

PM Modi To Take Oath On Saturday, Submits Resignation To President

New Delhi(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take oath for a third time on Saturday, and in so doing, become the first (and only) three-term leader of the country since Congress stalwart Jawaharlal Nehru. Mr Modi met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi to submit his resignation, and that of his cabinet. He was then requested to continue in his role till the swearing-in.

Mr Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party - which claimed 282 seats in 2014 and 303 in the 2019 election won 240 seats this time - 32 short of the 272-majority mark. It will now rely on the 53 seats won by members of the party-led National

Democratic Alliance to seal a third term. Mr Modi retained his Lok Sabha seat in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi, defeating the Congress' Ajay Rai by less than 1.5 lakh votes to become a three-time MP from the temple town.

Earlier today Mr Modi - who last evening confirmed the NDA would stake claim to form the government for a third time, calling the poll results a "victory of the world's largest democracy" - chaired a meeting of the Union Cabinet for the final time in this government.

The BJP had set itself an ambitious target of 370 seats (400+ including NDA partners), but they were pegged back by the opposition alliance - the Congress-led INDIA

bloc. The opposition has 232 seats after a stellar performance that saw it defy exit pollsters and slash the BJP's advantage in key states. The BJP, though, had enough in its tank to finish as the single-largest party yet again, thanks to

good results from Odisha (20 of 21 seats), Andhra Pradesh (21 of 25), Madhya Pradesh (29 of 29), and Bihar (30 of 40), to offset the losses there and in other states.

Significantly, the BJP also made a

breakthrough in Kerala to win its first ever Lok Sabha seat in the southern state. The BJP has historically struggled in the south, but the Kerala and Andhra results, as well as doubling its Telangana tally to eight, suggest a

change. The party did, however, finish with zero seats in Tamil Nadu for a second consecutive election. The ruling DMK and INDIA allies won all 39 seats. Meanwhile, addressing an adoring crowd at the party's Delhi HQ late

Tuesday, the Prime Minister said the people of India had "placed their faith" in the NDA for a third time. "I bow to the people for this affection and assure them we will continue the good work done in the last decade to keep fulfilling aspirations."

Mr Modi also made special mention of Telugu Desam Party leader Chandrababu Naidu and Janata Dal (United) boss Nitish Kumar, veteran, coalition-era politicians who are now seen as kingmakers.

Were the NDA to lose these 28 seats, then its score of 293 drops to 265. And should INDIA convince Nitish Kumar - a founding member who quit to join the BJP - and Mr Naidu - who was

earlier with the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance - to return, it could spell trouble for Mr Modi and the BJP. Sources said the Congress and the INDIA bloc are considering a late approach to both Mr Naidu and Nitish Kumar. The Congress has been circumspect on this topic, but senior coalition leaders have suggested this is a possible course of action. Nitish Kumar has not commented on such speculation, but Mr Naidu has, telling reporters in Delhi today, "I am in the NDA... am going for the meeting." The NDA and INDIA are in a huddle in Delhi today to review poll results and chalk out future plans.



Next Odisha CM's name to be decided in a day or two: BJP state president

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Amid speculations over who would be the next chief minister of Odisha, state BJP president Manmohan Samal Wednesday said that the party's parliamentary board will take a decision on it in a day or two.

Samal said the main agenda of the new government would be to replace the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) of the BJD government with the Centre's Ayushman Bharat healthcare scheme.

"BSKY has a limited scope. Therefore, the new BJP government would implement the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. It will also benefit around 1.5 crore Odias living outside the state," he said.



Samal also clarified the false rumours on the BSKY health card. He described it as most unfortunate that some private hospitals in Odisha have started refusing to admit patients, claiming that the BSKY health card has been withdrawn.

Samal emphasized that "diseases and patients have no caste, religion, or party affiliation", adding that it is the primary responsibility of every government to

provide healthcare facilities to all citizens. The BJP President remarked that "the change of government is a process and using this as a pretext to deprive people of healthcare is a social and constitutional offence." He urged private hospital authorities to desist from such actions and provide quality healthcare to the people.

Samal also asked the administration to keep a close watch on these

false rumours. Speaking to reporters, he also pointed out that PM Narendra Modi during an election rally in Berhampur had said that the new BJP chief minister would take oath June 10. "The selection of the CM will be based on the criteria set by the PM — an Odia who will uphold the culture and tradition of the state will be the next chief minister of Odisha," Samal said.

Maintaining that all commitments made by the BJP before the polls would be fulfilled, he said that the Assembly election was fought to protect Odia pride, culture and tradition.

"The people trusted BJP's assurances and the new government will certainly work for those. People have rejected the

idea of a non-Odia CM and voted for the BJP," he added. Stating that the BJP was confident of its victory, he said it was people who fought the elections as they were fed up with the "corrupt" BJD government. BJP won the Assembly elections, bagging 74 seats in the 147-member House, and routed the Naveen Patnaik-led BJD government that ruled the state for 24 years. Speculations were rife over who would be the next CM of the state. Among the names making rounds are Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who has already gone to Delhi, BJP national vice-president Baijayant Panda, Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi and Balasore MP Pratap Sarangi.

INDIA bloc leaders meet at Kharge's residence to discuss possibilities of govt formation



whether to bring on board the Janata Dal (United) and Telugu Desam Party to cobble up the numbers required for government formation.

Top Congress leaders, including party chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also attended the meeting. Opposition leaders attending meeting included Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin and TR Baalu of the

DMK, Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren and Kalpana Soren of the JMM, Sharad Pawar and Supriya Sule of the NCP-SP, Akhilesh Yadav and Ram Gopal Yadav (SP), Abhishek Banerjee (TMC), Tejashwi Yadav (RJD), Sanjay Raut and Arvind Sawant (Shiv Sena-UBT), Omar Abdullah (JKNC), Sitaram Yechury (CPI-M), D Raja (CPI), Sanjay Singh and Raghav Chadha (AAP) and N K Premchandran (RSP). While the BJP on its own

fell short of a majority, it may, as things stand, form the government on the back of its allies. With support from Naidu's TDP and Nitish Kumar's JD(U), which won 16 and 12 seats in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar, respectively, and other alliance partners, the NDA has crossed the halfway mark.

The TDP and JDU have

already dismissed suggestions of defecting to the opposition alliance and have clearly stated that they will remain with the NDA. Sources, however, said the Congress and some other party leaders are already trying to woo them and have been in touch.

Ahead of the INDIA bloc meeting, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav gave a "wait and watch" message. When asked if the opposition is looking at getting the required numbers to stake claim on government formation, Yadav said, "We have come for the meeting. Have patience, wait and watch what happens".

Rahul Gandhi had earlier asserted that the Congress would not take any decision on government formation without holding consultations with its alliance partners. He also refrained from commenting on whether the alliance will reach out to TDP and JD(U).

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continue to prevail in several parts of Odisha during the next four days.

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accompanied by lightning during this period. The Southwest monsoon will touch Odisha in the next 3 to 4 days.

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Puri firecracker explosion: Toll rises to 15



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The death toll in the Puri firecracker explosion in Odisha rose to 15 as two more persons succumbed to their burn injuries, according to a statement issued by the

Cuttack, it said, adding that nine injured have been discharged from the health facilities. Altogether 36 people were injured in the explosion of a stockpile of firecrackers that happened during Lord Jagannath's 'Chandan Yatra', a ritual, on the night of May 29 in Puri. The administrative-level probe into the accident by SRC Satyabrata Sahu was underway. The Puri collector has taken steps for the payment of ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh to the next of kin of each deceased, an official said.

End Of An Era! Naveen Patnaik Tenders Resignation To Governor Raghubar Das At Raj Bhavan



Bhubaneswar(KCN): After a huge defeat in the State Assembly and Parliamentary elections, the long-serving Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik tendered his resignation to Governor Raghubar Das at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday.

According to the information, Naveen's carcade left for Raj Bhavan from a deserted Naveen Niwas at 11:30 am and later the five-time Chief Minister reached the Governor's official residence at 11:35 am after which he submitted his resignation.

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PENSIVE MOOD

by Badal Bhuyan

That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

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POEM ON NATURE

Alekh Chandra Samal, OFS-I (S.B.)

Oh wonderful nature,
You are so beautiful.
With green trees,
And humming bees.
The grass is so green
And water is so clean.
Birds fly in the sky,
And mountains are so high.
The wondering butterflies,
Make my thoughts fly.
The waterfall are so cool,
Just like a swimming pool.
I love nature very much,
God gave us this feature.



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Quotation of the Day

"
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DAY OF YOUR LIFE.
"

- MARK TWAIN

Sabitri Brata

Aparna Nayak



Odisha is remarkable for tradition of Oshas, Bratas and Melas. The ceremony and sanctity of these traditional religious festivities are more or less lively and some of them are gradually perishing too. The

Women wake up early in the morning on the Savitri Brata day and after taking bath, wear new clothes and ornaments including bangles. All married women use red vermillion on the forehead, which is elongated to touch the line parting the hair. Savitri is symbolically represented by the grinding stone, locally known as Sila Pua. The grinding stone is thoroughly cleaned and worshipped. Bhoga or offering to Savitri consists of

The morale of the festival is to teach the women to be virtuous, devotional and painstaking like Savitri to make worldly life happy and peaceful. Savitri



DESTINY AND "SAVITRI BRATA"

Anupama Bhuyan

"Savitri Amavasya" or "Savitri Brata" which is most auspicious for the married Hindu women with husbands alive. Women observe as a vow with great devotion and pray for the long life of their husbands. A story of conjugal loves which conquering death. One can beat all odds in life through true devotional love.



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We believe, the Brahmin the supreme God visits every new born houses and write on the child's forehead of their fate / destiny. Satyavan's fate was only could be known when Savitri declared to marry as she started loving him. Satyavan was known for his honesty & truthfulness.

The story of Savitri is noted in the

Hindu epic Mahabharata. The vrata was named after Savitri, the beautiful daughter of King Ashvapati. She selected Satyavan as her life partner, a prince in exile who lived in the forest with his blind father Dymatsena. Before marrying him, she was foretold that Satyavan would only live for a year - although, this did not stop her decision. After a year, Satyavan, accompanied by Savitri, went to the forest to chop wood, but fell unconscious and died. Yama, the god of death, appeared to take away Satyavan's soul. Seeing this, Savitri followed them, believing it to be her duty as a wife. Yama, moved by the devotion of Savitri, returned the life of her husband. Soon Satyavan

regained his lost kingdom, and his father, Dymatsena, regained his sight. Savitri's virtue of faithfulness and devotion towards her husband has made her an exemplary figure for Hindu women.

Yama himself, the god of Death, comes to claim the soul of Satyavan. Savitri follows Yama as he carries the soul away. Savitri ran after him, and pleaded with Yama either take her along with him to the land of the dead or give back the life of Satyavan. Yama replied, "Your time has not yet come, child. Go back to your home." But Savitri insisted on accompanying her husband. She also tries all her logic to convince him and repeatedly requested him for her husband's life. The God of Death turned down every



source of these Oshas, Bratas and Melas goes back to the ancient times.

Out of nearly thirty Bratas, Savitri Brata is a fasting day observed by all Hindu Odia married women on the Amavasya, the last day of the dark fortnight, in the month of Jyestha. This day is most favourable for the married Hindu women whose husbands are alive. They observe it as a vow with great dedication and pray for their husband to have a long life. Married women in Odisha fast during the day and listen to the story of Savitri and Satyavan. The word Savitri Amavasya reflects the origin and significance of the Vat-Savitri puja. The fast is dedicated to Savitri and Satyavan; her husband who was destined to die within one year but was brought back to life by her penance.

Bratas are observed mostly by Brahmin families. Even people of other castes also observe it with a greater sanctity although they depend upon a Brahmin to perform the puja at times. However, the advent of modernity has already hampered such traditions. People in various parts of Odisha observe the Brata as a traditional part of seasonal worships and some also observe it farcically. This seems to become gradually less pompous and lack of life. The get-together on such occasions imply a lot to the people of Odisha. Along with hulahuli and haribol sound, these pujas are performed in religious congregations.

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time. She was still following him with a hope.

Finally, he agreed to give her three boons but not the life of Satyavan. Savitri with a ray of hope requested for his blessing for her in laws. This was granted.

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Sanya Malhotra wins Best Actress award at New York Indian Film Festival for 'Mrs'

Sanya Malhotra won the Best Actress award for her role in 'Mrs' at the New York Indian Film Festival 2024. The film is a remake of the Malayalam film, 'The Great Indian Kitchen', which revolves around Sanya's character who navigates the challenges and expectations imposed by society and her marital life. 'Mrs', which has only travelled to film festivals, will soon release in theatres. Filmmaker

Earlier this year, Sanya



received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for her performance in 'Kathal'. The teaser of Sanya Malhotra's 'Mrs' was unveiled in November 2023. Sharing the same, Jio Studios' official Instagram handle wrote, "All set to inspire, move and spark conversations about the challenges & triumphs faced by women globally at the world stage! We are happy to announce our film #Mrs, a captivating story of strength & resilience, will have its World Premiere at #TalinnBlackNightsFilmFestival on 17th November. The powerful narrative has also been selected under the Critics' Pick Competition category at the film festival (sic)." Sanya Malhotra had quite an eventful 2023. She was seen in 'Kathal', 'Jawan' and 'Sam Bahadur'.

'Gully Boy' to 'Darlings'- Vijay Varma has come a long way

Gully Boy, India's official entry to the Oscars celebrates 4 years today, and while the film was highly celebrated for its impactful performances, it was dark horse Vijay Varma who stood for the sheer potential he showed and for holding his own despite the strong and established cast.

The actor was praised for his performance as Moeen Arif, and his portrayal instantly caught the attention of audiences and critics alike. From thereon, Vijay continued to impress with web series like A Suitable Boy, She and Mirzapur 2 and Ok Computer, all of which he won rave reviews for.

But it was finally with



Darlings, that Vijay Varma cemented his position as the 'King of Grey' as his character 'Hamza' was yet another example of Vijay's incredible prowess as a performer who constantly raises the bar with every project he takes on. Critics spoke

about how Vijay 'nailed the character', 'was like a chameleon', 'terrific and absolutely scintillating' making audiences feel the dread that Badru (Alia Bhatt) felt everytime his character Hamza came home.

From being a supporting cast alongside

Alia Bhatt in Gully Boy to being a parallel lead opposite her in her production Darlings, the actor has come a long way in the last 4 years and his journey has been nothing short of inspiring.

It's no surprise then that after his phenomenal performance in the film, he is now part of some of the most exciting theatrical and OTT content including Sujoy Ghosh's untitled next alongside Kareena Kapoor Khan, Reema Kagti's Fallen and Sumit Sen's untitled project that took almost 100 days of immersive, relentless work. Each of these are versatile and challenging but nothing that the actor can't pull off!

Samantha Ruth Prabhu Climbs 600 Steps Barefoot, Prays to Palani Murugan



Samantha Ruth Prabhu climbed 600 steps of the Palani Murugan temple in Tamil Nadu on February 13 draped in an all-white churidar-kurta and offered prayers at the temple.

She also lit a camphor diya and tweeted on the same. She was accompanied by her

DK, who had helmed the popular web series, 'The Family Man', in which Samantha played the role of Raji, a Sri Lankan Tamil militant.

She had recently tweeted: "I am thrilled to be part of this brilliant universe conceptualised by the Russo Brothers AGBO. I am also looking forward to working with Varun for the first time. He is someone who is full of life and cheer when you are around him."

'Citadel' is the Indian version of the international sci-fi action web series of the same name created by the Russo Brothers. In the international series, Priyanka Chopra plays the lead.

The Indian web series is directed by the director duo Raj and

Jaanu' movie director C. Premkumar and other friends. The actor, who suffers from Myositis, an autoimmune disease condition that causes acute muscular pain, has started shooting for the web series 'Citadel' in which she shares screen space with Bollywood actor Varun Dhawan.

The movie is to be released on April 14.

Success of Shah Rukh Khan's Pathaan is the victory of the age-old, exploitative, nepotistic top-heavy system, says Vivek Agnihotri



The Kashmir Files director Vivek Agnihotri, who had previously criticised Pathaan amid the controversy over the Besharam Rang song, recently credited Shah Rukh Khan for the success of the Siddharth Anand directorial. However, he said in the podcast, "They will go back to their fundamental beliefs that audience is an idiot and you just need star power and lot of marketing hype to make a film successful."

"After Pathaan, I have a feeling that everybody will fall back to the same old system because Pathaan's success is the success or in today's environment I would choose the word victory. It's the victory of the age-old, exploitative, nepotistic top-heavy system," he added.

The filmmaker further said that Pathaan's success should also be credited to those who threatened to boycott the film and made stupid statements against it. He said that the film's promotions had turned into a political campaign, adding that Pathaan worked purely because of SRK's charisma and his fan following.

"The way he marketed it, the way he took it on his shoulders 'that, okay it's my film and I am responsible for it' which is pretty good. I also think that some credit should also go to people who were making stupid statements against the film and people who were unnecessarily protesting and asking for boycott and these are different people from regular 'Boycott Bollywood' gang," he said.

Pathaan has now become the highest grossing film in the history of Hindi cinema. The movie has grossed Rs 901 crore worldwide. While it has grossed Rs 558 crore in India, it has raked in Rs 343 crore in the overseas market.

The movie also features Deepika Padukone, John Abraham in the lead, followed by Dimple Kapadia, Ashutosh Rana and others in pivotal roles.

Speaking about the immense success of 'Pathaan', Shah Rukh Khan had shared "The four years that I had... Covid had good and bad parts. I didn't work. I was with my children. I saw them grow up. My last film had not worked and people had said my movies now won't work. So, I thought of an alternate career: cooking Italian. In these four days, I've forgotten my last four years."

Karan Johar reviews 'The Romantics', asks Aditya Chopra if he can share their personal pictures clicked over the decades



Yash Chopra is not just a legend of romance... a connoisseur of chiffon, music and beauty... a maestro of musicals... he was also a pillar of belief and conviction... is there any conviction left today? We are burdened by media commentary... box office opening analytics, research engines (all probably relevant to the technology and times) but where did good old fashioned conviction vanish," shared Karan Johar.

He went on to state how the series made him reflect on his own journey and added, "The rom

am so deeply inspired by the YRF story... it's origin and its journey.... Having learnt everything I know from the corridors of the studio I stand blessed and watching The Romantics made me so self aware... of my strengths and my failings.... Thank you @smritimundhra for weaving a narrative out of the archives and actually making an audience go through the many emotional beats through the 4 episodes... just brilliant!"

Paying an ode to Chopra scions, Aditya and Uday, KJo added, "And finally my Best friend has a face and how beautifully articulate was he!!! Adi does that mean I can post all the images we have shared over decades that you have threatened to never speak to me if I put out ??? #justasking #loveyou Adi congratulations to my dearest friend @udayc for being such a force behind this."

Why East Delhi result is so heart-breaking for Valmikis



seat. You know that Kuldeep belongs to the marginalized Valmiki caste," said Krishan Vidhyarthi, adds "Kuldeep's defeat unequivocally proves our society is not evolving for the better."

Born to a humble sanitation worker, Kuldeep Kumar's childhood was marked by hardship. "I recall those bleak days when our resources were scarce, and my father was the sole breadwinner for our large family. Yet, I never neglected my education. From my school days, I took on odd jobs in shops to contribute financially," Kuldeep Kumar has recently told in an interview.

Kuldeep's family hails from Modi Nagar in UP, where his wife also comes from. "My parents and my wife have always encouraged me to champion social justice. Without their unwavering support, I wouldn't have dedicated myself so wholeheartedly to social work," he added.

Kuldeep Kumar's journey was interrupted when he had to abandon his BA (Hons) studies after the second year at Shyam Lal College of Delhi University. Meanwhile, his defeat was also felt throughout

Valmiki colonies across Delhi, including Nabi Karim in Pahar Ganj, Mandir Marg, Mehrauli, Darya Ganj, and many others. Most Valmiki families in New Delhi

like R.N. Chandeliya (Gole Market) and Sukhan Lal (East Delhi) in the capital, who served as MCD Councillors, Rajesh Lilothe was elected to

Valmiki Mandir, located near Nehru Park in Chankayapuri, attracts numerous devotees. For the Valmiki community, visiting Valmiki Mandir at Mandir Marg on Valmiki

victory in the rhythmic beats of the dhol in Valmiki Basti at Nabi Karim in Pahar Ganj, Mehrauli, and behind Ambedkar Stadium. Alas, all our plans were

electoral triumphs, first as a Corporator and later as an MLA, have made him a role model for his community.

Gandhi and the Valmiki Mandir

The Valmiki Mandir on Mandir Marg, where Mahatma Gandhi resided for 214 days from April 1st, 1946, to June 10th, 1947, serves as a focal point for Valmiki community activities. Valmikis from across India and even Pakistan visit the temple to interact with Krishan Vidhyarthi. Even Valmikis and some Christians from across the border used to visit the temple. According to

Brother Solomon George of Delhi Brotherhood society that had established St. Stephen's College to St. Stephen Cambridge school in Sonepat, "Pakistani Christians and Valmiki Hindus often visited this historical Valmiki temple when visas were easily obtained and India-Pakistan relations were less strained. For them, it was a must-visit destination."

Both Krishan Vidhyarthi and Brother Solomon George identify with the Christian and Valmiki community of Pakistan, calling them their "brothers." Why? Brother Solomon George



Jayanti is like leap of faith. The main procession of Valmiki Jayanti begins at the Red Fort, passing through Gauri Shankar Mandir Chowk, Nai Sarak, Chawri Bazar, Ajmeri Gate, Paharganj Chuna Mandi, Ramakrishna Mission, and Chitra Gupta Marg before concluding at the Valmiki Mandir on Mandir Marg. For many Valmikis, a visit to this temple holds deep spiritual significance.

Kuldeep Kumar himself has been a frequent visitor to the Valmiki Mandir on Mandir Marg since his childhood. "We were ready to celebrate his

gone awry."

Those who have known Kuldeep Kumar for years attest to his active involvement in socio-political movements in East Delhi from a young age, highlighting his commitment to promoting education among Valmiki and Scheduled Castes youth. He was a prominent figure in the India Against Corruption movement and subsequently joined the AAP.

A staunch follower of Babasaheb Ambedkar and Bhagat Singh,

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Global climate change has already had observable effect on the environment. Glaciers have shrunk, ice on rivers and lakes is breaking up earlier, plant and animal ranges have shifted and trees are flowing sooner. Climate change has resulted in more heat waves, drought, floods or intense rain. Climate change is likely to contribute substantially to food insecurity in the future by increasing food prices and reducing food production. Due to increase in extreme weather events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, drought, heavy rainfall and heat waves, the extent and frequency of vector-borne diseases may increase. Climate change also results in enhanced land degradation and expansion of sub-tropical deserts. Climate change creates an imbalance in the natural ecosystem by disruption in time of

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Urban tree cover is a win-win solution for our cities. Trees cool the surrounding air by releasing water through their leaves. By 2050 sea levels could be so high that 300 million people in coastal communities will face severe floods every year. Government of India has also taken number of initiatives to combat the challenge of climate change. Restoring and protecting nature is one of the greatest strategies for tackling climate change. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Nations Environment Programme UNEP will mark Environment Day on June 5 to be held this year under the theme 'Our Land and Our Future.'

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Fortifying Democracy : The Urgent Need for Stronger Anti-Defection Laws to Curb Political Opportunism

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voters' mandate. For instance, in India a significant number of legislators have switched parties post-elections causing political turmoil and necessitating re-elections at the taxpayers' expense. A notable example is the 2019 Karnataka political crisis, where a series of defections led to the collapse of the state government.

Similarly, in the United Kingdom, the Recall of

MPs Act 2015 allows constituents to recall their Member of Parliament if they believe the MP has acted against their interests including switching parties. However, this process is lengthy and rarely results in actual recall, limiting its effectiveness as a deterrent.

To effectively address political defections, it is essential to fortify existing laws and introduce new measures. Here are some proposed reforms:

1. Mandatory Resignation and Re-Election: Legislators who switch parties should be mandated to resign and seek re-election. This ensures that the decision to defect is scrutinized and approved by the electorate, maintaining democratic accountability.

2. Stricter Disqualification Norms: The anti-defection laws should eliminate the provision that allows mass defections. Any member defecting, regardless of the number, should face disqualification.

3. Financial Penalties and Loss of Perks: Defectors should face financial penalties and lose benefits such as pensions, government

housing and other perks associated with their position.

4. Transparency in Political Funding: To discourage defections driven by financial incentives, there should be greater transparency in political funding and stricter regulations to curb illicit financial inducements.

5. Strengthening Internal Party Democracy: Political parties should foster internal democracy ensuring that members' grievances are addressed within the party framework reducing the impetus to defect.

Political defections undermine the democratic process, disrupt governance and betray voters' trust. Strengthening anti-defection laws is crucial to curbing this opportunistic behavior. Legislators must be held accountable to the electorate ensuring that the mandate given by the people is respected. By introducing stringent measures we can restore faith in the democratic process and ensure stable governance. It is high time that lawmakers rise above partisan interests and enact reforms that fortify the integrity of our political system.

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DG NCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh attends Two-day 'Varshik Niti Samvad Shivir' of NCC, in New Delhi

Lok Sabha Election Result: Out Of 265 Candidates, 215 Lose Security Deposits In Gujarat

Ahmedabad(KCN): Out of 265 candidates who contested Lok Sabha elections across 25 constituencies in Gujarat, a staggering 215, including all contestants from the BSP, failed to meet the required vote threshold and consequently lost their security deposits.

At 118, most of these candidates were Independents, besides all 24 nominees fielded by Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party, as per data. As per Election Commission rules, candidates must secure at least one-sixth of the total votes polled in a constituency to retrieve their security deposit, which amounts to ₹25,000 for general candidates and ₹12,500 for scheduled caste and scheduled tribe nominees, said Joint Chief Electoral Officer for Gujarat, Ashok Patel.

"The security deposit amount, submitted to the EC at the time of filing of nominations, is forfeited if a candidate fails to secure

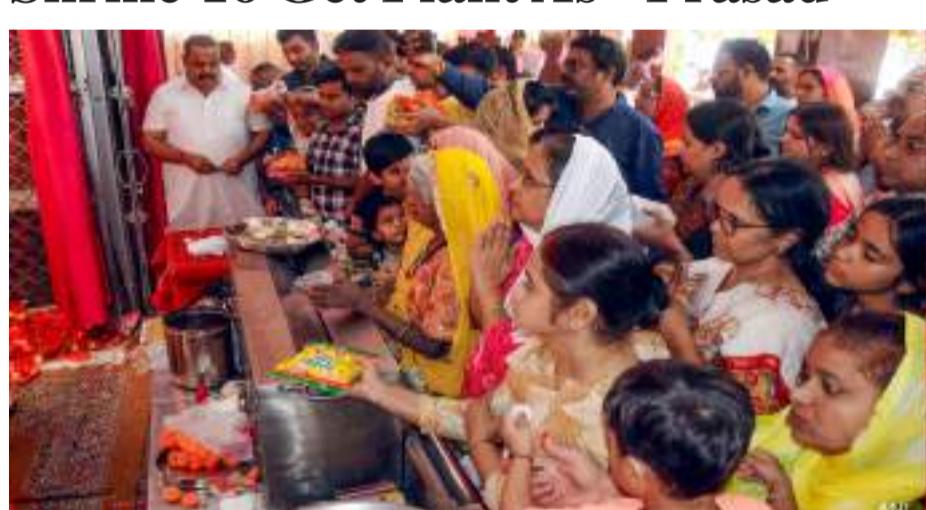


one-sixth or 16.67 per cent of total valid votes polled in that constituency," he said. With the BJP securing the Surat seat uncontested, the electoral battleground saw 265 candidates vying for 25 out of the total 26 Lok Sabha seats in Gujarat. Notably, voting was conducted on May 7, with results declared on June 4. Statistics shared by the EC show an average of 9 to 13 lakh votes cast in each of the 25 constituencies. Of these 215 candidates who lost their deposits, 118 are independents, as per the data.

candidates would lose their security deposit if failing to secure at least 1.5 lakh votes (one-sixth of the total votes). Data highlights that except for 50 candidates - comprising the winner and their closest contender on 25 seats - the remaining 215 candidates saw their deposits forfeited as their vote tally fell below 20,000 in all constituencies. Of these 215 candidates who lost their deposits, 118 are independents, as per the data.

Bahujan Samaj Party, contesting 24 seats except the Panchmahal, witnessed all their candidates losing their deposits. Despite securing the third position on several seats, none of BSP's candidates surpassed the 20,000-vote mark. Other candidates losing their deposits hailed from lesser-known or obscure parties, including Insaniyat Party, Garib Kalyan Party, New India United Party, Malwa Congress, Porbandar, and Kheda-10 each.

Now, Devotees Visiting Vaishno Devi Shrine To Get Plant As "Prasad"



J a m m u (K C N) : Devotees visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine will now get a plant as a "prasad", the shrine board said on Wednesday. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) launched a new initiative under which they will offer plants to pilgrims from a newly established nursery 'Vaishnavi Vatika'.

The nursery was launched by Board's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Anshul Garg in Katra, the base camp of the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, on the occasion of the World Environment Day.

Situated in the Trikuta hills of Reasi district, the Mata Vaishno Devi cave shrine is one of the most revered sites in Jammu and

Kashmir, attracting nearly one crore devotees annually. Mr Garg highlighted the board's ongoing commitment to ecological preservation, including water conservation, afforestation, and water treatment efforts.

"On this World Environment Day, I congratulate everyone. The board has consistently worked to protect the environment, and this new initiative is another step in that direction. We are providing plants to devotees as prasad from our nursery," Garg told reporters.

The newly launched nursery, featuring 40 species of plants, aims to promote environmental

awareness among pilgrims.

He added that these plants would be available to pilgrims at nominal prices, with plans to expand the project based on its reception.

Garg also pointed towards the intention to extend this initiative to the Amarnath pilgrimage as well.

"We are working to make these prasad plants available at Vaishnavi Dham and through counters in Jammu for Amarnath yatra pilgrims," he stated.

Nandan Kumar, a devotee from Pune, shared his joy, saying, "I am very happy to receive a plant as prasad. It is a wonderful initiative and a special prasad from Mata."

From Kangana Ranaut To Arun Govil: Many Celebrities In New Parliament

New Delhi(KCN): With voters favouring many celebrity faces -- trusted and new -- this election season, eyes will be on the performance of first-time MPs like Kangana Ranaut and Arun Govil as they take their place in the 18th Lok Sabha along with returning star politicians Hema Malini and Manoj Tiwari.

The country went to the polls from April 19 to June 1 in seven phases to elect the 543 members in the lower house of the Parliament and many from the showbiz were in the fray.

Ms Ranaut, a popular face from Bollywood and a long-time supporter of Prime Minister Narendra Modi won her first-ever election as she was elected from Mandi in Himachal Pradesh, her home state. She defeated Vikramaditya Singh, the son of six-time chief minister Virbhadra Singh and state Congress chief Pratibha Singh.

The actor, who has often found herself at the centre of controversies and always vocal about her opinions, had spoken about devoting her life to public service post her win. There is a lot of curiosity about Ranaut's tenure as an MP.

Not just Ms Ranaut, "Ramayan" star Arun Govil was another celebrity face fielded by the BJP. He emerged victorious from the Meerut seat in Uttar Pradesh in a close battle with Samajwadi Party's Sunita Yadav. The winning margin was just 10,585 votes and for a time it looked like Mr Govil would lose but his image of lord Ram from the classic TV serial seems to have worked in his favour.

Hema Malini, another popular face from Hindi cinema, was elected for a straight third term in Lok Sabha from Mathura (Uttar Pradesh) against her nearest rival, Mukesh Dhangar of the Congress.

Ms Malini's third win shows the sway the actor-politician and a self-confessed Krishna devotee has on the electoral public in the temple town of Mathura, regarded as the birthplace of the Hindu god.

Mr Tiwari, a former Bhojpuri cinema star-singer and the BJP's candidate from North East Delhi, bested Congress rival Kanhaiya Kumar, a popular youth leader.

"If Rahul Gandhi Accepts...": Sanjay Raut On INDIA's PM Candidate

New Delhi(KCN): Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut has backed the idea of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi becoming Prime Minister - if the situation ever arises - after the Opposition bloc INDIA's better than expected performance in the Lok Sabha elections.

"If Rahul Gandhi is ready to accept the leadership, why would we object? He has proven himself as a national leader for multiple times. He is one of the popular leaders. We all want him and love him. There is no objection and difference in the alliance," Mr Raut told reporters in Mumbai when asked whether they

would accept Mr Gandhi as Prime Minister if the prospect opens up.

"Since the beginning of

the elections, the INDIA alliance has no dissonance over the post of Prime Minister. This alliance has always fought to save democracy and the constitution from the dictatorial governance of the BJP and people have voted for us. Narendra Modi and Amit Shah should accept their defeat," said the leader from the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray), or UBT, group.

Congress Opens Gujarat Account After A Decade, Dismantling BJP Stronghold



NEW DELHI(KCN): The Congress opened its account in Gujarat after a decade with a crucial victory from the Banaskantha Lok Sabha seat. The BJP won all 26 Gujarat seats in the 2014 and 2019 elections, but fell short of repeating a clean sweep by just one seat as the Congress's Geniben Thakor defeated the BJP's Rekhaben Chaudhari in Banaskantha by a margin of over 30,000 votes.

Ms Thakor is a two-time MLA and the only woman representative of the Congress in the Gujarat Assembly. She crowdfunded her deposit, encouraging her constituents to help her financially with funds as low as ₹11. She promoted her QR code to receive donations and reached out to voters beyond the traditional party mechanisms. Gujarat, the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, is a BJP stronghold and has had BJP government in power since 1995. Mr Shah, who contested from state Gandhinagar, won

a democratic system instead of their dictatorial regime? Whether it is Chandrababu Naidu or Nitish Kumar, both of them have always supported democracy and I don't think they will support dictatorship," Mr Raut said. Mr Naidu yesterday extended support to the BJP and affirmed he is "a part of NDA". "I have seen so many political changes in the country. I am in NDA. I am going to the NDA meeting. If there is anything else, we will report to you," Mr Naidu told reporters in Vijaywada. Both Mr Naidu and Mr Kumar are in Delhi, attending an NDA meeting post the announcement of election results.

The BJP won 240 seats, much lower than its 2019 tally of 303. The Congress saw strong growth, winning 99 seats. The INDIA bloc's performance defied all predictions.

by a margin of nearly 7.5 lakh votes. Banaskantha, from where Ms Thakor won, has been a traditional stronghold of the BJP. In 2014, the BJP's Haribhai Chaudhary won the seat with 620,228 votes, defeating Congress's Jitabhai Patel, who won 394,221 votes. The victory margin increased from 2.26 lakh in 2014 to 3.55 lakh in 2019 with the BJP's Parbatbhai Patel securing 716,825 votes against his Congress rival Paranjayadityasinh Parmar, who received 361,112 votes.

Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo Wins Balangir

Balangir(KCN): That's great news for Fire Brand Senior BJD Leader Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo and his supporters!

Shri Singh Deo won Balangir Assembly seat with a decisive margin, which indicates strong support from the constituents.

While Shri Singh Deo polled 85,265 votes, his rival Samarendra Mishra of INC bagged 71,856 Votes.

This result reflects the preferences of the electorate in the Balangir Assembly Seat. Indeed, winning by a margin of nearly 13,500 votes demonstrates a

strong mandate from the voters in the Balangir constituency for Kalikesh, pointed out Ashok Mohanty, Senior Advocate.

It reflects their confidence and trust in Shri Singh Deo's ability to represent their interests and address their concerns effectively, said he.

This significant margin underscores the support he enjoys from the electorate and highlights the strength of his campaign and leadership. Team Singh Deo led by BJD Veteran A U Singh Deo, Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, Manmath Vijay Singh Deo and



Arkesh Narayan Singh Deo clinched the win. The campaigning efforts of Vijayalakshmi Devi and Meghna Singh Deo undoubtedly added charm and appeal to the overall campaign. Their active involvement

perspective, energy, and resonance to the campaign, attracting a broader spectrum of voters and enhancing the team's outreach. Their contributions, along with the rest of the Singh Deo Team, have played a crucial role in securing

this victory. Their combined efforts and leadership have evidently resonated with the voters, leading to a successful outcome in the election. This win reflects not only the individual strengths of each member but also their collective vision and

Strategies likely included: Emphasizing a message of change and a break from the previous regime, appealing to voters' desires for a fresh start.

Highlighting the Team's commitment to transparency, integrity, and accountability in governance. Engaging with the community at grassroots levels, listening to their grievances, and offering concrete solutions to address their concerns, thereby building trust and rapport with the electorate.

Ensuring unity and coordination within the Team Singh Deo presented a united front against the Former Lawmaker's Regime, maximizing their collective strength and resources, said Likha Sahu, Chairperson Balangir Municipality.

Utilizing various communication channels effectively, including social media, rallies, public meetings, and door-to-door campaigns, to disseminate their message and garner support.

By implementing these strategies, the Team Singh Deo ultimately secured the trust and support of the electorate of Balangir, said Bulu Behera, an young BJD Leader, who worked in a determined manner during entire election campaign.

BJP committed to fulfil promises in Odisha: Himanta

Guwahati / Bhubaneswar(KCN): Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma affirmed the BJP's commitment to fulfil its promises to the people of Odisha as the party was on its way to form the government in that state. Sarma had extensively campaigned in Odisha. "History created in Odisha! A heartfelt thanks to the people of Odisha for this historic mandate and for placing their absolute faith in the BJP to serve them both



in the state and in Parliament," Sarma posted on X. He affirmed the BJP's commitment to fulfil the promises made to the people of Odisha.

"I will always cherish the beautiful time I spent with the people of Odisha. Assembly and Lok Sabha elections were held simultaneously in Odisha.

BJD congratulates BJP over its success in Odisha elections



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Biju Janata Dal Tuesday congratulated the BJP for its success in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the state and thanked the people of Odisha for allowing the regional party to serve them.

BJD spokesperson Sasmit Patra, Manas R Mangaraj and MP Sulatra Deo in a joint press conference said that the regional party was indebted to the people of Odisha for allowing it to serve the state for uninterrupted 24 years. "We are grateful to the

people of Odisha for blessing us for 24 years to serve them. We are thankful to the people. We are also indebted to the people for having blessed us in this election also. The party has got about 40 per cent vote share though it is less by three per cent

from the previous elections," Patra said. Stating that a slight decline in vote share made a difference in the number of seats, Patra said: "The party has got about 50 seats. We will work as per the wishes of the people in coming days," he said.

The BJP has won 43 seats and was leading in 35 constituencies in the 147-member Odisha Assembly.

The BJP has won two Lok Sabha seats and was leading in 17 other LS seats. Odisha has 21 Lok Sabha seats.

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ICAR-CIFRI Celebrated World Environment Day

KOLKATA, (KCN): On World Environment Day, people get together from all over the world to celebrate sustainability and environmental conservation while underlining how vital it is to address environmental issues. This year World Environment Day 2024 was celebrated with the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience." ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore celebrated the day with a series of programmes in collaboration with National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Kolkata Chapter under the leadership of Dr. B.K Das, Director, CIFRI. On the occasion of World Environment day ICAR-CIFRI carried out a ranching programme at

SeoraphuliGhat followed by an awareness camp on Plastic pollution. Under the "Na m a m a i G a n g a" programme, ICAR-CIFRI commenced the river ranching programme, which was executed by the scientists and other members NMCG project team and local fishers. About 3.22 lakhs fingerlings including 3 lakhs IMC and 0.22 lakhs of indigenous fish Systomussarana(Olive barb) were released into the River Ganga at MoniramporeGhat to restore the riverine stock. Environmental and health issues related to plastic pollution is now universal. 'Team-CIFRI' conducted a public awareness campaign on 'plastic waste' by involving local communities.

In the second half, a



lecture session was arranged at CIFRI Meeting room to sensitize the staff members and students about the "Climate change initiatives in the coastal region". Dr. Uttam Kumar Mandal, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Regional Research Station, Canning Town delivered a lecture on "Towards self-reliant coastal Agriculture: Evidence from Indian Sundarbans." After the lecture session an interaction session was held. Dr. Srikanta Samanta, HOD, FRAI division enlightened the participants about the metal and pesticide pollution in the rivers. The programme was ended up with vote of thanks of Dr. S.K Nag.

SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

GURUGRAM: SpiceJet, the country's favourite airline and Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visathat will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers. The card comes in two variants – SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage and Voyage Black, and is aimed at facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through SpiceClub, the first frequent flyer program by a low cost carrier in India.

Through this collaboration, the two

brands hope to capitalize on the resurgent demand for travel following two years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Further, with the shared goal of expanding their reach to Tier 2 & 3 cities and other synergies, the brands are committed to serving a much larger populace.

SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage & Voyage Black credit cards were officially launched at Indira Gandhi International airport in the presence of Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD, SpiceJet and Amitabh Chaudhary, MD & CEO, Axis Bank, where they unveiled a special

SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

The products are designed to enable customers use the rewards earned on their daily spends for booking flights and add-ons, thus encouraging both travel and digital payments embedded with benefits of SpiceJet's frequent flyer program, SpiceClub.

Customers can earn benefits up to 7% on the Voyage Black credit card which is a Top-tier offering in the travel credit card segment. In addition, the redemption of earned points does not

have any limitations on blackout dates, festival demand, and are on first-come basis. Cardholders would get exclusive SpiceClub membership with direct entry in either Silver or Gold tiers, and special benefits like complimentary or discounted travel add-ons, priority check-in, SpiceMax upgrade, preferred seat selection, complimentary meal etc.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "I am delighted to announce the launch of the SpiceJet-Axis Bank co-branded Credit Card. This card will make every customer journey an even

more rewarding one. We are the pioneers of the frequent flyer program for budget airlines in the country and this partnership with Axis Bank – founded on the shared vision to offer unparalleled customer experience – is yet another innovative step towards creating a world class travel experience. I hope to see our customers enjoying the benefits of this rewarding collaboration as much as they love to fly with us."

Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV

Bhubaneswar : Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, "OK Google" to issue a voice command.

JSW Infrastructure begins commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Terminal in Odisha

Paradip/ Bhubaneswar : JSW Infrastructure, India's leading ports company and part of US\$ 13 billion JSW Group, has begun commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Coal Terminal in Odisha. This is a fully-mechanized terminal at Paradip Port Trust with an annual coal handling capacity of 30 million tons. The coal terminal has been built as a cape compliant terminal and will handle capesize vessels once the dredging at Paradip Port is completed. The terminal has capacity to unload 25 rakes per day and can load two vessels simultaneously. The infrastructure of the terminal is built to ensure higher productivity while reducing overall logistics cost to power producers.

The company has invested approximately Rs 1,300 crore to establish this terminal at Paradip Port. Paradip Port Trust awarded JSW Infrastructure to develop a fully-mechanized coal terminal on Build, Operate & Transfer basis for 30 years. Following the commissioning of this coal terminal, JSW Infrastructure's current cargo capacity crosses 150 MTPA. It aims to have a total cargo handling capacity of 200 MTPA by FY24. Commenting on its coal terminal at Paradip, Mr Arun Maheshwari, Joint MD & CEO of JSW Infrastructure said, "Paradip Port continues to be an attractive sea route for coal movement. With the

commissioning of this terminal, India can now offer cape size shipments with efficient operations. During the last few months, steam coal prices globally have witnessed a sharp increase forcing thermal power plants and other coal based industry to switch to domestic coal. Start of this coal terminal has come at the right time to fill up the demand gap of domestic coal. Through high productivity and larger shipment size, we hope to reduce overall logistics costs for our coal cargo customers. As the country pursues PM's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, the total thermal coal demand in India is expected to remain strong and our endeavor would be to maximize fulfillment by domestic producers.

RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS STRONG GROWTH IN FY22

Mumbai : Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited, a JV between Reliance Capital and Nippon Life of Japan, announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2022. The key performance highlights as on March 31, 2022 include: Commenting on the company's strong performance in FY22, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &

CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, "FY22 continued to pose its own set of challenges with the outbreak of the second, and then the third wave of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support we have received from our customers, employees, distributors, service providers and their families, that powered our journey of providing maximum value to each

one of our stakeholders." Mr. Vohra further highlighted that in a volatile economic environment of today, there is a heightened appreciation of Life Insurance for ensuring certainty of life coverage as well as financial investments. These guarantees are designed to drive durable long-term returns and to help customers fulfill their life goals and form the

bedrock of our business model. The company paid death claims, maturity and survival benefit payouts of over Rs. 1,877 Cr in FY22 and achieved an impressive claims settlement ratio of 98.7% for FY22, up from 98.5% in FY21. The company expeditiously settled 3,517 Covid related claims worth Rs. 117 Cr. within an average period of 9 working days. Mr. Vohra

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