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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

The 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



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

Six held in NEET paper leak case

PATNA
The Bihar Police on Friday arrested six people from Deoghar in Jharkhand in connection with the NEET-UG paper leak case. A team led by officials of the Economic Offences Unit (EOU) brought the six to Patna for questioning. » PAGE 9

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.

These measures seem to be the first step in a promised overhaul of the examination system, with the Ministry constituting a seven-member committee of experts on Saturday to create a reform roadmap for the NTA and its processes. Chaired by former ISRO chief K. Radhakrishnan, the panel has been

mandated to make recommendations on the structure and functioning of the NTA, reforms in the mechanisms of the examination process, and improvement in data security protocols, and submit its report within two months.

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Railway services, hostel stay exempted from GST

Vikas Dhoot
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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Order on mining leases triggers row

HUBBALLI
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. and another to SAIL/VSL in Sandur taluk of Ballari — has raked up a controversy. » PAGE 6

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INDIA MPs not to assist *pro tem* Speaker

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 Munnetra Kazhagam's



Bhartruhari Mahtab

(DMK) T.R. Baalu, and Supdip Bandopadhyay of the Trinamool Congress were part of the panel, but they will skip their duties to protest against the Centre's decision to ignore Mr. Su-

resh despite his being the senior-most MP, sources said. Two other senior MPs — BJP leaders Radha Mohan Singh and Fagga 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 consecutive terms, the Congress MP from Kerala is an

eight-term member. However, Mr. Suresh was not a member of the Lok Sabha in 1998 and 2004, and therefore, did not have an uninterrupted tenure in the House.

The Congress said the 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. Ramesh said.

Upkeep time



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



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 grand-

son of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and son of former Minister H.D. Revanna.

His brother, Prajwal Revanna, is already facing accusations of sexually harassing multiple women and is in custody, facing an Special Investigation Team probe.

'Political conspiracy'
Meanwhile, Mr. Suraj has described the incident as a "political conspiracy" and that investigation would reveal the truth.

Earlier on Friday, Shivakumar had filed a complaint with the Holenarsipur police, alleging that the complainant blackmailed Mr. Suraj for money, by threatening that he would defame him by mak-

ing allegations of sexual abuse against him.

At the farmhouse
In his complaint lodged on Saturday, the alleged victim said that the MLC had asked him to visit his farmhouse at Gannikada in Holenarsipur taluk on June 16 evening. As he went there, the legislator allegedly harassed him sexually, even as he protested.

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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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 Renukashetty 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 re-access the data.

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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

The 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

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 fixes, noted Mr. Rudramurthy.

The current fare structure for an auto ride in the city is ₹30 for the initial two kilometres and ₹15 for each additional kilometre.

Meanwhile, traffic experts also believe revising fares annually could reduce complaints related to auto drivers refusing rides or overcharging. Traffic expert M.N. Sreehari said, "Regular fare revisions

could help reduce the widespread issue of auto drivers refusing rides in Bengaluru. Many commuters complain about drivers not using the meter. Annual fare revisions would likely decrease complaints related to auto drivers overcharging and declining rides."

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said that he has not yet received any communication from the union regarding the request to increase auto fares. He explained that while annual fare revisions may not be feasible, they could consider revision every two or three years. He assured that he would look into any letters or complaints received by auto drivers and consult the transport department officials.

Traffic police book over 800 cases against auto drivers

The Hindu Bureau
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'

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 Homeless Programme (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%].

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, Indra 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 Indra 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, led by Superintendent of Police M. Narayana, tracked

down the accused who were fleeing to Kolkata, within hours.

The deceased was identified as Swami Chinmayananda.

According to the police, he was in the restroom when the accused [Arun Kumar, 55, Dharma Pranavananda Swamy, 45, and Praneswarananda Swamy, 48] armed with lathis, allegedly barged in, and as-

saulted the victim before fleeing the spot.

The profusely bleeding Chinmayananda was rushed to R.L. Jalappa hospital where he died.

A preliminary inquiry revealed that there was a civil dispute over the mutt property and administration of the polytechnic, which was the reason for the 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.

Bengaluru City University gets two more constituent colleges

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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 of Bengaluru City 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."

Truck driver held for torturing three-year-old stepdaughter

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU


The Gauribidanur police on Friday arrested a 30-year-old truck driver for allegedly torturing his three-year-old stepdaughter.

Based on a complaint by the victim's grandfather, the police arrested the accused, identified as Amjad, charging him under various sections of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and for attempt to murder.


The police said the accused married Zarim Taj 20 months ago. She had been married twice earlier and had three minor daughters, including a three-year-old.

According to the police, the accused used to torture his stepdaughters. The accused on Friday allegedly assaulted the victim with a rolling pin and stubbed cigarettes on her, accusing her of crying and disturbing him while he was at home.

The child was rescued by her mother with the help of neighbours, and taken to Bowring Hospital where she is under treatment.



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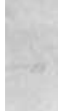


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HIV patients fear NACO’s index testing campaign will reveal disease to family members unaware of it

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

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The National AIDS Control Organisation’s (NACO) six-month index testing campaign, aimed at bolstering the identification of new HIV cases, has put some patients in a spot.

While officials said the campaign will help scale up HIV testing and counselling, people living with the disease are worried that their privacy will be at risk, as index testing may actually reveal their HIV status to their family members who may be unaware of it.

Launched in April, the campaign entails a voluntary case-finding approach, where counsel-



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

lors, with the consent of HIV-positive index clients, focus on identifying sexual and/or needle-sharing partners, as well as biological children who are at risk

of vertical transmission of HIV.

However, most people living with HIV (PLHIV) are finding it embarrassing to get their family members



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AN HIV PATIENT

and children tested, as they fear their relationship may be affected if their HIV status comes out in the open.

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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 Zhi-momi, 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 targets 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 measure as it amounted to granting final relief itself, which is contrary to the law laid down by the Supreme Court.

“When the top office-bearers of the club themselves have been facing criminal prosecution and are the accused in a criminal case, it would hardly be safe to leave the supervision and the fate in their hands,” the Bench noted, while pointing out that the BTC chairman, the CEO, the secretary, and a betting ring manager have been arraigned as accused, in a chargesheet filed against bookmakers for illegal activities within the BTC premises.

The Bench also said that the present situation is en-

tirely different to the time when the licences were granted in March, when only an FIR was registered. The police now have already filed the preliminary chargesheet, in which the top office-bearers of the BTC have also been arraigned as accused for their alleged involvement in the illegalities of book-makers.

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 unlicensed 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.

“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. Cheluvarayasu at the ‘Product Santhe’ organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore, organised ‘Product Santhe’ to showcase its various products on Saturday. The event, which was mainly aimed at creating awareness 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, bio-pesticides, 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. Cheluvarayasu, 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-to-cook powders

mixtures and pickles were also popular among the visitors.

“UAS, Bangalore is the premier agricultural university of the State and has developed 485 technologies and 328 varieties in its long span of six decades. All these varieties are still popular among the farmers of the country and have played a crucial role in increasing the overall agricultural production of the state,” said S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore.

He also said that over 400 quintals of sunflower seeds were exported to African countries, especially Uganda, through the East African Seed Company Limited.

More than 15,000 people participated in the santhe which was organised 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 of UAS.

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 – from overexploited 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-

ics Design Endeavour (TIDE) and the Bremen Overseas Research and Development Association (BORDA)-South Asia.

Water scarcity

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.

According to the researchers: “Currently, small and medium towns, characterised by populations below 1,00,000, ac-

Key insights

■ Groundwater is overexploited

Around 100 municipal borewells are run interchangeably 24/7 to meet 40% of the town’s needs. An additional 40% is met via private borewells and tankers

■ Aquifer is depleting

Chintamani is underpinned by a hard rock aquifer characterised by limited storage potential. This leads to limited recharge. Data and knowledge gaps prevent effective aquifer management

■ Lakes are polluted

65% deficit in sewage treatment capacity results in raw

sewage entering waterbodies and rendering surface water unusable

■ Electricity bills are high

Over 40% of the municipality’s operational expenses is spent on water supply infrastructure – mainly for power bills – and little is recovered through user fees as non-revenue water loss is high

■ Planning is fragmented

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

count for 44.2% of the overall urban area in India, and constitute 26% of the nation’s total urban population (2011 Census). Despite this transition, significant attention and resources continue to be directed towards large ci-

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 freshwater 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. Wa-

ter 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 Kannam-palli 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.

Woman injured after falling from terrace of building

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

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

The victim, identified as Rubaya, a resident of Kana-ka 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.

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A RG-RGE

Order on mining leases in forest areas of Sandur kicks up a row

Girish Pattanashetti
HUBBALLI

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/VSIL 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 Ramgadhi, near Sandur in Ballari district.

trees in the forests of Swamimalai block in the Kumaraswamy Range (Devadari village) and SAIL/VSIL 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

The Hindu Bureau
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

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.

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

“In its order dated March 14, 2024, the Supreme Court said that the Central Empowered Committee (CEC), together with

the monitoring committee and aid and advice of the oversight authority, should undertake a complete exercise in the three districts (Ballari, Chitradurga, Tumakuru) and the respective mining leases situated therein and submit a report before the court within 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 regulation and also mention any new form of regulation to protect the natural resources,” he said.

Such being the situation, permitting the destruction of another forest area will defeat the whole exercise, Mr. Hiremath said, adding that using existing unallotted mines could be an alternative. He said that even if clearances were given by earlier State

and Union governments, they should be reviewed.

A contrary view
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.

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?”

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

The alliance that the 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 cracks in the alliance. We are like brothers and there is no question of one being higher or lower in the hierarchy in this. We should



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 polls,” he said. Describing the two parties as “natural allies”, Mr. Kumaraswamy said that even back in 2018 (when the Congress and the JD-S formed a short-lived coalition govern-

ment), his wish was to join 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

in 2006, when the BJP and the JD(S) had formed a coalition 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-

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 Chalukyasa and Jainism and Other Essays* – in her career spanning 60 years. She also brought out nine research documents, including *Thuranga Bharata - Ondu Adhdayayana 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 open-air 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

The Hindu Bureau
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.

The projects 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-

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 Karnataka.

He noted that the committee approved 13 major large and medium projects with capital investments exceeding ₹50 crore,

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.

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

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.

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 power-sharing agreement. However, the government collapsed after Mr. Kumaraswamy refused to transfer power in 2007.

Speaking at the func-

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

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

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YSRCP office razed in A.P.; party cries foul



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

The Hindu Bureau
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

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.

Utilise services of retired IAS 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

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Senior 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 generate ideas and mobilise 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.



Lahar Singh Siroya, BJP MP

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 government 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.”

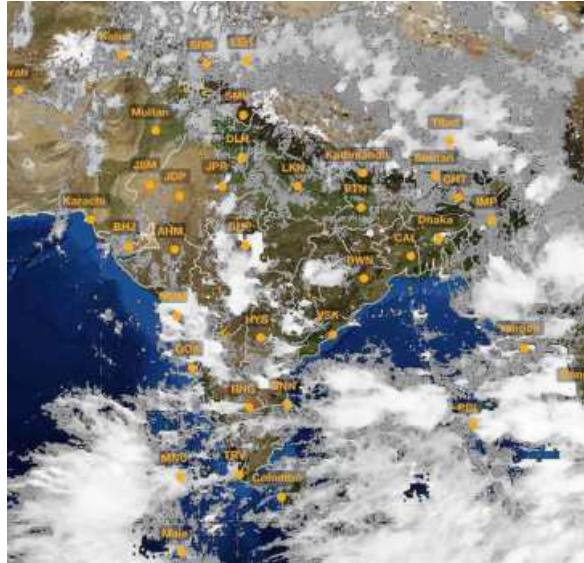
Deputy Chief Minister defends move

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 revenue augmentation. 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



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

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

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	17	34.4	26.6	Kozhikode	21	32.6	24.1
Ahmedabad	98	40.8	28.8	Kurnool	0.1	35.0	27.2
Aizawl	98	31.9	23.1	Lucknow	—	39.8	30.4
Allahabad	—	41.4	29.1	Madurai	—	39.1	25.1
Bengaluru	—	28.6	21.0	Mangaluru	26	29.0	22.2
Bhopal	—	35.5	25.0	Mumbai	9	31.9	26.0
Bhubaneswar	0.2	35.0	25.4	Mysuru	—	38.7	29.4
Chandigarh	—	39.4	26.7	New Delhi	4	39.4	28.6
Chennai	—	36.6	28.1	Patna	—	38.7	29.4
Coimbatore	—	32.4	23.0	Port Blair	27	29.0	24.4
Dehradun	12	37.2	23.8	Puducherry	0.8	37.8	27.7
Gangtok	18	23.2	18.0	Pune	1.6	33.4	24.5
Goa	19	29.2	25.0	Raipur	0.2	32.2	24.6
Guwahati	—	35.0	27.0	Ranchi	10	33.2	24.4
Hubballi	—	30.0	23.0	Shillong	0.1	24.8	17.6
Hyderabad	—	32.5	24.8	Shimla	2.6	28.6	18.8
Imphal	—	28.1	18.1	Srinagar	1	24.8	14.5
Jaipur	—	38.0	24.6	Thiruvananthapuram	38	30.7	23.6
Kochi	0.4	29.2	25.0	Tiruchi	—	35.3	26.6
Kohima	—	23.9	18.4	Vijayawada	0.1	35.4	27.2
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(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO ₂	NO ₂	CO	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	CODE	Yesterday
Ahmedabad	17	43	49	116	104	—	In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Baddi,
Bengaluru	14	22	80	41	53	—	Himachal Pradesh
Chennai	5	7	102	66	61	—	recorded an overall air
Delhi	21	62	81	221	239	—	quality index (AQI) score
Hyderabad	7	40	61	44	71	—	of 274 indicating an
Kolkata	6	30	29	35	50	—	unhealthy level of
Lucknow	9	12	21	139	117	—	pollution. In contrast,
Mumbai	29	36	59	59	101	—	Aizawl, Mizoram recorded
Pune	34	99	70	63	63	—	a healthy AQI score of 17
Visakhapatnam	8	52	21	38	80	—	

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀: Particulate matter pollution can 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

Southern Railway suspends loco pilots for 46-hour ‘rest’

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

In an unprecedented move, Southern Railway has suspended at least 29 loco pilots and assistant loco pilots and initiated disciplinary action against many others for taking a 46-hour break from duty.

Trade unions say the action was taken after the loco pilots took the mandatory 16-hour rest on return from outstation trip, along with their weekly off or periodic rest of 30 hours.

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).

Though most of the suspensions were revoked in a few days pending disciplinary action, the All India Loco Running Staff Association (AILRSA) says the agitation would be intensified.



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 pilots comes at a time when there are thousands of vacancies in the safety

categories, especially of loco pilots, which forced the Railways to notify recruitment of 18,799 posts

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.

They were also given 30 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. Selvan said there was no provision to give 16+30 hours of rest.

INBRIEF



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.

Season opener



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

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 (JIPMER) in Puducherry.

Undergoing treatment
A total of 159 persons, in-

cluding six women and one transperson, are undergoing 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.

Red alert for three districts today; revived monsoon may bridge rain deficit in Kerala

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



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

People-facing Mass to continue as priests defy synod order

The Hindu Bureau
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 Thattail 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 Thattail and the Rev. Puthur have “cheated” the priests and the religious and lay community in the archdiocese once again, say the priests.

Instead of solving the

dispute over the Mass, they have brought out a note that will light the fire of strife and deepen the division, says senior priest Fr. Jose Vaillikodath, 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 dioceses.

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.

Orange alert

The India Meteorological 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 a yellow alert for the remaining districts, indicating isolated heavy rain.

‘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

As 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 you 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

very well and is a good personal 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

cannot 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, suspending 145 MPs from both Houses.

Take the case of relocating the statues of Gandhiji and Dr. Ambedkar. There is a committee on statues



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 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 very urgent issue. On July 1, the three laws that were enacted in the previous session of Parliament to replace the Indian Penal Code, the Indian Evidence Act and the Code of Crimi-

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 discussion, negotiations 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 II], 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 determination to confront him far more forcibly this time than we did in the 16th and 17th Lok Sabha.

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 role?

There is no constitutional requirement to announce the LoP immediately. The Congress Working Committee (CWC) met and re-

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 INDIA 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 re-test 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 conducted 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

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

The Bihar Police arrested six people from Deoghar in Jharkhand 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 six to Patna for 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 office and recorded statements of its employees.

A senior EOU official told *The Hindu* that the police had found that a partially burnt question paper it had recovered from a flat belonging to one of the accused in Patna was allocated to a NEET centre in Hazaribagh.

“We wanted to tally the burnt paper with the real question paper and requested the National Testing Agency to share the question papers. After tallying, we have come to

know that the question paper series was allocated to a centre in Hazaribagh,” the official said.

The EOU may conduct brain mapping and narco-analysis tests on the accused, the official said.

The Jharkhand connection 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

For the past 20 years, Mr.

Mukhiya, a resident of Nagarnausa village in Nalanda 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. Mukhiya 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-

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 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.

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 (BJP) could not evade its responsibility in “promoting corruption and education mafia”.

The Centre on Friday night operationalised the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, which aims to curb malpractices and irregularities in competitive examinations and entails provisions for a maximum jail term of 10 years and a fine of up to ₹1 crore for offenders.

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.

“No matter how much effort BJP makes in the NEET scam, it cannot escape its responsibility in promoting fraud, corruption and education mafia,” Mr. Kharge said.

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

“When the Education Minister was asked about it in the press conference, he had said the law was notified... Why did the Education Minister lie that the law has been notified when



Mallikarjun Kharge

the Ministry of Law and Justice had yet to frame the rules,” Mr. Kharge asked.

He said that on NEET too, the Supreme Court has said if there has been even 0.001% fraud, then action should be taken.

“Why is the Modi government not conducting the exam again even though the Education Minister has admitted to the irregularities?” Mr. Kharge asked.

Suspect questioned

The CBI on Saturday questioned a man in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh in connection with the UGC-NET paper leak case, officials said.

The suspect allegedly 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 disclosed.

The Central agency registered an FIR into the UGC-NET paper leak case on June 20 against unidentified people. (With inputs from Mayank Kumar in Lucknow)

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.

The protest demanding that the Other Backward Classes (OBC) quota remain intact ran as a coun-

ter to pro-Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil’s demand for Maratha reservation under the OBC category.

“We are temporarily suspending our protest. If our demands are not met, we will resume it,” Mr. Hake said from the protest site in Jalna district’s Wadgodri village.

He insisted that a “white paper” be issued to address objections to the government’s draft notification, which proposes issuing Kunbi certificates to Marathas who have already established their Kunbi status. Kunbis are an



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

agrarian OBC community. This notification proposes granting Kunbi certificates to sage-soyare (relatives) of Marathas who have already confirmed their Kunbi status.

The delegation, comprising 12 members including Ministers Chhagan

Bhujbal, Atul Save, Girish Mahajan, Dhnananjay 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 discuss the quota issue.

Aim of reservation

Mr. Bhujbal affirmed that 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

government jobs and education, rather than claiming OBC status, stressing that reservation aims to address social backwardness, not poverty.

He also praised his Cabinet colleague and BJP leader Girish Mahajan for asserting that the draft notification concerning sage-soyare lacked legal standing.

Earlier in the day in Beed, OBC members blocked the Ahmednagar Highway by setting fires on fire.

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
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Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TGIC), the nodal agency of Government of Telangana for development of industrial infrastructure in the State, invites proposals from reputed Merchant Banking Firms with experience in raising funds through debt markets and handling the issuance of Bonds. Interested and eligible bidders are advised to peruse the RFP and submit proposals.

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

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Business

INBRIEF



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.

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.”

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.

‘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

INTERVIEW

Duvvuri Subbarao

Prashanth Perumal

India 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.

In your book, you detail the pressures you faced from ministers in the UPA government while you were RBI Governor. But isn’t such pressure expected as the RBI Governor is appointed by politicians? What is the solution?

The government thinks of the RBI as part of the public sector system and treats it as part of itself. But the RBI performs best when it is independent. The core mandate of the RBI is to maintain price and financial stability. Delivering on this requires 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 short-term 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

Just 2% taxpayers face CGST notices’

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 assesseees that Centre is committed to making their life easier

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday firmly asserted that the Centre’s intent was to make GST assesseees’ 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 assesseees that our intent is to make their life easier,”



Making a point: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addresses a press conference after the GST Council meeting on Saturday. PTI

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

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 assesseees have been

‘Global textile industry worried about continuing weak demand’

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

The global textile industry, including textile machinery and garment manufacturing, continues to be concerned about “weak demand” in the market, according to a recent survey.



the end of 2022. Inflation, high raw material prices, energy costs, logistics costs, and geopolitics are some of the other concerns. “These factors are 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 However, companies across the board are anticipating an improvement in the business environment in the coming months. The regions with the 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.

GRSE bags German order to build, deliver multi-purpose vessels

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. said it had signed an agreement with Carsten Rehder Schiffsmakler and Reederei GmbH & Co. KG Germany, for construction and delivery of four multi-purpose vessels of 7,500 DWT each with an option of building another four ships in the near future. 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 tonnes of cargo, said

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 said. 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.

States seek tweaks to 50-year interest-free loan scheme

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

States have urged the Centre to make some improvements 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. 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 preparation 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 devolution, Finance Commission grants, and arrears of GST Compensation being provided for providing stimulus to growth,” the Union Ministry of Finance said in a statement.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

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Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)

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Expression of Interest (EOI) for “Augmentation of INCOIS website”. Amendment for Extension of due date

“इंकोइस वेबसाइट के विस्तार”, हेतु “रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति” की निरंतरता में आप सभी शुद्ध कोटिदत्ताओं को यह सूचित किया जाता है कि नियत तारीख के विस्तार हेतु सुद्विध / संशोधन से 2 निम्नानुसार है:

In continuation to our EOI for “Augmentation of INCOIS website”, this is to notify to all aspirant bidders, that the Corrigendum/Amendment No. 2 for Extension of due date is issued as appended below:

विवरण Description	संशोधन सं 01 के अनुसार As per Amendment No. 1	सुद्विध / संशोधन सं. 2 के अनुसार नियत तारीख Due date as per Corrigendum/ Amendment No. 2
रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति जमा करने की नियत तारीख EOI submission due date	21 जून, 2024 को 1500 बजे या उससे पहले On or before 1500 hrs of June 21, 2024	04 जुलाई, 2024 को 1500 बजे या उससे पहले On or before 1500 hrs of July 04, 2024
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identified it as *Chthonobdella fallax*, a common species in Madagascar.

Understanding overall leech behavior is also important to conservation efforts because leeches – and more specifically, their blood meals – are increasingly being collected to survey vertebrate biodiversity.

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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.



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 phyllosymbiotic relationship.

What can the Railways do to stop accidents?

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.

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 (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 certain 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.

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.

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The story so far:

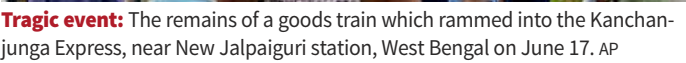
In June 17, a train accident killed 10 people and injured over 40 near New Jalpaiguri in West Bengal, about 600 km from Kolkata. The mishap was caused when a goods train hit the 13174 Down Agartala Sealdah Kanchanjunga Express in the rear at 8.55 a.m. The two trains were manually cleared to run in the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



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 Kathihar 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?

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

Where does India stand with respect to G-7?

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?

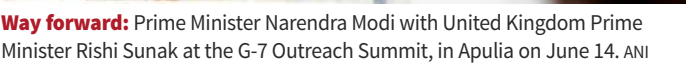
Suhasini Haidar

The story so far:

Leaders 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



It remains to be seen whether India will continue to accept a spot on the G-7's margins

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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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 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



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

At 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 in the Al-Tuffah 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 Gaza 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."

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 debris and dust filling the street in Shati refugee camp.

Israel's ground and air campaign in Gaza was triggered 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.

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 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



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 questions over India's commitment to the grouping that it joined seven years ago as a full member. Mr. 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

2020, and the breakdown in ties, Mr. Modi has not met Chinese President Xi Jinping for a bilateral meeting anywhere, although he has engaged briefly with him on the sidelines of the G-20 in Indonesia in 2022 and the BRICS summit in South Africa in 2023.

Moscow ties

Since 2022, Russia's invasion 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 to "scheduling difficulties".

Earlier this month, Mr. Putin's foreign policy aide and senior diplomat Yuri 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.

U.K. hard-right leader 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 Putin's "fault".

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak told reporters that Mr. Farage's claim was "completely wrong and only plays into Putin's hands".

Labour leader Keir Starmer, who looks set to take Mr. Sunak's job after an election next month, said Mr. Farage's comments were "disgraceful".

Russia targets Kyiv's power grid in overnight attack

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukraine on Saturday said Russia had launched a "massive" overnight attack on energy infrastructure in the west and south, adding that at least seven persons died in strikes elsewhere.

Russia launched 16 cruise missiles from land, sea and air as well as 13 attack drones, aiming at energy infrastructure in several regions.

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.

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 Türkiye 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



Opening salvo: Bernardo sets Portugal on its way to an easy win over Türkiye 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 of Kylian Mbappe.

The French captain sat out the whole match from the bench after breaking his nose in France's opening 1-0 win over Austria

just four days ago.

Xavi Simons had a goal controversially ruled out for the Dutch, while Antoine Griezmann wasted two glorious chances for France. A share of the



spoils leaves the sides level on four points at the top of Group D, one ahead of Aus-

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

The explosive pace of Jeremie Frimpong took him clear on goal but could not produce a clean finish. Aurelien Tchouameni replaced Mbappe in France's only change as coach Didier Deschamps sought the security of an extra midfielder.

Without its captain and talisman, the 2022 World Cup finalist turned to Griezmann for inspiration.

But the Atletico Madrid forward had a moment to forget with the biggest chance to open the scoring before half-time.

An intricate move played in Adrien Rabiot but when he decided to pass rather than shoot, Griezmann failed to connect on his weaker right foot.

The normally reliable Griezmann was guilty of another big miss when his

weak effort was turned behind by Verbruggen with the goal gaping.

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 0.

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

INBRIEF



Gangjee 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).

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)

Norris pips Verstappen for his second career pole



Edging ahead: Norris, right, shares a light moment with Verstappen after topping the qualifying race. REUTERS

SA IN INDIA

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

India 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.

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 (R.R. Rohan 42, Anvay 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, Abhinav 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 Sukerthi 3/37, N.L. Likith 3/33).
Gandhinagar Cricketers 228 in 50 overs (K. Krishna Kapil 42, Samanyu Raina 72 n.o., V.K. Roopak 3/25, Charan S. Reddy 3/34) bt Jayanagar Cricketers 171/9 in 43 overs (R. Hemanth 59 n.o., Samanyu Raina 3/38) [Target revised to 197 from 43 overs because of rains].
Sir Syed Cricketers 163 in 42.4 overs (Manik Raj 80, M. Tanmay 31, Raghav Karthik 3/29, Dev Sinha 3/20) bt
Visweswarampuram (1) 125 in 42.3 overs (Dev Sinha 42).
Rajajinagar Cricketers 258 in 49.4

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., Aareeona Alphen 35, Shreyas Kumar 3/31, Mohammed Faiz 3/38) lost to Cambridge 172/1 in 30.2 overs (Pratheek 77, S. Aditya 55 n.o., H.B. Gagandeep 33 n.o.).
FUCC (1) 217 in 49.1 overs (Pavan R. Sheshagiri 38, Ravi Kairav Reddy 56, Siddesh A. Asalkar 50, Susheel R. Udupi 4/27) bt Bangalore SC 211 in 49.5 overs (N. Prateekh 87, Arnnav Sharma 48, Aditya Navalgund 3/46).
Sangam CA 100 in 21.3 overs (H. Bharath Gowda 41, R.K. Siddharth 3/28) lost to Wadiyar 104 for no loss in 10.1 overs (G. Murali Krishna 41 n.o., Nishanth Reddy 44 n.o.).
BUCC (1) 271/7 in 50 overs (K.P. Aryan 42, Akash Shetty 76, Aryan Mawa 63, K. Gagan 47 n.o., Prathyush G. Shetty 3/59) bt Lions 226/9 in 50 overs (Mohnish A. Bharadwaj 27, R. Rohith Reddy 75 n.o., Siddharth Krishnamurthy 3/30).
Jayanagar United Cricketers 276/9 in 50 overs (Dhruv Shetty 28, Siddharth Gurav 102, Kavisha Umesh Mukkannavar 42, S. Rishabh Kumar 26, Aadesh Urs 4/31) bt Century Cricketers 193 in 43.5 overs (Pradyumna Panigrahy 68, Aadesh Urs 43, Aryaman Jhalani 7/33) [Target revised to 197 from 49 overs because of rains].
Jaidur Cricketers 259 in 48.3

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

Atharva Nawarange and Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav emerged the boys' and girls' U-15 singles champions respectively at the State-ranking table tennis tournament being held here.

While Atharva defeated N. Aarnav 11-8, 11-8, 11-8, Tanishka beat Hiya Singh 11-8, 11-6, 11-6.

State junior football team selection trials on June 24

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.

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.

Indian women's compound team completes a hat-trick

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Sports Bureau

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



Firing away! Jyothi Surekha and Aditi watch Parneet in action. X@WORLDARCHERY

an extremely hot day. This was their fourth straight World Cup Stage gold medal, including the Stage-4 gold in Paris in September last year.

"Despite the heat, we kept our focus on our shots and rhythm," individual World champion Aditi told World Archery.

Priyansh, who got a one-point lead in the opening end, scored a perfect score to pip Denmark's European champion Mathias

Fullerton 150-149 in the semifinals. The 21-year-old Indian lost to World No.1 Dutchman Mike Schloesser 149-148 in a keenly-fought final.

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.

1. 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?

2. How many full member teams have USA beaten in T20 Internationals before their victory over Pakistan in the 2024 T20 World Cup?

3. 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?

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Answer to yesterday's quiz:
1. Suresh Raina
2. South Africa
3. USA



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

As Delhi battles gruelling heat, with temperatures nearing the 50 degrees Celsius mark, the water crisis has only added to the city's summertime woes

A 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.

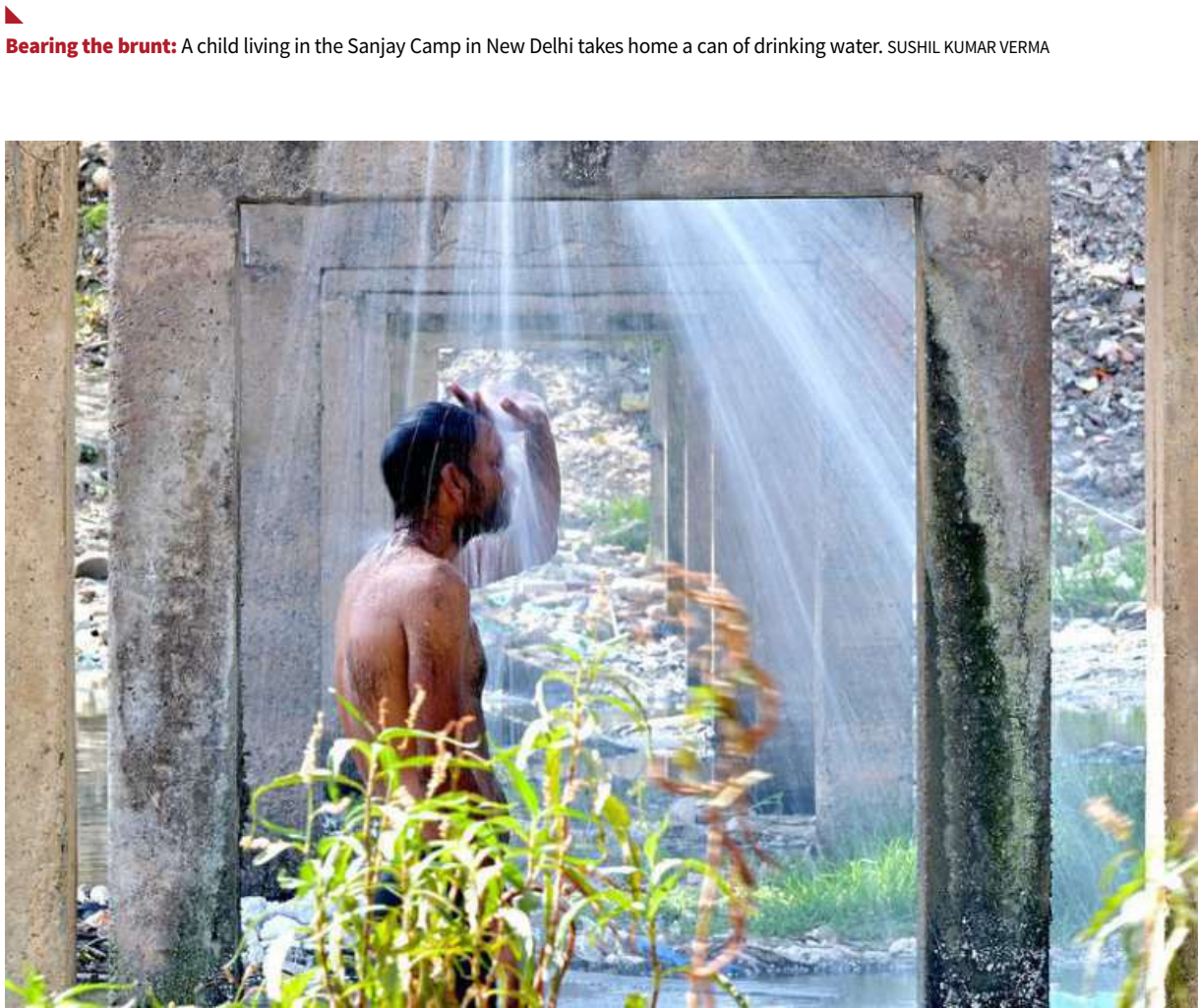
(Text by Jaideep Deo Bhanj)



Fun in the sun: A boy cools himself down with a jet of water from a leaky pipe near India Gate. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP



Towel to the rescue: A motorcyclist in Mungeshpur on the day when the temperature gauge showed 52 degree Celsius. AFP



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