"witch hunt" against him. The lawsuit alleges a pattern of persistent "illegal conduct", occurring over more than a decade, that includes extensive unlawful political coordination with the Trump presidential campaign, repeated and willful self-dealing transactions to benefit Trump's personal and business interests, and violations of basic legal obligations for non-profit foundations.

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GLOBE TROTTING

Indian-American Saleha Khumawala is honoured as 'Piper Professor'

HOUSTON: Indian-American Professor Saleha Khumawala has been chosen as a Piper Professor by a Texas-based non-profit organisation for superior teaching at the college level. Khumawala, Robert Grinaker Professor of Accounting at the C T Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston (UH), is the 12th faculty member of the varsity to get the honour.

Aussie troops criticised for flying Nazi flag in Afghanistan

CANBERRA: Australia's prime minister on Thursday joined critics of elite Australian Special Forces troops who were photographed more than a decade ago flying a Nazi flag from a vehicle while on patrol in Afghanistan. Australian Broadcasting Corp. published the photograph of the red flag with a black swastika inside a white circle flying from a Land Rover Long Range Patrol Vehicle somewhere in Afghanistan in 2007.

Al-Qaida's Mali branch releases a 'proof-of-life' video of two female hostages

DAKAR (SENEGAL): Al-Qaida's Mali branch has released a proof-oflife video showing footage of two female hostages abducted in separate incidents and held for more than a year, according to SITE Intelligence Group. The video released on Telegram on Wednesday by the Mali-based al-Qaida affiliate known by its acronym JNIM shows Colombian nun Gloria Cecilia Narvaez caring for French aid worker Sophie Petronin, according to the US-based group that monitors jihadist communications.

Human trafficking: German, Danish cops conduct raids over sham marriages

BERLIN: More than 150 German and Danish police officers searched a dozen apartments and offices in a joint cross-border raid on an illegal human trafficking network that focused on arranging hundreds of sham marriages. In a separate but coordinated operation in eastern Germany on Wednesday, several locations were also searched on allegations that traffickers arranged sham marriages for foreigners trying to live in Germany without valid papers.

Two airplanes collide in Alaska; rescue team heads towards wreckage

ANCHORAGE (ALASKA): Authorities say two airplanes collided in the skies over Alaska north of Anchorage. Alaska State Troopers shortly after noon on Wednesday were notified of the crash in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. Spokeswoman Megan Peters says wreckage of one airplane was spotted a short time later near the

Argentine Congress prepares for historic abortion vote

BUENOS AIRES: Lawmakers in conservative Argentina prepared to vote on a decisive bill to legalise abortion which if passed, would make it the most populous Latin American country to do so. The debate has divided Argentinian society. Though it became the first Latin American country to legalise same-sex marriage in 2010, it remains strongly influenced by the Catholic Church and by its native son, Pope Francis.

Top MIT professor to chair World Hindu **Congress in Chicago**

WASHINGTON: A top professor of the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Dr Sriprakash Kothari, would chair the second World Hindu Congress set to be held in Chicago this September, organisers of the mega event have announced. More than 2,000 delegates from over 80 countries are expected to attend the second edition of the quadrennial conference to be addressed by nearly 250 eminent speakers from across the globe.

San Francisco to have first **African-American Mayor**

SAN FRANCISCO: San Francisco city of the US west state of California will have the first African-American mayor after the last candidate who could have challenged her, former California Senator Mark Leno, conceded a tightly-fought mayoral race. "I called Supervisor London Breed on Thursday morning to congratulate her on her victory and to wish her every success -- personally and professionally -- in her new job as mayor of San Francisco," Leno said at a news conference near City Hall on Wednesday.

Russian opposition leader Navalny freed ahead of World Cup

MOSCOW: Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny said he had been freed on Thursday, the same day the World Cup was due to begin in the country, after serving a 30-day sentence for organising an illegal protest. "I'm with you again after a 30-day business trip. I'm so happy to be free," he wrote on Twitter.

Egypt's president Sisi swears-in 12 ministers to form new government

CAIRO: Egypt's new Cabinet was sworn in on Thursday with 12 new ministers taking the oath before President Abdel Fatah el-Sisi. Sisi had appointed Housing Minister Mostafa Madbouli as the country's Prime Minister on June 7 and assigned him to form the new Cabinet.

Police probes elder abuse of **Marvel Comics creator Stan Lee**

LOS ANGELES: Los Angeles police are investigating reports of elder abuse against Marvel Comics' Stan Lee, court documents showed on Thursday. The investigation was revealed in a restraining order granted against Keya Morgan, who in recent months has been acting as Lee's business manager and personal adviser. Morgan has inserted himself into the life of the Lee, 95, according to the restraining order.

Indian-origin gang hacked Sikh man to death for cheating in UK: court

LONDON: Four Indian-origin gang members have been found guilty of hacking a 28-year-old Sikh man to death two-years-ago as revenge for illicit affair with one of their wives here in the UK. Gurinder Singh cried out for help as the masked gang chopped off his fingers with knives and swords and went on to attack him with a wooden club and a hammer in Southall, west London, in July 2016. At the end of a nine-week trial in the Old Bailey court in London this week, Amandeep Sandhu, 30, and Ravinder Singh-Shergil, 31, were convicted of murder. -Agencies

UK govt to ease visa cap blocking Indian doctors

The cap, currently on a monthly limit of around 1,600, is likely to be raised on a temporary basis to address shortages and needs of particular professions

AGENCIES London

The UK government is set to ease its immigration cap blocking professionals, such as Indian doctors from being brought in to tackle sh ortages in the state-funded National Health Service (NHS).

UK home secretary Sajid Javid, who had promised a review on the issue earlier this month, will make a formal announcement on removing doctors and nurses from countries outside the European Union (EU) from the UK's annual visa cap of 20,700 on Friday.

As part of the announcement, Javid is also expected to announce a wider ease up of the Tier 2 visa category to allow companies to be able to recruit highly-skilled professionals from non-EU countries. The cap, currently on a monthly limit of around



1,600, is likely to be raised on a temporary basis to address shortages and needs of particular professions.

The move follows lobbying from healthcare groups around the country, including the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO).

"It is a first step to victory. The proof of the pudding will be in its eating and we eagerly await the details," said Dr Ramesh Mehta, President of the BAPIO.

"We had suggested a separate immigration category

for healthcare workers and hope the Home Office would consider that proposal positively," he said.

The BAPIO has previously said that it has qualified Indian doctors on its list who can come in to the UK on a short-term basis to fill NHS shortages and gain training in the process. However, the UK government's annual immigration target means they are not even applying as they will be refused a visa because of the monthly cap on overseas professionals being hit.The cap under the Tier 2

visa category to allow companies to bring in professionals from outside the EU is set at 20,700 per year, with a monthly limit of around 1,600. Until December last vear, that limit had been exceeded only once in almost six years but since then that cap has been reached nearly every month. According to latest figures, as many as 2,360 visa applications from non-EU doctors had been refused over the last few months – many of them from India. The BAPIO and other groups had branded the government policy a "disaster", resulting in a "Scrap the Cap" campaign by the 'British Medical Journal'.

The British Medical Association (BMA), 12 medical royal colleges, NHS Employers, and other professional bodies had co-authored a letter to Javid last month asking for the visa cap to be reviewed.

Trump administration reconfirms its intent to rescind H4 rule

AGENCIES Washington

The Trump administration has reconfirmed its intent to rescind H-4 rule regarding employment authorisation to certain spouses of H-1B visas, popular among Indian IT professionals.

The move will have a major impact on Indian-American women as they are the major beneficiary of the Obama-era rule. "Removing H-4 Dependent Spouses From the Class of Aliens Eligible for Employment Authorisation," said the Department of Homeland Security's Unified Agenda in the federal register notification of its semi-annual regulatory agenda.

As per the notification published on Monday, the Department of Homeland Security is proposing to remove from its regulations certain H-4 spouses of H-1B nonimmigrants as a class of aliens eligible for employment autho-

risation. It was in February 2015 that it had published a final rule extending eligibility for employment authorisation to certain H-4 dependent spouses of H-1B nonimmigrants who are seeking employment-based lawful permanent resident (LPR) status.

The federal register notification said that the notice of proposed rulemaking or NPRM would be published in June.

However, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) insisted that "No decision about H4 visas is final until" the rulemaking process is completed. USCIS will alert the public when the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) has been posted for public comment.

An NPRM is posted for public comment and after comments have been considered USCIS will post the final rule, a USCIS official told PTI requesting anonymity.

Saeed to contest Pak polls under 'AAT'

AGENCIES Islamabad

Hafiz Saeed-linked Milli Muslim League nas decided to use the platform of a little known party to contest the upcoming general election, a day after Pakistan's poll panel re-

jected for a second time an application by the MML, an offshoot of the Mumbai attack mastermind's banned Jamat-ud-Dawah, to register it as a political party. Around 200 candidates

backed by the MML will contest the July 25 election under the banner of the Allah-o-Akbar Tehreek (AAT), which is already registered with the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), the Express Tribune reported.

The decision was taken after the ECP again dismissed the MML's application for registration on Wednesday.

The MML has announced that candidates backed by



be participatfrom the AAT if higher courts do not rule in

their favour before the election. The AAT is listed at number 10 in the ECP's list

the party of approved parties. The AAT, a little known party, is headed by Mian Ihsan Bari from Bahawalpur. The party has already been allotted the 'chair' as an election symbol by the ECP. A four-member ECP bench dismissed the MML application on basis of an interi-

or ministry report that said the party followed the ideology of JuD chief Saeed.

25 general election but made

it conditional on his appear-

ance before it on June 13 in a

case linked to

his lifelong dis-

qualification by

the Peshawar

High Court in

2013. Chief Jus-

Pak SC bars Musharraf from contesting polls

AGENCIES Islamabad

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday withdrew a conditional permission for former military ruler Pervez Musharraf to contest elections after he failed to appear in

court. Musharraf had filed his nomination from the northern district of Chitral after the court last week allowed him to contest the July



tice Saqib Nisar on Wednesday rebuked the former army chief for "cowardice", taunting him for not appearing in court and had told him to appear by 2 pm on Thursday.

Fake news is America's biggest enemy, says US President Trump

AGENCIES Washington

"Fake News" is America's "biggest enemy," President Donald Trump has declared as he singled out some US media outlets for trying to "downplay" the "deal" he struck with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un at their historic summit. Trump met with Kim on

Tuesday in Singapore, where the two leaders signed a vaguely worded agreement that has been criticised by many back home. On his return to Washington, Trump had also decleared that North Korea no longer poses a nu-Critics also feel that Trump, the first sitting US

clear threat to America. President to meet a North Korean head of state, lavished praise on Kim, legitimising the young authoritarian leader. Trump, 72, renewed his attack on the me-



dressed a lengthy press conference in Singapore, trying to sell the "deal" he has struck with Kim, 34. He singled out NBC and CNN in his angry tweet. "So funny to watch the Fake

News, especially NBC and CNN," Trump wrote.

"They are fighting hard to downplay the deal with North Korea. 500-days-ago they would have 'begged' for this deal -- looked like war would break out. Our Country's biggest enemy is the Fake News so easily promulgated by fools!" he tweeted.

N Korea peace goal still faces risks: Pompeo

AGENCIES/ Beijing

US Secy of State Mike Pompeo

said on Thursday that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un understands that denuclearisation must happen "quickly", but he warned there are still risks that peace will not be achieved and sanctions must be maintained for now. Washington remained committed to the "complete, verifiable and irreversible" denuclearisation of North Korea, Pompeo said, after the historic US-North Korea

"We believe that Kim Jong Un understands the urgency... that we must do this quickly," he said of the effort to have North Korea abandon its atomic arsenal.

summit.

Sharif, daughter leave for UK to see ailing wife

AGENCIES

Ousted Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif on Thursday left for London along with his daughter Maryam Nawaz to see his ailing wife Kulsoom Nawaz, despite the country's antigraft body's request to put their names on the Exit Control List (ECL) fearing they may not return to face corruption cas-

Sharif, 68, and his daughter left for London via Qatar from the Lahore airport on Thursday morning. "Leaving for London. We will be back next week. Can't wait to meet and hug Ami (mother)," Maryam tweeted.

Kulsoom is in an advanced stage of throat cancer and is undergoing treatment in London

UNSC will meet today on Yemen port offensive

United Nations

The UN Security Council will meet on Friday for urgent talks following the launch of an offensive on the Yemeni port of Hodeida, a lifeline for aid, by government forces backed by the Saudi-led coalition, diplomats said.

Britain requested the meeting to be held behind closed doors at noon (1600 GMT) -marking the second time this

week that the council will have met on the crisis in Yemen. The United Nations has raised alarm over the military operation, which could cripple deliveries of commercial goods and humanitarian aid to millions in Yemen who are on the brink of famine. British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson warned in a statement that the military operation around Hodeida must not disrupt the flow of

goods through the port.

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Sr. No.		Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		31-Mar-18 Audited	31-Dec-17 Un-Audited	31-Mar-17 Audited	31-Mar-18 Audited	31-Mar-17 Audited
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	11320.09	36393.93	24622.64	102387.10	82781.40
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	111320.09	36393.93	24622.64	102387.10	82781.40
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	7596.36	24665.61	15139.13	68045.64	53079.52
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after Tax)]	1540.88	27486.72	13857.23	64858.90	51437.72
6	Equity Share Capital	10588.03	10588.03	5292.32	10588.03	5292.32
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)		-	7-	-	200082.94
8	Earnings Per Share (of ₹1/- each) for continuing and discontinued operations) -					
	1. Basic:	0.72	2.33	1.44	6.43	5.02
	2. Diluted :	0.72	2.31	1.43	6.41	5.01

AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

Notes:

Place: Mumbai

Date : June 14, 2018

The above results have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on Thursday, June 14, 2018.

The Consolidated Financial Statements for the quarter and year ended on March 31, 2018 have been prepared in accordance with the companies (Indian

- Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 [Ind AS] prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013. (a) The Company's standalone turnover is Rs. 185012.87 Lacs, profit/(loss) before tax is Rs. 10774.08 Lacs and profit/(loss) after tax is Rs. 7101.59
- Lacs for the guarter ended March 31, 2018. (b) The Company's standalone turnover is Rs. 641313.80 Lacs, profit/(loss) before tax is Rs. 100196.98 Lacs and profit/(loss) after tax is Rs. 66262.10
- Lacs for the year ended March 31, 2018. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and Year to date Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly and Year to date financial results are available on the websites of the concerned Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and also on the website fo the company at
- Figures for the previous quarter's / year's has been regrouped and rearranged wherever necessary.

For and on behalf of the Board **Dinesh Nandwana** Managing Director & CEO (DIN: 00062532)

Net sensation: Raccoon scales 25-storey tower, freed

AGENCIES Minneapolis

A raccoon that became an internet sensation by scaling a 25-story office tower in downtown St. Paul was safely trapped and released back into the wild.

The raccoon looked a bit bedraggled but healthy after it was caught before dawn on Wednesday atop the UBS Plaza. Technicians took the caged raccoon down a freight elevator to a truck, according to Wildlife Management Services, which provides animal control services for St. Paul.

"It's definitely a healthy raccoon. It's in good condition. It's eating normally,"



said Christina Valdivia, the company's general manager, who accompanied the technicians to the rooftop.

The raccoon's adventures caused a stir on social media as it scaled the tower Tuesday, with many Twitter users voicing concern for its safety or joking about the drama as its seemly death-defying

climb was livestreamed by several broadcasters. Valdivia said her motherin-law saw it on the news in Chile. The animal made it to the roof early ysaterday, where traps baited with cat food were waiting. The raccoon, a female, was released later in the day and scampered into a wooded area on private property near the Twin Cities suburb of Shakopee. Minnesota Public Radio, which broke

the story and closely followed the raccoon's climb from its headquarters less than a block away, branded the animal #mprraccoon.Among those riveted was Suzanne MacDonald, a raccoon behavior expert at York University in Toronto.