

Quad members eye next Leaders' Summit in Sept

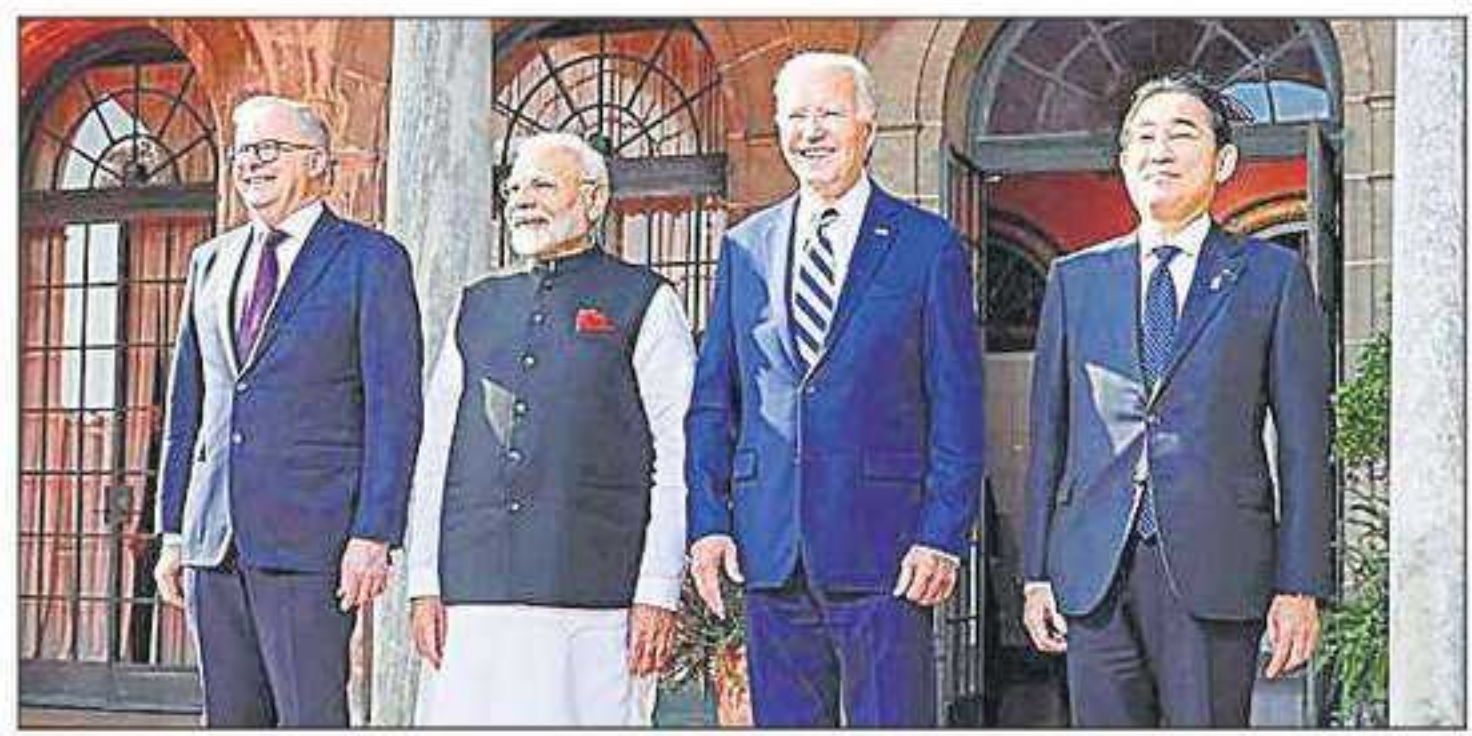
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NEW DELHI: The members of the Quad are exploring the possibility of holding the next Leaders' Summit, which will be hosted by India, in September next year, people familiar with the matter said.

The gathering at next year's Quad Leaders' Summit will be different from that at the meet held in September by US President Joe Biden — the US and Japan have new leaders and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has seen his approval ratings dip ahead of the federal elections in 2025.

Among the factors responsible for the members of Quad looking at the possibility of holding the summit in the third quarter of 2025 are the general election in Australia, which is likely to be held in April or May, and the time needed for the Donald Trump administration in the US to settle down following the president's inauguration in January, the people from three members of the grouping added.

"The new US administration will most likely focus on domestic issues in its initial days before taking up foreign policy matters after it settles down. Besides, the second quarter — when the Indian summer is at its peak — is not really conducive to the holding of the summit," said a diplomat from a



PM Narendra Modi with US President Joe Biden, Australian PM Anthony Albanese and Japan's former PM Fumio Kishida ahead of the Quad Leaders' Summit, at Wilmington in September.

Quad member who asked not to be named.

In Australia, the focus of the government has already begun shifting to the upcoming general election, especially with approval ratings for Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and his Australian Labour Party registering a dip in recent months. The Leader of the Opposition, Peter Dutton of the Liberal Party, has been catching up in the ratings.

Given Australia's tradition of holding the general election along with elections to select half the members of the Senate, the polls are expected to be held by April or May, one of the people cited above said. "This will be followed by the process of the government being formed and settling down in office, which means the Quad Summit won't exactly be in focus," the per-

son said.

In Japan, next year's session of the Diet or the Parliament, is expected to begin on January 24 and run till June 22. Elections for the upper chamber of the Diet are likely to be held in July. Another factor for looking for dates in September is that Japan's premier usually doesn't travel abroad when the Parliament is in session, the people said.

India was earlier slated to host the Quad Summit in 2024, but it was swapped with the US because of Biden's inability to travel abroad due to his focus on the presidential election. The Quad leaders — Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Biden, Albanese and Japan's former premier Fumio Kishida — met for the summit in the US president's hometown of Wilmington, Delaware, ahead of the UN Gen-

eral Assembly.

However, the people said the Quad's various working groups are continuing their preparations for the summit, including deliverables that can be unveiled by the four leaders. This year's summit saw the four countries unveiling a cancer moonshot, with the focus on combating cervical cancer in the Indo-Pacific, and exploring investments in health and food security, clean energy and quality infrastructure. The Quad also decided to build on its 2022 Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness by using electro-optical data and advanced analytics to sharpen the maritime domain awareness for partners across the Indo-Pacific.

Meanwhile, external affairs minister S Jaishankar recently said Trump is unlikely to diminish support for the Quad as his earlier administration played a key role in upgrading the grouping. However, Ian Hall, professor of international relations at Griffith University, wrote in a recent article that this history and level of trust among officials involved in the Quad doesn't ensure that the grouping will survive or prosper during the second Trump administration.

"Trump is likely to ask how much the multilateral costs the US and what it delivers, not in terms of public goods provided to others but tangible gains for American interests," Hall wrote.

ARJUN, MAKERS OF FILM DECLARE ₹2-CR AID FOR FAMILY OF STAMPEDE VICTIM

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HYDERABAD: Actor Allu Arjun and makers of the film "Pushpa-2" on Wednesday announced financial assistance of ₹2 crore for the family of the woman who died in a stampede during the film's screening at a theatre in Hyderabad on December 4.

Meanwhile, Telangana State Film Development Corporation (FDC) chairman and leading producer Dil Raju said a delegation of film personalities will call on Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy on Thursday to foster healthy relations between the government and the film industry.

The 35-year-old woman died during the stampede at Sandhya Theatre, and her eight-year-old son was hospitalised.

Allu Arjun's father and veteran producer Allu Aravind, along with Dil Raju and others, visited a private hospital where the boy is undergoing treatment. Allu Aravind expressed relief after speaking to the doctors, who informed them that the boy is recovering and can now breathe on his own.

He announced that Allu Arjun (₹1 crore), Pushpa production company Mytri Movie Makers (₹50 lakh), and the film's director Sukumar (₹50 lakh) have extended financial assistance to support the boy's family. Aravind handed over the cheques to Dil Raju, requesting him to convey it to the family.

Labour ministry, RBI hold discussions to ease PF withdrawal

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NEW DELHI: The Union labour ministry has begun discussions with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and other banks on rolling out new services for subscribers of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), such as direct access to savings deposits through ATMs and e-wallets linked to bank accounts, an official said, requesting anonymity.

The State-backed retirement fund manager is currently revamping its work processes and information technology network for speedier services following long-standing grievances of cumbersome procedures for settlement of claims and pensions.

Ready withdrawal of provident fund savings up to a certain ceiling with an EPFO account-linked ATM card is among several features to be rolled out likely by January 2025 after the revamp is completed, according to the official cited above. Currently, only in cases of auto settlement of claims does the money go directly to the bank account of a subscriber, which can be then withdrawn from teller machines.

The labour ministry has also proposed e-wallets where EPFO members will be able to receive their provident funds claim, according to the official.

"We have already reached out to RBI and banks on launching these services," the official said.

Provident funds provide retirement income for nearly all of salaried Indians in the formal sector, with nearly 70 million subscribers. They are often the key corpus of lifetime savings for the working people. EPFO's workflows are being reworked to eliminate unnecessary steps and minimise human interface in the process of settlement of claims, which will pave the way for direct withdrawal of cash through ATM.

Preliminary discussions with banks and RBI are underway to integrate provident fund e-wallets into bank accounts of subscribers, the official cited above said.

"Our ambition is to have an information technology system that is of the level of our banking system, which is globally comparable," labour secretary Sumita

THE RETIREMENT FUND MANAGER IS REVAMPING ITS WORK PROCESSES AND IT NETWORK TO HASTEN THE SERVICES

Dawra had said on December 13.

Reforms under implementation include centralised claim settlements, end-to-end auto-processing, centralised monthly pension disbursements, universal account number (UAN)-based accounting, restructured electronic challan-cum-receipt (ECR) with due statement and remittance challan, the official said. The savings interest rate offered by EPFO, at 8.25% for FY24, is a widely watched metric of the salaried middle class.

The retirement fund manager has often faced complaints from employees about delays in transactions or resolution of issues, such as correction of misspelt names or phone numbers. These details are critical for subscribers to access their corpus of savings.

As part of reforms already completed in the last six months, members can now access their provident fund documents in DigiLocker, a state-backed cloud storage app, and file claims through the government's Umang app. Pensioners can now upload life certificates digitally, which are required to be submitted to banks annually, to continue receiving benefits. Earlier, these had to be physically submitted to banks.

To ease processes, the labour ministry will switch to a centralised pension-payment system from 2025, allowing retirees to receive monthly payouts from any bank or its branches in any location across the country, for which a large-scale test run was recently carried out. The tech-based system will eliminate the need to move payment orders physically.

"Along with these measures, the government should consider other imperative reforms. It should consider increasing the wage ceiling of ₹15,000, which is nothing in current times," said TN Karumalaiyan, general secretary of the Centre for Indian Trade Unions.



Narendra Modi

PM TO OFFER 5MN PROPERTY CARDS UNDER SVAMITVA SCHEME ON FRIDAY

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NEW DELHI: The Union ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) on Wednesday said that rural residential assets worth ₹1.37 lakh crore can be monetised for availing credit through the implementation of SVAMITVA scheme, a drone-based survey taken to demarcate properties in rural inhabited areas.

The ministry further said that the inhabited areas of villages were previously not mapped in several states leading to lack of access to institutional credit. Since the exercise, however, several property owners have been able to secure bank loans via their property cards which has a legal basis now, it added.

The survey of villages and mapping with improvised technology in village areas (or SVAMITVA) scheme was launched in 2020 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a bid to bring "economic progress" in rural areas. So far, around 317,000 villages, or 92% of the total target of 344,000 villages, have been surveyed, with people having received their property cards in 136,000 villages. On December 27, Modi will launch the distribution of five million property cards across India.

"As a Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto said that capitalism does not work in developing countries because land ownership is not clear. Extrapolating this, the SVAMITVA scheme is related to rural inhabited area where people have properties, but since the asset ownership is not clearly defined, people don't get bank loans leading to lack of economic activity," Vivek Bhargava, secretary, Panchayati Raj ministry, said.

"Such properties have been valued at ₹1.37 lakh crore even taking the lowest market rates of concerned area. The actual value could be more."

Live baits in place, search on for tigress in Bengal

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KOLKATA: The West Bengal forest department has made elaborate measures, including setting up live baits and roping in tranquillising teams, to capture tigress Zeenat, which recently crossed over to the state from neighbouring Jharkhand after being translocated from Maharashtra to Odisha, officials said on Wednesday.

The tigress killed a goat and injured another at Bandwan in Purulia district after entering the eastern state on December 20.

"The tigress has killed a goat and injured one. It hasn't travelled much in the last two days. The local people were being kept informed about the tigress's location and alerts were being sent to villagers for their safety," a senior forest department official said, requesting anonymity.

Besides taking measures to prevent such incidents of cattle killing and other man-animal conflicts in future, forest personnel also need to ensure the safety of the tigress, officials said.

In April 2018, a tiger that had appeared in the Jangalmahal area — comprising Purulia, Ban-



Zeenat entered West Bengal on December 20.

kura and West Midnapore districts — was killed by tribal hunters. "We also need to ensure the tiger's safety. Forest staff are

constantly guarding the location where the tiger was spotted. We are also using drones fitted with night vision cameras to check it at night," another forest official said.

Zeenat, who was translocated in November from Maharashtra to the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) in Odisha to improve the reserve's genetic diversity, crossed over to Jharkhand on December 12. It later entered West Bengal on December 20.

The tigress has, however, remained elusive and was spotted only once since it entered West Bengal. It has been avoid-

ing humans, officials said.

Forest officials further said that while initially Zeenat was moving around in Jhargram district, it entered Purulia district on Sunday. Since then, efforts are on to catch it. The tigress was moving almost 20-25 km earlier, but now it is hardly moving 200-300 metres, officials said.

"We have put up live baits in three locations. Three tranquillising teams have already been placed at strategic locations. Nylon nets have been used to cordon off around 1 sqkm area where the tigress was located," the first official said.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male named **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown found dead on 20.12.2024 at 11:35 PM from LNJP Hospital, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 43 A, dated 18.12.2024** has been lodged at Police Station Timarpur, Delhi. Identification of unidentified male is as under:
Name: Unknown, Age: 45 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Black/Blue/Red Colour Jersey and Black Colour Trouser.
If anyone have any information or clue about this male may kindly be inform undersigned.
SHO P.S. Timarpur, Delhi Ph.: 8750870130, 9990072533 DP/16890/N/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely: Sitaram Singh, S/o: Visanu Singh R/o: A-93 Aali Vihar Bari Bagh Sarita Vihar New Delhi, Sex: Male, Age: 42 Years, Height: 5' Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: White T-Shirt & Blue Pant in feet, has been missing since 04.12.2024 from A-93 Aali Vihar Bari Bagh Sarita Vihar New Delhi, from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Sarita Vihar New Delhi, In this regard **FIR No./DD No. 57A Date: 13.12.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Sarita Vihar New Delhi**
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing male. Please inform to the following.
Website : http://cbi.nic.in SHO P.S. Sarita Vihar New Delhi DP/16927/SE/2024**

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 55 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Red Color Shirt & Red Color Coat** was found dead near Sai Mandir, Prakash Vihar, Delhi on 02.12.2024 at 02.52:42 PM. In this regard, **DD No. 64-A dated 02.12.2024** has been lodged at PS Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far.
Any, person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.
SHO P.S., Shahbad Dairy, Delhi Ph.: 011-27821047, 7065036322 DP/16910/ON/2024

FORM A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF M/S GAGAR METALS PRIVATE LIMITED

RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1. Name of Corporate Debtor	Gagar Metals Private Limited
2. Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor	10.06.1993
3. Authority under which Corporate Debtor is incorporated / Registered	ROC Delhi
4. Corporate Identity Number of Corporate Debtor	U27310DL1993PT0054001
5. Address of the Registered Office of Corporate Debtor	*A-19, Ground Floor, FIE Complex, Suite #1161, Okhla Industrial Area Phase-II, Okhla Industrial Area Phase-I, New Delhi-110020
6. Insolvency Commencement Date in respect of Corporate Debtor	10.09.2024- Date of NCLT order commencing IRP 20.12.2024- Date of appointment of IRP 24.12.2024- Date of receipt of order
7. Estimated date of closure of Insolvency Resolution Process	22.06.2025 (Being 180 days from the date of receipt of order by IRP)
8. Name and Registration Number of the Insolvency Professional acting as Interim Resolution Professional	Mrs. Chaya Gupta IBBI/IPA-002/IP-NO0984/2020-2021/13133
9. Address and Email of the Interim Resolution Professional, as registered with the Board	1. Birsa Nagar, 202, Almas Dreams Apartment, Near Anand Bazaar, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, 452018 Email: guptachaya@gmail.com
10. Address and Email to be used for correspondence with the Interim Resolution Professional	Address: 911, Apollo Premier, Near Vijay Nagar Square, Indore - 452010, M.P Email: cimp.gagarmetals@gmail.com
11. Last date for submission of claims	09.01.2025 (Being 14 days from the date of receipt of order)
12. Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (9A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	NA
13. Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorized Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class)	NA
14. (a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized representative are available	Web link: https://ibbi.gov.in/en/home/downloads (c) Not Applicable

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the **GAGAR METALS PRIVATE LIMITED** on **10th September 2024** and appointed Mr. Pawan Kumar Singal as the IRP who was replaced by the NCLT on 20.12.2024 and the undersigned was appointed as the IRP.

The creditors of **GAGAR METALS PRIVATE LIMITED**, are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before **09.01.2025** to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

A financial creditor belonging to a class (Not Applicable), as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorized representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No.13 to act as authorised representative of the class (Not Applicable) in Form CA.

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Thanks & Regards
CHAYA GUPTA
Interim Resolution Professional
GAGAR METALS PRIVATE LIMITED
Date : 26.12.2024 Registration No. IBBI/IPA-002/N/00984/2020-2021/13133
Place: Indore AFA Valid till 30th June 2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male **Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: About 40-45 years, Height: 5'6", Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Wearing: Black Coloured Jacket and Black Coloured Pant,** was found unconscious on 17.12.2024 at 11:30 AM from EP Hall, Below Display Board, Old Delhi Railway Station. Where Doctor declared him dead. The Dead Body has been preserved in Token No. 434 at 12:20 PM for 72 hours in Subzi Mandi Mortuary for Identification. In this regard a **DD No.20A & GD No. 38A dated 17.12.2024 u/s 194 BNSS** has been lodged at **P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.**
If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.
SHO P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-23961522 Mob.: 8750871302 DP/16731/RLY/2024

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Principal of Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt, Receives Prestigious Award

Bro Tomy Varghese, principal, is more than just a leader - he's a mentor, a role model, and a true inspiration to us all! With over 27 years of experience in education, Principal has dedicated his life to shaping young minds and helping them reach their full potential. His commitment to excellence has earned him numerous awards and recognition, including: Educationist Evangelist Award 2018, Top 50 Effective Principals of the Year Award 2018, Vision UN SDG Ambassador 2018, Recognition in the House of Commons, London, & Winner of 14th International Human Rights Award for his exemplary contribution in the field of Education. But what we love most about our principal is his heart, compassion, and dedication to his students. He knows each and every one of them by name, takes the time to listen to their concerns, and inspires them to be their best self.

Springdales School, Pusa Road, hosted Kindergarten Cultural Evening Festival

Springdales School, Pusa Road, hosted Kindergarten Cultural Evening Festival, showcasing the creativity and teamwork of its young students. Headmistress Soma Banerjee welcomed attendees, followed by Principal Dr. Mala Gupta's inspiring address encouraging passionate learning. The event commenced with the Nurseries' presentation "Splendid Seasons," depicting summer, rainy, winter, and spring through enchanting performances. Class Prep's "The Spectacular Circus" revived traditional circus excitement with acts like acrobats and clowns, delighting the audience. Class I presented "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - The World is One Family," exploring global cultures with dances from India, Japan, Scotland, Egypt, and Spain, emphasizing international unity. Class II honored the FIFA World Cup, celebrating host nations' cultural pride through dynamic performances set to songs like Ricky Martin's "Cup of Life" and Shakira's "Waka Waka," earning a standing ovation. Dr. Gupta concluded by praising the collective efforts of students, teachers, and parents, highlighting the festival as a testament to unity.

G.D.Goenka Public School, East Delhi Celebrated Annual Day - Samanvay and Prize Distribution

G.D.Goenka Public School, East Delhi celebrated its 8th Annual Day - Samanvay and Prize distribution in the school premises. The magnificent event was graced by Deepak Kedia, IPS, Inspector General (Headquarters) at the National Security Guard (NSG) - India's elite 'Black Cat Commando' force and Bharati Sharma, Senior Academic Head of G.D.Goenka Group of Schools along with Kawal Kumar, Chairman, G.D.Goenka Public School, East Delhi, and Anju Gangwani Vice President, Govind Kumar, Vice-Chairman & Malini Maheshwari, Member Management, G.D. Goenka Public School, East Delhi, along with other luminaries, parents, and guests. The event commenced with ritu rang a soulful amalgamation of varied instruments like cajon, sitar, tabla, xylophone, sitar, guitar, and keyboard followed by an exhilarating classical dance performance. This paved the way for dance-drama presentation 'Ali Baba and Forty Thieves' by the young gaiety Goenkans. The HoS Renu Ajay apprised the audience about the infrastructural advancements, achievements of the students in zonal, state, and international events along with scholastic achievements. The evening then transitioned into the world of a spectacular saga 'Dastaan-e-Kabir' bringing out the essence 'Together we rise' what really matters. The chief guest Deepak Kedia was all in praise for the cultural event and congratulated the school for successful affair. Bharati Sharma, the Guest Honour appreciated also the hard-work put in by the school fraternity.

Mega Plantation Drive at MAPS: Fostering Environmental Stewardship

Maharaja Agarsain Public School (MAPS), Ashok Vihar, organised a Mega Plantation Drive to promote environmental awareness and sustainability. Over 50 saplings of shrubs and trees were planted at the school premises, with enthusiastic participation from students of all classes, principal, school management, and eco-club teachers. The event aimed to instill a sense of responsibility among students towards conservation while fostering a connection with nature. Participants learned about the ecological importance of planting trees and their role in combating climate change. The drive, supported wholeheartedly by the school management and the principal, emphasised the need for green initiatives to inspire eco-friendly practices in daily life. The plantation has transformed the school campus into a vibrant and lush space and contributing to biodiversity. Speaking on the occasion, the principal highlighted the importance of such activities in shaping environmentally conscious citizens. She remarked, "This initiative is a step towards creating a sustainable future, and we hope it encourages our students to adopt lifelong eco-friendly habits." The drive not only beautified the school grounds but also underscored MAPS's commitment to environmental stewardship. The green cover created will have a lasting impact, improving air quality and fostering a culture of conservation among students and staff.

