it? "Why should we pay GST if the Centre is not clearing our dues? If the Centre can't give us the money, we can also stop paying GST. (Amrao tho bondho kore dite pari, keno GST tax debo?) The country is for the people, not for politicians. This is not BJP's money," Mamata said. Listing out schemes, "under which funds have been withheld", the chief minister said the Union government is constitutionally bound to pay the state for the 100-day work scheme.

"I would like to tell the Central government that releasing funds for the 100-day work scheme is a constitutional norm. The Centre must pay; it is not an obligation, but a compulsion as the law has been passed by both Houses of the Parliament," she said. Hitting out at Bengal BJP leadership for asserting that it would ensure the Centre stopped fund flow to the state, Mamata sought to know if that money was "personal property" of saffron party leaders. Later, interacting with the locals, Banerjee claimed that shortage of central funds

was the primary reason for the piped water project under Jal Jeevan Mission to have come to a halt. "By 2024, all the houses were to get piped drinking water. But the Centre has stopped giving funds, which is why the project has come to a halt. Once they pay, we will start implementing it. We are fighting against the injustice meted out to us by the Centre," she said.

Meanwhile, reacting to Mamata's allegations, BJP leader Rahul Sinha said fund flow was stopped as the TMC government failed to submit utilisation certificates on the money spent under MNREGA. "Let the state government first submit the utilization certificate for the funds received earlier; only then it will start receiving funds again," Sinha said. Earlier in the day, Mamata had tweeted that Munda taught people the importance of respecting and protecting indigenous rights. "I pay my humble respects to 'Dharti Aba', brave revolutionary Birsa Munda on his Birth Anniversary. As a true son of the soil, he taught us the importance of respecting and protecting indigenous rights. May we continue to be steadfast on the path shown by him. Jai Johar!" she wrote. (PTI)



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee trying her hands at a local snack store at Belpahari, on Tuesday —Photo : EOI

Everyone living in India is 'Hindu': Mohan Bhagwat

AMBIKAPUR, NOV 15 /--/ Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday said every person living in the country is a 'Hindu' and the DNA of all Indians is the same, and asserted there was no need for anyone to change his way of offering rituals.

Addressing an event of Swayamsevaks (Sangh volunteers) in Ambikapur, the headquarters of Chhattisgarh's Surguja district, he repeatedly highlighted unity in diversity as India's age-old feature and said Hindutva is the only idea in the world that believes in taking everyone along. "We have been telling since 1925 (when RSS was founded) that everyone living in India is a Hindu. Those who consider India as their 'matrubhoomi' (mother land) and want to live with a culture of unity in diversity and make efforts in this direction, irrespective of whatever religion, culture, language and food habit and ideology they follow, are Hindus,"

Bhagwat said. The RSS chief said the ideology of Hindutva recognises diversity and believes in unity among people. "Hindutva is the only idea in the entire world that believes in unifying diversities because it has carried such diversities together in this country for thousands of years. This is the truth and you have to speak it firmly. On the basis of it we can be united. The Sangh's work is to build individual and national character and bring unity among people," added the RSS leader. He emphasised on respecting everyone's faith and asserted the DNA of all Indians is the same and they had common ancestors. "Despite having diversities we all are like one. We had common ancestors. Every Indian who is part of the 40,000-year old 'Akhand Bharat' has common DNA. Our ancestors had taught that everyone should stick to their faith and rituals and not try to convert others' faith. Every path leads to a common place," said Bhagwat. The RSS



leader called for respecting all religious faiths and their rituals. "Respect everyone's faith and rituals. Accept everyone and walk on your own way. Fulfil your wishes, but don't be so selfish to not take care of wellbeing of others," he added. Bhagwat said the entire country fought the coronavirus pandemic unitedly. "Our culture connects us. No matter how much we fight among ourselves, we become united in times of crises. We fight together when the country faces some kind of trouble. During the coronavirus pandemic the whole country stood as one to deal with it," he maintained.

Appealing to people to visit Sangh's 'sakhars' (congregation of RSS workers), he said the 97-year-old organization's aim is to unite people and make societies influential while walking on the path of truth. "Don't look at the Sangh from a distance as a spectator. Make your personality useful for the country and work for the welfare of the country and the society. Become swayamsevak to lead such life," Bhagwat added. (PTI)

Kharge, Sonia, Rahul among Cong's 40 star campaigners for Gujarat elections

NEW DELHI, NOV 15 /--/ Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chiefs Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are among the 40 star campaigners the party announced for the Gujarat Assembly elections. Rahul, who is leading the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra, has not campaigned so far in the poll-bound states of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. Ashok Gehlot and Bhupesh Baghel, the chief ministers of Congress-ruled Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, are also among the star campaigners for the December 1 and 5 polls in Gujarat, the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Congress is seeking to oust the BJP from power in the state and had put up a good fight in 2017 assembly elections. The BJP has been in power in the state for over 27 years now. Among the other star campaigners listed by the party are AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, CLP leader in Kerala Ramesh Chennithala, former chief ministers Digvijaya Singh, Kamal Nath, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Ashok Chavan. Besides, AICC general secretary Tariq Anwar, CLP leader in Karnataka assembly B K Hariprasad, senior party leaders Mohan Prakash, Shaktisinh Gohil and AICC in-charge for party affairs in Gujarat Raghu Sharma are also listed by the Congress as its star campaigners. (PTI)

India undertaking arduous effort to fight climate change: environment minister

NEW DELHI, NOV 15 /--/ India is undertaking an arduous effort to fight climate change despite accounting for less than four per cent of the world's cumulative emissions so far, Union environment minister Bhupendra Yadav said on Tuesday. Delivering the national statement at the UN climate summit in Egypt, Yadav said India responded to the call for increased ambition in the 2030 climate targets and updated its Nationally Determined Contributions in August. "India, home to 1.3 billion people, is undertaking this arduous effort despite the reality that our contribution to the world's cumulative emissions so far is less than 4 per cent and our annual per capita emissions are about one-third of the global average," he said. The minister said the country has embarked on far-reaching new initiatives in renewable energy, e-mobility, ethanol blended fuels, and green hydrogen as an alternate energy source. It seeks to foster strong international cooperation through action and solutions-oriented coalitions like International Solar Alliance and the Coalition of Disaster Resilience Infrastructure, both of which were launched and nurtured by India, Yadav said. "This is a testimony to our ethos of collective action for global good," he said. Yadav mentioned that India would assume the presidency of the G20 in 2023 with the motto of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'. "Our journey towards a planet safe for humanity is one that no nation can undertake alone. This is a collective journey to be undertaken with equity and climate justice as our guiding principles," he said. "We hope that the fight against climate change will unite the world as one family," the minister said. Yadav underscored that 'LiFE' (Lifestyle for Environment) is at the heart of India's vision of a safe planet. The LiFE is a pro-people and pro-planet effort that seeks to shift the world from mindless and wasteful consumption to mindful and deliberate utilisation of natural resources. (PTI)



FIFA World Cup: Countdown enters final week with Qatar under microscope

DOHA, NOV 15 --/ The week-long countdown to the World Cup in Qatar began on Monday as the world's leading footballers focused their attention on one of the most controversial tournaments in history. After a last weekend of action, domestic leagues paused for six weeks for the global showpiece but preparation time is short for the teams. The first World Cup to be held in the Arab world will kick off on Sunday when the host nation face Ecuador. Holding football's showpiece event in a desert state has necessitated an unprecedented reorganisation of the international calendar, shifting the World Cup from its normal slot in the northern hemisphere summer to avoid the Gulf's scorching heat. As teams rushed to submit their final squad lists, Iran named Sardar Azmoun, their star player who has expressed support for the demonstrations in his homeland, in their squad. Azmoun, who plays for German club Bayer Leverkusen, has posted several social media messages in support of the protests that were sparked by the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini. Dozens of people, mainly demonstrators but also security

personnel, have been killed during the protests, which the authorities have branded as "riots". Activists have called on fans attending Iran's matches in Qatar to chant Amini's name. Hundreds of Tunisian fans, closely watched by riot police, gave a noisy welcome to their national team in Doha on Monday. Four buses of police with riot gear watched the Tunisians, including some families with children, wait outside the team hotel in the business district of the Qatari capital. The crowds chanted the national anthem and banged drums, surging onto the road as the team arrived and players waved. Two of Europe's big guns, England and the Netherlands, are among the teams due to arrive on Tuesday. Sunday's kickoff marks the culmination of Qatar's extraordinary campaign first to win the vote to land the tournament and then embark on a spending spree of tens of billions of dollars to build stadiums and infrastructure. World governing body FIFA's pleas to "focus on the football" have struggled to be heard as the countdown to kick-off has only increased scrutiny of the country's treatment of migrant workers, women and the LGBTQ community. Labourers from South Asia have been at the centre of an often acrimonious dispute over deaths, injuries and working conditions since Qatar was awarded the World Cup in 2010. Amnesty International has urged FIFA to commit to compensating migrant workers "for abuses suffered" during preparations for the tournament. Qatar has angrily rebuffed most of the attacks and local media have blasted the

"arrogance" of some Western countries. Australian players refused to enlarge on their comments about Qatar's rights record on Monday, saying they were fully focused on a daunting opening match against defending champions France. The Socceroos released a video last month featuring 16 players, in which they spoke out against rights abuses in the Gulf state, although they acknowledged progress had been made. "To be honest I think we timed things well with what was said," Australia forward Mitchell Duke said at the team's training base in Doha. "We've done that purposely before we all came to the camp because our main priority now, once we turned up, was just to focus on the football side of things." Qatar, a country of barely three million people and one of the world's biggest producers of natural gas, has spent lavishly. New stadiums have cost more than \$6.5 billion and a driverless metro system with a price tag of \$36 billion serves five of the eight venues. Some estimates put total infrastructure spending over the past decade at \$200 billion. Organisers have predicted more than one million fans will travel to Qatar. Tournament chiefs say that 2.9 million of the 3.1 million tickets have been sold, with fans waiting outside ticketing centres in hopes of seeing top games. Qatar announced its first arrests of World Cup ticket touts on Monday, with three foreign men detained outside official ticketing centres in Doha. No details were given of their nationality. (AFP)



GAME NOTES

G20 Summit: FIFA appeals for World Cup ceasefire in Ukraine

NUSA DUA, INDONESIA, NOV 15 --/ The president of the world football body called Tuesday for a one-month ceasefire in Ukraine to mark the World Cup, saying sport could bring people together. FIFA president Gianni Infantino, addressing leaders of the Group of 20 major economies gathered in Bali, said the World Cup opening Sunday in Qatar could serve as a "positive trigger" in the nearly nine-month Russian invasion of Ukraine. "My plea to all of you is to think of a temporary ceasefire for one month for the duration of the World Cup," he told a G20 lunch for the leaders. If not a full ceasefire, there can be "the implementation of some humanitarian corridors or anything that could lead to the resumption of dialogue," he said. (AP)

BWF World Tour Finals relocated from Guangzhou to Bangkok due to COVID-19

NEW DELHI, NOV 15 --/ The upcoming BWF World Tour Finals have been shifted from Guangzhou to Bangkok due to COVID-19 and will begin on December 7, a week earlier than originally scheduled, the world badminton body announced on Tuesday. The tournament, which was slated to start on December 14, was postponed due to stadium availability issues. The season-ending event will now be held at the Nimibutr Arena in Bangkok from December 7 to 11. "BWF in consultation with the Chinese Badminton Association (CBA) agreed to relocate the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2022 due to the various challenges brought about by the current pandemic situation," the BWF said in a statement. (PTI)

France call up striker Marcus Thuram as 26th squad member

PARIS, NOV 15 --/ Striker Marcus Thuram has been handed the last spot in the France squad that will defend their World Cup title in Qatar. The French football federation said on Monday that the Borussia Mönchengladbach forward was added to coach Didier Deschamps' list for the tournament. Deschamps had summoned only 25 players when he announced his squad last week, leaving one spot open. Thuram will complement France's already impressive attacking sector alongside Karim Benzema (Real Madrid), Kingsley Coman (Bayern Munich), Ousmane Dembele (Barcelona), Olivier Giroud (AC Milan), Antoine Griezmann (Atletico Madrid), Kylian Mbappe (PSG) and Christopher Nkunku (Leipzig). Thuram, the son of the 1998 World Cup winner Lilian Thuram, has been in impressive form this season, with 13 goals and four assists in all competitions. A tall and versatile player, he can be used in different systems. (AP)

Guptill, Boult dropped for series against India



T20 squad: Kane Williamson (C), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway (WK), Lockie Ferguson, Daryl Mitchell, Adam Milne, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Ish Sodhi, Blair Tickner.

ODI squad: Kane Williamson (C), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Daryl Mitchell, Adam Milne, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Tom Latham (WK), Matt Henry.

WELLINGTON, NOV 15 --/ The seasoned Martin Guptill and Trent Boult were on Tuesday dropped from New Zealand's squad for the home limited overs series against India, beginning here on November 18. Opener Guptill has been dropped to accommodate rising star Finn Allen while New Zealand Cricket (NZC) decided to give others an opportunity in the six-match series ahead of Boult, who has opted out of a central contract with the board. Allen is primed to face India for the first time after being confirmed in both BLACKCAPS squads for the series. The 23-year-old Allen has already played 23 T20s and eight ODIs, amassing five half-centuries and a hundred. In Boult's absence, Tim Southee, Matt Henry (ODIs only), Lockie Ferguson, Blair Tickner and Adam Milne form the pace attack. Milne is in line to play his first ODI since 2017, building on his return to the T20 International arena during the recent Tri Series and last year's T20 World Cup in the UAE. Head coach Gary Stead said it was never easy leaving out the experience of Boult and Guptill but the team had to keep looking ahead. "When Trent opted out of his NZC contract in August, we indicated that priority would be given to those players with either central or domestic contracts, and that's been the case here," he said in a statement. "We're all aware of Trent's world class ability, but at this time - as we build towards more global events, we want to give opportunities and experiences to others. "The emergence and success of Finn at the top of the order in white-ball cricket means a guy of the class of

Martin Guptill misses out - that's just the nature of high performance sport," he added. For both New Zealand and India, the preparation for the ODI World Cup next year will begin with the series. "With the 50-over World Cup less than a year away we're keen to give Finn every opportunity to keep gaining ODI experience, especially against quality opposition such as India. "The message to both those players (Boult and Guptill) is that there's a lot of international cricket ahead and the door is certainly not closed to them," said Stead. The tour begins with a three-game T20 International series across Wellington (Nov 18), Tauranga (Nov 20) and Napier (Nov 22), before moving into the ODI series across Auckland (Nov 25), Hamilton (Nov 27) and Christchurch (Nov 30). The one-day series could see Southee become the fifth New Zealander to claim 200 ODI wickets, with the 33-year-old's tally poised on 199. Tom Latham returns as the ODI wicket-keeper with Devon Conway continuing behind the stumps for the T20 side. Kane Williamson will captain both sides with the T20 squad assembling here on Wednesday. All-rounder Jimmy Neesham has been excused from the squad for the third ODI as he prepares for his wedding, with Henry Nicholls the replacement for the final match in Christchurch. Ben Sears (back) and Kyle Jamieson (back) were not considered for selection due to injuries. Stead said it was always a special time having India in the country and was sure the tour would be an exciting one for players and fans alike. (PTI)

Lionel Messi Cautious Over Argentina's World Cup Chances



Lionel Messi controls a ball during a training camp in Abu Dhabi

DOHA, NOV 15 --/ Lionel Messi says he is cautious over Argentina's chances as he prepares to lead the team at the World Cup, seeking to crown a glorious career by lifting the trophy in Qatar. The South American side have won the trophy twice -- in 1978 and 1986 -- with Messi a defeated finalist in 2014. "We are very excited," Messi said in an interview with CONMEBOL, the South American football federation. "We have a very nice group that is very eager, but we think about going little by little. We know that World Cup groups are not easy." Argentina's opening match at the World Cup is on November 22 against Saudi Arabia in Group C, which also includes Mexico and Poland.

They will play a final friendly on Wednesday in Abu Dhabi against the United Arab Emirates. "We hope to start the World Cup in the best way to face everything that comes after," said Messi, who joined the rest of the squad in Abu Dhabi on Monday. The Paris Saint-Germain forward highlighted the strengths of the team led by Lionel Scaloni and the

advantage of having an established squad, who triumphed at last year's Copa America. "The more you play and the more time you spend on the pitch, the more you get to know each other," he said. "We know each other's characteristics and what is best for each moment." The forward said he doubted there would be a surprise winner of the World Cup. "Whenever we talk about candidates, we always talk about the same teams," he said. "If I have to put some above others I think Brazil, France and England are a little bit above the rest. "But the World Cup is so difficult and so complicated that anything can happen." Messi, who is likely playing his last World Cup at the age of 35, said he had fully adapted to life in Paris after a difficult first year following his move from boyhood club Barcelona. "After that year-long process, which took a long time, today I am happy where I am living and my family and I are enjoying ourselves in Paris," he said. Messi played for PSG on Sunday before joining his Argentina teammates in Abu Dhabi, where he took part in a training session open to the public.

US Soccer Federation uses rainbow crest in Qatar

WASHINGTON, Nov 15 --/ The U.S. Soccer Federation is using a rainbow version of its crest at the Americans' World Cup training facility in Doha, Qatar. The federation, which normally uses a crest with blue lettering and red stripes, changed the stripes to seven different colours at Al Gharrafa training facility, where workouts started Monday ahead of the Americans' World Cup opener against Wales on Nov. 21. The rainbow crest is part of the Be the Change initiative of the USSF and its players, which also called for tougher U.S. gun laws. Qatar has been criticized over attitudes towards LGBTQ fans and the treatment of migrant workers. "When we are on the world stage and we are in a venue like Qatar, it's important to already bring awareness to these issues," U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter said Monday. "And that's what Be the Change is about, it's not just stateside that we want to bring attention to social issues, it's also abroad. And we recognize that Qatar has made strides, there has been a ton of progress, but there's still some work to do. And it's just about Be the Change basically represents



everyone's individual opportunity to make change or to have change start with them. So I think it's appropriate that we have it here, as well." The USSF said the rainbow crest will not be worn on the field but will be used in areas in Qatar it controls, such as fan parties. (AP)

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