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FINDING THE BALANCE **Regulations could** hinder Al's growth

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Govt. removes NTA chief, hands over probe to CBI

Education Ministry constitutes expert panel to reform NTA organisational structure, SOPs and paper-setting protocols; Health Ministry puts off today's NEET-PG as a 'precautionary measure'

Ashna Butani NEW DELHI

he Union government on Saturday removed Subodh Kumar Singh from his position as Director-General of the National Testing Agency (NTA), which has come under fire for an alleged paper leak and irregularities in the NEET-UG examination, and other examinations which it conducts.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry announced the postponement of the NEET-PG examination "as a precautionary measure", just hours before it was due to be held on Sunday.

Conceding a persistent demand by students and the Opposition, the Education Ministry announced that the probe into the allegations of cheating and

Upkeep time



Burning issue: Congress workers stage a protest over the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG results, in Varanasi on Saturday. PTI

malpractice in the NEET-UG examination will be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation. It noted that the Centre has enacted the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, and vowed that "strictest action" will be taken against individuals and organisations found to be guilty.

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Railway services, hostel stay exempted from GST

<u>Vikas Dhoot</u> NEW DELHI

Meeting after almost nine months, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on Saturday approved measures to ease compliance for small businesses, exempted hostel accommodation worth up to ₹20,000 a month and Railway services, and resolved to reconvene in August to initiate parleys on rejigging the multiple rates levied under the seven-year-old indirect tax.

With 11 new members from States such as Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana,



Key decisions: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the 53rd GST Council meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

Rajasthan, and Odisha, the council could only take up a part of its heavy agenda of clarifications and trade facilitation measures, but did grant some relief to taxpayers, including a waiver

of interest and penalties on some past tax demands, along with steps to reduce litigation.

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The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The INDIA bloc leaders, who are part of a panel to assist pro tem Speaker Bhartruhari Mahtab in administering oath to newly elected Lok Sabha members, will not be performing their duties, a senior Opposition leader said on Saturday. This could signal an escalation of tensions between the government and the INDIA bloc.

The Congress's Kodikunnil Suresh, Dravida

resh despite his being the senior-most MP, sources said. Two other senior MPs – BJP leaders Radha Mohan Singh and Faggan Singh Kulaste – are also on the panel to assist the pro tem Speaker.

"By all convention and tradition, Kodikunnil Suresh should have been the pro tem Speaker," Congress leader Jairam Ramesh told The Hindu in an interview. While Mr. Mahtab has

been elected for seven con-

Centre's decision was part of the Narendra Modi government's "bulldozer tactics" in running the Parliament. "The Opposition is not going to take it lying down... It cannot be the standard Modi-Shah way of dealing with Parliament and bulldozer tactics." Mr.

Six held in NEET paper leak case The Bihar Police on Friday



Away from waves: Workers engage in maintenance and repair of deep-sea fishing vessels at a harbour in Mangaluru on Saturday. The annual fishing ban is in effect from June 1 to July 31 in coastal Karnataka. H.S. MANJUNATH

JD(S) MLC Suraj Revanna booked, quizzed on sexual abuse charge

The Hindu Bureau SHIVAMOGGA

The Hassan police took Janata Dal (S) MLC Suraj Revanna to the Cyber Economic and Narcotics Crime (CEN) police station in Hassan on Saturday within minutes of a complaint being registered against him at Holenarsipur for allegedly sexually abusing a man who claimed to be a JD (S) worker.

It is said that the officers are inquiring about the complaint and are collecting evidence related to the allegations against him, which include abuse and threat of murder if the alleged victim revealed the abuse.

Earlier, the Holenarsipur Rural police registered



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plaint with the Holenarsi-

pur police, alleging that

the complainant black-

mailed Mr. Suraj for mo-

veal the truth.



Suraj Revanna FILE PHOTO

a case based on the complaint by a 27-year-old youth, a resident of Arkalgud taluk.

The police have booked the case against Mr. Suraj under Sections 377 (unnatural offences), 342 (wrongful confinement), and 506 (criminal intimidation). A case has also been registered against his associate, Shivakumar. Mr. Suraj is the granding allegations of sexual abuse against him.

At the farmhouse

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The complainant claimed that during the recent Lok Sabha elections, he had worked for Mr. Prajwal. The MLC had appreciated his (the complainant's) work and shared his number, assuring him "a settled life" ahead.

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Trinamool Congress were

part of the panel, but they

will skip their duties to

protest against the Centre's secutive terms, the Congress MP from Kerala is an

Ramesh said.

Darshan, three others remanded in judicial custody

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

Thirteen years after going to jail in a domestic violence case, actor Darshan was remanded in judicial custody along with three of his associates till July 4 by the 24th Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate on Saturday in the Renukaswamy murder case.

Darshan, Vinay, Dhanraj, and Pradosh were handed over to the prison authorities after completing the formalities.

The accused were in police custody for the last 13 days, while Pavithra Gowda, who is accused no. 1 and also Darshan's partner, and 12 others were remanded in judicial custody on June 20.

The police have so far arrested 17 people in the case and efforts are on to retrieve the mobile data.

As per the remand application, the police said that as the data of the mobile phones used by the accused and witnesses in the case had been erased, they, with the court's permission, had approached the service providers to reaccess the data.

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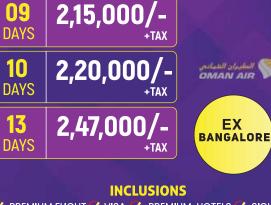
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City auto union seeks rise in minimum fare

The Autorickshaw Drivers' Union has cited spiralling prices of fuel and spare parts, and inflation as reasons for its demand; union has highlighted its wish in a letter to the DC of Bengaluru Urban

Darshan Devaiah B.P. BENGALURU

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he Autorickshaw Drivers' Union (AR-DU) has demanded an increase in the minimum auto fare as it has not increased for three years. The union has cited spiralling cost of fuel and spare parts and inflation as reasons for its demand.

Recently, the ARDU wrote to the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner seeking to revise autorickshaw fares in Bengaluru in line with the wholesale price index (WPI).

Speaking to The Hindu. general secretary of ARDU T.M. Rudramurthy said: "The auto fares were last revised on December 20, 2021, and before that in 2013. The extended time between revisions has posed challenges for auto drivers. Therefore, we urged the administration to consider annual fare revisions aligned with the WPI."

"Over the past three years, prices have steadily risen, particularly affecting the cost of auto spare parts. Drivers are encountering significant challenges, including heavy traffic conditions that limit them to no more than 70 kilo-



The current fare structure for an auto ride in the city is ₹30 for the initial 2 km and ₹15 for each additional km. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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Transport Minister Ramal-

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not yet received any com-

munication from the union

regarding the request to in-

crease auto fares. He ex-

plained that while annual

fare revisions may not be

Speaking to The Hindu,

metres per day, consequently reducing their daily earnings substantially," he added.

The union has called upon the government to amend current laws, specifically Section 67(i) of the Motor Vehicles Act. This section requires auto fares to be fixed "from time to time," but lacks clarity on the frequency of these fix-Mr. es, noted Rudramurthy.

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Traffic police book over 800 cases against auto drivers

<u>The Hindu Bureau</u> BENGALURU

The West Division traffic police on Saturday launched a special drive against erring autorickshaw drivers and booked over 800 cases against them.

Based on complaints that autorickshaw drivers were involved in traffic violations and plying vehicles without the required licences, the traffic police conducted surprise checks posing as customers.

They caught 213 drivers demanding excess fares, while 234 refused to go on hire. The police also booked 383 drivers for violating various traffic rules. Three among them were booked for plying without driving licences.

The drive will continue in other parts of the city to check erring drivers and necessary legal action will be initiated against them, M.N. Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), added.

'BBMP West zone has the highest concentration of homeless people'

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The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

The West zone of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike (BBMP) has the highest concentration of homeless people [39.6%], according to the Bengaluru Homeless Survey Report. The East zone [25.4%] is second, followed by Mahadevapura [10%].

The report was released on Saturday during the second annual conference on homelessness and collaborative responses, organised by Namma Kutumba (The Bangalore Homeless Programme).

"Regions with a high number of homeless individuals are characterised by the volume and diversity of commercial activities that take place there. This includes vegetable markets, mofussil bus and train stations, and loading and unloading centres for a range of cargo," the report said.

The survey was a component of the Bangalore Programme Homeless (BHP), a joint initiative of the Azim Premji Foundation and the Project Smile Trust. It was conducted in 2022 and had four broad components. The surveyors had identified 551 hotspots (locations with more than three homeless persons) and data was also collected from 1,591 individuals across 50 shelter homes.

The report also says that

most hotspots were located outside shops [41.1%], footpaths or pavements [28.77%], bus stands [10.76%], and railway stations [7.44%].

Life on the street

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While 48.95% of the respondents reported facing difficulties in procuring food, most of them said that they accessed food and water, mostly through hotels, begging, Indira Canteens, public taps, and religious institutions.

Family conflict has been identified as the leading cause for homelessness in the report with 34% of respondents stating it as the reason, followed by migration from rural areas [27.21%], and difficulty in finding work [26.4%].

The report also highlighted that while Bengaluru had recorded 14,189 individuals classified under the urban homeless category, existing shelters could only accommodate 1,869, indicating a severe

shortage of facilities. Bengaluru East had the highest number of shelters, with nine accommodating 135 out of a possible 256 individuals. Despite this, only 52.08% of the city's shelter capacity was utilised, chiefly owing to a lack of access and awareness about these shelters. The report suggested several changes, including

the provision of sleeping

mats and tarps for harsh

weather, and larger initia-

tives like creating affordable housing. It also recommended that hospitals provide homeless individuals with medical records to facilitate easier access to healthcare.

Other suggestions included fostering community development, establishing hospitals near shelters for better post-operative care, and improving access to nutritious food, through initiatives like Indira Canteens and public filter taps.

Finally, the report called for the passage of the Homeless Pavement Dwellers (Welfare) Bill by Parliament to grant rights to the homeless and prevent violence and arbitrary eviction that they often face.

Seer dies after he is assaulted in Malur taluk

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

A 70-year-old seer of Ananda Mutt, situated at Santhehalli village in Malur taluk of Kolar district, died of injuries, after he was assaulted allegedly by a rival group over a property row

early on Saturday. The Malur police Superintendent of Police Narayana, tracked saulted the victim before fleeing the spot. The profusely bleeding

Chinmavananda was rushed to R.L. Jalappa hospital where he died. A preliminary inquiry

According to the police, revealed that there was a he was in the restroom when the accused [Arun civil dispute over the mutt Kumar, 55, Dharma Pranaproperty and administration of the polytechnic, vananda Swamy,45, and which was the reason for Swathe murder. The case has been pending before a

court for many years. The police have made elaborate security arrangements to ensure law and order, as a tense situation prevailed for some time as news of the death spread.

"The situation is peaceful and the accused have been taken into custody, and all digital evidence has been seized for further investigation," said an officer.

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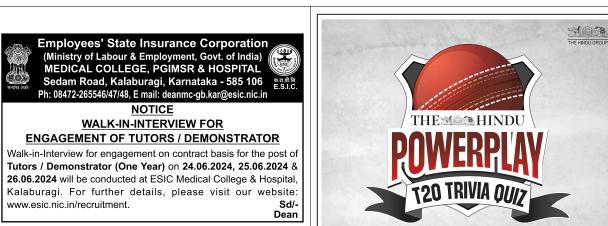
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Bengaluru City University gets two more constituent colleges

Jayanth R. BENGALURU

For administrative purposes, the State government has declared the Government Arts College and the Government Ramnarayan Chellaram College of Commerce and Management (R.C. College), which are located in the heart of the city, as constituent colleges Bengaluru City of University.

The government took this decision at the request of the Bengaluru City University. Earlier, these colleges came under the administration of the Collegiate Education Department.

The Bengaluru City University has been functioning as an independent university since 2017 after being trifurcated from Bangalore University. But, the university has a single constituent college - Multidisciplinary Constituent College for Women - at Malleswaram.

About 4,000 students are enrolled in the university. However, the university has merely 12 permanent teaching faculty to teach such a large number of students. The bulk of the work is handled by more than 100 guest lecturers.

Citing the interest of students, the university had requested the government



The Bengaluru City University has been functioning as an independent university since 2017. FILE PHOTO

multiple times to fill up vacant posts of teaching faculty.

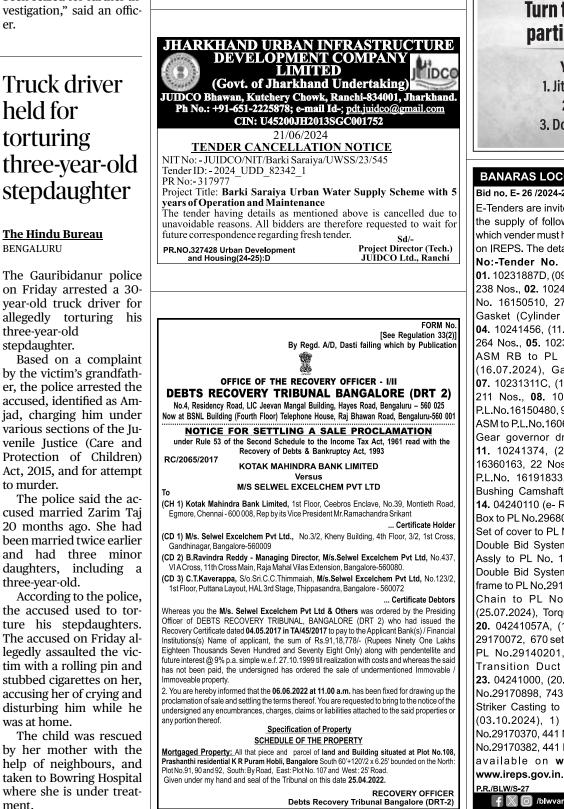
Advantages of the move As of now, about 2,000 students are enrolled in Government Arts College and the Government Ramnarayan Chellaram College of Commerce and Management in undergraduate and postgraduate courses. They will become part of the university.

In addition, the university will be able to utilise the services of 80 permanent faculty working in these two colleges. According to university officials, apart from this, students of both colleges can advance academically by using the opportunities for research and academic collaboration, well-equipped li-

brary, playground, laboratory, and other facilities in the university.

In addition, the move will be beneficial for the faculty members. The retirement age of teaching faculty or professors under the Collegiate Education Department is 60, as compared to 62 for the university's faculty members or professors.

Lingaraja Gandhi, Vice-Chancellor of the university, told The Hindu, "Earlier, both were affiliated colleges of our university. However, the government has now declared both as constituent colleges of our university. Now, they come under the direct administration of our university. This will benefit both the university and the colleges."



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Turn to the sports pages to participate in today's quiz

Yesterday's winners: 1. Jitendra Karmakar, Cuttack 2. Shruti Jain, Mumbai 3. Dodda Mounika, Hyderabad

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THE HINDU Bengaluru

HIV patients fear NACO's index testing campaign

In the drive launched in April, counsellors focus on identifying sexual and/or needle-sharing partners as well as biological children at risk of contracting infection

will reveal disease to family members unaware of it

Timings

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while pointing out that the

BTC chairman, the CEO,

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Bengaluru Tomorrow **30°C** The weather will be slight warm and humid Night will be pleasant Spell of moderate rain and thundershower with gusty winds will occur. © Copyright Skymet Weather 2024 All rights reserved.

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A file photo of nursing students during an awareness programme on World AIDS Day in Bengaluru.

lors, with the consent of of vertical transmission of HIV-positive index clients, HIV. focus on identifying sexual However, most people needle-sharing

living with HIV (PLHIV) are finding it embarrassing to get their family members tus," asked a 49-year-old person living with the disease.

Sources at Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTCs) said that there are a lot of challenges in implementing the campaign.

"Counsellors are finding it hard to convince the index cases to give their partner's information. Even if they share, the partners refuse to get tested fearing societal stigma. We are worried that the patients may stop coming to the ART centres for medicine and drop out of treatment if they are pressured to share details," sources said.

NACO's letter

While index testing (simi-

lar to contact tracing) is not new, it is being taken up on a campaign mode following NACO's directions.

95-95-95 targets

On April 2, V. Hekali Zhimomi, Additional Secretary and Director-General, NACO, wrote to project directors of AIDS Control Societies of all States and Union Territories, stating that India is committed to achieving the 95-95-95 tar-

gets by 2025-2026. The 95-95-95 targets are aimed at achieving 95% of PLHIV knowing their status, 95% of diagnosed individuals on ART, and 95% of those on ART achieving viral suppression by 2025.

"This necessitates a significant scaling up of HIV

testing and counselling services, particularly in priority populations, utilising high-yielding, innovative, and effective strategies. One such strategy to bolster the identification of new HIV cases under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP-V) is index testing," the letter stated.

Acknowledging the challenges, Nagaraja N.M., project director, Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS), said index testing is a voluntary exercise that will help identify hidden cases and check the spread of the disease.

"We have told the counsellors not to force anyone to reveal their partner/children details. Their decision will be respected," he said.

High Court prohibits horse racing and betting at BTC for now

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

A Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka on Saturday prohibited horse racing, on-course and off-course betting activities at the Bangalore Turf Club, till petitions filed by the BTC and others are finally adjudicated before a single judge.

The Bench, comprising Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria and Justice K.V. Aravind, passed the interim order, while staying the June 18 interim order passed by a single judge. The State government had filed an appeal against the interim order of the single judge, who had



stayed the June 6 order of the government refusing permission for horse races and betting at BTC.

While pointing out that the discretion exercised by the government in rejecting BTC's application for granting licence is prima facie reasonable and was on the basis of relevant and germane factors and considerations, the Bench said that the single judge could not have allowed racing and betting as an interim tirely different to the time measure as it amounted to when the licences were granting final relief itself, granted in March, when which is contrary to the only an FIR was registered. law laid down by the Su-The police now have already filed the preliminary chargesheet, in which the "When the top officebearers of the club themtop office-bearers of the selves have been facing criminal prosecution and are the accused in a criminal

BTC have also been arraigned as accused for their alleged involvement in the illegalities of bookmakers. The government's June 6 order of rejecting licence recited that the management of the BTC, though

aware, remained inactive, and failed to perform supervisory role on the alleged illegalities of bookies and operation of unlicenced bookies on its premises, the Bench noted.

"If it is the apprehension that the event is prone to promoting and peddling illegalities relating to cash receipts, benami transactions, bookie betting inside and outside the premises, the competent authority is entirely justified in rejecting the licence to hold the event," the Bench said, and added that all these observations would be limited only for the interim order.

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"I have a 17-year-old son.

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"The single judge rested upon irrelevant consideration in his reasoning to stay the rejection of licence and permit the horse racing event to take place... the criminal cases pending against the accused persons could not have been overlooked since they relate to the very kind of illegalities. The single judge erred in observing that in the facts of the case, ex-

traordinary jurisdiction was required to be invoked and that it was exceptional to grant the interim stay and permit the horse racing...", the Bench observed.

Pointing out that the management of the BTC cannot claim impunity and cannot claim to be absolved for activities done by the bookies and their assistants, the Bench said that "the single judge, in holding that the activities carried on by the bookies have no nexus to the aspect of refusal or grant of licence, even if they are illegal and subjected to pending criminal proceedings, committed a manifest error in reasoning and in exercising his discretion in favour of the petitioners."

'Product Santhe' at **UAS-B** attracts over 15,000 visitors



Minister for Agriculture N. Cheluvarayaswamy at the 'Product Santhe' organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

mixtures and pickles were also popular among the visitors.

popular among the farmers

of the country and have

played a crucial role in in-

creasing the overall agricul-

tural production of the

state," said S.V. Suresha,

Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Ban-

He also said that over

400 quintals of sunflower

seeds were exported to

African countries, especial-

ly Uganda, through the East

African Seed Company Li-

More than 15,000 peo-

ple participated in the

santhe which was organ-

ised for half a day. While

urging farmers to make the

best use of 'Products

Santhe', Mr. Suresha said

that based on the feedback

of visitors, more such

events would be organised

to popularise the products

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The University of Agricultu-"UAS, Bangalore is the ral Sciences (UAS), Bangapremier agricultural unlore, organised 'Product iversity of the State and has Santhe' to showcase its vadeveloped 485 technolorious products on Saturday. gies and 328 varieties in its The event, which was mainlong span of six decades. ly aimed at creating aware-All these varieties are still

Study reveals impact of urbanisation on small towns

K.C. Deepika BENGALURU

This summer's water crisis in Bengaluru hogged the headlines and turned the spotlight on water security in urban India. But little attention has been paid to smaller towns and cities in the country.

A recently published study has highlighted this using the example of Chintamani, a town around 75 kilometres from Bengaluru. The study shows how these towns are feeling the pangs of urbanisation overexploited from groundwater and depleting aquifers to polluted lakes and fragmented planning.

The study – Mapping water in a small town: Data and insights on water management in Chintamani, Karnataka - was conducted by the Bengaluru-based WELL Labs, in partnership with Technology Informat-

(TIDE) and the Bremen Overseas Research and Development (BORDA)-South Asia.

The researchers chose Chintamani because the town is prone to water scarcity and is governed by a cash-strapped municipality, while its proximity to a metropolis like Bengaluru makes it likely that the town will continue to expand.

The study pointed out that built-up spaces concentrated in the centre of the town have tripled in size in the past 25 years. Their spatial analysis showed that only 7% of the land was built up in 1994, but the figure increased to 21% in 2021.

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Water scarcity

wells and tankers

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pite this transition, signifi-

attention

resources continue to be

directed towards large ci-

Lakes are polluted

cant

65% deficit in sewage treatment capacity results in raw count for 44.2% of the overall urban area in India, and constitute 26% of the nation's total urban popu-

According to the re-"Currently, small and medium towns, characterised by populations below 1,00,000, ac-

sewage entering waterbodies Groundwater is and rendering surface water overexploited unusable Around 100 municipal borewells are run interchangeably Electricity bills are high 24/7 to meet 40% of the Over 40% of the municipaltown's needs. An additional ity's operational expenses is 40% is met via private borespent on water supply infrastructure - mainly for power Aquifer is depleting bills - and little is recovered

through user fees as non-Chintamani is underpinned revenue water loss is high Planning is fragmented

and

APPOINTMENT

Multiple agencies are involved in water and sanitation schemes. They usually work in silos in the planning phase, which results in fragmented implementation and sub-optimal outcomes

ties, neglecting towns and peri-urban areas. As a result, many towns grapple with meeting the requirements and ambitions of their growing populations, lacking essential infrastructure for even fundamental services, particu-

larly in water and sanitation.'

The researchers believe that small towns could play a crucial role in advancing India's economic growth, but addressing their water and sanitation challenges is key for sustained development.

Chintamani faces a cycle of drought and excess rainfall - drought prevailed in 2014, 2016, and 2018, while the town reported excess rainfall in 2015, 2017, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

What the study, conducted over 2021 and 2022, revealed was that Chintamani is over-reliant on groundwater, which meets 80% of the freshwa-

ter needs of the town. 'Burden on aquifer There is a significant burden on the aquifer underlying Chintamani, but there are data gaps that impede better aquifer management and recharge. Water supply accounts for nearly 40% of the operational expenses of the municipality.

The preliminary analysis showed that over 50% of the town's drinking water needs could be met through local surface water. Chintamani's largest waterbody is the Nekkundi lake, which could supply 1.5 to 2 million litres per day (MLD) when it is filled to capacity. Supplemented by smaller lakes in the region, up to 4 MLD could be drawn from surface waterbodies, as opposed to the meagre 1 MLD currently sourced from the Kannampalli lake.

The researchers pointed out that this overview of the water situation in Chintamani underlined how interconnected surface and groundwater sources are, and how important it was to adopt an integrated approach to water management.

ness among the public, especially farmers, about the activities of UAS, also promoted several self-help groups.

From agricultural products like seeds, aromatic and medicinal plants, biopesticides, bio-fertilizers, agricultural implements, vermicompost to food items like organic jaggery, honey, value-added products of silkworm cocoons and bananas, Rajmudi rice, organic ragi, jackfruit and its products were sold during the santhe, which was inaugurated by N. Cheluvarayaswamy, Minister of Agriculture and Pro-chancellor, UAS-B.

Products like coconut oil, handmade scented soaps and face creams, value-added products of millets, nutritional laddoo,

bakery products, ready-tocook powders



Woman injured after falling from terrace of building

<u>The Hindu Bureau</u> BENGALURU

A 24-year-old woman sustained multiple fractures after accidentally slipping from the terrace of a twostorey building in Deverajeevanahalli on Friday.

The victim, identified as Rubaya, a resident of Kanaka Nagar, was washing dishes on the terrace. The parapet was not that high and she accidentally stepped

on soap and fell on the bikes parked below, said

the police. The entire incident was recorded on the mobile phone of a woman from the neighbourhood which later went viral on social media.

The severely injured Rubaya was rushed to hospital where she was treated in the intensive care unit. The police said that the victim is out of danger.

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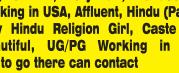
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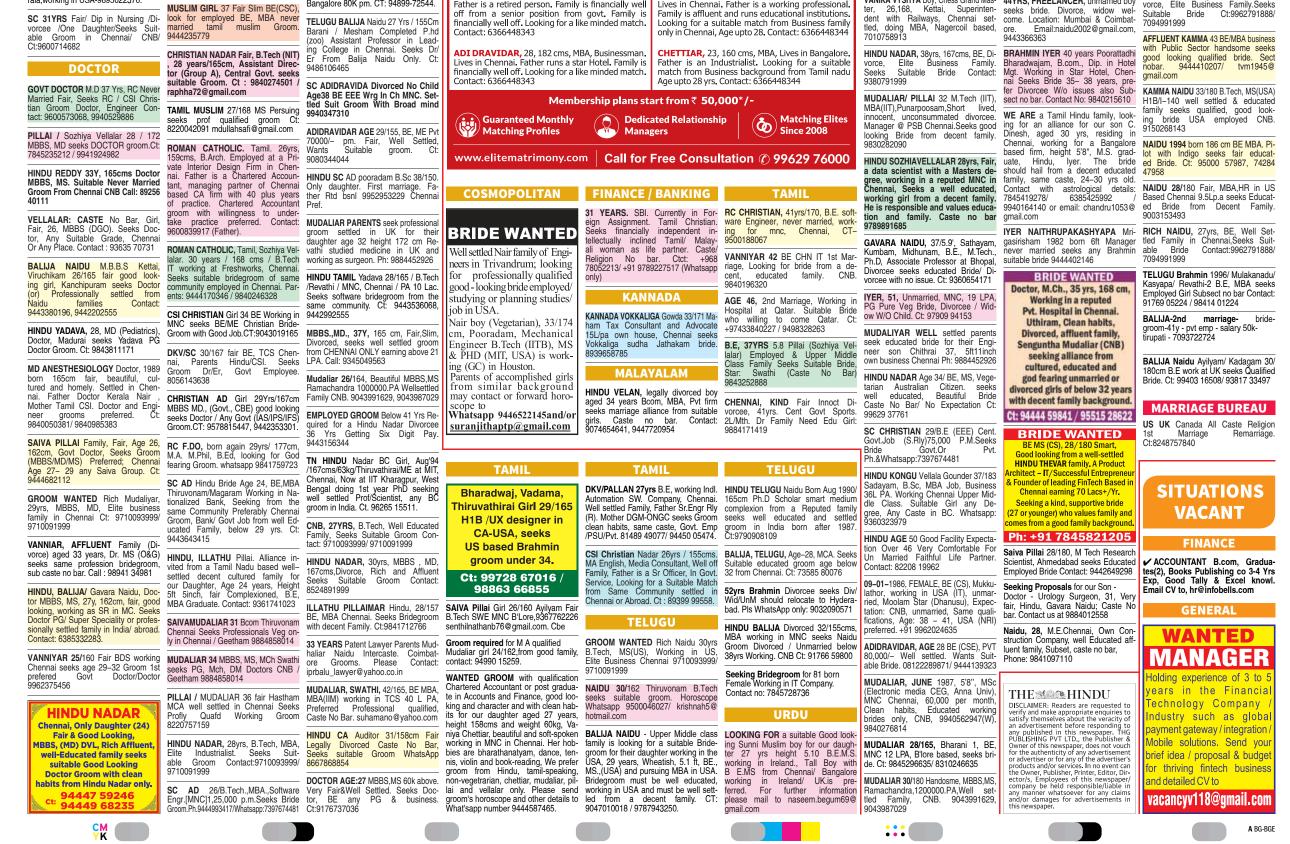
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Draft as per order dated 05.06.2024 (CCH-19) IN THE COURT OF THE VII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE O,S No, 439 OF 2024

1. Ajay Nagaraj S/o M G Nagaraj, Residing at 28, Roper Crescent, Sunbury-on- Thames, TW165BA United Kingdom, Represented by his Power of Attorney Holder Smt. Prema Nagaraj Plaintiff Plaintiff

1. Sri, M. G Nagaraj, 2. Ms. Divya Nagaraj, 3. Sri M. G Somashekar, 4. Ishan Somashekar, 5. Smt. Padma Ashok, 6. Smt. Sanchita Samillan, 7. Smt. Jancintha Lobo, 8. Sri Kiran Nagaraj, 9. Sri A. Ramakrishna

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 3 TO 6

1. Sri M. G Somshekar, Aged about 64 years, Residing at 41 Tata Silk Farm, Kanakapura Main Ro ... DEFENDANT NO 3 Basavanagudi, Kanakapura Rd, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560004 2. Ishan Somshekar, Aged about 29 years, Residing at 41 Tata Silk Farm, Kanakapu Basavanagudi, Kanakapura Rd, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560004. DEFE ira Main Road DEFENDANT NO 4 3. Smt. Padma Ashok Aged about 59 years, Residing at 41 Tata Silk Farm, Kanakapura Mair Basavanagudi, Kanakapura Rd, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560004. DEFENDANT NO.5 4. Smt. Sanchita Samillan Aged about 40 years, Residing at 41 Tata Silk Farm, Kanakapura Main Road, Basavanagudi, Kanakapura Rd, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560004 DEFENDANT NO.6 Whereas Sri Ajay Nagraj S/o M G Nagaraj has filed a suit before the City Civil Judge at Bangalore (CCH-19) in C. S. No. 439 of 2024, against 5: M. G. Nagaraj, Ms. Divay Nagaraj, S.M. G. Somashekar, Ishan Somashekar, Smt. Padma Ashok, Smt. Sanchita Samillan, Smt. Jancintha Lobo, Sri Kirar Nagarai and Sri A. Ramakrishna, seeking Partition, Declaration, Permanent Injunction & other reliefs You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble VII Add. City Civil Judge at Bangalore, ir person or by a duly instructed pleader on the 24.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M to answer the same, failing which the suit will proceed in your absence.

SCHEDULE A

All the piece and parcel of Sy.No.52/1 measuring 0 acre 27 guntas situated at Agara Grama, Kengeri-Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by : Sy.No.54, Sy.No.58 and Sy.No.53, West by : Sy.No.41 and Sy.No.42, North by : Sy.No.51, South by : Sy No.52/2

SCHEDULE B

All the piece and parcel of Sy. No. 52/2 measuring 0 acre 5 guntas situated at Agara Grama, Kengeri-Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sy.No.58, West by : Sy.No.41, North by : Sy.No.52/1, South by : Sy.No.60

SCHEDULE C All that piece and parcel of residential building consisting of Ground, First, Second and Terrace Penthouse floors constructed at No 41, Tata Silk Farm, Kanakapura Main Road, Basavanagudi Bangalore 560004 and bound ed on the East By : Kanakapura Main Road, West By : Private property bearing site no: 24, North By : Private

property bearing site no: 20, South By : Private property bearing site no: 22 SCHEDULE D

All the piece and parcel of the Sy. No. 56/1, Sy.No.56/2 and Sy.No.56/3 measuring 1 acre 15 guntas situated at Agara Grama, Kengeri-3 Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the

East by : Bangalore Kanakapura Road, West by : Sy.No.58, North by : Sy.No.55, South by : Sy.No.57 ScheDule E All the piece and parcel of the Sy. No. 58/1 measuring 0 acre 29 guntas situated at Agara Grama,

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All the piece and parcel of the Sy.No.52/2 measuring 0 acre 5 guntas situated at Agara Grama, Kengeri-3 Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and having common boundaries as follows: East by : Sy. No.58, West by : Sy.No.41, North by: Sy.No.52/1, South by : Sy.No.60 SCHEDULE G

All the piece and parcel of Sy. No. 44/1 immovable property measuring 3 acres 23 Guntas situatd at Agara Grama, Kengeri-3 Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the : East by: Bangalore Agara Main Road, West by : Sy. No. 119 and Sy. No. 118, North by Sy No.45 and Sy. No.46, South by : Sy. No.43

SCHEDULE G1

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SCHEDULE J

All the piece and parcel of the Sy. No.54 measuring 0 acre 8 guntas situated at Agara Grama, Kengeri-Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by : Sy. No.55, West by : Sy. No.52, North by : Sy. No.53, South by : Sy. No.58

CHEDULE K Reference Market Systems (Section 1975) (Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by: Kanakapura Main Road, West by: Sy.No.175, North by: Sy.No.176 and Sy. No. 184, South by Access Road SCHEDULE L

All the piece and parcel of the Sy. No. 168 measuring 1 acre 37 guntas situated at Agara Grama, Kengeri-3 Hobi, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by : Sy.No.65 and Sy. No. 167, West by : Sy.No.72, North by : Sy. No. 169 and Sy.No.170, South by : Sy.No.72

Given Under My Hand and The Seal of This Court, This 12th Day of June 2024. ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF

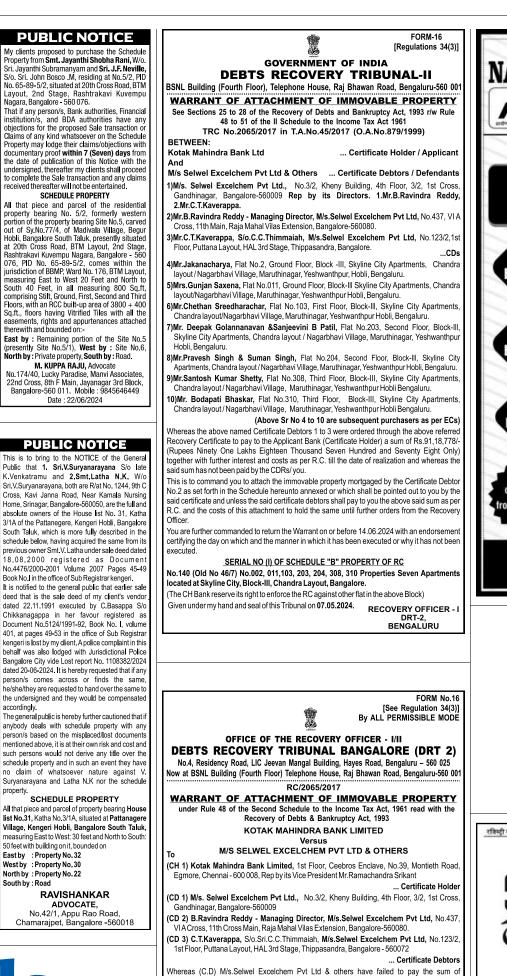
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Rs.91,18,778/-(Rupees Ninety One Lakhs Eighteen Thousands Seven Hundred Seventy Eight Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @ 9% p.a simple w.e.f. 27.10.1999 till realization with costs payable by you in respect of Certificate No. RC/2065/2017 drawn up by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)

Whereas (C.D) M/s.Selwel Excelchem Pvt Ltd & others was ordered by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) who had issued the Recovery Certificate dated 04.05.2017 in TA/45/2017 to pay to the certificate holder Bank /F.I., 91,18,778/ (Rupees Ninety One Lakhs Eighteen Thousands Seven Hundred Seventy Eight only) along with pendentellite and future interest @ 9% p.a simple w.e.f.27.10.1999 till realization with costs and eas the said has not been paid

Recovery certificate	Details (in Rs.)
Principal Amount adjudicated in O.A	: 91,18,778.00
Further Interest @9% p.a.(simple) From 27/10/1999 to 24/04/2017	: 1,43,65,448.00
Application Fee	: 1,50,000.00
Advocate fees	: 53,350.00
Misc Expenses	: 25,000.00
TOTAL	2.37.12.576.00





until further order of the undersigned from transferring or chargi in any way, and that all persons be, and that they are hereby p under such transfer or charge.	prohibited from taking any benefit
3. You are required to appear before the Recovery Officer, BANGALORE (DRT 2) on 06.06.2022 at 10.30 a.m to take settling terms of proclamation of sale.	notice of the date to be fixed for
<u>Description of Property</u> SCHEDULE OF THE PROPER	
Mortgaged Property: All that piece and parcel of land and E Prashanthi residential K Puram Hobil, Bangalore South 60+1 Plot No 91, 90 and 92, South: By Road, East: Plot No. 107 and, We Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this date 29	Building situated at Plot No. 108, 120'/2 x 6.25' bounded on the North: st : 25' Road.
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GOVERNMENT OF DEBTS RECOVERY T	
BSNL Building (Fourth Floor), Telephone House, Raj Bha	
See Sec. 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bar	nks and Financial Institutions
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TRC No.2065/2017 in T.A.No.45/2017 (
	ertificate Holder / Applicant
And M/s Selwel Excelchem Pvt Ltd & Others Certif	
1)M/s. Selwel Excelchem Pvt Ltd., No.3/2, Kheny Built Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009 Rep by its Directe 2.Mr.C.T.Kaverappa.	
 Mr.B.Ravindra Reddy - Managing Director, M/s.Selwel E Cross, 11th Main, Raja Mahal Vilas Extension, Bangalore-56 3)Mr.C.T.Kaverappa, S/o.C.C.Thimmaiah, M/s.Selwel Exc Floor, Puttana Layout, HAL3rd Stage, Thippasandra, Banga 	0080. celchem Pvt Ltd, No.123/2,1st lore.
4)Mr.Jakanacharya, Flat No.2, Ground Floor, Block -III, Sky layout / Nagarbhavi Village, Maruthinagar, Yeshwanthpur, Ho	CDs yline City Apartments, Chandra
 5)Mrs.Gunjan Saxena, Flat No.011, Ground Floor, Block-III S layout/Nagarbhavi Village, Maruthinagar, Yeshwanthpur Hot 	Skyline City Apartments, Chandra
6)Mr.Chethan Sreedharachar, Flat No.103, First Floor, Blo Chandra layout/Nagarbhavi Village, Maruthinagar, Yeshwan 2007 Sector State St	thpur Hobli, Bengaluru.
7)Mr. Deepak Golannanavan &Sanjeevini B Patil, Flat N Skyline City Apartments, Chandra layout / Nagarbhavi Villa Hobli, Bengaluru.	
8)Mr.Pravesh Singh & Suman Singh, Flat No.204, Second Apartments, Chandra layout / Nagarbhavi Village, Maruthinagar	
9)Mr. Santosh Kumar Shetty, Flat No.308, Third Floor, Blo Chandra layout / Nagarbhavi Village, Maruthinagar, Yeshwa	nthpur Hobli Bengaluru.
10)Mr. Bodapati Bhaskar, Flat No.310, Third Floor, Blo Chandra layout / Nagarbhavi Village, Maruthinagar, Yeshwa (Above Sr No 4 to 10 are subse	nthpur Hobli Bengaluru.
Whereas in execution of certificate RC No.2065/2017 in T. A	A No.45/2017(O.A No 879/1999)
issued by the presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, ordered the sale of the under mentioned properties. Whereas	s, the CDs 1 to 3 failed to pay the
dues as per the RC to the CH Bank, it has failed an affidav wherein seeking prayer for attachment of the schedule m mortgaged by the CD No.2. CH Bank also filed another Merr	nentioned immovable properties no vide document No 6147/2024
wherein it has reserve its right to seek similar relief against other You are hereby informed that the day on or after the fifteenth d	• •
notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale a are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any er	nd settling the terms thereof. you ncumbrances, charges, claims or
liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof SERIAL NO (I) OF SCHEDULE "B" PROF	
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NOTIFICATION New Delhi, the 13th June, 2024

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

0. 2279(E).— In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National hways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, er being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning .,), maintenance, management and operation of NH766C in the stretch of land from Km 163.7 Km 166.350, Km 174.120 and Km 186.550 to Km191.9 (Byndur-Ranebenur Section) in the trict of HAVERI in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land. y person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose der sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

ery such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Assistant Commissioner weri Sub-Division Haveri in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent thority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal praconer, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enguiry, if any, as Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

v order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act all be final.

he land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and n be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

CHEDULE : Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling withthe stretch of land from Km 163.7 to Km 166.350, Km 174.120 and Km 186.550 to Km191.9 yndur - Ranebenur Section) of NH-766C in the state of KARNATAKA

	State: KA	RNATAKA	District: HAVERI					
S.No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectares)			
1	2	3	4	5	6			
Taluk:	Ranibennur		· · ·					
Village	: Harogoppa	1						
1	58/1A	Private	Wet	620 (Square Meter)	0.062			
2	58/1B	Private	Wet	512 (Square Meter)	0.0512			
Taluk:	Rattihalli							
Village	: Be ll uru							
3	189/2	Private	Wet	741.94 (Square Meter)	0.074194			
4	189/3	Private	Wet	13.17 (Square Meter)	0.001317			
5	190	Private	Wet	867.51 (Square Meter)	0.086751			
6	191	Private	Wet	1766.83 (Square Meter)	0.176683			
7	193/2	Private	Wet	1733.61 (Square Meter)	0.173361			
8	193/3	Private	Wet	1244.38 (Square Meter)	0.124438			
9	193/5	Private	Wet	2518.32 (Square Meter)	0.251832			
10	193/6	Private	Wet	963.48 (Square Meter)	0.096348			
				Total	1.098124			
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Order on mining leases in forest areas of Sandur kicks up a row

Girish Pattanashetti HUBBALLI

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The first file that Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy signed after assuming office - pertaining to mining leases to Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL) and another to SAIL/VSIL in Sandur taluk of Ballari district – has raked up a controversy.

Initially, Mr. Kumaraswamy defended his decision saying that afforestation would be taken up in 808 hectares of land and he also had a word of advice for environmental activists to see the afforestation plan before opposing the leases. However, later, he issued a clarification that clearance was given by the State and the Union Ministry even before he assumed office and that he had just approved an already cleared proposal. As per the recent order,

two new mining leases one to the KIOCL for mining in 450 hectares (over 1,000 acres) and another to SAIL/VSIL for taking up mining in 60.7 ha (150 acres) in Sandur taluk of Ballari district – have been given. This is in the same district which had caught international attention in the 2000s for indiscriminate and illegal mining and came to be known as the "Ballari republic" presided

over by Reddy brothers.

Massive tree cutting The lease for the KIOCL is for taking up mining in the Devadari village of Sandur taluk and that for SAIL/ VISL is for mining in Ramadurga range of the same taluk. According to environmentalists, this would mean the KIOCL would be permitted to fell 99,330



A file photo of a mining area that has been restored at Ramgadh, near Sandur in Ballari district.

trees in the forests of Swamimalai block in the Kumaraswamy Range (Devadari village) and SAIL/VISL would be permitted to fell 29,400 trees in Ramalai block in the Ramanadurga Range in Sandur taluk of Ballari district.

The Samaj Parivartan Samudaya (SPS) and the National Committee for

Protection of Natural Resources (NCPNR), which have fought illegal mining in the past, have demanded that the new mining leases be cancelled. The contention of S.R.

Hiremath, founder-president of the NCPNR and the SPS, is that the decision to award new mining leases comes at a time when the Don't execute **KIOCL** lease, says Khandre

<u>The Hindu Bureau</u> BENGALURU

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre sent a note on Friday to the State's Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, directing him not to execute the mining lease in favour of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL) and not to hand over forest land, till the company fulfils the earlier directions of the Central Empowered

livelihood projects most needed for the development of mining-affected people are yet to get implemented.

Committee (CEC) in connection with mining regulation violations.

CM seeks report

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who as the Opposition leader, had led a padayatra to Ballari during the mining controversy at its peak, has not made his government's stand clear yet, but has sought a report from the Deputy Commissioner of Ballari on the issue.

"In its order dated March 14, 2024, the Supreme Court said that the Central Empowered Comwere given by earlier State mittee (CEC), together with

and Union governments, they should be reviewed.

A contrary view

the monitoring committee

and aid and advice of the

oversight authority, should

undertake a complete ex-

ercise in the three districts

(Ballari, Chitradurga, Tu-

makuru) and the respec-

tive mining leases situated

therein and submit a re-

port before the court with-

in four months. The court

had said that the CEC

should also examine

whether a mining cap must

be imposed in an area for

better compliance and reg-

ulation and also mention

any new form of regulation

to protect the natural re-

Such being the situa-

tion, permitting the des-

truction of another forest

area will defeat the whole

exercise, Mr. Hiremath

said, adding that using ex-

isting unallotted mines

could be an alternative. He

said that even if clearances

sources," he said.

However, Tapal Ganesh, a miner and activist who earlier fought against illegal mining in Ballari, finds no fault with the new leases.

He told The Hindu that all mineral deposits in Ballari district were in forest areas and mining cannot be permitted anywhere in the district if the reasons to oppose mining at Devadari are extended to other mines also. "If you oppose mining at Devadari for environmental concerns, you will have to oppose mining elsewhere in the district for the same reasons. Both development and environment are equally important. We should have a balanced approach," he said. (With inputs from

Kumar Buradikatti in Kalaburagi.)

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Darshan, three others in judicial custody

The police are also trying to retrieve the mobile phone of Renukaswamy, which was thrown into the storm-water drain to destroy evidence. The police are now seeking the help of service providers to get the call record details and data of the phone.

Investigation is also on to ascertain the source of the money Darshan had given to the other accused, which is crucial.

Fresh lead

Meanwhile, the police have obtained a fresh lead in the case and are trying to find out the details of the person who had visited the crime scene soon after the murder. The information was obtained from Pradosh during the course of the interrogation, sources said.

The investigating team also found that the instrument used to torture Renukaswamy had been purchased by the accused online and the document related to the online payment was in the process of recovery.

Safety of the accused

The police also raised concerns over the safety of the other accused and alleged that they faced danger from Darshan and his three associates in the central prison at Parappana Agrahara

Alliance should stay strong and equal through all upcoming polls: HDK

He describes JD(S) and BJP as 'natural allies', praises BSY; Vijayendra says local body elections will further prove the strength of the combine

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

he alliance that the $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{h}}$ Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Janata Dal (Secular) forged during the Lok Sabha elections should continue for all upcoming polls, be it the Mysuru City Corporation or taluk and zilla panchayat polls, said JD(S) leader and Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy on Saturday.

He was speaking at the Karnataka BJP unit's felicitation to the 19 leaders who have been elected to the Lok Sabha from the State from the NDA (BJP and JD-S), at Palace Grounds here "There should be no the two parties as "natural cracks in the alliance. We allies", Mr. Kumaraswamy are like brothers and there said that even back in 2018 (when the Congress and is no question of one being higher or lower in the hiethe JD-S formed a shortrarchy in this. We should lived coalition govern-



Four Union Ministers from Karnataka were among the 19 leaders of the BJP and JD(S) elected to the Lok Sabha who were felicitated in Bengaluru on Saturday.

prepare for the upcoming ment), his wish was to join in 2006, when the BJP and he said Describing

the ID(S) had formed a coa-

Blames it on guarantees

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Saturday alleged that the Congress government's guarantee schemes were at the root of the price rise of essential commodities as well as the financial problems being

ly in 2006 that people came to know about me," he said. It may be recalled that Mr. Kumaraswamy became Chief Minister in February 2006, with Mr. Yediyurappa as his Deputy Chief Minister with a pow-

alliance. "The Lok Sabha election results have shown that Karnataka is still the safe fort of the BIP. It has also shown that people of Karnataka have blessed the BJP-JD(S) alliance," he said.

faced by the government. The government was "looting" the people to keep the guarantee schemes alive, he said. Similar arguments were made by BJP leaders, who sought to blame the Congress, which has been blaming Central policies for price rise.

tion, BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra said that the upcoming local body elections would further prove the strength of the

The police have registered a separate complaint in this regard and requested the court to shift them to the Tumakuru district prison.

The police alleged that the accused had also removed the clothes that Renukaswamy was wearing and destroyed them in a bid to tamper with the evidence.

Meanwhile, advocates representing the accused told the media that they would approach higher courts seeking respite to their clients through technical grounds and lapses committed by the police.

Suraj Revanna booked on sexual abuse charge

On the MLC's instruction, he had visited the farmhouse. After the incident, the MLC reminded the complainant of his political clout by taking the names of his grandfather, uncle H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is now a Union Minister, and also claimed that he had the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

He threatened to have him murdered and his family eliminated if he complained. Mr. Suraj also allegedly stated that he had already murdered three persons. After the incident, he left the legislator's home in shock and disturbed. Later he messaged him, stating that his life had been ruined. He sent the same message to Shivakumar, whom he also knew.

Offer of settlement

As per the complaint, Shivakumar allegedly told him that he would get him cash as a settlement and asked him not to complain to anybody.

When the complainant wanted to visit a hospital because he was physically hurt, Shivakumar allegedly did not allow him. But he assured him that the MLC had agreed to pay him ₹4 crore to ₹5 crore. Again, Shivakumar called him over WhatsApp multiple times to threaten him, the complainant alleged.

Later, Shivakumar had also threatened him that a complaint would be filed against him on charges of extortion and blackmail. Later, he drafted the complaint addressed to the Director-General and Inspector-General of Police and marked copies to the Chief Minister, Home Minister, and the Superintendent of Police, Hassan.

When his response was sought in Bengaluru, Mr. Kumaraswamy refused to comment on the case, saying "Why are you discussing these issues with me?"

hands with the BJP.

Back in 2006 Heaping praises on the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who sat beside him, he said that back

lition government, the BJP

leader had given him full liberty to function as the Chief Minister unmindful of the fact that he was much younger. "It was on-

er-sharing agreement. However, the government colafter lapsed Mr. Kumaraswamy refused to transfer power in 2007. Speaking at the func-

Kamala Hampana passes away

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

Kamala Hampana, 89, one of the prominent women writers in Kannada, passed away on Saturday at her residence at Rajajinagar here due to age-related causes. She is survived by her litterateur-husband Hampa Nagarajaiah, two daughters, and a son.

Over 60 books

Born in Devanahalli on October 28, 1935, Ms. Hampana was an academic, researcher, and teacher, apart from a writer. She published over 60 books in Kannada across various genres and two books in English - Attimabbe and Chalukyas and Jainism and Other Essays - in her career spanning 60 years. She also brought out nine research documents, including Thuranga Bharata - Ondu Addhyayana and Adharsha Jaina Mahileyaru.

She had been conferred the government's prestigious Dana Chintamani Attimabbe award and Kannada University's Nadoja award for her works.

"Kamala's major contributions were to Jain, Dalit, and women's literature. She consistently contributed in this area from the

Kamala Hampana

1980s. The way she and Hampa Nagarajaiah lived as a couple is a model to everyone else in society. They were probably one of the greatest couples of this century," said Purushottama Bilimale, writer, chairman of the Kannada Development Authority and former Kannada professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University's Centre for Indian Languages. Kamalabhinandana, a

felicitation volume of Ms. Hampana, was published in 1985. Speaking about it, Mr. Bilimale said, "That was an example of how felicitation documents should be. The book had nothing about her, but reviews of other famous books of the time."

Many political leaders, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, took to X, to The writer and researcher was a recipient of Dana Chintamani **Attimabbe award** and Nadoja

convey their respects to Ms. Hampana. "I am saddened by the unexpected death of veteran writer Dr. Kamala Hampana. Along with her literary work, Dr. Kamala was also popular for her research and teaching. She wished good for all in her life. I also share the grief of Dr. Hampa Nagarajaiah and his family," he said.

Her mortal remains were kept at Samsa openair auditorium for public viewing until 3 p.m. As per her wishes, Ms. Hampana's body was donated to M.S. Ramaiah Hospital for medical research.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

D M CHANDRAN (69), Retired Senior Supervisor, Despatch, The Hindu, Bengaluru passed away on 14/06/2024 Address: Flat No: 202, 2nd floor, Rashmi building, 9th Cross, 10th Main, 4 Block, Hennur cross, HBR Layout, Bengaluru-560043. Ct: 9035990252

State govt. approves 64 business projects worth ₹3,587.6 crore

<u>The Hindu Bureau</u> BENGALURU

The State government has approved 64 new business projects that involve an investment of ₹3,587.67 crore and have the potential to create 13,896 jobs across the State.

projects The were cleared by the 146th State-Level Single Window Clearance Committee (SLSWCC), chaired by Minister for Large, Medium Industries, and Infrastructure Development M.B. Patil on Friday.

Some of the sizeable ap-

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provals include proposals from International Battery Company India and River Mobility, which plan to invest ₹390 crore and ₹306.9 crore, respectively.

Equitable investment

Mr. Patil said these projects

would promote equitable

investment across various

regions of the State,

particularly benefiting the

districts of North Karnata-

He noted that the com-

mittee approved 13 major

large and medium projects

with capital investments

exceeding ₹50 crore,

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amounting to ₹2,046.39 crore and expected to create employment for around 7,199 people.

Additionally, 47 new projects with investments ranging from ₹15 crore to ₹50 crore were approved, totalling ₹1,058.55 crore and anticipated to generate approximately 6,547 jobs.

Four additional capital investment schemes, amounting to ₹482.73 crore, were also approved, which will create employment opportunities for about 150 people, he added.

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officers instead of MNC: MP

Karnataka should rope in experienced and retired officers with high integrity to get ideas and

make efforts to mop up additional revenue to the State exchequer, says Lahar Singh

YSRCP office razed in Utilise services of retired IAS A.P.; party cries foul



Brought to ground: The officials demolishing the YSRCP office building in Andhra Pradesh on Saturday. G.N. RAO

<u>The Hindu Bureau</u> GUNTUR

An under-construction office building of the YSRCP, allegedly occupying 870.4 square metres illegally within the boat yard compound near the Prakasam barrage at Sitanagaram in Guntur, was demolished by officials of the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority on Saturday.

The YSRCP had earlier filed a writ petition in the Andhra Pradesh High

In an unprecedented

move, Southern Railway

has suspended at least 29

loco pilots and assistant

loco pilots and initiated

disciplinary action against

S. Vijay Kumar

CHENNAI

Court and sought issuance of orders to the State government, the APCRDA and the MTMC not to take any coercive action against the structure until the case hearing was completed. "The court had ordered

a halt to any demolition activity. However, the CRDA proceeded with the demolition, potentially amounting to contempt of court," the party said in a statement on Saturday.

The CRDA authorities were not reachable for comment.

 enior BJP leader and MP Lahar Singh Siroya has suggested to the Congress government in Karnataka to utilise the services of experienced and retired officers with high integrity to get ideas and make efforts to mop up additional revenue to the State exchequer.

Mr. Siroya on X said, "If the Karnataka government needed bright ideas to expand its revenue resources, there was enough talent inside the State to do so." The government should rope in the services of retired IAS officers to

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generate ideas and mobil-



Lahar Singh Siroya, BJP MP

ise more revenue to the State, he said, suggesting names of I.S.N. Prasad, Chiranjiv Singh, V. Balasubramanian, Sudhakar Rao, and M.R. Srinivasa Murthy, among others.

This comes in the context where the Opposition

BJP has lashed out at the State government for hiring the services of Boston Consulting Group India Pvt. Ltd. for bringing in investments under the 'Invest Karnataka 2025' initiative. The BJP leader asked, "Why waste money on an MNC for revenue-generating ideas when you have retired officers with integrity?" He also said the govern-

ment should consider rolling back of guarantees for the long-term benefit of the State.

The MLC said, "The current Finance Secretary. L.K. Ateeq, is also Principal Secretary in the Chief Minister's Office. How can he be critical and impartial? It appears from the

outside that the two roles he holds create a conflict of interest."

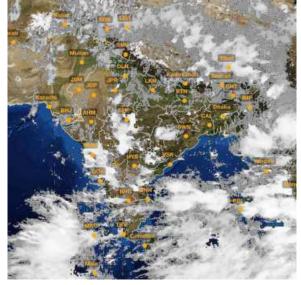
Deputy Chief Minister defends move

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has defended the government's decision to rope in the consulting group. "The Central government and other States have done it in the past. We too have sought suggestions on reaugmentation. venue What is wrong with it?"

"We are seriously looking at augmenting revenue and not mortgaging government property like the BJP did. What we are doing is in the interests of the State and its people," he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

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Chennai		36.6	28.1	Patna		38.7	29.4	
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Hyderabad		32.5	24.8	Shimla	2.6	28.6	18.8	
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PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

NBRIEF



After several protests and representations demanding implementation

of the rest schedule as per rules went unheeded, the loco pilots launched a protest on June 1, by availing headquarters rest (16 hours), along with weekly off (30 hours).

many others for taking a 46-hour break from duty. Though most of the sus-Trade unions say the acpensions were revoked in tion was taken after the loa few days pending disciplinary action, the All Inco pilots took the mandatory 16-hour rest on return dia Loco Running Staff Asfrom outstation trip, along sociation (AILRSA) says with their weekly off or the agitation would be inperiodic rest of 30 hours. tensified.



Southern Railway suspends loco pilots for 46-hour 'rest'

The loco pilots launched a protest on June 1 by taking 16-hour rest along with their weekly offs. FILE PHOTO

The suspension of loco categories, especially of pilots comes at a time loco pilots, which forced when there are thousands the Railways to notify recruitment of 18,799 posts of vacancies in the safety

Season opener

of assistant loco pilots, more so, against the backdrop of increasing train accidents.

AILRSA central organising secretary V. Balachandran said, "There were clear-cut orders by the Ministry of Labour in 2001 and the Karnataka High Court in 2012 that we are entitled to headquarters rest (16 hours) and periodic rest (30 hours)."

Railway's response Southern Railway Chief Public Relations Officer M.

Senthamil Selvan said the loco pilots were rostered for eight hours of duty followed by eight hours of

rest on outstation duty or 16 hours of rest at home station as per the Hours of **Employment Regulations.**

hours of rest at home station, four times a month. Asked if it was true that the staff had not been allowed to take 46 hours of

rest despite a court order, Mr. Selvam said there was no provision to give 16+30 hours of rest.

They were also given 30

People-facing Mass to continue as priests defy synod order

<u>The Hindu Bureau</u>

Ayyanna Patrudu elected Speaker of A.P. Assembly

Narsipatnam MLA Ch. Ayyanna Patrudu was unanimously elected Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly on Saturday in the absence of any other contestant for the coveted post. Pro tem Speaker Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdary declared Mr. Patrudu elected unopposed and invited him to take his chair on the Speaker's podium. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan and Ministers K. Atchannaidu and Y. Satya Kumar escorted Mr. Patrudu to his chair amidst thumping of desks by the TDP, Janasena Party and the BJP MLAs.

Upset at daughter joining govt. school, man kills her

The missing case of six-year-old Pavani, which was reported on Thursday, took a tragic twist with the police retrieving her body from a well close to the bus station in Narpala in Andhra Pradesh on Saturday. The girl's father, Ganesh, who lodged a missing complaint, reportedly turned out to be the accused. Investigation revealed that he had differences with his wife over their daughter's admission to the school. Ganesh wanted her to join a private school, which was objected to by his wife, leaning toward a government school.

Tiger found dead in Kollegal division of BRT Tiger Reserve

A tiger was found dead in the Kollegal Wildlife Division of Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve on Friday. The authorities who reached the spot near Lokkanahalli West beat apprised themselves of the situation and concluded that the death was due to natural causes. It was reasoned that the claw and skin were intact and there was no external wounds of gun shots and hence ruled out poaching as the cause. It transpired that the tiger was a female aged around six years.

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Fiery contest: Snakeboats competing in the Moolam boat race on the Pampa river at Champakulam in Kuttanad on Saturday. The Moolam race will be followed by several races across the region and other parts of Kerala in the coming months. SURESH ALLEPPEY

KOCHI

A section of priests in the Ernakulam-Angamaly archdiocese of the Syro-Malabar Church has refused to accept a circular by Major Archbishop Raphael Thattil and apostolic administrator Bosco Puthur on Friday ordering them to celebrate at least one Mass in the synod-prescribed format on Sundays and days of obligation from July 3.

Bishop Thattil and the Rev. Puthur have "cheated" the priests and the religious and lay community in the archdiocese once again, say the priests.

have brought out a note that will light the fire of strife and deepen the division, says senior priest Fr. Jose Vailikodath, spokesman for priests' forum Athirupatha Samrakshan Samiti or group for protection of the archdiocese.

The circular on June 21 is seen as a climbdown for the synod and an attempt to calm agitated priests after they were threatened on June 9 with automatic excommunication if they do not switch fully to synod Mass from July 3.

The circular triggered open criticism from among synod members and groups of priests in other Instead of solving the dioceses.

Kallakurichi tragedy: death toll rises to 55

The Hindu Bureau KALLAKURICHI

The number of deaths in the hooch tragedy in Kallakurichi district rose to 55, with four more persons losing their lives on Saturday.

Thirty-one persons died at the Government Kallakurichi Medical College and Hospital; 17 at the Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College and Hospital in Salem; four at the Government Villupuram Medical College and Hospital; and three at the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPM-ER) in Puducherry.

Undergoing treatment A total of 159 persons, in-

cluding six women and one transperson, are un-

dergoing treatment in hospitals. The CB-CID police have so far arrested the bootlegger, Govindaraj, alias Kannukutty; his wife Vijaya; brother Damodaran; Chinnadurai, the prime suspect who is believed to have supplied the brew to Govindaraj; Joseph, alias Raja, of Sankarapuram, who had supplied the brew to Chinnadurai; and Ramar and Madesh for their involvement in the incident.

On FridayTamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin chaired a review meeting via video conferencing with District Collectors and District Superintendent of Police on measures taken to curb illicit liquor.

The Hindu Bureau THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

> Though southwest monsoon has been making relatively slow progress in the country after an early onset, the core monsoon regions in the southern peninsula have not yet witnessed a major spell with the majority of the regions recording deficient rain. However, the weeks to follow are likely to see some intense spells with changes in synoptic conditions.

There is a shortage of rain in all the core monsoon regions along the west coast with Kerala leading the table with a deficit of 44%. The State has received 257.7 mm of



Red alert for three districts today; revived

monsoon may bridge rain deficit in Kerala

Kerala has witnessed a 44% rainfall deficit as the State received 257mm of rainfall against the average of 463.9 mm. MAHINSHA S.

rainfall against the average of 463.9 mm.

On the other hand, rain shadow regions in the southern peninsula, such as parts of Tamil Nadu, interior Karnataka, and coastal Andhra Pradesh, received some good spells

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shallow trough, which used to draw in a large amount of moisture from the Arabian Sea, is likely to trigger some intense spells along the west coast, including in Kerala, in the coming days.

Department issued a red alert for extreme heavy rainfall of above 204.4 mm in 24 hours for Kozhikode, Wayanad, and Kannur on Sunday. An orange alert warning of very heavy rain has also been forecast for Ernakulam, Idukki, Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, and Kasaragod and an yellow alert for the remaining districts, indicating isolated heavy rain.

triggered by thunderstorm activities, recording excess rainfall. The trough of low pressure that ran off the Karnataka and Kerala coasts until Friday has now extended between the south Maharashtra and north Kerala coasts. The

Orange alert The India Meteorological

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Govt. removes NTA chief, hands over probe to CBI

Unlike the NEET-UG, which was conducted by the NTA, an autonomous body under the Education Ministry, the NEET-PG is conducted by the National Board of Examinations, an autonomous body under the Health Ministry. In a statement issued late on Saturday night, the Health Ministry said that, given the recent allegations, it had decided to "undertake a thorough assessment of the robustness of processes of NEET-PG" and thus postponed the examination due to be held the next morning, promising to set fresh dates soon.

Regretting the inconvenience caused to candidates, the Health Ministry said it took the decision in the "best interest of the students" and to "maintain the sanctity of the examination process".

An hour earlier, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet issued a notice giving additional charge of the NTA to Pradeep Singh Kharola, chairman and managing director of the India Trade Promotion Organization, until the appointment of a regular incumbent. It added that Mr. Singh, the current DG, has been placed on "compulsory wait" in the Department of Personnel & Training.

Assailed on all sides, the Education Ministry said the new expert panel is being set up to "ensure transparent, smooth and fair conduct of examinations" through the NTA. It is "the first in a series of steps to improve the examination process", according to a post on X by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. The expert panel has been mandated with assessing the NTA's current grievance redressal mechanism, identifying areas of improvement, and making recommendations for enhanced efficiency.

The Nationalist Congress Party called the NEET-PG postponement a "failure" on the part of the Union government. "By sacking the NTA DG (Exam Body Chief), Union Education Minister Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan cannot absolve himself from his failure in doing his duty. He should also step down as Minister and accept accountability for all the mess and malpractices in the examination process in our country," the NCP said.

The Federation of Resident Doctors' Association called the postponement of the PG examination "a shame". Student leader Aishe Ghosh, former president of the Students' Union of Jawaharlal Nehru University, said, "The entire system of 'One Nation, One Exam' has collapsed. If Dharmendra Pradhan has taken moral responsibility, he should resign immediately."

+ Railway services, hostel stay exempted from GST

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the Council's chairperson, said that members had agreed to roll out biometric-based Aadhaar authentication for all GST registrations across the country in a phased manner. She stressed that this will not only quicken the registration process but also

New Delhi, Dhaka to begin talks on comprehensive economic ties

Sheikh Hasina was on two-day visit; the two countries will intensify connectivity and energy collaboration, says Modi; India to send technical team to Bangladesh to discuss management of Teesta waters; both sides sign multiple MoUs

Kallol Bhattacherjee NEW DELHI

ndia and Bangladesh on Saturday agreed to begin a dialogue on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement, paving the way for broader economic ties between the two neighbouring economies.

In his welcome remarks at Hyderabad House, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the two sides would intensify connectivity and energy collaboration. He said trade between the two countries was being conducted in the Indian currency.

"Between Akhaura and Agartala, the sixth India-Bangladesh cross-border rail link has been started. Cargo facility for India's northeastern States has been started through the Khulna-Mongla Port. Both units of the 1,320-MW Maitree Thermal Power Plant have started generating electricity. Trade in Indian rupee has started between the two countries," Mr. Modi said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived here on Friday on a two-day visit, the first state visit by a foreign leader since Mr. Modi took charge for the third term on June 9.

The two sides signed multiple MoUs covering



Strengthening ties: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during a ceremonial reception at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Saturday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

maritime cooperation and economy, rail connectivity, oceanography, health and disaster management and others.

Elaborating on the MoU on railway connectivity exchanged on Saturday, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said that apart from the six existing crossborder railway links between the countries, the document focuses on "transit that they afford between different parts of India through the territory of Bangladesh".

"The connectivity essentially strengthens a very large part of economic infrastructure within Bangladesh. It's effectively a connectivity paradigm that benefits both the countries, both the societies, both the economies, very extensively," said Mr. Kwatra explaining that "sub-regional transit that Bangladesh would get to Bhutan and Nepal would be further expanded and strengthened".

It is understood that India will attempt to run a train service in the near future that will connect the northeastern States such as Tripura with West Bengal through the territory of Bangladesh.

Team on Teesta Welcoming the leader of Bangladesh, Mr. Modi announced that India would open an Assistant High Commission in Rangpur in the northern part of the

country. Rangpur, which is strategically located between West Bengal and Assam, is also important as it is nurtured by the waters of the Teesta, which is a matter of protracted negotiation between India and Bangladesh.

During the event in Hvderabad House, Mr. Modi announced that a technical team from India would soon visit Bangladesh to discuss "conservation and management of the Teesta river".

Against the backdrop of stalled negotiations on the sharing of the waters of the Teesta, Bangladesh came up with the project to conserve Teesta and subsequently, the project drew interest from New Delhi. The project is also likely

to feature on the agenda when Ms. Hasina visits China next month, as China too has displayed interest in the project.

Medical e-visas

Mr. Modi also announced that India will start issuing e-medical visas to deal with the surging demand for medical visas from Bangladesh.

The two sides also signed an MoU on launching small satellites.

Ms. Hasina said she discussed "politics, security, trade, connectivity, sharing of water from common rivers, energy, regional and multilateral cooperation". She described her visit as "incomparable" as this is her second visit to India within a span of 10 days. She had attended the swearing-in ceremony of Mr. Modi on June 9.

Probe into 1985 Kanishka tragedy still active: Canada

Press Trust of India OTTAWA

Investigations into the bombing of Air India Flight 182 remain "active and ongoing", the Canadian police have said, ahead of the deadly bombing's 39th anniversary memorial.

The Montreal-New Delhi Air India 'Kanishka' Flight 182 exploded 45 minutes before it was to have landed at London's Heathrow Airport on June 23, 1985, killing all 329 people on board, most of them Canadians of Indian descent. The bombing was said to have been executed by Sikh militants in retaliation for 'Operation Bluestar' undertaken by the Indian Army in 1984 to flush out militants from the Golden Temple.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Assistant Commissioner David Teboul called the bombing the "greatest terror-related loss of life involving and affecting Canadians" in the country's history as he offered "deepest sympathies, understanding and support to the families of the victims". He said the trauma it caused had impacted generations. "We must never forget those innocent lives lost to this tragedy and other acts of terrorism," he said.

India's consulates in Vancouver and Toronto have planned a memorial service to mark the anniversary of the bombing.

Dalit man's death in custody; BSP seeks action

<u>Mayank Kumar</u> LUCKNOW

rozabad district jail.

Akash, 25, was in judi-

cial custody in connection

with a theft case and died

in a hospital on Friday.

"The way a Dalit prisoner

was killed in a jail in Firoza-

bad district is very sad. The

wrote on X.

death of Akash.

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president Mayawati on Sa

BSF to recalibrate deployment along Pakistan border in Jammu in the wake of terror strikes +

Vijaita Singh NEW DELHI

The Border Security Force (BSF) is likely to "recalibrate deployment



ment is under process. It has to be a combination of technology and human intelligence," the official said. away at Kota Top, Gandoh in Doda.

al Border in Jammu is secured by the BSF, while the 740-km Line of Control

curb the fraudulent use of input tax credits through fake invoices.

Future agenda

Apart from the GST exemption for hostel accommodation outside the campuses of educational institutions, which Ms. Sitharaman said would benefit students across India, especially those from rural areas, the Council also clarified the GST rates on several items. For instance, it was clarified that a number of products, including milk cans, sprinklers, carton boxes, and solar cookers, will now attract 12% GST, irrespective of use, material, or energy source.

At its next meeting, which Ms. Sitharaman said is likely after the Budget session of Parliament, the Council will take up pending procedural issues on its agenda as well as broader challenges. These include the rationalisation of GST rates, which a ministerial group is tasked with, and the future of the GST Compensation Cess after its expiry in March 2026.

turday demanded strict acthe Pakistan border in Jamtion against the police for mu, in the wake of at least the death of a Dalit man four terror strikes in the past few weeks. who was lodged in the Fi-

In just four days, between June 9 and June 12, 10 people - including a jawan from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) - were killed in militant attacks in Reasi, Doda, and Kathua districts.

Barring two unidentipolice should immediately fied terrorists who were release the innocent people who raised their voice killed in Kathua after resiagainst this incident," she dents alerted the police, none of the militants in-The police have lodged volved in the other three an FIR against 45 named attacks have been appreand 50 unidentified achended so far.

cused for rioting over the On June 19, the Jammu and Kashmir Police arrestThe 192-km International Border in Jammu is secured by the BSF, while the 740-km Line of Control is under Army control. ANI

ed Hakam Din, 45, a resident who allegedly harboured the terrorists who attacked a bus carrying pilgrims in Reasi.

A senior government official told *The Hindu* that though it had not yet been established how the terrorists entered India, it has been decided to place additional Quick Reaction

Teams and surveillance tools along the Jammu border to keep a close watch on the vulnerable sections.

"We will have to pull personnel from other sectors and deploy along Jammu. Preparations are under way. Though there is heightened alert, a recalibration of available strength and their deploy-

Wave of terror

ter. Hours later, around 2

a.m. on June 12, another at-

tack was reported 56 km

away at Chattargala in Do-

da, when terrorists were

engaged by a joint patrol of

the Army and police. This

was followed by the fourth

attack, around 8.20 p.m.

the same day, when an en-

counter took place bet-

ween terrorists and securi-

ty forces, around 24 km

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ed terror activities and infiltration into the Chenab Valley, comprising the Doda, Kishtwar, and Ramban districts, and the Pir Panjal region, comprising the Rajouri and Poonch districts of Jammu, compared with the Kashmir valley.

Officials said that in previous major terror attacks in the region as well, the terrorists were yet to be identified.

Communal violence erupts in Jodhpur, two policemen injured in stone-throwing

Press Trust of India JODHPUR

Two policemen were injured in stone-throwing, a shop was set on fire and two vehicles were damaged as communal violence erupted in a Jodhpur locality, the police said on Saturday.

Jodhpur West DCP Rajesh Kumar Yadav said the clash began on Friday night over the construction of a gate at the rear of an Eidgah near Rajaram Circle in the Soor Sagar area. The construction of the wall began on Friday.

Local people had opposed the gate so that there was no movement of

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The police dispersed the mob by using batons and fired tear gas shells. PTI

added. By late Friday

night, the situation was

brought under control.

The police said people

from both sides had been

taken into custody. The

police are still raiding

houses in the locality to ap-

prehend suspects.

people at the rear of the Eidgah. The subsequent confrontation turned violent later with stone-throwing, arson and vandalism.

"The police dispersed people by using batons and fired four or five rounds of tear gas shells," the officer

Former *The Hindu* journalist Muralidhar Reddy no more

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

B. Muralidhar Reddy, who worked for nearly three decades in The Hindu's Delhi Bureau and served as the newspaper's Pakistan and Sri Lanka correspondent, passed away at a city hospital on Saturday night after battling multiple health complications.

A widely respected journalist, Mr. Reddy, 64, started off as a city reporter when The Hindu launched its Delhi edition in the 1980s. As a political correspondent, he covered many major events for the newspaper. He also reported the demolition of the Babri Masjid in December 1992.



B. Muralidhar Reddy

In 2000, The Hindu posted him to Islamabad as its Pakistan correspondent and then to Colombo as the newspaper's Sri Lanka correspondent. An alumnus of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Mr. Reddy had also worked with Mainstream and National Herald.

BJP should not avenge Ayodhya defeat by targeting saints and sages: Akhilesh

The Hindu Bureau LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) should not take revenge for its defeat in Ayodhya by targeting the saints and sages of the temple city. He added that the security of respected saints should be reviewed and provided

security. The statement comes after Ayodhya's Hanuman Garhi temple's mahant Raju Das's gunman, provided by the administration, was removed amid reports of clashes between Ayodhya District Magistrate Nitish

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Akhilesh Yadav

Kumar and Mr. Das. The administration cited past criminal records of the saint for the action.

"Uttar Pradesh BJP should not take revenge for its defeat from the saints and sages of Ayodhya. Security of those who are truly gentlemen should be re-

viewed and provided safety," Mr. Yadav wrote on X.

Mr. Das, who remained critical of local administration, had a heated verbal exchange with Mr. Kumar in the presence of two Uttar Pradesh Ministers, allegedly leading to the removal of a gunman. Afterwards, the *mahant* cautioned the administration that Ayodhya district officials would be responsible if any harm happened to him.

"If anything happens with me, the local administration will be responsible as they took away the gunman," Mr. Das told reporters.

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'If Centre adopts bulldozer tactics in House, it will be countered'

NDA and INDIA parties are almost evenly matched; the 2024 mandate is a personal, political and moral defeat of Modi, says the Congress leader; in the 18th Lok Sabha, the Opposition will have to be heard, Bills have to be debated and sent to the standing committees for deliberations, says the party's Chief Whip in Rajya Sabha, adding that Centre cannot push through Bills by suspending MPs

INTERVIEW

Jairam Ramesh

Sandeep Phukan NEW DELHI

s the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha gets under way on Monday, Congress strategist Jairam Ramesh, who is the party's Chief Whip in the Rajya Sabha, talks about the Opposition's plans. Edited excerpts:

The Congress is upset over Kodikunnil Suresh not being made the pro tem Speaker. How do vou see this development. Do you see this as a sign of confrontation?

I think it's a continuation of the bulldozer mentality. I don't think that the appointment of Kiren Rijiju [as Parliamentary Affairs Minister], whom I know

sonal friend, inspire confidence that there will be a different way of dealing with Parliament. And the pro tem Speaker issue certainly has given further evidence. By all convention and tradition, Kodikunnil Suresh should have been the pro tem Speaker. There were only two legitimate

claimants for this post: Kodikunnil Suresh and the other one is Virendra Kumar. And since Mr. Kumar is a Union Minister, therefore, it should have been Mr. Suresh. I think it is going to be the same bulldozing approach that they have had in last 10 years.

But now the Opposition numbers are quite different in this Lok Sabha.

One hundred per cent. The Opposition is not going to take it lying down. I don't think that the Congress and the INDIA parties are going to allow this time. It

very well and is a good percannot be the standard Modi-Shah [Prime Minister Narendra Modi-Home Minister Amit Shah] way of bulldozer tactics. The NDA and the INDIA group are almost evenly matched. We have the numbers and we know that the 2024 mandate has been a personal, political and moral defeat of a non-biological PM. That is the political reality.

> This almost sounds like a threat, as if saying "we will not allow the House to function if you don't agree to our demands".

No, no. We have to be heard, Bills have to be debated and sent to the standing committees for further deliberations and so on. You cannot push through like the three criminal justice Bills, sus-

pending 145 MPs from both Houses. Take the case of relocating the statues of Gandhiji and Dr. Ambedkar. There is a committee on statues



session of Parliament?

This is a short session as

the first two days will be

oath taking, the third day

will be Speaker's election

and the fourth day will be

the President's Address.

But there are very urgent

issues. The whole issue of

NEET [National Eligibility-

cum-Entrance Test] is a ve-

rv urgent issue. On July 1,

the three laws that were

enacted in the previous

session of Parliament to re-

place the Indian Penal

Code, the Indian Evidence

Act and the Code of Crimi-

and portraits, which was not even constituted in the 17th Lok Sabha. All the statues, without any consultation, have been relocated and given some grandiose name called Prerna Sthal.

These are all signals that the bulldozing tactics, my way or Mr. Modi's highway approach and not Nitin Gadkari's.

If they want to persist with it, well they are now going to be met with a counter bulldozer.

What are your main issues for this special nal Procedure come into effect. These were controversial and opposed tooth and nail, but they were passed when 145 MPs had been suspended from both Houses of Parliament. These three draconian laws were passed in a most undemocratic and brazen manner.

Will the INDIA bloc consider putting up a candidate to contest the Speaker's election if the government doesn't offer the Deputy Speaker's position to the Opposition?

These are issues on which ball-by-ball commentaries cannot be given. What happens will be subject to disnegotiations cussion, amongst the INDIA group leaders. Mr. [Congress President Mallikarjun] Kharge, who has generally been coordinating the meeting of leaders and floor leaders, will be meeting from June 24 onwards.

We had the last five years, the 17th Lok Sabha was the only Lok Sabha in history to function without a Deputy Speaker. In the 15th Lok Sabha [under Congress-led UPA III, Karia Munda, who was from the BJP, held the post. Even in the 16th Lok Sabha, there was a Deputy Speaker.

All I will say is that the

BJP and Mr. Modi seems to

be in a mood to continue

with his bulldozer tactics.

This only strengthens our

resolve and our determina-

tion to confront him far

more forcibly this time

than we did in the 16th and

What about the Leader

of the Opposition's post

in the Lok Sabha? There

is still no clarity if Rahul

Gandhi will take up this

There is no constitutional

requirement to announce

the LoP immediately. The

Congress Working Com-

mittee (CWC) met and re-

17th Lok Sabha.

role?

quested Mr. Rahul Gandhi to take over the position of the Leader of the Opposition. He is mindful of the sentiments of the members of the CWC. So, I think a decision on this will be taken by him very soon.

But usually the

convention is that the LoP opens the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President for her address.

I think in the next couple of days, it should get decided. But the sentiment of the Congress MPs is very clear. The sentiment of the IN-DIA parties is also very clear, if you see the warmth and the way they greeted Mr. Gandhi on his 54th birthday on the 19th June.

So, yeah the party MPs, the leaders have all expressed their views. And I am sure Mr. Gandhi is weighing all these factors and will take a decision soon.

NTA to hold **NEET re-test** in seven centres today

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

NEET-UG candidates who were given grace marks for loss of time during the May 5 test can appear for a retest in seven centres on Sunday. Six of the centres are new

The Supreme Court has ruled that for those among the 1.563 candidates who opt to take the re-test, the marks in the re-test would be taken as the result, and their marks minus the grace marks in the May 5 test would be discarded.

The re-test is being conlucted after the National Testing Agency cancelled the scorecards of these students who were granted compensatory marks for loss of time due to a delay in six centres in Meghalaya, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat and Chandigarh. Officials from the National Testing Agency and Education Ministry will be present at the test centres. An NTA notification on June 13 said the re-test would be conducted between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on June 23. The tentative result date is June 30. On June 13, the SC recorded the Union government's submission that the scorecards of the candidates granted compensatory marks would be cancelled. Aspirants have been protesting all over the country against allegations of paper leaks and marks inflation. (With PTI inputs)

Six arrested in Jharkhand in NEET case; Mukhiya kingpin, says EOU

Investigators have found that a partially burnt question paper recovered from a flat owned by one of the accused in Patna was allocated to a test centre in Hazaribagh; some 25 candidates were given question paper at a school in Bihar capital

<u>The Hindu Bureau</u> PATNA

he Bihar Police arrested six people from Deoghar in Iharkhand on Friday night in connection with the leak of question paper of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for admission to undergraduate medical programmes. A

team led by officials of the Economic Offences Unit (EOU) of Bihar brought the Patna



didate of the undivided Lok Janshakti Party in the Harnaut constituency.

"We have got the information that Sanjeev Mukhiya, alias Lootan, is the person who first received the question paper and the answer sheets on his mobile from an unknown professor. He is absconding and efforts are on to catch him," the EOU official said.

Paper distribution

The official said on the night of May 4, 20 to 25

Enforcement of the anti-paper leak law a 'whitewash': Kharge

Press Trust of India NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday termed the enforcement of the anti-paper leak law a "whitewash", and asserted that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BIP) could not evade its responsibility in "promoting corruption and education mafia". The Centre on Friday

the Ministry of Law and night operationalised the Justice had yet to frame the Public Examinations (Prerules," Mr. Kharge asked. vention of Unfair Means) He said that on NEET Act, 2024, which aims to

too, the Supreme Court has said if there has been even 0.001% fraud, then action should be taken



questioning.

The Deoghar police said five Nalanda residents, Paramjit Singh, Baldev Kumar, Prashant Kumar, Ajit Kumar, and Rajiv Kumar, and one Panku Kumar were arrested from a house near the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in the town.

Following a tip-off, another team of the Bihar Police visited Oasis School in Hazaribagh to record the statements of the examination controller and teachers.

In Hazaribagh, NEET was conducted in this school, apart from Vivekanand School, Xavier School, and DAV School.

Sent by courier

In Ranchi, the Bihar Police searched the premises of a courier agency at Kokar Chowk. Police officials said the question papers were

United stance: National Students' Union of India activists protest over the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG entrance exam results, at Doranda College in Ranchi. ANI

sent to a few people in other States by courier. The police checked CCTV footage from the agency's ofthe official said. fice and recorded state-

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The EOU may conduct ments of its employees. brain mapping and narco-A senior EOU official analysis tests on the actold The Hindu that the polcused, the official said. ice had found that a par-The Jharkhand connec-

tion emerged after the name of Sanjeev Mukhiya, believed to be the kingpin of the paper leak, surfaced. Mr. Mukhiya first received the NEET question papers and answer sheets from an unknown "professor" on his mobile phone, an EOU official said.

Serial offender

question papers. After tallying, we have come to For the past 20 years, Mr.

know that the question Mukhiya, a resident of Napaper series was allocated garnausa village in Nalanda to a centre in Hazaribagh," district of Bihar, have been involved in paper leaks. His son, Shiv Kumar, a doctor, is currently in jail in another case of paper leak.

Mr. Mukhiva was arrested for leaking the paper of the constable recruitment exam conducted by the Bihar Public Service Commission in 2016. A former Class 4 government employee, he became a panchayat head and has considerable money and muscle power, the official said.

His wife, Mamta Devi, was defeated in the 2020 Assembly election as a can-

candidates had gathered at a play school in the Khemnichak locality of Patna where the NEET questions and answer sheets were distributed by Mukhiya. MBBS students from Patna and Ranchi were present as "solvers". "The answer sheets were given to those students who had already paid money," the official said.

Amit Anand and Nitish Kumar, who have been arrested by the EOU along with Sikandar Prasad Yadavendu, could have been working for Mr. Mukhiya, the official said.

On Saturday, Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav asked the EOU to catch Mukhiya at the earliest, and threatened to release photographs and other documents about the accused that may "embarrass" the Bihar government.

government jobs and edu-

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examinations and entails provisions for a maximum jail term of 10 years and a fine of up to ₹1 crore for offenders.

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In a post on X, the Congress president said 70 question papers were leaked in the past seven years, and sought to know why the BJP had taken no action so far.

Mr. Kharge said.

Friday night.

"No matter how much effort BJP makes in the NEET scam, it cannot escape its responsibility in promoting fraud, corruption and education mafia,"

posted a portion of the paper on Telegram Messenger. A team of the CBI Anti-Corruption branch questioned the person, whose identity is yet to be

"When the Education The Central agency re-Minister was asked about it in the press conference, he had said the law was notified... Why did the Educatified people. tion Minister lie that the law has been notified when

"Why is the Modi go-

vernment not conducting the exam again even though the Education Minister has admitted to the irregularities?" Mr. Kharge asked.

Suspect questioned The CBI on Saturday ques-

tioned a man in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh in connection with the UGC-NET paper leak case, officials said. The suspect allegedly

He said the law against paper leaks got the President's assent on February 13, but was notified only on disclosed.

gistered an FIR into the UGC-NET paper leak case on June 20 against uniden-(With inputs from Mayank

Kumar in Lucknow)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) ection of Advisor cum Merchant Bank

angana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TGIIC), the nodal agency Sovernment of Telangana for development of industrial infrastructure in the State, invite roposals from reputed Merchant Banking Firms with experience in raising funds through det markets and handling the issuance of Bonds. Interested and eligible bidders are advised to perus he RFP and submit proposals.

The RFP can be downloaded from www.tglic.telangana.gov.in from 23.06.2024. Due date submission of Proposals: 01.07.2024, 15.00 Hrs (IST). Further updates on this tender will available in this website only

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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

BRIC-NIBMG, a premier institute engaging in research in the areas of health/disease genomics and data science, invites applications from the motivated students for the admission to Integrated MS-PhD programme (2024) in Biotechnology specialization in Biomedical Genomics. Students with bachelor's degree in any branch of Biological Sciences who have appeared for JGEEBILS or JAM (BT) can apply online. The last date of application: 01/07/2024. Further inf visit : https://www.nibmg.ac.in

OBC activists in Maharashtra suspend fast after 10 days

The Hindu Bureau

MUMBAI OBC quota activists Laxman Hake and Navnath Waghmare on Saturday ended their hunger strike in protest against attempts to eat into the existing reservation pie, after meeting a delegation from the Maharashtra government. They warned the Eknath Shinde government that the protest would resume if their demands were not

met.

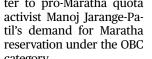
ter to pro-Maratha quota

category. "We are temporarily suspending our protest. If our demands are not met, we will resume it," Mr. Hake said from the protest

godri village. tion,

The protest demanding that the Other Backward Classes (OBC) quota reready established their main intact ran as a coun-Kunbi status. Kunbis are an

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site in Jalna district's Wadi-

He insisted that a "white paper" be issued to address objections to the government's draft notificawhich proposes issuing Kunbi certificates to Marathas who have al-



Laxman Hake and Navnath Waghmare with Chhagan Bhujbal at the protest site in Jalna on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

agrarian OBC community. dy confirmed their Kunbi This notification proposes status. granting Kunbi certificates

The delegation, comto sage-soyare (relatives) of prising 12 members includ-Marathas who have alreaing Ministers Chhagan Bhujbal, Atul Save, Girish Dhananjay Mahajan, Munde and Uday Samant, and Gopichand Padalkar, MLA, assured Mr. Hake and Mr. Waghmare of their inclusion in an all-party meeting on June 29 to dis-

Aim of reservation

the OBC quota would remain untouched, and that action would be taken against the issuance of fake Kunbi certificates to some Marathas.

He said the Maratha community should seek separate reservations in

that reservation aims to address social backwardness, not poverty. He also praised his Cabinet colleague and BJP leadcuss the quota issue. er Girish Mahajan for asserting that the draft

notification concerning Mr. Bhujbal affirmed that sage-soyare lacked legal standing. Earlier in the day in

Beed, OBC members blocked the Ahmednagar Highway by setting tires on fire.

> They took to the streets insisting that their reservation rights remain intact.

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THE HINDU News

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Another bridge collapses in Bihar; no casualties reported

Within a week, another bridge has collapsed in the Daraunda area of Siwan district in Bihar on Saturday. According to the local people, the bridge was 40 years old and collapsed due to soil erosion. As in the previous time, video of the bridge collapsing has been captured by villagers. The bridge had been connecting Patedhi Bazaar in Siwan and the Ramgarh panchayat in Darbhanga district. On Tuesday, a portion of an under-construction bridge that cost ₹12 crore had collapsed in Araria. The 100-metre bridge over the Gandak canal in the Maharajganj sub-division of Ramgarh panchayat collapsed early in the morning. No casualties have been reported.

Salman firing case: police trace new links to Bishnoi

In a major development in the case of gunfire in front of actor Salman Khan's residence on April 14, the Mumbai Police on Saturday said an audio recording had been retrieved from the phones of one of the arrested suspects. The forensic investigation of the audio revealed that it matched the voice of Anmol Bishnoi, the Canada-based brother of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. The audio file revealed that Anmol had been in constant touch with the shooter, a police official said. The police believe that the shooting was planned and executed by the Lawrence Bishnoi gang which has made several attempts on the life of the actor in the past.

Taking U.P. lightly cost us badly: Axis My India chief

Blaming an error of judgment for his exit polls going off the mark, Axis My India chief Pradeep Gupta has said taking Uttar Pradesh lightly in the last three phases of the elections cost it dear. Axis My India's exit poll predicted 361-400 seats for the BJP-led alliance in the Lok Sabha election, including 67 seats in Uttar Pradesh that sends 80 members to the Lower House of Parliament. But the actual results showed the BJP getting 240 seats, missing the majority mark, and the party winning just 33 seats in U.P. "This is a lesson to never ignore any State when it comes to exit polls," Mr. Gupta said in an interaction in New Delhi. PTI

First arrest made in 'lynching' of 3 cattle transporters in Arang

Harsh Mishra sent to judicial custody; police say he did not have links to any right-wing organisation or previous involvement in any such crime

Shubhomoy Sikdar RAIPUR

he Raipur police on Saturday made the first arrest in connection with the 'lynching' of three cattle transporters from Uttar Pradesh in Arang, on the outskirts of Raipur. Harsh Mishra, 23, was part of the group that had allegedly assaulted the men and chased them, after which the three were found lying below the Mahanadi bridge in the early hours of June 7.

Additional Superintendent (Raipur Rural) Kirtan Rathore confirmed the arrest, and said that Mr. Mishra, a resident of Raipur, worked in a cement factory. A police statement added that fearing his arrest, Mr. Mishra had been hiding in a house belonging to a friend in Brosi, Durg district, and had locked the room from outside to mislead investigators.

Asked how Mr. Mishra was identified, Mr. Rathore said that he was among those who chased the truck in which the trio was travelling and local inquiries as well as phone location had established his



Night of attack: The truck used to transport cattle when the lynching occurred at Arang in Chhattisgarh. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

presence at the spot.

Asked if the police had established how many people had been involved in the attack, Mr. Rathore replied in the negative and said they were verifying the different names that had cropped up during the investigation.

He also said that Mr. Mishra had no previous involvement in any such crime nor was he linked to any right-wing organisation, an allegation Qureshi's family had levelled repeatedly.

While family members of the three deceased men - Saddam Qureshi and his cousin Chand Miya Khan both from Uttar Pradesh's

Saharanpur district, and Guddu Khan, 35, from Shamli district – said that they had been chased down and assaulted by a mob, the police continued to remain tight-lipped about the exact sequence of events of the night. With Qureshi succumbing to his injuries on June 18, the investigations had hit a fresh roadblock, even as the police had maintained all along that they were checking video footage.

Meanwhile, with police officials saying Mr. Mishra's custody was not required yet, he was remanded to judicial custody after being produced before a Magistrate court on Saturday.

Erred in not crediting ICMR as co-inventor of Covaxin, admits Bharat Biotech

Jacob Koshy NEW DELHI

Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL), the manufacturer of India's first indigenous Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin, said it had made an "inadvertent mistake" in not including scientists from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) as 'co-inventors' in patent applications filed in India and abroad to protect the intellectual property rights around the vaccine.

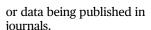
It would include their names in fresh filings for patent purposes, the Hyderabad-based firm said in a statement late on Saturday.

"BBIL has great respect for ICMR and is thankful to ICMR for their continuous support on various projects. Therefore, as soon as this inadvertent mistake was noticed, BBIL has already started the process to rectify it by including ICMR as co-owner of the patent applications for Covid-19 vaccine. Necessary legal documents are being prepared for it and BBIL will file those documents in the Patent office as soon as those are ready and signed," the company said.

Response after report The statement came on the day The Hindu reported,

tion 377 is invoked, the in-

tensity with which the case



Bharat Biotech said it did not have "access" to its own agreement with ICMR that governed the terms of engagement between both entities regarding Covaxin as this was a "confidential document".

The Hindu reached out to BBIL to clarify this point but did not get a response till the time of going to press. "Bharat Biotech's Covid

confidential document,

was not accessible. Hence

ICMR was not included in

the original application.

Though this was purely un-

intentional, such mistakes

are not uncommon for the

Patent office therefore Pa-

tent Law provides provi-

sions to rectify such mistakes," the statement said.

A day earlier, BBIL gave

a different explanation to

The Hindu on omitting

ICMR's name. BBIL had

filed a patent for the "pro-

cess" governing the manu-

facture of Covaxin. More-

over, the development of

Covaxin was "fully fund-

ed" by Bharat Biotech and

the ICMR had provided the

strain and conducted clini-

cal trials, a spokesperson

reasoned in an email.

citing patent-linked documents, of the ICMR being vaccine application was uncredited as inventors. filed in above circumstanc-This was despite a statees and since BBIL-ICMR agreement copy, being a

ment by the Health Ministry in Parliament that the intellectual property rights of Covaxin were "jointly owned" by ICMR and BBIL. Other than that, ICMR's role in the development of vaccine was widely publicised by the government as well as ICMR's own leadership through multiple channels during the pandemic.

ICMR's role in the development

publicised by the government.

of Covaxin was widely

'In a rush'

By way of explanation, the company, in its press statement, said like other pharmaceutical companies working on Covid vaccines, it was faced with multiple challenges and "all organisations were in a rush" to develop vaccines and file the appropriate patents, prior to competitors

New criminal law Bill has no Section on rape of men, transgender people

<u>Alisha Dutta</u> NEW DELHI

The suicide of a 23-year-old man, hours after he was gang-raped by four men in Uttar Pradesh, has shed light on the soon-to-be imnlemented Bharatiya Nyay With the non-inclusion of a Section 377 equivalent in BNS, rape

Anand Grover said that in the garb of "decolonising criminal laws", the government removed Section 377 from the BNS Bill, which will reduce severity of the sentence once the crime is proven. "In India, rape laws are

is treated is much higher when compared with a case where Sections related to grievous hurt are invoked. It's reflected in the urgency of arrests or the ease of getting bail. In the latter case, if the accused is not arrested, he can tamper with evidence and impact the course of investigation." A senior official of the Delhi Police, who attended training sessions for the BNS, told *The Hindu* that in none of the training sessions were they instructed on how to deal with cases of rape of men and transgender persons. Ms. Nundy also said that the non-inclusion of Section 377 would also imply that men who have committed anal rapes of their wives would also not face criminal consequences if the new code is not amended.

Stringent regulations could hinder growth of AI in India: experts +

Soibam Rocky Singh NEW DELHI

As India grapples with the regulatory landscape for artificial intelligence (AI), a sector which has seen rapid development in recent years, experts opine that strict regulations could stifle the country's burgeoning AI-driven economy. Currently, India does not have specific laws directly addressing generative AI. such as deepfakes. It has instead introduced a series of advisories and guidelines to encourage the responsible development and implementation



Police arrest two for burglary at actor Anupam Kher's office

The Oshiwara police in Mumbai have arrested two men for burgling actor Anupam Kher's office on Veera Desai Road in Andheri West on the night of June 19, Deputy Commissioner of Police Rai Tilak Roushan said on Saturday. The burglars broke into Anupam Kher's office premises during the night, making away with cash and valuables amounting to approximately ₹4.15 lakh, officials said. Earlier this week, Mr. Kher took to his Instagram handle and provided details of the burglary. In the video that he uploaded, the actor said that money and some film negatives had been stolen from the property. The police have registered a case against the accused.

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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Sanhita (BNS) that does not have any Section that deals with rape of men and transgender persons.

> On June 14, the U.P. Police filed a first information report (FIR) against four persons for allegedly raping the man at a hotel in the Chiluatal area of Gorakhpur district. While the police booked the four accused under Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) that deals with rape of a man, transgender person or an animal, alongside Sections dealing with extortion, theft, criminal intimidation, causing grievous hurt and criminal conspiracy, the case opened a debate on the future of such cases in the absence of Section 377 or its equivalent in the new

code. Speaking to The Hindu, advocate Karuna Nundy said that in the landmark Supreme Court judgment

non-offence post July 1 ANAND GROVER senior lawyer

of men and transgender

persons will become a

of Navtej Johar vs the Union of India, the Supreme Court had "read down" Section 377, and not "struck down", implying that consensual sex between people of the same gender and transgender persons was no longer punitive, but the Section was retained since it was the only provision that covered the rape of men, transpersons and animals.

"With the striking down of Section 377 from the BNS, and with no alternative law in place, men or transgender persons who rape other men, transgender persons or animals will not be penalised for rape," Ms. Nundy said.

Expressing concern over the future of justice in such cases, senior lawyer

not gender-neutral. Section 376 of the IPC only deals with rape against women and with the non-inclusion of a Section 377 equivalent in the BNS, rape of men and transgender persons will become a non-offence post July 1," said senior lawyer Anand Grover. In such cases, only Sections related to grievous assault can be invoked, which have far less legal consequences than Sections related to rape, he added.

Cases registered before July 1, under Section 377, will continue to be governed by the IPC while those filed after that will not. "Two legal systems will run parallel and cases of the same nature will have different punitive consequences," he warned.

Further, Supreme Court advocate Yashaswi S.K. Chocksey said, "When Sec-

Mr. Grover said the noninclusion would make animals especially vulnerable since those who rape them

will go scot-free. Those in distress can reach out to the 24x7 helpline: KI-RAN 1800-599-0019

he/she will scan his/her

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open and immigration

clearance will be deemed

to have been granted.

The passport will be

of AI technologies. After a "deepfake" video clip of actor Rashmika Mandanna went viral on social media platforms last year, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) asked social media intermediaries to take such content down within 36 hours, a requirement outlined in the IT Rules, 2021.

Plea in court

In December last year, the Delhi High Court asked the Centre to respond to a public interest litigation (PIL) plea against the unregulated use of AI and deepfakes.

Deepfake videos utilise AI to swap the likeness of a person in an existing video with someone else's. Recently, concerns have grown around deepfake technology, as it can produce highly realistic fake videos that may be misused for spreading misinformation, creating fake the airlines at the e-gates to news, or generating false narratives.

The petition said while scanned and biometrics of technological development was happening by enticated at the e-gates. leaps and bounds, the law Once the identity of the was moving at a snail's passenger is established pace.

While the High Court is scheduled to hear the petition in July, the MeitY on March 1 issued an advisory saying that all generative AI

At present, India does not have specific laws addressing generative AI. ISTOCK

products, such as large language models on the lines of ChatGPT and Google's Gemini, would have to be made available "with [the] explicit permission of the Government of India" if they are "under-testing/ unreliable".

However, after the advisory came under criticism from experts for being ambiguous, on March 15, 2024, MeitY issued a fresh advisory, dropping the requirement of obtaining "explicit permission" from the government.

The latest advisory said under-tested or unreliable AI products should be labelled with a disclaimer indicating that outputs generated by such products may be unreliable.

Jaijit Bhattacharya, president, Centre for Digital Economy Policy Research (C-DEP), said the advisory is, largely, about following the extant regulations, with an additional qualifier that all AI-generated content that can potentially disinformation cause should be clearly labelled as AI generated. "This advisory does not really hinder the industry," he said.

Mishi Choudhary, founder of Software Freedom Law Center (SFLC), suggested the government "should be ready to update existing laws to protect public interest and [guard against] future harm associated with the technology".

Programme to fast-track traveller immigration launched at IGI airport

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP) at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi on Saturday.

The initiative, designed for faster, smoother and safer immigration clearance, is likely to ease congestion at immigration counters. Other than New Delhi, the initiative was launched in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi and Ahmedabad airports in the first phase.

The Union Home Ministry said the programme would run on e-gates or automated border gates that would minimise human intervention in the immigration clearance process and would be implemented in two phases. In the first phase, Indian citizens and

OCI cardholders will be covered, and foreign travellers will be included in the second phase.

The FTI-TTP will be implemented through an online portal and the Bureau of Immigration will be the nodal agency. To enroll in the scheme, the applicant has to register online on the portal with details and documents.

Under the process, as soon as the registered passenger reaches the e-gate,

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Govt. buys 71,000 tonnes of onion for buffer stock

The government has bought nearly 71,000 tonnes of onion so far this year for buffer stock, out of the total target of procuring 5 lakh tonnes for price stabilisation and it expects retail prices to ease with the progress of monsoon over most parts of the country. According to data compiled by the department of consumer affairs, the all-India average onion retail prices stood at ₹38.67 per kg on Friday, while the modal price was ₹40 per kg. PTI

Deeptech start-ups count surges in 2023: Nasscom

India saw a significant surge in deeptech start-ups in 2023 with 480 new ventures emerging, making it the third largest pool globally, according to a report. However, technology industry body Nasscom and global consulting firm Zinnov, which prepared the report said, "Compared to start-ups across some other leading deeptech ecosystems, Indian deeptech start-ups receive a fraction of the median investment at every stage." PTI

Coimbatore's Propel acquires stake in Ireland-based Omega

Propel Industries in Coimbatore has acquired a major stake in Omega Crushing and Screening of Ireland to expand its market presence in the European market. Senthil Kumar Varadharajan, Managing Director of Propel Industries, said in a press release that the collaboration with Omega will enhance product development and accelerate its introduction of state-of-the-art crushing and screening solutions, especially in the European market.



Sitharaman dismisses charges of harassment and complaints of too many notices being served under GST law by central administration as misinformed criticism; seeks to reassure assessees that Centre is committed to making their life easier

Vikas Dhoot NEW DELHI

inance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday firmly asserted that the Centre's intent was to make GST assessees' life 'easier, simpler and less cumbersome', stressing that criticism about the harassment of taxpayers and excessive notices being sent was misinformed opinion as most of the notices did not stem from the Central GST (CGST) administration.

"I want to reassure the assessees that our intent is to make their life easier,"

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'Key concern'

The latest results of the In-

ternational Textile Manu-

(ITMF) Global Textile In-

dustry Survey (GTIS),

which was conducted in

the second half of May,

show that most companies

pointed to weak demand

as the main concern since

Federation

Ms. Sitharaman said. "We are working towards less and less compliance and I want to underline the fact on behalf of the CGST that notices

Making a point: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addresses a

press conference after the GST Council meeting on Saturday. PTI

are not being sent left, right and centre.. Most often, we are asked why so many notices?" she added. "Only 1.96% of all active tax assessees have been sent any notice from the Central GST... Of the 58,62,882 active tax payers, just 1,14,939 assessees have been sent notices as of December 31, 2023," the minister said, adding that States could send their own notices, but that was not something she was getting into.

Interest waiver

Meanwhile, the GST Council agreed to waive the interest and penalty on demand notices served under Section 73 of the CGST Act, for the period between 2017-18 and 2019-20, provided that tax-

pavers remit their dues fully by March 2025.

In a recommendation that should find mention in the Finance Bill to be presented with the Union Bud-

that the three-month pe-

riod for filing appeals be-

fore the Appellate Tribunal

fied by the Government.

"This will give sufficient

time to the taxpayers to file

appeal before the Appel-

late Tribunal in the pend-

ing cases," the Finance Mi-

nistry said.

States have urged the get 2024-25 likely next Centre to make some immonth, the Council also suggested amendments to the CGST Act of 2017 so will start from a date noti-

> Ministers from States made suggestions related to the 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment', during pre-Budget consultations with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday.

> Ms. Sitharaman also heard out suggestions from State Ministers regarding the Union Budget, along with requests specific to their regions, and assured them that their ideas and inputs will get "due consideration ... during prepara-

GRSE, a ship building and repairing company under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence. The vessels will have a single cargo hold, each to

accommodate bulk, general and project cargoes. Containers will be carried on hatch covers. The ships will carry multiple large windmill blades on deck,

The company has been exporting warships since a decade. In 2014, the CGS Barracuda, an Offshore Patrol Vessel, built by GRSE, was exported to Mauritius. This was the first warship to be exported by India.

tweaks to 50-year interest-free loan scheme

States seek

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provements in the 50-year interest-free loan scheme for pursuing capital investments, under which the government has proposed to give them ₹1.3 lakh crore this year, the same amount as in 2023-24.

tion of the Union Budget".

Apart from several States' Finance Ministers. the meeting was attended by Chief Ministers of Goa, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim, along with Deputy CMs of Bihar,

Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telangana. "Finance Minister underlined Union Government's support to States through timely tax devolu-

tion, Finance Commission grants, and arrears of GST Compensation being provided for providing stimulus to growth," the Union Ministry of Finance said in a statement.

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⁺ 'Govt. must borrow at market cost, not at a subsidised one'

We must work towards eliminating it altogether, except for a minimum SLR for financial stability purposes; the RBI's liquidity management too should be informed entirely by market liquidity considerations and not by the government's public debt concerns, says the former RBI Governor



'Global textile industry worried

about continuing weak demand'

the end of 2022.

Inflation, high raw material prices, energy costs, logistics costs, and geopolitics are some of the other concerns.

factors are "These weighing on consumer and business confidence and are holding back demand to a certain extent," said K.V. Srinivasan, president of the International Textile Manufacturers Federation. The survey also revealed that the global textile value chain found itself

still in a relatively poor state. Awaiting improvement

best business situation in May were Africa and South-East Asia, and except East Asia, other regions expect a better business situation in the next six months.

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The vessels will be 120 metres long and 17 metres wide, with a maximum draft of 6.75 metres. Each can carry 7,500 metric

However, across the board are anticipating an improvement in the business environment in the coming months. The regions with the

INTERVIEW

Duvvuri Subbarao

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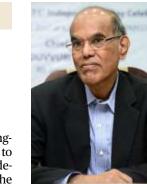
ndia needs to strengthen the rule of law to compete with the developed world, protect the independence of its central bank, and hold public officials, including IAS officers, more accountable, Duvvuri Subbarao, former **RBI** Governor and author of the recent book "Just a Mercenary?", argues in an interview. Edited excerpts:

You say the IAS is no longer "the steel frame of India" and blame corrupt IAS officers rather than politicians for this. Why?

The common view is that the IAS today is not able to perform because of political pressure. But the question is why should IAS officers succumb to the carrots being dangled by politicians?

They do that because when they see one person who is of a weaker moral fabric succumbing to a politician and moving up the career ladder, they believe that they can't afford to get left behind.

There are lots of reasons attributed for the moral and intellectual decline of the IAS, but I think the main reason is the perverted incentives; there is no system of rewarding good officers and penalising the



bad officers.

from ministers in the

expected as the RBI

the solution?

by politicians? What is

act independently.

Why do you say investors, when deciding to invest, care more about the rule of law than about free land or electricity offered by State governments?

When you ask investors what matters when they choose between States, they say, "even more important than sops is the

rule of law". Bad rule of law can be In your book, you detail quite costly to any business the pressures you faced enterprise. If you have tax inspectors or compliance UPA government while inspectors bothering busiyou were RBI Governor. nesses, corruption, or if But isn't such pressure there is politicisation of labour unions; all this can Governor is appointed

add to cost. We are already seeing investments go to States that improve the rule of law, not necessarily to States

that offer more sops.

What is the basis for

your disagreement with

the view that the Indian

Generally, when people

talk about state capacity,

they talk in terms of, for ex-

ample, number of em-

ployees or policemen or

tax inspectors or teachers

per unit of population.

And then they say in India

state capacity is low be-

cause we don't have

inadequate staff is not the

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What I'm saying is that

enough staff.

state is weak and that

we need to boost state

capacity to promote

economic growth?

The government thinks of the RBI as part of the public sector system and

best when it is independent. The core mandate of the RBI is to maintain price and financial stability. Delivering on this re-

quires the RBI to take some decisions keeping in view the long-term sustainability of the economy even if inflicts short-term pain. But governments are concerned about the shortterm pain and therefore tensions are inevitable.

The question is how can we manage these tensions amicably?

There has to be consultation between the RBI and the government, but in the end the central bank has to

callousness to implement the rule of law. To give an example, is the problem of low achievements in education due to inadequate number of teachers or is it incompetent, ill-trained teachers? So, looking upon state capacity in terms of number of staff is wrong.

We must improve our system of rewards and penalties for government staff and enforce strict accountability.

The Centre's high fiscal deficit during UPA rule was blamed for high inflation at the time. Can the RBI tackle this by refusing to monetise the fiscal deficit?

The RBI does not monetise government debt after the FRBM came into place.

It does not operate in the primary market, but does operate in the secondary market and so it still can either help the government or make it more costly for the government to borrow. There is also the financial repression in the way of banks being expected to hold a minimum SLR, which makes it cheaper for the government to borrow.

We must work towards eliminating it altogether, except for a minimum SLR for financial stability purposes, so that the government borrows at the market cost, not at a subsidised cost. Further, the RBI's liquidity management should be informed entirely by market liquidity considerations and not by the government's public debt concerns.

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इंकॉइस वेबसाइट के विस्तार हेतु "रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति" – नियत तारीख के विस्तार हेतु संशोधन Expression of Interest (EOI) for "Augmentation of INCOIS website"- Amendment for Extension of due date

"**इंकॉइस वेबसाइट के विस्तार",** हेतु "रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति" की निरंतरता में, आप सभी इक़ुक बोलीदाताओं को यह सुचित किया जाता है कि नियत तारीख के विस्तार हेतु शुद्धिपत्र / संशोधन सं. 2 निम्नानुसार है:

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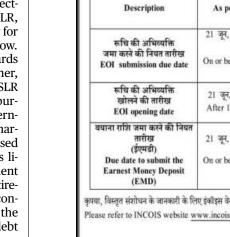
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During two separate ex-

peditions to Madagascar in pulled back.

searchers compare this

motion to a "backbending

cobra," or to a spring being

2017 and in 2023, lead author Mai Fahmy, a postdoctoral researcher at Fordham University recorded footage of leeches from the genus Chtonobdella coiling back on a leaf and then taking off. The re-

'Little evidence'

Several other worm-like invertebrates can jump, including the legless larvae of gall midges which assume a loop posture before propelling themselves into the air, the larvae of Mediterranean fruit flies, "skipper flies" and several caterpillars, including *Lymantria mo*-

nacha and Orgyia leucostigma.

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leech biologists have long argued about the ability of terrestrial leeches in the family Haemadipsidae to jump, with some making identified it as *Chtonobdella fallax*, a common species in Madagascar. Understanding overall leech behavior is also im-

portant to conservation efforts because leeches – and more specifically, their blood meals – are increasingly being collected to survey vertebrate biodiversity.

SNAPSHOTS



Study in rats illuminates how the brain controls heart rate

While heart rate is predominantly controlled by the autonomic nervous system, it can be intentionally altered through training (for example, as people do in free diving), and now a new study in rats that learned to reduce their heart rate provides insights into how this works. Rats learned to reduce their heart rate within 30 minutes and achieved an approximately 50% reduction in heart rate after five days of feedback training, which persisted for at least ten days after the training period.



Study reveals how human gut reacts to intact fibrous foods

Researchers have delineated how diets either low or high in fiber can shape the metabolic landscape of the small intestines, according to their study involving 10 volunteers fed various diets. The findings demystify the complex digestive processes that break down fiber-rich foods as they travel through the gut, and show those foods support the release of a gut hormone named PYY that suppresses appetite. The research suggests that a fibrous food's shape isn't as important in evoking this hormone response.



Rotavirus vaccine: tortured data analyses raise false safety alarm

Two other self-controlled case series studies published in July 2020 and January 2021 also did not find Bharat Biotech's Rotavac vaccine to be associated with increased risk of intussusception after any dose

Active surveillance of hospitalised cases of intussusception was necessary as the phase-3 trial

vaccine administration

No safety issues with Rotavac vaccine

<u>R. Prasad</u>

lamming the recently published paper by Dr. Jacob Puliyel from the International Institute of Health Management Research, New Delhi, on rotavirus vaccine safety, microbiologist Dr. Gagandeep Kang says: "If you do 20 different analyses, one of them will appear significant. This is truly cherry picking data, cherry picking analysis, changing the data around, adjusting the data, not using the whole data in order to find something [that shows the vaccine is not safe]." Dr. Kang was the principal investigator of the rotavirus vaccine trials and the corresponding author of the 2020 paper in The New England Journal of Medicine, the data of which was used by Dr. Puliyel for his reanalysis.

Dr. Kang's study was a post-licensure, hospitalbased, active surveillance study carried out in 27 hospitals across 10 States in India. For the study, 589 infants 28 to 365 days of age who were admitted to hospitals due to intussusception (where a part of the intestine slides an adjacent part of the intestine) and met certain criteria were recruited as study participants. The main objective was to monitor Bharat Biotech's rotavirus vaccine (Rotavac) for any increased risk of intussusception after any dose of the vaccine. Three doses of the vaccine are administered at 6, 10, and 14 weeks of age. The vaccine was introduced into the universal immunisation programme in a few States in 2016 and across India in 2019.



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was not powered to pick up cases of intussusception, there was active surveillance of hospitalised cases of intussusception. The NEJM study used the self-controlled case series method to assess the risk of intussusception after vaccine administration. The relative risk was calculated by comparing the incidence in three risk winone-seven days, 8-21 days, and 1-21 days after each dose of vaccine – with the incidence in all other observational non-risk periods for each case patient. A case-controlled study was also done to see if there is a difference in the rate of risk among vaccinated and non-vaccinated. There was no increased risk of intussusception due to vaccination during the risk periods and in the case-controlled study. Two other self-controlled case series studies analysing the safety of the Rotavax vaccine in infants in India and published in the journal Vaccine in July

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Dr. Jacob Puliyel's study arbitrarily shortened the period of observation from one year to **six months** and found significant risk of intussusception in the high-risk period

controlled study

Contrary to studies done globally and the CDC guidelines, Dr. Puliyel's study considered **21 days** after any dose of the vaccine as the high-risk window

By excluding the unvaccinated, Dr. Puliyel's study found an increased risk of intussusception after the third dose of the vaccine. A meta analysis had found more **intussusception cases** after the first dose

2020, and January 2021 also did not find the vaccine to be associated with an increased risk of intussusception after any dose. While the NEJM study

restricted the analysis to 365 days in order to look at the risk more carefully, Dr. Puliyel shortened the period of observation to six months and found 59 cases in the high-risk periods and 90 cases in the lowrisk window. Based on this, Dr. Puliyel concluded that the "risk of intussusception with the rotavirus vaccine was significantly higher in the high-risk period". The premise for restricting the period of observation to six months is that intussusception peaks around

bution of all cases of intussusception in infants who are vaccinated in our study show the cases going up and staying high for a long time. It certainly doesn't stop seven at months." With nearly 55 cases, intussusception cases peaked at 31 weeks as per the NEJM study and remained high at 35-42 cases per week between 22 and 37 weeks, and 10-15 cases

third dose is when we have more cases anyway, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated," she says.

Based on the premise that susceptibility to adverse events need not be highest immediately after vaccination, Dr. Puliyel had considered 21 days after any dose of the vaccine as the high-risk window. But across the world, published data show that if there is a risk with rotavirus vaccine it will happen within three weeks after the child gets a vaccine dose. As per CDC, "intussusception from rotavirus vaccination usually occurs within a week of receiving a dose of vaccine".

Increased risk

In another analysis, Dr. Puliyel excluded the unvaccinated and found an increased risk of intussusception after the third dose of the vaccine.

"In the U.S., Australia, the U.K and other countries where they actually found increased risk of intussusception following vaccination, unlike our study of Indian children, the risk is usually in the first week after the first dose. You don't get it after the second or third dose. A study

Active surveillance

Since the phase-3 trial with only 6,799 participants

seven months in the unvaccinated. "No, it peaks anywhere between 6-15 months. Paediatric intussusception is generally seen around 10-12 months depending on which country you are in. It is towards the end of the first year of life that you see the most number of cases," says Dr. Kang. "The distriper week between 46 and 51 weeks.

What we are seeing is a pattern of intussusception due to vaccination coming to hospital is no different from the natural pattern of intussusception coming to hospital. There is no peaking," says Dr. Kang. Data shows cases of intussusception after each dose, and many more cases after the third dose but no peak. Explaining the reason for more cases seen after the third dose, Dr. Kang says it is because children are getting into the age when natural intussusception is increasing.

"One month after the

in Brazil found a slight increase after the second dose."

A meta-analysis of 10 self-controlled case series studies found the relative risks for intussusception were highest after the first dose and far lower after the second and third doses.

Importantly, 0.5 billion doses of Rotovac have been used globally to date. Developed countries with good AEFI reporting would have surely picked any increased cases of intussusception, particularly as it was known that rotavirus vaccines can cause more intussusception.

Bacterial proteins keep cold-blooded worms alive

Cold-blooded Antarctic marine worms depend on two genera of bacteria to produce cryoprotective proteins that act like biological antifreeze to help them survive the harsh polar waters, a new study finds. Proteomic examinations showed that bacterially-derived cold-shock proteins and ice-binding proteins were present at nearly the same level as the worms' own self-made proteins, supporting the hypothesis of a phylosymbiotic relationship.



Do wild chimpanzees seek out medicinal plants to treat illness and injuries?

A new study has found that chimpanzees appear to consume plants with medicinal properties to treat their ailments. The researchers combined behavioural observations of wild chimpanzees (Pan troglodytes) with pharmacological testing of the potentially medicinal plants they eat. They monitored the behaviour and health of 51 chimpanzees in the **Budongo Central Forest** Reserve in Uganda. They collected plant extracts from 13 species of trees and herbs in the reserve

chimpanzees might be using to self-medicate, and tested them for their anti-inflammatory and antibiotic properties. They found that 88% of the plant extracts inhibited bacterial growth, while 33% had anti-inflammatory properties. The researchers observed a male Chimpanzee with an injured hand seek out and eat fern leaves, which may have helped reduce pain and swelling. The results suggest that chimpanzees seek out specific plants for their medicinal effects.

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The birth and growth of music



The annual world music day was held on June 21, 2024. It is an occasion to look back at how music and rhythm have evolved from ancient times. As the study by Hattori and Tomonaga points out, when a rhythmic piece was played to a group of chimps, they began to dance in tune! However, their vocal cords have not evolved to singing; they can only grunt: and listen to them. So, we humans not only owe many of our genes and our blood groups to the apes but also our sense of rhythm!

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So then, when did we humans start singing and playing music on instruments? Researchers have established that we began speaking during the Old Stone Age (2.5 million years ago and continued until 10,000 BCE), and

until 10,000 BCE), and 'singing' a little later. That we could sing and play instruments came about 40,000 years ago, when it was discovered that a flute was made using an animal bone, with seven holes in it to play 'in tune'. It is well worth clicking on this site National Museum of Slovenia and enjoying it fully.

Ragam and talam

The actual musical notations seem to have been established in Europe and the Middle East during the 9th Century BCE, with spaced notations ('do, re,



Healing method: When you listen to music, your health appears to improve. GETTY IMAGES

ma, fa, po, la, ti'), for singing and instrument-playing Hymns. In India, it is believed to have been from the Vedic times (1,500-600 BCE) with the notes ('sa, re, ga, ma, pa, da, ni'). Dr Jameela Siddiqi writes, that we have had the swaras ('sa, re, ga, ma, pa, da, ni'). When you can hear M S Subbulakshmi sing 'Sobillu Saptaswara' in Raga

Jaganmohini, and Rupaka Talam, composed by Saint Thiagaraja (denoting that musical notes come from the navel, heart, tongue, and nose of our body). We have thus made significant advancements since those days by organising the notations in a geometric and classical way and inspiring our musical tastes.

But one does not need

to be a connoisseur or a listener of only classical music, and only listen to M S Subbulakshmi, Bismillah Khan, Bach, Beethoven or Mozart, but also enjoy jazz, qawwali, popular and film music as many people do. They too are composed of the octave or parts of itand with proper beats. Folk songs across the country, and even the world, are eminently enjoyable. A recent report by Allison Parshall in the May 17, 2024, issue of 'Scientific American' points out that folk songs across the world are similar and are enjoyed by everyone for their tone and tenor.

Benefits of music

When you listen to music, your health appears to improve. It does not matter whether it is prayer, vocal

film songs. The Johns Hopkins University site says that if you want to keep your brain young, play or listen to music. Learning to sing or play an instrument improves attention, memory, mood and quality of life. This is particularly important for school and college students. Some sources have even suggested that music learning or even listening helps elderly people avert age-related problems. India has several music academies across the country, which hold periodic festivals, where we listen to both established musicians and prominent youngsters singing and playing instruments in Carnatic, Hindustani and Western styles. Let us attend them and enjoy!

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Are heatwaves natural disasters?

Who decides which disasters qualify for relief and aid? Are all heatwave deaths reported and counted?

Jacob Koshy

The story so far:

orth India has been bearing the brunt of the longest stretch of a heatwave in the last 15 years. Figures from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare suggest that at least a 100 have died from heat-related illnesses from March 1 to June 18 across India though this is likely to be significantly under-reported. The high number of deaths have revived discussions on labelling heatwaves as a natural disaster.

Are heatwaves a natural disaster?

The National Disaster Management Act (NDMA) is the key piece of legislation governing the roles of the Centre and States in responding to a natural disaster. The Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal body that governs the execution of this Act. Several disaster management authorities draw their powers from this legislation and they define which natural calamities qualify for state-backed compensation. The legislation is also the genesis of special funds – at the State-level and the Centre – that can be drawn upon for a disaster. As of now, 12

States have appealed to disasters are the Finance Commission to expand the scope of natural calamities that can be considered a disaster as this makes them eligible for more funds

notified in the Guidelines on Constitution and Administration of the State Disaster **Response Fund** (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund

(NDRF), namely cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, flood, tsunami, hailstorm, landslide, avalanche, cloudburst, pest attack, frost and cold waves. Heatwaves are yet to be included and this has to do with a government body that is unconnected to institutions under the NDMA.

Which is this body?

The 15th Finance Commission, the constitutional body that decides upon the revenue sharing between the Centre and States, had in its report "observed" that the list of notified disasters eligible for funding from SDRF and NDRF covers the needs of the State to a large extent and thus did not find merit in the request to expand its scope. States have appealed to the Finance Commission to expand the scope of natural calamities that can be considered a disaster as this makes them eligible for more funds.

However, in terms of the aforesaid guidelines, a State Government can use up to 10% of the annual fund allocation of the SDRF with cert caveats, for providing immediate relief to the victims of natural disasters, other than the aforesaid 12 disasters, that they consider to be 'disasters' within a local context in the State. Thus, compensation awarded to those confirmed by State authorities as having succumbed to heatwaves comes from these tranche. The 16th Finance Commission headed by economist Arvind Panagariya may review fresh requests by States.

What can the Railways do to stop accidents?

What led to the mishap involving the Kanchanjunga Express in north Bengal? What is the protocol when automatic signals are not working? Would the Kavach system have averted a collision? Why is it taking time to be installed? What about manpower shortage?

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R.K. Radhakrishnan

The story so far:

n June 17, a train accident killed 10 people and injured over 40 near New Jalpaiguri in West Bengal, about 600 km from Kolkata. The mishap was caused when a goods train hit the 13174 Down Agartala Sealdah Kanchanjunga Express in the rear at 8.55 a.m. The two trains were manually cleared to run in the same block section, a mere 15 minutes apart, since automatic signalling was malfunctioning between the Ranipatra and Chattar Hat stations which fall under the Northeast Frontier Railway.

What was initial response of Railway Board?

The Railway Board initially said the prima facie cause of the accident was that the loco pilot of the GFCJ container train (goods train), who died in the accident, disregarded the Railways' General and Subsidiary Rules (G&SR) and proceeded at normal speed which led to the collision with the Kanchanjunga Express. The Railways has ordered a statutory inquiry.

Who is at fault?

The Railway Board initially blamed the loco pilot of the goods train; this was later rescinded, but the damage had already been done. It is impossible to operate a train across a block section on the instruction of one person; there's a chain of command and a list of procedures that need to be followed. For instance, the station masters of stations between which a train is running, the section controller (who is stationed at the divisional headquarters and monitors all rake movements), the signal staff and the gatemen between the stations have to be



Tragic event: The remains of a goods train which rammed into the Kanchanjunga Express, near New Jalpaiguri station, West Bengal on June 17. AP

informed in a particular manner, and a line clearance obtained before a train leaves a station. If there is a discrepancy – like an automatic signal failure, for example – it has to be immediately escalated. In this case, the Katihar division (where the accident occurred) Railway Manager Surendra Kumar stated on record that the gateman had informed Rangapani station about the goods train on the same track as the Kanchanjunga Express. An inquiry will take into consideration this statement, and explore who all were privy to this information. While the inquiry will establish the shortcomings which led to the accident, the Railways has often been seen to take action against lower level staff, while officers at higher levels have gone scot-free after accidents.

Is signal failure a routine event?

In a paper, 'Analysis Report by High Level Safety Review Committee,' (2017), Mukesh Mehrotra, a chief signal engineer, noted that only 3% of the accidents in Indian Railways are due to "failure of equipment." During signal failure, trains can be operated under caution. The station master issues a TA-912 notice, which authorises loco pilots to cross a signal in red during signal failures, and a 'line clear' ticket, under the G&SR. The combination empowers the loco pilot to move forward. In this situation, the rule book says that the "driver shall proceed cautiously, so as to stop short [at] any obstruction." But if there is no prior indication that a signal is defective and the loco pilot suddenly encounters a red signal (stop sign) when the train is on the move, the loco pilot has to stop at the defective signal for a minute during day time, and for two minutes during night time. After this, the loco pilot is expected to proceed with extreme caution at a speed of 15 kmph. This procedure is not applicable when a 'line clear' ticket has been issued. Trains are not detained at wayside stations till the signals are set right. The only rule is that there should be only one train between two block sections at any given point of time. Another train can enter only after this train has left that block section.

Would Kavach have prevented the accident?

Yes. But the much-touted anti-collision device, Kavach, was not installed on this route. Kavach would have slowed down the freight train (it was moving at 45 kmph at the time of accident) as the automatic braking system would have become operational. However, progress on implementation of Kavach has been slow because of lack of vendors. According to the Railway Board, the Kavach system is operational in only 1,500 km. The entire Railways spans

nearly 68,000 km.

Railway accidents are rare if one takes this statistic into consideration: a minuscule 0.03 accidents happened per million km in both 2020-21 and 2021-22. But this number becomes infructuous if we consider the fact that there were 34 consequential train accidents in 2021-22 in which nine were killed and 45 injured. In 2022-23, however, there were 48 consequential train accidents. In fact, June 2023 witnessed the worst train accident in about two decades in Balasore, where nearly 300 passengers died.

How big of a role does human failure play?

Human failure is a major reason for accidents. In fact, almost all accidents in the recent past have listed human failure as one of the reasons. This includes the derailment of two passenger trains at Kothavalasa railway station (near Vizianagaram) in 2023; the disastrous accident in Balasore involving the Chennai-bound Coromandel Express, the Bangalore-Howrah Express and a goods train; and the 2018 derailment of the New Farakka Express.

But this is not applicable in this case. The crew of the GFCJ container train had complete rest before they signed on in the morning of June 17. Loco pilot Anil Kumar, who died in the accident, signed in at 6:44 am after a night off (he had more than 30 hours of rest). His assistant, ALP Monu Kumar, signed in at 06:42 am. His last sign-off was at 1 pm on June 15.

This cannot obliterate the fact that there are thousands of vacancies across Indian Railways for loco pilots. On June 20, the Indian Railways has pegged the vacancies at 18,799.

What more needs to be done?

Several committees have closely examined the question of Railway safety. While some of the recommendations have been accepted, others have not been considered for implementation. For instance, one of the most important recommendations of the Kakodkar Committee is related to division of responsibilities: "Three vital functions (rule-making, operations and the regulation) are all vested in the Railway Board. There is need for an independent mechanism for safety regulation. The Committee recommends the creation of a statutory Railway Safety Authority with enough powers to have a safety oversight on the operational mode of Railways." At a macro-level, Ramesh Subramanian (Evolution and Diffusion of ICTs in Indian Railways: A Historical Analysis, 2022) argues that since "Indian Railways' fortunes are vastly dictated by political needs rather than profitability," capital available to be invested in newer technologies is limited. The Indian passenger cannot afford massive expenses for modernising the system.

Hence, the Union government has to prioritise. For starters, it needs debates in Parliament to forge a political consensus on the direction of growth of Indian Railways.

Where does India stand with respect to G-7?

Are heatwave deaths rising in India?

Heatwave deaths in India decreased from 1,127 in 2017 to 374 in 2021, according to data from the National Crime Records Bureau, though these are classified as 'accidental deaths'. In 2022, 33 deaths were reported, in 2023, none, and this year at least a 100 have been confirmed. While these are fewer than the 1,100 deaths in Andhra Pradesh in 2016, longer spells of heatwaves are becoming more frequent. State health departments are tasked with furnishing information to the Centre on heatwave- related illnesses and deaths. A challenge with classifying deaths due to heatwaves is that in several cases people succumb under the combined impact of high temperatures and existing co-morbidities such as cardiovascular disease or hyper tension. Secondly, there are varying definitions of a heatwave. While temperatures above 45 degrees Celsius are considered to have heatwave-like conditions, it can also mean temperatures that are 4.5 degrees or more above what's normal for any place. Several places in the Himalayan States with temperatures in the mid-30s have reported heatwaves, because it is several degrees above normal. There have been no official reports of heat-related deaths in these places. In most years, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Gujarat, Rajasthan are the States that report most casualties from heat. There are medical guidelines to help doctors declare, or rule out, suspected cases of heatwave illness but these are often applied unevenly.

What measures do States have in place?

With the frequency of heatwaves rising, State, district, and cities have prepared heat action plans (HAPs). The NDMA and the India Meteorological Department are working with 23 States to develop HAPs. HAPs provide a snapshot of a region's heat profile, including information on the number of past heatwave events, yearly trends in the summer maximum temperature, land surface temperature, and so on, followed by a vulnerability assessment which maps out regions that require immediate attention and a response plan.

What was on the agenda of the recent Group of Seven meet in Italy? How many times has India been invited? As a key player in the Global South, is its voice heard? What are some of the criticisms against the grouping?

It remains to

be seen

whether

India will

continue to

accept a spot

on the G-7's

margins

Suhasini Haidar

The story so far:

eaders of the Group of Seven, the U.S., Canada, Germany, France, Japan, the U.K. and Italy, met in Italy's Apulia region from June 13-15, along with the European Union leadership, for a summit to discuss a host of issues. India has been invited to the outreach 11 times, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending it for the fifth time.

What was the G-7 summit hoping to achieve?

Bridging differences between the "West and the Rest", finding new ways to fund support for the Ukraine war, investing in Africa and grappling with migration, climate change and artificial intelligence challenges, were all on the agenda for G-7 leaders. They agreed to make \$50 billion more available for Ukraine, carving it out from frozen sovereign wealth funds of Russia, held a special "Energy for Growth in Africa" summit to spur investments in clean energy, attacked



Way forward: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with United Kingdom Prime Minister Rishi Sunak at the G-7 Outreach Summit, in Apulia on June 14. ANI

China for coercive trade practices, and met with leaders of 10 countries, including India, and multilateral organisations, as part of the "G-7 Outreach", to discuss the concerns of the Global South. Apart from substantive issues, the G-7 grouping has also been trying to battle its own image, as a tired set of countries representing the old world of the 'western elite'.

It was also widely commented upon that apart from Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, whose party did well in this month's European Parliament elections, all other G-7 leaders are battling tough election campaigns with sagging approval ratings.

How important is India to the G-7 process?

India has been an important part of the G-7 process for several years now, coming to the grouping's attention in the 2000s for its steady growth figures during the global financial collapse. India is not only a key member of the Global South, and has hosted the "Voice of Global South" conference since 2023, it is also a member of the G-20 troika, along with Brazil and South Africa. Besides, Prime Minister Modi is a central figure at such outreaches, though India is not a member of the G-7.

Other countries whose leaders attended the outreach were Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritania, Tunisia, Türkiye and the United Arab Emirates, along with heads of the African Development Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations and the World Bank.

Is it an important platform for India?

For India, the outreach session of the G-7 meeting, that follows a day after the main G-7 deliberations, has always been an important platform to showcase its achievements and outlook to the world. The importance of the event and India's participation can be gauged from the fact that Ms. Meloni called Mr. Modi during the election campaign to ensure his participation, and he travelled to Italy just four days after his swearing-in and even before he had proven his majority in Parliament. During the outreach session, Mr. Modi spoke about the

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importance of the Indian elections, which he called the "victory of the democratic world", and the importance of harnessing technology and artificial intelligence to bridge global inequality, as well as a roadmap to fight climate change. He said it was important to pay heed to the Global South's concerns, as it bears "the brunt of global uncertainties and tension", a reference to how the developing world looks at unilateral sanctions as well as food, fertilizer and energy security. Mr. Modi spent most of his time in bilateral meetings and held talks with U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Japan Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Ms. Meloni. He also met with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who was a special invitee, and after the photo-op with all the leaders, he spent a few minutes with U.S. President Biden. He released a less cordial photo of his exchange with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, reflecting the poor state of bilateral ties, but the G-7 outreach gave him the opportunity to meet global leaders and set

What is the future of G-7?

priorities for his new term in office.

The G-7 is increasingly under attack for being an elitist, non-inclusive group, that doesn't include three of the world's top 10 economies, China, India and Brazil, or representation from the rest of the world, like the G-20 does, for example. In addition, the G-7, which has not increased its membership (in fact, it decreased it, by dropping Russia in 2014), is increasingly being challenged by a grouping like BRICS, that has now doubled its size from the original Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa grouping to include other countries and energy majors like the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran, as well as Egypt and Ethiopia. That the G-7 has been unable to change the course of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, or stop Israel's devastating bombardment of Gaza, or deterred China from its inroads into global connectivity and infrastructure and economic influence, is raising more questions about its relevance.

It remains to be seen how the G-7, which may have a different composition of leaders, given impending elections in the U.K. and the U.S., stands up to the challenge to re-invent itself as an effective grouping. It will next convene for the annual summit in Canada's Alberta region in 2025; the question is whether India will continue to accept a spot on its margins.

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An ancient centre of learning

Nalanda University

Years-long efforts to re-establish the 'Mahavihara', known as the first international residential school in the world and home for learned monks and teachers, from Nagariuna to Arvabhatta, came to fruition last week as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a specially-designed new campus in Bihar

Sreeparna Chakrabarty

earning is being here," calls out the rejuvenated Nalanda University, situated besides the picturesque Rajgir hills, about 90 km east of Patna in Bihar. An apt description for a place which is known as the first international residential school in the world, established roughly 500 years before the famed Oxford University. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a new campus of the varsity on June 19.

Although its history goes back to the times of the Buddha, the 'Nalanda Mahavihara', as it was known then, was founded in the 5th century CE by Emperor Kumaragupta, and it flourished for the next 700 years, promoting a syncretic learning experience.

The first residential university of the world was sustained by the conscientiousness of the learned monks and teachers, which included masters such as Nagarjuna, Arvabhatta and Dharmakirti. At its peak, it is believed to have possessed 2,000 teachers and 10,000 students.

Chinese travellers Hiuen-Tsang, who wrote detailed accounts about the university and was a student there himself for five years, says in his memoirs that there was a rigorous oral entrance test for students who wished to enrol and only about 20% qualified. The subjects that were taught at Nalanda included Buddhist scriptures (of both Mahayana and Hinayana schools), philosophy, theology, metaphysics, logic, grammar, astronomy and medicine.

The varsity attracted scholars to its campus from places as distant as China, Korea, Japan, Tibet, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, and South East Asia. Those scholars have left records about the ambience, architecture, and learning at Nalanda, as well as about the profound knowledge of Nalanda teachers. The most detailed accounts have come from Chinese scholars.

The ruins of the seat of learning were first rediscovered in 1812 by Scottish surveyor Francis Buchanan-Hamilton. Later, in 1861, it was officially identified as the ancient



university by Sir Alexander Cunningham. It was in March 2006, while addressing a joint session of Bihar State Legislative Assembly, that the late former President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, proposed the revival of the ancient university.

The ruins of the university had till then been a mere fascinating subject for historians and archaeologists.

Concurring ideas came simultaneously seeking the re-establishment of Nalanda: from the Singapore government; the leaders of 16-member states of the East Asia Summit (EAS) in January 2007 in the Philippines; and from the fourth East Asia Summit, in October 2009 in Thailand, according to the University website. Parliament of India passed the Nalanda University Act, 2010, and in September 2014, the first batch of students were enrolled.

Master plan

In total, 17 countries other than India -Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos, Mauritius, Myanmar, New Zealand. Portugal, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam - have helped set up the University. Ambassadors of these countries

attended the inauguration of the campus by Mr. Modi.

In 2013, the master plan for the campus, proposed by renowned architect B.V. Doshi's Vastu Shilpa Consultants, was chosen after an international competition. Built at an initial cost of ₹1,800 crore (\$210 million) and spread over 485 acres, it is a large carbon footprint-free Net-zero campus. The design and architectural elements of the new campus are inspired by the original monasteries and buildings at the Nalanda Mahavihara. It includes over 100 acres of water bodies (Kamal Sagar ponds), an on-grid solar plant, a domestic and drinking water treatment plant, and a water recycling plant as well as over 100 acres of green cover. The University also has a 250-capacity Yoga Center, a state-of -the-art auditorium, library, an archival centre and a fully equipped sports complex.

The university's Visitor is the President of India. The chancellor and chairperson of the governing board is Prof. Arvind Panagariya. The Vice-Chancellor is Prof. Abhay Kumar Singh. The varsity offers Post Graduate and Doctoral programmes in Buddhist studies, philosophy and comparative religions; languages and literature;

ecology and environmental studies; sustainable development and environment; and, international relations and peace studies. At present, students from over 20 countries are enrolled in various courses.

The university admitted its first batch of 15 students in 2014 to the School of Historical Studies and the School of Ecology and Environmental Studies. Nobel prize winning economist Amartya Sen, who had been associated with the project since 2007, was the first Chancellor and the then President, Pranab Mukherjee, the first Visitor.

Beginning of the decline

The university has also seen its fair share of controversies since its inception, notably the appointment of Gopa Sabharwal, a former Reader in sociology at a Delhi University college, to the post of Vice-Chancellor. Prof. Sen later recused himself from continuing as the Chancellor for a second term. He was succeeded by former Singapore Foreign Minister George Yeo, who also left citing concerns about autonomy and political interference in academic matters. The other wrangle is the narrative

surrounding the decline of the university. While the dominant account is that it was destroyed by Turkish invader Bakhtiyar Khilji around 1200 AD, some experts claim that the varsity saw a natural decay coinciding with the decline of Buddhism in the region. "The reality is that there is no historical source that talks about Bakhtiyar Khilji destroying Nalanda," says Namit Arora, author of the book Indians: A Brief History of a Civilization.

"Forty years after Khilji's campaign, a Persian account by Minhaj al-Siraj speaks of Khilji's destruction of a monastery and the killing of its monks. But this was not Nalanda. Scholars have firmly identified this monastery as Odantapuri, 12 km from Nalanda. It was described as located inside a fortified city (now at Bihar Sharif), a political and economic centre, and hence deemed a military target. There is no record of Khilji ever going to Nalanda, which had little political or economic allure, nor was it a thriving centre of religion at the time," he told The Hindu.

"For over a century, Nalanda had suffered and dwindled owing to funding cuts, followed by active persecution by the Brahminical kings of the Sena dynasty. Many of its monks had fled south long before Khilji. Rather than a dramatic final end, Nalanda continued its long phase of decay and depopulation for decades after Khilji's death (1206). Nalanda was in fact still limping along in 1234-36, supported by king Buddasena of Bodh Gaya, when Dharmasvamin, a monk from Tibet studied there and wrote about it," he added.

Demands have also been raised in both the Bihar Assembly and the Rajya Sabha to change the name of Baktiyarpur Railway station, which is just 60 km away from the varsity.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has, though, dismissed these demands, saying Bakhtiyarpur was his birthplace. "When an Act on Nalanda University was tabled in Parliament, an MP had said the destroyer of the famed varsity had stationed his camp in Bakhtiyarpur. Now, a man born in the same place is rebuilding Nalanda University," Mr. Kumar said in 2021.

THE GIST

In March 2006, while addressing a joint session of **Bihar State Legislative** Assembly, the late former President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, proposed the revival of the ancient Nalanda University

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His vision document,

'Ism', released at the

launch of his party in 2014,

appears to be rooted in

Considered to be the

power star' in the Telugu

kidney disease has become

an endemic health crisis,

his outright support for the

farmers of Amaravati, who

were agitating against the

YSR Congress govern-

ment's decision to shift the

capital from the city, and

numerous other cam-

paigns moved him closer

to the masses. Later he

launched a state-wide ya-

tra in his customised vehi-

cle 'Varahi', aimed at

strengthening the JSP's

But the turning point was a

meeting he had with Nara

Chandrababu Naidu, the

connect with the voters.

Turning point

Left ideology.

The 'power star' of politics

Pawan Kalyan

The actor-turned-politician's bet to bring the BJP and the TDP into an alliance, along with his JSP. has paid off as the NDA swept the State in recent elections

Sumit Bhattacharjee

n the 2024 elections in Andhra Pradesh, actor-turned politician Konidala Pawan Kalyan, the founding president of the Jana Sena Party, proved that he is no 'runof-the-mill' politician.

He exhibited his tenacity to hang on to the game of politics and hit back at his critics by scoring a 100% strike rate. His party candidates won all the 21 Assembly seats that they had contested and also secured two Lok Sabha seats, with huge majority.

Mr. Kalyan announced with a bang that he is here to stay. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was so impressed by his show of strength that in one of the meetings he referred to Pawan as 'Yeh Pawan nahi, yeh Andhee hai' ('He is not wind', as Pawan in Hindi means wind, 'He is storm').

One among the top matinee idols in Telugu cinema, Mr. Kalyan's political career has been a chequered one ever since he launched his JSP on March 14, 2014. He faced setbacks, but he never quit, as his elder brother, K. Chiranjeevi, a mega star in Telugu cinema, had done. Chiranjeevi had launched his Praja Rajyam Party in 2008, but quit the game after his first outing and merged his party with the Congress.

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Though Mr. Kalyan had launched his party in 2014, he did not contest that year's General and Assembly elections. He lent support to the National Democratic Alliance of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The NDA came to power in the residual

film industry, Mr. Kalyan, after the 2019 setback, worked tirelessly to get to the masses. His targeted State of Andhra, immecampaign to address the isdiately after the bifurcation sues of Uddanam region in of the State. Srikakulam, where chronic

But in 2019, he quit the NDA and went to the polls in an alliance with Left parties. The JSP could win just one seat with Mr. Kalyan himself losing in the two seats he contested. But the actor-turned politician did not lose hope. This time, he joined the NDA and laid the ground work for the alliance's victory in the State.

In an earlier interview to The Hindu, Mr. Kalyan had stated he was drawn towards politics from his college days and was deeply inspired by the tall leaders from the Left wing such as Che Guevara, Fidel Castro and Charu Majumdar.

TDP and the current Chief Minister, at the Rajahmundry Central Jail in September, 2023. Mr. Naidu was then in remand over corruption allegations. Outside the jail, while addressing a press conference, Mr. Kalyan announced the tieup with the TDP.

"I have been thinking all this while whether the TDP and Janasena must come together ahead of elections. I am in the NDA. It is my prayer that to fight against the atrocities of the YSRCP, the Janasena and the TDP must come together in the upcoming elections," he said.

He was clear that only an alliance could bring the rule of the YSRCP to an end. It is believed that Mr. Kalyan played the bridge between the TDP and the BJP to forge the three-party alliance. He also admitted that the JSP alone could not form the government. Nor did the party have the financial strength or backing to contest all 175 seats.

He settled for 21 seats and his focus was to win all of them. This gamble paid off. In the assembly elections, the NDA alliance won 164 seats, including the JSP's 21, while the YSRCP's tally sank to 11 from 141 five years ago.

A political novice 10 years ago, Pawan Kalyan is today the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Force of stability

Pema Khandu

The Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, known for his hardline views on China and reform measures at home, has won a third term with a thumping majority

national president of the Rahul Karmakar

> n accident propelled him from a district Congress president in 2010 to a Minister in the Arunachal Pradesh government within a year. He was 31 when his father, former Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu, died in a helicopter crash on April 30, 2011, leaving a void in Tawang district's Mukto Assembly constituency. More than a decade later and a few days into his third term, the 44year-old Pema Khandu has become the longest-serv-

> ing Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh after Gegong Apang, who formed the first BJP government in the frontier State in 2003.

Diverse ethnic interests and dependence on funds from the Centre leave little scope to be politically adventurous in Arunachal Pradesh. Mr. Khandu, who saw three Chief Ministers and a 24-day President's Rule in a span of five years and 74 days between the death of his father and his first term as Chief Minister, learnt to be cautious.

A few bold decisions of his government such as recommending permanent residence certificates to six communities not on the list of Arunachal Pradesh Scheduled Tribes in February 2019, had led to largescale violence. However, it did not take long for Mr. ILLUSTRATIONS: SREEJITH R. KUMAR

Khandu and his father hav-

ing won a few elections un-

Mr. Khandu's rise to the

top job in the State has had

layers of drama. In 2011, he

became the Minister of

Tourism, Urban Develop-

ment, and Water Resourc-

es. He kept a low profile as

the Congress government

faltered with Nabam Tuki

replacing Jarbom Gamlin

as Chief Minister, only to

be dismissed by the Centre in January 2016. Then a

"rebel" Congress govern-

ment, headed by Kaliho

Pul, was established in Fe-

bruary 2016, but the Su-

preme Court had Mr. Tuki

reinstated. Mr. Tuki sprang

a surprise by resigning four

days later and paved the

way for Mr. Khandu to

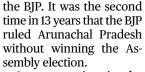
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opposed.

Dramatic rise



Its penetration in the State during Mr. Khandu's first term helped the BJP win 41 seats out of 60 in 2019 and five more in 2024. Building on the "political stability", Mr. Khandu pledged to pursue a transformative reform agenda through 24 citizencentric initiatives. He also promised to enhance women's safety and promote gender equality in a State troubled by polygamy.

Mr. Khandu's push for connectivity and tourism was evident from the Donyi-Polo Airport near the State's capital Itanagar, which became a reality in November 2022 after years of uncertainty. In March 2021, he drove 140 km through jungles and slush in an off-roader to kill three birds with one stone – become the first CM to visit Vijaynagar, the State's most unconnected part on the Myanmar border, emphasise the need to carve a road to the place, and deliver the 4x4 vehicle for the Circle Office in Vijaynagar. Now, as Chief Minister

Congress for the third time, Mr. Three months later, he Khandu promises to build on the initiatives he defected with a group of Congress MLAs to the relaunched and implement gional People's Party of the BJP's vision "to make Arunachal and in Decem-Arunachal Pradesh more ber 2016, his group joined developed".

Actual Control. "Arunachal does not share a border with China. The direct border is with Tibet. China occupied Tibet. Nobody can erase history," he said in November 2020. He also said the State was unable to major projects funded by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank due to China's "unethical" claim. This made him pressure the Centre for scrapping the population criterion in funding for Arunachal Pradesh.

There has virtually been no competition for the Khandu family in Tawang, especially in the Mukto Assembly seat, since 1990. This is evident from Mr.

Khandu to tide over such

crises, including alleged

bids by some of his party

colleagues to dislodge him.

a point to downplay the pe-

riodic renaming of places

in Arunachal Pradesh by

China. He has also been

disinclined to follow New

Delhi's position on the

country across the Line of

Mr. Khandu has made it

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JERUSALEM

IDF says Israeli civilian was shot dead in occupied West Bank



The Israeli military said an Israeli civilian died after being shot near the occupied West Bank city of Qalqilya and that troops launched an operation in the area. The military and the Israeli police were investigating the circumstances of the death. In recent days, there have been several violent incidents in Qalqilya and its vicinity. AFP

SEOUL

U.S. aircraft carrier arrives in South Korea for joint military exercises



A U.S. aircraft carrier arrived in South Korea on Saturday for joint military drills aimed to better counter North Korean threats. The announcement came a day after South Korea summoned the Russian Ambassador to Seoul to protest a defence deal signed by President Vladimir Putin and North Korea's Kim Jong-un. AFP

XICHANG

China, France launch satellite to better understand the universe



A French-Chinese satellite blasted off on Saturday on a hunt for the mightiest explosions in the universe. The Space Variable Objects Monitor (SVOM) is carrying four instruments — two French, two ${\sf Chinese-that\ will\ seek\ out\ gamma-ray\ bursts,\ the\ light\ from\ which}$ has travelled billions of light years to reach earth. AFP

TAIPEI

Taiwan detects 41 Chinese aircraft, seven naval vessels around island

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Taiwan's Defence Ministry said on Saturday it had detected 41 Chinese military aircraft around the island in a 24-hour window, a day after Beijing said "diehard" advocates of Taiwan's independence could face the death penalty. Seven naval vessels were also spotted during the time period. AFP

Pakistan Minister condemns Swat lynching

Press Trust of India ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal on Saturday condemned the lynching of a man in the town of Swat for allegedly committing desecration of the Koran, lamenting how religion is being weaponised to justify "street justice" and "vigilantism".

The ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader, while speaking during the Budget debate in the National Assembly, said that parliament had to take stern notice of "mob justice".

On Thursday night, an enraged mob in Swat gunned down a tourist, dragged him through the town and later hanged him in full public view for allegedly committing desecration of the Koran.

The 40-year-old from Sialkot was visiting the resort town of Swat

Israeli attacks on Gaza City camps leave at least 42 dead

'The occupation and its Nazi leaders will pay the price for their violations against our people,' says Hamas: IDF claims that its fighter jets struck two military infrastructure sites in northern Gaza

Reuters CAIRO

> t least 42 people were killed in Israeli attacks on districts of Gaza City in the north of the Palestinian enclave on Saturday, the director of the Hamas-run government media office

said. One Israeli strike on houses in al-Shati, one of the Gaza Strip's eight historic refugee camps, killed 24 people, Ismail Al-Thawabta told Reuters. Another 18 Palestinians were killed in a strike on houses

the Al-Tuffah in neighborhood. The Israeli military released a brief statement saying: "A short while ago, IDF fighter jets struck two Hamas military infrastructure sites in the area of Ga-

za City."



No let-up: People make their way through the rubble of buildings destroyed at the al-Shati refugee camp in Gaza City on Saturday. AFP

It said more details would be released soon. Hamas did not comment on the Israeli claim to

have hit its military infrastructure. It said in a statement the attacks targeted the civilian population and vowed "the occupation and its Nazi leaders will pay the price for their violations against our people."

U.K. hard-right leader | Russia targets Kyiv's power

Agence France-Presse

KYIV

Footage obtained by Reuters showed dozens of Palestinians rushing out to search for victims amid the destroyed houses. The footage showed wrecked homes, blasted walls, and

camp. Israel's ground and air campaign in Gaza was trig-

debris and dust filling the

street in Shati refugee

gered when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on October 7, 2023, killing around 1,200 people and seizing more than 250 hostages, according to Israeli tallies.

Mounting cost

The offensive has left Gaza in ruins, killed more than 37,400 people, of whom 101 were killed in the past 24 hours. More than eight months

into the war, Israel's advance is now focused on the two last areas its forces had yet to seize: Rafah on Gaza's southern edge and the area surrounding Deir al-Balah in the centre.

The Israeli military said forces continued "precise, intelligence-based" targeted operations in Rafah, killing many Palestinian gunmen and dismantling military infrastructure.

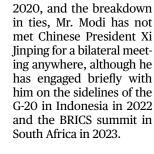
PM Modi likely to skip SCO summit in Kazakhstan; Xi, Putin, Sharif may attend

Suhasini Haidar NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to skip the Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to be held in Kazakhstan next month, and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is expected to officiate in his place. According to sources aware of the decision, Mr. Modi has decided not to travel to Astana for the summit to be held on July 3-4, although he had earlier confirmed his presence, and an advance security team had conducted its reconnaissance survey there.

The summit hosted by Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev is expected to include Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Central Asian leaders and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Mr. Modi's decision to miss the SCO Heads of State Council in Astana could also have a bearing on India's participation in the SCO Heads of Government conference, due to



Narendra Modi Houses, the Prime Minister

is expected to reply to the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha between July 2 and 4. The SCO, originally a

Eurasian security and economic grouping promoted by Russia and China, includes Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, and Pakistan as full members. Iran and Belarus will be inducted this year.

Mr. Modi's absence at the SCO is likely to raise to questions over India's commitment to the grouping Earlier this month, Mr. that it joined seven years Putin's foreign policy aide ago as a full member. Mr. and senior diplomat Vury

Moscow ties Since 2022, Russia's inva-

sion of Ukraine has also made the discourse with Moscow more difficult. Although Mr. Modi met with President Putin at the SCO summit in Uzbekistan that year, the conversation was overshadowed by the conflict, and Mr. Modi's

statement that "this era is not of war". India and Russia have not held the annual Putin-Modi summit since then, and a possible meeting when India hosted the SCO for the first time in 2023 was avoided after the government decided to hold the summit virtually, due "scheduling difficulties".

Nigel Farage says West provoked Ukraine war

Agence France-Presse LONDON

Nigel Farage, leader of Britain's anti-immigration Reform U.K. party, faced strong criticism on Saturday after saying that the West provoked Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

In an interview with the BBC on Friday, Mr. Farage said "we have provoked this war", while adding

that "of course" it was Russian President Vladimir Pu-

Ukraine on Saturday said Russia had launched a tin's "fault" Prime Minister Rishi Su-"massive" overnight attack nak told reporters that Mr. on energy infrastructure in Farage's claim was "comthe west and south, adding pletely wrong and only that at least seven persons plays into Putin's hands". died in strikes elsewhere. Labour leader Keir Russia launched 16

Starmer, who looks set to cruise missiles from land, take Mr. Sunak's job after sea and air as well as 13 atan election next month. tack drones, aiming at energy infrastructure in said Mr. Farage's comments were "disgraceful". several regions.

grid in overnight attack

Kremlin launched 16 cruise missiles from land, sea and air along with a fleet of 13 attack drones

> Air defences downed all but four of them, it added. The Energy Ministry said this was "the eighth massive, combined attack on energy infrastructure facilities" in the past three months, targeting the

southern Zaporizhzhia region and Lviv in the west.

"Equipment at (operator) Ukrenergo facilities in the Zaporizhzhia and Lviv regions was damaged," the Ministry said.

More than two years into the Russian invasion, targeted missile and drone attacks have crippled Ukraine's electricity generation capacity and forced Kyiv to impose blackouts and import supplies from the European Union.

be held in Islamabad in 'Autumn 2024', which Pakistan would host. When asked on Friday,

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal declined to confirm India's participation in the SCO, saying that details of the visit were not yet "finalised".

The sources cited the coming Parliament session, which will run from June 24 to July 3, as the reason for Mr. Modi's decision. In addition to the Speaker's election and the President's address to both

Modi had visited Kazakhstan to attend the SCO Summit in 2017, but the setting has become more troublesome for New Delhi over the past few years. India's tensions with Pakistan, which also was inducted in 2017, have often been the chief irritant at the conference.

During the COVID pandemic in 2020-21, the SCO summits were held virtually. Since the military standoff at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and the deadly Galwan clashes of

relien Tchouameni re-

placed Mbappe in France's

only change as coach Di-

dier Deschamps sought the

security of an extra mid-

Without its captain and

talisman, the 2022 World

Cup finalist turned to

Griezmann for inspiration.

forward had a moment to

forget with the biggest

chance to open the scoring

played in Adrien Rabiot

but when he decided to

pass rather than shoot,

Griezmann failed to con-

nect on his weaker right

The normally reliable

Griezmann was guilty of

another big miss when his

move

before half-time.

An intricate

But the Atletico Madrid

fielder.

foot.

Ushakov had told TASS news agency that the Russian President was looking forward to meeting Mr. Modi at the conference, which was especially important "in the light of the elections in India, which have just finished". If Mr. Modi misses the SCO summit in July, it will

be seen in sharp contrast to his attendance at the G-7 Summit in Italy last week. where India is not a member, but was invited to the 'Outreach' along with nine other countries.

Sport

Portugal breezes into round of 16; France and Netherlands settle for a draw



Agence France-Presse LEIPZIG

Portugal swept into the last 16 of Euro 2024 on Saturday after comfortably seeing off Turkiye 3-0 and guaranteeing first place in Group F.

Bernardo Silva's fine finish in the 21st minute, a comical Samet Akaydin own goal shortly afterwards and Bruno Fernandes's second-half tap-in set up nicely by Cristiano Ronaldo – gave Portugal a straightforward win in

YK



Opening salvo: Bernardo sets Portugal on its way to an easy win over Turkiye with this strike. AFP

front of swathes of passionate Turkish fans in Dortmund.

On Friday, France and the Netherlands edged towards the last 16 after a 0-0 draw in Leipzig that failed

to catch fire in the absence just four days ago. of Kylian Mbappe.

Xavi Simons had a goal The French captain sat controversially ruled out out the whole match from for the Dutch, while Anthe bench after breaking toine Griezmann wasted his nose in France's opentwo glorious chances for ing 1-0 win over Austria France. A share of the



Group A, June 23

FIFA rank

SUI 3-1 HUN Match 1 GER 5-1 SCO

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UEFA Euro 2024 Scotland v Hungary

Group A, June 23

FIFA rank SCO 1-5 GER Match 1 HUN 1-3 SUI





Draws Goals for

tria. The Dutch nearly pounced on French uncertainty within a minute.

The explosive pace of Jeweak effort was turned beremie Frimpong took him hind by Verbruggen with clear on goal but could not the goal gaping. produce a clean finish. Au-

Talking point

But the major talking point of the first goalless draw of the tournament saw the Dutch denied a winner.

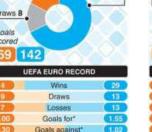
Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Simons fired in on the rebound after Maignan saved from Memphis Depay 18 minutes from time.

The goal was ruled out for offside as Denzel Dumfries was adjudged to be interfering with Maignan's ability to stop the shot.

The results: Group D:

Netherlands 0 drew with France

Group F: Georgia 1 (Mikautadze 45+4-pen) drew with Czechia 1 (Schick 59); Turkiye 0 lost to Portugal 3 (Bernardo Silva 21, Akaydin 28-og, Fernandes 56).



Match 2 GER 2-0 HUN

on four points at the top of Group D, one ahead of Aus-



A BG-BGE

spoils leaves the sides level

Sport

FAMILIAR TERRITORY

16

Knowledge of the conditions has helped, savs Proteas' de Kock



Quinton de Kock said knowledge of Caribbean conditions helped him propel the Proteas to a winning total against England. "I've played a lot of day T20s in the West Indies (in the Caribbean Premier League) and generally that [PowerPlay] is the most important time to score runs.'

CLUTCH

It was a great catch, Buttler heaps praise on Markram's effort



England captain Jos Buttler heaped praise on Aiden Markram's catch to dismiss Harry Brook in the last over of the run chase. "It was a great catch and that's what South Africa has prided itself on over a long period of time. They've always had great fielders," Buttler said

EYE ON THE PRIZE

It's our destiny and our goal to win the World Cup, says Chase



Roston Chase, who took a three-wicket haul against USA, was delighted with West Indies' emphatic performance. "It's on the spinners to come back and pull the game back and that's what we did today... it is our destiny and our goal to win the World Cup. So, from here on, we have to beat anyone we play," he said.

PRIDE

Want to finish with a victory over **England**, says USA skipper Jones



USA skipper Aaron Jones said he wanted to end his side's campaign with a victory over defending champion England. "I think the game against England is important. Every time I put on a US jersey, I want to win the game, regardless of who we are playing against," Jones said.

Kuldeep & Co. strangle Bangladesh after Hardik sets up a daunting chase

The all-rounder's unbeaten half-century takes India to 196, which was defended with ease by Rohit's men, who remain undefeated in the tournament

T20 WORLD CUP

Press Trust of India NORTH SOUND (ANTIGUA)

ardik Pandya produced an allround show while Kuldeep Yadav foxed Bangladesh batters with his guile as India all but assured itself of a semifinal berth through a dominant 50-run victory in its second Super 8 game of the T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

Star batter Virat Kohli (37 off 28) found muchneeded rhythm before Shivam Dube (34 off 24) and Hardik (50 not out off 27) pushed India to 196 for five.

Bangladesh could never really challenge India in the steep run-chase and ended up with 146 for eight.

Kuldeep (three for 19) made the Bangladesh batters look clueless with the effective use of googly and stock ball.

Bumrah (two for 13) pro-



SCOREBOARD

INDIA Rohit Sharma c Jaker b Shakib 23 (11b, 3x4, 1x6), Virat Kohli b Sakib 37 (28b, 1x4, 3x6), Rishabh Pant c Sakib b Hossain 36 (24b, 4x4, 2x6), Suryakumar Yadav c Litton b Sakib 6 (2b, 1x6), Shivam Dube b Hossain 34 (24b, 3x6), Hardik Pandya (not out) 50 (27b, 4x4, 3x6), Axar Patel (not out) 3 (5b); Extras (w-6, nb-1): 7; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 196.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-39 (Rohit, 3.4 overs), 2-71 (Kohli, 8.1), 3-77 (Suryakumar, 8.3), 4-108 (Pant, 11.4), 5-161 (Dube, 17.2)

BANGLADESH BOWLING Mahedi 4-0-28-0, Shakib 3-0-37-1, Sakib 4-0-32-2, Mustafizur 4-0-48-0, Hossain 3-0-43-2, Mahmudullah 2-0-8-0.

BANGLADESH Litton Das c Suryakumar b Hardik 13 (10b, 1x4, 1x6), Tanzid Hasan lbw b Kuldeep 29 (31b, 4x4), Najmul Hossain Shanto c Arshdeep b Bumrah 40 (32b, 1x4, 3x6), Towhid Hridoy lbw b Kuldeep 4 (6b), Shakib Al Hasan c Rohit b Kuldeep 11 (7b, 1x4, 1x6), Mahmudullah c Axar b Arshdeep 13 (15b, 1x4), Jaker Ali c Kohli b Arshdeep 1 (4b), Rishad Hossain c Rohit b Bumrah 24 (10b, 1x4, 3x6). Mahedi Hasan (not out) 5 (4h. 1x4). Tanzim Hasan (not out) 1 (1b); Extras (lb-2, w-3) 5; Total eight wkts, in 20 overs): 146

3Ws Oval a reminder of Caribbean cricket's once glorious era



Part of folklore: The busts of Barbados legends Worrell, Walcott and Weekes. ASHWIN ACHAL

Ashwin Achal BRIDGETOWN

In the park outside the 3Ws Oval are the busts of three legendary cricketers Frank Worrell, Clyde Walcott and Everton Weekes. The trio, among the best batters of their generation, were born within a couple of miles of each other in

the island of Barbados. The 3Ws Oval can be found across the road, nestled in the University of the West Indies Cave Hill campus. The quaint ground is named in memory of the popular Barbadians

A massive statue of stumps

stands guard over the

green outfield. It is an im-

pressive view that cannot

escape the sight of the bat-

The exploits of the three

Ws' is written in cricket

folklore. The trio heralded

a new era in West Indies

cricket in the late 1940s,

ters in the middle.

which until then had boasted of only one world-class batter in George Headley.

Worrell was the first black cricketer to captain the West Indies cricket team, and led the team in the famous 1960-61 tour to Australia.

Such was his popularity that the perpetual Frank Worrell Trophy, awarded to the winner of West Indies-Australia Test series, was commissioned at the end of that tour.

Walcott was arguably the best batter in the world in the 1950s. His numbers reached the zenith when

duced a frugal effort as usual. Bangladesh skipper Najmul Shanto (40 off 32) played some attacking shots including two sixes over fine leg off Hardik but did not get support from others.

Earlier, skipper Rohit Sharma (23 off 11) was happy to lose the toss at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium and alongside Kohli, was

Unique but effective: While Hardik unleashed his power with the bat, Kuldeep's guile stole the show in the second half. ICC & AFP

able to play his shots from the get go unlike the earlier games. After the top-order was dismissed, Rishabh Pant (36 off 24) brought the mo-

mentum back in India's favour by collecting two fours and a six over deep midwicket off Mustafizur Rahman. Pant took the attack to Rishad Hossain before falling to the reverse sweep for the second consecutive innings. Dube and Hardik then shared a 53run stand to take the innings forward. Hardik end-

ed up with four boundaries and three sixes and took India close to 200. which was more than enough for Kuldeep & Co. to defend.

(Mahmudullah, 19.5). Kuldeep 4-0-19-3.

1-35 (Litton, 4.3), 2-66 (Tanzid, 9.4), 3-76 (Hridoy, 11.1), 4-98 (Shakib, 13.3), 5-109 (Shanto 15.3), 6-110 (Jaker, 16.1), 7-138 (Hossain, 18.3), 8-145

FALL OF WICKETS

INDIA BOWLING Arshdeep 4-0-30-2, Bumrah 4-0-13-2, Axar 2-0-26-0, Hardik 3-0-32-1, Jadeja 3-0-24-0, Toss: Bangladesh; PoM: Hardik. India won by 50 runs.

Impressive view

he gave up the wicketkeeping gloves to focus purely on scoring runs.

World record

Weekes, a powerful strokeplayer, set a world record of five successive hundreds in Test innings. This still stands undefeated. The 3Ws Oval serves as a reminder of a once glorious era of Caribbean cricket.

Bowlers, Hope shine as West Indies thumps USA

Press Trust of India

BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS)

Opener Shai Hope blasted an unbeaten 82 as West Indies came back roaring to crush the United States of America by nine wickets in the T20 World Cup Group 2 Super 8 match here.

After bowling out the USA for a mere 128 in 19.5 overs, the West Indies batters went all guns blazing from the word go to knock off the target in 10.5 overs.

The Caribbean side, which had suffered an eight-wicket hammering from England, is now placed second with two points and a Net Run Rate of 1.814.

Johnson Charles fell for a 14-ball 15 with a couple of fours early on but the pair of Hope and Nicholas Pooran did the job for their side.

Hope clattered eight sixes and four fours to make 82 not out from just 39 balls, with Pooran reaching 27 not out from 13 balls

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Blazing away: Hope upped the ante to give his side's Net Run Rate a much-needed boost. AFP

with three sixes and a four. The scores: USA 128 in 19.5 overs (Gous 29, Russell 3/31,

Alzarri 2/31, Chase 3/19) lost to West Indies 130/1 in 10.5 overs (Hope 82 n.o., Pooran 27 n.o.).

Toss: West Indies; PoM: Chase.

Buttler's England eyes massive victory to stay alive

Press Trust of India BRIDGETOWN

hitters to do the job against

a demoralised yet tricky

USA in its final Super 8

couldn't produce the big

hits against South Africa,

suffering a narrow seven-

West Indies' massive

win over the USA has

opened up the group, leav-

ing England with the task

of pushing its Net Run Rate

up. While South Africa is

currently sitting atop the

Group 2 with two wins,

both West Indies and En-

gland have a win and a loss

each with the former hav-

However, no team is as-

sured of a semifinal berth

and England will need to

defeat USA by either 10

runs or at least with an ov-

er to spare to stay in con-

ing a better NRR.

batters

match on Sunday.

England

run loss.





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USA England Barbados, 8 p.m. **HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is First Meeting**

tention for the semifinals. For SA, a loss – even in a Super Over - against WI will knock it out of the race

if England can achieve its task. If the Proteas win and Jos Buttler's men lose to

USA, it will again be a three-way tie between WI, ENG and USA for the second spot.

Can Afghanistan spring a surprise on the Aussies?

Press Trust of India KINGSTOWN

A stern test awaits Afghanistan as it takes on a rampant Australia in its T20 World Cup Super 8 Group 1 clash.

Coming off a 47-run thrashing at the hands of India, Rashid Khan's men will be under pressure not just to record a win but also to improve their Net Run Rate (-2.350).

While Rahmanullah Gurbaz (178 runs) and Ibrahim Zadran (160) have been at the forefront of Afghanistan batting, they need more contributions from their middle and lower-order batters.

Both Fazalhaq Farooqi (15 wickets) and Rashid (nine) have made life tough for batters consistently and they will be crucial to stop the battery of in-form Australian batters.

David Warner (169 runs) and Travis Head's (179) destructive opening pair can take down the best of bow-

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Wankhede memories: Afghanistan will know how destructive Maxwell can be on his day. GETTY IMAGES

ling attacks and in such a scenario, Rashid's use of Farooqi and himself could have a big impact on the proceedings.

The last time these two teams met was in the 2023 ODI World Cup. Glenn Maxwell had played a oncein-a-generation knock to most comfortable.

notch up a sensational double century while battling cramps, with Pat Cummins providing sturdy support from the other end.

Afghanistan would certainly be motivated to exact revenge for that loss in a format in which it feels

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Gangiee holds on in close finish to win Selangor Masters

Rahil Gangjee won the PKNS Selangor Masters despite six bogeys in his 3-over 73 on the final day as he prevailed over Deyen Lawson (69) by one shot, on Saturday. The 45-year-old veteran, who had started the day with a five shot lead, finished at 8-under for the wire-to-wire win as Lawson was 7-under.

Bengaluru races on Saturday and Sunday cancelled

The races scheduled to be held in Bengaluru on June 22 and June 23, 2024 stood cancelled due to administrative reasons.



Chile, Peru in a hard-fought goalless stalemate

Two-time Copa America champion Chile opened its bid for a third title with a hard-fought 0-0 draw against Peru in Arlington on Friday. A scrappy encounter at the Texas home of the Dallas Cowboys NFL team saw neither side manage to get on top before a result that boosts Argentina's hopes of winning Group A. Chile was left ruing a golden missed chance from veteran Inter Milan forward Alexis Sanchez in the 16th minute.

Team Wildboar steamrollers **BCYA** in Travancore Cup

Team Wildboar thrashed BCYA 9-2 as the second phase of the KSHA Travancore Cup hockey tournament got underway in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The result: Team Wildboar 9 (Pavan 4, 8, Cheswin 10, Gagan 13, 14, Kalappa 16, Nikhil 21, 46, Naren 28) bt BCYA 2 (Joshwa 29, 47).

India will need to guard against complacency

The South Africans, boosted by their spirited chase in the second ODI, will aim for an important win on the road to next year's World Cup while the hosts eye a clean sweep



Ready for the battle: Smriti, captain Harmanpreet, and Renuka at a training session ahead of the third ODI. K. MURALI KUMAR

SA IN INDIA N. Sudarshan BENGALURU

ndia will look for a clean sweep while South Africa will aim for an important win on the road to next year's World Cup when the two meet in the third and final ODI of the series, at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Sunday.

India may have edged out the visitors by four runs in the last match to pocket the series, but South Africa, by coming within a whisker of chasing a world-record 326-run target, proved it was no laggard. India can ill-afford to drop its guard if it wishes for a spotless record. While Smriti Mandhana

notched up her second century on the bounce and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur returned to form with a hundred, there is a big question mark over opener Shafali Verma's 50-over credentials. Sunday may well be her last chance to prove the critics wrong. For South Africa, the

game will be crucial to earn ODI World Cup qualification points. In that quest, the performances from skipper Laura Wolvaardt and Marizanne Kapp in the previous encounter will come as confidence boosters

After the Proteas' batting crumbled in the first ODI (122 all out), the pair scored first-rate centuries and made a good fist of chasing down India's mammoth total. A few more runs from fellow top-order batters Tazmin Brits and Anneke Bosch can make

the line-up fully rounded. There are, however, two sources of intrigue ahead of the series-ender. It remains to be seen if India chooses to rotate its squad in order to keep the lot match-fit, for the caravan will move to Chennai next for the one-off Test and three T20Is.

Then, there is the fickle Bengaluru monsoon weather, which has so far shed its capricious nature and provided perfect conditions for cricket. The holiday crowd will expect more of the same.

The wind factor—a double-edged sword



Turning point: Livingstone was a victim of the wind factor against South Africa. AP

T20 WORLD CUP

Ayan Acharya GROS ISLET (ST LUCIA)

The Daren Sammy Stadium in Gros Islet, St. Lucia, poses a unique challenge for teams competing in T20 World Cup matches due to its pronounced crosswind blowing from the Party Stand towards the Johnson

Charles Stand. With average speeds of 15-16 kph, occasionally reaching up to 20 kph, this wind significantly influences gameplay, especially given the stadium's low stands and open layout that offer minimal wind protection.

During the Super 8 match between England and South Africa on Friday, the wind played a decisive role. South African opener Quinton de Kock capitalised on the wind's direction during his knock of 65, leveraging it to exploit his strong suit on the leg-side. Conversely, England

struggled to adjust, with key batters like Jonny Bairstow, Jos Buttler, and Moeen Ali falling victim to mistimed shots into the wind.

One of the major setbacks came when Kagiso Rabada bowled a full toss, and Liam Livingstone smacked it into the wind, only to find Tristan Stubbs on the boundary, the wind resisting the ball's flight.

The body blow came when, with 14 needed off the last six balls, Harry Brook, batting on 53 off 36, tried to clear long-off, only for Proteas captain Aiden Markram to run back, leap, and hold on to the catch.

The Daren Sammy Ground hosts its final Super 8 match between India and Australia on Sunday. With both teams featuring a blend of right-hand and left-hand players, they can leverage the wind advantage while batting, maximising shots downwind and using it as a defensive option when bowling.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Akshath's scalps seven as Vijaya CC trounces **Jupiter CA** Akshath Prabhakar scalped seven for five as Vijaya CC hammered Jupiter CA by 237 runs in the KSCA (Group I) under-19 inter-club tournament. The scores: Vijaya 259 in 47.4

overs (S. Vishnu Viran 41, S. Abhiraj 44, Nitish Arya 101, K.A. Tejas 27, R. Rohit 3/38, M.G. Shiva Guru Rakshith 3/45) bt Engrades 150/5 in 30 overs (Supreeth Kumar 50, R. Pratham 57 n.o.) [On better run-rate after rain stopped play]. South End SC 186 in 36.5 overs (Roshan Raju 38, P. Hrishikesh 82 n.o., Aereeona Alphen 35, Shreyas Kumar 3/31, Mohammed Faiz 3/38

Cambridge 172/1 in 30.2 overs

(Pratheek 77, S. Aditya 55 n.o.,

R. Sheshagiri 38, Ravi Kairav

Bangalore SC 211 in 49.5 overs

Siddharth 3/28) lost to Wadiyar

104 for no loss in 10.1 overs (G.

Murali Krishna 41 n.o., Nishanth

BUCC (1) 271/7 in 50 overs (K.P.

Mawa 63, K. Gagan 47 n.o.,

Prathyush G. Shetty 3/59) bt

Aryan 42, Akash Shetty 76, Aryan

Lions 226/9 in 50 overs (Mohnish

48, Aditya Navalgund 3/46).

Bharath Gowda 41, R.K.

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Jaidur Cricketers 259 in 48.3

mere two hundredths of a

lap," said Norris after only

his second career pole.

"Max seemed a bit stron-

ger, but we made some

changes," added the Briton

who won his maiden

Grand Prix this season in

"Today was the perfect

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overs (Udhay Girish 34, Arya J. Gowda 58, Nihal Gagan Chetty 32, Rishikesh Bindig 36 n.o., Dheeganth S. Mavinkere 3/36) bt City Gymkhana 138 in 36 overs (Gaurav Venkatesh 27 n.o., Arya J. Gowda 5/22).

Atharva and Tanishka claim under-15 titles in State-ranking table tennis tournament

Indian women's compound team completes a hat-trick

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The Indian trio of V. Jyothi Surekha, Parneet Kaur and Aditi Swami claimed its third consecutive com-



AITA confirms Sumit Nagal's entry for Paris Olympics

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) announced the confirmation of Sumit Nagal's entry for the Paris Olympics, in a statement issued here on Saturday. The doubles entry of Rohan Bopanna and Sriram Balaji had been confirmed earlier. The 26-year-old Nagal is ranked a career-best 71 in singles following two Challenger titles this season, apart from a final. "The AITA extends its heartfelt congratulations to Sumit Nagal, Rohan Bopanna and Sriram Balaji. We are confident that they will make the nation proud and inspire future generation of tennis players in India," said Anil Dhupar, secretary-general, AITA.

LIVE TELECAST

India Women vs South Africa Women: 3rd ODI, Sports 18-1 & JioCinema, 1.30 p.m

Formula One: Spanish GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 6.30 p.m

T20 World Cup: Star Sports 1 & Hotstar, 8 p.m. & 6 a.m. (Monday)

Hockey Pro League: Sports 18-1 & JioCinema, 8.30 p.m. Football: Euro 2024, Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Monday)

Dravid 70, Pranav Kedlaya 33, Aryan Manuj 4/42) bt Jupiter CA 22 in 8.4 overs (S. Agastya 3/13, Akshath Prabhakar 7/5). Coles 222 in 40.2 overs (Rishab B. Nayak 27, Vismay Raj 34, Srey Rithwik Kabolu 25, Siddhant Pathak 72, P.M. Vismai 3/43, T.R. Pujan 3/27) bt National United 150 in 31.5 overs (S. Siddhanth 33, Ashith Shivanna 55, Pranshu J. Patel 3/32, Abhinv Shah 3/28). The Bangalore Cricketers 364/5 in 50 overs (L. Karthesh 51, D.S. Bhushan 115, S. Daivik 124, N.L. Likith 37 n.o.) bt Jawans 172 in 44 overs (P. Vidyasagar 76, Kushal Srinivas Gowda 3/28, M. Jeevan Sukeerthi 3/37, N.L. Likith 3/33). Gandhinagar Cricketers 228 in 50 overs (K. Krishna Kapil 42, Samanyu Raina 72 n.o., V.K.

A. Bharadwaj 27, R. Rohith Reddy 75 n.o., Siddarth Roopak 3/25, Charan S. Reddy Krishnamurthy 3/30) Jayanagar United Cricketers 3/34) bt Jayanagar Cricketers 171/9 in 43 overs (R. Hemanth 59 276/9 in 50 overs (Dhruy Shetty n.o., Samanyu Raina 3/38) 28, Siddharth Gurav 102, Kavisha [Target revised to 197 from 43 Umesh Mukkannavar 42, S. overs because of rains] Rishabh Kumar 26, Aadesh Urs Sir Syed Cricketers 163 in 42.4 4/31) bt Century Cricketers 193 overs (Manik Raj 80, M. Tanmay in 43.5 overs (Pradvumna Panigrahy 68, Aadesh Urs 43, 31, Raghav Karthik 3/29, Dev Aryaman Jhalani 7/33) [Target Visweswarampuram (1) 125 in revised to 197 from 49 overs

Atharva Nawarange and Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav emerged the boys' and girls' U-15 singles FUCC (1) 217 in 49.1 overs (Pavan champions respectively at Reddy 56, Siddesh A. Asalkar 50. the State-ranking table tennis tournament being held here. (N. Prateekh 87, Arnavv Sharma While Atharva defeated N. Aarnav 11-8, 11-8, 11-8, Sangam CA 100 in 21.3 overs (H. Tanishka beat Hiya Singh

State junior football team selection trials on June 24

11-8, 11-6, 11-6.

The Karnataka State Football Association will conduct trials on June 24 at the Bangalore Football Stadium to select the State junior team for the National Football Championship. Those born in the window January 1, 2009 to December 12, 2010 are eligible. Interested candidates

should be in attendance at

3 p.m. with a copy of their

birth certificates.

pound women's team gold medal of the season in the Archery World Cup Stage-3 in Antalya, Turkey, on Saturday. Priyansh took the silver medal in the men's individual event.

The top-ranked Indian women's side shot well to build a slender one-point lead in the opening end and built on it to beat Estonia, represented by Lisell Jaatma, Meeri-Marita Paas and Maris Tetsmann, 232-229 in the title clash.

The Indian women, who clinched the World title and the Asian Games gold last year, hit the bulls eye five out six times in the penultimate end and four times in the final end to assert their supremacy on

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Firing away! Jyothi Surekha and Aditi watch Parneet in action. X@WORLDARCHER

final.

Fullerton 150-149 in the an extremely hot day. This was their fourth straight World Cup Stage gold me-Indian lost to World No.1 dal, including the Stage-4 Dutchman Mike Schloesser gold in Paris in September 149-148 in a keenly-fought last year.

"Despite the heat, we kept our focus on our shots and rhythm," individual World champion Aditi told World Archerv. Priyansh, who got a one-

point lead in the opening

end, scored a perfect score

to pip Denmark's Euro-

pean champion Mathias

Priyansh missed a 10 by a whisker to give away a one-point advantage to Schloesser in the first end. He gave the Dutch a close chase before both scored a nine apiece in the final end and the experienced

Schloesser walked away

with the gold.

semifinals. The 21-year-old

MAGA HE HINDU GROU THEMOMHINDU Among those who played in the IPL 2024, only two participated in the first-ever Indo-Pak T20 World Cup match in 2007. One is MS Dhoni; who is the other? How many full member teams have USA beaten in T20 Internationals before their victory over Pakistan in the 2024 T20 World Cup? Until the group stage of the 2024 World Cup, India has three batters with scores above 70 in T20 World Cup games against Pakistan. Pakistan has only one batsman with a 70+ score against India in T20 World Cups. Who is that player? Answer to yesterday's quiz: Scan the code, to participate in the 1. Suresh Raina quiz and win exciting 2. South Africa gift vouchers 3. USA

Norris pips Verstappen for his second career pole

42.3 overs (Dev Sinha 42).

Rajajinagar Cricketers 258 in 49.4

Sinha 3/20) bt



Edging ahead: Norris, right, shares a light moment with Verstappen after topping the qualifying race. REUTERS

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SPANISH GP Agence France-Presse BARCELONA

McLaren's Lando Norris produced a spellbinding late lap to deprive Max Verstappen of pole for the Spanish Grand Prix in qualifying on Saturday.

Lewis Hamilton will start on the second row alongside his Mercedes teammate George Russell. Verstappen

looked Verstappen, targeting a nailed on to start Sunday's fourth straight World title, 10th round of the season leads the championship by

Miami.

second.

from the front of the grid. 56 points from Charles Leclerc, who starts Sunday's But in the last throw of the top-10 shoot-out Norris derace in fifth, with Norris senied the Red Bull ace by a ven points back in third.

(McLaren), Verstappen (Red Bull); Row 2: Hamilton (Mercedes), Russell (Mercedes); Row 3: Leclerc (Ferrari), Sainz (Ferrari); Row 4: Gasly (Alpine), Perez (Red Bull); Row 5: Ocon (Alpine), Piastri (McLaren); Row 6: Alonso (Aston Martin), Bottas (Sauber); Row 7: Hulkenberg (Haas), Stroll (Aston Martin); Row 8: Zhou (Sauber), Magnussen (Haas); Row 9: Tsunoda (RB), Ricciardo (RB); Row 10: Albon (Williams), Sargeant (Williams)

Starting grid: Row 1: Norris

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Summer chore: Children collect water from a municipal tanker in Vivekananda Colony, near Chanakyapuri. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR



Tangled web: Much precious time is lost in the daily rush to collect water for household needs. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR



Sweltering city: A mirage seen on Kartavya Path in New Delhi. The city experienced several heatwaves this year. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Summer of discontent

<u>As Delhi battles gruelling heat</u>, with temperatures nearing the 50 degrees Celsius mark, the water crisis has only added to the city's summertime woes

stone's throw from Chanakyapuri, Delhi's Diplomatic enclave, and not far from the Prime Minister's residence, there is a fight for survival every time a water tanker enters Sanjay Camp. Residents of the area wait with a plastic oil container, a paint bucket, a petrol container, a tub or just about anything in which they can carry water back to their homes. On the other end of the line, at Munak canal that supplies water to Delhi from neighbouring Haryana, the Delhi Police have deployed a team to patrol the area to ensure there is no theft of water.

The severe water crisis in the national capital weighed down by gruelling heat has called for rationing of water across the city. While the Aam Aadmi Party-run Delhi government has blamed the Bharatiya Janata Party-run Haryana government for not releasing Delhi's share of water, the BJP has blamed AAP's mismanagement of water for the crisis.

₩ ₩ Between a sweltering summer with maximum

temperatures nearing the 50 degrees Celsius mark in many parts of Delhi and an acute water shortage, hospitals have taken to setting aside beds for heat stroke victims. There has been a ban on work at construction sites between noon and 3 p.m., so that the labourers do not face the brunt of the afternoon sun. On June 19, the minimum temperature was recorded at 35.2 degrees Celsius, the highest in the month of June for the period between 1969 and 2014, according to the India Metrological Department. The weather department has also declared that the number of days with a heatwave has been the highest this June over the past 15 years.

The Delhi government has declared 14 heatwave-related deaths so far. However, data from the Zonal Integrated Police Network of the Union Ministry, tabulated by the Centre for Holistic Development, showed that 192 homeless people died from heat stroke in Delhi between June 11 and 19.

(Text by Jaideep Deo Bhanj)



Fun in the sun: A boy cools himself down with a jet of water from a leaky pipe near India Gate. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

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Heat daze: Commuters seen through a mirage at Vijay Chowk. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP



Towel to the rescue: A motorcyclist in Mungeshpur on the day when the temperature gauge showed 52 degree Celsius. AFP



Bearing the brunt: A child living in the Sanjay Camp in New Delhi takes home a can of drinking water. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA



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Every drop counts: A man quenches his thirst from a garden hose on the lawns of Kartavya Path. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

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