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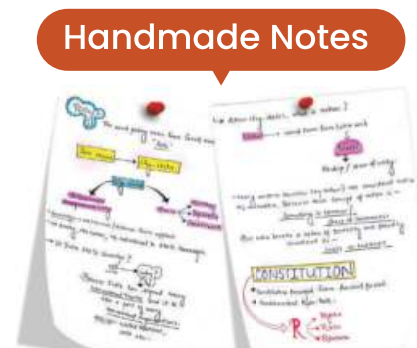
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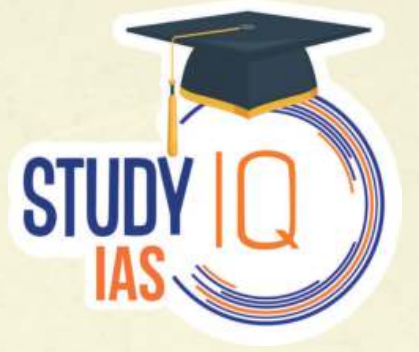
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13th December - 21st December	Internal Security
22nd December - 7th January	Science and Technology
9th January - 25th January	Society
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Ben Stokes set to retire from One-Day Internationals today
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IN BRIEF



Dhankhar files papers for Vice-President election
NEW DELHI
NDA's Vice-Presidential candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday filed nomination papers for the election in the presence of PM Narendra Modi and other leaders.
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Parliament adjourned on first day amid protests
NEW DELHI
Both the Houses of Parliament witnessed adjournment on first day of the Monsoon Session as Opposition protested against price rise, Agnipath scheme and imposition of Goods and Services Tax on items such as packaged milk and rice.
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Singer Bhupinder Singh passes away at 82
NEW DELHI
Eminent singer and guitarist Bhupinder Singh, who gave voice to wounded hearts for years, passed away at the age of 82 in Mumbai on Monday evening following multiple health issues.
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Amid 99% polling, Murmu bags a few Opposition votes

Presidential election held across 31 locations; counting to take place on Thursday

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Presidential election held on Monday was "peaceful and orderly", with more than 99% members of the electoral college voting to elect the 15th President of the country. The contest is between the ruling National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) Droupadi Murmu and the Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha. Though there was no whip, a few Opposition members claimed to have voted for Ms. Murmu in various States.

Talking to reporters after the polling, Returning Officer and Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha P.C. Mody said the poll was conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner in all the designated voting centres all over the country. He said out of the 736 electors, comprising 727 MPs and nine MLAs who were registered to vote at Parliament House, eight MPs did not exercise their right to vote. "The total electoral turnout was 99.18%," Mr. Mody said.

Ballot boxes trickle in
Sealed ballot boxes will reach Delhi from Monday evening itself. Parliament security service is coordinating with the Delhi police, airport authorities and other



Ex-PM's choice: Former Prime Minister and Congress leader Manmohan Singh voting in New Delhi for the Presidential election on Monday. ■ R.V. MOORTHY

security forces to oversee the transfer of the ballot boxes to Parliament from various centres. The counting will take place at Room No. 63 of the Parliament House on Thursday from 11 a.m.

The Election Commission (EC) said in a statement that the polling concluded successfully in a free, fair and transparent manner at the Parliament House and in each of the 30 places of poll in State Legislative Assemblies, including the Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi and the Union Territory of

Puducherry. The polling took place at 31 locations between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

4,796 eligible voters

A total of 4,796 electors were eligible to vote, as two members (Anant Kumar Singh and Mahendra Hari Dalvi) were not eligible due to disqualification under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and five Rajya Sabha seats and six State Assembly seats were vacant, the EC said.

"As per reports being received, out of a total of 771

Members of Parliament entitled to vote (5 vacant) and similarly out of total 4,025 Members of the Legislative Assemblies entitled to vote (6 vacant and 2 disqualified), over 99% cast their votes," the EC said.

"However, 100% voting by MLAs was reported from Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Puducherry, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu," the EC added.

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SC asks U.P. not to take action against Zubair without its nod

Court flays 'vicious cycle' of cases against him in the State

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said the "vicious cycle" of cases filed by the Uttar Pradesh Police against Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair for his tweets seem to have "similar content" and ordered the State not to take any precipitate action against him without its permission.



Mohammed Zubair

Hearing on July 20
A Bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and A.S. Bopanna has effectively thrown a protective cloak around

the fact-checker till his petition for regular bail comes up before it for hearing on July 20.

The order comes even as

a court in Hathras in Uttar Pradesh heard arguments on Monday for a 14-day police remand for Mr. Zubair.

"What we have seen is that the contents of the FIRs seem similar... He has been given bail by a Delhi court and we gave him interim bail in the Sitapur case... The moment he gets bail in one case another case is registered... It is like a vicious cycle," Justice Chandrachud addressed Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was appearing for Uttar Pradesh.

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Second monkeypox case in Kerala

Screen international passengers for signs of infection: Ministry

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A second case of monkeypox has been confirmed in Kerala in a 31-year-old man who reached Kannur from Dubai, via Mangalore, on July 13.

Meanwhile, the Union Health Ministry on Monday convened a meeting and ordered that international passengers be "strictly screened" for signs of the infection.

State Health Minister Veenamma George said one person had been isolated for treat-

ment at the Pariyaram Medical College Hospital, Kannur, as he seemed to have typical symptoms of monkeypox and that the samples had been sent to the National Institute of Virology, Pune, for confirmation.

Contacts traced
The patient is in good health and his close contacts have been brought into the Health Department's surveillance network for the next 21 days.

At the meeting, the Union

Health Ministry reviewed the procedure for screening passengers at international airports and ports.

"Airport and Port Health Officers and regional directors from local offices of the Health Ministry were advised to ensure all arriving international travellers had to be 'strictly screened' to minimise the risk of import of monkeypox cases into the country," the Ministry said in a statement.

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Fatal fall



Mangled remains: A Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation bus being hauled out of water after it fell into the Narmada river in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh on Monday. All 12 people on board were killed. ■ PTI (REPORT ON PAGE 12)

Maharashtra CM appoints new Sena panel

SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
PUNE

In another jolt to the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction, the rebel Sena camp led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced a new national executive committee even as rumours swirled of an imminent exodus of 12 of the 19 Lok Sabha MPs from the parent group to the ruling one.

Sources said the dozen could switch sides during Mr. Shinde's visit to Delhi on Tuesday to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah regarding the Cabinet expansion of the new Sena (Shinde camp)-BJP government in Maharashtra.

However, Uddhav loyalist and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut dismissed the speculation as an attempt to "mislead people".

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SPPs hauled up for mixing up riots witnesses

Wastage of time as well as money of exchequer on account of diet money: court

ABHINAV LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

Special Public Prosecutors (SPPs), representing Delhi Police in cases relating to the north-east Delhi riots, have been caught mixing up witnesses from different cases — as a consequence, presenting wrong witnesses during the trial and then dropping them in multiple cases.

Taking note of such mix-ups, the court of Additional Sessions Judge Pulastya Prama-chala recently reprimanded the prosecutors and gave them a "last opportunity" to prepare beforehand for the case they are supposed to be arguing. In the most recent such case, the court marked its observations to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (North East district) so that the officer may communicate these directions to the SPPs

concerned.

On July 15, while hearing the case against one Kuldeep and others, accused of rioting in Karawal Nagar during the February 2020 riots (FIR 78/20), the court noted that two witnesses were present for examination. However, the SPP concerned in the case opted to drop them as witnesses as "they were not relevant to the case".

Date mix-up

In another case pertaining to rioting in the Khajuri Khas area (FIR 105/20), three witnesses were called on July 15 for examination but the court noted that they had witnessed instances of rioting on February 25, 2020, whereas the case pertained to rioting on February 24.

In his order, ASJ Prama-chala noted, "After assuming

charge of this court, I had asked every SPP to check and to ensure issuance of summons for relevant witnesses only, but the same is yet to show any result. This would be the last opportunity for the prosecution to do the needful in order to make themselves aware about their case for the purpose of trial in a particular chargesheet in advance and to take steps accordingly..."

The judge also noted that such mix-ups by prosecutors were resulting in "wastage of time of the public and court as well as money of public exchequer on account of the diet money to such witnesses, who are being dropped after their appearance".

"Diet money" is a nominal amount provided to each witness on the days they have to give their time to ap-

pear and depose before the court in any given case.

The court further ordered, "Ld. Special PP is directed to file a list of witnesses, which are required to be dropped in all cases, in advance and before the next date of hearing in such cases (sic)."

On June 2 this year, in a case of rioting in Gokulpuri (FIR 52/20), the court found that the police had first presented a witness to be examined but later submitted that the witness was not relevant to the case and thus was being dropped.

This case was against Rohit who has already been acquitted in another case (FIR 42/2020), with the court noting that the prosecution had presented witnesses from another case to prove their charges in the current FIR.

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Procedural hurdles cause delays in payment to MCD

Delhi govt. to release part of the amount within this week

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has faced a delay in receiving ₹600 crore as transfer duty charges from the Delhi government for three months from April to June, multiple sources have told *The Hindu*.

Officials attributed the reason for the delay to procedural hurdles caused by the reunification of the three erstwhile civic bodies into one municipality – the MCD – in May.

A Delhi government source said that the process to disburse part of the amount had been initiated on Monday.

“The government is in the process of releasing about ₹200 crore due for the month of April today itself. There was a slight delay as the money earlier went to three different accounts of the three erstwhile civic bodies. After the unification of the civic body, changes have to be made to send the money to one account,” the source said.

The amount for the month of May will also be re-



The MCD has faced a delay in receiving ₹600 crore as transfer duty charges from the Delhi government. FILE PHOTO

leased within this week, the Delhi government source said.

A senior MCD official explained that the Delhi government collects transfer duty charges in addition to the stamp duty.

“The government retains 3.5% of the transfer duty as collection charges while the rest is given to the MCD,” the official said.

Critical revenue source
“Unlike stamp duty, the transfer duty is not the government’s income. Like property tax, transfer duty is a crucial source of internal

revenue for the MCD, which is already suffering from a cash crunch,” the official added.

In June, the civic body approved a proposal to increase the rate of duty on the transfer of properties valued over ₹25 lakh, by 1%.

“The increase in the transfer duty charges and other sources of internal revenue is aimed at improving the financial health of the MCD. In the past, proposals regarding a hike in various tax rates were not approved mainly because of opposition from the councillors,” said the senior MCD official.

GST on essential commodities ‘ill-thought-out and arbitrary’

Kejriwal also comments on his Singapore visa row: ‘I’m not some petty criminal’

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has demanded an immediate rollback of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on milk, rice, wheat and pulses, which came into effect from Monday.

“On one hand, the whole country is struggling with back-breaking inflation and on the other, the Central government has imposed GST on essential commodities making them more expensive. I demand the withdrawal of the GST imposed on food items,” the Delhi CM said. He described the move as “ill-thought-out and arbitrary”.

Speaking to the media after casting his vote in the Presidential election, Mr. Kejriwal said he was optimistic that the country would get “a strong and prudent President”.



Delhi Chief Minister said he was optimistic that the country would get “a strong and prudent President”. FILE PHOTO

The Delhi CM also spoke on the issue of clearance for his Singapore visit allegedly being stalled by the Centre.

‘Centre blocking visa’

“The government of Singapore has invited me to present the Delhi Model at the World Cities Summit. I am an elected Chief Minister, not some petty criminal. I fail to understand why the Centre is blocking my Singapore vi-

sit,” he said.

‘Rise above politics’
“When it comes to bringing glory to the country, I feel that everybody should rise above party politics,” he also said.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Congress also attacked the BJP-led Centre for increasing the burden on the common people by charging 5% GST on essential items such as rice and milk products.

Delhi Congress chief Ch. Anil Kumar said, “All the policy decisions of the Modi government are intended to harass the poor and the middle classes in order to enrich BJP’s friends.” He added that people were already suffering from the effects of inflation and unemployment.

Court upholds conviction of Ansal brothers

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Monday upheld the conviction of real-estate barons Sushil Ansal and Gopal Ansal in the case related to tampering with evidence of the 1997 Uphaar fire tragedy which had claimed 59 lives.

Senior Advocate Vikas Pahwa, who represents the Association for the Victim of Uphaar Tragedy pro bono, said, “The court of Principal District and Sessions Judge Dharmesh Sharma today [Monday] upheld the conviction of the Ansal brothers in the case. The court will hear arguments on sentencing tomorrow [Tuesday].”

A magistrate’s court had earlier sentenced them to seven years in jail. Multiple pleas to reduce their sentence has already been dismissed, Mr. Pahwa said.

The magistrate’s court, while sentencing the Ansal brothers, had also fined them ₹2.25 crore each.

Seminar held on civil services

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Hindu’s Future India Club in association with Dr. Lakshmaiah IAS Study Circle, B 20, conducted a seminar on how to crack CSAT and anthropology Optional in Civils/UPSC at Old Rajinder Nagar on July 18 for civil aspirants. Dr. Lakshmaiah, an eminent anthropologist, gave insights on how to



use anthropology in general studies. He also underscored the importance of aptitude test in the civil services examination.

L-G gives nod to corruption probe against sub-registrar, PWD employee

Eight bighas of prime real estate at the centre of CBI probe

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has approved a CBI investigation against a sub-registrar and an Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) inquiry against a Public Works Department (PWD) junior engineer (JE), sources said on Monday.



Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena. FILE PHOTO

According to sources, the CBI investigation has been approved against Sanjay Kumar Hooda, the then sub-registrar of Hauz Khas, for alleged criminal connivance with private individuals regarding a sale deed of a notified government land worth crores in south Delhi in 2019.

The land in question measures over 8 bighas and is lo-

cated in Saidulajab, a prime locality in south Delhi. The alleged sale occurred in December, 2019.

The sale deed was registered without proper verification and an ‘NOC’, causing huge losses to the State exchequer, a source said.

According to the source, the CBI had sought permission for an investigation into the criminal misconduct on February 22, 2022, on the basis of a complaint in April, 2021.

In another case, the L-G granted permission for an ACB inquiry against Arvind Kumar Nigam, JE with PWD, for allegedly demanding and accepting illegal gratification for clearing bills.

“The JE allegedly demanded ₹2 lakh from a contractor for approving a bill for the construction of pavements on the GTB Hospital campus. The said contractor also transferred ₹1.26 lakh to JE’s brothers’ account,” the source added.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Mount Carmel School, Anand Niketan, celebrated their Golden Jubilee. Mr. Anurag Tripathi, CBSE Secretary, Ms. Hima Kohli, Supreme Court Judge, Archbishop Anil Couto, and Bishop Subodh C Mondal graced the occasion with their presence. A special Jubilee Film was played with memories of the years gone by. Dr. Michael Williams, Dean of Mount Carmel Schools, felicitated the founder of the institution, Dr. Mrs. Neena M Williams. The Golden Jubilee Mount Carmel First Day Cover was then released by the Postmaster General. The crowd was treated to a musical extravaganza showcasing vignettes from musicals performed over fifty years in Mount Carmel School. The event was a grand success.

ST. THOMAS DAY CELEBRATION

The students of St. Thomas Senior Secondary School, Faridabad, celebrated St. Thomas Day with great zeal and enthusiasm with a special assembly, which commenced with a prayer song followed by a biblical quote. The Principal enlightened the audience on the importance of The Feast Day. An exhilarating dance was performed by the students, followed by a musical skit titled ‘Journey of Apostle of India’. The assembly concluded with the National Anthem.



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(Ankur Meshram)

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On 05.07.2022, one Ashok Kumar S/O Gura Ditta R/O W. No. 13 Barla Chougan Basohli and District Kathua lodged a written report at P/S Basohli stating therein that on 04.07.2022 at about 0500 hours, his daughter namely Sulekha Devi went missing from home. Complainant and his family members searched her on its own level but no any clue could be struck out. On this, missing report vide GD No. 11 dated 05.07.2022 has been entered at P/S Basohli. During the course of investigation, best efforts were made to locate missing individual, whereas she is still un-traced. As such Description Roll/Photograph of said missing individuals is being shared with the appeal that anybody having clue/information about her whereabouts may inform us accordingly. The informer will be rewarded suitably-



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Police Station :- Basohli
Age :- 26 Years
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Complexion :- Fair
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The “Expressions of Interest” are to be submitted to D.I.G.(Budget), Jharkhand in the Office of the D.G. & I.G. of Police, Jharkhand at Ranchi on or before 24.07.2022 by 17:00 hrs, after which no proposal would be accepted. The “Expressions of Interest” will be opened in presence of the representatives of respective bidding Insurance Companies in the official chamber of the D.I.G.(Budget), Jharkhand in the office of the D.G. & I.G. of Police, Jharkhand, at Ranchi on 25.07.2022 at 12.00 hrs. The final award may involve a process of negotiations after opening of the ‘Expressions of Interest’ regarding clarification on various points raised in such ‘Expressions’. The “Expression of Interest” can also be seen on the Jharkhand Police Website: www.jhpolice.gov.in.

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PR 273897 Police(22-23)#D
Deputy Inspector General of Police (Budget),
Jharkhand, Ranchi.

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Delhi Palam Today
36°C The weather will be very warm. Day will be very warm & humid with uneasy afternoon. Spell of rain and thundershower may occur at few places.

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Jahangirpuri violence planned at social gatherings: chargesheet

Police identify three 'main conspirators' for radicalising juveniles, instigating riots

ARNABJIT SUR
NEW DELHI

The Jahangirpuri violence was planned at "social gatherings" and carried out with the help of arms that were easily available at the houses of local residents, according to the chargesheet filed by the Delhi police.

The 2,063-page chargesheet states that the "main conspirators" – Mohd. Ansar, 35, Tabrez, 40 and Ishrafil, 50 – "controlled and coordinated the pre-planned conspiracy to orchestrate the riot" and also exerted influence over juveniles by "radicalising" them to take part in the violence.

Communal violence broke out between members of the Hindu and Muslim communities on April 16 during a 'Shobha Yatra' taken out in the area on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti. The scuffle escalated into incidents of stone-pelting and vandalism.

So far, 37 persons have been arrested in the case and IPC sections pertaining to arson, rioting and criminal conspiracy have been added by the Delhi Police Crime Branch in the chargesheet, which was filed on July 14 before a Rohini court.

'Violence pre-planned'
A senior police officer, requesting anonymity, citing



Swords and pistols were readily available in most houses in Jahangirpuri, an officer said. • FILE PHOTO

the chargesheet, said, "The local residents looked up to the three main accused. The three used to radicalise the residents through successive meetings held days before the riot broke out."

The police officer said that the violence was not a spontaneous act but a gradual process.

"The planning used to take place at social gatherings. They [main accused] used to control the small economy of Jahangirpuri, which mostly consists of butcher and scrap shops," added the officer.

The officer also said that the police have obtained and analysed videos where juveniles can be seen bearing arms.

"One of the two juveniles apprehended by us, a Muslim, was involved in firing at a police officer. He said he

was influenced by Ansar and others to participate in the riots," he said.

According to the officer, WhatsApp conversations of several groups, consisting of not more than six members, spoke of how "it was time for the residents of Jahangirpuri to take up arms as no one else will be there to save them".

The persons in the groups also discussed "demolitions of houses of Muslims in U.P. Even the family members of the accused persons and several other people in the locality were aware of the plan to initiate violence," the source disclosed.

Stocked weapons
Regarding the stocking of weapons, the officer said that swords and pistols were readily available in most houses in Jahangirpuri.

"The accused didn't source the weapons from outside as they already had them stocked inside houses; it's a crime-prone area and many with criminal backgrounds live there who possess weapons," he added.

Asked if the Jahangirpuri violence had any links with the CAA-NRC movement, the officer said, "They [accused] used the CAA-NRC movement and the Ram Navami violence earlier this year as issues to provoke the residents and bring them out on the streets."

Another source privy to the investigation said during the third Hanuman Jayanti procession, when the violence broke out, the Hindu group had taken the pre-defined route taken every year.

"The third procession took place on the route decided beforehand but the Muslim side used it as an excuse to start riots, following which the Hindu side retaliated," the source said.

"It has also been revealed that while the women residents didn't play an active role in the violence, they were kept in the loop regarding the conspiracy".

A supplementary chargesheet in the case will probe the separate involvement of eight other accused, who are currently absconding.

Long march



Kanwariyas carrying Ganga water from Haridwar walking along Ring Road in Delhi on Monday. • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Over 14,000 get fresh lease of life at Tihar de-addiction centre

'Those with such history are mostly accused of petty offences'

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

While housing some of the most hardened criminals in the country, Delhi's Tihar Central Jail has also notched several success stories pertaining to reforming and rehabilitating inmates.

The 120-bed de-addiction centre, operating out of the hospital at Tihar Jail number 3 since 2006, has authored one such transformation by helping over 14,000 prison-

ers overcome substance

abuse in the past four years. Over 3,400 inmates were treated here in 2019 and 4,300 and 4,400 in the pandemic years 2020 and 2021, respectively. This year, over 1,900 inmates had checked in until June 30.

An officer said that during the treatment period of seven-to-10-days, inmates show aggressive behaviour and experience withdrawal symptoms.

"We administer sedatives to them to reduce the withdrawal symptoms. Eventually, towards the end of the week, patients become largely sober and are discharged from the centre for follow-up counselling," the officer added.

Ajay Dalal, RMO of Central Jail Hospital, said that inmates with a history of substance abuse were mostly those involved in petty offences.

IN BRIEF

Allow students to reappear for CUET: SFI
NEW DELHI
The Student Federation of India (SFI) on Monday organised a protest in front of the University Grants Commission office seeking a second chance for students who were unable to appear for the Common University Entrance Test due to change in examination centres.

Sikkim police Lance Naik arrested for fratricide

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A Sikkim police Lance Naik was arrested for killing three of his colleagues at the Haiderpur water treatment plant in Rohini here on Monday, allegedly over disrespectful remarks made against his wife.



The police said the men had been deployed at the plant for its security by the Indian Reserve Battalion (IRB).

A complaint was received at the K.N. Katju Marg police station regarding the incident. On reaching the spot, the police found that three personnel of Sikkim Police had been shot at, of whom two had died on the spot, the police said.

The third person was critically wounded and transferred to Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical Hospital, where he was declared brought dead, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Rohini) Pranav Tayal said.

The accused, identified as Lance Naik Prabin Rai, 32, belongs to the IRB of the Sikkim police. The police said the accused has confessed to shooting his colleagues around 3 p.m. at the plant's barracks. The deceased have been identified as Commander Pinto Nangyal Bhutia, Constable Indra Lal Chhetri and Constable Dhanhang Subba.

During enquiry, Mr. Rai, who surrendered soon afterwards at the Samaypur Badli police station, said the deceased caused him "mental harassment" and used to make disrespectful remarks about his wife, the DCP said.

73rd Van Mahotsav

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- Manohar Lal

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Deshmukh case: CBI quizzes two Mumbai ex-police chiefs

Singh, Pandey are under the CBI radar in other cases too

DEVESH K PANDEY
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday examined former Mumbai Police Commissioners Param Bir Singh and Sanjay Pandey in connection with the alleged corruption case against former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh and others, according to the agency.

Last year, Mr. Singh had written to the CBI alleging that Mr. Pandey, as the then acting Maharashtra Director-General of Police, had asked him to withdraw his complaint against Mr. Deshmukh. The agency registered the case against the former Minister in April 2021, based on the findings of a preliminary enquiry following the Bombay High Court's directive.

Mr. Pandey is under the scanner in another CBI case registered on July 7 against him and two former Managing Directors of the Nation-



Anil Deshmukh

Stock Exchange (NSE), Ravi Narain and Chitra Ramkrishna, for alleged illegal phone tapping of NSE employees during 2009-17. Among the accused in that case are iSec Services Private Limited, purportedly set up by Mr. Pandey in March 2001, and its functionaries. He had later resigned from the company.

"It was alleged that during 2009-17, then MD [Mr. Narain], then DMD [Ms. Ramkrishna], then executive vice-president and then head (premises) of the NSE and the private company

conspired to illegally intercept the telephones of NSE employees," said the agency, adding that iSec Services was engaged on the pretext of conducting a "periodic study of cyber vulnerabilities" at the NSE.

On May 19, the CBI had booked iSec Services along with two "high-risk" category brokers - SMC Global Securities and Shastra Securities Trading - and six others for allegedly auditing the brokers during 2013-19 in violation of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) guidelines.

The role of SEBI and NSE officials is also being probed in that case, which is understood to be an offshoot of the investigation into the co-location "scam".

According to the agency, under the SEBI and NSE guidelines, the stock brokers using the co-location facility were categorised as "high-risk" as they were into algorithmic trading.

No non-Muslims offered namaz in Lucknow mall, clarify police

'We will soon come out with details of persons who offered namaz on premises'

ANUJ KUMAR KUMAR
GHAZIABAD

The Lucknow police on Monday denied media reports that the eight persons, who were caught on camera offering namaz in Lulu Mall on July 12, were non-Muslims.

A press note issued by the Lucknow Commissionaire said the four persons - Saroj Nath Yogi, Krishna Kumar Pathak, Gaurav Goswami and Arshad Ali - arrested on July 15 were those who were trying to perform religious rituals after the incident (July 12) in order to disturb communal harmony.

Saroj, Krishna, and Gaurav were allegedly trying to perform a puja while Arshad was allegedly trying to offer namaz on the premises. Sources said the eight people who allegedly offered namaz on July 12 were yet to be traced.

The misleading news on social media names three



The newly opened Lulu Mall in Lucknow. • FILE PHOTO

of the four people arrested on July 15, the note said.

Apart from these four, 16 persons were booked on July 16 for disturbing law and order and two others were taken into custody for reciting Hanuman Chalisa and raising slogans to disturb the harmony.

Rajesh Shrivastava, the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, said investigation was still on and the police were scanning the CCTV in the mall for footage

of the incident. "I can't comment on the news reports appearing in the media outlets but the investigation is on and we would soon come out with details of the persons who offered namaz on the premises," the officer told *The Hindu*.

Protests held

The mall, which is run by prominent UAE-based businessman Yusuf Ali MA, was inaugurated by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath last week.

Two days after the event, eight persons allegedly offered namaz on the premises, whose video went viral on July 13.

It led to protests by Hinduva organisations which even targeted the CM for allowing a Muslim-owned organisation to start a business in the city. They alleged that 80% of the workforce would be drawn from the minority community.

Responding to the charges the mall management which had lodged an FIR against unidentified persons for offering namaz on the premises, issued a new statement saying that 80% of its workforce comprises Hindus while the rest belong to other religions.

"We hire people on the basis of merit and not on the basis of their religious and caste affiliations. It is sad that a reputed organisation is being targeted by some people for their vested interests," said Jaykumar Gangadhar, regional director of Lulu India Shopping Malls Private Limited.

Mr. Gangadhar said nobody was allowed to practise religious rituals on the premises.

"The mall management has lodged an FIR against those who tried to offer namaz. We request everybody to allow us to do our business peacefully," the statement said.

La. Ganesan sworn in as Bengal Gov.

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

Manipur Governor La. Ganesan on Monday took charge as the Governor of West Bengal. Mr. Ganesan arrived in the State on Monday and was administered oath by Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court Prakash Srivastava at Raj Bhavan in Kolkata.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee and Trinamool Congress leader in Lok Sabha Sudip Banerjee were present at the swearing in.

Mr. Ganesan had assumed additional responsibility of the State's Governor after the resignation of former Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar. Mr. Dhankhar, who has been made the Vice-President nominee by the National Democratic Alliance, resigned from the post on Sunday. His resignation was accepted by President Ram Nath Kovind. On Monday, Mr. Dhankhar filed his nomination papers for the post of Vice-President.

128 persons, including 20 minors, held for Tamil Nadu violence

'Majority were mobilised through WhatsApp'

S. PRASAD
KALLAKURICHI

A day after massive violence broke out on the premises of a private school at Kaniyamoor near Chinnasalem in Kallakurichi district following the death of a Class XII girl, the police arrested 128 persons, including 20 juveniles, and booked them for rioting and under sections of the Tamil Nadu Public Property (Prevention of Damage and Loss) Act, among other provisions.

The 108 accused, all residents of various areas in Kallakurichi district, were produced before a local court and remanded in custody, while the 20 juveniles were sent to a

government observation home at Gingee in Villupuram district.

A hostel staff had found the body of the girl on the ground floor of the premises on July 13. The police claimed that a suicide note had been found, in which the girl was said to have accused two of her teachers of humiliating her in front of her classmates, and had said she was depressed over this. The girl's mother denied that the handwriting on the note was her daughter's.

(Assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts is available on Tamil Nadu's health helpline 104 and Sneha's suicide prevention helpline 044-24640050).

ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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SHORT ADVERTISEMENT
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Online Applications are invited from the prospective candidates through the Proforma Application to be made available on the Website of the Commission-<http://opsc.gov.in>. The link for online application and submission shall be available from 05.08.2022 to 05.09.2022 (Note: 05.09.2022 is the last date for submission of Registered Online Application) for recruitment to 19 (Nineteen) posts of SDIPRO (OIS-II), Group-B of Odisha Information Service Cadre under Information & Public Relations Department in the scale of pay of Rs.44,900/- to Rs.1,42,400/- in Level-10 in the Pay Matrix provided under Rule-3 of ORSP Rules, 2017 with usual Dearness and other Allowances as may be sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time. These posts are permanent.

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The details of vacancies and reservation status are shown in the long advertisement available at OPSC web portal www.opsc.gov.in.

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A candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree with one year Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism/ Mass Communication or Degree in Journalism/ Mass Communication and must have adequate knowledge in Computer Application.

5. METHOD OF SELECTION :-

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OP 874/2018

TINTU C.B BJIU GEORGE - Petitioner
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The above named petitioner has filed the above original petition against you seeking divorce. The hon'ble family Court Palakkad has ordered notice to you by way of paper publication for the hearing on 30-07-2022.

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Advocate K Sukumaran, Counsel for Petitioner, Alathur, Palakkad, Kerala

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7.	19/PGM/Sr.M(E&M) - III/2022-23	D/o Village (Strengthening of Internal wiring of Barat Ghar in village-Sadarpur and Shiv Mandir, Challeria Barat Ghar sector-45), Noida.	39.05
8.	21/PGM/Sr.M(E&M) - III/2022-23	Providing Semi High Mast Light Providing street light, Providing missing pole and Strengthening of street light in different place of sector-28, 29, 30, 31, 36, 37 & Bus Terminal, Noida.	86.52
9.	15/PGM/Sr.M(E&M) - IV/2022-23	External Electrification and Providing street lighting arrangement between road sector-164 and 165, Noida.	54.67

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B) Re-Tender work

S.N.	Jobs No.	Name of the work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
10.	10/PGM/Sr.M(E&M) - III/2022-23	Providing Lighting arrangement in different roads of sector-43, Noida.	48.23
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IN BRIEF



Telangana Cong. MLA clarifies on her vote

HYDERABAD Denying rumours over her vote in the Presidential election, Congress MLA from Mulugu D. Anasuya, alias Seethakka, said she had voted as per her conscience. She said the confusion was created as she sought a fresh ballot paper during the polling in the Telangana Assembly here on Monday.

Water level in Idukki dam rises, blue alert sounded

IDUKKI The water level in the Idukki dam on Monday reached 2,368.56 ft. The blue alert level fixed by the Central Water Commission is 2,369.95 ft. There had been over a one-foot rise in the water level per day in the past few days. The official said there was no chance of opening the dam shutters now.

Alert issued against scrub typhus in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM The Thiruvananthapuram district medical administration has sounded an alert against scrub typhus following the death of an 11-year-old boy. A pressnote by the DMO directed the public to inform health workers in case of symptoms like fever, joint pain, enlarged lymph nodes and scabs where chigger mites bit on the body.

24-year-old who shared military data denied bail

BENGALURU The Karnataka High Court has refused bail to a 24-year-old man, who was arrested by the Bengaluru police on the charge of sharing information on armed forces with a Pakistani woman, said to be an ISI agent. The police had registered the case based on information provided by an officer of the Southern Command.

SC stays orders against Karnataka ACB

The Bench said the observations made by the High Court judge are 'irrelevant' to the bail petition

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed orders passed by Karnataka High Court judge Justice H.P. Sandesh against the State Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and its chief, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Seemant Kumar Singh, unconnected to a bail plea he was hearing in a corruption case.

The directions in question had ranged from seeking reports on prosecution/closure of cases probed by the ACB since 2016 and summoning confidential service records of the ADGP.

"We stay proceedings like asking for service report, B summary report, observations on the ACB, etc. Prima facie, the observations made were unconnected to the bail petition. The observations were not made within the ambit of bail proceedings. The conduct of the ACB officer is unconnected to the bail petition. We direct the High Court to decide the bail petition," a Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana ordered.

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SUPREME COURT

also issued notice in a plea by ACB and Mr. Singh to expunge remarks made by Justice Sandesh against them.

Justice Sandesh had formerly called the ACB a "collection centre" and Mr.

Singh a "tainted officer". The court however did not accede to a request to shift the case to another Bench. "Sorry, we have to balance... We cannot be seen to be favoring one side," the court said.

SC extends time for audit of Padmanabhaswamy temple

Date extended in the 'interest of justice', says the Bench

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday extended the time for completion of the special audit of 25 years of accounts of Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple and its trusts to August 31, 2022.

A Bench led by Justice U.U. Lalit said the time to finish the auditing exercise had been extended in the "interest of justice" on a request made by the temple's administrative and advisory committees. The court ordered a compliance report to be filed before it after the audit was over.

On February 10, the court had similarly extended the time till June 30. The court recorded this fact in its order on Monday. The court, in a judgment in July 2020, while upholding the Travancore royal family's claim of shebaitship of the properties of



Wealth watch: Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple in Thiruvananthapuram. *S. MAHINSHA

Sri Padmanabha, the chief deity of the famed temple in Thiruvananthapuram, had ordered the special audit of the temple, Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple Trust, and allied trusts. The temple is reportedly one of the richest in the country.

The court had also accepted the royal family's submission that the Padmanabhaswamy temple was a "public temple".

It had issued for the formation of a temple administrative committee with the Thiruvananthapuram District Judge as the chairperson.

It had also ordered a second committee to be constituted to advise the administrative committee on policy matters and that both committees should start functioning within the next two months.

Students writing NEET told to remove innerwear

Probe on as incident sparks outrage

STAFF REPORTER
KOLLAM

An incident in Kerala's Kollam where students attending the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) were asked to remove their innerwear on Sunday has evoked public outrage and condemnation from various quarters.

The Kottarakara police have initiated a probe into the incident after one of the students filed a complaint on Monday. The incident took place at Mar Thoma College of Science and Technology, Ayur, on July 17 after metallic hooks were detected in the innerwear of some girl students during the screening before the test. As per the complaint, many of them were asked to remove their innerwear if they wanted to attend the exam, causing severe emotional distress.

The parents said this ill-treatment had affected the

performance of students who had been preparing for the exam for long. Reportedly, the girls were not given a chance to put on the innerwear in private after the exam and were asked to do that outside the campus.

"According to college authorities, their staff were not involved in the issue, as private agencies selected by the NTA were in charge of frisking and recording the biometric attendance of candidates," said a police officer.

Following the incident, various students and youth organisations took out protest marches to the college. The State Human Rights Commission and State Youth Commission have registered *suo motu* cases and sought reports from the police. Meanwhile, Higher Education Minister R. Bindu condemned the incident, calling it a violation of human rights.

Power tussle between Singh Deo, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister intensifies

Many MLAs want action against Deo

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
RAIPUR

The power tussle between Minister T.S. Singh Deo and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel intensified on Monday. While a large number of MLAs reportedly asked the State leadership to take disciplinary action against Mr. Deo, the disgruntled Minister himself headed to Delhi to hold a "conversation with the Congress high command about the current events".

Sources said that at a meeting of party legislators on Sunday, a large number of MLAs accused Mr. Deo of giving the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) an issue it could exploit in the coming days and demanded strong action against him. Mr. Deo did not attend this meeting as he had pre-scheduled social events in his home district of Ambikapur.

Take same flight

The party's State in-charge P.L. Punia, who left for Delhi on Monday, too, told journalists that Mr. Deo should have raised the matter on the party's forum, instead of going public with his resignation letter. It is learnt that both Mr. Punia and Mr. Deo

took the same flight to the national capital where the latter has sought time from senior leaders.

In his resignation letter to Mr. Baghel, Mr. Deo had stated that he was stepping down as the Panchayati Raj Minister. He had highlighted the State government's failure to construct houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) as the reason for his resignation. For now, Mr. Deo keeps his other four portfolios.

On his party colleagues demanding action against him, Mr. Deo said his raising the issues mentioned in the letter did not amount to indiscipline.

"If the MLAs think it is discipline, they have the freedom to express their views. A Union Minister [Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh who was in Chhattisgarh last week] commented on the MGNREGA [rural jobs scheme] as well as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. I took the responsibility for it and resigned from the department. Maybe someone else can take the responsibility and do a better job," said Mr. Deo.

3-week ban on CPI(M) leader on IndiGo flights

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

IndiGo airline has barred senior CPI(M) leader E.P. Jayarajan and two Youth Congress activists from flying on the airline over their alleged unruly behaviour onboard a flight in which Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan was travelling to Thiruvananthapuram from Kannur on June 13.

The ban is up to three weeks for Mr. Jayarajan, the convener of the Left Democratic Front in Kerala, from travelling on international and domestic flights of IndiGo, while a travel ban of two weeks was slapped on the Youth Congress workers.

Wave fury



Skeletal remains: People salvage parts of their houses that collapsed due to sea erosion near Valiyathura in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. Many houses were taken away by the sea in the area. *S. MAHINSHA

Lead plaintiff in Gyanvapi case begins submission in dispute

367-page arguments submitted

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

In the ongoing Gyanvapi mosque-Kashi Vishwanath temple dispute, lead plaintiff Rakhi Singh on Monday began her submissions before a district court in Varanasi, opposing the Anjuman-Intezamia Masjid Committee's application challenging the maintainability of their suit.

Ms. Singh, who is legally represented by her uncle Jitender Singh 'Visen' through a power of attorney, was represented in court by advocate Shivam Gaur on Monday, who argued that their suit was maintainable and that it ought to be heard.

Mr. Gaur said, "We have submitted 361 pages of written arguments to the court



An aerial view of the Gyanvapi mosque and Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi. *FILE PHOTO

and also cited over 100 Supreme Court judgments to support our arguments."

Worship of Maa Gauri

During Monday's hearing, Mr. Gaur argued before the court that the Places of Worship Act, 1991 does not bar their suit because till 1993, Maa Shringar Gauri was being worshipped at the disputed property. "This means that on August 15, 1947, also such worship was being done meaning that at

that time, the religious character of the site was Hindu."

Moreover, Mr. Gaur said that the Waqf Act and the Kashi Vishwanath Act are neither applicable to their suit, nor do these Acts bar their suit in any way. The district court in Varanasi is currently hearing a suit filed by five Hindu women (Rakhi Singh and four others), seeking the right to worship at Maa Shringar Gauri shrine adjacent to the mosque premises all year round.

Actor assault case: police get more time for probe

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Kerala HC on Monday granted the Crime Branch time till July 22 to complete the further investigation in the actor sexual assault case and file a final report before the trial court.

Justice Kauser Edappagath passed the order while disposing of a petition filed by the Crime Branch seeking three weeks more to complete the probe and file a final report. It was for the third time that the Crime Branch was seeking an extension of time.

The court noted that the extension was sought by the investigation agency on two grounds - to collect the cloned copy of the forensic image of a memory card, and to interrogate former DGP for her remarks.

Karnataka MLAs take up fight in Western Ghats ESA issue

Legislators led by CM Bommai to meet Union Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Taking exception to the latest draft notification issued by the Centre on Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA) in Western Ghats region, legislators from Karnataka's Western Ghats area, cutting across party affiliations, and Ministers have decided to take up a legal fight against it.

A delegation led by the Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will also meet Central authorities.

A meeting of legislators from Malnad region, convened by Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, who too hails from there, arrived at

this decision on Monday in Bengaluru.

The recent notification has listed 20,668 sq km of area in Karnataka as ESA of the total extent of 46,832 sq km of ESA in the country spread across Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and Tamil Nadu. It has identified 1,572 villages in 10 districts of Karnataka as those covered by regulations and restrictions related to ESA.

Monday's meeting was attended, among others, by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Speaker Vishveshwar Hegde Kageri and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa besides a host of Ministers and legislators

from all the three major parties. Briefing mediapersons after the meeting, Mr. Jnanendra said a delegation of legislators and MPs from the affected region would be taken to the Union Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) under the leadership of the Chief Minister seeking suitable modifications in the notification.

Expressing concern that life of people in rural areas in Western Ghats would be made tough if the Centre's draft notification was accepted without any changes, the Home Minister said a struggle would be taken up against the notification.

SC panel blames Kerala for illegal constructions

Maradu report says issues relating to 'nature of liability' will depend upon legal issues

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court committee, chaired by former Calcutta High Court Chief Justice Thottathil B. Radhakrishnan, on Monday blamed the Kerala government, its officials, Maradu grama panchayat, municipality and local self-government institutions as well for the illegal constructions raised in violation of stringent coastal zone norms.

"While the builders cannot be held responsible for the illegal construction of the buildings, which have already been razed to the ground, the Government of Kerala, as also the Maradu grama panchayat, the Maradu municipality, the officials of the State government and



Wiped off: A view of apartments being demolished in Maradu using controlled implosion in Kochi. *FILE PHOTO

the local self-government institutions are responsible for raising the constructions to the stage up which they came up by the time they were ordered to be demolished by the Supreme

Court," the committee report concluded.

The Justice Radhakrishnan committee was constituted by the Supreme Court in May to conduct an enquiry and identify who is "res-

ponsible" for clearing the Maradu high-rise residential apartments, which were razed to the ground on the court's orders in 2019.

The report said issues relating to the "nature of liability, that is to say, whether it is joint and several, or whether it is to be apportioned, would depend upon the legal issues which the Supreme Court may choose to consider".

The report was tabled before a Bench led by Justice B.R. Gava on Monday and was opened on the request of senior advocate V. Chitambare, appearing for one of the parties.

In 2019, the Supreme Court had concluded that the high-rises overlooking the backwaters were an "un-

scrupulous trespass" with "devastating effect" on the fragile eco-zone of the area.

The turn of events which led to the formation of the Justice Radhakrishnan committee was heralded by Kerala's request to be reimbursed ₹61.5 crore it had distributed to the evicted residents of the flats.

After disbursing the amount, the State government had filed an affidavit in October 2019, seeking reimbursement from the builders.

But the builders had argued that the September 27, 2019 order had specified the necessity to first find out the people "responsible" for the constructions. The entire liability could not be put on the builders alone.



Cart before the horse

Police should not arrest first and then fish for a possible offence

Two recent pronouncements, one a judicial order and another a public speech by the Chief Justice of India (CJI), have drawn attention to the manner in which bail law operates in the country. While the Supreme Court, in *Satender Kumar Antil vs CBI*, has sought to expand the scope for the grant of early bail to those arrested without sufficient cause, the CJI, N.V. Ramana, has bemoaned the injury to personal liberty caused by hasty arrests, hurdles in the way of releasing suspects on bail and the prolonged incarceration of those under trial. The expressions of concern are a timely reminder to regimes that have been using their police powers to crack down on critics, activists and those not politically aligned with them. However, there is an irony in courts battling for personal liberty and lamenting indiscriminate arrests on the one hand, but routinely denying bail or postponing bail hearings on the other. Nevertheless, the verdict reiterating the major principles in favour of granting bail and laying down constructive guidelines for arrest is quite valuable. For instance, the Bench has called for standing orders to adhere to the *Arnesh Kumar* (2014) principles, based on Sections 41 and 41A of the Code of Criminal Procedure under which a police officer is required to record reasons for arresting an accused and is expected to issue a notice of appearance in cases involving offences that attract a prison term of less than seven years.

The verdict has other positive aspects: setting time limits for the disposal of bail and anticipatory bail applications and underscoring that an arrest must be made only when actually required, or to prevent the accused from fleeing justice or tampering with evidence. In an interesting contribution, the Bench has mooted a separate 'Bail Act' on the lines of the one in the United Kingdom to streamline the bail process. It is indeed true that despite the basics of bail law being quite known, especially that bail is the rule, and its denial the exception, there are glaring inconsistencies over who gets bail, who is denied it and at what stage it is given. A separate law may provide a common reference point, but whether it will put an end to the country's unstated rule, 'show me the man, and I will show you the law', will ever fade away. The state of the magistracy also requires an overhaul. Magistrates seem conditioned to authorising mechanical remand whenever someone is produced before them, and to decline bail as soon as the prosecutor opposes it. Therefore, it is indeed welcome that the Court has made it clear that bail can be considered even without a formal application at the stage of production before the court, or when a person responds to a summons or warrant. More than the law, the police must first put an end to the practice of reflexively arresting first and then fishing for a possible offence.

Growth and welfare

Populism might mean different things to different people at different times

In a span of four days, Prime Minister Narendra Modi questioned twice the practice of politicians making mindless promises of ever profligate schemes in pursuit of votes, and termed it a dangerous trend. He has a point. In Deoghar, Jharkhand, on July 12, he said it was easy to make populist promises and collect votes through "shortcut" methods. In Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh on July 16, he added flourish to the argument by linking populist proclivity to a sweet dish and termed it 'revarti' culture. He also advanced his own 'development as justice' theory – expressways and power projects, providing gas, toilets and houses in backward areas such as Bundelkhand were all leading to "true social justice". He was challenging the more commonly understood meaning of social justice in the heartland, which is the expansion of rights defined in terms of caste groups. The Bundelkhand Expressway passes through one of the most underdeveloped regions. What should be the threshold of precariousness at which state interventions such as free food, job guarantees, or cash doles should kick in to provide social security is a debate long overdue. But it should not be forgotten that India is far behind the standards of social security that advanced capitalist democracies guarantee to their citizens.

Perhaps one reason why politicians are showering voters with doles is the disconnect between overall economic growth and job creation. The notion that growth is the panacea for all development challenges is viewed with increasing suspicion by voters, though they may not articulate it in those terms. The clamour for more state intervention for redistribution in democracies must be viewed against the backdrop of mounting evidence of inequality on the one side, and the increasing vulnerability being experienced by classes ranging from white collar workers to farmers on the other. While the situation requires a cool-headed and rigorous inquiry into the development model that the country pursues, many politicians cutting across party lines have resorted to wide-ranging schemes to calm or entice voters. Besides the quick political gains that they seek, this also pre-empts any discussion on the existing development paradigm. The Prime Minister would have done better had he opened a debate on the impact of big projects too rather than concluding that they invariably lead to development and social justice. India cannot achieve its development goals in education, health or infrastructure without considerable state support. In what conditions does it become dangerous populism that could ruin the financial stability of the state and when does it function as enabling and empowering welfarism are discussions that are desirable. He may have raised the question rhetorically, but Mr. Modi should now lead the conversation on it, involving Chief Ministers and other actors.

Sharing power with the next generations

A new idea of 'inter-generational justice' is gaining traction as a better way of producing a more equitable global order



ARUN MAIRA

After the horrific destruction in the 20th century in two World Wars – the second ending with a wanton display of scientific progress and the destruction of thousands of innocent civilians in Hiroshima and Nagasaki – the victors of the wars vowed "never again". A new breed of global institutions was created to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, rebuild shattered economies, and maintain global peace. These were the United Nations headquartered in New York and the Bretton Woods institutions – the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) – in Washington. Power in these institutions was retained by the victors: in the UN in the five-member Security Council, and in the World Bank and the IMF by the United States and Europe who appoint their own at the top. The UN General Assembly is theoretically democratic. But the real power, of guns and money, is controlled by the Security Council and Washington institutions. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is back in the picture to keep the centre of gravity of global power in the West.

A fresh concept

The power struggle has heated up in and around Ukraine, camouflaged as an ideological war between democracies and dictators. All countries are expected to declare whose side they are on. Institutions of global governance which were supposed to guarantee peace have failed. Clearly, new ideas for global governance are re-

quired. A new concept of "inter-generational justice" is gaining traction as a better way of producing a more equitable global order and, hopefully, arresting mankind's breakpoint destruction of the planet despite – or because of? – great advances in technologies.

The answer to the rhetorical question – what sort of world we want to leave for our grandchildren – is to ask them what sort of world they want to live in. Older generations listening to younger generations, rather than younger people following their elders, may be a radical civilisational shift. However, elders listening to youth will not be enough. Youth must also be given charge of producing the world they want to live in. They cannot leave solutions to the older generation whose ways of working have caused these global problems. The problem is that if youth apply the same old ways which are being taught in universities and also learned where they work, they will make global problems worse.

Time is running out

The modern approach to progress, disseminated widely through "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education, is to extract resources from the planet to create new products for human benefit. And then to find new technological approaches to repair the damage caused to the planet by those technologies. Thus, scientific technology goes round in circles. On each round, owners of technologies become wealthier. The people suffering the harm from a relentless growth of economies are advised to be patient until the size of the pie produced is large enough to share with them. Time is running out. The climate is heating up. Inequalities are growing. People are losing their patience. New ways



must be found to solve complex global problems.

A new theory of change

The prevalent scientific theory of change is both "outside in" and "top down". Scientific experts try to be "objective" about the systems they study by placing their minds outside the systems. From their supposedly objective perches, they try to map the systems' shapes detachedly. Like engineers, they look for levers within systems they can pull to improve efficiency and increase outputs. However, this way cannot work in socio-ecological systems. Because, in them, unlike in machines designed by engineers, social scientists and economists are situated within the systems they wish to observe objectively. Unlike 'scientific' design thinkers who try to design systems 'objectively', natural systems thinkers learn to live with and within the systems that give them life. They do not feel the need for rockets to take them to other planets after they have spoiled this one.

The global approach to governance is "outside in" and also "top down". Many disciplines must be brought together to understand the social, economic, and physical facets of complex issues such as climate change. Moreover, stakeholders with conflicting needs must be aligned. Therefore, central coordination seems essential for large-scale change. This is the standard model of a hierarchical

organisation, which is applied in the corporate sector, in national governments, and in international development organisations too.

The problem is this is the wrong approach for solving complex global problems. Because experts, remote from the diverse ways in which these complex problems manifest themselves on the ground, are not equipped to find effective solutions for large-scale outcomes. Since standard, "one size", solutions cannot fit all, not only do their solutions not work well but trust also breaks down between the leaders on top of large international organisations (and the experts who advise them) and people on the ground. This is a principal cause of the rise of populism and revolts against "the Establishment" of ideas and institutions governing the world.

A new configuration, the G7, was formed in the 1970s when the Bretton Woods institutions seemed unable to prevent the global economic crisis caused by large "oil shocks". The United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Japan, and Italy formed the G6. Canada and later the European Union, joined later. Russia was invited later (G8) when the Soviet Union collapsed and was swiftly removed in the Crimean war (2014). China, now the second largest economy in the world, was never included. The G7 was expanded to the G20 in the 1990s, when China, Russia, India, Indonesia, and other large economies were added. And now the G20 is being cracked up because the G7 wants to throw Russia out. India will be the chair of the G20 this year and must try to keep the group together.

Power must shift between generations to create a more equitable global order. Less than 10% of the world's citizens, and less than 6% of the world's children below 10 years, are in the G7. Power must

shift within economies from older persons to youth. Globally, it must shift from the older, so-called 'advanced' countries to younger 'emerging' economies. The G7 and the Security Council must invite the rest to find new solutions for global problems.

Recycle this wisdom

Inter-generational dialogue is imperative. Though all countries are aging, older persons in economies are not burdens to be cast aside. Already the numbers of older persons in the world exceed the numbers of children below five years, and will soon exceed the numbers below 10. Older persons are humanity's fastest growing yet least used resource. While power must shift towards younger generations and emerging economies, all generations and countries must work together. All are stages in a larger process of evolution. All must listen to others' aspirations and must understand others' wisdom. Emerging economies must not be arrogantly considered, in the colonial legacy, as a 'white man's burden' to be improved by a more advanced West. Many native communities have not yet lost their wisdom of living within natural systems and living as families and communities. Such wisdom on the ground needs to be cycled to the top to save the world for everyone.

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals list 17 complex global problems. They appear in different forms everywhere in the world. Centrally managed organisations cannot solve such problems. Local systems solutions, cooperatively implemented within their communities by old and young persons together, are the way to solve these global systemic problems.

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The five-day work week might be fading away

Instead, an old idea, a four-day work week, could become a reality, shaping the future of staff engagement



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A three-day weekend is not beyond anyone's dream, and it may soon be a reality. The idea of a four-day work week against the usual 40-hour, five-day work week has been mooted for decades. The call for fewer work hours itself is older than the Great Depression. After the reduction of working hours in the 1920s and 1930s led by Henry Ford, from more than 60 hours a week to the current 40, the notion of fewer working hours for the same productivity aided by higher technology grew prevalent. The noted English economist, John Maynard Keynes, predicted that his grandchildren would only work about 15 hours a week. Even though the prediction seems a little far-fetched right now, the direction of change seems about right as companies from all over the world toy around with the idea of fewer working hours.

Trial results show benefits

The most recent and widespread adoption of a four-day work week was a trial run by Microsoft in Japan in 2019. The trial was conducted with a typical eight-hour work day for four days and a three-day weekend but a five-day week pay cheque. Microsoft was happy with the result as it saw a 40% increase in worker productivity, presumably due to increased job satisfac-

tion and lower burnouts. Microsoft Japan also reported that a shorter work week led to higher efficiency in the form of lower office costs. It saw a massive 23% dip in electricity costs and a 60% fall in the number of pages printed in the office.

Perpetual Guardian, a New Zealand trust management company, also reported a 20% increase in worker productivity after a similar trial in 2018. Most trials of a four-day work week seem to increase or at least keep constant worker productivity. Gains in productivity also depend on the kind of work. The idea of increased productivity due to a fall in working hours has been carried along since Henry Ford. However, an increase in a worker's productivity in a manufacturing firm with a decrease in work hours would not mean a similar increase in productivity for an employee in the service sectors such as education or health.

In a larger view, fewer working days will lead to lower commuting and hence have a positive impact on the environment, including a fall in electricity consumption in offices. Lower work hours are also being seen as an important tool to revive employment rates after the novel coronavirus pandemic. The New Deal in the United States mandated overtime pay after 40 hours a week to increase employment after the Great Depression. A similar move is argued to be a viable option to reduce unemployment prevalent in the global economies after the pandemic.

Gains for women

A shorter work week is seen as a welcome step toward gender equality and women's career pro-



gression. A two-day weekend was often not enough for women, especially mothers with young children, as they would not have much time for themselves after all the care work. Women often opt for smaller shifts and shorter work days for lower pay after they become mothers. A four-day work week for everyone instead could ensure pay equality among genders. A three-day weekend may also push men to take up more unpaid domestic work, which would give women more leeway. With enough work-life balance in a four-day work week, women would be able to focus more on work, hence adding to their career prospects.

Not always a virtue

A four-day work week is not one that fits all. The service sector has challenges implementing a four-day work week, especially for small firms. For example, a hairdresser cannot cut more hair by reducing hours; so too a musician in the context of more concerts. This limited applicability is also relevant in schools and hospitals. The sales and marketing departments of firms may also face this issue as there would be less time to chase leads, build customer relations and solve issues. The Centre for Policy Studies, U.K., studied the possible cost of implementing

a four-day work week for public sector employees in the United Kingdom. It would cost at least £17 billion, assuming stable productivity but an expanded workforce. Another major drawback is that employees in firms that would not decrease work hours in a four-day work week would have to work 10 hours on working days, which can lead to increased stress and decreased satisfaction. Implementation of a four-day work week can also affect employees' holiday entitlements.

The Indian scene

A study conducted between February 1 and March 7 across sectors in 2022 by Genius Consultants, in India, found that among 1,113 employers it surveyed, 60% preferred a four-day work week and believed that it would positively affect employee productivity and well-being. Recognising the growing trend, the Central government is set to roll out the new labour codes, which include rules for a flexible four-day work week. On the four-day work week, the new codes stipulate the requirement of a minimum of 48 hours per week; hence the employee will have to work for 12 hours on each working day. The new regulations on the flexible work week with 12 hours of daily work are not likely to increase productivity as the increased per day hours of work would work against employee motivation to increase output. It is well-known that productivity declines after a certain number of hours a day. The draft code should remember that only a reduction in the number of workdays, keeping the number of hours fixed, would contribute to improved labour

productivity because better rested and more invigorated workers will be more productive. The extant code may not find many takers since it will find resistance from the workers and companies who very well know it might result in a decline in productivity – thus the total value of the output they produce.

The conventional negative relationship between work hours and productivity is being proven right again through numerous four-day work week trials all across the world. The shorter work week has numerous advantages for employees and employers and can be crucial in increasing productivity and employee well-being, higher employer efficiency, and also increasing employment in the economy. These advantages have led to large strides in this mode of work, such as in Iceland, where 86% of employees have the right to work on a four-day work week. The concern on the applicability of four-day work is real, but examples such as Iceland show that it runs well with a few exceptions. Implementing a four-day work week without a reduction in aggregate working hours such as in India is most likely to fail in yielding the desired advantages. The draft code should not forget the Parkinson's law that says work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion, and it should be a guiding principle in designing India's new labour codes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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GST rates

It is debatable whether the recommendations of the 47th GST Council are being incorporated after careful deliberations (Inside pages, "Packed curd, paneer, atta to attract 5% GST from today", July 18). Will the increase in the GST rate for solar water heaters, for instance, prove detrimental to India's efforts in popularising renewables to meet climate goals? Will the withdrawal of exemption on maps and hydrographic, and charts on the one hand, and a rationalisation of drawing, printing and

writing inks on the other create a further lag among students struggling to cope with the challenges of digital education after the COVID-19 waves? Will the withdrawal of GST exemption on scientific and technical instruments supplied to public-funded research institutions hamper development of indigenous technologies and startup ecosystems? Will GST on hospital beds deprive certain sections of the society from availing advanced health-care facilities? Empirical evidence and corrective

measures should be considered before there is irreversible damage.

MEENAKSHI SUNDARAM B., Chennai

■ The GST slabs are bound to have an adverse impact on household budgets. They will increase the burden on the common man who is already reeling under inflationary pressures. The revisions are most unwelcome.

AKHILA GOPAL, Mumbai

Images, their messages

Peter deSouza's chronicling the decadence of democracy

using three photographs was refreshing to read (Editorial page, July 18). It was a fresh perspective.

RAMESH KRISHNAN, Srirangam, Tamil Nadu

■ Propriety and deposition are conspicuous in their absence these days. One has to remind the men in authority and responsible positions that they have to behave themselves.

N. SADASIVAN PILLAI, Nellikuzhik, Kollam, Kerala

The real issue

It is strange that there is much debate over the term

'unparliamentary' in connection with parliamentary proceedings. One is normally 'ashamed' to notice the behaviour of a Member or Minister who is oblivious of the term 'etiquette'. 'Betrayed' is a normal word when a Minister is found not keeping his word. 'Hypocrisy' does not need elaboration. 'Corruption' is a concomitant word in Indian politics today. And so is 'incompetence'. There are more important matters that need to be addressed by Parliament. Let the States and Centre visit the list of Members in the

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Assembly and Parliament.

Their records do need scrutiny.

MANI NATARAJAN, Chennai

At Singapore

P.V. Sindhu's splendid show at the Singapore Open Super 500 badminton championships is the result of a power-packed performance guided by steely determination. Her win is testimony to her overall mastery of the game.

B. SURESH KUMAR, Coimbatore

A revolt that could turn into a revolution

Without a new social contract, there could be unrestrained conflict with the working people in Sri Lanka



AHILAN KADIRGAMAR

The great revolt of the masses has overthrown an authoritarian president in Sri Lanka, but it has not abolished the executive presidency. Indeed, on July 18, within days of assuming office as acting President, Ranil Wickremesinghe declared an Emergency, to supposedly ensure the safety of parliamentarians who are to vote for a President on July 20.

A new social contract

Such executive overreach has been the bane of problems in Sri Lanka. There has been no moment in the last four decades more opportune than this to rid the country of this undemocratic institution. Then why are the liberal reformers and lawmakers so reluctant to move on abolishing the executive presidency? It is because the office of the executive president is being projected as the custodian of law, order and property in these tumultuous times. Sri Lanka is in a great moment of revolt, but it is far from a revolution, for a revolution would entail changing our fundamental social relations including property relations. Nevertheless, a radical consciousness is emerging among the masses, who are protesting on the streets and occupying the highest offices of the state.

Such power of the people has unnerved the liberal quarters and international actors who are quick to warn of anarchy, lawlessness and destruction of property. Indeed, the people's struggle could escalate to occupying private property and demands for redistribution. However, through the many months of the crisis, the government and the Opposition in Parliament have avoided discussing redistribution. They cannot even stomach higher direct taxes, let alone a wealth tax. Instead, their energies go into begging international donors for funds and pushing the country into further debt.

It is these dynamics that are at play when the entrenched liberal political establishment, determined to preserve the neoliberal economic status quo, begins retreating into the



RANIL WICKREMESINGHE. PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

constitutionality of the political process. Haven't the very foundations of our political system been shaken by the greatest protests in Sri Lankan history? This is a moment when the social contract between state and society must be reconstructed. Without a new social contract, there is likely to be a no-holds-barred conflict with the working people.

Factors for political survival

At every moment in the last four months, parliamentary manoeuvres have undermined the protests and attempted to deflect people's opposition. But those manoeuvres – whether it was the resignation of Cabinet Ministers in April, the appointment of Mr. Wickremesinghe as Prime Minister in May, or the attempts to pass a watered-down Amendment on the Executive Presidency in June – have eventually been confronted by the people's movement. Similar dynamics are going to be at play when Parliament seeks to elect a President to complete the term of Gotabaya Rajapaksa. This time around, it is Mr. Wickremesinghe who has come to symbolise order and preservation of the status quo. His self-interest and the interests of some powerful political and global actors coincide in making him the front-runner for the post of interim President, who will be elected by Parliament. After all, it is clear that in a presidential election requiring the support of a popular majority, he would not stand a chance. He could not even win his seat in Parliament in the last election and only came into Parliament on the sole seat of his United National Party that suffered a terrible defeat.

Mr. Wickremesinghe lacks the social and political base to lead the country. He has no political credibil-

ity to speak of, or moral authority, after openly backing the country's most discredited regime. However, his political survival depends on the support of three significant constituencies. First, the Rajapaksa and their party, the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), whose social base has been wiped out with mass opposition to their rule. The party is now in desperate need of someone at the helm of state power to protect it. Second, the top brass of the military, whose commander-in-chief and so-called war hero has fled the country, while international sanctions undermine some in the military leadership. Third, international actors who would like to see their geopolitical interests served in Sri Lanka. Therein lies the great danger for the country.

What was considered a 'political deal' between the Rajapaksa and Mr. Wickremesinghe when he was appointed Prime Minister has now come into the open with the SLPP supporting his candidacy. Mr. Wickremesinghe will defend the Rajapaksa and further their interests, as he is dependent on their political base, corrupting politics to the hilt.

Next, he needs the military to suppress the protests as much as the military needs him to protect them. This quid pro quo creates the danger of authoritarian rule through further militarisation. As acting President last week, Mr. Wickremesinghe issued a gazette notification to include more subjects under the purview of the Ministry of Defence, including the Board of Investment, necessary for his authoritarian neoliberal project. Such militarisation will mount under his presidency, in addition to neoliberal policies of dispossession.

And as for international actors, a Wickremesinghe presidency with

authoritarian stability will converge with their interests. A leader without a social and political base dependent on them will not just sing but also dance to their tunes, and sell the strategic assets of the country for a song.

First as tragedy, then as farce

In *The 18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*, Karl Marx wrote these opening lines about the failed French revolution of 1848: "Hegel remarks somewhere that all facts and personages of great importance in world history occur, as it were, twice. He forgot to add: the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce." Marx was referring to the tragedy of Napoleon's adventurous capture of state power and then the farce of his nephew Louis Bonaparte's claim to be a similar leader many decades later. In Sri Lanka, J.R. Jayewardene's ascendance to power in 1977, the creation of the executive presidency, the initiation of neoliberal policies, his alignment with the U.S. amidst the Cold War, and the repression of organised labour and the Tamil minority culminating in the civil war, was a devastating tragedy. Now, Mr. Wickremesinghe, Jayewardene's nephew, has grand ambitions of capturing the presidency, repressing the people's movement and taking forward the neoliberal project. It is a farce from every angle. Mr. Wickremesinghe has neither the social nor political base of Jayewardene. The people's movement has become far more politically conscious with the nationwide protests. And the global neoliberal project itself is in crisis now.

Even if Mr. Wickremesinghe were to be elected, his tenure will remain contested, and may last only till the next wave of protests. But it would polarise society, generate a xenophobic backlash against the external actors who back him and ravage the economic lives of people.

Through the manoeuvres of those in power, the people are being pushed to continue on the path from revolt to revolution. If state power is brought to serve a class project in the figure of Mr. Wickremesinghe, the political crisis will aggravate. Who is ready for this wager?

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India's climate imperative

For public pressure to drive climate action, we need to consider climate catastrophes as largely man-made



VINOD THOMAS

In the absence of COVID-19, climate change-induced disasters would have been India's biggest red alert in recent years. The heatwave that scorched Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, and New Delhi this year; torrential downpours in south India in 2021; and the super cyclone Amphan that battered West Bengal and Odisha in 2020 are symbols of man-made climate change. But India, like elsewhere, still attributes these catastrophes to the wrath of mother nature rather than anthropogenic global warming.

Temperatures over the Indian Ocean have risen by over 1°C since the 1950s, increasing extreme weather events. India is the fourth worst-hit in climate migration. Heat waves in India have claimed an estimated 17,000 lives since the 1970s. Labour losses from rising heat, by one estimate, could reach ₹1.6 lakh crore annually if global warming exceeds 2°C, with India among the hardest hit. India needs a two-part approach: one, to adapt to climate impacts by building resilience against weather extremes, and two, to mitigate environmental destruction to prevent climate change from becoming more lethal.

Climate resilience

Extreme heat waves hit swathes of India. Heatwaves are aggravated by deforestation and land degradation, which also exacerbate fires. Agriculture, being water-intensive, does not do well in heat wave-prone areas. A solution is to promote agricultural practices which are not water-intensive and to support afforestation that has a salutary effect on warming. Financial transfers can be targeted to help farmers plant trees and buy equipment – for example, for drip irrigation that reduces heavy water usage. Insurance schemes can transfer some of the risks of extreme heat faced by industrial, construction and agricultural workers to insurers.

Climate-resilient agriculture calls for diversification – for example, the cultivation of multiple crops on the same farm. There will need to be more localised food production. Weather-based crop insurance would help.

Floods and storms are worsened by vast sea ingress and coastline erosion in the low-lying areas in the south. Southern States need stronger guidelines to avoid construction in locations with drainages. It is vital to map flood-risk zones to manage vulnerable regions. Environment Impact Assessments

must be mandatory for commercial projects. Kerala has some flood-resistant houses constructed on pillars. Communities can build round-shaped houses, considering optimum aerodynamic orientation to reduce the strength of the winds. Roofs with multiple slopes can stand well in strong winds, and central shafts reduce wind pressure on the roof by sucking in air from outside.

Arresting runaway climate change

Adaptation alone will not slow climate damages if the warming of the sea level temperatures is not confronted. Leading emitters, including India, must move away from fossil fuels. But climate mitigation everywhere is painfully slow, because of a lack of political will. India has made slow progress in choosing 2070 as its target for net zero emissions.

Meanwhile, a big part of climate action lies in protecting and expanding forest coverage. Regulation needs to be tightened and enforced to ensure forest protection while acquiring land. India gains from being part of the Glasgow declaration on forest protection that 141 countries signed in 2021.

Management of dams can exacerbate glacier lake outbursts and floods. Nearly 295 dams in India are more than 100 years old and need repairs. In stemming landslides in Uttarakhand, regulations must stop the building of dams on steep slopes and eco-fragile areas, as well as the dynamiting of hills, sand mining, and quarrying. Dams in the southern States can moderate floods, but only if operated year-round to anticipate the need to control flows during floods.

India's share in disaster management should be raised to 2.5% of GDP. Climate finance is most suited for large-scale global funding from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the Asian Development Bank. But smaller-scale financing can also be vital: the World Food Programme's funding for Nepal and Bhutan for community-based adaptation and agricultural resilience for vulnerable communities provides an interesting model.

States can tap into the Union government's resources, financial and technological, from early warning meteorological systems to centrally sponsored climate schemes. MGNREGA funds can be used for climate adaptation in agriculture, waste management and livelihoods. States could make compensatory payment to local self-government resources being used for climate adaptation. For public pressure to drive climate action, we need to consider climate catastrophes as largely man-made.

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STATE OF PLAY

Politics over rituals

The Tamil Nadu government rules disallowing religious rituals at state functions remain on paper

B. KOLAPPAN

What would have passed off as a non-event has become a talking point in Tamil Nadu politics because of the objection raised by Dharmapuri MP S. Senthilkumar, representing the ruling DMK. Mr. Senthilkumar, who was invited for the bhoomi pooja (ground-breaking ceremony) conducted before the launch of renovation work of a lake in his district, questioned officials of the Water Resources Department (WRD) for inviting only a Hindu priest for performing rituals. His war of words with the officials was recorded and the video tweeted by Mr. Senthilkumar himself. The MP was lauded by Dravidian ideologues, but he received brickbats from the BJP and its affiliated outfits, which saw it as an "anti-Hindu" act.

Mr. Senthilkumar was right in questioning the presence of a Hindu priest at a state function. He was also right in making it clear that a Dravidian government cannot afford to have such rituals. However, he was wrong in asking an official why no Christian priest and Muslim clergy were invited, because government rules do not allow rituals of any religion at government functions. In 1968, during the DMK regime under C.N. Annadurai, Chief Secretary C.A. Ramakrishnan had issued an order directing department heads to remove portraits of gods of all religions from government offices in a phased manner. In 2010, a Bench of the Madras High Court had asked the State government to take all steps to ensure that no religious functions are conducted or religious structures built within the precincts of government offices as stipulated in a Government Order issued by the Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department on December 13, 1993, during the AIADMK regime. The State government, subsequently, issued an order directing officials to follow the 1993 order.

But in reality, neither Ramakrishnan's order nor the High Court order has been followed. On the contrary, portraits of more deities adorn the

walls of government offices, police stations, and buses operated by public transport corporations. Nearly all ground-breaking ceremonies for construction of new government buildings follow Hindu rituals. Even after the DMK came to power, some Ministers and the Chief Minister's son, Udhayanidhi Stalin, a legislator, have participated in ceremonies conducted by Hindu priests at government functions.

The rituals followed during Ayudha Pooja are an example of the violation of these orders. In the 1980s, transport corporations celebrated Ayudha Pooja as if it were a public festival. The best music troupes were invited to perform on the night of Ayudha Pooja and the depots of the transport corporations were opened to the public to enjoy the music. Even now, all transport corporation buses carry streaks of sandal paste and vermilion, and the pooja is performed by the crew members.

Ramakrishnan's order also talks of removing portraits and statues of gods in government offices. In India, the problem is that many deities and temples were located in these places even before the government decided to construct a building or an office.

Mr. Senthilkumar wanted to be secular, but it is a tricky task for him and other politicians in the current political context where the DMK is taking pains to counter the BJP's narrative that it is an "anti-Hindu" party. The truth is that the DMK is not a fully atheist party; a lot of senior leaders happily participate in such ceremonies. The AIADMK, when in power, had never missed these ceremonies. The orders and court directions therefore remain on paper.

A section of DMK leaders feel Mr. Senthilkumar could have politely asked officials to avoid such rituals in his constituency because what happens in other constituencies is not in his hands.

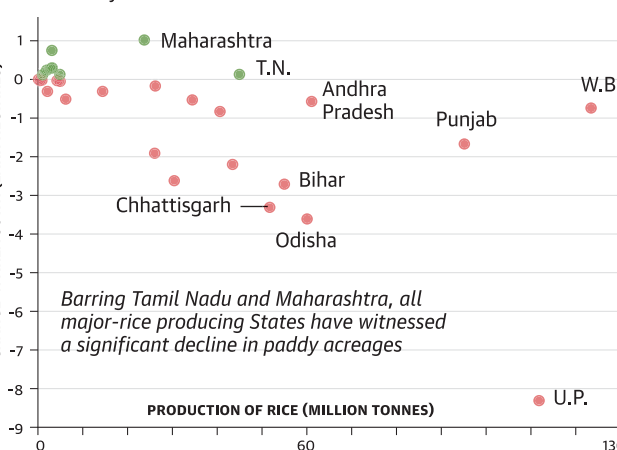
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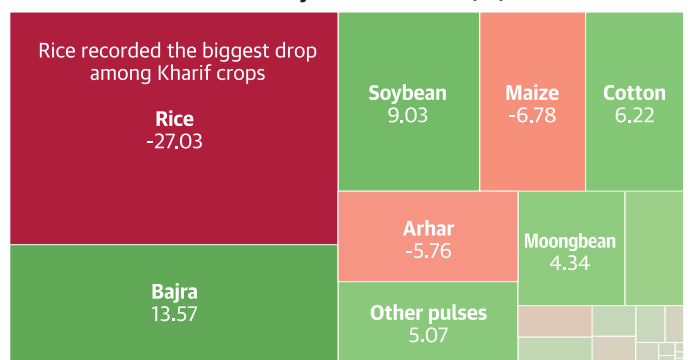
Rice sowing hit, stock averts crisis

After a slow start, the Southwest monsoon has arrived in most parts of the country except Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, and Punjab. Given that three of these five regions are the top producers of rice, paddy output may take a significant hit if rainfall continues to remain poor. However, rice and paddy stocks in government godowns are about four times higher than the required amount to run the public distribution system and maintain strategic reserves. By **Jasmin Nihalani** and **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

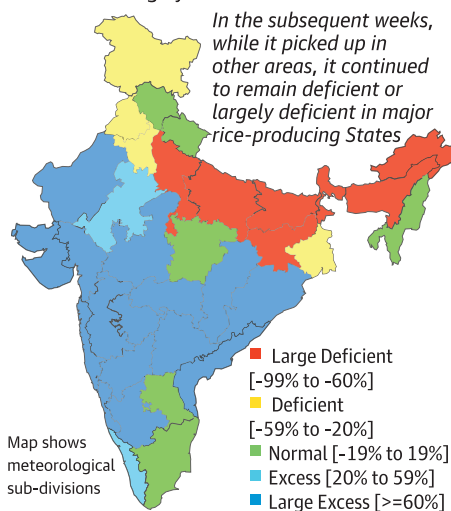
2. Rice acreage | The chart plots the production of rice between 2012 and 2020 (horizontal axis) against the change in area sown with rice in 2022 as compared to a year ago (vertical axis). U.P., the second-largest producer, recorded a decline of 8 lakh ha in area sown with rice this year



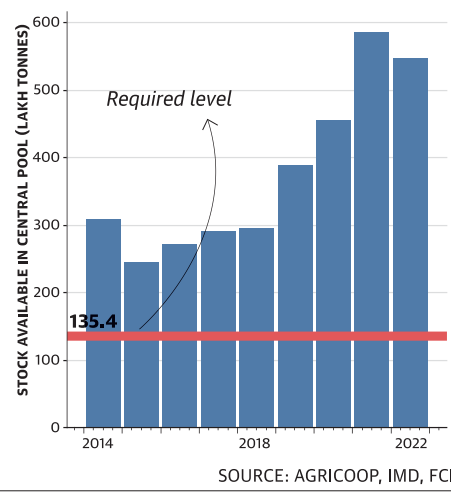
1. Kharif acreage | The graph shows the change in area sown (lakh hectares) with Kharif crops as of July 15, 2022 compared to a year ago. The area sown with rice decreased by 27 lakh hectares (ha)



3. Monsoon pattern | The map depicts the change in rainfall during the second week of July compared to the long period average. In the first two weeks of the Southwest monsoon, rainfall was largely deficient across India.



4. Buffer stocks | The chart shows the amount of rice and unmillable paddy available in the Central pool as of July 1 every year. The levels in 2022 were 100 lakh tonnes more than the amount needed for PDS and reserves



The Hindu

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 19, 1972

Japan ready to accept China's terms

Tokyo, July 18: The Japanese Government today indicated for the first time its readiness to eventually accept China's pre-conditions for the establishment of relations between the two countries. An official reply to an Opposition questionnaire said the Government "can understand as basic knowledge the three principles China has presented for normalisation of relations." The reply was approved at a Cabinet meeting this morning. The three principles are: China is one and the People's Republic of China is the only legitimate Government of China; Taiwan is an inalienable part of China; and the 1952 Peace Treaty between Japan and Taiwan should be scrapped. The Government's reply said the Government would work out concrete measures for normalisation of relations on the understanding that the time was ripe for such a move. It went on, "Since the Government can understand the three principles, it will work out concrete measures mutually agreeable." The most controversial item of the principles – abrogation of the 1952 Peace Treaty – was not touched upon by the previous Government under Mr. Eisaku Sato which issued a policy statement on China in March last. This merely said the Government could understand China's claim that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China. The Government to-day said it also had no plan to abrogate the 1965 basic agreement with South Korea under which the two countries normalised relations and that it had no plan at present to recognise North Korea.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 19, 1922

Ayurvedic Conference

Cocanada, July 17: A public meeting was held yesterday at 6 P.M. in the Pyndah Venkatachalapathi Town Hall, Cocanada, in connection with the arrangements to be made for the ensuing All-India Ayurvedic Conference to be held at Rajahmundry. Dr. A. Lakshmi-pathi of Madras, Dr. G. Sreenivasa Rao of Rajahmundry and some of the elite of the town were present. Dewan Bahadur D. Seshagiri Rao Pantulu, B.A.M.L.C., and President, Godavari District Board presided. After the President's introducing him, Dr. Lakshmi-pathi exhibited magic lantern slides to explain briefly the usefulness of the Ayurvedic medicine and the Ayurvedic factory and College at Madras. About 30 slides were exhibited including certain plants, opinions on the system of medicine, etc.

Text & Context

NEWS IN NUMBERS



CSR funds

60 In %, the share out of the total Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds spent by companies in the areas of education, healthcare and rural development-related activities, in the last seven financial years, according to the Indian government. Responding to a question in the Lok Sabha, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs informed that during the given period, around 33% of the total CSR amount spent by companies were in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. **PTI**

NEET entrance exam

18.72 In lakh, the record number of applications received by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for the medical entrance exam NEET. This was the first time that the number of registrations for the NEET medical entrance exam surpassed 18 lakh, a considerable increase of over 2.5 lakh from 2021. About 10.6 lakh out of the total candidates registered were female candidates, the NTA informed. Last year, over 15.44 lakh candidates appeared for the exam. **PTI**

Vacant faculty seats

6,549 The number of vacant faculty positions in central universities across India, with a majority of them being in Delhi University followed by Allahabad University, BHU and AMU, according to Ministry of Education (MoE) statistics. Delhi University has the maximum number of vacancies (900) followed by Allahabad University (622), Banaras Hindu University (532) Aligarh Muslim University (498) and Jawaharlal Nehru University (326). **PTI**

Textbook distribution

4.25 In crore, the number of textbooks distributed through 950 empanelled vendors around India for the academic session 2022-23, Union Education Minister Annpurna Devi Yadav said on Monday. Responding to a written question in the Lok Sabha, she informed that there was no shortage of books from the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Further, she added that all NCERT textbooks were also made available through its digital platforms. **PTI**

Infant deaths

22,751 The number of children below the age of six months to have died in Maharashtra between January 2021 and May-end this year, the State's Family Welfare Department has said in reply to a Right to Information (RTI) query. The department said the death toll of children over 17 months included 19,673 cases where the infant was stillborn. According to the response, Mumbai recorded the maximum number of deaths at 1,898, followed by Nagpur (1,741). **PTI**

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EXPLAINER

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and its stature in the modern world

What is the SCO and how does the grouping impact India? Is it set up to counter the West?

THE GIST

■ Founded in June 2001 as the 'Shanghai Five', the grouping consisted of Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. They came together in the post-Soviet era in 1996, in order to work on regional security and reduction of border troops.

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■ Through the years, the SCO hosts have encouraged members to use the platform to discuss differences with other members on the sidelines.

SAPTAPARNO GHOSH

The story so far: Iran and Belarus could soon become the newest members of the China and Russia-backed Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). "In the Samarkand summit [in September], we expect the leadership to adopt a document on the obligations Iran must fulfil to gain membership. The legal procedures of Belarus's accession are about to start. We need to build consensus on the acceptance of Belarus," Chinese diplomat and incumbent Secretary-General of SCO, Zhang Ming, stated last week. According to him, the suggested expansion would exhibit the collective's rising international influence and its principles being widely accepted.

What is the SCO?

Founded in June 2001, it was built on the 'Shanghai Five', the grouping which consisted of Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. They came together in the post-Soviet era in 1996, in order to work on regional security, reduction of border troops and terrorism. They endowed particular focus on 'conflict resolution', given its early success between China and Russia, and then within the Central Asian Republics.

The HSC is the supreme decision-making body of the organisation. It meets annually to adopt decisions and guidelines on all important matters relevant to the organisation

Some of their prominent outcomes in this arena entail an 'Agreement on Confidence-Building in the Military Field Along the Border Areas' (in 1996) between China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, which led to an agreement on the mutual reduction of military forces on their common borders in 1997. It would also pitch

in to help the Central Asian countries resolve some of their boundary disputes.

In 2001, the 'Shanghai Five' inducted Uzbekistan into its fold and named it the SCO, outlining its principles in a charter that promoted what was called the "Shanghai spirit" of cooperation. The charter, adopted in St. Petersburg in 2002, enlists its main goals as strengthening mutual trust and neighbourliness among the member states; promoting their effective cooperation in politics, trade, economy, research and technology, and culture. Its focus areas include education, energy, transport, tourism and environmental protection.

It also calls for joint efforts to maintain and ensure peace, security and stability in the region; and the establishment of a democratic, fair and rational new international political and economic order. The precise assertion, combined with some of the member states' profiles, of building a "new international political and economic order" has often led to it being placed as a counter to treaties and groupings of the West, particularly North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

The grouping comprises eight member states – India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The SCO also has four observer states – Afghanistan, Iran, Belarus and Mongolia – of which Iran and Belarus are now moving towards full membership.

How is this relevant to India?

India acquired the observer status in the grouping in 2005 and was admitted as a full member in 2017. Through the years, the SCO hosts have encouraged members to use the platform to discuss differences with other members on the sidelines. It was on such an occasion that Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in 2015 in Ufa, and Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar negotiated a five-point agreement with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the

sidelines of the Moscow conference in 2020.

India is also part of the 'Quadrilateral' grouping with the U.S., Japan and Australia. Its association with the grouping of a rather different nature is part of its foreign policy that emphasises on principles of "strategic autonomy and multi-alignment".

What is the organisational structure?

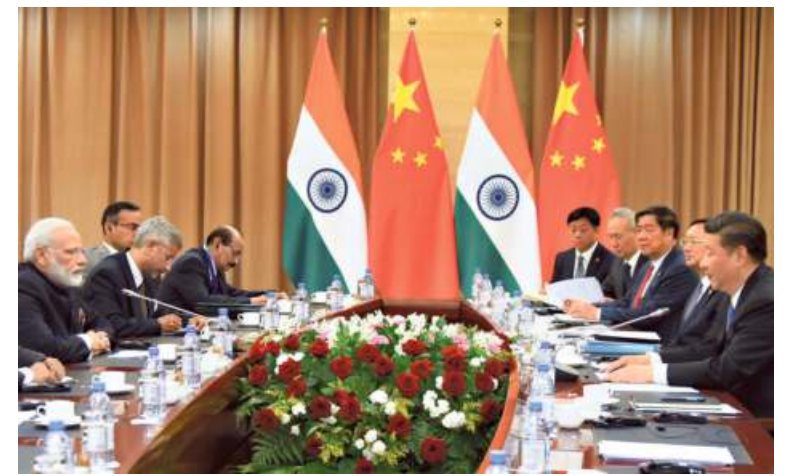
The SCO secretariat has two permanent bodies – the SCO Secretariat based in Beijing and the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) based in Tashkent. Other than this, the grouping consists of the Heads of State Council (HSC), the Heads of Government Council (HGC) and the Foreign Ministers Council.

The HSC is the supreme decision-making body of the organisation. It meets annually to adopt decisions and guidelines on all important matters relevant to the organisation. The HGC (mainly including Prime Ministers) also meets annually to zero in on the organisation's priority areas and multilateral cooperation strategy. It also endeavours to resolve present economic and cooperation issues alongside approving the organisation's annual budget. The Foreign Ministers Council considers issues pertaining to the day-to-day activities of the organisation, charting HSC meetings and consultations on international problems within the organisation and if required, makes statements on behalf of the SCO.

Is it about countering the West?

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) noted in 2015 that decades of rapid economic growth had propelled China onto the world's stage, whereas Russia found itself beset with economic turmoil following the Crimean annexation in 2014 and ejection from the G8 grouping.

Most recently, Russia's action in Ukraine caused it to be subjected to sanctions on multiple fronts by the West. China, in what could be referred to as 'distance diplomacy', had held that security of one country should



not be at the expense of another country – blaming the West (specifically referring to NATO) for the entire episode. Thus, the organisation spearheaded by both Russia and China does not find its supporters in the West. Moreover, on the proposed induction of Iran, journalist and commentator Nazila Fathi, writing for the Middle East Institute, stated in September 2021 that the country might not see much short-term benefit, however, it would signal closer ties with both China and Russia.

The Iranian leadership has often stressed that the country must "look to the East". This is essential not only to resist its economic isolation (by addressing the banking and trade problems on account of U.S. sanctions) from the West, but also find strategic allies that would help it to reach a new agreement on the nuclear program. In other words, using its ties with China and Russia as a leverage against the West. Additionally, it would help it strengthen its involvement in Asia.

The same premise applies for Belarus, which lent its support to Russia for its actions in Ukraine. An association with the SCO bodes well for its diplomacy and regional stature.

Joint venture: The SCO calls for joint efforts to maintain and ensure peace, security and stability in the region; and the establishment of a democratic and rational new international political order. **■ AFP**

EXPLAINER

The Pakistan and IMF talks: What lies ahead?

Why was the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) signed between the two? Why is IMF important for Pakistan's economy?

ANKIT SINGH

The story so far: On July 14, the staff-level talks between Pakistan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) concluded for the seventh and eighth review under Extended Fund Facility (EFF). The talks were originally aimed at releasing a tranche of \$900 million. The talks, which began on March 4, were expected to conclude by March 16; however, it took five months to reach the staff-level agreement. Finally, last week, the IMF team reached an understanding with Pakistan to release \$1.17 billion, subject to the board's approval. This brings the total disbursement under the current EFF to \$4.2 billion so far, to support policy actions under FY 2023 budget, power sector reforms, and monetary policy to restrain inflation. The latest IMF press release maintains it would consider an extension of the current EFF to end June 2023 and augment the fund amount to \$7 billion.

What was the Extended Fund Facility (EFF), and why did the talks take longer to conclude?

The 39-month EFF between the two was signed in July 2019 to provide funds amounting to Self-Drawing Rights (SDR) – \$4,268 million. The EFF was signed by Pakistan to address the medium-term

balance of payment problem, and work on structural impediments and increase per capita income.

The IMF placed demands including fiscal consolidation to reduce debt and build resilience, the market-determined exchange rate to restore competitiveness, eliminate 'quasi-fiscal' losses in the energy sector and strengthened institutions with transparency.

The decision to freeze the fuel prices by the then Pakistani President Imran Khan in February 2022 was considered a major deviation under the EFF benchmarks. Mr. Khan's government, that gave tax amnesties to the industrial sector, impacted the tax regime and a structural benchmark for fiscal consolidation. Loans under Kamyab Pakistan Program were another point of contention. The IMF insisted on its demands before approving any release of the tranche.

How important is the IMF support to Pakistan?

Pakistan's economic situation is dire. According to the Economic Survey of Pakistan 2022, the fiscal deficit in FY 22 was \$18.6 billion, and the net public debt at \$252 billion, which is 66.3% of the GDP. The power sector's circular debt is \$14 billion.

According to the State Bank of



Pakistan's latest report, the current account deficit has peaked to \$48.3 billion. The budgeted expenditure outlay for FY 23 states that 41% (\$19 billion) of total expenditure will be used in debt servicing.

The IMF's support in addressing the above numbers is crucial. According to the latest quarterly report of the Economic Affairs Division, during the financial year 2021-22, the IMF's contribution to the total external debt (of \$9.4 billion), is only \$834 million. However, the IMF's support is not limited to fixing the balance sheet, but validates

and provides economic confidence to other multilateral institutions.

Why have the Pakistan-IMF relations remained complicated? Will the new government be able to improve the trust deficit?

Structural reforms require long-term commitment, which have been sacrificed due to Pakistan's short-sighted political goals; hence the urge to go to the IMF for fiscal stability has been repeated over time.

Pakistan has signed various lending instruments with the IMF, and sought support from IMF around 22 times. However, only once has a programme been completed. Since the 1990s, the IMF has placed specific demands but were addressed by Pakistan in bits and pieces. For example, during the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) rule in 2008, Pakistan was to implement economic reforms, including improvements in tax administration, removal of tax exemptions as well structural reforms. However, successive governments kept domestic political calculations a priority, than the economic reforms.

The latest EFF was on the verge of collapse, but the ruling coalition government continued its efforts to revive the discussions. To address the structural benchmarks of the IMF, the authorities

have worked on specific legislations, for example, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) amendment act, and the Finance Bill 2022.

What lies ahead for Pakistan and the IMF?

Despite the latest agreement, the road ahead for the IMF and Pakistan is not an easy one. Political calculations and the elections ahead will play a role in Pakistan's economic decision-making.

In 2019, the Director-General Debt Office of the Ministry of Finance revealed that Pakistan has to pay \$31 billion by 2026. Total public debt as a percentage of gross domestic product is expected to increase further.

There is also a narrative that Pakistan has the fifth largest population with nuclear weapons that cannot be allowed to fail. A section within Pakistan also places the geo-strategic location of the country would provide an edge for cooperation, rather than coercion. Hence, this section believes, the IMF would continue to support.

Given the IMF's increased assertion, Pakistan's political calculations and the elections ahead, the relationship between the two is likely to remain complicated.

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THE GIST

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ABSTRACT

The Nasrani story: documenting family histories

How affluent Syrian Christians from Kerala blend desirable facts and myths to recreate family histories that advantage their positions within the social matrix of their society

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Donald, Nidhin, 'Every Family Its Own Historian?: The Case of Syrian Christian Family Histories', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 57, Issue No. 28, July 09, 2022

Very few academic documents, other than ethnoreligious texts and hagiographies, have captured the lives of Syrian Christians or "Nasranis" – a privileged minority in Kerala. While *The Christians of Kerala* written by Susan Visvanathan explores the cultures and practices of Syrian Christians (Yakobas), *Privileged Minorities* by Sonja Thomas studies the privileges enjoyed by the community through oral histories and ethnographies capturing the history and socio-economic conditions of the community, their interactions and assimilations with other social groups in Kerala. Nidhin Donald's article, 'Every Family Its Own Historian?: The case of Syrian Christian family histories', draws attention to a different aspect of the community; the family histories documented by affluent families of the Syrian Christian community used to maintain a hierarchically prominent position in society.

Documentation of family histories

The study focuses on various aspects of the documentation of family histories, including the reconstruction of popular beliefs and myths, family histories backed by church genealogies claiming Brahminic and apostolic origins to establish the purity of race "vamshashuddhi" and blood "rakthashuddhi", biographies of prominent family members used as proof of their family's grandeur, descriptions of relationships with other social groups, family directories and the folklores about the community's rich past among others.

The everyday history becomes the recollection of the "memory of things said and done," used to make sense of the present and anticipate the future. The paper looks at the historical knowledge constructed and produced as family histories or "kudumba charitram" by the upper-caste Syrian Christian families to understand how they mobilise, conceive their histories and use them to position themselves in their society based on caste and religion.

In the recent present, many affluent Christian families have taken the initiative of creating family histories.

The author explains how the digitalisation of church records, census returns, and land papers has contributed to this surge. Historically, though

the rich have always maintained their genealogies or "vamshavali" using oral and written methods, the spike in the consumer historiography among affluent "Nasranis" is an example of propertied upper castes who benefitted from neoliberal capitalism attempting to maintain their elite status.

The author attributes modern family associations or "kudumbayogams" – a corporate body of households who share a common male ancestor to the transition or evolution of oral accounts and folklores to the printed texts of family history books, an attempt to maintain their blood genealogies.

It is explained how transnational migration, post-liberalisation, and economic opportunities have given families new functions, with family history committees formed to collect financial and archival information. These family histories talk about social changes in society from the vantage point of individual families. Oral histories or "vaamozhi" is mostly used as an authentic method of data collection. Thus, family histories are shaped by the convictions of the past and are assigned academic value by family historians who place it under social history, a sub-discipline of history that emerged after World War II.

Maintaining social position

Due to the number of activities involved in the process of writing family histories including travelling to different parts of the country or interacting with church networks and establishments, the publication of such histories is only affordable to those with the social and economic capital associated with certain class and caste settings. Families that document their histories also endorse it to a readership beyond their families – to local researchers, scholars, and media in an attempt to authenticate the document. Church, politicians, and caste organisations are involved in these acts of publicity as it is a mutually beneficial process.

Powerful families and communities relate to each other within modern hierarchies as co-decision-makers, sharing the same timeline of living through moments of historical significance. Promoting documents with tales of how "Nasrani" families worked along with other affluent castes in the States validates the relevance of both communities as co-operating ruling elites in the society. Thus, the cultural and economic capital became a prerequisite in permanently marking these families' role in accounts of the church and the community, making them a 'great family'.

Through the accounts from various family history texts, the author also explains how the documentation of the prominent role of their family ancestors in the moments of historical significance conveniently twists the events and their consequences.

For instance, the humiliating experience of the Dalits and the question of labour and human dignity may overweigh the sympathy and intelligence of the "Nasrani" lawyer who fought a court case against Dalits in exchange for free labour which helped the community's water crisis.

Syrian Christians and caste

Syrian Christian family histories have independent facts and pre-existing knowledge within the community, blended with historical accounts to create a cocktail of the family account. The Brahmin origin of the Syrian Christian family, a claim traced back to the arrival of St. Thomas (apostle) to Kerala, is an example of how the community justifies their dominant status and purity of blood, with the help of a story with minimal empirical evidence.

In the Syrian Christian imagination, family is a class, caste, and religious institution. Family histories tend to narrate stories that assign meaning to their caste, yet claim a difference from the others. For instance, the master-servant relationships where absolute control over the slave was a 'right' and the benevolence of the "Nasrani" master is a theme seen across their family histories.

Further, three divisions mark the difference of the community from the others – the hierarchical separation from the lower castes, the competitive affinity with the "different in religion but akin in social standing" upper-caste Hindus and the almost filial affinity with Brahmins.

Thus, family history and its perspective about its position in society have pedagogic value as it is used as an instrument of social reproduction, which does not negate the official historical documents but finds a place of honour within them.

The paper outlines the amateur historian's attempt to construct ideal family types, placing the family ancestor in a position of entitlement within the complex caste-class structures of society. This need to have a glorious past filled with family grandeur points to the present upper-middle-class families' aspirations. Further, it shows the need for a superior caste and racial position within the milieu of social hierarchy among the affluent Syrian Christian families.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

"Good morning, sir."
"Good morning. Have you finished reading the book I gave you last week?"
"No sir. I am not a fast reader. I am not like you. Your fastness in reading is remarkable, sir. Nobody can gainsay it."
"I am a fast reader. But don't say 'fastness'. 'Fastness' is not used in the sense of 'quickness' or 'speed'. Don't ask why. It just is not used in that sense now. 'Fastness' is used only in the sense of 'secure place' or 'stronghold'. Please keep this in mind. Also the word 'gainsay' is a literary word. It is not used in conversation. Even in literature, it is not very common. It is not enough to know a word. You must also know the contexts in which it can be used."

"He runs fast, he runs fastly – which is correct, sir?"

"The word 'fastly' doesn't exist in modern English. Only 'fast' is used."

He runs fast.

He speaks fast.

He reads fast.

'Fast' is an interesting word. It has several meanings. 'He is fast asleep' means 'he is sound asleep'.

I don't know whether it is fast colour. 'Fast' here means 'unfading, not affected by washing'.

They are fast friends.

Here 'fast' means 'staunch, devoted'.

'He is leading a fast life' means 'he is leading a loose life'.

'Fast' here means 'immoral, dissipated'.

'To play fast and loose' means 'to ignore obligations, be unreliable'.

She is mad at him as he played fast and loose with her affections.

You can't play fast and loose with the law.

There are several other meanings. We need not go into them now."

"What's the meaning of 'dastardly', sir?"

"The word is from 'daze'. It originally meant a dullard, a stupid fellow."

'Dastardly' now means 'cowardly and brutal'.

A dastard is one who does malicious acts in a cowardly manner.

The assassination was a dastardly act.

He is the greatest dastard and meanest wretch in the world.

He is a laggard in love and a dastard in war.

Don't say 'It was a dastardly and cowardly act'. The sense of cowardice is there in the word."

"What is the meaning of 'laggard', sir?"

"'Lag' means 'to go too slow'."

I could not keep pace with the others. I lagged behind.

A laggard is one that is very slow. I hope I have made myself dear.

Well, it is getting late for you. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on Presidents of India

1 Which Article of the Indian Constitution says that there shall be a President of India?

2 How many Presidents of India have been re-elected?

3 Who was the first Vice President to be elevated as President in the subsequent elections?

4 Who administers the oath of office for the President of India?

5 Who is the only President of India who won 'unopposed'?

6 Who designed the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President's Official Residence and the Office?



◀ Identify this former President of India and what unique record does he have?

Please send in your answers to the dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's quiz: 1. On Mandela Day, why are South African citizens encouraged to spend 67 minutes in service to others? **Ans: To appreciate the number of years he spent fighting for justice, equality, and human rights**

2. What does Mandela's birth name, Rolihlahla, mean in his Xhosa tribe language? **Ans: Troublemaker or pulling the branch of a tree**

3. What is the biggest contribution of Miss Mdingane to his persona? **Ans: She gave him the name Nelson**

4. Mandela gave a speech on April 20, 1964 during the Rivonia Trial. What has the speech been dubbed as? **Ans: 'I Am Prepared to Die'**

5. Mandela had a single acting credit to his name in a 1992 film. Name the movie and its director. **Ans: 'Malcolm X' by Spike Lee**

6. With whom did Mandela share the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize? **Ans: South African President Frederik Willem de Klerk**

7. Name his autobiography, ghostwritten by Richard Stengel. **Ans: 'Long Walk To Freedom'**

8. Name the poem by William Ernest Henley which he read out to fellow prisoners. **Ans: 'Invictus'**

Visual: What is the significance of the number 46664. **Ans: It was his prison number at Robben Island. 46664 stood for Prisoner No. 466 in 1964**

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FROM PAGE ONE

Murmu bags a few Opposition votes

The EC said two COVID-positive electors cast their votes at the Tamil Nadu Assembly and one COVID-positive MP cast his ballot at Thiruvananthapuram. The EC said arrangements had been made to bring back the 30 ballot boxes from the States and the Union Territories by Tuesday, as counting was scheduled to start at 11 a.m. on Thursday.

BJP MPs Sunny Deol and Sanjay Dhotre, BSP leader Atul Singh, Shiv Sena leaders Gajanan Kirtikar and Hemant Godse and AIMIM leader Imtiaz Jaleel are among the MPs who could not vote due to various reasons. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, senior Opposition leaders such as Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge voted in Parliament.

Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and R.K. Singh voted wearing PPE suits. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and SP leader Mulayam Singh, who were not keeping well, came in wheelchairs to vote.

Lone NCP MLA in Gujarat Kandhal Jadeja voted in fa-

vour of the NDA candidate Ms. Murmu. After casting his ballot, Mr. Jadeja, a powerful legislator from the Saurashtra region, told media persons that he had voted for the BJP candidate as per his "conscience."

An Odisha Congress MLA also broke rank and voted for Ms. Murmu. Barabati-Cuttack Constituency MLA Mohammed Moquim voted for Ms. Murmu saying he respected the sentiment of 4.5 crore Odias as the daughter of the soil was going to occupy the highest constitutional position of the country.

"Before Ms. Murmu being an NDA candidate, she is Odia first. We have been elected by Odias. Every person from Odisha wanted to see her at the top constitutional post. I just respected that sentiment," Mr. Moquim said. NCP MLA in Jharkhand Kamlesh Singh too pledged support to Ms. Murmu. Haryana Congress MLA Kuldeep Bishnoi, who was expelled from the party after having cross-voted in last month's Rajya Sabha polls, said he had voted according to his conscience in the Presidential poll too.

SC asks U.P. not to act against Zubair for now

Mr. Mehta objected, saying an order of the apex court should not be seen to stay the hand of another court from passing a judicial order.

The turn of events began in the morning when advocate Vrinda Grover made an urgent mention before Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana for early hearing, possibly on Monday itself, of Mr. Zubair's petition seeking interim bail in the five cases in Uttar Pradesh.

The CJ had agreed to list the case before Justice Chandrachud and asked Ms. Grover to mention it there.

Ms. Grover appeared before Justice Chandrachud shortly thereafter and pressed for an urgent hearing, saying Mr. Zubair's life was in danger and he should be protected by the apex court. Mr. Mehta, who was appearing in another case, was also present at the time in the courtroom.

Kerala reports second case of monkeypox

The officers were also advised to coordinate with other stakeholder agencies like Immigration to streamline health screening processes, besides ensuring suitable linkages with hospital facilities earmarked to each port of entry for timely referral and isolation. Officials from the International Health Division of the Health Ministry and the Disaster Management Cell also attended the meeting. Kerala has tightened disease surveillance at all four of its international airports and help desks have been opened at these airports where trained healthcare workers have been deployed.

Meanwhile, the State Health department has decided to provide facilities for testing for monkeypox in its own laboratories.

There are 28 government

laboratories that have the facilities for conducting RT-PCR tests. In the first phase, the test kits for monkeypox would be made available from the NIV, Pune, at the National Institute of Virology lab at Alappuzha.

The Central team which had been in Kerala following the reporting of the first confirmed case of monkeypox, met Ms. George on Monday to apprise her of the preventive and control measures that the State needed to adopt.

Those coming into the State from other nations where monkeypox has been reported should get in touch with the Health department's DISHA helpline (104, 1056, 0471 2552056), if they develop any symptoms.

(With inputs from New Delhi)

Shinde appoints new Sena national executive

Ever since Mr. Shinde's intra-party revolt last month, there have been persistent reports of several of the Sena MPs being in touch with the Shinde camp in order to form a breakaway group in the Lower House of Parliament.

On Monday, Mr. Thackeray's dwindling band of supporters lost another key member in the form of former Minister Ramdas Kadam. In his resignation

letter, Mr. Kadam complained to Mr. Thackeray that he had been consistently "insulted" when the former was the CM. Following Mr. Kadam's letter, Mr. Thackeray promptly sacked him, along with another senior leader Anand Rao Adul, for "anti-party activities".

Both leaders were 're-instated' into CM Shinde's new national executive committee.

Stalemate in India-China talk continues

China refuses to discuss Demchok and Depsang as India pushes for a comprehensive disengagement

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

The stalemate in the talks between India and China to end the stand-off in eastern Ladakh continues with no breakthrough in the 16th round of Corps Commander talks held on Sunday. In the interim, the two sides agreed to maintain the "security and stability" on the ground in the Western Sector along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), a joint statement issued late on Monday said.

Talks for 12 hours

"The two sides agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest," the statement said.

The talks held at the Chushul-Moldo border meet-



Talks under way: India and China have agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue. •PTI

ing point on the Indian side lasted for over 12 hours.

Building on the progress made at the last meeting on March 11, 2022, the two sides continued discussions for the resolution of the relevant issues along the LAC in the Western Sector in a "constructive and forward looking manner".

Frank exchange of views Stating that they had a frank

and in-depth exchange of views in this regard, in keeping with the guidance provided by the State leaders to work for the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest, the statement added: "The two sides reaffirmed that the resolution of remaining issues would help in restoration of peace and tranquillity along the LAC in the Western Sector and enable progress in bilateral

relations."

While an agreement for disengagement from Patrolling Point-15 was close by in the last few rounds of talks, China's refusal to discuss other friction areas, Demchok and Depsang, maintaining that they are not part of the current stand-off, has stalled any progress.

India has been insisting on comprehensive disengagement and de-escalation to end the ongoing standoff in eastern Ladakh.

15 rounds of talks

Since the stand-off began in May 2020, the two sides have so far held 15 rounds of senior military commander talks with disengagement undertaken from both sides of Pangong Tso in February 2021, and from PP 17 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area in August, in addition to Gal-

wan in 2020 after the violent clash. The 15th round of Corps Commander talks took place on March 11, 2022.

Shortly after the 15th round of talks in March, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi had visited India.

Foreign Ministers' meet

Also, India's Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar met last week on the sidelines of the G-20 foreign ministers meeting in Bali in Indonesia where they discussed the situation along LAC.

Over 50,000 troops and heavy equipment continue to be deployed on both sides, close to the LAC. In the last two years, China has also undertaken massive construction of infrastructure, habitat and support structures to maintain the troops close to the LAC, altering the ground status.

SC to hear on July 21 plea to worship Shivling

Hindu side lawyer Vishnu Jain urged CJI to list the matter

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana on Monday agreed to list on July 21 a petition seeking darshan and puja of the Shivling reportedly found on the Gyanvapi mosque premises during a survey.

In an oral mentioning, advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain urged the CJI to list the plea along with another petition filed by the caretakers of the Gyanvapi mosque, Anjuman Intejamia Masjid, which has challenged a lower court order to conduct a survey of the premises.

"This is a petition to allow darshan and puja of the Shivling which has been found in the complex and also to direct the Archaeological Survey of India to do carbon dating. The petition filed by masjid committee challenging the commission survey is coming up on July 21. Please list this petition



The Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi.

along with that," Mr. Jain submitted.

The case is pending before a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud. On May 20, the Justice Chandrachud Bench had said its interim order on May 17 to protect the area where the Shivling was reportedly found would continue while Muslims would be able to offer namaz in the mosque.

The court had ordered the District Magistrate to

make appropriate arrangements, if not already made, for Muslims to offer wazu khana before namaz at the mosque.

The Supreme Court had also transferred the Gyanvapi Masjid suit proceedings from a civil judge to the District Judge of Varanasi, saying the social complexities of the dispute required a "more senior and experienced judicial officer".

The Justice Chandrachud Bench had further, on May 20, directed the District Judge to hear on priority a challenge moved by the mosque's caretakers against a suit filed last year by five Hindu women who want untrammelled rights to worship Maa Shringar Gauri, Lord Ganesh, Lord Hanuman and other "visible and invisible deities" within the mosque premises.

The Anjuman has argued that the suit has been barred in law.

CBI questions journalist in NSE scam case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has recorded the statement of senior journalist Sucheta Dalal in connection with the National Stock Exchange (NSE) co-location scam.

Ms. Dalal has issued a statement through her Twitter handle confirming that she was called to Delhi on July 16 as she had revealed the co-location scam in June 2015. The NSE had earlier filed a ₹100-crore defamation case against her and Moneylife, which it withdrew after paying ₹50 lakh as ordered by the court, she said. The senior journalist said just ahead of the Delhi meeting, she was told that the agency wanted to record her statement pertaining to "Ken Fong", the name used by a whistle-blower whose email to the SEBI, copied to her, was first reported by her.

Ms. Dalal was asked if she knew who Ken Fong was, to which she responded in the negative. She was asked whether she knew former Mumbai Police chief Sanjay Pandey, whose previous firm iSec Services was under the scanner. She told the agency that although she knew him since about 1994-95, as most of the Mumbai-based journalists did, she had nothing to do with him and his business deals, specifically those with the NSE under its former managing directors Ravi Narain and Chitra Ramkrishna.

Minority status in India is State-dependent, says SC

Minorities can claim protection under Articles 29 and 30

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Every person in India can be a minority in one State or the other. Minority status of religious and linguistic communities is "State-dependent", the Supreme Court said on Monday.

"Every person in this country can be a minority. I can be a minority outside my State, Maharashtra. Similarly, a Kannada-speaking person may be in minority in States other than Karnataka... Every person in this country can answer this description," Justice U.U. Lalit said. The court was hearing a petition filed by a Mathura resident, Devkinandan Thakur, complaining that followers of Judaism, Bahaism and Hinduism, who are the real minorities in Ladakh, Mizoram, Lakshadweep, Kash-



mir, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Punjab and Manipur, cannot establish and administer educational institutions of their choice because of non-identification of 'minority' at the State level.

But the court indicated that a religious or linguistic community which is a minority in a particular State, can inherently claim protection and the right to administer and run its own educational institutions under Articles 29 and 30 of the

Constitution. The court asked whether a specific notification was required.

This question from the Bench came in response to submissions made by senior advocate Arvind Datar, for Mr. Thakur, that Hindus residing in certain States were unable to exercise their rights under Articles 29 and 30 in the absence of a specific notification declaring them a minority.

The petition has argued that the recognition of Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis nationally by the Centre as 'minorities' ignored the fact that religious communities such as Hindus were "socially, economically, politically non-dominant and numerically inferior" in several States.

The court listed the case for hearing after two weeks.

Court to hear suit on July 21 in Mathura case

Hindu plaintiff seeks mosque's survey

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

In the ongoing Shahi Idgah Mosque-Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi dispute, a civil court in Mathura on Monday continued hearing submissions from both sides on whether it should first hear the plea for a court-appointed commission's survey of the mosque or the application challenging the maintainability of the suit itself.

The court was hearing a suit filed by advocate Mahendra Pratap Singh, seeking that the property on which the Shahi Idgah Mosque is built be transferred to Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple authorities. In this suit, Mr. Singh had filed an application seeking that a court commission be ordered to survey the mosque premises to investigate signs of Hindu temples having predated the mosque.

However, the masjid management committee has filed an application under Order VII Rule II of the Code of Civil Procedure, challenging the maintainability of Mr. Singh's suit.

Mr. Singh said, "A district court in Mathura has already heard these submissions in an identical suit and decided that the plea for a court-commissioned survey should be disposed of as soon as possible. So, we have argued that our application should be heard first."

The court is now set to take up the matter for the next hearing on July 21.

The matter pertaining to one of these suits also came up for hearing before the Allahabad High Court, which on Monday asked the civil court concerned in Mathura to expeditiously hear the matter.

IN BRIEF



Nupur moves SC over Prophet remark

NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Tuesday the fresh plea of Nupur Sharma seeking revival of her withdrawn petition seeking clubbing of FIRs lodged in several States over her remarks on Prophet. She has also sought expunction of adverse remarks made by Justices Surya Kant and J. B. Pardiwala on July 1. PTI

Centre introduces Bill on Family Courts Act in LS

NEW DELHI
Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju introduced the Family Courts (Amendment) Bill in order to give statutory cover to the Family Courts operating in Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland on Monday. It will retrospectively grant statutory status to the courts operating in these two States. Two courts were established in Nagaland in 2008 and three in Himachal Pradesh through notifications issued by the State governments.

CBI books ex-IOA chief over graft charges

NEW DELHI
The CBI has booked former Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Narinder Dhruv Batra and three senior officials of Hockey India for alleged irregularities in the renovation and furnishing works at his office in 2018. Among the accused are former Hockey India executive director R.K. Srivastava, its former president Rajinder Singh and ex-secretary general Mohammed Mushtaque Ahmad.

Two soldiers killed in Jammu in grenade blast

SRINAGAR
Two soldiers — a Captain and a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) — were killed in a grenade blast in Poonch district. An Army spokesman said the accidental grenade blast took place July 17, in the Mendhar Sector, when troops were performing their duties along the Line of Control. "The blast resulted in injuries to soldiers, who were evacuated by helicopter to Udhampur," the Army said.

DGCA asks airlines to depute engineers at airports

Order follows a string of incidents involving aircraft

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered airlines to ensure qualified engineers are present at all airports to clear flights before departure. The order comes after the regulator was discovered that technical glitches were being incorrectly identified and



Aircraft parked at the Indira Gandhi International Airport. •AFP

reported and airlines were relying heavily on junior engineers.

A meeting was held by Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on aviation safe-

ty issues following incidents on IndiGo, Air India Express, Vistara and SpiceJet. The DGCA had already served a show-cause notice earlier this month on SpiceJet. The

Minister has sought stepping up safety supervision at airlines.

Smaller stations

"All aircraft base and transit stations shall be released by certifying staff holding AME [Aircraft Maintenance Engineer] Category B1/ B2 licence with appropriate authorisation by their organisation," the DGCA order says. It adds that airlines may either position AMEs at base and transit stations or fly them to smaller stations as staff-on-duty.

The aviation safety regulator's latest instruction follows spot checks it conducted, where it discovered "improper identification of cause of a reported defect and non-availability of required certifying staff to cater to multiple-scheduled arrivals/ departures".

The DGCA said that it has also noticed that airlines were frequently seeking relief from the mandatory requirement that all equipment on aircraft be operative.

NTR was a trendsetter in implementing pro-people reforms

He passionately espoused the cause of strengthening the federal character of the Constitution, and was ahead of his time in outlining his vision of welfarism



M. VENKAIHAH NAIDU

As the centenary celebrations of Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, the legendary actor-turned-politician popularly known as NTR, are being held across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, it is time to recollect his invaluable contribution to the fields of cinema and politics, in which he strode like a colossus.

NTR was one of the most iconic film stars Indian cinema has seen. A larger-than-life figure beyond cinema, he is widely seen as a rebellious non-conformist and a pioneer of "alternative politics", who rewrote the grammar of India's politics. It is often said that NTR scripted a new political idiom when he first burst on the political scene like a blazing meteorite. He single-handedly dethroned a well-entrenched ruling party in Andhra Pradesh, tasting extraordinary success within about nine months of floating a regional party and com-

ing up with a sound political alternative.

NTR was an ardent nationalist who was immensely proud of his Telugu identity. Shorn of parochialism, NTR's regionalism exemplified the idea of unity in diversity. He passionately espoused the cause of strengthening the federal character of the Constitution, spelt out his own well-articulated doctrine on Centre-State relations, and was ahead of his time in outlining his vision of welfarism.

Displaying a missionary zeal to empower the underprivileged in various fields, the NTR administration had as its hallmark a predilection for pro-poor schemes.

Once he turned to public life, he was tireless in his efforts to take his fledgling party, Telugu Desam, forward and succeeded in building it into a powerful political force. Perched atop his refurbished Chaitanya Katham, he relentlessly campaigned with an inimitable oratory in chaste Telugu. The devotion with which he powered his party to unprecedented success, is the stuff of political lore. Of course, well before he made his foray into politics, NTR was a household name in

Andhra Pradesh and other southern States as an actor.

When he essayed roles from the Puranas – as diverse as those of Lord Rama, Lord Krishna, Arjuna, Karna, Duryodhana or Ravana, for example – NTR did so with remarkable ease, depth and grace, something that no other actor could match. He was revered by the common populace as an incarnation of divinity, and a number of Telugu households would have a calendar with the picture of NTR either as Rama or Krishna. When he decided to take the plunge into politics, the overwhelming affection and admiration Telugu masses had showered on him for decades gave NTR an advantage that few public figures enjoyed.

A staunch nationalist
Charismatic and colourful, NTR was seen as a popular figure with orthodox beliefs. The truth remains that though, in popular perception, he appeared to be religious at first glance, he was a staunch nationalist. There was no contradiction in the fact that he was a fervent nationalist and a leader who stood for regional aspirations. He articulated the



Political colossus: N.T. Rama Rao during an election campaign in Andhra Pradesh. • FILE PHOTO

cause of *Telugu Atmagouravam* (Telugu self-respect) intermingling it with nationalist pride, with exceptional emotional commitment using his eloquence to drive home the message forcefully to the masses.

While promising to root out corruption, NTR would often rely on pan-Indian symbolism with terms such as Rama Rajya. When it came to governance and framing people-friendly, socio-economic welfare schemes, NTR was earnest in his approach.

As someone who shared a special bond with him, based on mutual trust and respect, I could see that he was, at the core, well-intentioned and

good at heart. His dramatic entry into politics was not driven by self-serving ambition. From my multiple interactions with him, I could gauge that NTR was sincere and ardent in his yearning to serve the underprivileged and stamp out corruption. The many pro-poor welfare schemes launched during his time bear ample testimony to his intentions. The masses responded to NTR's outreach programmes with enthusiasm, seeing in him a messiah cut from a different political cloth. Perceived popularly as a leader with a difference, to the people at large, he seemed to offer a credible alternative.

NTR's political journey was not without its ups and downs. Unfamiliar with the twists and turns of politics and shocked by the cynical pursuit of power by some of his close aides, he suffered serious setbacks in his political career. These setbacks did not dent his image in any way and, on the contrary, added to his stature as a leader of unimpeachable integrity. His sincerity and straightforwardness, at times, proved

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to be his failings in dealing with the machinations of public life, unaccustomed as he was to adjustment, accommodation and compromise, which are an integral part of politics.

After the historic win following the electoral tsunami led by him, NTR seemed to be a man in a hurry when it came to rolling out his model of governance. Be it the revolutionary welfarist initiative to provide rice to the poor at ₹2 a kg, the decentralisation of the administration through the mandal system, the abolition of the Upper House or the Legislative Council, implementation of the Upa-Lok Pal Act to strike

at corruption, empowerment of women by giving them property rights, setting up a women's university, introducing reservation for the Backward Classes in Zilla Parishads, banning donations for seats in educational institutions, especially professional colleges, supplying drinking water to Chennai through Telugu Ganga, or making Telugu the official language of correspondence at all levels of the administration, every single measure bore the stamp of NTR's pro-people's approach.

'Save Democracy'

As an Opposition stalwart, NTR finds a place among political giants from South India such as N.G. Ranga, E.M.S. Namboodiripad, Annadurai, M.G. Ramachandran, Karunanidhi and Jayalalithaa. History will record his stellar role in forging Opposition unity at the national level. Soon after he took over the reins as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in 1983, NTR turned his eye to bringing together all Opposition parties and build a viable political alternative to the ruling party of the day and invited a galaxy of Opposition leaders to attend the party's Mahanadu

in Vijayawada in 1983. The next year, 17 Opposition parties in the undivided State of Andhra Pradesh came together under the Save Democracy movement after the indefensible dismissal of the NTR government. As young MLAs from the Opposition, my good friend, the late S. Jaipal Reddy, who was then in the Janata Party, and I were at the forefront of the campaign to restore the democratically elected government.

At the core of NTR's personality was his "Indianness" – his admiration for Indian culture, heritage, values and philosophy – that defined his approach to practically everything. NTR and I shared a common love for the Telugu language and literature and were bound by a profound interest in our scriptures and rich cultural traditions. NTR's legacy extends beyond our political canvas – he will be remembered for his uprightness and straightforwardness, dedication and discipline, his exemplary nationalism, commitment to the cause he stood for and his robust self-belief.

(M. Venkaiah Naidu is the Vice-President of India)

IN BRIEF



Akali Dal MLA boycotts Presidential poll

SHIROMANI Akali Dal MLA Manpreet Singh Ayali on Monday boycotted the Presidential poll, saying issues related to Punjab remain unresolved and he was not consulted by his party leadership before it decided to back the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate Droupadi Murmu. The Dakha MLA said he spoke to voters and workers in his constituency, and took the decision considering the "sentiments of the Panth (Sikh community)". • PTI

Odisha Congress MLA votes for NDA candidate

BHUBANESWAR An Odisha Congress MLA broke ranks and voted for National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate Droupadi Murmu in the Presidential election held here on Monday. Barabati-Cuttack constituency MLA Mohammed Moqim voted for Ms. Murmu saying, he respected the sentiment of 4.5 crore Odias as the daughter of the soil was going to occupy the highest Constitutional position of the country. "There is no harm in voting for a tribal woman candidate who belongs to Odisha. Moreover, my party has not issued any whip regarding voting in Presidential election. I am ready to reply to any explanation sought from me," the MLA said.

On poll eve, BJP MLAs were in a Kolkata hotel

It was an attempt to keep the flock together, says Trinamool

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

The West Bengal unit of the BJP put up all its MLAs in a five-star hotel and arranged luxury buses to drive them to the Assembly for voting in the Presidential election on Monday.

Nearly 70 MLAs spent the night in the hotel in the New Town area of the city.

On Monday morning, the MLAs arrived in the Assembly on two luxury buses and queued up to cast their votes.

The MLAs wore yellow scarves with tribal motifs around their necks as they exercised their franchise for the election to the highest office in the country.

While the BJP legislators said that there was nothing wrong in all of them going together to cast their vote, the Trinamool Congress leadership took a dig at the party, and said it was an attempt by the BJP to keep its flock together.

Trinamool general secretary Abhishek Banerjee said in a Tweet: "Karma has no Menu. You get served what you deserve. Folks @BJP4India will always have to bow to the power of people. Hilarious to see instead of holding MLAs of other political parties captive, BJP's 'resort politics' have backfired on them! Truly, Bengal shows the way."

Of the 294 MLAs of the



Grand arrangements: BJP MLAs standing in a queue to cast their vote in the West Bengal Assembly on Monday. • PTI

West Bengal Assembly, 291 cast their vote.

Chief Minister Mamata Bannerjee and Mr. Abhishek were among the ones who exercised their franchise. The Trinamool had asked its MPs to vote in the Assembly. An exception was made for Shatrughan Sinha, who was administered the oath in Parliament on Monday.

War of words

Even as the voting continued, there was a war of words between the Trinamool and the BJP.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Suvendu Adhikari said there will be cross-voting and all 221 Trinamool MLAs will not vote for the Opposition candidate, Yashwant Sinha. The Trinamool leaders, however, excluded confidence that there will be no defections.

After the defeat in the 2021 Assembly election, there were several defec-

tions from the BJP camp, and half-a-dozen MLAs and two MPs of the BJP switched allegiance to the Trinamool.

"There is no Eknath [Shinde] here," Trinamool MLA Madan Mitra said, referring to Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who recently led a rebellion in that State. "In Bengal, we have only one *lokmath* (people's leader) and we are all with her [Ms. Banerjee]," Mr. Mitra said.

There were also allegations of violations of the code of conduct by both the Trinamool and the BJP.

Sudip Mukherjee, BJP MLA from Purulia, wore a piece of cloth with motifs of a community while voting, said West Bengal Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya.

Mr. Mukherjee in turn alleged that Mr. Abhishek came to the House in a huge convoy of cars and supporters and violated the code of conduct.

Row in SP over support to Sinha

Shivpal flags past comments against Mulayam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav's support for Presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha has met with more opposition, this time from within the Yadav family itself.

Senior leader Shivpal Yadav on Monday claimed that staunch supporters of the party would not have voted for the Opposition candidate, referring to the "ISI agent" jibe made by Mr. Sinha at party patriarch Mulayam Singh when he was a



Shivpal Singh Yadav

Minister in the NDA government.

"How could a staunch SP worker vote for somebody who once called Netaji an ISI agent," Mr. Yadav said, citing an old newspaper report that had Mr. Sinha calling Mr. Mulayam Singh an agent

of the Pakistani spy agency ISI.

Revealing that neither his advice nor that of his brother Mr. Mulayam Singh was sought while deciding on rendering support for Mr. Sinha, Mr. Yadav opined that the party whip should not apply for the election of the highest constitutional post in the country.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya tweeted the newspaper clipping carrying the "ISI agent" remark made by Mr. Sinha and questioned the *sanskar* (culture) of the SP. Later, he also tweeted the letter written by Mr. Yadav to Mr. Akhilesh in this regard.

Speaking to presspersons

about the "ISI agent" jibe, Mr. Akhilesh Yadav said that the BJP too had been using such language against his father.

"This is the character of the BJP to attack those who fight for socialist and secular ideals. Netaji worked to protect the Constitution of India," he said, adding that Mr. Sinha was also fighting a similar battle.

Party spokesperson Abdul Hafiz Gandhi, on his part, pointed out that Mr. Sinha had made that comment when he had been with the BJP. "Since then, he has come a long way and has made his disillusionment with the BJP's divisive politics amply clear," he added.

Dhankhar files papers for V-P polls

Will always strive to enhance democratic values of the country, he says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Vice-Presidential candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar said on Monday that he would "always strive to enhance democratic values of the country". He filed nomination papers for the election, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and leaders of various parties supporting his bid.

Thanks Modi

"Never even in my dreams did I think a person with a humble background like me would get this opportunity. I



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Jagdeep Dhankhar and Rajnath Singh during filing of nomination papers. • PTI

am grateful to Prime Minister Modi and the leadership for giving a humble man from a *kisan* (farmer) family, like me, such a historic opportunity," he added.

Union Ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh; BJP president J. P. Nadda; Janata Dal(U) chief Lalan Singh; Un-

ion Ministers Anupriya Patel, Pashupati Nath Paras and Ramdas Athawale; and the Biju Janata Dal's Pinaki Misra were present when the former West Bengal Governor filed his papers for the election in which his win is all but certain.

Sources confirm that while four sets of nomination papers were made ready, only one set was filed, with Mr. Modi as the first proposer for Mr. Dhankhar.

The Opposition has named Margaret Alva as its candidate for the Vice-Presidential election scheduled for August 6.

Approach Monsoon Session with 'open mind', says Modi

'Be mindful of responsibilities to uphold dignity of House'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday that he considered Parliament a space for discussions with an open mind and urged all MPs to approach issues with the same attitude, and in many cases, debate them to make the Monsoon Session a fruitful and productive one.

Addressing the media ahead of the start of the session, Mr. Modi termed the current session "crucial" as it would see the election of a new President and Vice-President of India, that too in the year that the country celebrated 75 years of Independence.

"We always consider the

Parliament functions and takes best decisions with everyone's efforts

NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

House to be an efficient medium of communication, where there is an open hearted dialogue, debate, criticism that is well analysed so that positive contribution can be made to policy decisions," he said.

He said that all MPs should be mindful of their responsibilities to uphold the dignity of the House. "Parliament functions and takes best decisions with

everyone's 'prayaas' [efforts]," the Prime Minister said.

He also asked Opposition party MPs to analyse closely issues and debates around them to come up with constructive contribution to policy-making.

He said the current year was crucial, as it would set the tone for the next 25 years leading up to the centenary year of Independence, a milestone that should be marked with progress.

The Prime Minister invoked the freedom fighters who gave up their lives, and also those who spent their lives in prison, appealing to the MPs to keep their dreams in mind.

Parliament adjourned on first day amid protests

The Opposition wanted discussion on inflation, Agnipath and GST on new items during the session

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Both the Houses of Parliament witnessed adjournment on first day of the Monsoon Session as Opposition protested price rise, the Agnipath scheme and the imposition of Goods and Services Tax on items such as packaged milk and rice.

The Rajya Sabha was adjourned within an hour after it assembled at 11 a.m. Monday. The disruption in the Rajya Sabha came a day after Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu sought the cooperation of the floor leaders for a productive session as his farewell gift.

Mr. Naidu who is presiding over the last session of his tenure that will come to an end on August 10, said that 57% proceedings were



Opposition members staging a protest in the well of the Lok Sabha during Monsoon Session of Parliament on Monday. • PTI

either fully or partly disrupted during this period.

He urged the members to rise to address the demands of the next 25 years of 'Amrit Kaal' by the end of which the country's population is set to increase by another 20 crores.

answer their concerns against growing autocracy.

As many as 28 new members were also sworn in to the Upper House.

Lok Sabha session

Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day after it witnessed a disruption because of Opposition protests over the issue of price rise and Agnipath scheme. Opposition members trooped to the well of the House as Lok Sabha convened for the afternoon session at 2 p.m.

BJP member Rajendra Agarwal, who was in the chair, allowed laying of parliamentary papers on the table of the House during which Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju introduced a Bill to amend the law pertaining to Family Courts. As Opposi-

tion members started raising slogans, Mr. Agarwal adjourned the proceedings for the day. The day started with obituary references and new members taking oath.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress President Sonia Gandhi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Congress leader of the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury were among those present in the House. Congress MPs are likely to sit on a dharna in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue in Parliament complex on Tuesday against price rise before the day's proceeding begins.

On Monday, Ms. Gandhi held a strategy meeting of the party MPs.

(With inputs from Sandeep Phukan)

Panel on MSP, natural farming set up

Samyukt Kisan Morcha says it will decide soon on the government's offer to be part of the committee

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre has finally constituted a committee headed by former Union Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agrawal here on Monday to look into the issue of minimum support price (MSP) for agricultural produce, as promised to the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) earlier in January. The panel has three unfilled posts for representatives of the SKM, which will be filled as and when the Centre receives the recommendations from the umbrella body of farmers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said while announcing the decision to repeal the three farm laws that a committee would be con-



Workers planting seedlings in a paddy field on the outskirts of Vijayawada on Monday. ■ G.N. RAO

stituted to promote zero budget-based farming, to change crop patterns keeping in mind the changing needs of the country, and to make the MSP more effective and transparent. He had said the committee would consist

of representatives of the Central and State governments, farmers, agricultural scientists and agricultural economists.

Apart from Mr. Agrawal, NITI Aayog Member (Agriculture) Ramesh Chand; agri-

cultural economists C.S.C. Shekhar and Sukhpal Singh; award-winning farmer Bharat Bhushan Tyagi; members from farmer organisations Gunwant Patil, Krishnaveer Choudhary, Pramod Kumar Choudhary, Gumi Prakash and Sayyed Pasha Patel; IFFCO chairman Dilip Sanghani; CNRI general secretary Binod Anand; senior member of the CACP Naveen P. Singh; and agriculture experts P. Chandrashekar, J.P. Sharma and Pradeep Kumar Bisen will be members of the panel.

The Secretaries of the Departments of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Agricultural Research and Education, Food and Public Distribution, Cooperation and

Textiles and the Director-General, ICAR will represent the Centre on the panel. The member-secretary of the panel will be Joint Secretary (Crops).

SKM leader Hannan Molah said it would take a decision on the government's offer to be part of the committee soon. "At the moment, we are holding nationwide protests against the policies of the Centre. We do not know the brief given to this committee," he said.

The "subject matter of constitution" of the committee, according to a gazette notification, include suggestions to make MSP available to farmers by making the systems more effective and transparent.

An influential abstract artist and quiet mentor to many

Achuthan Kudallur's luminous works drew global acclaim

SHONALI MUTHALALY
CHENNAI

Achuthan Kudallur called intermittently and hung up abruptly, forgoing superfluous niceties for disarmingly honest conversations on family, art and life. Not surprisingly, the reclusive artist, who passed away on Monday morning at a hospital in Chennai, is mourned by a large group of friends and family.

He will be remembered for his prodigious talent, of course. Aged 77, Kudallur was a significant force in India's contemporary abstract art movement. A writer-turned-painter, his luminous canvases drew international attention to the Madras Art Movement in the 1970s. He won multiple awards, including the Tamil Nadu Lalit Kala Akademi award in 1982 and the National Academy Award in 1988.

For an artist seen as temperamental and brusque — a persona he never bothered to contest — Kudallur was also sensitive, empathetic and kind, though he attempted to hide it behind a gruff demeanour and dark sense of humour.

'Personal expression'

Artist C. Douglas from Cholamandal Artists' Village says it is these facets of his personality that make his work so impactful. "Like him, his canvases have layers and layers, not one single mass of colour," he says, adding "Though his



Achuthan Kudallur passed away in Chennai on Monday.

work is abstract, there is universality to it, because it is his personal expression."

Engineering student

Born in 1945 in Kudallur village, Kerala, he was deeply influenced by his idyllic childhood home, beside the Bharathapuzha and Kunthipuzha rivers. He moved to Chennai in 1965 to study civil

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engineering, where he joined evening classes at the Madras Art Club in Government College of Fine Arts.

Artist R.B. Bhaskaran, former Chairman of the Lalit Kala Akademi and former Principal of the Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai, knew him as a student and a friend. "I taught at the Madras Art Club and from the time I saw his first abstraction, I told him he has talent," says Mr. Bhaskaran,

adding that the painter's strength was balancing colour with light.

Between work and art classes, Kudallur began to find his style as he moved from figurative to abstract art. Derivative of money — a life-long trait — he gave up his job, and joined an idealistic fraternity of writers, artists and film-makers: he would often talk fondly of drinking tea in Triplicane on midnight strolls and spending the night on the beach.

'Promoted young talent' Film art director Thota Tharani, a friend of the artist, says passion was evident in his work. "He was not just patching up colour, but painted with sincerity," says Mr. Tharani, praising the composition of the colours.

Though his paintings kept increasing in value, Kudallur showed little interest in sales, preferring instead to expend his bursts of energy on his art, in a home chaotic with canvases, palettes and paint. Instead, he left the details to the few people he trusted, like Mayur Shah, at Chennai's Focus Gallery.

Mr. Shah says Kudallur constantly urged him to display the work of younger artists. "He saw great talent being suppressed everywhere, so he was proudest when he promoted relatively unknown names," he says, adding, "He would go to their shows and always buy a painting to encourage them."

Singer-guitarist Bhupinder Singh passes away

His numbers like *Dil Dhoondta Hai* have withstood the test of time

ANUJ KUMAR
NEW DELHI

Eminent singer and guitarist Bhupinder Singh, who gave voice to wounded hearts for years, passed away in Mumbai on Monday evening because of multiple health issues, at the age of 82.

Over the years, Mr. Singh's heavy bass voice captured the weariness of the soul like no other. *Dil Dhoondta Hai* (*Phir Wah Fursat Ke Raat Din* (*Mausam*)) remains a trusted balm for heartache. The contemplative ghazal *Kabhi Kisi Ko Muqammat Ja-*

han Nahin Milta (*Ahista Ahista*) continues to make a statement on the incompleteness of life. Not just a versatile singer, the guitar pieces he played for Ustad Vilayat Khan in *Kadambari* stand out.

Born in Amritsar, Mr. Singh grew up in Delhi's West Patel Nagar and was introduced to music by his father Natha Singh, who was also a musician.

After learning guitar, he started working as a casual artist with All India Radio under the guidance of compos-



Bhupinder Singh

er Satish Bhatia. It was Bhatia who introduced Mr. Singh to composer Madan Mohan. The latter called Mr. Singh to Mumbai and offered *Hoke Majboor Mujhe Usne Bhulaya Hoga* in *Haqeeqat*. Like most of his numbers, the song has withstood the test of time.

Soon the news of his proficiency with the Hawaiian, Spanish and electric guitars also spread and he became part of the famed R.D. Burman team. The *Dum Maro Dum* riff, emerged from Mr. Singh's instrument.

"When Dev (Anand) sahib narrated the situation and said 'imagine smoke and clouds of heroin', I started playing a tune on my electric guitar, and R.D. said, 'this is it,'" Mr. Singh once told this journalist. Mr. Singh followed it up with an equally impactful *Chingari Koi Bhadke* (*Amar Prem*) and *Chura Liya Hai Tumne* (*Yaadon Ki Baarat*) for R.D. again.

Most of his songs live on because they generate the same emotions as they did in the late 1970s. Being a migrant himself, he could identify with the emotional dilemma expressed in *Ek Akela Is Shehar Main* (*Gharaonda*) or the urge to embrace life in *Zindagi Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana* (*Dooriyan*).

Mr. Singh also struck a chord with Bappi Lahiri when he sang the irresistible ghazal, *Kisi Nazar Ko Teri Intezar Aaj Bhi Hai* (*Aetbaar*) for him.

In the 1980s, he once again focussed on private albums and with his wife, Mitali Mukherjee emerged as a force in ghazal singing.

Freedom fighters' kin to flag off trains

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Indian Railways on Monday announced a week-long celebration as part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, which commemorates 75 years of independence, to highlight the importance of 27 trains and 75 railway stations to the freedom struggle.

The celebration, which will take place from July 18 to 23, will see the trains being decorated and stations lit up, as well as the staging of *Nukkad Natak* (street play), light and sound shows, video films and playing of patriotic songs.

Under the programme, the 27 trains will be flagged off by family members of freedom fighters. Historical facts about the trains would be depicted on them for the benefit of citizens, particularly the younger generation, Railway Board Chairman and CEO V.K. Tripathi said on Monday.

Our defence exports have gone up seven times: Modi

PM reiterates Centre's push for domestic manufacturing

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

India's defence imports have decreased by about 21% in the past four or five years and this has happened in a short time, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday while stating that the country is moving fast from being the "biggest defence importer to a big exporter".

"Our defence exports have increased seven times in the last eight years. Very recently, our countrymen were filled with pride when they came to know that last year, we had achieved defence exports worth ₹13,000 crore and of this, 70% was from the private sector," Mr. Modi said at the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar 'Swavlamban'.

Talking of the push for domestic defence manufacturing, Mr. Modi said that in



Narendra Modi

the past eight years, the government had not only increased the defence budget, but also ensured that it was utilised for the development of defence manufacturing within the country. "Today, a major part of the budget is earmarked for the purchase of defence equipment from Indian companies only."

Drone demonstration

Mr. Modi unveiled 'SPRINT Challenges' aimed at the development of 75 indigenous technologies/products by

the industry for induction into the Navy. He also witnessed the demonstration of an electric human-carrying drone, which was described as the country's first such drone. In addition to defence applications, this drone could be used to transport patients to hospitals quickly and also in the farm sector for logistics support, said Nikunj Parashar, founder and CEO of Sagar Defence, which has developed the drone.

The goal of self-reliance of the Indian armed forces was very important for the 21st century, Mr. Modi said.

While noting that 39 ships and submarines were now under construction in India, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral S.N. Ghormade said the Navy was currently hand-holding 40 start-ups that were developing a range of niche technologies.

12 killed as bus falls into Narmada

Vehicle was on its way from Pune to Indore when it fell off bridge in Dhar district

SHUBHOMOY SIKDAR
SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
RAIPUR/PUNE

Twelve people were killed when the bus they were travelling on fell into the Narmada in Dhamnod town of Dhar district in Madhya Pradesh on Monday morning. The dead are 10 passengers, the driver and the conductor of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation bus from Pune to Indore.

The bus was crossing the Khalghat Sanjay Setu on the Agra-Mumbai National Highway No. 3 when it plunged into the river nearly 40 feet below. The town, close to the Dhar-Khargone boundary, is nearly 290 km from Bhopal.

District Collector, Khargone, Kumar Purushottam, who reached the spot, said the driver lost control over the bus, and the vehicle smashed the concrete railing midway on the bridge and first landed at the base of the concrete pillar before it plunged into the river.



Tragic journey: The bus that fell into the Narmada in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh on Monday. ■PTI

"The hard surface compounded the impact of the fall and caused severe injuries to those inside it, even before it plunged into the river," Mr. Purushottam said.

An initial investigation suggested that the vehicle was at a high speed and the driver lost control over it while trying to save a two-wheeler rider, who was coming from the wrong side,

one was from Madhya Pradesh.

President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and the Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra were among those who expressed grief over the incident.

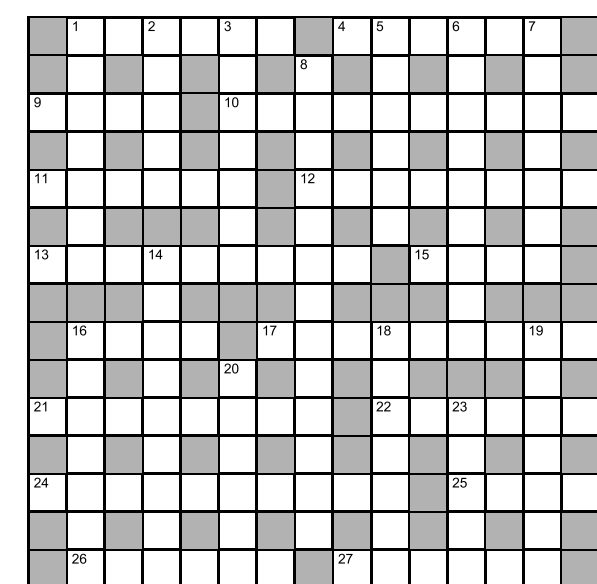
₹16 lakh ex gratia each

Mr. Patel said the family of each of the deceased would get an amount of ₹16 lakh. This comprises ₹4 lakh from the Madhya Pradesh government, ₹10 lakh announced by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and the ₹2 lakh announced by the Centre.

According to sources in Maharashtra, the fitness certificate of the 10-year-old bus was to expire on July 27.

The Jalgaon District Collectorate has set up a control room with phone numbers 09555899091, 0257-2223180 and 0257-2217193.

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- Across**
- 1 Radish, eggs, carrots — ingredients prescribed exclusively for starters, perhaps? (6)
 - 4 Interrogating tough (6)
 - 9 Complain about cheat (4)
 - 10 Barely spotting omen, acting all-powerful (10)
 - 11 "Wear a bra, dear, it's showing" (6)
 - 12 Well-educated people disposing of litter with AI (8)

- 13 Provide support after wagtails finally cried about wing, pointing to the tail (9)
 - 15 Perhaps NATO defence falling short (4)
 - 16 Atrocious acne attack (4)
 - 17 Metallic, hard — not lead — heavy for weighing machine (9)
 - 21 Particle without spin, one negative displacing a bit of lepton (8)
 - 22 Buffalo-owner acquiring name and fame (6)
 - 24 Like a risky proposition to offer lady having sex (3-3-4)
 - 25 Sent back private text on social media with love twice, giving cheer (4)
 - 26 "Not ours?" outraged inheritors — iron out (6)
 - 27 Reportedly outlawed Italian criminal (6)
- Down**
- 1 Brown dancing with excellent coloured band (7)
 - 2 Approximately drawn up arc without radius under semi-circle (5)
 - 3 Justify joke without substance, saying... (7)
 - 5 ... "Judge not!", totally upset about missing second mark (6)
 - 6 Early pint, drunken exchange (9)
 - 7 DNA-related information briefly mentioned, withdrawn (7)
 - 8 A Christian coaching all to convert (5-8)
 - 14 Enter... enter... tape malfunctions (9)
 - 16 Six naked sots chasing red sheep in England (7)
 - 18 Geographical area originally encompassing ancient place like India, unpopulated (7)
 - 19 Skiff sailor returning, embracing bespectacled wife, beginning to blush (7)
 - 20 Exchange T&C in dating app to discover dying spark (6)
 - 23 Unsteady person shifting domain? Not I (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13611

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Acharya parampara

Every generation derives its spiritual strength from the tradition it has inherited and is also responsible to preserve it without distortion and hand it down to posterity. For a majority of us, the Vedas are the basis of our faith and belief. The Vedas are aparushya and are believed to be the very breath of the Supreme Brahman. They are the authority for knowing about Brahman, the world and our own selves and how each of these has a bearing on each other, pointed out Asuri Sri Madhavachariar in a discourse.

There are both believers and non-believers in the Vedas since ancient times and this has given rise to many schools of thought. So, some are based on the Vedas, and also many that are opposed to the tenets of the Vedas. Even among those that accept the Vedas, there exist different streams such as Dvaita, Advaita, Visishtadvaita, and so on. Adi Sankara has evolved the Advaita system and Madhvacharya the Dvaita system of thought. The Visishtadvaita philosophy has been propagated by Ramanuja and it is based on the Vaishnava sampradaya which reveres Lord Narayana and Goddess Sri together as the primordial acharya.

Ramanuja derived the inspiration and grace of Alavandar, who had received the tradition from his grandfather Nathamuni and his sishyas. Ramanuja built this philosophy from the foundation laid by Alavandar. It is held that Nathamuni propitiated Nammazhwar, an amsa of Vishvakshna. Pleased by Nathamuni's resolute penance, Nammazhwar imparted to him the Nalayira Divya Prabandha tradition that is hailed as the Tamizh Veda. Ramanuja's disciples lived up to its high standards and their disciples down the line have displayed tremendous commitment to protect the tradition, and to inspire faith in people to seek the feet of the Lord.

Ranil declares Emergency ahead of vote

Opposition calls it 'an undemocratic, draconian act'; Parliament to elect new President tomorrow

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday declared an Emergency, days before legislators elect a new President in a scheduled parliamentary vote, amid political tumult and a deepening economic crisis. Mr. Wickremesinghe is a frontrunner in the contest.

This is the third time that Sri Lanka is under Emergency rule since April. A state of Emergency gives the President powers to make regulations overriding existing laws, and democracy advocates associated it with arbitrary arrests, especially of dissidents.

The move drew sharp criticism from the political opposition and civil society. "Imposition of Emergency is an undemocratic draconian act. Peace loving citizens of our motherland have the sacred privilege to exercise their fundamental rights in a democratic society. Long live



Uneasy calm: Police personnel patrolling a street in Colombo on Monday. ■ GETTY IMAGES

democracy." Opposition leader Sajith Premadasa said in a tweet.

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL), a professional body of lawyers, urged the Acting President to revoke the proclamation. "A declaration of a state of Emergen-

cy is not the answer to the present situation in the country, including the spate of public protests which have occurred which resulted in the eventual resignation of the former President," the Association said in a statement.

Just ahead of Gotabaya Rajapaksa's resignation from Presidency last week, then Prime Minister Mr. Wickremesinghe was appointed Acting President. Even prior to his official appointment, Mr. Wickremesinghe sought to declare an Emergency and

curfew, until he was forced to backtrack on the decision that sparked wide condemnation.

Constitutionally, a new President must be elected through Parliament within one month if the office of the President falls vacant. The nominations will be made on Tuesday, making known the final list of presidential aspirants in Parliament, and the voting will take place on Wednesday.

Mr. Wickremesinghe is said to have considerable support from the Rajapaksa party that holds a majority in the House, although some of its members are openly backing his contender Dullas Alahapperuma, a former Rajapaksa loyalist now sitting independently.

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa and leader of the leftist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) Anura Kumara Dissanayake have also said they would run for Presidency. The vote will be held through a secret ballot.

Will call out Putin in front of swing states, says Truss

Sunday's debate was the second in the British PM race

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

Five Conservative MPs in the U.K. debated each other on Sunday night, hopeful of winning the leadership of their party and the top job at Downing Street. Responding to a question on whether they would sit down with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the G20 [scheduled for November], British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, one of the Prime Ministerial candidates, said she would call out Mr. Putin in front of "swing" countries like India and Indonesia.

"I think it is very important that we have the voices of the free world facing down Vladimir Putin," she said.

"I was prepared to face down [Russian Foreign Minister] Sergey Lavrov, I'm prepared to say [sic] to Putin directly and call him out in front of those very important swing countries like India and Indonesia. So I would go there, and I would call Putin out," she said.

All the other candidates said they would not. "Not under current circumstances," said Penny Mordaunt.

Rishi Sunak said he had



Liz Truss

walked out of the G20 meeting [in April] when the Russian Finance Minister was taking part.

At one point during the event, the moderator, ITV's Julie Etchingham, said there had been questions about Mr. Sunak's judgement with regard to his wife's tax status and his own 'green card' status - Mr. Sunak was a permanent resident of the U.S. while being the Chancellor of the U.K.

"So I've always been a completely normal U.K. taxpayer. My wife is from another country so she is treated differently. But she explained that in the spring, and she resolved that issue, but there is commentary about my wife's family's wealth," Mr. Sunak said, adding that he would address

the topic "head on". Mr. Sunak's wife, Akshata Murthy, is an Indian citizen and has a 0.91% in tech giant, Infosys.

Incredibly proud

Mr. Sunak said he was "incredibly proud" of what his parents-in-law had built. Mr. Sunak's in-laws are Infosys founder Narayana Murthy and his wife Sudha Murthy, who initially financed the firm with ₹10,000 in 1981. Mr. Sunak said his father-in-law "came from nothing" and built one of the world's most successful firms.

"It's an incredibly conservative story. Actually, it's a story that I'm really proud of... and as Prime Minister, I want to ensure that we can create more stories like theirs here, at home."

Sunday's debate was the second in the race that began last week, with a third round of voting set for Monday. There was daylight between the candidates on some debate topics, such as taxation, but on others, they had the same position - such as not wanting to have Prime Minister Boris Johnson on their teams, if they were to become the next Prime Minister.

Russian shelling kills six; Zelensky sacks security chief

EU Ministers meet to discuss further sanctions on Moscow

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Russian shelling in battle-scarred east Ukraine on Monday left six dead, Kyiv said, as the country was reeling from President Volodymyr Zelensky's decision to sack two senior law enforcement officials.

EU Foreign Ministers were convening, meanwhile, to discuss toughening sanctions against Moscow and the bloc's foreign policy chief warned of the "life and death" consequences of Russia's blockade of Ukrainian Black Sea grain exports.

Rescue workers in blue helmets could be seen digging through debris and clearing rubble from the collapsed remains of a two-storey building in Toretsk in the industrial east that was struck by Russian artillery early on Monday.

"Rescuers found and recovered the bodies of five people in total. Three people were rescued from the



Moving on: Children playing against the backdrop of destroyed buildings in Borodianska, northwest of Kyiv. ■ AFP

rubble and one of them died in hospital," the emergency services said, adding their rescue operations had concluded.

Toretsk, a town with of around 30,000 residents lies some 50 km south of Kramatorsk, a key target for Russian forces that were ordered into Ukraine in February.

They initially failed to capture the capital Kyiv early in the invasion but have

made gains in the eastern region of Donbas recently, capturing the sister cities of Lysychansk and Severodonetsk.

Mr. Zelensky said that he was firing Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova and security chief Ivan Bakanov amid widespread cases of suspected treason by law enforcement officials.

Mr. Zelensky on Monday appointed Vasyl Maluk, 39, as acting security chief.

U.S. school shooter faces death penalty at trial

Cruz gunned down 17 children in 2018

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MIAMI

A young man who gunned down 17 people at his former high school in Parkland, Florida goes on trial on Monday, with jurors set to hand down either death penalty or a life sentence.

Nikolas Cruz took an AR-15 assault rifle into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Valentine's Day in 2018 and killed 17 students and staff members.

Cruz - who was 19 at the time - has already pleaded guilty to 17 counts of first-degree murder and 17 counts of attempted murder for those wounded during the massacre.

The trial is being held to determine his sentence. The death penalty requires a unanimous decision by the jury; Cruz will otherwise be handed life without parole.

The Florida shooting stunned a country accustomed to gun violence and sparked new efforts, led by students from the school itself, to get lawmakers to

3 killed in U.S. mall shooting

ASSOCIATED PRESS
GREENWOOD

Three people were fatally shot and two were injured on Sunday at an Indiana mall after a man with a rifle opened fire and an armed civilian shot and killed him, police said. The man, identified as Jonathan Sapirman, entered the Greenwood Park Mall and began firing. He was killed by Elisjsha Dicken, 22, in the food court, police said.

pass tougher gun control laws.

Parkland survivors founded "March for Our Lives," organising a rally that drew thousands of people to Washington in 2018.

President Joe Biden signed a law in June that enhanced background checks for younger buyers and federal cash for States introducing "red flag" laws.

Truss, Sunak pull out of TV debate

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

The final televised debate among contenders for the leadership of the Conservative party and the U.K. Prime Minister's job was cancelled after the former Chancellor Rishi Sunak and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss pulled out, following debates over the weekend, which exposed fissures in the party.

The debate was sche-

duled for Tuesday night on Sky News but was cancelled following the candidates' assessment that Sunday night's debate was not civil enough. The British press characterised the exchanges as 'vicious', 'bad tempered' and 'bruising'.

For instance, Mr. Sunak had referred to Ms. Truss's plans for a tax cut as "socialism" and "something for nothing economics".

"Conservative MPs are said to be concerned about the damage the debates are doing to the image of the party, exposing disagreements and splits," a report from Sky News said.

One of the five remaining candidates - most likely MP Tom Tugendhat - will exit the race by the end of the night, local time, after fellow Tory MPs vote in the third round of the race.

France, Spain fight spreading wildfires

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LA TESTE-DE-BUCH

France scrambled more water-bomber planes and hundreds more firefighters to combat spreading wildfires that were being fed on Monday by hot swirling winds from a searing heat wave broiling much of Europe. In Spain, two people have been killed in blazes there.

With winds changing direction, authorities in southwestern France announced plans to evacuate more towns and move out 3,500 people at risk.

Three additional water-dropping planes were joining six others already making repeated rounds to douse the flames.

Spain reported a second fatality in two days as it battled wildfires.

The hot weather in the U.K. was expected to be so severe this week that train operators warned it could warp the rails and some schools set up wading pools to help children cool off.

Ukraine content: Russia fines Google \$360 mn

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

A Moscow court has fined Google 21 billion roubles (\$360 million) for failing to remove content concerning Russia's military intervention in Ukraine, the nation's telecommunications regulator said on Monday.

Roskomnadzor said the Google-owned YouTube had failed to block "false information" on the war in Ukraine, "extremist and terrorist propaganda" and content "calling on minors to participate in unauthorised demonstrations".

Russian authorities have been dialling up their pressure on Western social media firms in recent years with repeated fines and threats in a bid to remove criticism from the Internet.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
Industries Commissionerate and Directorate of Industries and Commerce,
Government of Tamil Nadu invites applications for the post of
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OF TAMIL NADU COIR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Last Date of receipt of application
1st August 2022 by 18:00 hrs
For details visit : (https://tnmtipb.in/careers)
Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce,
Third Floor, SIPCOT Corporate Office Building
Thiru.Vi.Ka. Industrial Estate,
Guindy, Chennai - 600032
Place: Chennai Date: 19.07.2022
DIPR/731/Display/2022
"சேதனம் கூட்டு கந்திரம் அமைப்பதும், எதனம் புதிது கந்திரம் அமைப்பதும்."

STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED,
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TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice NIT.No.21/CW/T.No.21/2022-23 Dt:18.07.2022
For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited under "Two Cover System" for the following work from Class-I State level Civil Contractors registered in PWD/Highways/Any Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, Central Government Department, Tamil Nadu State Government undertaking having experience in similar nature of works. Tenders will be received upto **3.00 PM on 23.08.2022** and the same will be opened on the same day at **3.30 PM**

Name of Work	Approx. value of work	EMD
Formation of Approach Road from Km 143/4 of NH-44 to SIPCOT Industrial Park, Dharmapuri	Rs.1394.60 Lakhs (inclusive of GST@18%)	Rs. 7,07,300/-*

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DIPR/3433/TENDER/2022 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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NOTICE
"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on websites of Coal India Ltd. www.coalindia.in/respective Subsidiary Company (CCL, www.centralcoalfields.in), CIL e-procurement portal <https://coalindiatenders.nic.in> and Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in> in addition, procurement is also done through GeM Portal <https://gem.gov.in>"

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) For
Setting up of Automated Manufactured Aggregate Plant using Ash as Major raw material of capacity 10 TPH at NTPC, Simhadri

EOI No.: 1. AM-NI/2022-23/001 Date of Publication : 19.07.2022
NTPC is venturing into production of manufactured aggregate from ash using various technologies. Accordingly, EOI is hereby solicited for setting up of 10 TPH aggregate production plant, which involves production of homogenous paste from mixing fine fly ash, cement, water, admixture etc., which will be used to cast boulders. These boulders will be subjected to accelerated curing to gain early strength. The boulders will then be crushed & sieved to get aggregate of desired sizes.
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How to Apply
Kindly visit <https://nptctender.ntpc.co.in> for more information about the project. Invitation for Expression of Interest, 'Information to Applicants' and 'Application Form and Annexures'.
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E-Tender No.: BS4011600/2022/TNCS/22-23/ET-20 Dated : 18.07.2022
Online e-tender invited for "THE PURCHASE OF 5450 Bales of 5 PLY JUTE TWINE (WEIGHING 185 Kg. NETT PER BALE) as per specification. Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tnpsc> and also available in www.tenders.tn.gov.in
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DIPR/3437/Tender/2022 **MANAGING DIRECTOR.**

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BRUHAT BANGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, Bommanahalli Division, No-207, 2nd Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No:EE/RJ-Bom/TEND/03/2022-23 Date: 18.07.2022
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-Bommanahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Amount put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1	Improvement to drain, footpath and asphaltting to selected connecting road to major roads at 2nd sector HSR Layout Bommanahalli Constituency. (BBMP Grants)	839.73	12,60,000/-
2	Improvement and Asphaltting to Kothanuru main road from Brigade millennium to Bannerughatta via BK Circle and Amruthnagara main road from Konanakunte cross to Sowdhamini. (BBMP Grants)	618.62	9,28,000/-
3	"Improvement to drain, footpath, and asphaltting to selected arterial, sub arterial road and connecting road to major road in Bengaluru South Constituency." (BBMP Grants)	441.80	6,63,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from 20.07.2022 onwards. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 27.07.2022 at 4:00 pm. (3) The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 22.07.2022 at 3:00 pm in the Office of the chief engineer (Road Infrastructure) (4) Technical Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-Bommanahalli Division on 29.07.2022 at 4:00 pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>
Sd/- Executive Engineer
Road Infrastructure - Bommanahalli Division

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MARKET WATCH

	18-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	54,521.15	1.41
US Dollar	79.98	-0.20
Brent oil	105.52	-

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	739.75	8.85
Apollo Hosp	3947.10	15.40
Asian Paints	3017.85	39.70
Axis Bank	684.50	22.30
Bajaj Auto	3984.05	70.70
Bajaj Finserv	12250.00	409.75
Bajaj Finance	6059.80	144.60
Bharti Airtel	663.05	11.25
BPCIL	315.80	3.70
Britannia Ind	3774.95	-73.95
Cipla	967.35	1.30
Coal India	195.60	2.20
Divis Lab	3738.45	10.70
DRC Reddy's Lab	4465.40	-79.20
Eicher Motors	3036.50	2.50
Grasim Ind	1428.30	30.10
HCL Tech	900.30	17.15
HDFC	2204.30	-11.80
HDFC Bank	1347.55	-14.50
HDFC Life	542.75	2.85
Hero MotoCorp	2817.95	17.90
Hindalco	367.10	16.55
Hind Unilever	2553.50	-15.00
ICICI Bank	772.00	20.80
IndusInd Bank	851.05	36.00
Infosys	1489.90	59.55
ITC	295.30	1.75
JSW Steel	585.95	9.55
Kotak Bank	1845.65	57.95
L&T	1727.65	42.80
M&M	1163.40	-9.10
Maruti Suzuki	8704.80	-73.25
Nestle India Ltd.	18625.40	-146.10
NTPC	149.80	0.05
ONGC	129.90	3.35
PowerGrid Corp	210.25	0.95
Reliance Ind	2422.25	20.45
SBI Life	1177.15	21.70
State Bank	490.30	11.20
Shree Cement	20055.70	353.90
Sun Pharma	882.80	4.40
Tata Consumer		
Products Ltd.	794.35	3.80
Tata Motors	450.90	10.70
Tata Steel	904.30	20.50
TCS	3063.50	68.90
Tech Mahindra	1008.00	34.20
Titan	2237.45	47.75
UltraTech Cement	5982.40	175.35
UPL	685.05	15.70
Wipro	404.75	10.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 18

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.77	80.09
Euro	80.98	81.30
British Pound	95.57	95.96
Japanese Yen (100)	57.73	57.96
Chinese Yuan	11.84	11.89
Swiss Franc	81.68	82.02
Singapore Dollar	57.14	57.38
Canadian Dollar	61.52	61.77
Malaysian Ringgit	17.90	17.98
Australian Dollar	54.53	54.75

Source: Indian Bank



Maruti unveils new S-Presso at ₹4.25 lakh

NEW DELHI
Maruti Suzuki India on Monday said it had unveiled a new version of its entry-level hatchback S-Presso priced between ₹4.25 lakh and ₹5.49 lakh, while the trims with automatic gear shift are tagged at ₹5.65 lakh and ₹5.99 lakh. PTI

PW to set up engineering centre in Bengaluru

NEW DELHI
Aircraft engine maker Pratt & Whitney (PW) on Monday said it will set up an engineering centre in Bengaluru, that is slated to begin operations in January 2023. The centre, its first facility in Asia Pacific and fifth globally, will enable the firm to offer engineering services on contract to domestic and international customers. PW's integrated global engineering operations currently has centres in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico and Poland.

Jio submits ₹14,000 cr. earnest money deposit

NEW DELHI
Reliance Jio Infocomm has submitted earnest money deposit (EMD) of ₹14,000 crore ahead of its participation in 5G auction, while Bharti Airtel has put in ₹5,500 crore. According to the list of pre-qualified bidders posted on the telecom department's website, the EMD amount of Adani Data Networks stands at ₹100 crore. Vodafone Idea has put in an EMD of ₹2,200 crore. PTI

Job site indeed unveils Hindi version

MUMBAI
Job site indeed said it had introduced Hindi as an option for jobseekers to discover, apply for jobs and create online resumes in the language. The update is currently available on the mobile website and mobile app versions, which account for a majority of the traffic that comes to the site, the firm said, adding that there had been growing demand for content in regional languages such as Hindi.

Crypto law needs global teamwork: FM

Minister's statement in Parliament signals legislation on cryptocurrencies may be off the table for now

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India has recommended a ban on cryptocurrencies citing 'destabilising effects' for the country's monetary and fiscal health, but a law to regulate or ban cryptocurrencies can only be effective once there is some form of international agreement in place, the Finance Minister said.

"Cryptocurrencies are by definition borderless and require international collaboration to prevent regulatory arbitrage," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in a written reply on Monday to a question from Lok Sabha MP Thol Thirumavalavan asking about the government's plans to legislate restrictions on such instruments.

"Any legislation for regulation or for banning can be effective only after significant international collaboration on evaluation of the risks and benefits and evolution of common taxonomy and standards," she added.

'Govt., RBI measures aid NPA recovery'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Concrete steps taken by the government and RBI helped banks recover bad loans worth more than ₹8.6 lakh crore in the last eight fiscal years, the Centre informed Parliament on Monday.

Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad in a written reply to the Lok Sabha said the occurrence of non-performing assets (NPAs) was normal, although an undesirable corollary, to the business of banking. Factors such as macroeconomic conditions, sectoral issues, global business environment and delayed stress recognition by banks, contributed to NPA build-up, he added.



Joint task: 'Cryptocurrencies are borderless and require international teamwork to prevent regulatory arbitrage.' • AP

er the adverse effects cryptocurrencies could have for the economy, Ms. Sitharaman said: "RBI mentioned that cryptocurrencies are not a currency because every modern currency needs to be issued by the central bank or Government."

“Value solely speculative” “Further, the value of fiat currencies is anchored by monetary policy and their status as legal tender, however the value of cryptocurrencies rests solely on the speculation and expectations of high returns that are not well anchored, so it will have a destabilising effect on the monetary and fiscal stability of a country,” she added.

“In view of the concerns expressed by RBI on the destabilising effect of cryptocurrencies... RBI has recom-

Equity indices jump as tech, bank stocks gain

Sensex rises 1.4% to 54,521 points

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Equity indices rose about 1.4% on Monday tracking global trends, with technology and banking stocks leading the gains.

The S&P BSE Sensex rose 760.37 points, or 1.4%, to 54,521.15. Stocks that rose the most include IndusInd Bank (4.36%), Infosys (4.16%), Tech Mahindra (3.5%), Bajaj Finserv (3.4%) and Axis Bank (3.3%).

"Markets are largely mirroring global counterparts, especially the U.S., while domestic factors like macroeconomic data and earnings cause volatile swings in between," said Ajit Mishra, VP-Research, Religare Broking. The Nifty 50 index too



surged 1.43%.

Narendra Solanki, head, Fundamental Research - Anand Rathii Investment Services, said: "Sentiment was upbeat as a private report suggests that the income of farmers has grown in the range of 1.3-1.7 times in FY22 from FY18 levels on average, while grain exports soared to over ₹ 50 billion."

Retail sales grow 13% over June 2019: RAI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Retail businesses across India witnessed 13% sales growth in June compared with levels seen in the same month in 2019, Retailers Association of India said on Monday.

Though sales were higher than pre-pandemic levels, the second half of June was not very encouraging, and the impact of inflation on consumer spending was still a worry, which might affect upcoming festive sales, the association said in a statement.

Retail businesses in the eastern region saw the highest growth, with a rise of 17% over June 2019, followed by the North (16%), West (11%) and South (9%).

Russia said to seek Indian oil payments in UAE dirhams

Bill to one refiner requests settlement in Emirati currency

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

Russia is seeking payment in United Arab Emirates dirhams for oil exports to some Indian customers, three sources said and a document showed, as Moscow moves away from the U.S. dollar to insulate itself from Western sanctions.

Russia has been hit by a slew of sanctions from the United States and its allies over its invasion of Ukraine in late February.

An invoice seen by Reuters shows the bill for supplying oil to one refiner is calculated in dollars while payment is requested in Emirati dirhams.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Outstanding Goods and Services Tax (GST) Compensation dues to States now amount to ₹35,266 crore, the Finance Ministry told Parliament on Monday.

These dues pertain to June 2022, the last month for which States were assured a certain level of revenue in order to switch to the GST regime, and would be paid from GST Compensation Cess collections, whose levy has been extended till March 2026.

Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Gujarat had the maximum outstanding GST compensation dues as per provisional figures for June. The dues for these six States add up to ₹17,668 crore.



Pankaj Chaudhary

"Entire GST compensation dues of States and UTs has been cleared by Central Government for period up to May 31, 2022, by releasing ₹86,912 crore," Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha. "This decision has been taken despite the fact that only about ₹25,000 crore was available in the GST Compensation Fund," he noted.



Russian oil major Rosneft is pushing crude through trading firms including Everest Energy and Coral Energy into India, now its second biggest oil buyer after China.

Western sanctions have prompted many oil importers to shun Moscow, pushing spot prices for Russian crude to record discounts against other grades. That gave Indian refiners, who rarely bought Russian oil due to high freight costs, an opportunity to bag exports at big discounts to Brent.

Second-biggest supplier Moscow replaced Saudi Arabia as the second biggest oil supplier to India after Iraq for the second month in a row in June.

At least two Indian refiners have already settled some payments in dirhams, the sources said, adding more would make such payments in coming days.

The RBI last week enabled trade settlement in rupees.

BoM Q1 net profit more than doubles to ₹452 cr.

Net interest income increases 19.9%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Bank of Maharashtra reported a 117.25% growth in net profit for the first quarter ended June 30 to ₹452 crore, following improvement in performance and a rise in net interest income. Its operating profit improved to ₹1,202 crore, from ₹1,107 crore a year earlier.

Net interest income increased 19.9% to ₹1,686 crore and net interest margin improved to 3.28%. The bank's gross advances grew 27.1% to ₹1,40,561 crore. Net advances grew 28.9% to ₹1,36,497 crore.

The retail, agri and MSME business climbed 22.7%. Retail advances grew 25.1% to ₹36,117 crore. MSME advances rose 20.3% to ₹26,121 crore, the bank said.

Hindalco ties up with Israeli EV battery firm

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

Hindalco Industries said it had signed a MoU with Phinergy, an Israel-based metal-air battery technology company, and IOC Phinergy Private Ltd. (IOP), for development of aluminium-air batteries for electric vehicles (EVs) and for energy storage.

Phinergy and IOP, a joint venture between Phinergy and Indian Oil Corporation, will partner exclusively with Hindalco in India, on R&D and pilot production of aluminium plates for aluminium-air batteries and recycling of aluminium after usage in these batteries, Hindalco said.

"Aluminium-air batteries are expected to make EV adoption more convenient," Hindalco said.



18.1% to ₹3,36,470 crore and total deposits rose 12.4% to ₹1,95,909 crore.

During the quarter, provisions towards NPAs declined 27.2% to ₹548 crore, compared with ₹753 crore a year earlier.

The gross non-performing asset ratio (GNPA) improved to 3.74%, against 6.35%, while net NPA stood at 0.88%, against 2.22% a year earlier, the bank said.

Yes Bank to invest ₹350 cr. in JC Flowers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Yes Bank will invest up to ₹350 crore for a potential 20% stake in asset reconstruction company JC Flowers, which has emerged as the base bidder for the lender's bad loans worth ₹48,000 crore.

The private sector lender is planning to raise up to \$1 billion in FY23 to bolster its core capital base once the NPA challenge is over, MD and chief executive Prashant Kumar told reporters here on Monday.

The bank's core equity ratio stood at 11.5% right now and will go to more than 14% after the capital raise, he said, adding that even though the market conditions were not conducive now, the lender would like to conclude the process in FY23 itself.

'Ola Electric investing \$500 mn in cell R&D unit'

To be up, running next month: CEO

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Ola Electric is investing \$500 million (about ₹4,000 crore) in a cell research and development facility in Bengaluru, company founder and CEO Bhavish Aggarwal said on Monday.

In a tweet, Mr. Aggarwal stated: "Sharing something I'm personally very passionate about! Building a state-of-the-art Battery Innovation Center (BIC) in Bengaluru."

BIC would be one of the world's largest, most advanced cell R&D facilities, he asserted.

"500+ engineers & PhDs, \$500mn investment. Will be up & running next month!" Mr. Aggarwal said.

In a statement, the company asserted the BIC would



Bhavish Aggarwal

be one of the world's largest and most advanced cell R&D facilities with more than 165 unique and cutting-edge lab equipment to cover all aspects of cell-related research and development.

The centre would host lines that could produce all form factors cylindrical, pouch, coin, and prismatic cells, the company added.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Shashi Bala

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Shashi Bala D/o Daya Ram, R/o Jeetu Ka plot Post wall gali Samalkha, New Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped missing since 09.07.2022 at 08:00 PM from her house. In this regard a **FIR No. 316/22 dated 10.07.2022 U/s 363 IPC** has been lodged at PS, Kapashera, New Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name : Shashi Bala, **Father's Name :** Daya Ram, **Age :** 14 years, **Height :** 4'3", **Face :** Round, **Built :** Medium, **Complexion :** Shallow, **Wearing :** Cream color suit and purple color salwar and black color slipper in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax : 011-24368639
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/1329/SW/2022

SHO P.S., Kapashera, New Delhi Ph. : 011-25063758, 7065036226

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)
E-Open advertised tender No. WTA-532

Electronic bids are invited for and on behalf of the President of India from established and reliable manufacturers or their subsidiaries/associates, for supply of the following items:-

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Email - drsm@rb.railnet.gov.in

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Name of work with its location	Provision of Coach Guidance system at PF 2 & 3 at ANVT Railway Station, 10 line TIDBs at HNZM railway station as per RDSO Specs & GPS Clocks at remaining stations (NSG-1 to NSG-6) of Delhi Division.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 1,11,02,209.25/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 2,05,500.00/- only.
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time-10.08.2022 up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.
No. : 558-Sig-16-Tel-OT-948 Dated: 18.07.2022	1796/2022

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SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY

General public is hereby informed that this lady **Namely: Rani, W/o: Ram Babu, R/o: W-70/119, T-Huts, Indira Camp No. 2, Vikash Puri, Delhi, Age: 35 Years, Height: 4'8", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Identification: Left side face black mole, Wearing: Black Chhindar nighty & Green dupatta and Black slipper, has been missing since on dated 11.07.2022 from the area of P.S. Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi.**

In this regard a **DD No. 23-A, dated 12.07.2022** has been lodged at P.S. Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this lady but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this lady kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-22145602, 8750871314 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/232/RLY/2022

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age about 55 years, Height 5'2", Complexion Shallow, Oval Face, Thin Built, Wearing Pink colour T-shirt and dark blue colour pant was found dead at Minto Road (From Civic Center Kamla Market towards Connaught Place) Footpath Left Side Near Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, Minto Road Red Light, Delhi at about 10.00 am on 07.07.2022.** In this regard a **DD No. 52-A dated 07.07.2022 U/S 174 Cr.P.C.** has been lodged at PS Kamla Market, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours in Maulana Azad Medical College Mortuary for identification.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly inform to the following.

SHO PS: Kamla Market, Delhi Ph.: 011-23230623, 8750870424

DP/1662/CD/2022

Rohit pleased with team's showing

Wanted to achieve something as a group in white ball, says the India captain

INDIA IN ENG

ANI
MANCHESTER

Following his side's five-wicket win over England in the final ODI, India captain Rohit Sharma said he is pleased with the team's efforts. Rishabh Pant's unbeaten 125 and his 133-run partnership with Hardik Pandya helped India chase down 260 in the final clash of the three-match series at Manchester.

England was bundled out for 259, thanks to some brilliant spells from Hardik Pandya (4/24) and Yuzvendra Chahal (3/60). Jos Buttler (60), Jason Roy (41) and Moeen Ali (34) played crucial knocks for the host.

"Very pleased. Came here, wanted to achieve something as a group in white ball. Last time we were beaten here, I remember that. Not an easy place to come and win games. It was a good pitch, but we do understand it is not going to be easy if we lose wickets upfront."

Positives

"The positive side of it is these guys have not batted much in the middle overs. Today we got to see that with Hardik and Rishabh. At no point, we felt they were panicking. They backed themselves and played their shots," the skipper said.

"Chahal is a critical member. He has got so much experience bowling in all formats. I am pleased with the way he has come back after the World Cup. Hardik as well."



Well done! Pant, along with Hardik, did not panic during the chase, says Rohit. ■GETTY IMAGES

India-England ODI series in numbers

Batting	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg.	SR	100s/50s
Pant	2	125	125*	125.00	105.93	1/0
Hardik	2	100	71	50.00	101.01	0/1
Moeen	3	95	47	31.66	75.39	0/0
Buttler	3	94	60	31.33	80.34	0/1
Rohit	3	93	76*	46.50	109.41	0/1

Bowling	Inns	Wkts.	BBI	Avg.	Econ.	4W/5W
Topley	3	9	6/24	9.00	3.70	0/1
Bumrah	2	8	6/19	8.50	3.92	0/1
Chahal	3	7	4/47	16.71	5.35	1/0
Hardik	3	6	4/24	12.33	4.35	1/0
Shami	3	4	3/31	29.25	4.87	0/0

Chandimal puts Sri Lanka in a strong position

Nawaz claims maiden five-wicket haul, Yasir chips in with three in the second innings

PAKISTAN IN SL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GALLE

Dinesh Chandimal struck his second successive half-century to take Sri Lanka 333 runs ahead in the second innings on day three of the first Test here on Monday. Sri Lanka was 329 for nine when bad light stopped play.

Chandimal, on 86, and Prabhath Jayasuriya, on four, were at the crease.

Mohammad Nawaz claimed his maiden five-wicket haul and combined with fellow spinner Yasir Shah, who took three, to rat-

tle the opposition middle-order in the second session.

Show of defiance

But, Chandimal, who struck blazing form with his maiden double century – 206 not out – in his team's series-leveling Test win over Australia last week, stood firm in another lower-order show of defiance after the hosts had slipped to 235 for seven.

He reached his fifty and put on 41 runs with Maheesh Theekshana for the ninth wicket in a repeat performance from the hosts, who had hit back from 133 for eight to post 222 in their first innings.

Earlier, Kusal Mendis made 76 and opener Oshada Fernando 64 and put on a key third-wicket stand of 91 to fight back after an early wicket in the morning session. Oshada reached his sixth Test fifty in the first session but fell to Yasir off the second ball after lunch.

Kusal raised his fifty and took on the opposition attack with a few boundaries before Yasir bowled him with an unplayable delivery that pitched outside leg and turned to hit the top of off-stump.

Nawaz, who is making a Test comeback after nearly six years and playing his

fourth five-day match, got key wickets, including Angelo Mathews and Niroshan Dickwella.

He got nightwatchman Kasun Rajitha off the third ball

of the day to set things rolling for Pakistan, but the Sri Lankan batsmen kept coming back on a pitch that is expected to offer more turn to the spinners come day four.

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka – 1st innings: 222.

Pakistan – 1st innings: 218.

Sri Lanka – 2nd innings: Oshada Fernando c Azam b Yasir 64, Dimuth Karunaratne lbw b Nawaz 16, Kasun Rajitha lbw b Nawaz 7, Kusal Mendis b Yasir 76, Angelo Mathews c Azam b Nawaz 9, Dinesh Chandimal (batting) 86, Dhananjaya de Silva b Yasir 20, Niroshan Dickwella b Nawaz 12, Maheesh Mendis b Nawaz 22, Maheesh

Theekshana c Rizwan b Hasan 11, Prabhath Jayasuriya (batting) 4; Extras (lb-1, nb-1): 2; Total (for nine wkts in 96 overs): 329.

Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-41, 3-132, 4-164, 5-178, 6-218, 7-235, 8-267, 9-308.

Pakistan bowling: Shaheen 7-21-0, Nawaz 28-2-88-5, Agha 16-1-53-0, Yasir 29-2-122-3, Hasan 10-3-15-1, Azam 1-0-9-0, Naseem 5-0-20-0.



Back with a bang: Nawaz made his Test return, after nearly six years, count. ■AFP

Fraser-Pryce makes history with fifth 100m title

Crouser leads another American 1-2-3, this time in men's shot put

WORLD C'SHIPS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
EUGENE

Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce made history on Sunday as she bagged a fifth World 100m title. Fraser-Pryce, a 35-year-old mother, led from gun to tape in a consummate display of sprinting that belied her age.

The Jamaican – with golds in the blue riband event in 2009, 2013, 2015 and 2019 – won in a championship record of 10.67s.

Shericka Jackson took silver in a personal best of 10.73s, with four-time Olympic sprint champion Elaine Thompson-Herah claiming bronze (10.81s).

First instance

It was the first time a nation had swept the medals in the women's 100m at the Worlds and came just a day after Fred Kerley led a US sweep of the men's 100m.

Meanwhile, Ryan Crouser led another American clean sweep, this time in the shot put alongside Joe Kovacs and Josh Awotunde.

There were also US 1-2 finishes in the women's pole vault thanks to Katie Nageotte and Sandi Morris, and the 110m hurdles as Grant Holloway retained his title ahead of teammate Trey Cunningham. Holloway's victory in the



Peerless: Jamaicans Fraser-Pryce, Jackson and Thompson-Herah complete a first ever clean sweep of the women's 100m. ■AFP

It was definitely something on the cards. It's special, it's my fifth world title in the 100m, and doing it at 35, yes I said 35!

—FRASER-PRYCE

hurdles was marred by the withdrawal through injury of Jamaican Hansle Parchment while Devon Allen was dramatically ruled out after a heart-breaking false start on the same track where he starred as a college athlete.

Parchment, who had stunned Holloway to win Olympic gold last year,

clipped a hurdle during the warm-up and left clutching his thigh.

Earlier, Uganda's Joshua Cheptegei retained the men's 10,000m, Ethiopia's Tamirat Tola won the men's marathon and American Brook Andersen claimed gold in the women's hammer throw.

The results:

Men: Marathon: 1. Tamirat Tola (Eth) 2:05:36s; 2. Mosinet Geremew (Eth) 2:06:44s; 3. Bashir Abdi (Bel) 2:06:48s.

10,000m: 1. Joshua Cheptegei (Uga) 27:27.43s; 2. Stanley Waithaka Mburu (Ken) 27:27.90s; 3. Jacob Kiplimo

(Uga) 27:27.97s. Shot put: 1. Ryan Crouser (USA) 22.94m; 2. Joe Kovacs (USA) 22.89m; 3. Josh Awotunde (USA) 22.29m.

110m hurdles: 1. Grant Holloway (USA) 13.03s; 2. Trey Cunningham (USA) 13.08s; 3. Asier Martinez (Esp) 13.17s.

Women: 100m: 1. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (Jam) 10.67s; 2. Shericka Jackson (Jam) 10.73s; 3. Elaine Thompson-Herah (Jam) 10.81s.

Pole vault: 1. Katie Nageotte (USA) 4.85m; 2. Sandi Morris (USA) 4.85m; 3. Nina Kennedy (Aus) 4.80m.

Hammer: 1. Brooke Andersen (USA) 78.96m; 2. Camryn Rogers (Can) 75.52m; 3. Janee Kasanavold (USA) 74.86.

Stokes to retire from ODIs after first match against SA today

Playing three formats is unsustainable, feels the all-rounder

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON

Star England all-rounder and 2019 World Cup final hero Ben Stokes on Monday made a surprise announcement to retire from ODI cricket, saying playing three formats has become "unsustainable" for him.

The 31-year-old will play his last ODI against South Africa at his home ground in Durham, which will host the opener of the three-match series on Tuesday.

Stokes' ODI career will forever be remembered for his Player-of-the-Match performance in the World Cup final against New Zealand at the Lord's three years ago.

His unbeaten 84 sent the match into a Super over as England claimed its first 50-over World Cup title in the most thrilling of circumstances.

Stokes, who is England's Test captain, has scored 2919 runs in 104 ODIs and taken 74 wickets.

"I will play my last game for England in ODI cricket on Tuesday in Durham. I have decided to retire from this format," he said in an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) statement.

Tough decision

"This has been an incredibly tough decision to make. I have loved every minute of playing with my mates for England. We have had an incredible journey on the way.

"As hard as a decision as this was to come to, it's not as hard dealing with the fact



Bids adieu: England's World Cup hero Stokes is set to call time on an illustrious ODI career. ■REUTERS

Stokes, who is England's Test captain, has scored 2919 runs in 104 ODIs and taken 74 wickets

I can't give my teammates 100% of myself in this format anymore. The England shirt deserves nothing less from anyone who wears it," he added.

Stokes said he was no longer able to give 100% and that playing three formats was "unsustainable" for him now. "Three formats are just unsustainable for me now. Not only do I feel that my body is letting me down be-

cause of the schedule and what is expected of us, but I also feel that I am taking the place of another player who can give Jos and the rest of the team their all. "It's time for someone else to progress as a cricketer and make incredible memories like I have over the past 11 years."

Total commitment

"I will give everything I have to Test cricket, and now, with this decision, I feel I can also give my total commitment to the T20 format."

He wished luck to current white-ball captain Jos Buttler and coach Matthew Mott.

IN BRIEF

NZ wins first T20I against Ireland

NEW ZEALAND
New Zealand earned a fourth straight win against Ireland to start its T20I series 1-0 at Stormont on Monday. Fresh off a 3-0 series win in the ODI at Malahide, New Zealand won by 31 runs. The scores: New Zealand 173/8 in 20 overs (Glenn Philip 69 n.o., Josh Little 4/35) bt Ireland 142 in 18.2 overs (Lockie Ferguson 4/14). AP

Ramdin hangs up his boots

ANI
ST. JOHN'S (ANTIGUA)

Former West Indies skipper Denesh Ramdin announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect on Monday.

Ramdin played his last match for West Indies in a T20I in December 2019. He represented West Indies in 74 Test matches, 139 ODIs, and 71 T20Is.

Ramdin, who scored 2898 runs in Tests with four centuries, also accumulated 2200 runs in ODIs and 636 runs in T20Is. As a wicketkeeper, the 37-year-old had 217, 188 and 63 scalps in Tests, ODIs and T20Is respectively.



Ramdin. ■FILE PHOTO: K. PICHUMANI

Narinder Batra quits as FIH and IOA president

Ends all association with sports administration, citing 'personal reasons'

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

Narinder Batra's long association with sports administration came to an end on Monday even as the beleaguered administrator was subjected to CBI searches in a corruption case across States. Batra resigned as the International Hockey Federation (FIH) president through a hand-written note citing 'personal reasons'.

Court order

He also tendered his resignation as the IOA president, even though he had already been asked to step aside by a court order of May 25 that termed his continuation as IOA president illegal.

The court struck down the post of 'life member' in Hockey India, which Batra



Batra. ■FILE PHOTO

held when he fought the IOA elections five years ago.

He was asked to formally resign on June 24. Batra has challenged the order while Anil Khanna has been named acting president. Batra also stepped down as member of the IOC, which was linked to his IOA role.

"Due to personal reasons I submit my resignation from

the post of president FIH. Thank you for your support and guidance" Batra wrote to the FIH Executive Board. Batra had been elected for a second term last year, defeating Belgium's Marc Coudron.

While his resignation from the IOA and IOC was on expected lines, his decision to quit FIH comes as a surprise, especially given his announcement in May that he wouldn't seek re-election to IOA "to devote more time to the promotion of Hockey 5s and the Nations Cup".

"The Executive Board shall appoint an acting president to hold office until the FIH Congress appoints a person to fill the vacancy... a meeting of the EB will be organised as soon as possible... the next presidential elections will take place during

the upcoming FIH Congress which is planned to be held virtually on 4 and 5 November this year," the FIH said in a statement.

CBI search

The resignations came on a day the CBI searched his premises in Delhi and Jammu in a corruption case accusing Batra of siphoning ₹35 lakh of Hockey India funds.

A petition had also been launched ahead of the July 15 FIH EB by former India coach Terry Walsh seeking his removal as FIH president.

Batra has been associated with Indian hockey since the early 2000s, in the erstwhile IIF and was instrumental in the removal of K.P.S. Gill and forming of Hockey India. He was also the DDCA treasurer from 2010-2013.

Smith hailed in Australia as LIV concerns grow

Speculation abounds that the British Open winner may join the rebel tour

GOLF

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SYDNEY

Cameron Smith was lauded on Monday as a true champion in Australia, but his British Open win was marred by concerns that he could be about to jump ship to Greg Norman's rebel LIV tour.

The 28-year-old, who pro-

duced a stunning last round 64 to lift the Claret Jug, became the fifth Australian to claim the title alongside Peter Thomson, Kel Nagle, Ian Baker-Finch and Norman.

The Sydney Morning Herald called it "a staggering performance", while The Australian said he was "the best putter in the sport".

"Our champion. Congratulations Cameron Smith,"

said the PGA of Australia. But speculation mounted that he could defect to LIV.

It stemmed from him failing to quash talk in his post-win press conference that he could be the next big name tempted to take the huge signing-on fees being offered. "I don't know," Smith said when asked. "My team worries about all that stuff. I'm here to win tournaments."



Smith. ■GETTY IMAGES

LIVE TELECAST

Sri Lanka vs Pakistan: 1st Test, day 4, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 10 a.m.

England vs South Africa: 1st ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 5.30 p.m.

TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.15 p.m.

World Athletics Championships: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV & YouTube & Facebook channels, 5.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

IN BRIEF



Jeev finishes third in German senior tourney

Jeev Milkha Singh, playing his first year on the Legends Tour (for over 50), secured his first top-3 result at the Winstongolf Senior Open here. Jeev finished the final round with a superb five-under 67 for a total of six-under 210. His first two rounds were 70-73 at the 54-hole tournament. PTI

Vani finishes career-best T-3; Diksha tied 17th

Vani Kapoor recorded a career-best result on the Ladies European Tour, finishing tied third in the 2022 Big Green Egg Open here on Sunday. Vani's previous best was a tied sixth at the Hero Women's Indian Open in 2017. Vani returned a five-under total, just two behind winner Anna Nordqvist. Diksha Dagar dropped to T-17, Amandeep Drall T-48 and Ridhima Dilawari T-57. PTI



Cameron Smith reaches No. 2 world ranking

Cameron Smith leapt five spots to No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking, a career best, as a result of winning the Open Championship on Sunday. Smith unseated Rory McIlroy, who dropped by one position, to lie behind Scottie Scheffler who remained No. 1 after tying for 21st at The Open. REUTERS



Cressy beats Bublik to ATP Hall of Fame title

American Maxime Cressy won his first career ATP title on Sunday, defeating Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik 2-6, 6-3, 7-6(3) in the Hall of Fame Open final. French-born Cressy, who became American in 2018, had lost two ATP finals this year — to Rafael Nadal at Melbourne in January and Taylor Fritz at Eastbourne last month. AFP

Gold medals for Akanksha and Harshada

Soumya wins youth girls' 45kg bronze

WEIGHTLIFTING

SPORTS BUREAU

World junior champion Harshada Garud and Akanksha Vyavhare won gold medals in the Asian youth and junior weightlifting championships in Tashkent on Monday.

Harshada recorded 69kg in snatch and 88kg in clean and jerk to aggregate 157kg to clinch the junior women's 45kg title. She lifted four kg more than her Worlds showing.

Akanksha, a World youth silver medalist, lifted 55kg in snatch and 70kg in clean and jerk to total 125kg to win the gold in the youth girls'

Mairaj Khan wins skeet gold

Indian women clinch bronze in rifle 3-position

SHOOTING WC

SPORTS BUREAU

Mairaj Ahmad Khan competed hard to win the men's skeet gold in the shooting World Cup in Changwon, Korea, on Monday.

The 46-year-old Mairaj shot 119 in qualification and was tied for the last two slots with four others.

He won the shoot-off along with Niccolo Sodi of Italy, ahead of three-time World Champion and Olympic medallist, Abdullah Al-rashidi, among others.

He topped the second stage of competition among the four, before beating Kim Minsu of Korea for the gold 37-36.

It may be recalled that Mairaj had lost the gold in the shoot-off in the World Cup in Rio in 2016, the last individual medal won by him in a World Cup.

The Indian women's rifle 3-position team of Anjum Moudgil, Ashi Chouksey, and Sift Kaur Samra won the



Top shots: Mairaj flanked by Kim and Llewelin. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

bronze, behind Germany and Korea, by beating Austria 16-6.

Vijayveer misses out

In the men's 25-metre rapid fire pistol, Vijayveer Sidhu lost the shoot-off 2-4 to Dai Yoshioka of Japan, who went on to win the gold.

India continued to stay on top of the medals table with five gold, five silver and three bronze medals. Host Korea

was second with three gold, three silver, and two bronze, and was followed by Serbia with three gold.

The results: 25m rapid fire pistol: 1. Dai Yoshioka (Jpn) 32 (16) 583, 2. Jean Quiquampoix (Fra) 31 (17) 582, 3. Lee Jaekyoon (Kor) 18 (16) 585; Vijayveer Sidhu 16 (584); 12. Anish Bhanwala 582; 30. Sameer 566.

50m rifle 3-position team women: 1. Germany 177 (881) 1324, 2. Korea 11 (880) 1312, 3.

India (Anjum Moudgil, Ashi Chouksey, Sift Kaur Samra) 16 (872) 1310.

Skeet: Men: 1. Mairaj Ahmad Khan 37 (27) 119(12), 2. Kim Minsu (Kor) 36 (27) 120(12), 3. Ben Llewelin (GBR) 26 (26) 121(4).

Women: 1. Lucie Anastassiou (Fra) 34(11) 26 (118), 2. Amber Hill (GBR) 34(10) 29 (120), 3. Chiara Di Marziantonio (Ita) 23 (25) 117(12); 4. Nele Wissmer (Ger) 12 (26) 116(6); 23. Mufaddal Deesawala 108.

Hyderabad racing season from July 21

VINAYAK M. ZODGE

The 2022 Hyderabad racing season will get underway from July 21 and end on October 31 as per the prospectus released by the Hyderabad Race Club (HRC).

The total advertised stakes money for the 28 race-days season is ₹11,65,30,000. The HRC will follow all Covid-19 norms/regulations laid down by the Government of Telangana.

The stellar attraction of the season would be the Coromandel Gromor Deccan Derby (Gr. 1) scheduled to be run on October 2, with guaranteed stakes money of ₹5 million.

Apart from 21 'A' licensed

trainers and 24 licensed jockeys/apprentice jockeys at the HRC, leading outstanding trainer/jockeys are also expected to participate. 659 horses are in the station, including 192 two-year-olds.

Important races: K. Mahipathi Rao Memorial Golconda Juvenile Million (Aug. 7), Nizam's Gold Cup (Aug. 22), Governor's Cup (Aug. 28), Y. Shanker Rao Memorial Deccan Fillies Championship Stakes (Aug. 29), Race2win.com Deccan Colts Championship Stakes (Sept. 4), President Of India Gold Cup (Sept. 11), Coromandel Gromor Deccan Derby (Oct. 2) and Golconda St. Leger (Oct. 24).

Racing dates: July: 21 & 25; August: 1, 7, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 28 & 29; September: 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 19, 25 & 26; October: 2, 3, 10, 14, 17, 22, 24, 27 & 31.

Wimbledon doubles champ Ebden joins TPL

The Australian will be the marquee player for the fourth edition

TENNIS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Reigning Wimbledon doubles champion Matthew Ebden of Australia will be the marquee player for the fourth Tennis Premier League (TPL), to be played at the Balewadi Stadium, Pune, from December 7 to 11.

"It has been a standout year of my career and at this time, I am delighted to be joining the TPL family to help extend this riveting form and grow its awareness internationally," said the 34-year-old Ebden, who was the doubles runner-up at the Australian Open this year.

"I have always had a special connection with India,



New innings: Ebden says he shares great relation with the Indian players on tour. ■FILE PHOTO

and shared great relations with the Indian players on tour. I have huge appreciation for the passion Indians have for tennis and I have fond memories of Pune,"

said Ebden, who had partnered multiple Grand Slam champion Leander Paes on the Tour in 2020, and had also won a title with Divij Sharan.

Diya excited about maiden C'wealth Games appearance

The teenager admits the selection controversy unsettled her and found it difficult to focus

TABLE TENNIS

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

Diya Chitale has been dominating the domestic table tennis circuit for almost a decade. But more than her exploits on the table, it was her controversial exclusion before being included in India's squad for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham that brought her into the national limelight.

"The entire team is bonding pretty well together. Only Manika di (Batra) has played in the Commonwealth Games earlier. Reeth di (Rishya), Sreeja (Akula) and I are playing for the first time.



All the best: Kamlash Mehta felicitates Diya at a function organised by Khar Gymkhana. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It's going to be a new experience for all of us," Diya said.

After being left out of the provisional squad, it was only after a writ petition was

filed in the Bombay High Court that the Delhi HC-appointed Committee of Administrators — appointed to run the Table Tennis Federation of India — decided to include

Diya in the women's squad. Diya admitted that it wasn't easy to focus on her training in Germany when the provisional squad was announced.

Support structure

"When the team was announced first, I was really disappointed. There was a bit of doubt as to whatever I did was worth it. But then my entire support structure — my parents, my coaches led by Sachin (Shetty) sir — told me that I had to keep pushing myself and be focused on the game.

"If not this time, then definitely next time. I am glad it's paid off this time around,"

she said. "I hope to go there and not only look at the top table tennis players, but also other disciplines. P.V. Sindhu has been my idol and I hope to meet her. It's definitely going to be a very big learning experience for me," she said.

Being the fourth member of the squad, she is set to be involved in the team championship and in women's doubles along with star paddler Manika.

"Never practised with Manika before. But she has been playing amazingly well in the last few years. I am definitely looking forward to pairing with her and learning from her," she said.

PSG training session a hit with fans

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TOKYO

Lionel Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappe drew gasps from a crowd of thousands here on Monday as Paris Saint-Germain held the first training session of its Japanese tour.

About 13,000 fans turned up at the Chichibunomiya rugby ground to watch an open session and were treated to an hour and a half of tricks and flicks from PSG's star attacking trio.

The crowd erupted in cheers as the team trotted out to jog around the pitch and the players' every touch was greeted with loud squeals.

Security guards were even called into action when several fans invaded the pitch once the session was over.

Masayuki Yoshizawa, a 38-year-old office worker who arrived at the stadium wearing a 1990s-era PSG shirt,

Sujeet tastes success

WRESTLING

SPORTS BUREAU

Sujeet fetched India's lone men's freestyle gold medal on the final day of the Zouhaier Sghaier Ranking Series wrestling tournament in Tunis, Tunisia, on Sunday.

Sujeet, who had claimed gold in Asian under-23 and Asian under-20 championships, secured his third successive title as he defeated 2021 Asian silver medalist and Matteo Pellicone gold medalist Adian Askarov of Kazakhstan 14-4, 2021 Poland open champion John Diakomihalis of USA 8-2 and Argentine Olympian Agustin Destribats 15-4 in the 65kg weight class.



Sujeet. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Udit (57kg) lost to World champion and Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Thomas Gilman of the USA 9-8 in the final to take the silver.

Aman Sehrawat (61kg), Sagar Jaglan (74kg) and Viky Chahar (92kg) also performed well to bag silver medals. Karan Mor (70kg) and Gourav Balyan (79kg) pocketed bronze medals.



Meeting the stars: Ramos, Messi, Mbappe, Neymar and Marquinhos held a football clinic for children. ■AFP

told AFP he was looking forward to watching star striker Mbappe.

"Ligue 1 teams don't usually come to Japan — they usually go to China," he said, adding that he had been a fan of PSG since Brazilian Leonardo joined it from Japanese club Kashima Antlers in 1996. "It's great that they have come here after the pandemic — I think it might be the first and last time."

Nine-year-old Aoma Oura

Indian hockey women's team leaves for CWG

ANI
BARCELONA

The Indian women's hockey team left for London from here on Monday, ahead of the Commonwealth Games 2022.

The team will carry out a final preparation camp in Nottingham before leaving for Birmingham on July 23 to take part in the Games.

India finished joint-ninth with China at the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022, played between July 1 and 17.

Captain Savita said the team is determined to turn it around. "Unfortunately, we couldn't play to our potential at the Women's World Cup, but we are determined to turn our form around at the Commonwealth Games.

"We have a great squad with a fantastic balance of experienced and young players.

"We'll take a fresh start at the CWG and I am certain that we will be able to take on the best of teams in the competition."

Savita added that the team will be working on a few aspects of the game before the start of the competition.

Indian will meet Ghana in its opener on July 29.

Milan renews Ibrahimovic's contract

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
MILAN

Zlatan Ibrahimovic has had his contract with seven-time European champion AC Milan extended by a year, the club said on Monday.

"AC Milan is pleased to announce the renewal of Zlatan Ibrahimovic's contract until June 30, 2023. The Swedish forward will continue to wear the No. 11 shirt," the club said in a statement.