



Amit Shah inaugurates 'Fast Track Immigration - Trusted Traveller Programme' at IGI T3 that will allow pre-verified Indian nationals & OCI cardholders flying in from abroad to clear immigration faster by simply walking through e-gates. These automated border gates will be set up at eight major airports. **P 12**

Health officials say Israeli air strikes in 2 neighbourhoods of Gaza City on Saturday killed at least 24 people and injured several others. **P 16**

Eight Indian crew members of the cargo ship 'Dali', which crashed into a famous Baltimore bridge in March, leave for India after nearly three months on the mammoth vessel. **P 16**

Hardik Pandya's 50 and Kuldeep Yadav's 3 wickets help India beat Bangladesh by 50 runs. Rohit Sharma's team now in strong position to qualify for the T20 World Cup semifinals. **P 17**



NGT issues notice to govt, PCCF on U'khand wildfires

Taking suo motu cognizance of reports published in TOI about wildfires in Uttarakhand, the National Green Tribunal issued notice to the Union forest ministry, state PCCF and chief of the disaster management authority and directed them to file a detailed affidavit before July 19. In Almora, forest fires continued, with one reaching Shishu and Nari Niketan. **P 5**

Fire officers held in Rajkot tragedy

Rajkot's chief and deputy fire officers were among three persons arrested Saturday in connection with the May 25 TRP Game Zone fire tragedy, taking the total arrests to 15. **TNN**

Violence over Dalit's custodial death

The custodial death of a Dalit prisoner allegedly due to police brutality has triggered widespread violence in Firozabad, with police forces deployed to maintain law and order. **TNN**

Ban on two J&K outfits upheld

The UAPA tribunal led by Delhi HC judge Sachin Datta upheld Centre's 5-year ban on Muslim League J&K Kashmir Masrat Alam faction and Tehreek-e-Hurriyat for anti-India activities. **TNN**

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Exam jitters: Centre removes NTA chief, postpones NEET-PG

Review Panel Set Up; NEET-UG Probe With CBI

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New Delhi: Within hours of setting up a high-level committee under a former Isro chief to ensure the fair conduct of examinations, govt on Saturday replaced National Testing Agency (NTA) director general Subodh Singh amid a controversy over alleged irregularities in competitive exams NEET and NET.

The crisis of credibility facing the NTA compounded with govt postponing the NEET-PG entrance exam, scheduled to be held Sunday, as a "precautionary measure". This is the third such jolt affecting lakhs of aspirants

'LOGISTICAL REASONS FOR CSIR-NET DELAY'

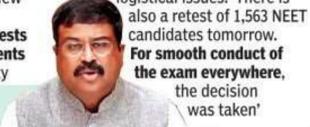
► Edu minister Dharmendra Pradhan says committee headed by former Isro chief 'first of a series of steps' to improve efficiency of exam process and reform NTA

► Reiterates govt view against cancelling NEET-UG. Says interests of meritorious students will be govt's priority

► Edu ministry officials say

investigations show Bihar paper leak 'localised affair', does not warrant scrapping of the entire exam

► Pradhan says CSIR-NET postponed only due to logistical issues. 'There is also a retest of 1,563 NEET candidates tomorrow. For smooth conduct of the exam everywhere, the decision was taken'



across the country in four days: UGC-NET was cancelled on June 19, a day after the exam, due to paper leak; and CSIR-NET, to be held June 25-27 was postponed on June 21.

More than two lakh students have registered to appear for NEET-PG, which has been postponed with less than 24 hours to go.

The govt also handed over investigations into alleged irregularities in NEET-UG held on May 5 to CBI. This is the second national-level exam conducted by NTA to be handed to CBI. Two days ago, the UGC-NET probe too was handed over to CBI.

► 'Accidents do happen', P 9

HC prohibits all racing, betting activities at Bangalore Turf Club

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Bengaluru: In a major setback for Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) and associations representing racehorse owners, jockeys, punters and trainers, a division bench of

► Govt mulls skydeck, park at B'lore turf club site, P 2

Karnataka high court Saturday issued a prohibitory order, restraining all horse racing and betting activities on BTC premises. A division bench comprising

The management (of BTC) cannot claim impunity and cannot claim to be absolved of the activities of the bookies and their assistants. The single bench erred in observing that in the facts of the case, extraordinary jurisdiction was required to be invoked and that it was exceptional to grant the interim stay and permit horse racing - K'taka HC division bench

sing Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice KV Aravind passed this order on a writ

appeal filed by the state govt. The writ appeal will be taken up by the court on August 13. This prohibition will be in force till the pendency of writ petitions before the single bench and will be subject to the outcome of those petitions.

The bench directed that the interim order passed by a single bench of the high court on June 18 - to allow racing and betting - be kept under suspension.

► Single bench erred, P 2

Bihar probe widens: 6 held from J'khand

The investigation of the NEET-UG question paper leak case in Patna widened on Saturday, with Bihar police's Economic Offences Unit arresting six people in Deogarh, Jharkhand, taking the number of arrests so far to 19.

The six arrested, residents of Bihar's Nalanda district, are suspected to be 'handlers' and 'couriers'. They had been hiding in Deogarh, posing as labourers. EOU sources said a professor in Hazaribagh sent the questions papers on WhatsApp and medical students from Patna and Ranchi solved them. The papers were then sent through one of the courtiers arrested in Deogarh. **P 9**

Darshan, 3 aides sent to judicial custody for 2 wks

Sandalwood actor Darshan and three of his associates, all arrested on charges of murder, were remanded in judicial custody and packed off to the Central Prison in Parappana

Agrahara on Saturday. This is the second time Darshan is walking into judicial custody at Central Prison. In Sept 2011, he was arrested for beating his wife Vijayalakshmi and his then three-year-old son, and threatening the former with his licensed revolver. **P 2**

With eye on China, India to take up Teesta conservation in B'desh

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New Delhi: India and Bangladesh signed 10 agreements/MoUs and announced over a dozen other initiatives — spanning across areas like connectivity, health, trade, energy, defence and maritime cooperation — as PM Modi hosted his counterpart Sheikh Hasina for the first state visit after the formation of the new NDA govt.

Among the new initiatives was an announcement by Modi after the meeting that India will soon send a technical team to Bangladesh for management and conservation of the Teesta river inside Bangladesh.

The announcement is significant as it comes amid efforts by China to convince Dhaka to allow it to develop the Teesta basin.



PM Modi with his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina at Hyderabad House in New Delhi

Aware of India's reservations about China's role, Bangladesh has maintained it will consider "geopolitical issues" before going ahead with the project, which will apparently cost \$1 billion.

Hasina is expected to soon visit China, a country Dhaka — in a fine balancing act — continues to have strong economic ties with for its development needs.

► Digital connectivity, P 6

FIR filed over unnatural sex charge against Suraj Revanna

Hassan: A day after JD(S) MLC Suraj Revanna's aide Shivakumar HL, accused Chethan KS, 27, of trying to extort money over a sexual abuse charge, the latter filed an FIR, accusing Suraj of committing unnatural sex on him at Suraj's Gannikada farm in Holenarasipura on June 16, reports Milton Lawrence.

Following the FIR, Suraj has been summoned by CEN police in Hassan Town and is likely to be arrested. Hassan SP Mohammed

Sujeetha confirmed to STOI that Chethan's complaint had been received through email and the same was forwarded to the Holenarasipur rural police station that took up the case.

Suraj, though, has refuted the charges, saying that the case registered against him is a political conspiracy. He expressed his confidence in the legal system and said he would let the investigation take its own course.

► 'Political career', P 3

With 41% share, most of your fish comes from AP

New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh topped the list of states in fishing and aquaculture, accounting for 40.9% of the share in the sector followed by West Bengal, Odisha and Bihar.

Bengal's share in all-India output has come down from 24.6% in 2011-12 to 14.4% in 2022-23, while Odisha and Bihar increased their share, according to a latest statistics office report on value of output from agriculture and allied sectors.

The output of the fishing and aquaculture sub-sector increased steadily from about Rs 80,000 crore in 2011-12 to about Rs 1,95,000 crore in 2022-23. Output of marine fishing includes the entire output of prawn-in-land or marine.

The output of the 'livestock' sub-sector increased steadily between 2011-12 to 2022-23. **TNN**

► Agri & forestry, P 5

Naxal couple with 220 cases surrenders

Gadchiroli: A top commander of People's Liberation Guerrilla Army who fortified the Maoist headquarters of Abujmah and single-handedly coordinated with guerrilla formations across the now-liberated Red corridor along Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border surrendered with his wife at Gadchiroli police HQ Saturday. The couple collectively had around 220 cases against them and carried a Rs 41 lakh reward on their heads. **TNN**

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STAR IN TROUBLE After 13 Years, 'D Boss' Walks Into Central Prison Again Fan's murder: Actor Darshan, three others in judicial custody till July 4

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Sandalwood actor Darshan and three of his associates, all arrested on charges of murder, were remanded in judicial custody and packed off to the Central Prison in Parappana Agrahara on Saturday.

His girlfriend Pavithra Gowda and 12 others are already in judicial custody. City police have arrested 17 people on charges of murdering Darshan's fan Renukaswamy, 33, of Chitradurga, after the victim allegedly sent derogatory messages and pictures to Pavithra.

This is the second time Darshan is walking into judicial custody at Central Prison. In Sept 2011, he was arrested for beating his wife Vijayalakshmi and his three-year-old son, and threatening the former with his licensed revolver. Back then, he spent around a month as an undertrial prisoner before the high court granted him bail. Later, the case was closed as Vijayalakshmi withdrew it. The couple, in a press meet, announced they had worked out a compromise.

On Saturday, judge Vijaykumar Jatla remanded Darshan, Dhanaraj alias Raju, Vinay V, and Pradosh to judicial custody till July 4. On Thursday, the court had handed the other 10 accused, including Pavithra, to judicial custody. Before that, it was the turn of three youths.

Fans gather on road, cheer

As soon as the police mini-bus carrying Darshan and others came out from the court premises and joined Nrupatunga Road, hundreds of fans tried to catch a glimpse of their 'D Boss' (as the star is referred to by his die-hard fans). The crowd cheered when Darshan waved at



HEADED TO PRISON: As the police mini-bus carrying Darshan & the others was on its way, hundreds of fans surrounded it

FOLLOWING THE MURDER TRAIL

June 9 morning | An unidentified body found near a drain in Sumanahalli, off Magadi Road. The security guard of an apartment complex files a complaint. Seeing the physical injuries on the body, police book a murder case

June 10 | Four youngsters surrender before Kamakshipalya police, "confessing" to have killed the victim, Renukaswamy, over a financial dispute and dumped the body. Police begin cross-questioning them and suspect foul play. Their detailed interrogation reveals the alleged involvement of Darshan and others

June 11 | Darshan detained at a hotel in Mysuru and brought to Bengaluru. Later in the day, police announce the arrest of

the actor, his girlfriend Pavithra Gowda, and 11 others on charges of murdering Renukaswamy and trying to destroy evidence. They are produced before court and handed over to police custody

June 16 | All the accused produced in court, and three handed over to judicial custody. Police custody of Darshan, Pavithra and 11 others extended to five days

June 20 | Again, 16 accused produced in court. Police custody of Darshan and three others — Dhanaraj alias Raju, Vinay V, and Pradosh — extended to two more days. Others handed over to judicial custody

June 22 | Darshan and three other accomplices remanded in judicial custody

Now, 'D Boss' is khaidi no. 6106

Prison officials allotted 6106 as the undertrial prisoner number of Darshan. He is followed by Dhanaraj (6107), Vinay (6108), & Pradosh (6109). They were kept in a high-security cell before being shifted to the prison hospital. Next up for them, the barracks.

them from inside the bus. When he tried to get up from his seat to go close to the window, cops pulled him back.

Tight police security was arranged in and around the entrance of the prison. Four platoons of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRRP) along

with 50 police personnel, led by deputy commissioner of police (Southeast) CK Baba, were deployed. The cops were seen chasing away the curious crowd that had started gathering near Jail Circle soon after news of Darshan's arrival spread.

Eyewitnesses depose before magistrate

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Bengaluru: In a significant development in the Renukaswamy case, five witnesses — some of them eyewitnesses — deposed before court.

The statements explain what happened inside the Pattanagere shed where Darshan's fan Renukaswamy was brutally attacked and killed following his derogatory comments on the star's girlfriend Pavithra Gowda (who is also jailed).

Statements made under CrPC 164 before a magistrate can't be changed in future. The person will have to stand by his/her statement during the entire trial. Apart from other physical and digital evidence collected by the investigating agency against the accused persons, these statements play a vital role in describing the crime and the roles of the suspects. "These statements were recorded on Friday and Saturday. The statements explain when and how Darshan and others entered the shed in Pattanagere, where Renukaswamy

was locked up, and assaulted him," a source said.

Four mobiles unsealed

During the two days of police custody, the mobile phones of Darshan, Dhanaraj, Vinay, and Pradosh were examined and efforts were made to retrieve deleted data. Soon after the arrests, their phones had been seized and sealed. "The seals of these seized mobile phones were opened before two witnesses during the two-day police custody and thoroughly examined. The accused were asked to access their Google and Cloud accounts. But the data are deleted and we'll retrieve them. We're looking for videos, pictures, audio and other materials that could relate to the incident," a senior cop said.

Also, police said they would get a new sim card of Renukaswamy, as his mobile phone is still not found. "We've approached the service provider to issue a new sim card for Renuka's number, with the hope of retrieving the data," an investigating officer said.

'SHIFT SOME SUSPECTS TO TUMAKURU'

Citing security issues, special public prosecutor Prasanna Kumar requested the court to shift four accused persons — T Ravishankar, V Kartik alias Kappe, R Keshavamurthy, and Nikhil Nayak — to Tumakuru district prison. "These accused persons face

threat to their lives from the other co-accused in the case. The names of the accused weren't mentioned in the remand application because of security reasons. Also, there are many fans of Darshan inside the prison and they could harm these suspects," Kumar said. Judge Vijaykumar Jatla adjourned the matter to Monday.

Citizens take crowdfunding route to handle SWD woes

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Bengaluru: With fears of flooding intensifying following the recent rain and BBMP's plan to fix problems at break-neck speed turning out to be a non-starter, residents of Brookefield Layout took matters into their own hands: They successfully built a flood-control drain by raising Rs 6 lakh through crowdfunding!

With over 2,500 residents contributing to the initiative, the neighbourhood has demonstrated a strong sense of community and commitment to improving its living environment. Arvind Keerthi, a



UNBLOCKED: The locals built a flood-control drain by raising Rs 6 lakh

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resident and key figure in championing this initiative, highlighted the community's approach. "We're using construction debris, especially durable stones like dindikallu (a form of stone slab), and leftover steel from construction sites to ensure the SWD is built robustly," he said.

He emphasized that residents have been actively involved in various activities over the years to enhance the layout's infrastructure and aesthetics. The need for such community-driven action became evident during April and May when a drought season followed by heavy rain led to flooding in the area.

Despite reaching out to the BBMP for years, the residents found the corporation's response inadequate. This prompted them to take matters into their own hands and form a 'hyperlocal govt' to address their concerns directly.

"In 2022, we requested the lakes department to fix the SWD to prevent flooding. However, BBMP's plan to construct a sluice gate instead of addressing the drain directly led us to initiating our own efforts," Keerthi recounted.

The crowdfunding initiative has resulted in a well-constructed SWD that ensu-

Netizens worried by govt's handling of flooding issues

Recent discussions on social media have highlighted a growing dissatisfaction among civilians regarding the govt's approach to addressing flooding issues in Bengaluru.

Namma Balegere, a residents' group on X, pointed out the need for the govt to take proactive measures to resolve critical infrastructure challenges. "Wow! Great to know!! Government should come up with structures and ask for crowdfunding wherever they are facing challenges to fund critical projects impacting citizens (sic)," the group posted, underscoring the community's desire for more decisive action.

Rajesh, another X user, highlighted the increasing trend of citizen involvement in addressing civic issues. He tweeted, "Citizens crowdfunding #Brand-Bangalore. This is the next level of involvement by the

public. @DKShivakumar, at this rate, we may not require the #BBMP in the coming days."

Geetha G chimed in with a suggestion that BBMP should reimburse residents. "The BBMP should consider reimbursing the funds raised by residents for critical projects. It's time for the govt to step up and fulfil its responsibilities," she wrote.

Another user, Raj, expressed scepticism about the efficiency of govt spending and transparency. "This can be done only in 6 lakhs? If it was the government, they would have spent 6Cr easily and still it wouldn't work! (sic)"

Ravi, directing his message to @narendramodi and @BJP4India, advocated in addressing civic issues. He tweeted, "Citizens crowdfunding #Brand-Bangalore. This is the next level of involvement by the

res only clean water flows through it.

"We aren't a rebel group or trying to establish a parallel govt. We're simply solving a local problem. Every neigh-

bourhood should take responsibility for its development. Our model is akin to a hyperlocal PPP, ensuring accountability and responsibility," Keerthi told STOI.

State to ask MCC to hold counselling for NRI, management quota seats too

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: The department of medical education has planned to propose that Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) hold counselling for NRI and management quotas of medical seats too. So far, these admissions are done through the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA).

Currently, MCC is responsible only for counselling of the 15% all-India quota of the colleges and all the seats of deemed universities. The NRI (15%) and management quotas (5%) go through KEA. "This is to ensure better transparency. We're hoping the permission comes through," said Sujatha Rathod, the director of medical education. A meeting with NMC is proposed for next week. At the meeting, starting of supernumerary NRI quota in government colleges is also likely to be discussed.

There are 12 non-minority, 11 minority medical colleges and six private universities in Karnataka. The move is to bring in better transparency in the process. At present, if seats are not filled through KEA, the seats go back to colleges. Usually, the colleges quote a higher fee at KEA counselling. When seats go vacant and come back to them, they sell them at a lesser price to candidates of their choice.

Writer Kamala Hampana dies after cardiac arrest

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Noted writer, scholar and litterateur Prof Kamala Hampana passed away on Saturday morning following a cardiac arrest. She was 89.

An authority on ancient and medieval Kannada literature and cultural studies, she pursued the path of research, particularly in the field of Jainology and cultural studies for about 60 years with a stellar contribution to Kannada literature and culture. An academically all through her career, Kamala is survived by her litterateur husband Prof Hampa Nagarajiah, two daughters and a son.

Hailing from Devanahalli in Bengaluru Rural district, Kamala graduated and obtained her PhD in Kannada from Mysore University under literary luminaries such as DL Narasimha-char and TN Srikanthiah. While she initially made her mark in poetry and fiction writing, she eventually chose to pursue research and wrote path-breaking articles on ancient Kannada literature. Her extensive write-ups on female sensibilities in ancient Kannada literature brought her immense fame. She was the third woman in the history of Kannada literature to preside over an Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana when she was elected president of the 71st edition of the literary event at Mudbidri in 2003.

Dabbling in both academics and literary research, Kamala also caught the attention with her inter-religious marriage to Prof Nagarajiah who is a Jain. But with literature being their first love, the couple went on to script new chapters in literary circles. Often supporting each other, Kamala and Nagarajiah brought out notable works on Jainology and Prakrit studies. A



Family members revealed her last wish was to donate her body to a college to aid teaching & research

staunch feminist, her works were devoted to the empowerment of women and reflected their struggles.

Her works brought her several laurels, including the prestigious 'Danachintamani Attimabbe' award, Rajyotsava award, Baba Amte award, Karnataka Sahitya Akademi award and the Nadoja award of the Hampi University.

Her family members revealed that her last wish was to donate her body to a medical college to contribute to teaching and research. Accordingly, the family members decided to donate her eyes and handover the body to MS Ramaiah Medical College.

Chief minister Siddaramaiah and deputy CM DK Shivakumar condoled the demise of Kamala.

JAW-DROPPING STUNTS MARK DIAMOND JUBILEE

Pics: TOI



TAKING TO THE SKIES: Members of IAF's 'Akashganga' skydiving team demonstrated parajumping at the Air Force Station, Yelahanka, marking the grand culmination of the station's diamond jubilee celebrations. The event ended on a magnificent note with an enthralling aerial display of transport aircraft, helicopters and commando action along with a display by the Light Combat Helicopter Prachand

262 schools were permitted to start LKG and UKG in 2023

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We have developed some ideas of convergence between the two departments. This will be placed before the chief minister on Monday," said an official.

While anganwadis take care of the nutritional needs of toddlers, the academic as-

pect is far from satisfactory, thereby making school kindergartens the preferred option for parents.

Anganwadi workers argue that kindergartens should be opened within anganwadis, though the educational qualifications of these workers do not meet the requirements of kindergarten teachers. It was

in 2019-20 that the first set of pre-primary sections were started in 176 Karnataka public schools. Until recently, LKG and UKG were run in only 276 public schools and in around 664 govt schools under the School Development and Monitoring Committees.

With the introduction of the National Education Policy,

Early Childhood Care and Education received a new impetus. In 2023, 262 more schools were permitted to start LKG and UKG sections. This year, the Kalaburagi division itself opened 1,008 pre-school sections in its primary schools, while permission was granted for another 316 sections across the state.

'Hubba in your park' kicked off to reflect Bengaluru's positives

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Bengaluru: As the sun set over Veerayodharavana Park in Koramangala on Saturday, the park came alive with sounds of music, laughter, and creativity. Bengaluru Hubba, which struck a chord with 'Music in your Park' last year. It is tuning up to host an even more diverse symphony of activities this year at roughly 50 parks across Bengaluru, over the next five months on Saturdays and Sundays.

The launch of the 'Blr Hubba in your park' event kicked off with a silent reading session at the amphitheatre, where book lovers gathered to immerse themselves in the written words. Nearby, a group of children unleashed their artistic talents, creating vibrant artworks with natural colours from flower petals.

As the evening progressed, the park transformed into a lively hub of activity. Youngsters and walkers joined in an energetic Zumba performance. Singer Vasu Dixit



Bengaluru Hubba to hold activities in 50 parks in five months

then took centre stage, captivating the audience with his soulful Kannada songs.

Ravichander, the facilitator for 'Blr Hubba', said: "We want to create a larger narrative of the good about us, and not just the aspects of water shortage and choked roads."

Brian Carvalho, the COO of UnboxingBLR, added: "With mini-events in the evenings, we hope to encourage locals and RWAs to utilise public spaces for leisure and social activities."

Malini Goyal, the co-found-

er of UnboxingBLR Foundation, echoed this sentiment, stating that the intent is to break down silos and create inclusive and vibrant spaces for all Bengalureans, regardless of their backgrounds.

The 50 episodes of 'Hubba in your park', to be organised in association with the state govt, will be a prelude to a larger celebration 'Blr Hubba' from Dec 1 to 15 with 12 segments, including visual arts, heritage walks, tech, literature, and nature walks, offering something for everyone.

Rotary Club of Bangalore Cant turns 40

Bengaluru: Four active rotarians and founding members — charter president Santosh Nedungadi, V Ramachandran, Shailendra Gupta, and TV Mohan — were honoured for their service at the 40th year of Rotary Club of Cantonment area.

The club was chartered in June 1984 with 36 members. Celebrations were held at the Rotary House of Learning on Promenade Road, Gupta, the past president, recalled: "The 36 members were young and energetic. The president was Santosh Nedungadi. The first-ever RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) was in Sept 1984 and it continues."

Rotary International has collaborated with the govt for providing a youth leadership programme to Karnataka residential educational institutions society students, said CV Ramanan, president, RYLA academy, Rotary. TNN

Bench erred, no overlooking criminal cases pending against accused: Court

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From clear prima facie reading of the provisions of the Mysore Race Course Licensing Act, 1952, and Mysore Race Course Licensing Rules, 1952, it has to be observed that on one hand, there is no right to get licence for horse racing as such, unless the conditions are satisfied. On the other hand, the grant or refusal of the licence lies in the discretionary realm of the authorities," the division bench observed.

The division bench further noted that the single bench overlooked the fact that betting could be carried out by both licensed as well as non-licensed bookies, clandestinely, from within the BTC premises or outside and bookies may even operate from outside the city.

"The criminal cases pending against the accused persons could not have been overlooked. The single bench erred in observing that in the



STOPPED IN ITS TRACKS

facts of the case, extraordinary jurisdiction was required to be invoked and that it was exceptional to grant the interim stay and permit horse racing," the high court said.

The division bench further commented that based on "the pendency of criminal cases against the office-bearers of the club (BTC), the potentiality of the event generating into illegal activities and the grounds mentioned in the impugned order that are cogent, it cannot be said that prima facie, in refusing the grant of licence, the competent authority did not exercise its discretion properly."

GOVT MULLS SKYDECK, PARK AT SITE

Bengaluru: The state govt, faced with multiple hurdles in building its ambitious skydeck, the city's tallest tower, was all smiles after the high court's stay order on on-course and off-course racing and betting activities.

According to sources, the existing Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) land will be utilised for the project, besides building a public garden spreading over 90 acres in the heart of Bengaluru. A senior official said the location of BTC is said to be the highest elevation point in the central Bengaluru

area and makes it a perfect place to build the sky deck, overlooking the city in all directions. "Besides the sky deck, the area will feature a vast public park similar to the one in Ooty to beckon tourists and visitors. Also, the park will act as a much-needed lung space in the heart of the city," the officer added.

Resolving to build the skydeck on NGEF land, the govt failed to get clearance from HAL and other aviation firms as the site is close to aircraft operations. This forced it to scout for other locations. TNN

Discretionary issue

"The single judge was not justified in substituting its own discretion. When the discretion was properly exercised by the authority, there was no prima facie case for the petitioners to seek any interim relief of the kind and nature granted by the single judge,"

the bench added. "The management (of BTC) cannot claim impunity and cannot claim to be absolved of the activities of the bookies and their assistants. Section 4 (4) provides that licensee can be and is authorised to issue permit to the bookmaker to operate," the bench noted.

Palike & Hosa Road residents lock horns over stray dogs

BBMP Alleges Officials Were Abused; FIR Registered

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Bengaluru: Tensions have erupted between BBMP and residents of the housing society, Mahaveer Ranches on Hosa Road, near Electronics City, over a growing stray dog crisis, leading the corporation to take legal action against the community.

On June 15, BBMP filed a police complaint against 15 residents of Mahaveer Ranches, accusing them of abusing officials and creating a chaotic scene.

A senior BBMP animal husbandry official recounted the turmoil: "Some residents called our office, complaining about a stray dog menace threatening children and senior citizens. Upon inspection, we found 6-7 strays roaming in the community park. Some residents claimed the dogs were starving and biting out of hunger, so



DOG BITE ISSUE: Residents of the housing society claim over 90% of them have been bitten, scratched or intimidated by stray dogs

we suggested creating a designated feeding area within the community and assured them of neutering the dogs, according to the animal birth control programme. However, things spiralled out of control, when they started shouting and screaming at us."

BBMP officials said they tried to calm them, but the situation only worsened. "They hurled cuss words at us and demanded we leave. The hostility was palpable, and the scene turned chaotic," said an officer.

Suralkar Vikas Kishore, special commissioner, health, family welfare and animal husbandry, told STO: "I understand the residents'

plight, however, under Section 11(1)(i) and 11(1)(j) of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, it is illegal to relocate animals. Raising a voice at officials and misbehaving is not a solution. We should all work together to ensure this problem is resolved."

Residents, however, tell a different story. A resident said, "More than 800 families live here, and over 600 are plagued by dog menace. More than 90% of us have been bitten, scratched, or intimidated by these ferocious canines. Just five days ago, my two-year-old daughter was chased by a stray. Fortunately, I was there to save her. We only asked BBMP not to

set up a designated feeding area here because it would add to the chaos. We never spoke rudely."

Another resident, Aishwarya (name changed), echoed the residents' concerns, saying, "We're already upset over the dog menace. When BBMP suggested a feeding area, it only added to our frustration. But no one here intended to hurt BBMP officials."

She added, "If the officials don't help us, where else can we turn? We wanted them to relocate the dogs, but now, we understand the rules. Setting up a feeding area within the community is not acceptable; maybe another solution would be better."

The residents maintain that though they spoke to BBMP officials in an agitated manner, they never resorted to cussing.

As the clash between BBMP and the Mahaveer Ranches residents escalates, the community is left grappling with fear and uncertainty, while the stray dogs continue to roam their streets.

DCP CK Baba said, "We have registered a case and the investigation is on."

Murder case: Two pontiffs of Ananda Marga Ashram held

Ranganath K | TNN

Kolar: The murder of a pontiff of Ananda Marga Ashram in Santhalli of Malur taluk of Kolar has taken an unexpected turn on Saturday, with police arresting three people including two pontiffs.

A senior pontiff, Acharya Chinmayananda Swami, 70, was killed in a fight on Saturday over the ownership of educational institutions run by the ashram.

Kolar superintendent of police M Narayan said there was a dispute between two groups of the mutt over the ownership of the land and also over the administration of the diploma college, run by Ananda Marga group. "We have arrested three people, including Arun Kumar, 55, Dharma Pranavananda Swami and Praneshwarananda Swami in connection with the murder."

According to police, the dispute began in 2010, when the head office of the Ananda Marga group transferred the incumbent principal, Acharya Animeshananda Avadooth and appointed Archarya Dharma Prananda Avadooth in his place. "Animeshananda Avadooth, instead of handing over the charge, indulged in groupism, which soon attained shape, and the administrators, staff mem-

According to police sources, the dispute began in 2010, when Ananda Marga group transferred the incumbent principal, Acharya Animeshananda Avadooth



bers and students got divided in groups. There were fights previously also in the ashram and, complaints and counter complaints were lodged at police stations," said a police officer.

However, on Saturday morning, when Chinmayananda Swami was preparing for the day's rituals, a group of miscreants, led by Acharya Dharma Pranavananda Swami barged into his room, sprayed chilli powder on him and attacked him with lathi and lethal weapons. Later, they dragged him to a nearby cottage and along with Arun Kumar, assaulted him, causing grievous injuries on all parts of his body. He was rushed to local hospital and later, shifted to RL Jalappa hospital in Kolar, where he succumbed to injuries in the afternoon.

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Suraj promised political career if I lived with him: Chethan

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The FIR was registered against Suraj under IPC sec 377 (unnatural sex), 342 (wrongful confinement) 34 (common intention) and 506 (criminal intimidation).

In his complaint, Chethan said he was an active JD (S) worker and had met Suraj at Kollangi village, during the last LS poll campaigns. "We exchanged phone numbers. Later, he told me to meet him at his farm in Gannika-

da on June 16. I met policemen at the entrance, who allowed me in when I showed Suraj's message. As soon as I entered Suraj's room, he got up, touched me inappropriately and gave a peck on my lips. Suraj promised to help me grow politically if I lived with him. He then undressed me and committed unnatural sex despite my objections, even as he threatened me. When I told Shivakumar about it, he tried to lure me with the promise of a job and money from Suraj," he said.

CINEMA OF THE WEEK

The Bikeriders (Drama, Crime)
★★★★

Cast: Tom Hardy, Austin Butler, Jodie Comer
Direction: Jeff Nichols
Duration: 1 hour 58 minutes
Language: English (A)



The crime drama draws inspiration from Danny Lyon's photo book of the same name. The tale unfolds through interviews with a motorcycle club's members and their families, delving into its evolution into a crime syndicate, threatening its essence and the founder's vision.

Everyone wants to be a part of something. Benny (Austin Butler) and the other motorcycle club members, Vandals, want to be a part of the rebellion and freedom of being on the road—despite the violent fights, arrests, accidents, and broken relationships. Writer-Director Jeff Nichols presents these stories, including the club's president Johnny (Tom Hardy), Zipco (Michael Shannon),

Bruce (Damon Herriman), and Benny's wife Kathy (Jodie Comer), etc., like a skilled photographer. He captures the essence of the people, places, and events, presenting them in a cohesive narrative that will keep you engrossed throughout the movie. The allure of biker culture is palpable, and the movie does justice to it, offering enough to captivate you.

The film has its share of violence and brash characters, but they don't overwhelm the viewer or detract from the narrative's crux. Writer-director Nichols's masterful direction and the stunning cinematography by Adam Stone lend the movie a picturebook-like quality. Stone excels at capturing

Midwestern America of the 1960s and 70s, its vast expanses, house parties, and bars.

The performances are the film's horsepower, driving the narrative forward. Austin Butler perfectly plays a hotheaded and brash guy who responds to close ones' deaths as a matter of fact. Tom Hardy steals the show as the club's founder—a rough yet responsible family man with quiet strength. Jodie Comer steals scenes with her flawless portrayal of a country girl, nailing both the accent and mannerisms. Michael Shannon, Damon Herriman, Boyd Holbrook, Norman Reedus, and Toby Wallace round out the cast flawlessly, each embodying the spirit of rebellion.

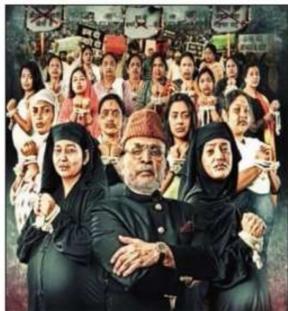
The film weaves in a rich biker experience with its anecdotes but relies more on the mood and atmosphere than the adrenaline-pumping energy of a motorcycle saga. However, it will take you on a captivating ride through a bygone era, a ride worth experiencing on the big screen. But, it's a journey worth experiencing on the big screen.

—Dhaval Roy

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Hamare Baarah (Drama) ★★

Cast: Annu Kapoor, Paritosh Tripathi, Paritosh Tripathi, Aditi Bhatpatri, Ishlin Prasad
Direction: Kamal Chandra
Duration: 2 hour 28 minutes
Language: Hindi (UA)



A young woman goes to court against her own father to help her stepmother terminate a very risky pregnancy that could be fatal. Will justice be served?

Mansoor Ali Khan Sanjiri (Annu Kapoor) is a 60-year-old devout Muslim with extreme views about the way women and children in his household should lead their life. He has married multiple times and has fathered as many as eleven children with a twelfth one on its way. However, this pregnancy is extremely risky and can cost his young wife Rukshar (Ishlin Prasad) her life.

But for Khan Saab this risk isn't even worth considering because as per him children are God's blessings and aborting a child under any circumstance is blasphemous. Apart from his older son Shahnawaz (Paritosh Tripathi), his entire family is against Khan Saab's authoritarian ways, but none of them have the courage to stand up against him. Until one day, when his daughter Alfia (Aditi Bhatpatri) musters the courage to approach a fiery woman lawyer Afreen (Ashwini Kalsekar) to get a court order to let Rukshar abort the unborn child.

The first half of the film is spent in setting up the characters and the story underlying the deeply problematic family dynamics within the Sanjiri household. Despite a lot of characters entwined in the narrative, director Kamal Chandra and writer Rajan Agarwal stay on course with the story. Khan Saab's orthodox and unpopular views and actions drive the narrative forward and it reaches a flash point by intermission, after which, the film becomes a loud courtroom drama. Those sequences verge on repetitiveness, diminishing their impact.

Sambhavami Yuge Yuge ★★

Cast: Jayaram Shetty, Nisha Rajput, Pramod Shetty, Sudharani
Language: Kannada
Duration: 163 Minutes (UA)
Direction: Chetan Chandrashekar



Jayaram Shetty and Surya Pratap are two influential men in their village, who get into a fight to prove who is more powerful than the other.

Arjun (Jayaram Shetty), the reigning president of the village gram panchayat is a much adored individual. But ego clash rises, when Surya Pratap (Pramod Shetty) arrives as newly posted district commissioner.

Desai ★★

Cast: Praveen, Radhya, Madhusudhan Rao, Orata Prashanth
Language: Kannada
Duration: 142 Minutes (UA)
Direction: Nagi Reddy Bada



Set in Bagalkot, Desai revolves around the rift in a family spanning different generations.

Praveen (Praveen), a do-gooder, saves the reputation of the village by winning a wrestling competition, bringing him closer to the villagers and the popular Desai family, known for having aided farmers during a severe famine. Praveen falls in love with Anupama (Radhya), a yoga practitioner and daughter of a priest, and becomes close to Dasharatha Desai, the head of the Desai family. Praveen, new to village life, learns the traditional oil-making process, the main occupation of the Desai family. A selfless protagonist, he strives for peace and unity within the family, who have been living separately due to some differences. Set in north Karnataka, Desai incorporates elements of family, action, and revenge. However, the simple and outdated storyline, combined with lacklustre execution and slow-paced narration, leads the movie nowhere. The use of the north Karnataka dialect adds some authenticity, but isn't enough to hold the story together.

Praveen, in his second outing after Love 360, shines in his role, showing promise as a good actor. Radhya also delivers a commendable performance. Despite these efforts, Desai falls short in effective storytelling and fails to keep the audience engaged.

—Vinay Lokesh

tale comes in when, one day later, Surya goes missing. What happened to him forms the crux of the story.

While the story revolves around the village, politics, conspiracy and murder, there is also a sub-plot that focuses on friendship and love. Some parts of the screenplay tends to complicate the story, but the latter half of this film can be a treat for courtroom drama lovers.

Even though Arjun may seem to be too young to play the role of the panchayat president, actor Shetty has managed to carry off the character well. Other artists too bring life to the story through their characters. The film also has commercial elements to keep one hooked.

—Pramod Mohan Hegde

Centre: Finance Commission never made recommendation to release ₹11k cr to K'taka

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This had led to a raging point-counterpoint between the state and Union govts, which became a central issue in the recent Lok Sabha elections.

"We hope the centre will at least honour its commitment by pronouncing this assistance in the coming budget," said a state finance department official.

Karnataka's wish list also includes the release of Rs 11,495 crore, as recommended by the 15th Finance Commission. This demand has sparked a war of words between the state and central govts, with the Union govt claiming that the Finance Commission had never made such a recommendation.

The state govt has also urged the Union finance minister to include cesses and surcharges, collected by the Centre, into the divisible pool, thereby, ensuring that states receive their rightful share of central taxes.

Other demands by state govt

The demands include enhancement of honorarium for anganwadi, ASHA, and mid-day meal workers; increasing the Centre's share for beneficiaries in housing schemes from Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 5 lakh in urban areas and to Rs 3 lakh in rural areas; and an All-India Institute of Medical Sciences in Raichur.

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HC: Fine can't be more than cheque amount

'Trial Court Has No Power To Impose That'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: In cheque bounce cases registered under Negotiable Instruments Act, a trial magistrate has no power or jurisdiction to impose a fine amount more than double the cheque amount.

The high court has given this ruling in a recent judgment, while partly allowing the petition, filed by AM Harish Gowda from Mysuru.

Justice V Srishananda has modified the order, passed by a JMFC court at KR Nagar and, directed the petitioner Harish Gowda to pay Rs 3.25 lakh to one HS Chaluvvaraju, a resident of KR Nagar and the complainant in the case, instead of Rs 4.3 lakh fine, imposed by the trial magistrate. On March 25,



2015, Harish Gowda had borrowed Rs 2 lakh from Chaluvvaraju. He then issued a cheque, dated April 29, 2015 drawn on Navanagara Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, KR Nagar branch. On presentation by Chaluvvaraju, the same came to be dishonoured with an endorsement 'funds insufficient'.

Thereafter, Chaluvvaraju filed a complaint under section 138 of the NI Act. On Oct 26, 2016, the JMFC court at KR Nagar convicted Gowda and directed him to pay Rs 4.3 lakh as fine, with Rs 4 lakh payable to Chaluvvaraju and Rs 30,000 payable to the state. On Feb 22, 2021, a district court upheld the said order, forcing Gowda to file a revision petition before the high court.

After perusing the materials on record, Justice Sris-

hananda has pointed out though Gowda claimed that the cheque in question was issued to one Prabhakar and the same has been misused by the complainant to file a false case against him, no positive action like police complaint or issuing legal notice has been taken by Gowda over the alleged misuse of the cheque.

Hence, presumption is in favour of the complainant, the judge further added, while upholding the conviction. "It is also noticed that the trial court has ordered that a sum of Rs 30,000 is to be paid as the defraying expenses to the state. The suit is between the two private parties and therefore, no state machinery is involved. Further, the trial magistrate has no power to impose fine more than double the cheque amount," the judge has further observed, while directing Gowda to pay modified fine amount to the complainant on or before July 10, 2024.

Govt hails forest land transfer to KIOCL

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A week after Union minister for steel and heavy industries, Kumaraswamy approved commencement of mining operations by Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) in Devadari iron ore mine in Sandur taluk, the Karnataka govt has stilled the transfer of forest land to the company.

On Saturday, Karnataka forest minister Eshwar Khandre directed the officials to hold the land transfer due to complaints against KIOCL's non-compliance with Central Empowered Committee (CEC) directives, regarding violations in Kudremukh National Park.

"Considering KIOCL's failure to comply with the CEC directions, it is directed to issue instructions to the officials not to execute the forest clearance contract agreement for the diversion of the forest land," Khandre stated in a note to the additional chief secretary. TNN

Ali seeks action against cop

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Ali also sought action against a sub-inspector of police, Yelahanka New Town, and a surveyor at Yelahanka Taluk office.

STOI tried to contact Rohini, but the officer did not respond. Ali did not give details of his complaint, but he wrote on X: "Land grabbing by IAS officer and her husband and political brother in law using state machinery and through lots of money exchange...(sic)."

LS success: BJP, JD(S) signal continuation of partnership

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Buoyed by their success as allies in the Lok Sabha elections, BJP and JD(S) functionaries expressed a strong inclination to continue their ties in future elections. This sentiment was evident at a felicitation programme organised by BJP for newly elected MPs of the alliance, where all speakers stressed the importance of maintaining their partnership.

The BJP-JD(S) alliance secured 19 out of 28 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka, reducing the Congress tally to single digits.

"The LS poll results have shown that the BJP-JD(S) tie-up has the blessings of the people," said Union steel and heavy industries minister HD Kumaraswamy. "We should face all upcoming elections, including zilla and taluk panchayat polls, jointly. If we had stayed together after 2006, the Congress would never have come to power," he added. R Ashoka, opposition leader in the assembly, echoed this sentiment, asserting that the alliance will not only continue but will also defeat the Congress in the upcoming panchayat elections.



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"Our alliance has induced some sort of fear in the Congress camp. This is the reason why they are trying to postpone elections to BBMP and rural local bodies. I challenge the CM and the DCM to hold these elections right now; we will defeat them," he said.

Union ministers of state V Somanna and Shobha Karandlaje also reiterated the need to stay together. Functionaries of both parties criticised the Congress govt for rolling out what they called unscientific guarantees. "Because of these guarantees, the state is facing a financial crunch. This has led the state govt to hike fuel prices," said Union food and civil supplies minister Pralhad Joshi.

Former CM BS Yediyurappa and state BJP president Vijayendra were present by Vijayendra was president by Vijayendra.

Somanna-Vijayendra rift comes to fore

The differences between newly inducted Union minister of state V Somanna and state BJP president Vijayendra was highlighted once again at the programme.

During his speech, Somanna indirectly blamed Vijayendra for the party's defeat in the Hyderabad-Karnataka region and in the Davanagere Lok Sabha seat. "We had never lost so many seats in the H-K region. Davanagere was our bastion. But we lost them due to lack of coordination," he alleged.

Vijayendra has been accused of orchestrating the defeat of BJP candidate Gayatri Siddeshwara in the seat. "I request Vijayendra to differentiate between those who really work for the party and those who do not. Don't punish someone for the wrongs of others," Somanna added. He further credited the JD(S) for playing a significant role in his victory in Tumkur seat.

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ENGINEERS

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MUSLIM

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PUNJABI Khatri girl, 32, 5'7; MBA; diplomat status, born Delhi, posted in Poland seeks well-qualified affluent groom, Never married. Non-smoker. Age 31-35. Working in or ready to relocate to Europe or USA (Washington DC). 9870376158

MANGLIK

PQM4 B.Tech + MBA Manglik Rajput Girl, working MNC, 60 lakhs+ CTC, 5'-6", 8-Oct-90, 7:39 am, Delhi. 911756@gmail.com

SC/ST

B.TECH IT, MS wrkg, Blore, 81/5'4", nvr mrd, SC (Chamar) girl, parents Delhi, caste no bar. WhatsApp: 8810478760. Em: inboxmetta@gmail.com

SECOND MARRIAGE

ARORA girl 37 5'1" MDS dentist currently wrkg in UAE, family in Delhi/USA, divo with 5yrs daughter seeks qld match also able to relocate to USA. W+a pp-001 (716)348-0519 #9197108288

B.A.R.C.H Convent Edu fair b/f Gupta Girl 04 June 1997, 222 at, Varanasi, 5'5" Wkg MNC Ggn Jt. B'ness f'mly. Lge 4 a groom from a highly respected Business family. # 991666599

SM4 Manglik b/ful Kota based Punjabi widow girl 1985/5'2 BE/CS Whing Teacher seeks veg prof qld boy Caste no bar 9738070378, 9929222282

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SM4 Soni, fair, b/ful, CA/B.Com 5'6"/1989, Sr. Auditor in EY, Father business man, reputed family, seeks well settled Prof. Qltd. B/man/caste no bar. 7999275776

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SM4 Punjabi Dr. Girl from Maharastra, 5'4", Born in July-1982, MDS, Divorcee, Prof. Engg., C.A., Dr., Govt Officer. Contact: 8372910354.

BY NATIONALITY

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WANTED GROOMS

BY CASTE

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PQM4 Gupta girl (Gurgaon family) 28/5'8" B.Tech-MBA XLRI wkg Mumbai. Seeks wkg boy CTC 50LPA+. Upper caste no bar. 971723765. No Broker

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New GST era set to start with end of anti-profiteering clause

Cut In Slabs, Compensation Cess Likely

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: While deciding to do away with the anti-profiteering clause, which mandates sellers to pass on benefit of tax cuts, GST Council Saturday signalled its intent to transition to the next stage with rationalisation, including a possible reduction in slabs, as well as roadmap for compensation cess on products such as cars, coal, cola and tobacco will be taken up at its next meeting scheduled for end of Aug.

The panel of finance ministers headed by Union FM Nirmala Sitharaman decided to end the anti-profiteering provision from April, which means that from next



FM Nirmala Sitharaman chairs GST Council meeting on Saturday

fiscal year, sellers or service providers cannot be hauled up in case they do not pass on benefit of tax cuts to consumers. Existing cases will be handled by principal bench of GST Appellate Tribunal, an official statement said.

Sitharaman also said that some of the group of ministers have been recast as 11 new finance ministers have joined the Council with the one on rationalisation, now headed by Bihar deputy CM Samrat Chaudhary, been asked to

make a presentation at the next meeting of the all-powerful body, which is likely to be held after a couple of months. "When GST Council meets next, GoM will make a presentation and discussion on rationalisation will start," FM said while stating that a decision may not be taken during the meeting itself. It is unlikely that the ministers are going to rush ahead with a decision given that crucial assembly polls are due at the end of the year.

At Saturday's meeting,

Karnataka sought a discussion on compensation cess that is levied on several products to cover the "revenue loss" states. While the cess was for five years, it had to be extended up to March 2026 following the outbreak of Covid-19 as states had to borrow from the market to meet the shortfall in collections. With borrowings likely to be repaid only in 2025-26, the GST Council will deliberate on the future of the levy and the sharing formula in case some amount is left in the kitty after repaying the loans.

Asked about including petrol and diesel within the ambit of GST, FM said that the law has a provision for their inclusion but it was for the states to first decide on it and then fix the rate of tax. Responding to another query, revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra said the issue of GST exemption for fertiliser too has been referred to the group of ministers.

The body recommended amendments to the CGST Act

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The all-powerful body comprising the Union and state FMs also recommended amendments to the CGST Act for not levying tax on extra neutral alcohol used for manufacture of alcoholic liquor for human consumption. Earlier, the Centre had decided to forgo its power to levy tax on ENA. The council also recommended a phased rollout of biometric-based Aadhaar authentication for registration of GST payers, for which pilots had been conducted in Gujarat and Puducherry. The move meant to combat fraudulent input tax credit claims made through fake invoices will require registration at GST Suvidha Kendras or facilitation centres, which, Sitharaman said, should not take more than 15 minutes or so. A big relief will come in the form of the Centre's decision to fix thresholds for appealing to GST Appellate Tribunal (Rs 20 lakh), high courts (Rs 1 crore) and Supreme Court (Rs 2 crore).

FM says less than 2% got GST notices from Centre

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday that less than 2% of the nearly 59 lakh active taxpayers had pending notices under Central GST (CGST) Act, while asserting that govt wants to make life easier for the assessee. "We want to reassure the assessee that our intent is to make their lives easier. Under CGST, notices are not being sent left, right and centre," she told the media. At the end of Dec, 1,14,939 assessee had been sent notices by CGST authorities.

The comments are aimed at clearing the air on repeated attacks by opposition on GST, which has been dubbed "Gabbbar Singh Tax" by Rahul Gandhi. Officials suggested that several opposition-ruled states have been at the forefront of issuing notices and summons

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under the state laws. In fact, a rush of notices by state authorities has been particularly troubling for large companies which have to register separately in each state. Consultants and companies routinely complain of "summons" being issued by state authorities on minor issues and several of them being asked to appear in person.

Recently, Centre sought to put a check on the issue and issued detailed instructions to its officers that calling for information should not be called a "notice" or

"summon" and all such communication should only be sent after it has been approved by senior officers of the department. "The FM has reassured that GST administration will be reconciliatory, which is very positive from the perspective of ease of doing business and will comfort investors. The steps taken by the GST Council today include several important and trade friendly measures and seek to bring certainty in the tax regime, reduce litigation and improve cash flows," said Pratik Jain, partner PwC India.

Govt officials said that in the last seven years, the overall direction of GST has been to lower the incidence of tax on consumers with products such as atta and honey exempted, while everyday items such as detergents, cosmetics and TV sets now attracting 18% tax instead of 28% pre-GST.

Oppn bloc may pull out from panel to aid pro tem Speaker

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New Delhi: In continued aggression from the opposition that signals turbulence in the new Parliament, the anti-BJP bloc INDIA is likely to pull out its three members from the panel to assist the pro tem Speaker in protest against the govt "superseding" senior-most member in Lok Sabha K Suresh of Congress for the ceremonial post, which administers oath to the new MPs. Bharturhari Mahtab of BJP has been named the pro tem Speaker.

The new irritant in opposition-govt relationship came Saturday even as Congress demanded Modi regime put the three criminal laws on hold and undertake detailed discussions in Parliamentary committee and the two Houses to iron out their flaws. The three laws are up for implementation from July 1, and DMK and TMC have already asked the govt to defer them.

AICC spokesman Jairam Ramesh said Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam,

were "bulldozed" through Parliament when 146 MPs had been suspended from LS and RS. He said they were "bulldozed" through the standing committee on home affairs without detailed interactions with stakeholders across the country and by ignoring dissent notes of MPs.

With NEET/paper leaks and law on MSP already emerging as flashpoints ahead of Parliament session, opposition's belligerence on criminal laws and on pro tem Speaker makes the mix a recipe for confrontation. Congress has alleged that Suresh, a Dalit member, has been ignored for pro tem

Speaker's post "for reasons other than merit", and a boycott of the ceremonial functions by Suresh (Congress), Sudip Bandopadhyay, TR Bala will kick off the new LS on a sour note Monday. All indications are that the bitterness of the 17th LS is spilling over into the new one. While the pro tem post is only ceremonial, growing protest across parties against the three laws just ahead of their coming into force suggests a concerted action by INDIA constituents to force govt's hand.

Agri, forestry, fishing accounted for 18.2% of the gross value added

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During this period, the output of milk, meat and eggs also recorded an increasing trend.

The share of milk, meat and eggs in output of livestock sub-sector was 66.5%, 23.6% and 3.7% respectively in 2022-23, compared to 67.2%, 19.7% and 3.4% respectively in the base year 2011-12, the data showed. Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan together accounted for about a quarter of output of livestock sub-sector while output of Tamil Nadu increased faster during this period.

Uttar Pradesh had nearly 41% share of output of the sugar group in 2011-12, which increased to more than half of all India output of sugar crops in 2022-23. Maharashtra was distant second with 19%, followed by Karnataka at 8.9%, Tamil Nadu at 3.9%, Bihar 3.3%. The remaining states accounted for 11.4%.

When it comes to fruits, bananas overtook mangoes in terms of value of output in 2022-23. Banana had a share of 10.9%, followed by mango at 10%. Together, it accounted for more than one fifth of output of the entire group. Among the vegetables during 2022-23, potato and onion together contributed highest production, accounting for about 15% output of the group. Floriculture

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Share of Top 5 States for Output of Fishing & Aquaculture in 2022-23	
State Share	(%)
Andhra Pradesh	40.9
West Bengal	14.4
Odisha	4.9
Bihar	4.5
Assam	4.1
Remaining states	31.3

Share of Top 5 States for Output of Livestock in 2022-23	
State Share	(%)
Rajasthan	12.5
Uttar Pradesh	12.3
Tamil Nadu	9.1
Andhra Pradesh	7.8
Maharashtra	7.3
Others	50.9

Share of Top 5 States for Output of Pulses in 2022-23	
State Share	(%)
Madhya Pradesh	22
Maharashtra	16.9
Rajasthan	13
Uttar Pradesh	12.3
Gujarat	7.7
Others	28.1

accounted for about 7%.

The data showed that agriculture, forestry and fishing accounted for 18.2% of the gross value added — a key indicator of economic performance — at current prices in 2022-23. After reaching 20.4% in 2020-21 it came down to 18.9% in 2021-22.

India ranks second world-

wide in arable land (155.37 million hectares); third in production of cereals; and second in groundnut, fruits, vegetables, sugarcane, tea, and jute. The country had the largest herds of buffalo and goat; second largest in cattle and sheep; and seventh in chicken population in the world, as per the latest available information of 2020.

NGT issues notices to Centre, forest dept on U'khand wildfire

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Dehradun: Taking suo motu cognizance of reports published in TOI about the unabated wildfire proliferating across Uttarakhand, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued notices to Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change, principal chief conservator of forests (PCCF), Uttarakhand, and chairman and chief executive officer of the State Disaster Management Authority. The NGT has implicated all of them as respondents in the case and has directed them to file a detailed affidavit before the next hearing scheduled for July 19. The news report highlighted forest fires raging in Nainital district. The situation escalated and the Indian Air Force had to deploy a helicopter to douse the flames using water from Bhimtal lake.

NGT said the case is registered suo motu on the basis of the TOI report 'IAF helicopter roped in to douse fire in Nainital as situation worsens in Uttarakhand district' on April 27.

The green tribunal further stated: "The news pertains to the rampant forest fires in Nainital district. According to the article, the conflagration has now reached the HC colony in Pines area. To mitigate the situation, an Indian Air Force M-17 helicopter utilised a Bambi bucket to collect water from Bhimtal lake and subsequently poured it over the blazing forests in various areas of the district, including Pines, Bhumiadhar, Jyolikot, Narayan Nagar, Bhawali, Ramgarh and Mukteshwar."

States hike health spend, India set to meet '2.5% of GDP' target

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India's govt spending on health, including on clean water and sanitation, looks set to achieve the target of 2.5% of GDP by 2024-25 despite Centre's allocation failing to reach 0.8% of GDP as planned. With states managing to push expenditure on health to 1.58% of GDP last year, the combined spending of states and Centre touched 2.13% of GDP.

In govt's calculation, public health expenditure includes allocation for health and family welfare, health research, Ayush and for water supply and sanitation. Centre's allocation for health by this count was just 0.55% of GDP in 2023-24, with about 48% of that being funds for water supply and sanitation. The share of allocation for health and family welfare in Centre's budget has shrunk to 0.26% of GDP, lower than what it was in 2018-19 (0.28%).

This is worrying, as it is the allocation for the department of health and family welfare that is used for funding national programmes and for maintaining and strengthening the public health system. While clean water and sanitation do contribute to people staying healthy, allocation for this cannot be a substitute for spending on the public healthcare system, say experts. If the spending on water and sanitation is not counted, the expenditure on public health has been steadily shrinking whether we look at it as a percentage of central govt's total expenditure or as a percentage of the GDP.

After National Health Policy 2017 recommended spending 2.5% of the GDP on public health by 2025, a National Health Mission presentation

HOW CENTRAL SPENDING FELL SHORT OF WHAT WAS PLANNED... (Rs cr)

Year	Planned share of Centre as % of GDP	If Centre spent as planned	Actual spend	Shortfall
2018-19	0.49	92,609	74,647	17,961
2019-20	0.49	98,367	84,306	14,061
2020-21	0.55	1,09,499	98,788	10,711
2021-22	0.62	1,45,360	1,53,081	-7,721
2022-23	0.69	1,86,761	1,37,835	48,926
2023-24	0.78	2,28,358	1,60,450	67,908
Total	-	8,60,954	7,09,108	1,51,846

Source: Budget documents, various years

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Year	Planned share of states as % of GDP	If states spent as planned	Actual by states	Extra spend
2018-19	0.91	1,71,986	2,35,568	63,581
2019-20	0.91	1,82,681	2,34,940	52,259
2020-21	1.03	2,03,355	2,73,306	69,950
2021-22	1.14	2,69,954	3,40,801	70,847
2022-23	1.29	3,46,842	4,11,580	64,738
2023-24	1.44	4,24,094	4,65,160	41,066
Total	-	15,98,913	19,61,355	3,62,442

Source: State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2023-24, RBI

in 2018 gave a roadmap for gradually increasing public spending on health by Centre and states over seven years from 1.4% to 2.5% of GDP.

Going by the planned increase to touch 2.5% of GDP by 2025, central allocation for health from 2018-19 to 2023-24 fell short by over Rs 1.5 lakh crore while the combined spending on states was Rs 3.6 lakh crore more than planned (see graphic).

States have been pushing up their spending on health (medical and public health, family welfare and water supply and sanitation). From 1.25% of GDP, the allocation of states went up to 1.58% by 2023-24. As a share of total expenditure of states, health spend has gone up from 7.5% in 2018-19 to 8.8% in 2023-24, more than the target of

8% recommended for states in the National Health Policy 2017. It is this increased allocation which might enable the overall target of 2.5% of GDP being achieved.

However, states too have reduced their expenditure on the health system from a high of 75.3% of total health expenditure in 2019-20 to just below 70% in the budget allocation for 2023-24. The overall spending is high due to the increase in expenditure on water supply and sanitation.

There are significant variations within states too, with some like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Haryana and Odisha spending well over the target of 8% of total govt expenditure on health and others like Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka spending less than this.

Forest guards gun down two 'poachers' in Assam sanctuary

Dhruvajyoti Malakar | TNN

Guwahati: Two suspected poachers were shot dead by forest guards at Assam's Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary early Saturday for allegedly catching fish in Rowmari Beel that falls under the sanctuary.

Abdul Jalil (40) and Sameer Uddin (35) were brothers and residents of Dhingbori chaporri village in Nagaon district's Juria. They were gunned down during forest guards' routine patrol. A forest official told TOI Saturday, "A group of 15 to 20 villagers came near the beel on Friday night. Based on a tip-off, the forest guards ambushed the area. The group tried to attack the guards and in retaliation, the latter opened fire, resulting in the death. Other members of the group, however, fled. The duo was brought to Nagaon Civil Hospital, where the doctors declared them dead." Sharp weapons usually used for catching fish were recovered from their possession, the official said.

In a statement, authorities said forest patrolling parties were on rhino protection duty near Saraihagi anti-poaching camps and confronted the group near Roumari Beel. The forest department has lodged an FIR. Police and magisterial inquiry has been initiated as per procedure.

Roumari beel and adjoining grassland areas are one of the most prominent rhino habitats of Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary.

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Autonomy, NEP give wings to tailor-made college courses

Yogita Rao & Hemali Chhappia | TNN

Mumbai: Equipped with autonomy and the flexibility that National Education Policy (NEP) offers, several city colleges are now coming up with courses that will help students to look beyond their regular choices for undergraduate education. Tailor-made for industry requirements, these courses are slowly getting popular with students, though principals admit it may still take time to replace old favourites. In some colleges, though, innovative courses within the domain of arts, science and commerce have seen an influx of students, with traditional courses seeing a decline in cut-offs. In some others, the newer courses are yet to strike a chord. Among the newer courses, programmes in data science is a favourite.

Homi Bhabha State University (HBSU) plans to introduce the concept of 'Design Your Own Degree', after breaking away from Mumbai University and becoming a cluster, with Sydenham, Elphinstone, Institute of Science as its constituent colleges. The innovative concept leverages the advantages of NEP 2020.

"This programme will allow students to tailor their degree options as they progress in their academic journey, offering unparalleled flexibility and customisation in their education. These innovative programmes are designed to meet the evolving demands of industry and society, providing students with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in their respective fields," said university vice-chancellor Rajanish Kamat.

A total of nine new programmes have been introduced, including BSc programmes in popular streams such as artificial intelligence and machine learning, data science and analytics, among others. "Colleges are offering a professional touch to courses, making students and parents realise every credit picked matters and will enhance students' skills," said a UGC officer. From climate insurance to crop insurance, Podar College's BCom in actuarial studies has been introduced keeping in mind the broad spectrum of sectors that require a

INDUSTRY-FOCUSED COURSES GET POPULAR

Some of the innovative courses offered in city colleges

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Dr Homi Bhabha State University (Sydenham, Elphinstone, Institute of Science, Institute of Forensic Science)

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HSNC University

K C College B Voc (Sports and Entertainment management)

Mumbai University courses

B Com | 1.9L

B Com (Accounting and Finance) | 1.1L

B Sc (Information Technology) | 1.05L

B Sc (Computer Science) | 66,187

BA | 60,826

B Sc | 41,382

***B Com (Management Studies) | 41,051**

(*BMS is second-most popular course for nearly a decade after BCom. This year, applications are divided, as some have gone with professional status under AICTE, some changed



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MCC College, Mulund B Com (BFSI) | Mutual fund distribution, insurance advice, major in banking/finance/insurance

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deep understanding of risk management and valuation. "Risk and uncertainty are a part of life. Actuaries are needed in so many industries, from investment firms and mutual fund houses to even the agricultural space," said Podar principal Shobana Vasudevan. Similarly, the course on shipping and logistics

has been introduced keeping in mind reinvigoration of the sector. The college has also established a fin-tech lab and powered it with multiple software to understand finance.

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We now focus on energy and digital connectivity, says Modi

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As part of our development cooperation, we will also undertake conservation and management of Teesta river inside Bangladesh with Indian assistance within a mutually agreed timeframe," said a joint statement, in which the two heads announced a shared vision for commerce, connectivity and collaboration.

They also welcomed formation of a Joint Technical Committee to initiate discussions for the renewal of the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty of 1996. They pledged to strengthen cooperation in border management, counter-terrorism, while agreeing to start talks for a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA). "We have prepared a futuristic vision for cooperation in new areas. We have managed to restore in the past 10 years connectivity that was there before 1965. We will now focus on energy and digital connectivity. We will soon launch CEPA negotiations to take our economic cooperation to new heights," said Modi.

The two countries announced signing of agreements for digital and green partnerships, as also a signifi-

NEW BEGINNINGS

- > E-visa for patients from Bangladesh
- > New assistant high commission of India in Rangpur, Bangladesh
- > New train service between Rajshahi and Kolkata
- > New bus service between Chittagong and Kolkata
- > Commencement of goods train services between Gede-Darsana and Haldibari-Chilahati up to Dalgaoon
- > Inland container depot to be built at Sirajganj, Bangladesh, under grant assistance
- > Commencement of export of 40 MW of power from Nepal to Bangladesh through Indian grid

- > Joint technical committee for discussions on renewal of the Ganga Water Treaty
- > Visit of technical delegation to Bangladesh for project on conservation and management of Teesta river inside Bangladesh
- > 350 training slots for Bangladesh police officers
- > Muktiyoddha scheme for medical patients with an upper ceiling of 8 lakh per patient
- > Bangladesh joins Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative
- > Commercial agreement between NPCI and Bangladesh Bank for launch of UPI

cant initiative to provide e-visa for medical patients from Bangladesh. "To facilitate easier cross-border travel India will extend e-medical visa facility to Bangladesh people travelling to India for medical treatment," said the joint statement, adding India will also help Dhaka with supply of essential commodities. Other major announce-

ments included new assistant high commission of India in Rangpur in Bangladesh, train service between Rajshahi and Kolkata and bus service between Chittagong and Kolkata. To promote sub-regional connectivity govt said India will extend transit facilities for movement of Bangladesh goods to Nepal and Bhutan through railway network.

YSRCP office demolished in Andhra, Jagan terms it 'vindictive politics'

Srikanth Aluri @timesgroup.com

Vijayawada: YSR Congress Party's (YSRCP) under-construction office at Tadepalli in Andhra Pradesh's Guntur was demolished Saturday. Mangalagiri-Tadepalli MC, which brought down the building, claimed the structure was illegal and being constructed on irrigation land without the necessary approvals. YSRCP, on the other hand, alleged that the demolition was in defiance of HC order.

YSRCP president and former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said CM N Chandrababu Naidu had taken his vindictive politics to the next level. Reacting to the demoli-



The under-construction central office of YSRCP being demolished at Tadepalle in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh on Saturday

tion, Jagan said Naidu demolished the "near-completion party office like a dictator" by ignoring HC orders.

"Law and justice have disappeared from the state. With this incident, Naidu gave a violent message as to how the next five years are

going to be. However, YSRCP will not back down to these threats and vindictive politics. We will continue to fight for people, on behalf of people and with the people," he posted on X. Reddy urged all democratic forces in the country to condemn the act.

IED specialist and his wife surrendered before Maharashtra deputy CM Fadnavis

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Nangsu Tumaretti, alias Giridhar, 44, an ambulance IED specialist, and his wife Lalita alias Sangita Usendi, 35, surrendered before deputy CM De-

vendra Fadnavis. Gadchiroli located in the heart of central India's Maoists-liberated zone of Dandakaranya is bisected by the Red corridor of Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Telangana.

After joining the rebels in

1996, Giridhar emerged as a strategic PLGA mastermind growing from a platoon member to lead a company. His wife, Sangita, too spent 22 years in the movement and was a divisional committee member controlling the

dreaded Bhamragarh area committee.

Giridhar, who masterminded more than 86 gun-fights with security forces in his 28-year stint, headed Company 10 formation which guarded the buffer zone of

Abujmah and PLGA base near Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border, particularly the approach routes from Gadchiroli. Sources stated the surrender of the two top Maoist leaders has left a void in Maoist movement.

THE SPEAKING TREE

YOG INCREASES SOLIDARITY

To become a true yogi, we should be able to touch the hearts of those around us with compassion and treat them with love and respect,

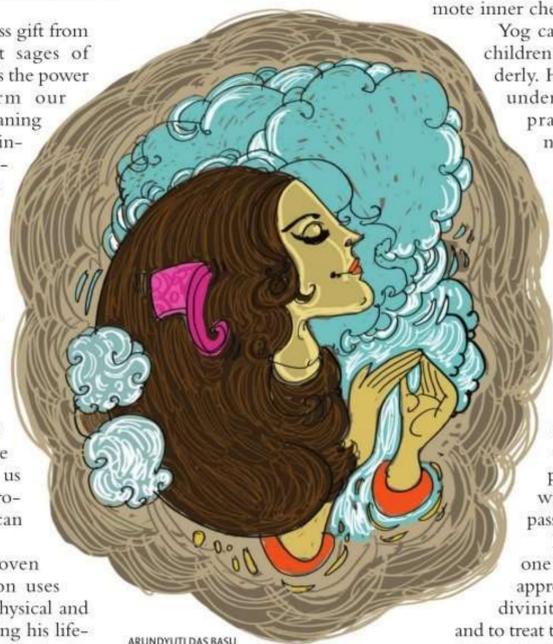
says MATA AMRITANANDAMAYI

Yog, a priceless gift from the ancient sages of Bharat, holds the power to transform our lives. The word yog, meaning coming together or joining, perfectly encapsulates its essence. It's a practice that harmoniously unites our body, breath, mind, and awareness. By mastering our bodies, we gain control over our breaths. By mastering our breaths, we gain control over our minds.

This inner peace radiates into every aspect of our lives. The ultimate goal of yog is to guide us towards this holistic progress, a journey that can truly change our lives.

Scientists have proven that the average person uses only a fraction of his physical and mental capabilities during his lifetime. However, through yog one can further awaken and develop those abilities. For example, say we have a supercomputer. If we were to use it merely to store our grocery expenses and balance our household accounts, what a waste of its capacity it would be; a supercomputer can effortlessly store data for an entire city. Unfortunately, today, this is how we are using our body and mind.

Yog is the path to awakening our infinite potential and realising our inherent completeness, through the proper adjustment of the body, mind and intellect.



ARUNDHITI DAS BASU

Any type of exercise is beneficial for the body and mind; however, yog offers several advantages that mere physical exercises may not.

Other exercise systems aim to reduce body fat and tone our muscles through fast movement. Yog has most of the physical benefits of regular exercise, but—as much of

it is done slowly, focusing on our breath and bodily movements—it also calms the mind, creating an experience akin to meditation. It also channels our inner energies in the right direction. This promotes

our overall health, even improving the function of our organs. It purifies our nervous system and helps our mind and body relax. It improves health and mitigates disease. Additionally, it increases our mental strength and focus. Moreover, yog helps reduce depression and promote inner cheerfulness.

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Yog can be practised by children as well as the elderly. However, children under 14 should only practice a limited number of postures.

In general, yog should always be learned directly from an experienced teacher.

One does not become a yogi simply by being able to bend down and touch one's toes. To become a yogi, we should be able to touch the hearts of people around us with love and compassion.

It is only when one gains the ability to appreciate the supreme divinity in one and all

and to treat them with love and respect that one becomes a true yogi. We should be able to see others' suffering as our suffering and others' joy as our joy.

The Sun can be reflected in a hundred pots filled with water, but there remains only one Sun. Similarly, there is but one true Self, reflecting variously in various bodies. This is the vision that yog should ultimately uplift us to obtain.

May we be able to use this priceless wealth bestowed on humanity by the ancient sages of Bharat in the right way. May the practice of yog increase solidarity and cooperation in society. May the grace of the divine bless us all to achieve this. ■

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Why We Must Manage Lipids To Prevent Heart Attacks

The recently-released lipid guidelines, customised to the Indian population, will help create a uniformity of treatment across the country

India has the unfortunate distinction of having the highest number of coronary artery disease (CAD) patients in the world. A recent study published by the Cardiological Society of India says dyslipidaemia – a condition where there is an abnormally large amount of cholesterol or lipids (fat) in the blood – is the biggest risk for CAD in the country. According to studies, about 217 million cases of dyslipidaemia are reported in India. Real-world evidence shows that about 80% patients in India do not achieve their target low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) goals even one year after a cardiovascular (CV) event. Unfortunately, we don't have standardised treatment protocols or guidelines to manage dyslipidaemia in India. Now, faced with medical evidence of patients not being able to meet their target LDL-C goals, the Cardiological Society of India (CSI) understands the urgency – and the imperative – to develop India-specific lipid guidelines.

cardiologist and chairman of cardiology at Sir Gangaram Hospital in New Delhi, who leads the study. "With patients who have hypertension, diabetes and are generally more at risk, the LDL-C goal is below 70. And for people in the extremely high risk group – those who have suffered cardiac episodes and have high LDL-C – the desired level is no more than 40." Dr Sawhney adds: "International guidelines say you should repeat the lipid profile test about four to six weeks after starting a patient on lipid-lowering therapies. But our study found that the maximum effect of the drug comes at about four weeks and there is no further reduction after that. So we decided to hit hard, and hit early, by reducing the LDL-C



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Lipid alert
In December 2023, the CSI published a comprehensive set of lipid management guidelines. A panel of 22 doctors worked on this 114-page document – titled CSI clinical practice guidelines for dyslipidaemia management – for four years, taking into consideration data and conditions that are entirely India-specific. The focus is on dyslipidaemias most prevalent in our country, such as elevated levels of LDL-C, known as the 'bad' cholesterol; lower levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) or 'good' cholesterol; apolipoproteins, triglycerides and lipoprotein(a). Cardiologists are particularly concerned about LDL cholesterol, which poses the greatest risk for heart attacks, but does not manifest any symptoms when the levels go up, even dangerously. "In our general, low risk population, we have decided to keep the target LDL-C goal at below 100," says Dr JPS Sawhney, senior consultant

goal to 55 as soon as possible through targeted treatment. We found that we were able to reach this goal within three months with a majority of the patients." The guidelines aim to reach every practising physician, even in the remotest, most rural parts of India. "Indians experience cardiovascular diseases (CVD) 10 years before those in the West," says Dr Sawhney. "About 50% of Indians get heart attacks at less than 50 years, and 20% get them at under 40, and these figures are also three times higher than the rest of the world." And yet, when it comes to LDL-C, doctors and patients sometimes don't understand the seriousness of the risks. This goes back to the problem of elevated levels of LDL-C not exhibiting any symptoms. Since this can only be detected through tests, it's easy for patients (and in some cases doctors too) to miss it. Adherence to therapy in chronic disorders is a critical aspect that is often neglected by patients, and not emphasised enough by doctors in their conversations with patients. Since they cannot 'feel' the effects of elevated levels of LDL-C – or if they have survived a cardiac event – many patients stop taking their medicines,

thinking they no longer need it. Or if they are being treated for comorbid conditions, they may forget to take their heart medication. The outcome of both these scenarios is dangerous: it not only increases patients' risk of cardiovascular events, but also affects their quality of life. "Many times the dosage is reduced by the physician with no proper information," says Dr Sawhney. "Without the knowledge of guidelines, they make mistakes in their clinical estimates, which is why a standardised line of treatment is necessary."

Specific risks
India has specific risk factors, which is why it needs customised guidelines. Tobacco use, which includes smoking bidis and chewing tobacco; sedentary lifestyles; high-carbohydrate diets and extensive use of oil in cooking that cause central obesity (a build-up of fat around the midriff) – all of these lead to lipid abnormalities such as high LDL-C, high triglycerides and low HDL-C. There is also a high prevalence of sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure among the population in India, which is known to be the diabetes capital of the world. Then there are genetic factors such as Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH), a hereditary condition that increases the risk of heart disease

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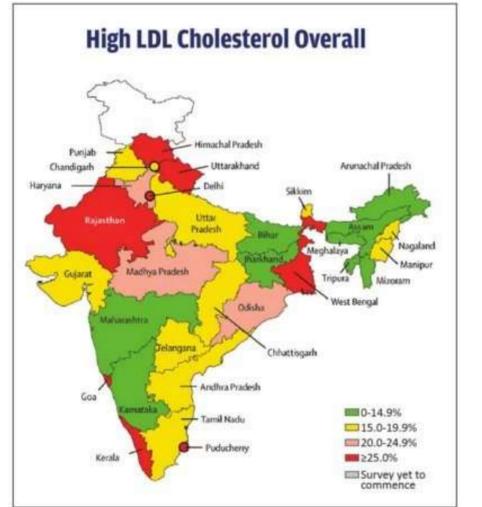
at a younger age than usual. Another factor is Lipoprotein (a) that affects about 25% of the population in India, compared to 15-20% in the West. "These abnormalities, found in much higher numbers in our country than anywhere else, lead to an early onset of heart disease," adds Dr Sawhney.

According to Dr Saumitra Ray, consultant interventional cardiologist and Director, invasive cardiology at AMRI hospital in Kolkata, risks in India are 50% genetic and 50% due to modifiable factors. "Our Southeast

Asian population is genetically pre-disposed to a high degree of atherosclerosis and pulmonary artery disease, which is extensive and also comes on an at earlier age. We have narrower arteries, which we can't help. So the onus is on us to work on the modifiable risk factors like changes in lifestyle, diet etc," Dr Ray says.

The guidelines are, however, only a guidance for physicians. The final call – on line of treatment and drug protocols – lies entirely with the treating doctor, since each case may be

different. For instance, there is a lot of regional variation in the prevalence of LDL-C, HDL-C and triglycerides across the country [see map], along with rural-urban differences. In the past, this has made it tough to have a standardised line of treatment. "Our ignorance about the severity of the problem is an issue," adds Dr Ray. "Even doctors don't realise how rampant dyslipidaemia is in India, and it is still considered a disease of the rich and elite, which is not true." The treating physician having the final say could also create difficulties. "For these guidelines to be effective, we need to reach them to physicians in the most rural or backward areas of the country,



Source: CSI clinical practice guidelines for dyslipidaemia management: Executive summary by Jitendra PS Sawhney, Sivsubramanian Ramakrishnan et al. Indian Heart Journal

working in the last mile," says Dr Jayagopal PB, Director and head of the department of cardiology at Lakshmi Hospital in Palakkad, Kerala. "But even today, many small towns don't have qualified doctors." So the assumption that any general physician will have thorough knowledge of LDL-C, and treat patients accordingly, is a stretch.

that the target LDL-C goals for each person are different, as are individual risks. For instance, a 30-year-old with an LDL-C level of 130 is at less risk than a 60-year-old man who has diabetes, but has an LDL-C level of 100. In fact, cardiologists say that the reference range quoted by pathology labs in reports can be both confusing and misleading because they are very general. So the same 60-year-old with diabetes and an LDL-C of 100, needs to be on medication. Chances are his lab report will quote the ideal range for LDL-C as 130-200. "Seeing this, the patient may feel that he is safe, but he is not," adds Dr Ramakrishnan. "He needs to start on medication right away."

Information For All
The guidelines hope to close this knowledge gap by keeping general physicians operating in smaller centres abreast of the latest developments in CVDs, for favourable treatment outcomes for patients. They will also provide a framework around which individual physicians can build their treatment protocols, and create a uniformity in treatment across the country.

So what do the guidelines mean for patients? "Many times in India, people are not aware of what is the correct treatment," says Dr S Ramakrishnan, professor of cardiology at AIIMS, New Delhi. "With these guidelines, patients will know exactly what treatment they require." He further adds: "In India, our rates of mortality with heart attacks are high, while our post-heart attack secondary rate of prevention is poor because people stop taking medication after one or two years of having experienced a CVD event, thinking they are fine." Although these are broad guidelines, they will help physicians to individualise treatment, and patients can also see what they are being prescribed [the guidelines include details about both preventive and secondary medication and lipid-lowering therapies].

But most important – the guidelines will make both physicians and patients aware

So, as per the new guidelines, patient treatment will not be based on one general number/LDL-C goal; it will be different for different categories of people, based on their risk. There will be a normal reference range for the general population, but an entirely different one for those who have suffered heart attacks, stroke or ASCVD (atherosclerotic cardiovascular disorder). Such targeted treatment will also help patients reach their LDL-C goals faster, says Dr Ramakrishnan.

"Proper management of dyslipidaemia is crucial to control the epidemic of premature CAD in India," says the CSI report. "[We have] strived to develop consensus-based guidelines for better lipid management for CAD prevention and treatment... There is an urgent need for standardization of lipid estimation in medical laboratories across the country so that every eligible individual can receive evidence-based lipid lowering interventions." Good news indeed, for both patients and their doctors.

Standard lipid testing panels and targets for various risk groups (all values in mg/dl)

Lipid Parameter	Desirable Levels Of Various Lipid Fractions			
	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk
LDL Cholesterol	<100	<100	<70	<55
Non-HDL Cholesterol	<130	<130	<100	<85
HDL Cholesterol	>40 M >50 W	>40 M >50 W	>40 M >50 W	>40 M >50 W
Triglycerides	<150	<150	<150	<150
Lipoprotein(a)	<50	<50	<50	<50

a The values may vary according to the laboratory-method used. b Direct or calculated according to Friedewald formula; Extremely high-risk group has not been included in this table.

Source: CSI clinical practice guidelines for dyslipidaemia management: Executive summary by Jitendra PS Sawhney, Sivsubramanian Ramakrishnan et al. Indian Heart Journal

Are women at greater risk of CVDs?

Smaller and stiffer hearts, untraditional and unclear symptoms, and a general lack of awareness makes cardiovascular diseases the number one killer for women globally

Do cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) present differently in men and women? Doctors say yes – and the differences go back to anatomy, physiology and behaviours as well.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the US, heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in America, killing 310,661 women in 2021 – or about 1 in every 5 female deaths. "Despite this, only about half (56%) of women recognize that heart disease is their number 1 killer," the study says. In India, too, CVDs are the No 1 killer in women, more than all the cancers [breast, cervical etc] put together, says Dr Shikha Takkar Chhabra, interventional cardiologist from Dayanand medical College and Hospital, Punjab.

It is well known that women, even globally, experience CVDs 10 years later than men, being protected by the oestrogen hormone, adds Dr Chhabra. It is only during menopause, when the woman's body stops producing oestrogen, that she may find herself more prone to heart attacks. So typically, pre-menopausal women have higher levels of HDL (high-density

lipoprotein) cholesterol, also known as the 'good' cholesterol, which insulates them from CVDs. Dr Chhabra adds that men may experience high levels of LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol, or the 'bad' cholesterol, earlier in their lives because they don't have that protective cover of oestrogen.

Women Only
Between the ages of two and 12 years, boys and girls show a similar rise in cholesterol levels every year as they grow up. "Once the girl gets her periods and hormonal interplay comes into the picture, the deviation starts," says Dr Chhabra. "So earlier, women in their 20s, 30s and 40s may have been considered at low risk for CVDs. But today, everything is changing. Menarche is coming on earlier, and so is menopause."

For women, there are reproductive system-related risks. Dyslipidaemia – or an imbalance in lipids – sometimes occurs during pregnancy. And high dyslipidaemia could result in adverse pregnancy outcomes (such as stillbirth and miscarriage) and puts women at greater risk of CVDs in future. "Dyslipidaemia in



pregnancy is also associated with hypertension and conditions such as eclampsia and pre-eclampsia," adds Dr Chhabra. "Pregnant women may also find their cholesterol levels elevated during their second and third trimester. All these things make them prone to heart attacks later in life." There are two kinds of risk factors for women. First are women-specific risks that have to do with reproduction-related complications, such as pregnancy-induced hypertension or gestational diabetes or having a weak heart during pregnancy. "These women may suffer from CVDs later in their life so their cases need

to be evaluated aggressively after pregnancy – during the post-partum stage – for the future possibility of CVD, and treated accordingly," says Dr Chhabra.

Smaller Hearts
The second kind of factors are those that exist for both men and women, but may be more predominant in the latter, such as auto immune diseases like lupus, rheumatoid arthritis etc. "Women are unlike men in many ways," says Dr Chhabra. "Their hearts are smaller and stiffer; their coronary arteries are also different, and may sometimes have considerable endothelial dysfunction. This is

or the stent may be inserted for only a short time. In all these cases, the outcomes are not good."

Changing Times
Many times the diagnosis of a heart attack is itself missed because physicians believe – erroneously – that a young, pre-menopausal woman is less at risk than an older person. "It is mistakenly believed that young women do not have heart problems," says Dr Chhabra. "But we are at an inflection point in society when women are getting pregnant later, having fewer babies, seeing many more pregnancy-related complications and are also exposed to the same traditional risk factors for heart attacks as men, such as smoking, diabetes hypertension etc. Infertility treatments are also becoming popular and these may lead to conditions such as thrombosis and, later, CVDs." Here's a fairly common scenario in Indian families. The woman of the house suddenly starts to feel unwell: she experiences a vague discomfort; dizziness and headache; perhaps some abdominal bloating and discomfort; maybe even a tightness in her chest, palpitations and a sinking feeling; or some neck pain. She either ignores it because she has too much work at home, or pops a standard pill hoping the uneasiness will pass. Or, in a third scenario, she goes to her local GP and he diagnoses her

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"Chances are that in more than 50% of such cases, the woman is actually having a heart attack and she doesn't even know it," says Dr Chhabra. "Women present symptoms of CVD differently from men. They may not have severe chest pains, but they are probably still experiencing a myocardial infarction (MI)." A study published in 2023 in the National Library of Medicine, titled *Gender and CVD – Does It Really Matter?* says "although women generally have a lower prevalence of CVD than

men... Number of studies has shown that after an acute cardiovascular (CV) event, women have a greater death rate and a worse prognosis". It adds that cardiovascular deaths in women are still under-recognised and untreated.

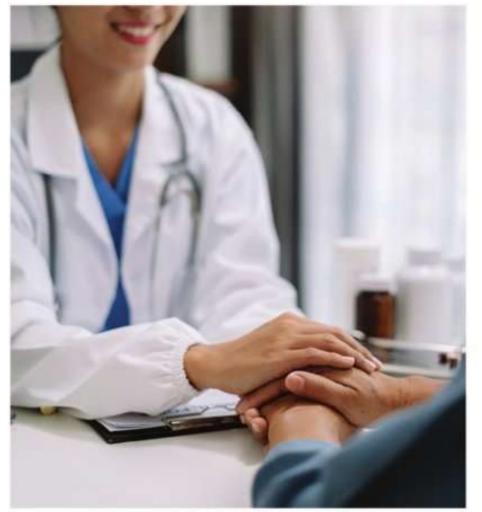
"We need to educate women that with changing lifestyles, delayed pregnancy, increased fertility treatments, early menarche and early menopause, there is a shift from traditional patterns of CVD occurrence," says Dr Chhabra. "Women need to consider this a serious health risk today."

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'Precautionary step': NEET-PG postponed hours before exam

Govt To Notify Fresh Dates Soon; Absolute Disgrace, Says Docs' Body

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New Delhi: The Centre Saturday postponed the NEET-PG, an entrance examination conducted by National Board of Examination to determine eligibility for admission to post-graduate medical programmes in govt and private medical colleges across the country — less than 12 hours before its scheduled time.

No specific reasons were given for the abrupt decision which came in the wake of allegations of paper leak in the NEET-UG exams held recently for determining eligibility of candidates for admission undergraduate medical programmes in govt and private medical colleges.

"Taking into consideration the recent incidents of allegations regarding the integrity of certain competitive examinations, the ministry of health has decided to undertake a thorough assessment



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of the robustness of processes of NEET-PG entrance examination, conducted by the National Board of Examination for medical students. It has accordingly been decided, as precautionary measure, to postpone the NEET-PG Entrance Examination, scheduled to be held tomorrow i.e. 23rd June, 2024. Fresh dates of this examination will be notified at the earliest," govt said.

In its statement issued at

10pm, health ministry said the decision was taken in the best interests of the students and to maintain the sanctity of the examination process.

The statement, however, failed to cut ice with lakhs of candidates scheduled to appear for the exam on Sunday.

"This is an absolute disgrace. This is a pathetic harassment of all the doctors who have travelled across different cities, spent money on accom-

modations, and sacrificed their precious time preparing for this exam," Dr Suvrankar Datta, vice-president of the Resident Doctors' association of AIIMS said. "How can govt be so incompetent in managing an exam that was planned months in advance? This is beyond frustrating and unacceptable. The ministry owes us a detailed explanation and immediate rescheduling."

There are nearly 70,000 postgraduate seats in govt and private medical colleges and over two lakh candidates applied for NEET-PG this year which will determine their eligibility for admission to various specialty courses.

Dr Manish Jangra, founder, Federation of All India Medical Association also slammed the decision. "I have received 50-60 calls in the last hour from candidates. They are devastated. Govt must give an answer for the reasons behind its failure to conduct competitive exams," he said.

'Accidents do happen and we will go to the root of the cause'

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Just before the removal of Singh, who has not been assigned a fresh posting, Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan acknowledged mistakes indeed had happened. "I have already said there has been an institutional failure. I have taken responsibility National Testing Agency's top leadership is under the scanner for a host of issues. Accidents do happen and we will go to the root of the cause."

India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) chairperson and MD, Pradeep Singh Kharola, who was roped in to complete the Pragati Maidan project after it got delayed, has been assigned additional charge of NTA till the appointment of a regular incumbent.

The ministry of education (MoE) on Saturday announced the formation of a 7-member high-level committee headed by K Radhakrishnan, former chairperson of Isro and chairperson of the Board of Governors at IIT-Kanpur, to provide recommendations on reforms in the exam process, improvements in data security protocols, and the structure and functioning of the National Testing Agency (NTA).

The committee also comprises Dr Randeep Guleria, former director of AIIMS Delhi; B J Rao, vice-chancellor of Central University of Hyderabad; Ramamurthy K, Professor Emeritus in the department of civil engineering at IIT-Madras; Pankaj Bansal, co-founder of PeopleStrong and board member of Aditya Mittal, dean of student affairs at IIT-Delhi. Govind Jaiswal, joint secretary, will serve as the member secretary of the committee.

Amid attacks from opposition and student outfits, Pradhan emphasised the govt's commitment to "transparent, tamper-free, and zero-error examinations" and said, "This is the first of a series of steps to improve the efficiency of the exam process, eliminate all malpractices, strengthen data security protocols, and reform the NTA. Student interests will always be govt's top priority."

No need to scrap NEET-UG, 'leak' a localised affair: Govt

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Dharmendra Pradhan said govt does not intend to hurt the career and future of meri-



torious students only to buy peace with protesters and opposition parties who have been demanding the scrapping of the test. "As custodian of the interests of students, we have to take a judicious approach to investigate the irregularity and how it happened, punish those involved, ensure there is no repeat while also ensuring meritorious students who have done

no wrong are not unfairly penalised," he said.

Denying the leak was the reason for the postponement of CSIR-UGC-NET, a test conducted to determine eligibility for junior research fellowship and assistant professor and admission to PhD in science courses, the Union education minister said: "There was no leak in CSIR-UGC NET examinations."

"It was postponed because of logistic issues. There is also a retest of 1,563 NEET candidates tomorrow (Sunday). For smooth conduct of the exam everywhere, the decision was taken," he added.

Six more arrested in NEET-UG paper leak case from J'khand as probe widens

Kshitiz Singh, Abhijit Sen & Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN

Patna/Dumka/Hazaribagh: The investigation of the NEET-UG question paper leak case widened on Saturday with Bihar police's Economic Offences Unit (EOU) arresting six more people in Deoghar, Jharkhand. So far, 19 people have been arrested in connection with the case. There have been street protests across India with calls for cancelling the medical entrance test growing louder every day.

Officials said the six arrested people, suspected to be "handlers" and "couriers", are residents of Bihar's Nalanda district and were holed up in Deoghar as labourers to escape detection.

Deoghar SDPO Hrithik Srivastava said the suspects had been hiding allegedly in the house of one Jhunu Singh in Devipur locality ever since Bihar police exposed the widespread cheating on May 5. The EOU picked them up from the "safe house" near AIIMS Deoghar and brought them to Patna on transit remand.



Congress workers during their protest march over the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG 2024 results, in Varanasi on Saturday

The arrested have been identified as Paramjit Singh, alias Bittu, Baldev Kumar, alias Chintu, Prashant Kumar, alias Kaju, Ajit Kumar, Rajiv Kumar, alias Karu, and Pinku Kumar. EOU DIG, Manavjit Singh Dhillon is interrogating them at EOU headquarters in Patna.

"If needed, we will check the possibility of brain-mapping and narco-analysis tests on some of the accused arrested so far. The Enforcement Directorate will also probe the money-laundering aspect under relevant sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)," an

EOU officer said. Investigations so far have revealed that Sanjiv Mukhiya, alias Luta, a technical assistant at Noorsarai Horticulture College in Nalanda, could be the mastermind of the paper leak racket.

"The gang had been plotting this for several months and it was a professor from Hazaribagh who had sent the question papers to Sanjiv using WhatsApp. Later, with the help of medical students from Patna and Ranchi, the paper was solved," a top official said. Once solved, it was sent along with the answers to Chintu of Karai Parsurai. The probe agency is now trying to locate the professor. Following Chintu's directions, Pintu of Hilsa, Nalanda, made photocopies of the question papers and gave it early on May 5 to around 30 candidates staying at the "safe house", now identified as the closed play school in Patna's Khemnichak locality.

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1
**ALTAMOUNT RD/
CARMICHAEL RD,
MUMBAI
400026**

**PROMINENT
RESIDENTS:**
Industrialists Mukesh &
Nita Ambani, Kumar
Mangalam Birla

₹1.4 CRORE
Cost of space to park
a Tata Punch (71.76
sq-ft), India's largest
selling car in March
and April

₹1,95,503 PER SQ-FT

It's called India's 'Billionaires Row' for a reason. Like the famous Manhattan neighbourhood near Central Park, Mumbai pin code 400026 draws moguls and barons from around the world, for several reasons.

Once the favoured enclave of British officials and affluent merchants, it is steeped in history. Its strategic location near south Mumbai landmarks combines convenience with prestige. It also has everything from upscale boutiques and gourmet eateries to exclusive clubs. Cultural landmarks like National Museum of Indian Cinema are nearby.

Amid this opulence stands Antilia, home to India's richest man, Mukesh Ambani, further solidifying 400026's cachet as a hub of luxury and extravagance. It's not surprising that property prices here are the highest in India.



2
**WORLI, MUMBAI
400018**

**PROMINENT
RESIDENTS:** Cricketer
Virat Kohli and actor
wife Anushka Sharma,
actor Shahid Kapoor

₹1.24 CRORE
Cost of space to park
a Tata Punch

₹1,72,210 PER SQ-FT

Set in Mumbai's heart, Worli in pin code 400018 was a centre of trade and commerce in colonial times, and is now home to landmarks like Museum of Living History, Mahalaxmi Race Course, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium and Nehru Planetarium that provide space for leisure and entertainment. It's also close to the new Coastal Road, which provides easy access to other parts of the city. Property prices have touched Rs 1,72,210 per square foot here, second highest in India.



3
**PRABHADEVI,
MUMBAI
400025**

**PROMINENT
RESIDENTS:** Actors
Deepika Padukone
and Ranveer Singh

₹1.21 CRORE
Cost of space to park
a Tata Punch

₹1,68,352 PER SQ-FT

With peak property prices touching Rs 1,68,352 per square foot, Prabhadevi stands out as one of India's most expensive locales. Overlooking the Arabian Sea, it has some prime waterfront real estate. Additionally, its famous Shree Siddhivinayak Temple adds cultural and spiritual value. Prabhadevi's strategic location amid bustling commercial hubs and affluent neighbourhoods also cements its status as a prestigious address. And as more businesses and residences are built here, property values keep rising.

10 PIN CODES FOR NEW INDIA'S MOGULS AND NOBLES

Chandni Chowk, also known as Delhi 6 (pin code 110006), was the most sought-after address in Mughal times. Where do India's rich and famous covet a home today? Here's a list of the top 10 real estate locations in India, by price

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You can live comfortably on Rs 2 lakh a month almost anywhere in India. But on Mumbai's Altamount Road it won't buy you standing room. A square foot of floor area in a flat — less than your shoulder width — currently costs Rs 1,95,503 there, making it India's costliest real estate. If you can buy a house on Altamount Road you are a likely fit for the Forbes list, like billionaire Mukesh Ambani whose towering 'Antilia' mansion is the Road's most famous signpost.

Other major Indian cities also have neighbourhoods where a home signifies you have arrived. These select postal codes are shorthand for affluence and influence, luxury and privilege. TOI in association with Liases Foras, a real estate research and data analytics company, analysed 5,000 elite postal codes in 60 key urban centres nationwide to pinpoint the top 10. We based our findings on prices of new houses and resale properties to determine the maximum price per pin code. Unsurprisingly, all 10 are situated in India's economic and political capitals, respectively, Mumbai and Delhi. We'll also look at the top 10 most-sought-after locations in other metros in the coming weeks.

Photos: Anindya Chattopdhyay, Imtiaz Shaikh, Sanjay Hadkar



4
**WORLI SEAFACE,
MUMBAI
400030**

**PROMINENT
RESIDENTS:**
Industrialists Isha
Mukesh Ambani &
husband Anand
Piramal, actors Riteish
Deshmukh & wife
Genelia D'Souza

₹1.11 CRORE
Cost of space to park
a Tata Punch

₹1,55,087 PER SQ-FT

Located near south Mumbai, Worli Seaface is a residential and commercial hub known for skyrocketing property prices. While a 17th-century fort bears testimony to its strategic importance in colonial days, Worli Sea Link, which takes off here and connects the suburb of Bandra, symbolises the area's current importance. The sea link is a marvel of engineering that saves travel time. Residents and visitors are also drawn to Worli Seaface Garden, a picturesque waterfront park.



5
**NEPEAN SEA
ROAD/MALABAR
HILL, MUMBAI
400006**

**PROMINENT
RESIDENTS:**
Industrialists Adi
Godrej, Sajjan Jindal,
Anand Mahindra

₹1.07 CRORE
Cost of space to park
a Tata Punch

₹1,48,882 PER SQ-FT

Pin code 400006 in south Mumbai encompasses the wealthy Malabar Hill region, known for opulent residences and breathtaking views of Arabian Sea. Banganga along Walkeshwar Road is a historical landmark and proof of the area's rich cultural heritage. You also find Hanging Gardens atop Malabar Hill, offering panoramic vistas, and Kamala Nehru Park adjacent to it. Altogether, Nepean Sea Road is India's fifth priciest address now with rates touching Rs 1,48,882 per square foot.



6
**PALI HILL/
BANDSTAND/
CARTER RD,
MUMBAI
400050**

**PROMINENT
RESIDENTS:** Actors Shah
Rukh Khan, Salman Khan,
Aamir Khan & John
Abraham, former L&T
chairman AM Naik

₹1.05 CRORE
Cost of space to park
a Tata Punch

₹1,46,198 PER SQ-FT

Pali Hill is part of Mumbai's Bandra suburb — pin code 400050 — that was a fishing village once. Now, it is one of India's wealthiest neighbourhoods with property prices touching Rs 1,46,198 per square foot. Among its attractions are the scenic Bandra Bandstand and Carter Road promenades, Bandra Fort and Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount, a prominent Catholic church. Worli Sea Link provides not only quick access to south Mumbai but also breathtaking vistas of Mumbai's skyline. Western Expressway also makes travelling to and from other parts of the city easy.



7
**JUHU, MUMBAI
400049**

**PROMINENT
RESIDENTS:** Actors
Amitabh Bachchan and
Akshay Kumar, and
filmmaker Sanjay Leela
Bhansali

₹1 CRORE
Cost of space to park
a Tata Punch

₹1,39,784 PER SQ-FT

This upscale neighbourhood is the vibrant heart of suburban Mumbai that used to be known for serene beaches and verdant landscapes. Many Bollywood titans, including Kishore Kumar, Yash Chopra and Amitabh Bachchan, made it their home, something that attracts fans and tourists by the thousands. There's also Juhu Airport — a hub for private aviation — that's used by affluent residents. As Juhu is also fairly close to the Mumbai airport, jet-setters want a slice of it.



8
**JOR BAGH,
NEW DELHI
110003**

**PROMINENT
RESIDENTS:** Nandas
of Escorts Group

₹0.96 CRORE
Cost of space to park
a Tata Punch

₹1,33,333 PER SQ-FT

Buying property in Delhi's upscale Jor Bagh will cost you Rs 1,33,333 per square foot. The charm of Delhi's poshest neighbourhood lies equally in its surrounding attractions, such as Golf Links, Khan Market and Lodi Garden. Neither is it too far from the seat of power in India's capital that houses important govt buildings like Parliament and the various Union ministries. That's why influential people who value convenience and status make it their home.



9
**CHANAKYAPURI,
NEW DELHI
110021**

**PROMINENT
RESIDENTS:** Torrent
Power has a bungalow
on Dharam Marg

₹0.91 CRORE
Cost of space to park
a Tata Punch

₹1,27,407 PER SQ-FT

This is where the embassies are in Delhi, and property prices can touch Rs 1,27,407 per square foot, making it the ninth priciest neighbourhood in India. For nature enthusiasts it has Nehru Park, and the South of Central Ridge Forest is not far. Knowledge seekers flock to the new Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya and National Rail Museum, while heritage buffs can visit Safdarjung's Tomb and Lodi Garden nearby.



10
**GAMDEVI,
MUMBAI
400007**

**PROMINENT
RESIDENTS:** Lawyer
Zia Mody, fitness
guru Nawaz Modi
Singhania

₹0.89 CRORE
Cost of space to park
a Tata Punch

₹1,25,000 PER SQ-FT

With property prices that can climb up to Rs 1,25,000 per square foot, Gamdevi counts among India's top wealthiest neighbourhoods, but this leafy locale is also rich heritage-wise. Mani Bhavan here was the Mumbai home of Mahatma Gandhi from 1917 to 1934, and it's been made into a museum commemorating his life. Marine Drive Beach, known as Queen's Necklace for its shimmering lights resembling a necklace, falls under this pin code. There's August Kranti Maidan, where Quit India Movement started in 1942. With its blend of heritage and modernity, this pin code mirrors Mumbai's dynamic character.

INQUIZITIVE

by JOY BHATTACHARJYA

- Which Asian country's time zone is exactly 15 minutes ahead of India?
- If the tiger and the lion are the two largest big cats, which is the third largest by size and weight, with the scientific name *Panthera Onca*?

- Which noted Indian personality invited the first judo or ju-jitsu teacher Jinnosuke Sano to India to teach his students martial arts?
- Longer than shorts, but shorter than trousers, which item of clothing was first introduced by **Sonja de Lennart** and Bunny Roger in 1948 and named after an Italian island in which they were very popular?
- What change was made in the US flag in 1959 from the version that had been in use since 1912?



- Which vegetable, originally from Central Asia, was purple or yellow in colour, but is now mostly seen in a specific colour as a result of crossing yellow and white varieties?
- Which critically acclaimed Hindi film is set between 2 and 6 pm on a single day and involves an interaction between a certain Prakash Rathore and an unnamed person?

- LIV, backed by the sovereign wealth fund of Saudi Arabia, is the name for a professional men's tour in which sport?
- Which particular type of tradespersons or skilled workers get their name from a variety of metal originally used in pipes in Rome?
- 'Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood' is an autobiographical account of which famous media personality who has also hosted Grammy Awards?

ANSWERS	
1	Nepal
2	Jaquar
3	Rabindranath Tagore
4	Capri, from Capri Pants
5	2 more stars were added for the two new states of Hawaii and Alaska
6	Carrot (orange)
7	A Wednesday (by Neeraj Pandey)
8	Golf
9	Plumber, from Plumbers, the Latin word for Lead
10	Trevor Noah

Death toll in TN hooch tragedy rises to 55; 12 critical

Kallakurichi: The death toll in Kallakurichi hooch tragedy rose to 55 on Saturday, with 159 people undergoing treatment, including 107 at Kallakurichi govt hospital, 31 at Salem, 17 at Jipmer-Puducherry and four at Vilupuram GH. The condition of over two dozen people undergoing treatment is said to be critical.

District administration has deputed medical

teams to visit the localities where hooch deaths were reported, and screen and identify people who had consumed spurious liquor but were reluctant to seek medical attention and admit them to hospitals. Meanwhile, two of the five patients who absconded while undergoing treatment were traced by police and brought to Kallakurichi govt hospital for treatment. **TNN**

Amit Shah launches fast track immigration process service

Programme To Reduce Congestion During Immigration Clearance

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Union home minister Amit Shah launches the Fast Track Immigration-Trustee Traveller Programme, at IGI Airport in New Delhi on Saturday

New Delhi: Pre-verified Indian nationals and overseas citizen of India (OCI) cardholders flying in from abroad will soon be able to clear immigration faster by simply walking through e-gates or automated border gates to be set up at eight major international airports and eventually, 13 more airports across the country.

Home minister Amit Shah on Saturday inaugurated the 'Fast Track Immigration - Trusted Traveller Programme' (FTI-TTP) at Terminal-3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport here. The programme is expected to reduce congestion and cut immigration clearance lines at busy international airports, besides offering the passengers a faster, hassle-free and pleasant travel experience.

The FTI-TTP will be launched

across 21 airports in two phases, starting with its rollout at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi and Ahmedabad airports in the first phase. Only Indian nationals and OCIs will be eligible to sign up for now. In the second phase, 13 more international airports will be added to the programme and foreign nationals covered as well.

Describing FTI-TTP as a "vi-

sionary" initiative of the govt that fulfils one of the key agendas for 'Viksit Bharat @ 2047, Shah on Saturday said it reflects the Narendra Modi gov't's commitment to efficient travel convenience and efficiency for all. He announced that the facility of faster, smoother and safer immigration clearance will be free of cost for all passengers.

The programme will run on e-gates or automated border gates

which will minimise human intervention in the immigration clearance process. "The objective of this programme is to make international travel easy and secure by developing world-class immigration facilities through an accelerated immigration pathway for international travellers screened through automated gates (e-Gates)," the home ministry said in a statement on Saturday.

Currently, similar programmes offering faster immigration to international travellers via e-Gates are run in countries like the US, where the customs and border patrol (CBP) operates the Global Entry Program and Trusted Travellers Program.

The FTI-TTP will be implemented through an online portal and Bureau of Immigration will be the nodal agency for fast track immigration of various categories of travellers.

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1.	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Energy Efficient Streetlighting from KPUC to Indian Press Chauraha, Prayagraj Under Mahakumbh MeLa 2025 Prayagraj	Rs. 5000/- + 18% GST = Rs. 5900/-	Rs. 65,700.00
2.	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Energy Efficient Street lighting from Sahson Chauraha to Andhawa Chauraha and Installation of HighMast near JP Memorial Hospital, Prayagraj under Mahakumbh MeLa 2025	Rs. 10000/- + 18% GST = Rs. 11800/-	Rs. 7,03,900.00
3.	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Energy Efficient Streetlighting from Rewa Road Leprosi Chauraha to Mama Bhanja Chauraha, Prayagraj Under Mahakumbh MeLa 2025 Prayagraj	Rs. 7000/- + 18% GST = Rs. 8260/-	Rs. 1,55,000.00
नोट:- नियम व शर्तों का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध रहेगा।			
मुख्य अधिनियम (वि/या) नगर निगम, प्रयागराज।			

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
CORRIGENDUM-I

Tender No.: 91/24/0050 Dated: 20/06/2024. The following Corrigendum against Tender No.91240050 scheduled to be opened on 27.06.2023, 11:00 Hrs. is carried out as under:-

Sl. Particulars: As per NIT; To be READ AS are as follows: [1]; Item Details (1) as per NIT; Existing; 3-PHASE ASYNCHRONOUS TRACTION MOTOR (RESISTANCE RING MECHANICALLY INTERLOCKED TO END PLATE DESIGN ROTOR, SCHEME-I TYPE 6RA-6068) FOR WAG-9 LOCOS WITHOUT ACTIVE SPEED SENSOR, DRG.No. 0TWD.096.001 ALT.-3, SPEC.NO. 4TMS.096.081 REV.1, ALT.-2, STR NO. CLW/2008/3PHMT/STR/0001 REVI. [2]; Item Details (2) as per NIT; Existing; 3-PHASE ASYNCHRONOUS TRACTION MOTOR (WITH SHAFT MOUNTED ZR, CU, STAMPING TYPE RESISTANCE RING DESIGN OF ROTOR, SCHEME-I TYPE 6RA 6068) FOR WAG-9 LOCOS WITHOUT ACTIVE SPEED SENSOR, DRG.No. 0TWD.096.001 ALT.-3, SPEC.NO. 4TMS.096.081 REV.1, ALT.-3, STR NO. CLW/2008/3PHMT/STR/0001 REVI. [3]; Item Quantity (1) as per NIT; Existing; 1035 Nos. (AMM/TM/CLW/CRJ); [4]; Item Quantity (2) as per NIT; Existing; 1053 Nos. (AMM/TM/CLW/CRJ); [5]; Tender Opening Date; Existing; 29.06.2024, 11:00 Hrs.

[PR4/484] Dy. CMM (P)/CLW/Chittaranjan
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WESTERN RAILWAY - RAJKOT DIVISION
CTR (P), TBR, TFR WORK

E-Tender Notice No. 10 of 2024-25 date 17/06/2024 E-Tender No.: DRM-RJT-2024-25-E-26 Name of Work: Rajkot Division: Execution of CTR (P), TBR, TFR and associated works under Sr. Divisional Engineer (East) Rajkot's jurisdiction. Approximate NIT Cost: ₹.20,04,499.85 Earnest Money: ₹3,60,000.00 Date & Time of Opening of Tender: 09/07/2024 15:00 Hrs. Office Address: Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), Western Railway, Kothi Compound, Rajkot, Gujarat - 360 001 Website: www.ireps.gov.in

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Teen defies family, sends rapist father to jail for life

Hyderabad: A 13-year-old girl has single-handedly sent her abusive father to jail for repeatedly raping her, going against her own family to ensure she gets justice.

The survivor, a resident of Hyderabad's old city, in Telangana state had walked to a local police station all by herself two years ago, when she was just 11, and registered an FIR against her father for his "gande kaam" (dirty deeds). **TNN**

Andhra, Ch'garh seek funds for state capitals, Kerala seeks spl aid

Times News Network

New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh on Saturday sought assistance for developing new state capitals, while others such as Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Odisha chipped in with demands for project-specific support, with Kerala demanding a Rs 24,000 crore special package to tide over a liquidity crisis.

With TDP a key constituent of NDA govt at Centre, back in the saddle in Andhra, special package for the state — a long pending demand — was widely expected but sources said the state finance minister only sought support for several projects including for construction of a new capital in Amravati and Polavaram dam project. In contrast, during a pre-Budget meeting with Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Kerala came up with the demand.

"Considering the state's contribution in varied spheres in keeping up national pride which include but not limited to HDI, SDG, start up and innovation, a special package of at least Rs 24,000 crore may be announced in Union Budget 2024-25 to tide over the current liquidity stress by sc-

heduling it over a period of two years from 2024-25," Kerala finance minister K N Balagopal said in a speech, while urging Centre to review the cap on market borrowings.

States such as Chhattisgarh also demanded easing of restrictions on export of rice and other farm products that have been banned to ensure adequate supply in domestic market. The BJP-ruled state also sought funds for Naya Raipur while seeking tweaks in the spending norms for district mineral fund. Sitharaman told reporters that several states raised the issue of devolution of central taxes, an issue which is dealt with by the finance commission, and infrastructure with some of the states from the North-East seeking to work with the department of north eastern region (DONER). Several states have demanded money for capex, for which Centre has been extending support.

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CIN : U15100MH1950G01800187

Ref: MK/P. ADVT/2024-25/02 Date: 08.06.2024

गिरिजा गुफा /TENDER NOTICE

IREL Mansarovar/Chitauri Unit invites tender for the following:

Tender No.	Description
IREL/MKT/1002/24	Repair and Replacement of existing HUS Structures
GEM/2024/6027482	Supply and Supervision of Installation & Commissioning of gravity Spiral Concentrate along with all accessories.

Bidder may download the tender document from <https://gem.gov.in>, <https://www.irel.co.in>, gem.gov.in and CPP Portal. Any corrigendum / extension to above tender shall be hosted in above websites only.

CBC 48147/12/0002/2425 CGM & Head, MK/इंडिया गुफा संरक्षण एवं विकास, गिरिजा

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No.: CEN-2024-25-04 **Date:** 18.06.2024

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const./North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to 15.00 hrs. on 15.07.2024. The details of the tenders are as under:-

Name of work: Construction of Limited Height Subway (LHS) by Air Pushing method in lieu of LC No. 451/C, 464/C, 465/C, 466/C, 477/C, 480/C, 481/C, 482/C, 483/C, 491/B, 492/B, 495/C in connection with doubling of Khairat-Manikpur section under Dy. CE/C/PRYJ.

Approx. Cost of work (In Crore): ₹ 74.41 Cr., **Bid Security (Rs.):** ₹ 38706000/-

Completion Period: 15 Months, **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 15.07.2024 15.00 Hrs., **Date of Opening of Tender:** 15.07.2024 15.30 Hrs., **Type of Tendering:** Open Tender (Two Packet System & e-RA).

Note:- (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15.00 on the due date of tender opening i.e. 15.07.2024. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (3) The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per format in favour of FA & CAO/INCR/PRYJ as given in Tender Document and shall be valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period. (4) Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight way ignored and shall not be considered. (5) Joint Venture (JV)/Consortiums/MOUs shall be considered for the tender having cost more than 10 Cr. (6) Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. (7) The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document in standard format for all items without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. (8) Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page). Only those documents which are declared explicitly by the tenderer as "documents supporting the claim qualifying the laid down eligibility criteria", will be considered for evaluation in their tender. In case of any wrong information submitted by the tenderer, the contract will be terminated, Bid Security (BS), Performance Guarantee (PG) and Security Deposit (SD) of contract will be forfeited and agency will be banned for doing business on entire Indian Railways for five (5) years. (9) GST Act & rules issued from time to time by the Government authorities shall be applicable. (10) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (11) Tender online can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on 15.07.2024 and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. on same day. **107/24 (A)**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Tender No.: 24/43 **Date:** 21.06.2024

On behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit) invites the following E-Procurement Tenders.

S.N.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1.	30242782A	WATER TANK ASSEMBLY	19 NOS.	09.07.2024
2.	30242035	SECONDARY LATERAL DAMPER	319 NOS.	09.07.2024
3.	38243168	495-4A QUICK DRAW	40 NOS.	18.07.2024
4.	38242663	UPGRADED HIGH CAPACITY DRAFT GEAR	232 NOS.	15.07.2024
5.	38242621	COUPLER BODY WITH SHANK WEAR PLATE	8995 NOS.	15.07.2024
6.	38241618	BOLSTER LAND SURFACE LINER	14980 NOS.	15.07.2024
7.	38243205	CONE, ROLLER AND CAGE ASSEMBLY	1988 NOS.	29.07.2024
8.	63235402A	Fish Plate 1 Meter long 60 Kg T-5916 Pump part no.	27756 Set	15.07.2024
9.	64245156	A17F0045/10NRW0E81-0 MNR: R902282853 Make: REXROTH or similar for use in Phooltas make track machines	1 Nos.	22.07.2024
10.	64245126	Tungsten Carbide Round Shaft Chisel for BCG Part No. 64.08.2034HM. (1) Drawing RDSO/TM/03/19 (attached) (2) Specification: TM8/HM/6435 (attached) Make: Own make equivalent to plasser.	4000 Nos.	01.08.2024
11.	64235172	Contactor 30.0 HPIEC, Lorum Part No. 123665, Allen Bradley Part No. 10.C43, DJ00-SER-A, (Acceptable Make LORAM or ALLEN BRADLEY only)	36 Nos.	24.07.2024
12.	30243078	SET OF BRAKE PIPE ARRANGEMENT	150 SET	15.07.2024
13.	30242835	HOSE CONNECTION 20 X 550 MM	2423 NOS.	15.07.2024
14.	20243760	Axle Damper for P-7 loco	15 Nos.	12.07.2024
15.	20243772	Vertical Damper P7 loco	13 Nos.	12.07.2024
16.	20243615	Contactor for time delay of MR blower	09 Nos.	16.07.2024

Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from IREPS website i.e. <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. For any change/corrigendum in tender, please visit the website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published in news paper. **1080/24 (A)**

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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-5

The last date of submission of the E-Tender for "Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of 125 MVAR Reactor along with its associated bay and related work at 400 KV Substation Kashipur" against Tender Specification No. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-I/SS-14/2023-24 is hereby extended upto 04.07.2024 15:30 Hrs. For more details please visit the e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (tender id no.2024_PTCU4_71331_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8998980000 RO No. 1047/HQPU/PTCUL dated 21.06.2024 Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)

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RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (NOS./ Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	12241241/17/07/2024	Mem/Seats for 3-Phase MEMU/DMC AND MEMU/TC Coaches (2 types)	1,42 Sets / 239 Sets	20,00,000/-
2.	17241309/19/08/2024	Set of Skirtings for LHB Coaches	1141 Sets	59,640/-
3.	12241245/16/07/2024	Honeycomb Partition Frame Set with AL FR HPL Sheet for LHB SCN Coach	204 Sets	9,09,840/-
4.	17241266/30/07/2024	Set of AL Floor Plate for LHB High Capacity Parcel Van	79.00 Set	6,84,030/-
5.	17241299/19/07/2024	Set of Euro Bowl and Electropneumatic Pressurised Flushing System for LHB Coaches	2497 Sets	20,00,000/-
6.	17241332/16/07/2024	Set of Lavatory Pan and Electropneumatic Pressurised Flushing System for LHB Coaches	3157 Sets	50,00,000/-
7.	17241346/22/07/2024	Supply & Installation of One Rake Set of Layout of IC Doors for Trainset Coaches	16 Sets	13,98,040/-
8.	12241228/22/07/2024	Supply and Installation of Flexible gangway with foot plate along with inner and outer Fairings for EMU Train Set (To be operated at 160 kmph/180 kmph test speed).	304 Nos.	50,00,000/-
9.	17241142/29/07/2024	Luggage Rack Mounting for LHB SLR Coach	32 Sets	76,280/-
10.	17241111/01/08/2024	Air Grill Toilet/Switch Board Complete	3041 Nos	63,230/-
11.	05241477/18/07/2024	Set of Channel Assy. & Bracket	185 Sets	50,890/-
12.	05241556/25/07/2024	Foot step Brackets	128 Nos	90,590/-
13.	05241494/18/07/2024	Set of Protection Frame and Bracket	89 Sets	79,560/-
14.	02241383/16/07/2024	Harness of LHB EOG NON AC Chair Car	86 Sets	8,61,850/-
15.	05241176/15/07/2024	Nose Cone for Memu DMC 3 - Phase Coaches	73 Sets	10,91,260/-
16.	05241537/18/07/2024	End Wall Assembly for LHB Amrit Bharat Coaches	880 Sets	15,84,230/-
17.	04231123B/16/07/2024	Ferritic Steel Sheet two types	5000 Kgs + 9500KGS	53,030/-
18.	02241379/10/07/2024	EFT, Board	10980 Nos	98,180/-
19.	05241554/16/07/2024	Integrated WTCC	880 Sets	10,71,840/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website <http://ireps.gov.in>. Drawings / specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class II digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in>. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 10 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 11 to 19 will be opened at Tlak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658. Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAAG0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/24/36. **Date:** 14/06/24. **PCMM/CLW/HWH** on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the following. The following E-Tender is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/likely suppliers are requested to look up the website www.ireps.gov.in. These are E-Tenders; manual offers bid for these tenders will not be accepted under any circumstances; only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. For detailed instructions please refer to website. **Sl. No. ; Tender No. ; Description of Stores; Qty.; Due On; Tender Cost are as follows :** [177]; [31241161]: Elastic Ring for WAG9 Electric Locomotives RDSO Drawing No. SKEL-4717ALT-4 and RDSO Specification No.-RDSO/2007/EL/SPEC/0053(Rev-2). **Date:** 10/07/24; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 10/07/24; **Rs.:** 31241196; Complete Cribble F along with all equipments and cabling for WAG-9HC loco as per specification: CLW/ES/3/0652/D; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 11/07/24; **Rs.:** 1179; 25245071A; (1) Platinum Cribble with reinforced RIM with Capacity: 40 ml as per CLW SPEC.NO. SFM-28/SPEC/Platinum Cribble & Lid Rev.00 dated 03.05.2024. (2) Platinum Cribble with reinforced RIM with Capacity: 30 ml as per CLW SPEC.NO. SFM-28/SPEC/Platinum Cribble & Lid Rev.00 dated 03.05.2024. **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 12/07/24; **Rs.:** 1180; 23235131B; Hydraulic crimp head, 12 ton hydraulic head tool only. Approximate length 15-13.16 inch. Output 3-1.2 ton, input 9800 PSI. Die set 12 pound along with 02 nos. Die set for each Crimping head. Details of Die set: Crimp Die (Interchangeable) for Hydraulic Head. Size: of Die: 127x32x127 mm (Width x Height x Depth). Special function: Interchangeable steel die for hydraulic head quickly interchangeable circular crimp range. Suitable for crimp tool cable leg, cable end sleeves and screen connection. Preferable Make/Brand: Jainson, Taparia, Thomas and Betts, DOWELS, RK TOOLS, PRECIRIMP, or equivalent [make must be Make In India Policy Compliant]; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 05/07/24; **Rs.:** 1181; 23242505; Internal Coolant Machine Tap of HSS-

E-EG M30 X 3.5-6H MOD Helical Suitable for Tapping of Stores in MAG CNC Machine, Specification: HSS-E-EG M30 X 3.5-6H MOD Helical of EMUGO or similar DIN 8140-2 Standard; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 04/07/24; **Rs.:** 1182; 14242705A; Steel Plate ii) Type-9; iii) Type-10; iii) Type-11; iv) Type-8, all to CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0450/G; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 08/07/24; **Rs.:** 1183; 14242672; set of bracketted sheet for WAG-9HC Locomotive as per CLW SPEC. No. CLW/ES/3/0153/I (set detail attached); **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 06/07/24; **Rs.:** 1184; 14242983A; Auxiliary Compressor (MCPA) TO CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/C-4F; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 19/07/24; **Rs.:** 1185; 14242610; CREW FAN TO CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0110/E; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 23/07/24; **Rs.:** 1186; 14242535; set of roof bar along with hardware for WAG-9HC locomotive to CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0063/G; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 26/07/24; **Rs.:** 1187; 14242619; panto disconnecting and earthing device to CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0108/A; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 05/08/24; **Rs.:** 1189; 23235099C; Sub-D, portable Hand crimping tool, HD-20. Configuration: operator releasable and adjustable, Die set type: Fixed in tool, Crimping range: 0.03 to 0.56 sqmm, No. of Crimping position- 3, two movable grip a locking mechanism. Preferable Make/Brand: Jainson, Taparia, Hinforce, Durafix, Aerobonco, Lobster or Equivalent (Make must be Make In India Policy compliant); **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 01/07/24; **Rs.:** 1190; 23235130A; Mandrel crimping plier for fine adjustment of pressure depending of conductor diameter by means of adjusting wheel with digital display of capacity 0.14-6.0 sq. mm, HSN CODE: 82032000, preferable Make/Brand: Hinforce, Jainson, Taparia, Dowells, Precrimp or similar any other Indian Brand [Make Must Be As Per Make In India Policy]; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 06/07/24; **Rs.:** 1191; 14242701A; Angle Plate (aluminium) ii) Type-1; iii) Type-2; iii) Type-3; & iv) Type-13, all to CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0450/G; **As Per Tender/Doc.:** 08/07/24; **Rs.:** 1192; 23242505; PR6/478 PCMM/CLW/HOWRAH

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender/Notice

Tender Notice No.: 4020242025 **Date:** 19.06.2024

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 12.07.2024. The details of the tenders are as under:-

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Milord, lawyers are going back to cram school

As July 1 deadline looms for three new criminal laws, even experienced advocates and profs are reliving their law school swotting days

It has been a hard summer for lawyers, and it's not just the weather to blame. Instead of heading off to colonial-era hill stations for a month-long holiday, they have been forced to spend hours unlearning colonial-era laws.

From July 1, three new criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam — will replace the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act respectively. So not only is it a fond goodbye to sections like 'char or bees' (for cheating) but a painful one at that. Those feeling nostalgic can

**SANJAY HEGDE,
SENIOR ADVOCATE**

If police are unaware or unsure of what provisions to apply, defence lawyers will get a huge advantage in demolishing the case

perhaps turn to old courtroom scenes in Hindi movies where milord handed out 'daffas' under IPC. Criminal lawyers, however, have been busy downloading cheat sheets, signing up for online familiarisation courses and mugging the new laws. Booklets for the new acts are flying off the shelves. Delhi Bar Association president Nitin Ahlawat says it is back to school for lawyers and predicts a difficult few months ahead. "So many things have changed. If there is a case of forgery, it would have taken only a quick glance for an experienced lawyer to assess the case. The provisions, punishment and past judgments are top of their mind. Now, not only have

the provision numbers and language of the law changed, punishment could have been altered too," he says.

As litigators are wont to do, they have already litigated. A petition by Vishal Tiwari, a lawyer who approached the Supreme Court asking for an expert committee to examine and assess the validity of the three laws before they are enforced, was dismissed. In January, Madras high court judge N Anand Venkatesh declared that as he did not know Hindi, he would continue to call them by their original English names.

Lawyers can't take such liberties. The life mantra for a practising advocate, as one X handle says: 'draft, file, plead, repeat' has an added step of 'cram'. As for law students, they now have two sets of codes to learn, and teachers are mourning the loss of the familiar. "The syllabus has been revamped and we have to incorporate changes in our classes. It has meant a complete systemic overhaul," a law professor says.

Lawyers have already issued warning videos on the enhanced punishment of 10 years if a man is in a live-in relationship and has reneged on his promise to marry, also on hit-and-run cases where

again the law has become stricter.

But jokes apart, lawyers, judicial officers, police and courts are worried about impending chaos. Opposition leaders like Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee have written to the Centre, asking for the laws to be deferred, as has Congress.

Senior advocate and Lawyers' Collective founder Indira Jaising warned that the move may lead to rise in pendency and two systems of laws running concurrently. The new laws are only applicable for crimes committed from July 1, 12:01 am and the older cases will continue to be argued and adjudicated under IPC and CrPC for another 20 years as that is the av-

erage lifespan of a case. "In effect, we will be having two parallel criminal justice systems for the foreseeable future, which can range from 20-30 years," she wrote in a letter to the Centre.

Supreme Court lawyer Sanjay Hegde, who often handles civil rights cases, says the success of any criminal case is how it is handled at the police station where the correct criminal provisions are decided. "If people at the thana level are unaware or unsure of which provisions to add, defence lawyers will have a huge advantage in demolishing the case," he says.

While BNSS encourages transition to a digital court infrastructure, some warn that it's not going to be smooth. Lawyer Jhuma Sen feels there is an over reliance on technology. "Every step of criminal justice administration — from registering FIR to recording of evidence to delivering judgments — has been digitised. While digitisation is a noble idea, what happens to a significant chunk of the litigating public who are outside the digital world, what happens to data that is collected through this method (like e-FIRs) and legitimate concerns for privacy?"



Uday Deb

Attention pliss! Let's dance to the tunes of a different Melodi

A severed digit in a cup of ice cream took over my morning. Let me clarify that I am not into cannibalism. It was a wormhole I fell into after reading about a doctor from Malad who found the offending finger in his dessert. I spent half an hour googling 'body parts found in food' like I was ACP Pradyuman's sidekick. I even discovered a baker in Thailand who bakes bread in the form of severed heads and torsos, and I am happy to share his details if during your next visit, along with a happy ending, you want to partake in a doughy unhappy one.

It is not an anomaly to lose time in this manner, where five-minute breaks inadvertently stretch to forty-five due to the delights of the virtual world. While we are aware of noteworthy battles like knights against dragons, priests armed with holy water exorcising demons, and Zelenskyy and Putin's endless bouts, we remain unaware of our ongoing daily war with our phones. Research shows that we touch or check our phones more than 2,000 times and, on average, spend more than three hours staring at them daily. German neuroscientist Manfred Spitzer coined the term 'digital dementia' to describe changes in cognition due to overuse of technology. These include problems with short-term memory where we quickly forget things, have difficulty recalling words and trouble multitasking. I am not the only one who sees a dip on days when I have allowed myself too much scrolling time, and my overwhelmed mind, like poor Joe Biden, starts wandering off in the middle of important events.

Recently, the US surgeon general called for tobacco-style warning labels on social media to alert users that the platforms can harm children's mental health. He stated that it was not a failure of willpower and parenting that allowed the overconsumption of social media but the consequence of unleashing powerful technology without adequate safety measures. I wanted to read the entire article, but I gave up after reading the first two lines and skimming the next paragraph. After all, in the last 20 years, the average attention span has decreased from 2.5 minutes to about 45 seconds.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella states that the true scarce commodity will soon be human attention. Attention is what we give to the things we love or need for survival, like our family, work, friends, and health. Isn't it strange that not only are we allowing this hijacking of our attention but, like victims of Stockholm syndrome, we almost seem to prefer the iridescent, unsubstantial soap bubbles of the digital world over the magnificent reality around us?

Early this week, my younger one was playing in the school concert. I took my seat, and already bored, I pulled out my phone and automatically started obeying the god of minor distractions. Then, the timer I have recently started using to curb my screen time kicked in, and I had to put my phone away. The concert was in a Notting Hill church. While walking in, I noticed perfunctory details like its high ceiling and the central aisle. Now, I stared at the painting of 'The Last Supper behind the altar. I observed the stained-glass windows through which sunlight flickered like a malfunctioning tubelight. I



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watched the kids holding their violins horizontally and some even upside down. The music rising from the belly of the church to the gallery where I was sitting, euphonious, discordant, imperfectly marvellous, filled cavities inside me that I was unaware existed, like a high tide that floods seawater into sandy depressions.

Arundhati Roy, the celebrated writer who, ironically, may end up in prison for focusing her attention and caring too deeply about the Kashmir issue instead of scrolling through the news about it on Twitter, once said, "There has never been a time in the history of the human race when we have had to process so much information, and it is destroying us." She talked about switching off social media and noticing neighbours, birds and dogs around us instead.

Even mundane activities like a train ride can become a memorable experience if we pay close attention. I spent a large part of a recent journey watching a stranger asleep, his head thudding against the window, mouth agape, liver spots where there once must have been hair. A pot of ready oats and an orange slid on the table towards the passenger



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sitting opposite him, who kept pushing it back like she was playing a game of shuffleboard by herself.

Life has one finite resource — time — which is stored in blocks of attention. In this subversive attack on our very existence, we must find ways to build fortresses where we allow information to flow in and pull up our drawbridge after we fulfil our requirements. Perhaps, like the way we plan our meals, we will also have to devise diets for the brain. I would advocate some cheat days in this nutritional plan for the mind. After all, we can't completely give up the pleasure of looking at memes of two beaming prime ministers with the hashtag Melodi.

Attention can work like a telescope and bring distant objects closer. It is a microscope that takes minuscule elements and makes them bigger. It is a magnifying glass that can take paper and sunlight and create a bonfire. It is the lens of lived experiences, wasted on mere spectatorship. While I am strictly curtailing myself from any further investigations into the case of the severed finger, it does make me think that in this digital age, losing a finger might cramp your texting style, but it beats losing your mind to endless scrolling.

Solve this puzzle: 50 yrs later, Rubik's Cube still has youngsters hooked

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In 1974, former US president Richard Nixon found himself knee-deep in the stormy waves of the Watergate scandal. India conducted its first nuclear test in the dusty terrains of Pokhran. Author Stephen King published his debut horror novel. And a rather reclusive Hungarian professor changed the world of puzzles forever with a 3x3 invention made with wood and held together with glue and rubber bands.

Not even Erno Rubik himself could have anticipated that 50 years on, the puzzle would still be a best-selling toy instead of a passing fad. In India too, the cube has a legion of new fans. Even in the age of Minecraft and Grand Theft Auto, the twisty 3D toy engrosses youngsters who find a sense of community and calm in it. Parents and teachers too encourage it as they see it as a way of cutting screen time.

Few could have imagined that the clicking of cubes could turn into a career. Delhi-based Aryan Chhabra, who holds the national record for solving a single 3x3 cube in 4.81 seconds, is one of many coaches. He first started getting online messages to tutor kids during the pandemic. The momentum endured, and he has coached nearly 200 students, directly and through partnerships with puzzle companies. "Not everyone wants to become a speedcuber but they do want to improve." The 21-year-old engineering graduate adds that compared to when he started in 2015, cubers participating in events today are younger (six to twelve age group). Innovations such as the introduction of magnetic cubes in 2016, which added stability to the puzzles, allowed cubers to significantly improve their speeds. Young competitive puzzlers also rely on algorithms, YouTube gurus (available in Indian languages too) and professional



TRICKS OF THE TRADE: Delhi's Aryan Chhabra is one of a new breed of cubing coaches who mentor young aspirants via personalised classes

coaches if they can afford it.

California-based children's author Kerry Aradhya, who recently published 'Erno Rubik and His Magic Cube', says one reason for its popularity is because it's such a tactile experience. "There's something special about being able to hold an object and manipulate it in your hands, which you can't do on your phone or on a computer. It's also engaging for people of all ages, including those who may be too young or too old to be online or those who don't have access to the digital world," she says. A couple of years ago, a video of a tribal boy from Arunachal solving the cube in less than a minute, with his eyes shut, went viral.

In the competitive segment, things have steadily picked up pace in the country. According to the World Cubing Association (WCA) website, the first official competitions in India were held in 2008. That number reached 72 last year, and 49 have already been held in 2024. In cities like Chennai and Delhi, cubing communities have

emerged too, which not only hold competitions across schools and colleges, but also workshops and mentoring sessions.

Newer formats are emerging. For instance, blindfold cubing is quite a rage, as is mirror cubing that involves participants solving the puzzle while looking into the mirror. Cubes themselves are going beyond the 3x3 imagination: now there are 12x12 formations, or those that come in different shapes such as pyramids and hexagons. Like phones and watches, there are 'smart' cubes available too, that can be connected to a phone via Bluetooth, and allow users to play on apps and compete with others.

Saiyam Jain, who solves the 3x3 blindfolded, says despite the innovations and change in formats, one thing remains key: learning mathematical algorithms. Jain, who recalls getting terrible marks in maths in class 10, says things changed when he discovered cubing. For one, trigonometry became less daunting. "It's not necessary to be good at math to learn cubing, but it certainly helps you get better at it," Jain, 27, says. Armed with PDFs of manuals and later YouTube videos, he taught himself cubing and then decided to take things up a notch. "Solving it blindfolded was a real challenge: I had to memorise all the sides of the cubes, the colours and the placements. Then, I had to apply the algorithms." An introvert in school, he has come out of his shell, mentoring others and founding the 'Speedcubing Delhi' community.

For some, it's gone from hobby to business. Realising the lack of good quality cubes in the market, IIT-Bombay graduates Jainendra Jain and Nitesh

Deshmukh decided to start Cubeleo in their final semester. "There were no online retailers for Rubik's Cubes in India, and my friends had to bring me imported cubes from Hong Kong," says Jain. They started by selling imported cubes before shifting to local manufacturing.

However, cubing is still largely a boys club. Nearly all of the participants in competitions, Jain admits, are male. Mumbai-based Somya Srivastava, who has been speedcubing since 2013, is determined to change things. The marketing professional became India's first female WCA delegate six years ago and has conducted several workshops to promote female participation. "The ratio is still very low compared to other countries. But I have had many female cubers come up to me and say that I inspired them," Srivastava says.

Doesn't she get bored of solving it over and over again? Srivastava says it is a source of constant intrigue. "There are so many ways to solve it. You can also do it anywhere: standing in a queue, on the train or cab. If you are not able to solve it, you try again. If you're able to solve it, you do it differently next time."

NEW TESTS: Saiyam Jain solves cubes blindfolded

NEW TAKES ON THE CLASSIC

> Megaminx Speed Cube typically has 12 different colours, with 11 pieces in a star-pattern, five corner pieces and a fixed centrepiece.

> Square-1 has kite-shaped corners and triangular edges. Therefore, the corners can be swapped with the edges

> Rubik's Phantom is printed with thermochromic ink that appears all black until the heat from your hands activates the colours, while Rubik's Impossible has iridescent tiles that change colour when viewed from different angles



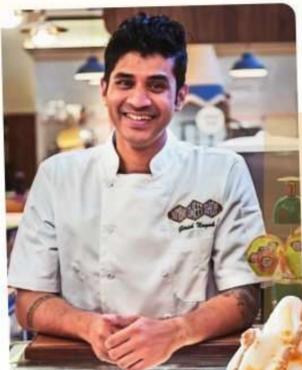
Good old softy is back in a gourmet avatar

Long before fancy gelatos and sorbets, we had velvety smooth and cheap soft serves. Now, artisanal chef-driven creations are giving this sweet treat a new life

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Vanilla ice cream topped with olive oil and sea salt? The internet was recently abuzz with this rather odd-sounding combo endorsed by none other than Dua Lipa, the pop singer who made it to the Time 100 list of the world's most influential people this year. "It's so good, you have to try it!" Lipa said in a BBC Radio1 interview.

Back in Bengaluru, Anurag Arora, a chef who curates fine dining experiences, is already on top of this unexpected food trend. At a food pop-up recently, the chef-curator churned out a vanilla softy made of pure buffalo milk, topped with extra virgin olive oil and a sprinkling of salt. "It's a lovely, light and fluffy combination which just needs discovering. Commercial soft serves are made from a powdered concentrate, but the flavours of this one remind one of whipped cream and a glass of milk," says Arora, who was inspired by Italy's milk-based gelato 'straciatella', often served with olive oil and balsamic vinegar.



American fast food chain McDonald's, most millennials will remember the velvety summer treat pouring out of machines at malls, amusement parks and market nooks

which sold cones for just Rs 5. Bengaluru's iconic Mavalli Tiffin Room (MTR) was a pioneer in importing softy machines and setting up franchised kiosks that became a hit. But now, the soft serve, which is basically semi-solid ice cream with a lot of air, is slowly swirling its way up the gourmet high table in new and more inventive avatars. Arora, for instance, is trying out a malt caramel softy and plans to play with the tanginess of Japanese miso paste.

Nostalgia plays a huge part in keeping softy love alive, says Chaitanya Muppala, founder of Hyderabad-based craft chocolate company Manam Chocolate. "We didn't grow up with gelatos or sorbets. But as a nineties kid, the

soft serve was this magical treat which swirled into a cone from a rattling machine. We really wanted to bring it back in a new avatar, especially since it had almost disappeared from the scene." The company started serving the softy from the day it launched operations in August.

Their prized serve is the creamy Chakkarakali banana, an Andhra variety that is brought in from farms. To cut the sweetness, it is paired with 60% dark chocolate and topped with freeze-dried raspberries. "It's so popular that we play Russian roulette with it. Our customers don't know if it will be there every day, so they are forced to keep coming in to check," says Muppala. Other seasonal delights on the menu are a creamy mango softy serve with fresh Himayat and Pedda Rasalu mangoes served in whole wheat waffle cones and millet cups. Toppings include almond batons, Kashmiri walnuts, mango-ginger pâte de fruits, caramelized pecans and cacao nibs.

"Our taps have single origin milk and dark chocolate for the softy to be dunked into," adds Muppala. They are launching an avocado softy serve soon.

Think rasmalai soft serve made with mini rasmalais; black sesame soft serve inspired by winter gajak; and even a rabri soft serve with jalebi.

"I remembered seeing kulfi hand-churned in Lucknow and Kanpur. As the soft-serve machine mimics traditional hand churning, we started having fun with our soft serve flavours," says chef and 'chief mithaiwala' Girish Nayak. Their nolen gur softy serve has palm jaggery and mishti doi served with tiny balls of nolen gur rasgulla. There's also a rose and watermelon one inspired by Mohabbat Ka Sharbat from the thelas of Old Delhi, and a Pallonji soda-inspired raspberry one. For Holi and Ganesh Chaturthi, they have the thandai softy serve (with rabri and pistachios, topped with gulkand) and the puran poli softy serve (with puran poli crisps and a spiced jaggery sauce).

The 2,000-sq-ft Soft Serve Co. in Alwarpet, Chennai even serves softy inside bambolini and brioche-style donuts, croissants

and fries topped with truffle oil. The ice cream shop started by restaurateur Anuj Rajasekaran two years ago is already getting offers for branches in other cities. "For me, ice cream in Chennai only meant softy throughout childhood. This was long before McDonald's," he says. Rajasekaran has made soft serves out of sorbets and frozen yoghurt, matcha tea with boba pearls, mascarpone and peanut butter.

"But the bestseller is the cereal milk softy serve. Remember the soggy leftovers after you finish a bowl of cereal with milk? That's what it tastes like."

What about dairy-free options? Sarah Nicole Edwards, a certified health coach and plant-based recipe developer, has been curating monthly garden pop-ups of oat milk softy serves at her Bengaluru café Cloves + Copper for a while now. She rents a large softy machine and keeps a make-your-own-sundae format. "A company called Oat Milk gives us powdered oat milk mixed with all-natural sugar and vanilla. Our toppings range from chocolate and jaggery caramel sauce to coconut sugar, strawberry and mango compotes, and homemade granola. It's crazy popular, with long queues," she says.

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Hope CEO story changes. Want to show that working moms can rise to the top

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CEO, reality show judge, mom — which is the toughest role you play?
 I think the toughest role is to do the mix and retain your sanity and make sure that you have enough time for yourself, your mind, body and your own recovery. Individually, each of the roles is tough some days, rewarding some days. But the aggregate is far more rewarding than tough. There's nothing to complain about.

Most women cut back on work after giving birth, but you have taken on more. How do you manage?
 A few things have helped. One, I have tried not to let fear overcome my decisions. From the day you are pregnant, people say so many things like you can't travel and so on. It is easy to get gripped by fear and once that happens, it is a vicious cycle. I have never had all the answers, but I had confidence that I will find answers. Two, I have been privileged and I have also consciously invested in a support system. When I was taking on Shark Tank shortly after I delivered, my mom told me to not give up any growth or any opportunity just because I have a kid. My father used to rarely visit me for prolonged periods, but now if we are travelling, he comes for a week and stays with my son. My husband (Nalin Moniz, Edelweiss chief investment officer-Alternate Equity) has been amazingly supportive too. He handles everything from diaper duty to reading books to feeding Remy. We are an equal household, and it can't work any other way. Women should create a support system and a back-up support system for themselves. You need a team to be able to do this. Lastly, it is important to raise your hand and ask for help. I keep telling women, you don't have to do everything alone. Don't fall for these super wife, super mother ads that keep showing up every Mother's Day. You're not super at everything. Just ask for help.

A mother doesn't need six months of maternity leave from an organisation. She needs five years of flexibility, trust and understanding

A lot of women downsize or quit their career after having a child. Edelweiss Mutual Fund CEO **Radhika Gupta** has taken on more roles, including that of a Shark Tank judge, since the birth of her son Remy two years ago. She spoke to **Neha Bhayana** about work-life balance, the importance of me-time for moms and coping with bullying

You posted that work-life balance is a "beautiful chaos". How do you ensure it stays beautiful and does not become stressful?
 Having a sense of gratitude really helps. This is a value that I want to teach my son too. We are fortunate to be born into the country we are in. We are fortunate to live the lives we live. So, if I'm at the club with my son and we are going down a slide, I just feel very happy about it. I'm like this is so cool that I get this time with him while being able to be CEO. Constantly being thankful helps you make the chaos feel beautiful. Constantly finding time for yourself to do things that you like, eat things that you like and rejuvenating yourself also makes the chaos beautiful.

Do you have a dedicated me-time in your daily schedule?
 I don't have a dedicated me-time because I struggle with the idea of doing everything every day. I work in financial markets so there can be a day where market events take over and there will be no me-time or family time. And there may be a day when family takes all the time. So, my days are not perfectly balanced. But if you ask me, on an average there is any me-time? There absolutely is. I have a strong sense of priorities which I have only sharpened after being a parent. In fact, I write them down. My weekends are either devoted to my son or devoted to refreshing myself. I read books, poetry, sleep and just replenish my body. I'm part of a chief executives group called Young Presidents' Organisation so I go on a few solo trips every year even after becoming a mom. One trip is coming up soon. So, that's also re-energising time.

Raising kids can be very expensive. How can parents financially prepare to deal with the costs, especially of higher education?
 Plan in advance. I think higher education, whether in India or overseas, is crazy expensive. Of course, everybody has different levels of affordability. With my son, we started making a contri-

but for his higher education from both his parents' salary when he was just one or two months old. We have a SIP and a mutual fund portfolio for him. When you plan early, the burden is a lot lighter. You have time to build that equity corpus.

What's your message for bosses who think a woman with child is less suitable for a job compared to one without a child? How can we break the bias?
 It drives me crazy (to think of the bias). I have been very fortunate. I had a boss who, when I was going on maternity leave, told me: "Go, enjoy having your baby. I promise you, motherhood will make you a better leader." So many women tell me they wish they had a boss like that. I genuinely believe that parenthood, not just motherhood, actually makes you a better leader. It teaches you the value of empathy. It teaches you to communicate better. When you have something to go home to, you come back to work refreshed. Effective leaders and effective people at the workplace are not about the hours that they work, it is about the energy they bring to work. I wish people would see that. I have had many women employees. We just hired a mom in

our Mumbai sales team. She has resumed after a few years off and the team says she makes the least excuses about having to tend to her kid, something people assume would happen when they hire a woman with a kid. If I were to take a day off to take care of my kid, I would compensate ten times. A mother doesn't need six months of maternity leave from an organisation. She needs five years of flexibility, trust and understanding.

We have few women CEOs in our country and even fewer mom CEOs... Yeah, it's unfortunate. When I was pregnant, I was on a hunt for pregnant CEOs, and I didn't find any examples. I think one hears of some pregnant entrepreneurs though. As an entrepreneur, at least you have a little more control over your schedule. As CEO, you have a lot of external accountability. I hope the mom CEO story changes. I hope people are more open to talking about how work and family can go together. One of the reasons I write about this on social media is because I want to show that it's possible. So many girls approach me at airports and tell me that they read my post about getting back to work or saw me go down the slide with my son. I'm just embracing the fact that it's okay, that you can be a well-performing CEO and also a mother

parents raise their children to be kind and respect differences?
 This is going to be something I have to learn, but I think we just have to raise kids to not be mean people. I do believe society is getting a lot meaner and social media is making us meaner. Raising your child in a community that is diverse is important. For instance, my son plays with everyone around, including all the help. Raising someone to respect a diverse set of people (socio-economically, professionally, culturally) is important. We are a multicultural family. My husband and I celebrate both Diwali and Christmas. Just raising your child in an environment of differences should, hopefully, make them less judgmental and more accepting of differences. It's really sad. My son was a plump boy when he was born. So, already they start talking about how this one's too thin, this one's too fat. I'm like please let them be. Kids can be chubby, they can be thin, it doesn't matter. Don't rate them in percentage and thin and fat. We have to

Working moms are always asked how they juggle career and child. Men are rarely asked this question. Please share your views on this dichotomy.
 It's hilarious. You know, I have always detested the word mother-toddler classes. When we enrolled my son for parent-toddler at play school, my husband went to as many, if not more, sessions than I did. People also assume there are only mothers on school WhatsApp groups. On one such group, my husband was the only father and then someone said something and later apologised to him. In fact, it's funny that when a father today becomes a little involved, everyone's like, "Wow, he's such a hands-on father." I've rarely heard anyone ask a woman if she is a hands-on mother? If you're not a hands-on mother, people will think you're a bad mother. When young women approach me, they don't ask me for career advice. The most common question is: "What kind of guy should I marry?" I really believe one should marry someone who promises to be an equal partner in parenting.

You faced seven job rejections at the beginning of your career and that led you to depression. Do you think parents and society put too much pressure on children to succeed?
 I didn't have parents who put pressure on me. Most of my pressure was self-inflicted. Today, there's more parental pressure on children and there's also self-inflicted pressure. Parents almost want to live their own dream through their kid. It's become a big deal whether you go to Harvard or Stanford. I

I am a believer in planning. We have a SIP and a mutual fund portfolio for our two-year-old. Both of us started making a contribution for his higher education from our salaries when he was just one or two months old

You've said that today's youth are depressed because they're trying to look cool on Instagram. How can we teach our kids to keep it real?
 Instagram is not reality. I am not saying that you have to quit social media. I am a big proponent of social media. People know me because of social media and I get a lot of love on those platforms and it's great for business too. It is fine for kids to be on social media in this digital age, but there has to be a balance between the life we live in the online and offline world. We need to strike the right balance. We have to make our children spend time in the offline world. I met Javed Akhtar recently and he told me that someone asked him why today's kids don't read as much and why they don't enjoy literature. He pointed out that the conversations we have at home are either about business or Netflix. How many times do we talk about how many novels we have read or the last concert we attended? Children learn by osmosis. Giving a picture of the real world is important. Since my son was three months old, my husband has been reading books to us every night and says, "book, book, read book". It's a routine. I also send my son down to play every day.

You were born with a broken neck and faced a lot of bullying growing up because of your neck tilt. Children can be insensitive, often unknowingly, to someone who looks different. How can



These doodle daddies draw on their parenting journey

The memorable 'Dennis the Menace' was inspired by creator Henry Ketcham's little boy. Like him, several Indian artists and animators are spinning their kids' cute capers and missteps into sketches and comic strips

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If Henry King Ketcham hadn't thought of turning his four-year-old son's wondrous capers into a cartoon strip back in 1950 — despite his wife's declaration, "Your son is a menace!" — generations of kids would have been bereft of the sheer magic of 'Dennis the Menace'. Like him, several comic artists around the world have turned to their parenting journeys for inspiration. In India too, new-age artist dads are creating web comic series and sketches out of their more hands-on parenting struggles and joys. It's a great way to build special bonds, says Mumbai-based animation filmmaker Sangram Borse who started his comic series 'Ruhi and her Gigi' on Instagram while on a trip away from his six-month-old daughter. "I was missing Ruhi and drew a comic for her. Then I thought, why not make it a series? These are Ruhi's adventures with her very first toy, 'Gigi'. It's the perfect way to capture our precious moments together, giving her a cherished keepsake to look back on as she grows up," says Borse, co-founder of Regh Animation Studios who has worked with Disney TV and Warner Bros. Ruhi is now three, but every week, Borse sketches a new comic on lived experiences with his daughter such as their first bike ride together or even the endless sleepless nights she's given them when she was a baby. He plans to turn them into an animated series eventually. "Drawing needs a lot of patience and daily practice, much like striving to be a better father. I improve at both little by little every day," he says.

Vivekananda Roy Ghatak, Bengaluru-based work-from-home dad and chief creative officer at Bakarmax animation studios, has launched a weekly comic series on Instagram called 'Orin the Parent Tamer' which he plans to turn into a graphic novel. These are tongue-in-cheek snippets about his nine-year-old son Orinjoy's shenanigans. Orin calls his dad Kokobaba and was four or five when Ghatak started these comics. "The stories are based on actual incidents creatively re-told for a comic format where, more often than not, Orin has the last laugh. In the stories, you will find the many 21st century parenting strategies we have tried (note: tried) — like 'time-outs', 'consequential reasoning' or using more reason than discipline — without much success," says Ghatak, who has directed over 30 short films for 'Galli Galli Sim Sim', the Indian version of American TV educational show for kids 'Sesame Street'. Ghatak believes we tend to downplay our own unique and humorous takes on parenting, thinking they won't be relevant for others. "But with people messaging for these stories every week, I realised parenting and childhood are universal themes everyone will relate to. The series is a great way of documenting Orin's childhood rather than millions of pictures and videos we keep taking blindly," he says. IIT Hyderabad design professor Delwyn Jude Remedios is an ardent admirer of Calvin and Hobbes, the 1985 comic strip by Bill Watterson about a six-year-old boy's adventures with his stuffed



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tiger that still holds the world in thrall. Remedios' Instagram series, 'Shayne's world', began as a doodle at the office desk eight years ago, when his son was just a year old. "My office had limited stationery, so I grabbed a pencil,

there was a sizeable collection on Shayne's daily adventures. "Once he started talking, the mispronunciations, jokes and questions also increased, and the series turned into a web comic. Till Shayne was seven, I drew them almost daily. In Nov 2023, with my younger son Anit's arrival, the comics began once again. Now it's 'Anit and Shayne's World,'" he says.

The series made Remedios more perceptive to key moments in Shayne's growth. "Children grow up too fast. I get inspired by their simple joys. The comic is a mirror to these moments through the lens of a father," he adds. In a technology-driven world, Remedios is glad to be able to show Shayne the possibilities that a pencil, paper and a little bit of imagination can unfold.

Manpal Setia, dean of Chitkara Design School in Punjab, has a Facebook series titled 'Sandy and Divya stories' that features his extended family of canines as well. "Anhad (now nine) was three months old when I introduced him in the series. Now, he has started communicating with us through drawings, whether it's a sorry card or a compliment. Both of us make cards for our dads on Father's Day," says the proud daddy whose all-time favourite comic is Garfield by Jim Davis.

With more than 300 comic strips, Setia is compiling them into a book. "These comics show we are not just father and son but also have a bro code — teaming up in trouble; making food together; having story sessions; him begging for screen time and me giving him odd jobs instead. It's a never-ending rollercoaster ride!"



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These comics show we are not just father and son but also have a bro code — teaming up in trouble; making food together; having story sessions; him begging for screen time and me giving him odd jobs instead. It's a never-ending rollercoaster ride!
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For world-class firms, is India going Korea way?



SUNNY OUTLOOK: A field of solar panels at an Adani energy park. The company wants to be a world leader in renewables while Tata is eyeing the global EV market

SWAMINOMICS



SWAMINATHAN S ANKLESARIA AIYAR

Without any announcement or perhaps even a plan, the govt seems to be creating an Indian version of the Japanese zaibatsu and Korean chaebol — giant conglomerates supported by the state to create national champions that can take on western corporate giants.

The zaibatsu were corporate families that in 1900-1940 converted a once-backward country into a global power that could fight the UK and US in World War II. The zaibatsu were supported by state subsidies and monopolies. They gave kickbacks, leading to charges of crony capitalism. Dismantled by the US occupying forces after WW-II, they re-appeared in new avatars, and spearheaded Japan's industrial rise from 1950 to 1990.

Korea industrialised rapidly from 1960 onwards. As in Japan, govt backed conglomerates called 'chaebol' such as Hyundai, Daewoo, Samsung and Lucky Goldstar Daewoo went bust but the others became world class. They too were called crony capitalists. The chaebol, like the zaibatsu, were successful examples of what is now called 'industrial policy' — govt support through subsidies and other favours to help create national champions.

India appears to be moving in a similar direction. It now has a corporate Big Three — Tata, Ambani, and Adani — well ahead of the rest. The next tier is headed by Kumar Birla, accompanied by Sajjan Jindal (JSW), Sunil Mittal (Bharti Airtel), and Anil Agarwal (Vedanta).

Rahul Gandhi accuses the govt of giving them favours for money. He seems to think one can become a top industrialist by buying favours. No, India is an extremely competitive place where the biggest groups of yesteryear have been laid low despite their historic links with top politicians. Where are Hindustan Motors (CK Birla group), Premier Automobiles (Walchand), JK Synthetics (Singhania sub-group), the Thapars or DCM today? Alas, their historical supremacy was not matched by their ability to compete.

All industrialists make political contributions, lobby for favours, and get some rewards. But without enterprise and high efficiency, they wither in the face of competition engendered by globalisation and new upstarts. In the licence-permit raj till 1989, anybody who got an industrial licence could mint money in monopolistic conditions. Today licences have been abolished and competition has killed many big names of yore.

Rahul Gandhi accuses Anil Ambani of being a beneficiary of crony capitalism, a charge the latter strongly denies, pointing out that the group bagged big projects when UPA was in office. Yet Anil Ambani, who was once on the global rich list, went virtually bust while his brother Mukesh soared sky high. One was competitive and the other was not. Favours did not matter.

Like Japan's zaibatsu or Korea's chaebol, India's Big Three are conglomerates operating in several fields. In the West, the track record of conglomerates is poor. But in developing countries, good management is a scarce resource. Groups that have it can expand successfully into a huge variety of new sectors. Tata is in IT, steel, autos, power, chemicals and electronics. Adani has diversified from ports into power, cement, airports, solar parks and equipment. Rahul Gandhi says he got favours. But that alone cannot explain his meteoric rise, just as favours alone did not explain the success of Mitsubishi or Hyundai.

To promote manufacturing, BJP govt launched a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme. Its big success has been in attracting Apple for cellphones, with Google Pixel likely to follow. But this may not thrill the RSS: it wants national champions, not MNCs. The problem till recently was that Indian companies were good enough for middling technology but lacked the skills and capital to become world class.

That is finally changing. Govt is building on this by helping the top conglomerates to become world-class national champions. In green hydrogen, a cutting-edge area, the govt is backing Reliance Industries and Adani with PLIs to become world leaders. It offers subsidies of up to 70% for chip fabrication (fabs). Tata will launch the first fab in Dholera, Gujarat. Adani plans to be in the entire value chain from solar equipment to solar parks, becoming a world renewable leader. Tata plans to become a world leader in electric vehicles, and Ambani in telecom. Bharti Airtel is already a major telecom operator in Africa.

Defence has been opened to the private sector. Tata is at the forefront of defence aeronautics. A Reliance subsidiary has showcased software for drones and aircraft design. Adani is building a missile plant in Telangana and plans to make drones too.

Adani is India's top port operator. He is instrumental in helping India compete with Chinese port expansion in Asia, by building ports and terminals abroad in Haifa and Colombo.

Space has been opened to private companies including foreign ones. But rather than letting Tesla's Starlink dominate satellite telephony, both Reliance Jio (Ambani) and Bharti Airtel plan to give it competition and will get all the support they need.

China, Korea and Japan have always been admired for creating national champions. Atmanirbhar (self-reliance) is evolving into chaebolisation. Whether it will succeed is an open question. But the attempt seems to be on. ■

How will cities find a solution if they don't even count heat wave deaths?

Heat waves are becoming deadlier, with India recording over 100 deaths and 40,000 suspected heat stroke cases since March. But these numbers do not tell the whole story, says **Dileep Mavalankar**, the man who played a key role in formulating India's first Heat Action Plan (HAP) for Ahmedabad in 2013. The former director of Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar talks to **Ketaki Desai** about why govts need to wake up

■ Tell us about Ahmedabad's HAP. How did it come about?
The first step was to analyse temperature and co-relate it with the all-cause mortality data (total number of deaths happening in Ahmedabad every day). In the 2010 heat wave, 800 additional deaths were registered in one week. Ahmedabad usually has 100 all-cause deaths

in May. But that year it was 47 degrees one day, and 310 people died. We looked at 15 years of daily mortality during summer at different temperatures to decide on three threshold points at which mortality and temperature were increasing—41 degrees (yellow alert), 43 degrees (orange alert), and 45 degrees (red alert). There were four major HAP components: early warning and inter-agency coordination; public awareness and community mobilisation; medical and para-medical systems; reducing exposure and long-term actions. After each season, we did a review to see what worked and what didn't. After two-three years of implementation, we found that mortality at peak heat time reduced by 30-40% after the HAP.

■ More than a decade on, why do only a few Indian cities have HAPs? With historic high temperatures, shouldn't the capital do so?

If Delhi looked at what's happening to its all-cause mortality, it would wake up to take some serious action. Instead, they are trying to hide data. We've requested for data from Delhi and other cities several times. Cities

like Nagpur, Bhubaneswar, and Surat are doing it. But there is no national mandate, either from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) or urban development or the health ministries. In the last few years, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) created an online health reporting system to capture data from hospitals. But we need to do this from cities since not all deaths happen in hospitals, and not all hospitals are reporting. When we looked at five hospitals in Ahmedabad, we saw only around 76 people had died of heat stroke whereas our data showed 800 excess deaths as compared to average mortality of that period.

■ What do you make of this year's heat stroke and fatality numbers?

They have given the number of 40,000 heat stroke cases. If there were 110 deaths, that's a mortality rate of about 0.3%. But if you look at heat stroke mortality ordinarily, it's 20-30%. So, either these 40,000 are not really heat stroke cases or the mortality is under-reported. That's why all-cause mortality is the best indicator. If there is no other explanation besides heat (no epidemic or major disaster), then those are likely to be heat-related excess deaths. This also depends on doctors recording the cause of death, which does not always happen. In 1660s London, there was a system developed during the plague to do mortality analysis and print it. If

London could do it 300 years ago, how come Delhi isn't doing it? Public health agencies, national and international, are not insisting, nor is the home ministry which registers the deaths. If a person dies in a smart city and we don't know why, what kind of smart city is it? If you don't accept the problem, how will you find the solution?

■ What should the govt be doing to better prepare ordinary citizens for extreme weather conditions?

In March, the IMD website had said a heat wave was coming. After that, I have only seen a few ads from the govt this whole season. If the govt is not advertising, how will people know what to do? We've been breaking heat records every year since 2022. Unless we take action now, it will only get worse. This is a wake-up call.

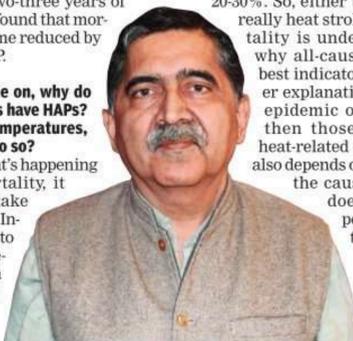
■ What can other Indian cities learn from the Ahmedabad model?

A blueprint is ready. What we need is to act immediately to raise awareness among citizens. We had thought heat islands in the city centre only have a 5-6 degree difference but a recent World Bank study in South Africa shows a 16 degree difference between richer and poorer communities. We must do such studies. Besides, each city, state, and country should have a chief heat officer to coordinate all govt and stakeholder action.

■ In India, heat waves have only highlighted inequalities between the rich and the less privileged. How can such disparities be reduced?

People who are richer, who can afford ACs and have the luxury of not going to work outside in this heat will be okay. But the more ACs we put, temperatures will rise further. Poor people will be worse off. One suggestion is to have an overall plan and, within it, focus on vulnerable sections. If someone lives in a slum in Delhi and works outdoors, the HAP is not going to change his job or give him money. Ahmedabad has tried something called parametric insurance. If the temperature goes above a certain point for more than 7 days in a season, each person will be paid Rs 2,000 as compensation because they cannot work. Water is the other most important thing; the poor are not getting it in places like Delhi. Modi as CM had developed Gujarat's first climate change department, but not much is happening at the national level.

FOR THE RECORD



NET is far from perfect but its cancellation matters more than you think

BY INVITATION



RITUPARNA PATGIRI

As soon as news spread that the 2024 UGC-NET exam had been cancelled by the ministry of education, affected students, teachers and others started a tweetstorm about how unfair this decision was. The exam was held on June 18 in two shifts, with the afternoon one ending at 6 pm. The very next day at 10 pm, cancellation was announced. In fact, after taking the exams, many complained about the format—multiple choice questions (MCQs) that don't really test teaching and research aptitudes—and framing of questions along with poor infrastructural facilities such as lack of clean toilets and disabled access at centres. There were also complaints about the high registration fee which ranged from Rs 350-1,150 depending on one's location. Little wonder that after bearing with all this, and sitting for exams in the intense heat, there was so much anger among students.

A lot has been already said about the disadvantages of a centralised exam as well as using a MCQ-based test, so I am not dwelling much on those. But in the backdrop of the cancellation, let's unpack what it means for the future of higher education, particularly humanities and social sciences in India.

PhD admissions delayed: In March 2024, the National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts the exam, stated that the NET score would be combined with the marks obtained in the interview for admission to PhD programs. This means that these admissions will be now delayed for institutions that planned to use NET scores. These include JNU, University of Delhi and University of Hyderabad.

Foreign-degree premium: Exam cancellation sends a message that the Indian higher education system is untrustworthy. Students will take it as a sign to pursue their PhD degrees outside India, especially in Europe and the US. But this can be done only by a privileged group of people. It is not easy to get admission into a PhD program abroad, especially for those with



DEGREE OF BIAS: Many will go abroad for PhD but what of those who can't afford to?

limited access to both money and information. What this does is create a distinction between those who have a degree from abroad and the ones who pursue a PhD within the country. People with PhD degrees from abroad can be favoured when

it comes to hiring. This distinction already exists, as one can see from the profiles of recent recruits in several private universities. There is a clear preference for those with foreign degrees among private universities, especially 'white degrees'. This particularly affects students from marginalised sections. Clearing the NET exam and pursuing a PhD in India at a public university is the only choice that many have.

Marriage pressure increases: There are other associated fallout. The Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)—which students can avail after clearing UGC-NET to fund their PhDs—has an age limit of 30. So this loss of time can affect students' chances of obtaining JRF if they are closer to the age limit. For women candidates, the cancellation has additional ramifications. As a woman enters her twenties in India, there is pressure to get married. Clearing NET and getting into a PhD program is for many a way to delay marriage. Obtaining a JRF ensures financial security and further enables women to negotiate with their families. This is especially true for women from low-income families. Since NET

is the minimum eligibility criterion for getting a teaching position, it also pushes people out of the job market. Cancellation of the exam means further delay in rescheduling, result declaration and disbursement of certificates.

Setback for humanities and social sciences: This compromising situation is one more attack on humanities and social sciences—a global trend at the moment. Humanities and social sciences have been hit with fund cuts, closure of departments, job precarity and politicisation of educational spaces. Cancellation of the exam and the heightened uncertainty around it further propagates the view that it is futile to pursue higher degrees in these disciplines.

Like many others, I don't think the NET exam is a good test of one's teaching and research aptitudes. But in a country where selections can be marred by social biases, it at least creates a pretence of objectivity. For the exam itself to be cancelled is not a good sign for the Indian higher educational system. It is a direct blow to student aspirations. ■

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Right Melodi: Italian PM marries strategy and selfie diplomacy

POLITICALLY INCORRECT



SHOBHAA DE

Giorgia Meloni, the 47-year-old first female prime minister of Italy (so much catching up to do with India), was indisputably the prima donna of the recent G7 summit. Dressed in a pink trouser suit, the tough-talking, hard-nosed politician effortlessly held her own with seven men while gamely smiling through photo ops. But what grabbed maximum eyeballs was Meloni's upbeat selfie on Instagram with the special invitee to the 50th summit — our very own Narendra Modi. "Hello from the Melodi team," posted a grinning Giorgia. And a meme fest broke out. Ooh, their chemistry, swooned admirers. Aah, their camaraderie! Ciao, bella!

The obvious bonhomie between the Jodi No 1 is not new. Meloni and Modi had struck a great rapport from the time they first interacted in Delhi, then Dubai. The latest selfie sealed the pact between two strong-willed global leaders. Meloni, who recently got a big boost after her far-right party won European elections in Italy with a whopping 28% of votes, chose to share the spotlight with the newly minted third-time prime minister of a burgeoning democracy. Never mind the lower numbers, Modi is still the bossman. And Italy has serious business to further with India — telecom, critical minerals, AI, defence, and energy. The Indo-Italian strategic partnership cannot be ignored. And the power of digital diplomacy, via the Melodi selfie, was shrewdly harnessed to add heft to the mutually beneficial alliance.

Meloni, who joined active politics at 15, may have been called '4th Most Powerful Woman in the World' by Forbes, and featured on Time magazine's most influential list but her ultra-conservative views have also got her labelled as 'xenophobic' and 'heartless'. Meloni has frequently opposed same sex marriage, euthanasia and favoured a naval blockade to halt immigration. At G7, she had the reference to 'safe and legal' abortion watered down.

Critics have often pointed out the many contradictions between her stated beliefs and personal life. Take her famous quote: "I am Giorgia, I'm a woman, I'm a mother, I'm Italian, I'm Christian." As a mother to a young child whose father (flamboyant journalist Andrea

Giambro) is described as a partner (now an ex-), critics questioned her double standards. Her political party, Brothers of Italy (why not sisters?), won back favour during Covid times thanks to efficient management, despite the uncomfortable neo-fascist undertones of her party's slogan, 'God, Fatherland, Family.' Leading American newspapers like The New York Times have run headlines saying that the 'Far Right wants to take over.' And Meloni is leading the way.

At the moment, however, Meloni is being hailed as kingmaker of the EU and a giant among the G7's political dwarfs. There were also snide references to 'Meloni and the six lame ducks' as, one by one, the other leaders (from Macron to Trudeau) were shown their place in the pecking order. Since her election as Italy's PM in late 2022, Meloni has surprised everyone with her pragmatism. She is also given credit for being a skillful negotiator and a diplomatic strategist par excellence.

Europe is clearly experiencing a 'Meloni Moment' as Fareed Zakaria gushingly declared, while comparing Meloni to Angela Merkel. Hardly a fair comparison. Merkel was 'one of the guys', just smarter. Meloni's body language and style ensure she will never be mistaken for one of the guys. This makes her a major game changer in the European political arena where a not-so-cosy Old Boys' Club has been in operation for the longest time. She, along with France's Marine Le Pen, are leading a rightward swing in the EU

bloc. Meloni has made it clear — she is no decorative prop in Armani suits — she is boss lady.

Her male counterparts are scratching their heads, wondering how to deal with Giorgia. For starters, Rishi Sunak needs to up his muah-muah game! He appeared so gauche when attempting a badly timed second kiss on Giorgia's cheek. The gang of seven this year were beset by their own domestic travails, struggling with shaky economies and dented personal images. As for Meloni, she made it as much 'India's Moment' as hers. And yes, her namaste, which also went viral, was no accident! India is clearly on top of Ms. Meloni's agenda. And all things Italian are on India's priority list as well now that Italy is no longer seen as Sonia Gandhi's personal domain.

Time to remind Giorgia about her old quote: "If I were British, I would be a Tory." Cut to 2024: "And if you were Indian, you would be...?" ■



CAIO BELLA: At the G7 summit, Meloni showed that she is no decorative prop in Armani suits, she is boss lady

INBOX

Naidu and Nitish Kumar need BJP too

This refers to 'It's time to...' (ATM, June 16). Although BJP needs Nitish and Naidu as crutches, it is still the single largest party in Lok Sabha. To expect that uncertainties of a coalition government will rock this govt, is to delude oneself. Also, it is advantageous for Nitish and Naidu to continue their support, while getting reciprocal benefits for their states. Having said this, the invincible aura of Modi has been dented. No more 'my way or the highway' now.

—Vijai Pant, Hempur

Bipartisanship debate

Apropos of 'Oppn can learn...' (ATM, June 16), while Swapan Dasgupta is all praise for Patnaik's bipartisan values, he can't expect the same from opposition parties whose primary role is to raise issues of national importance. Their protest against Adani's alleged irregularities, or demand for an enquiry into stock market surge is not bipartisan behaviour. Bipartisanship should not come at the cost of effective governance and democracy.

—Rakhi Banerjee, Kolkata

Fix entrance exams

Suggestions made in 'NEET controversy...' (ATM, June 16) are important. Human resource development will be achieved in a real sense only if we study the way UPSC, GATE exams are conducted. Additionally, the mass level exam pattern of US and China could be analysed and implemented.

—Vishal Banswal, Aurangabad

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Heli-buckets and tankers in hills, but the fault is not in our clouds

BY INVITATION



MOHIT SATYANAND

At 7 am last Saturday, the helicopter was thrumming in the hazy sky, towing its red 'belly bucket' to the Binsar forest. The sorties had begun two days ago, the chopper scooping up water from Bhimtal lake, 45 km to the south, and dumping it on the raging fire in the Binsar sanctuary.

Water is scarce on the Binsar ridge, but even if that were not so, once a forest fire goes out of control, vast tracts of terrain cannot be approached by land. Four forest guards died after the winds picked up pace and engulfed their vehicle. A fifth forest watcher who had 70% burns was airlifted to AIIMS Delhi but passed away in hospital.

A day later, the skies are silent, so presumably the Binsar fire has been put out, but the Kumaon skies are heavy with smoke, the slopes hot and dry, and the hillsides busy with the transport of water. At a roadside hand pump, a knot of villagers looks up at the helicopter and speculates about the amount of water it is carrying.

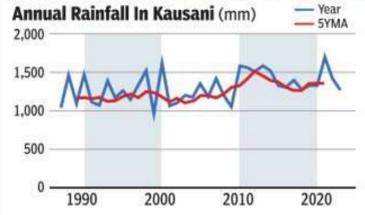
"Ten thousand litres," one uncle says quite confidently.

"Ten thousand litres," an army man on home leave echoes that afternoon, when I was having a flat tyre fixed.

"That's a lot of water to carry", I venture.

"It's a huge helicopter, the Mi-17", he replies. It is, but even so, the Mi-17 can't carry more than 4,000 kgs of load, Wikipedia informs me. Allowing for the weight of the pilot and crew, the maximum amount of water it could carry would be about 3,000 kg, which is also 3,000 litres. Burning aviation fuel at the rate of four litres a kilometre, chugging a 100 km for every round trip from Bhimtal to Binsar and back, a helicopter is about the most expensive way to ferry water.

Not that cost should be a major consideration when fighting a raging forest fire. But in the daily life of a hillside, water economics must be upfront. Cycling down to the stream at the bottom of our valley last week, I reckoned that one in every two vehicles I crossed was ferrying water. One was a dedicated tanker being plied by the local govt; the others were pick-up trucks with plastic tanks spilling water as they groaned up the steep, winding road. Most settlements now boast a hand pump, but where homes are more isolated, women and children trudge to the nearest *strot*, or water source, battered plastic cans in hand.



ing concrete cluster of hotels on the ridge, with the price of diesel burnt to bring the water up the hill. There is an irony of physics here: rainwater runs down the hill in the monsoons, some of it getting stored in underground aquifers, but most of it surges down to the plains in the muddy eddies of seasonal streams. But we fail to store it when it falls, even though rainwater harvesting is not exactly rocket science. And when the rains are slow to arrive, as they have been this year, we scurry down the hill, to find the remnants of last year's rainfall in the stagnant pools of the tiny Suyal river; as if it never rained where we lived, as if water originated in the river below, rather than in the skies above.

As a footnote, I know some people might respond by saying that I am not taking drought into account, the possibility that we receive less rain than we did in better times. Well, I checked that, thanks to the daily rainfall data that hobby meteorologist David Hopkins has recorded since 1987, at Kausani, on a ridge to the north of us, but very much in the same meteorological zone. The graph above shows annual rainfall since then, along with a five-year moving average, '5YMA'. Annual rainfall was flat, averaging about 1150 mm a year for about two decades till 2005, then perked up to almost 1500 mm, and is now running at 1350 mm a year.

If we are running short of water on our hillsides, the fault is not in our clouds, but in ourselves, that we can invest in marble bathrooms and velvet bedspreads, but not in water storage. ■

Satyanand is an entrepreneur and investor

Outrage as UK politician says West provoked Ukraine war

Playing It Into Putin's Hands: Sunak

London: Nigel Farage, leader of Britain's anti-immigration Reform UK party, faced strong criticism Saturday after saying that the West provoked Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In an interview with the BBC on Friday, Farage said "we've provoked this war", while adding that "of course" it was Russian president Vladimir Putin's "fault".

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak told reporters that Farage's claim was "completely wrong and only plays into Putin's hands", likening the comments to "appeasement". Labour leader Keir Starmer, who looks set to take Sunak's job after an election next month, said Farage's comments were "disgraceful". "Anyone who is standing



Anya, daughter of Vladyslav Korniychuk, a Ukrainian serviceman who died in action, mourns on his grave at Lychakiv cemetery on the Day of Mourning and Remembrance of the Victims of War in Lviv on Saturday

for parliament ought to be really clear that Russia is the aggressor", he told reporters on the campaign trail.

Farage — a former European Union parliamentarian who has tried and failed to run for the UK parliament seven times — is seeking a seat from Clacton in east England in a general election next month.

His party is polling third behind the ruling Conservatives and opposition Labour parties, and is predicted to pick up a few seats. A surge of popularity for Reform UK since Farage took over as leader this month risks drawing away votes that the Conservatives sorely need to win a fifth term in power. AFP

Three killed as Russia targets power facilities

Kyiv: At least three people were killed in a Russian bomb attack on Ukraine's second city, Kharkiv, on Saturday afternoon, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said.

Kremlin forces struck a residential area of Kharkiv with glide bombs, hours after a missile and drone barrage directed at Ukraine's already gridlocked power system. Power grid equipment in the far western Lviv and southeastern Zaporizhzhia regions was hit by Russian air strikes.

Zelensky said Russia had deployed more than 2,400 guided bombs on Ukraine in June, with about 700 used on Kharkiv. He called on Western allies to deliver promised military aid packages without delay. BLOOMBERG, REUTERS

Probe into 1985 Kanishka bombing remains active & ongoing: Canada

Ottawa: Investigations into the bombing of the Air India Flight 182 remain "active and ongoing", the Canadian police have said, terming it the "longest" and one of the "most complex domestic terrorism" probe, ahead of the deadly bombing's 39th-anniversary memorial.

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

Royal Canadian Mounted Police assistant commissioner David Teboul said the impacts of the bombing "have not diminished with time". He said that the trauma it caused has impacted generations. "We must never forget those innocent lives lost to this tragedy and other acts of terrorism," he said. PTI

Eight from ship that crashed into Baltimore bridge leave for India

Washington: Eight Indian crew members of the cargo ship 'Dali' that crashed into a famed Baltimore bridge in March left for India on Friday after nearly three months on the mammoth vessel. According to Baltimore Maritime Exchange, four of the 21 crew members are still on board the 984-foot cargo ship MV Dali, which is tentatively scheduled to leave Friday evening for Norfolk, Virginia.

The rest of the crew has been moved to a service apartment in Baltimore and will remain there pending an investigation. Notably, 20 of the crew members were Indian nationals. They were on board the MV Dali Cargo, which struck the pillars of Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge resulting in its collapse and the death of six construction workers in the tragic incident. Dali will undergo repair at Norfolk.

The departure of eight Indian crew members including a cook, a fitter and seaman follows a deal approved by the judge. None of these are officers. The rest 13 would remain in the US, mainly because of the pending investigations. "They're anxious, under considerable stress considering they don't know the future.



The collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge near the cargo terminals of the Port of Baltimore

They don't know when they'll see their family again or how they'll be treated here," Rev Joshua Messick, director of the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center and chaplain for the Port of Baltimore told CNN.

None of the crew members have been charged in connection with the disaster. FBI and other federal agencies are conducting the investigations. PTI

39 killed in Israeli strikes across N Gaza

Deir al-Balah (Gaza Strip): At least 39 people were killed by Israeli air strikes across northern Gaza on Saturday, according to Palestinian and hospital officials.

Fadel Naem, director of the al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City, said more than three dozen bodies arrived at the hospital. The Palestinian Civil Defense, an emergency group active in Gaza, said it pulled approximately the same number of bodies from a building hit by an Israeli strike in an eastern neighbourhood of Gaza City.

Israel said Saturday that its fighter jets struck two Hamas military sites in the Ga-

An Israeli found dead in West Bank

An Israeli was shot dead in a Palestinian town in the northern West Bank Saturday morning, Israel's army said, while deadly strikes rocked northern Gaza. Israeli forces shot dead two militants in the same West Bank town on Friday. Violence has flared in the West Bank since the Israel-Hamas war erupted. AP

za City area but did not elaborate further. The deaths came a day after at least 25 people were killed in strikes. AP

Houthi target ship as Eisenhower leaves

Dubai: An attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted a commercial ship travelling through the Gulf of Aden but apparently caused no damage, authorities said Saturday, in the latest strike on the shipping lane by the group.

The Houthi attack comes after the sinking this week of the ship Tutor, which marked what appears to be a new escalation by the Iranian-backed Houthis in their campaign of strikes on ships in the vital maritime corridor over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, US officials reportedly ordered the USS Dwight D Eisenhower, the

aircraft carrier leading America's response to the Houthi attacks, to return home after a twice-extended tour.

The captain of the ship targeted late Friday saw "explosions in the vicinity of the vessel", the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre said. A later briefing by the US-overseen Joint Maritime Information Centre said the vessel reported two explosions off its port side and a third one later. "It was not hit and sustained no damage," the centre said. "The vessel and crew are reported to be safe and are proceeding to their next port of call." AP

US aircraft carrier arrives in S Korea for military drills

Seoul: A nuclear-powered US aircraft carrier, the Theodore Roosevelt, arrived in the South Korean port city of Busan on Saturday to take part in joint military exercises later this month with the host nation and Japan, naval officials said.

The leaders of the three countries agreed at a summit last August to hold annual military training drills as they sought to project unity in the face of China's growing power and nuclear threats from North Korea. This month's drills, called "Freedom Edge", will include maritime, anti-submarine warfare exercises and air defence. REUTERS

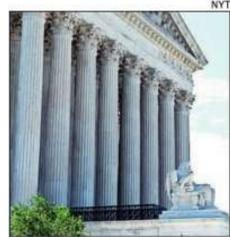
US top court upholds law that disarms domestic abusers

Washington: The US Supreme Court ruled Friday that the government can take guns away from people subject to restraining orders for domestic violence, limiting the sweep of a blockbuster decision in 2022 that had vastly expanded Second Amendment rights.

Indeed, Friday's decision amounted to a retreat from what had been an unbroken series of major rulings favouring gun rights that started in 2008, when the court first recognized an individual constitutional right to keep firearms in the home for self-defence.

In the 2022 decision, the court established a right to carry guns outside the home and announced a new test to assess all sorts of gun control laws, one that looked to historical practices to judge their constitutionality. That new test has sown confusion in the lower courts, with some judges striking down laws that had been on the books for decades.

The case decided Friday,



Justice Clarence Thomas, author of the majority opinion in the 2022 decision, New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen, was the only dissenter

United States v. Rahimi, asked whether a Texas man could be prosecuted under federal law making it a crime for people subject to domestic violence restraining orders to possess guns. Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority in the 8-1 decision, said the answer was yes and that Second Amendment rights have limits. NYT

Hindujas 'appalled' by jail term; file appeal

London: Britain's wealthiest family, the Hindujas, have said they are "appalled" by a Swiss court's ruling of jail terms for some members and have filed an appeal in a higher court challenging the verdict finding them guilty of exploiting domestic workers from India employed at their villa in Geneva.

A spokesperson for the affected family members, Kamal and Prakash Hinduja and their son Akash and his wife Namrata — who are all Swiss nationals, pointed out on Saturday that neither of them have been subjected to any "imprisonment, conviction, sentence or detention."

"Per Swiss law procedure, the lower court's judgement is rendered ineffective and inoperative as the presumption of innocence is paramount until and unless a final judgment by the highest adjudicating authority is enforced," the family's spokesperson said.

"It may be noted the case has no complainants left anymore and they had declared in the court that they were led into signing statements that they didn't understand. They had neither intended to nor initiated proceedings. All of them further testified that the four Hinduja family members treated them with 'respect, dignity and like family'," the spokesperson said.

Earlier on Friday, in a statement issued on behalf of the family stressed their clients had been acquitted of all human trafficking charges. They also dismissed media reports that any members of the family faced detention after court reports from Geneva said the four were sentenced to between four and four-and-a-half years in prison. PTI

Editor opts out of WaPo top job over UK phone tap link

Robert Winnett, the editor selected to run *The Washington Post*, will not take up that position, after reports raised questions about his ties to unethical news gathering practices in Britain.

Winnett will stay at *The Daily Telegraph*, where he is the deputy editor, according to emails sent Friday to employees of the London-based newspaper and to staff members at the *Post*. "I'm pleased to report that Rob Winnett has decided to stay with us," read a message to *Telegraph* employees from the newspaper's top editor, Chris Evans. "As you all know, he's a talented chap

and their loss is our gain."

Will Lewis, CEO of the *Post*, confirmed the news in an email to employees. "It is with regret that I share with you that Robert Winnett has withdrawn from the position of editor at *The Washington Post*," Lewis wrote. "Rob has my greatest respect and is an incredibly talented editor and journalist."

Winnett chose to withdraw himself from the position running the *Post*'s newsroom, according to two people with knowledge of the matter. He did not respond to calls and messages seeking comment.

Last week, *the Times* reported that Lewis and Winnett were



The Washington Post building in downtown Washington

re said to have used fraudulently obtained records in news articles at *The Sunday Times* newspaper in London. The next day, the *Post* followed up with a 3,000-word investigation into Winnett that tra-

ced his ties to John Ford, a private investigator who acknowledged using unethical methods to obtain exclusives.

Lewis said the *Post* would run a search to fill the role. Past searches have been lengthy, culminating with an interview with Jeff Bezos, the Amazon founder who owns the paper. Winnett's decision to stay in Britain is the latest in a series of convulsions at the *Post*. Early this month, Sally Buzbee, the paper's executive editor, stunned the newsroom by abruptly resigning. That coincided with Lewis announcing a plan to drastically remake the *Post* news-

room, including by installing Winnett as its top editor.

In the weeks since, numerous articles about Winnett and Lewis have raised questions about their journalistic ethics and past conduct. Many journalists at the paper have become skeptical that the pair could lead an institution like the *Post*. Bezos, who has owned the paper for over a decade, has been largely silent on the matter, though he weighed in with an email to senior editors this week reassuring them that the standards at the *Post* would remain high. "That can't change — and it won't," Bezos wrote. NYT

China, France launch sat to better understand universe

A French-Chinese satellite blasted off Saturday on a hunt for the mightiest explosions in the universe, in a notable example of cooperation between a Western power and the Asian giant.

Developed by engineers from both countries, 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. The 930kg satellite "successfully" took off around 3pm from a space base in



A Long March 2-C rocket lifts off from a space base in Xichang, Sichuan, on Saturday

Xichang, China's National Space Administration said.

Gamma-ray bursts generally occur after the explosion of huge stars — those over 20 times as big as the sun — or the

fusion of compact stars. The extremely bright cosmic beams can give off a blast of energy equivalent to more than a billion billion suns.

Observing them is like "looking back in time, as the light from these objects takes a long time to reach us", Ore Gottlieb, an astrophysicist at the Flatiron Institute's Center for Astrophysics in New York, said. The rays carry traces of the gas clouds and galaxies they pass through on their journey through space — valuable data for better understanding the history and evolution of the universe. AFP

Starliner's return to Earth delayed again

Nasa said on Friday the Boeing Starliner's return to Earth from the International Space Station, which was scheduled for next week, has been delayed again.

The delay of the rescheduled June 26 return will allow more time for the review of the thruster malfunctions and helium leaks that caused the first delay, it said.

Starliner's first crewed mission to the ISS, which had initially been scheduled to last about eight days, has been extended to a date yet to be determined. The spaceship blasted off from Florida atop

a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket on June 5 following years of delays and safety scares, as well as two aborted launch attempts that came as astronauts were strapped in and ready to go.

"Nasa and Boeing leadership are adjusting the return to Earth of the Starliner Crew Flight Test spacecraft," Nasa said Friday. "The move off Wednesday, June 26, deconflicts Starliner's undocking and landing from a series of planned ISS spacewalks while allowing mission teams time to review propulsion system data," it said. AFP

First Nigerian set to fly to space for free

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Expensive, risky and elite — that's space travel in a nutshell ever since Yuri Gagarin became the first human to be sent to space 63 years ago. Till now, less than 700 astronauts have reached space altitude and a majority among them have been from just three countries. Even commercial space flights remain exclusive to the few who can afford them.

But not anymore. Giving regular folks from around the world a chance to become astronauts and participate in space science, US-based Space Exploration and Research Agency (SERA) has partnered with Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin to develop what they call "a human spaceflight programme for citizens of all nations". The cost will be borne by SERA, and co-founders Sam Hutchison and Joshua



The Blue Origin NS-22 lift-off in Jan, 2022. US-based SERA has teamed up with Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin to make space flights accessible to regular citizens

Skurla say they might even be tapping talent from India for their programme.

In line with this mission to make space accessible, SERA has just signed an agreement to send the first Nigerian to space. In June 2022, Vic-

tor Hespanha, a 28-year-old civil engineer from Brazil, was selected to travel to space onboard Blue Origin's New Shepard Rocket (NS-22). He was only the second Brazilian astronaut, and soon became a national hero.

SERA had commercially purchased a seat from Blue Origin for Hespanha, but the mission's success has now opened the door to a partnership with Bezos' firm, and launch of a new human spaceflight programme. For their next mission, SERA has reserved six seats on an upcoming launch of New Shepard, Blue Origin's rocket. "We look at New Shepard as a wonderful tool to introduce space travel to people for whom it might feel like a very distant opportunity," Skurla says.

Could an Indian be on their next mission? Skurla says, "One of the things we love about India as a potential partner country is all of its

space infrastructure and activity India can take a leadership role among others."

Hutchison agrees that India could be a potential partner, which will enable the Indian community to vote in an astronaut. "We realised over 150 countries never had an astronaut. We want to create historical moments and use them to stimulate national conversations about each country's space plans moving forward," he says.

The first phase involves flying citizen astronauts selected by their communities on the New Shepard rocket. Five of the seats will be allocated to partner nations that have either never had an astronaut or had very few. The sixth seat will be open to individuals from any nation.

"We want to stand back and let the community run this mission. If you want to build a space agency, we're providing the tools to allow

that for people globally, especially young people to have a say and stake in this flight," says Hutchison. Unlike traditional government space programmes, SERA is going for open voting to select astronauts from each partner country or region. Minimal physical requirements and astronaut training are needed.

But SERA's ambitions go beyond just flying civilians to space. Their long-term vision is to provide an open platform and resources for communities worldwide to collaborate on early-stage space research, technology development, and even form new space startups.

"We're going to provide the community with programme management tools, risk assessment, budgeting — all that's traditionally used by large aerospace organisations. The idea is to get people collaborating on space missions, with us footing the bill initially," adds Hutchison.

Three missing in landslide in Swiss Alps

Vienna: Three people were missing on Saturday after massive thunderstorms and rainfall in southeastern Switzerland caused a landslide, authorities said. One woman was pulled out alive after being buried by the landslide in the Alpine valley of Misox in Graubünden. A rescue operation for the three others is ongoing. The landslide hit a group of houses in the municipality of Lostallo. Rescuers have been searching all day Saturday with excavators and specially-trained search dogs. William Kloter from the Swiss police, who is heading the rescue operations, told local media that he was hoping to find the three missing persons alive. AP

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AROUND THE WORLD



Members of the Tengger sub-ethnic group gather to present offerings at the crater's edge of the active Mount Bromo volcano as part of the Yadnya Kasada festival in Probolinggo, East Java province, on Saturday

Flight returns after fire-signal emergency

A Japan Airlines plane returned to Aomori airport Saturday after a system message signalled one of its engines had caught fire mid-air, the company said. Flight JL2154 bound for Osaka was carrying 47 people — including five crew members — when it was forced to return to Aomori because of the message in the cockpit that suggested the left engine had caught fire, the carrier said. No injuries were reported in the incident.

"We are confirming whether the engine actually caught fire," JAL said in a text message, adding that the Embraer SA jet landed at Aomori as the fire signal disappeared after the crew halted the engine.

Night watchman killed in Paris robbery bid: The body of a night watchman was found bound and battered in a Paris hotel after an attempt to steal a safe filled with cash, a

police source said Saturday. Officers were called at 11.30pm on Friday to a street in the city's 11th district, where the police source said a safe was found abandoned. Inside a nearby hotel, they found the body of the night watchman "lying on his bed, tied up and with multiple bruises," the source added. A witness reported seeing four men wearing balaclavas trying to load the safe into a van at around 9.30pm, before giving up and fleeing in the vehicle. The safe "contained the hotel's whole month of revenue," the source said.

Egypt to prosecute travel agents: Egyptian PM Mostafa Madbouly ordered 16 tourism companies stripped of their licences and referred their managers to the public prosecutor Saturday over illegal pilgrimages to Mecca. The order came after countries whose citizens performed this year's hajj reported more than 1,100 deaths, many attributed to the oven-like summer heat in Saudi Arabia.

T20 WORLD CUP

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Hardik stars in clinical win

Kuldeep Sizzles With Ball As Bangladesh Falter In 197-Run Chase To Lose By 50 Runs

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Once the niceties of the two most beautiful national anthems by the same poet were done on the faraway shores of Antigua, it was on India to take charge of their Super8s group and all but seal a semis spot.

From openers Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to cavaliers Rishabh Pant and Shivam Dube, everybody contributed. Jasprit Bumrah (2/13), too, was his usual miserly self as Bangladesh huffed and puffed to a 50-run loss.

But as India all but shut out Bangladesh's hopes in this T20 World Cup, it was Hardik Pandya who put all his troubles to the side to stand up and deliver. Hardik has been slowly gathering momentum through the World Cup after a horrendous IPL, and on Saturday morning at the hot and sticky Vivian Richard Stadium, the allrounder came to the party.

His 27-ball 50 was the cornerstone of India's 196-5, a score big enough to notch up the easy win against a team that doesn't have the firepower in its batting. Coming into bowl within the Powerplay, Hardik used the slower ball to remove the dangerous opener Litton Das caught at deep square leg, that halted Bangladesh's improbable chase.

Earlier, Hardik had come in to bat with the score on 108-4 in the 12th over, the entire top-order back in the hut. One more wicket at that stage could have made things slightly tricky for India, but Hardik ensured that nothing on those lines would happen.

Clearing his front leg, Hardik played the shots that made himself such a menace over the years as Shivam Dube (34 off 24 balls) came up with a useful contribution towards the end. The 53-



3002 Virat Kohli became the first player to score 3000-plus runs in World Cups (ODI and T20 combined). He has scored 3002 runs in 69 matches at an average of 61.26 with the help of five tons and 26 fifties. Rohit Sharma is second on the list with 2637 runs in 72 matches while David Warner is third with 2502 runs in 68 games.

1 Hardik Pandya is the first Indian batter—No. 6 or below—to post a fifty in T20 World Cup. MS Dhoni had scored 45 vs South Africa at Durban on Sept 20, 2007. Suresh Raina had also managed 45 vs South Africa at Colombo (RPS) on Oct 2, 2012.



FINAL FLOURISH: Hardik Pandya finished as India's top scorer with an unbeaten 50 off 27 balls

4103 Runs scored by Kohli at an average of 49.43, including a hundred and 37 fifties, in 114 innings to overtake Rohit Sharma's tally of 4073 (ave 31.57, 148 innings) and become the second highest scorer in T20is. Pakistan skipper Babar Azam tops the table with 4145 (ave 41.03, 116 innings).

SCOREBOARD

India: Rohit Sharma c Ali b Shakib 23, Virat Kohli b Tanzim 37, Rishabh Pant c Tanzim b Rishad 36, Suryakumar Yadav c Litton b Tanzim 6, Shivam Dube b Rishad 34, Hardik Pandya not out 50, Axar Patel not out 3
Extras: (NB1, W6) 7; **Total:** (For five wickets, in 20 overs) 196; **FOW:** 39-1, 71-2, 77-3, 108-4, 161-5; **Bowling:** Mahedi Hasan 4-0-28-0, Shakib Al Hasan 3-0-37-1, Tanzim Hasan Sakib 4-0-32-2, Mustafizur Rahman 4-0-48-0, Rishad Hossain 3-0-43-2, Mahmudullah 2-0-8-0
Bangladesh: Litton Das c Yadav b Pandya 13, Tanzim Hasan lbw b Kuldeep 29, Najmul Hossain Shanto c Arshdeep b Bumrah 40, Towhid Hridoy lbw b Kuldeep 4, Shakib Al Hasan c Sharma b Kuldeep 11, Mahmudullah c Patel b Arshdeep 13, Jaker Ali c Kohli b Arshdeep 1, Rishad Hossain c Sharma b Bumrah 24, Mahedi Hasan not out 5, Tanzim Hasan Sakib not out 1
Extras: (LB2, W3) 5; **Total:** (For eight wickets, in 20 overs) 146; **FOW:** 35-1, 66-2, 76-3, 98-4, 109-5, 110-6, 138-7, 145-8; **Bowling:** Arshdeep Singh 4-0-30-2, Jasprit Bumrah 4-0-13-2, Axar Patel 2-0-26-0, Hardik Pandya 3-0-32-1, Ravindra Jadeja 3-0-24-0, Kuldeep Yadav 4-0-19-3
Result: India won by 50 runs
Player of the Match: Hardik Pandya

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Pressure of winning makes Men in Blue vulnerable: Smith

Smith empathizes with India and says "it's not because of lack of talent that India haven't won". "But they carry some of the pressure of the burden that hurts them. Fear of failure can be a big thing in sport."

However, the man who played 67 Tests and 98 ODIs, believes that India are the favourites, along with Australia, to win the T20 World Cup. "It's because of the individual match-winners that these two teams have. They have seven or eight and you only need two to come off," he said.

One of New Zealand's top wicket-keeper-batters of the 1980s and early 90s, Smith felt the Dhone dismissal took the World Cup away from India. The ICC trophy has kept eluding them and during an interaction with select journalists at the Bridgetown airport, Smith felt "it's the pressure of winning every day that makes India vulnerable in the biggest moments".

"Pressure is a big thing. No one plays with as much pressure as the Indian team does. Everyday you have to win—that's an idea that can make you vulnerable. In tournaments like the World Cup, they become the iconic team that everyone wants to beat," Smith said.

The 'keeper himself was part of a brilliant New Zealand team led by Martin Crowe in the 1992 World Cup that played game-changing cricket only to falter against



IAN SMITH

During the course of the conversation, when TOI asked him how he feels about Rishabh Pant, Smith said: "He still has a bit to go, but he can be as good as Adam Gilchrist. In Tests, he can bat down the order and in white-ball cricket at the top, so there is similarity with Gilchrist. If he goes this way, there can be a time when people bracket him with Gilchrist."

Smith went on to add that Pant is a combination of "dynamic, aggressive and extremely dangerous" and has the ability to compliment the likes of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. "I am a firm believer of best players playing maximum deliveries and No. 3 is the perfect slot for Pant," Smith said.

AFGHANISTAN FACE UPHILL TASK VS AUS

Kingstown (St Vincent): A stern test awaits Afghanistan as they take on a rampant Australia in their T20 World Cup Super Eight Group 1 clash here on Sunday.

Coming off a 47-run thrashing at the hands of India, Afghanistan will be under pressure not just to record a win but also to improve their run-rate which took a severe hit after the loss in their first Super Eight game. Afghanistan are placed third with a NRR of -2.350 and it will be an uphill task for them to improve that as well as move up in the points table in a group which also consists Bangladesh.

Afghanistan showed their all-round skills in the group stage to finish second behind the West Indies but they will have to find their 'A' game to stop the 2021 winners Australia, who have notched up five wins in a row.

At the top, David Warner (169 runs) and Travis Head's (179) destructive opening pair can take down the best of bowling attacks and in such a scenario, Rashid's use of Farooqi and himself could have a big impact on the proceedings.

The two teams last met in the ODI World Cup in 2023. It was in Mumbai where Glenn Maxwell had played a once-in-a-generation knock to notch up a sensational double hundred while battling cramps all over his body, with Pat Cummins in tow. Afghanistan would certainly be motivated to exact revenge for that loss in a format wherein they feel most comfortable and have the skills to excel. PTI

Personal chefs serve home flavours for Hardik, Surya

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If you're in the West Indies, you're in food heaven. Even as the ocean takes your breath away, it's easy to get hooked to the mouth-watering street food if you're in the mood to try something beyond the usual fare.

But it's not such a rosy story for everybody, especially if you're a top Indian cricketer. Take Suryakumar Yadav and Hardik Pandya, for example. Surya is a Mumbai boy and is surely exposed to quality seafood while there's enough evidence that Hardik isn't shy of a flamboyant life. But when it's the World Cup and an elusive trophy to win, the two superstars of Indian cricket are keeping themselves on a tight leash when it comes to culinary experiences. One understands that both the players have their own chefs travelling with them. The duo's daily *dubba* (lunch box) comes from these chefs.

According to sources, the travelling chefs are not part of the team contingent. They do their own bookings and stay in bread-and-breakfast joints close to the team hotel. It is here that they cook the food prescribed by the cricketers' nutritionists. The meals are handed to them in tiffin-carriers every day.

One understands that it has nothing to do with the quality of food that is being served to the team at the hotels that they are staying. It's just that the players are very fussy about nutrition and the feel of "ghar ka khana (home-cooked food)" that make them feel comfortable on a long, difficult tour.

While Hardik and Surya have their own chefs, it's not that the other members of the team are going on binges. In fact, it was Virat Kohli who had brought about a change in the food culture of the Indian team during his captaincy tenure and the team has stuck with it.

If all goes well though for another week though, a little bit of indulgence for the boys in blue could well be in store on the party streets of the Caribbean.

England eye huge win to seal Super Eight spot

Bridgetown (Barbados): Defending champions England will need their power hitters to do the job against a demoralised yet tricky USA in their final Super 8 match as they eye a huge win to keep themselves in contention for a semifinal spot at the T20 World Cup here on Sunday.

England batters couldn't produce the big hits while chasing a target of 164 during their last Super 8 match against South Africa, suffering a seven-run loss on Friday.

West Indies' massive nine-wicket win over the USA has opened up the group, leaving England with the task of notching up a big victory to push their net run-rate up as it might come down to it in the end.

While South Africa are currently sitting atop the Group 2 with two wins, both West Indies and England have a win and a loss each with the hosts having a better NRR.

However, no team is assured of a semifinal berth and England will need to defeat USA by either 10 runs or at least an over to spare to stay in contention for the semifinals.

Over—against WI in their final match will knock them out of the race if England can achieve their task.

If SA win and England lose to USA, it will again be a three-way tie between WI, ENG and USA for the second spot and the team with better run-rate will go through to the knockout stage.

England batters produced an authoritative performance against the West Indies but they failed to tame the SA bowlers and faltered in their chase of 164 on Friday.

Phil Salt has been in great form, having blasted two centuries, a fifty, and three thirties in his last 10 T20is but his early dismissal meant England couldn't get the explosive start as Jos Buttler and Jonny Bairstow couldn't quite bring out the big shots. Harry Brook (53) and Liam Livingstone (33) played sensibly to take the chase deep but England eventually failed to score 25 runs in the last three overs. However, England's batting remains a formidable force which the likes of Saurabh Netravalkar and Harmeet Singh will find tough to tame. PTI

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52.75 Andries Gous average while scoring 211 runs, including two fifties, at a strike rate of 150.71, in five innings—the best among the batters with 175-plus runs in this edition.

Hope keeps WI in hunt with six feast

Bridgetown (Barbados): Opener Shai Hope blasted an unbeaten 82 as West Indies came back roaring to crush the USA by nine wickets on Friday.

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

The win improved West Indies' standing in the Group 2 points table. The Caribbean side, which had suffered an eight-wicket hammering from England on Wednesday, is now placed second with two points and a net run rate of 1.814.

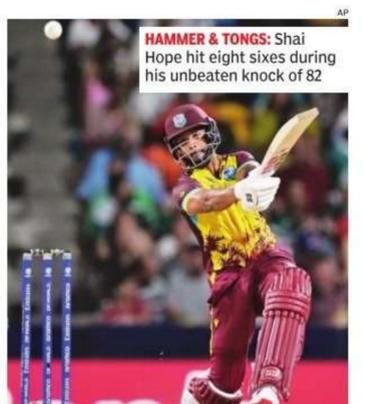
West Indies skipper Rovman Powell lauded Hope after being dropped for the contest against England. "He's been fantastic, he got a chance against Afghanistan but was dropped next game against England in St. Lucia because of the combination. However, he was hungry for a good performance," Powell said.

come out and play some good cricket. (Roston) Chase plays really well, plays a role very well. Keeps things tight. On a good surface, he bowled really well," Powell added.

Johnson Charles fell for a 14-ball 15 with a couple of fours early on but the pair of Hope (82 not out) and Nicholas Pooran did the job for their side, smacking the USA bowlers all around the park here at the Kensington Oval. Hope made a mincemeat of the USA bowling as the right-hander clattered eight sixes and four fours to make 82 not out from just 39 balls, with Pooran reaching 27 not out from 13 balls with three sixes and a four.

Meanwhile, Kyle Mayers was added to the West Indies squad as a replacement for injured opener Brandon King. King had suffered the niggle against England on Wednesday. PTI

Brief scores: USA 128 in 19.5 overs (Andries Gous 29; Roston Chase 3-19, Andre Russell 3-31) lost to **West Indies** 130-1 in 10.5 overs (Shai Hope 82*, Nicholas Pooran 27*) by nine wickets.



HAMMER & TONGS: Shai Hope hit eight sixes during his unbeaten knock of 82

Most sixes in a T20 WC edition

Player	Team	Season	M	6s
Nicholas Pooran	WI	2024	6	17
Chris Gayle	WI	2012-13	7	16
Marlon Samuels	WI	2012-13	7	15
Shane Watson	Aus	2012-13	6	15

Some teams to bring own AC units to Paris

Eugene: The US Olympic team is one of a handful that will supply air conditioners for their athletes at the Paris Games in a move that undercuts organizers' plans to cut carbon emissions. US Olympic and Paralympic CEO Sarah Hirshland said Friday that while the US team appreciates efforts aimed at sustainability, the federation would be supplying AC units for what is typically the largest contingent of athletes at the Summer Games.

"This is a period in which consistency and predictability is critical for Team USA's performance," Hirshland said. "In our conversations with athletes, this was a very high priority and something that the athletes felt was a critical component in their performance capability."

The Washington Post reported earlier this month that Germany, Australia, Italy, Canada and Britain were among the other countries with plans to bring air conditioners to France.

Olympic organizers have touted plans to cool rooms in the Athletes Village, which will house more than 15,000 Olympians and sports officials over the course of the games, using a system of cooling pipes underneath the floors.

The average high in Paris on Aug. 1 is 26 degrees Celsius. The objective is to keep the rooms between 23-26 degrees. The rooms will also be equipped with fans. "I want the Paris Games to be exemplary from an environmental point of view," Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo has said about the plans for the Olympics.

According to the International Energy Agency, fewer than 1 in 10 households in Europe has air conditioning, and the numbers in Paris are lower than that. The study said that of the 1.6 billion AC units in use across the globe in 2016, more than half were in China (570 million) and the United States (375 million). The entire European Union had around 100 million.

Athletics in 1st week, swimming in 2nd

Los Angeles: The 2028 Los Angeles Olympics on Friday announced changes to its venue plan that it says will create an estimated \$156 million in combined savings and revenue increases.

Swimming will be held at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, with its 38,000 seats creating the largest swimming venue in Olympic history; basketball will be played at Intuit Dome in Inglewood; and gymnastics will be held at Crypto.com Arena in downtown Los Angeles. Athletics will remain at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The Los Angeles Olympics will be held from July 14-30, 2028. The plans for the opening and closing ceremonies remain unchanged, with parts hosted at both the Coliseum

and SoFi Stadium. As a result, the traditional schedule for athletics and swimming will be adjusted. Athletics will move to the first week of the games, while swimming will be held during the second week. LA28 says both sports' governing bodies have approved and support the change.

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Softball and canoe slalom events will be held in Oklahoma City. LA28 says the largest softball venue in Southern California seats under 2,000 people and it expects robust attendance, while there is no canoe slalom venue that exists in the region. Moving those competitions will avoid building temporary

venues and help LA28 align with the International Olympic Committee's emphasis on sustainability that encourages the use of existing venues outside the host city. LA28 says the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area in the San Fernando Valley will host BMX freestyle and BMX racing, along with skateboarding park and street competitions and archery.

Shooting and shooting para sport competitions will also move from the Sepulveda Dam Recreation Area to one of two possible sport shooting clubs to be determined outside Los Angeles.

Diving will be in the same pool that hosted the aquatics events at the 1932 Olympics in Exposition Park south of downtown Los Angeles. AP

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—DECLAN RICE
ENGLAND MIDFIELDER

Portugal Advance To Round of 16 With Easy Win Over Turkiye

ONE SELF, SOME SELFIES

Dortmund: Bernardo Silva's first goal at a major tournament, a calamitous own goal from Samet Akaydin and a Bruno Fernandes tap-in gave Portugal a comfortable 3-0 win over Turkiye on Saturday to guarantee qualification for the last 16 as Group F winners.

There were no goals, one assist and no less than four selfie-pursuing field invaders for Cristiano Ronaldo. Ronaldo was the centre of attention as always at Westfalenstadion but not how he might have expected.

Silva gave Portugal the lead in the 21st minute, rifling home after Nuno Mendes' cross deflected kindly into his path before Akaydin failed to look and passed the ball beyond onrushing goalkeeper Altay Bayindir seven minutes later. Fernandes effectively ended the contest after 56 minutes when Cristiano Ronaldo—who could have become the oldest goalscorer in Euro history—selflessly passed to his teammate to tap home.

The victory secures Portugal's progress while Turkiye must avoid defeat on Wednesday to the Czech Republic, who drew 1-1 with Georgia earlier on Saturday, to be certain of qualifying for the knockout rounds.

Portugal started sharply and were unfazed by the Turkiye's supporters noise when in possession, with Ronaldo drawing an easy save from Bayindir inside two minutes.

Turkiye—who had lost all three of their previous European Championship games against Portugal without scoring—often played out from the back and the gamble almost paid



PL, SHARE... Cristiano Ronaldo obliges a young fan during the game

off after 20 minutes, but Pepe's last-man challenge stopped Orkun Kokcu.

Portugal scored shortly after through a quick break down the left, when Mendes played a dangerous ball across goal which Silva turned home. A defensive mix-up doubled their lead when Bayindir wandered out of his goal to collect a misplaced pass towards Ronaldo, only to watch Akaydin's backpass roll past him in slow motion. Kerem Akturkoglu forced a great save from Diogo Costa almost immediately after, but Turkiye otherwise created precious few chances.

The second half started in subdued fashion before substitute Ruben Neves played a long pass over the top, which fell to Ronaldo who laid the ball on a plate for Fernandes to score.

The game petered out even after Turkiye boss Vincenzo Montella introduced teenage star Arda Guler but was marred by several pitch invaders towards the game, all of whom seeking a selfie with Ronaldo.

There was chaos as three fans got on the field at different times in the second half and attempted selfies with Ronaldo. He accepted the first but looked unhappy at the other two. Another phone-waving supporter, wearing a Portugal jersey, got to Ronaldo moments after the final whistle and security had to hold back another person attempting to confront the stars in the world as he walked off the field with his teammates.

Ronaldo might be more unhappy at failing to score against a Turkiye team that was their own worst enemy at times. AGENCIES



OH GEE! Turkiye's goalkeeper Altay Bayindir and defender Zeki Celik scramble in vain to stop teammate Samet Akaydin's mis-pass into their own net against Portugal in Dortmund on Saturday

PORTUGAL	TURKIYE
3	0
Silva 21, Akaydin 28 (og), Fernandes 56'	

Schick shakes it up in entertaining draw

Hamburg: Patrik Schick chested home to earn the Czech Republic a 1-1 draw against debutants Georgia on Saturday in an entertaining match, but it leaves both teams in a tricky spot in Group F. They have a point each.

Georgia coach Willy Sagnol said his players' disappointment at their opening defeat showed how far his team has come, and they gave everything in Hamburg to earn their first Euros point.

Goalkeeper Giorgi Mamardashvili made a string of superb saves to keep his team in the game and they took the lead just before the break through Georges Mikautadze's penalty. However Schick reprised his Euro 2020 goalscoring heroics with an improvised finish to leave honours even at the end of a pulsating clash.

Georgia's key attacking duo Mikautadze and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia both needed medical treatment in the warm-up but were able to

start the match. They pressed with fury from the off but it was Ivan Hasek's Czech side who were more dangerous throughout.

Saba Lobjanidze missed a chance to write his name into Georgia's sporting folklore, blazing the final kick of the game over with only the goalkeeper to beat. AFP



STATS THE WAY

Georgia	Czech
5	26
1	11
45%	55%
309	506
79%	88%
12	17
4	5
9	0
5	11

Georgia	Czech
1	1
Mikautadze 45+4 (p)	Schick 59

CHECK THIS OUT: Patrik Schick scores to give Czechs a lifeline

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MOST EURO GOALS FOR CZECHS

- 6 Patrik Schick (5 in 2020, 1 in 2024)
- 5 Milan Baros (2004)
- 4 Vladimir Smicer (1 in 1996, 2 in 2000, 1 in 2004)

STANDINGS

GROUP A

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Ger*	2	2	0	0	6	6
Swi	2	1	1	0	2	4
Sco	2	0	1	1	-4	1
Hun	2	0	0	2	-4	0

GROUP B

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Spain*	2	2	0	0	6	6
Italy	2	1	0	1	0	3
Alb	2	0	1	1	-1	1
Cro	2	0	1	1	-3	1

GROUP C

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Eng	2	1	1	0	1	4
Den	2	0	2	0	0	2
Slo*nia	2	0	2	0	0	2
Serbia	2	0	1	1	-1	1

GROUP D

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Fra	2	1	1	0	1	4
Ned	2	1	1	0	1	4
Aut	2	1	0	1	1	3
Pol	2	0	0	2	-3	0

GROUP E

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Rom	1	1	0	0	3	3
Ukr	2	1	0	1	-2	3
Svk	2	1	0	1	0	3
Bel	1	0	0	1	-1	0

GROUP F

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Port*	2	2	0	0	4	6
Tur	2	1	0	1	-1	3
Cze	2	0	1	1	-1	1
Geo	2	0	1	1	-2	1

* Qualified for Last 16; Table updated till Tur vs Por match

TONIGHT'S TUSSLES

Group A	Time
Swi vs Ger	12.30am
Sco vs Hun	12.30am

Live on Sony Sports Network

As coaches debate goal or not, quiet Kante has his say

Leipzig: The Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman said Xavi Simons' disallowed goal against France should have stood, but that a 0-0 draw in Leipzig was a fair result.

N'Golo Kante was the unlikely star of the show in the absence of a frustrated Kylian Mbappe as one of the most anticipated matches of the group stage failed to live up to expectation on Friday.

NETHERLANDS	FRANCE
0	0

The France captain sat out the entire match from the bench after breaking his nose on Monday against Austria.

Recalled from a two-year international exile, Kante has rolled back the years in Germany with back-to-back man-of-the-match awards to become the fulcrum of Didier Deschamps' midfield once more.

Les Bleus enjoyed the better of the chances as Antoine Griezmann missed two opportunities. The biggest talking point came 18 minutes from time when Simons lashed in the rebound after Mike Maignan saved from Memphis Depay. After a lengthy delay for a VAR check, the goal was ruled offside as Denzel Dumfries was adjudged to be interfering with Maignan's ability to stop the shot.

"I think the position of Dumfries is offside but he isn't disturbing the goalkeeper. When that happens it is a legal goal in my opinion," said Koeman. "You need five minutes to check it? I don't understand this."



OFFSIDE? The Netherlands striker Denzel Dumfries (right) stands behind Dutch Maignan as Xavi Simons' (not in pic) shot speeds in

France have kept a clean sheet in their opening two matches at the tournament for only the second occasion – the other being the 1984 edition, which they went on to win.

The Dutch have now kept a clean sheet in seven of their last nine fixtures across all competitions.

A point edges both sides towards qualification for the last 16. Deschamps agreed with the decision. "I was taken aback with how long it took because when I saw the screen it was a no-brainer," he said.

The Netherlands remain top of Group D on four points, ahead of France only on goals scored with one game remaining. Austria are third with three after their 3-1 win over Poland.

Over the past two years, France have not won any of the seven games that Mbappe has not started. "Obviously the team is on a different plane when Kylian is in it," added Deschamps. "I would be more worried if we weren't creating chances. I thought Griezmann was better than in the first game, but was slightly off the pace on the technical front, which I'm not used to with him" he said. AGENCIES

Max expectations for 'new' Germany

Mittelstaedt's rise as 'one of the best left-backs' is symbolic of a refreshed footballing nation

Herzogenaurach: Maximilian Mittelstaedt's stunning rise from relegated bench player to Germany starting XI is symbolic of how the Euro 2024 hosts have been reborn under coach Julian Nagelsmann.

One year ago, Mittelstaedt was relegated to Hertha Berlin. He often watched from the bench as his boyhood side, the biggest club in the German capital, slipped into the second division.

After moving to Stuttgart for 500,000 euros (\$534,000), a paltry sum even for a club which had come close to relegation themselves, little was expected of the 27-year-old defender.

However, Mittelstaedt went on to play a key role as Stuttgart finished second in the Bundesliga, 40 points more than their previous campaign and ahead of perennial champions Bayern Munich.

His reward was a call up to the Germany squad for the first time.

On Wednesday, playing in Stuttgart this time in Germany colours, Mittelstaedt created the second goal for the hosts, sealing a 2-0 win over Hungary which put his country into the last 16. The assist was the latest in a series of highlights for a player who has quickly become a key component in Germany's return to contender status as they chase a fourth European title.

Mittelstaedt was one of 11 changes Nagelsmann made in March as he rebuilt a struggling Germany side just three months out from the Euros opener.

Gone were big names like Leon Goretzka, Serge Gnabry and Mats



Hummels, with Nagelsmann instead picking heavily from Stuttgart and champions Bayer Leverkusen.

Mittelstaedt came in alongside three other Stuttgart players, winger Chris Fuehrich, forward Deniz Undav and defender Waldemar Anton. While the other three were also chosen as part of the Euro 2024 squad, Mittelstaedt is the only one locked into the starting XI.

Mittelstaedt described his rise to become a Germany regular as "totally surreal."

"If someone had told me this last year, I'd have said they were crazy. But if the rapid ascent startled the defender, he is confident he belongs at the highest level.

"It's funny how quickly everything can develop," the defender said.

"But I worked hard for it, even in the years when things weren't going so well. I never doubted that I had the quality. I always believed in myself."

Clearly impressed, Nagelsmann named Mittelstaedt as one of the best four left backs in the world before the

SWI VS GER
Frankfurt Arena

HEAD TO HEAD (53 games)

SWI WON 9
DRAWS 8
GER WON 36

FORM GUIDE

SWITZERLAND
D W D W W

GERMANY
W W W D W
(most recent first)

tournament kicked off.

His style clearly suits Nagelsmann's Germany, who seek to hold the ball and attack like Stuttgart under coach Sebastian Hoernes.

Mittelstaedt highlighted the similarities between the young, offensive-minded coaches, saying "both want to play football, both want to have possession and both want to attack."

He said he would have been unlikely to get a call up as someone who "just stands there and kicks the ball away."

After the win over Hungary and a dominant 5-1 thumping of Scotland in the tournament opener, Germany need at least a draw in Sunday's match against Switzerland to guarantee top spot in their group.

After the win over Hungary on Sunday, Mittelstaedt described his story as "a very, very nice fairytale."

While the road is long for a team which has underperformed at major tournaments for almost a decade, playing the July 14 final in Mittelstaedt's hometown of Berlin would surely be a fairytale ending. AGENCIES

Bravo! Claudio saving grace as Chile hold Peru

Arlington: Claudio Bravo became the oldest player in Copa America history and made four saves to help Chile play Peru to a scoreless draw on Friday night in the tournament opener for both teams.

Bravo, who is 41 years and 69 days, stopped a first-time shot by Gianluca Lapadula on a corner kick in the 79th minute before denying Paolo Guerrero on the rebound attempt in front of 43,030 fans at AT&T Stadium.

Chile's best scoring chance

came in the 16th minute when Alexis Sanchez was left wide open in front of the goal, but his redirection went over the crossbar.

The physical battle featured 37 fouls and four yellow cards.

Chile and Peru trail Argentina in Group A.

We tried to play, but Peru were very strong in their defence and they were able to break up our game," Chile boss Ricardo Gareca, who coached Peru from 2015-2022, told reporters.



OLD HANDS: Chile goalkeeper Claudio Bravo (centre) in thick of the action against Peru in the Copa America in Arlington on Friday

"The referee allowed a lot for that type of play. So of course, there were a lot of breaks, and it was tough for us to create and to come up with these opportunities."

After the draw, Chile and Peru were left with a point each, trailing Group A leaders Argentina by two after the defending champions' 2-0 win over Canada on Thursday.

"We were not able to create many plays and execute them. We were under a lot of pressure and sometimes we were not accurate in our passes," Gareca added.

"I'm not concerned. I think this will be useful for us to analyse our game to improve our game. "We of course hoped to win the

match. But I think it's very important that we're able to take a point and we still have two matches ahead of us."

Hosts US won't overlook Bolivia

The US team is in no position to take an opponent lightly as they face Bolivia in their first Group C match of Copa America on Sunday (Monday, 3.30am IST) in Arlington, Texas.

With the Americans placed 11th in the FIFA rankings and Bolivia 84th, the US have a good opportunity to take the first step towards advancement to the knockout round. Securing victories over Bolivia and Panama, ranked 43rd, would guarantee advancement for

the hosts, irrespective of the final group match outcome against 14th-ranked Uruguay. However, the American squad harbours larger ambitions than just making it to the knockouts.

"For me it's getting past the quarterfinal," midfielder Tyler Adams said.

"We need to - in a pressure situation - win in a knockout. That's going to measure a lot of our success." Scepticism around coach Gregg Berhalter's leadership ability was heightened following an unconvincing run-up to the tournament and a crushing 5-1 defeat by Colombia.

However, a 1-1 draw with Brazil, one of the tournament favourites, relieved some of the mounting pressure. AGENCIES

EXTRAS

Ayaan, Rajeshwari win U-9 chess titles

Ayaan Phutane of Bengaluru Urban won the state U-9 open chess title in Mysuru with 7.5 points after a draw with Sragvidha S of Bengaluru in the final round. Sragvidha and Dhruv K Dileep too finished on 7.5 points but were second and third owing to tie-break scores. Rajeshwari Aiyappan of Mysuru clinched the girls crown title with 7.5 points. Soukhya KR (6) was second. The top two players from each category will represent Karnataka in the Nationals in Maharashtra from Nov 15.

Big win for Team Wildboar: Pavan, Gagan and Nikhil scored two goals apiece as Team Wildboar routed BCYA 9-2 in the Travencore Cup hockey tournament in Bengaluru on Saturday. For BCYA, Joshua found the net twice. **Result:** Team Wildboar 9 (Pavan 4, 8, Cheshwin 10, Gagan 13, 14, Kalappa 16, Nikhil 21, 46, Naren 28) bt BCYA 2 (Joshua 29, 47). **Today's matches:** Hassan District Hockey Association vs Delhi Public School HC, 1.30pm; Bangalore United Hockey Club vs Rainbow Hockey Club, 3.30pm.

Junior football trials: The Karnataka State Football Association will conduct trials to pick the state boys team for the Junior National Football Championship. The trials, scheduled at the Bangalore Football Stadium on June 24, are for players born between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010. Players must report at 3pm with a photocopy of their birth certificates. Contact: 98808-66657, 72040-66657.

India eye ODI sweep
Opportunity For Hosts To Test Bench Strength

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

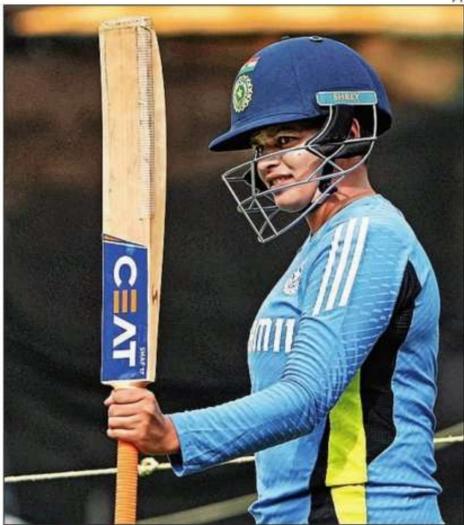
Bengaluru: The Indian women's team will eye a sweep when they meet South Africa women in the third and final ODI at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Sunday.

The dead rubber provides India an opportunity to test their bench strength if needed. Irrespective of the composition, the hosts hold the edge with top-class players in their ranks. The third ODI also presents batters, primarily attacking opener Shafali Verma (7, 20), to strike from before the Chennai leg, which starts with the one-off Test match from June 28, followed by the three-match T20I series next month.

CRICKET

Meanwhile, Jemimah Rodrigues, who missed the Bangladesh T20I series in April-May due to a back injury, will want to spend some more time in the middle after failing in the first ODI.

Likewise, the bowlers would be eager to come up with a better show after South Africa almost chased down India's score of 325/3 in the last match. Off-spinner Deepti Sharma is in no mood to take the third one-day lightly. "... We have won the series but we will not approach this match as one of academic interest. We look to learn from whatever opportunities



IN FOCUS: Shafali Verma will hope to strike form in the third ODI

we get, as we will be going into the one-off Test later this week," said Deepti, who believes that the team has also improved as a fielding unit.

South Africa, who lost the first two matches in contrasting styles, will try to field their best possible team to register their first win of the tour and leave the city on a high. After losing the first game by 143 runs, South Africa went down in a hard-fought second ODI,

but they can take heart from their courageous display in the latter contest. Skipper Laura Wolvaardt and Mari-zanne Kapp scored tons and the experienced duo will play a central role on Sunday.

However, the visitors need to find a way to contain Smriti Mandhana, who has scored back-to-back centuries. The Mumbaika will be keen to make it three on the trot. **Live, 1.30pm, Sports 18**

Hurkacz downs Zverev, takes on Sinner in final

Poland's Hubert Hurkacz moved one step closer to his second Halle Open title when he beat home favourite Alexander Zverev 7-6 (2), 6-4 on Saturday to set up a final against his doubles partner and world number one Jannik Sinner.

Zverev had beaten Hurkacz in their three previous meetings but the Pole was virtually unstoppable on serve, firing 17 aces and saving four break points to get the better of the German who finished runner-up at the French Open this month.

World No. 4 Zverev was twice a finalist in Halle, losing in 2016 and 2017. Sinner beat China's 42nd-ranked Zhang Zhizhen 6-4, 7-6 (3) to reach the first grasscourt final of his career. While Hurkacz has yet to drop a set at Halle, Sinner came

TENNIS

through three consecutive three-setters before his semifinal as the top seed took time to adapt to the surface. Sinner will be looking to become the first man since Andy Murray in 2016 to win his first event after reaching the top of the rankings.

PAUL OUSTS KORDA American fifth seed Tommy Paul beat compatriot Sebastian Korda 6-4 7-6 (2) in the semifinals at the Queen's Club Championships on Saturday and will face Italian Lorenzo Musetti for the title on Sunday. eat Mardy Fish to lift the trophy.

The 27-year-old, who was the only seeded player in the semifinal lineup, has reached the second ATP 500 final of his career. He will face Musetti in the final after the Italian moved past Australia's Jordan Thompson 6-3 3-6 6-3.



ON A ROLL: Hubert Hurkacz

SABALENKA, JABEUR INJURED

Aryna Sabalenka and Ons Jabeur joined the procession of injured stars limping off the Berlin grass as they retired on Saturday while losing their delayed quarterfinals in the Wimbledon warm-up event. Second-seed Belarusian Sabalenka retired against trailing Russian Anna Kalinskaya trailing 5-1 in the first set. Eighth-seeded Jabeur had gone toe-to-toe with top seed Coco Gauff before losing the first set tie-break 11/9 before packing her rackets in her bag and walking off.

MURRAY TO UNDERGO SURGERY

Andy Murray will undergo a "surgical procedure" on his back Saturday before the former No. 1 makes a decision about trying to play at Wimbledon or the Paris Olympics. The 37-year-old Murray retired from his second-round match against Jordan Thompson at Queen's Club on Wednesday because of back pain.

Results (Semifinals): Halle ATP: 5-Hubert Hurkacz (Pol) bt 2-Alexander Zverev (Ger) 7-6 (7/2), 6-4; 1-Jannik Sinner (Ita) bt Zhang Zhizhen (Chn) 6-4, 7-6 (3). **Queen's ATP:** Lorenzo Musetti (Ita) bt Jordan Thompson (Aus) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; 5-Tommy Paul (USA) bt Sebastian Korda (USA) 6-4, 7-6 (2). AGENCIES

Golden double for Tanishka, Atharva wins boys U-15 title

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Bengaluru: Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav won a fine double at the state ranking table tennis tournament here on Saturday. Tanishka, who claimed the U-17 girls singles title on Friday, prevailed in the U-15 category as well with a facile win over Hiya Singh.

Atharva Nawarange clinched the boys U-15 crown. A Sangam Bailoor academy trainee in Belagavi, Tanishka got past Ayushi B Godse in the semifinal before defeating Hiya Singh in straight games 11-8, 11-6, 11-6 in the final. Atharva Nawarange of SKIES downed Aarnav N 11-8, 11-8, 11-8 to emerge champion among U-15 boys.

Results: U-15: Boys: Final: Atharva Nawarange bt Aarnav N 11-8, 11-8, 11-8. **Semis:** Atharva bt Siddhant Dharwal 11-8, 11-7, 12-10; Aarnav bt Gaurav Gowda 11-6, 11-1, 11-5. **Girls: Final:** Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav bt Hiya Singh 11-8, 11-6, 11-6. **Semis:** Hiya bt Kaira Baliga 3-11, 11-7, 12-11, 11-8, 11-8; Tanishka bt Ayushi B Godse 11-4, 12-10, 11-8.



ALL SMILES: Atharva Nawarange and Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav, winners of the U-15 crowns

Richardson enters 100m semifinal

A shaky start off the blocks could not derail Sha'Carri Richardson, as the world champion won her 100 metres heat in 10.88 seconds at the US Olympic trials on Friday. Richardson was Tokyo-bound three years ago but a positive test for cannabis brought her Olympic dream crashing down. The fan favourite was hungry for redemption this time around in Eugene, Oregon. She stumbled at the start and took a few steps to find her footing before exploding through the second half of the race. She was all smiles, having claimed the fastest time across the opening heats.

"Definitely didn't have the start that I've been training" for, Richardson said in a televised interview. "But still, not panicking, staying patient and knowing that no matter what's going on - to continue to run my race."

Melissa Jefferson finished with the second-fastest time of the day in 10.91 while McKenzie Long was three-hundredths of a second slower. The crowd greeted Richardson and the Texan showed little sign of nerves back in the spotlight. "I am enjoying the recognition of hard work," she told NBC. AGENCIES

Akshath bags seven wickets as Vijaya CC trounce Jupiter

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Bengaluru: Akshath Prabhakar produced a fine bowling effort (7-5) to help Vijaya Cricket Club thrash Jupiter Cricketers Association by 237 runs in the KSCA Group I - I, II and III division U-19 inter-club tournament recently.

Opting to bat first, Vijaya were dismissed for 259 after Aryan Manuj scalped four wickets while Anvay Dravid top-scored with 70 runs. But then, Vijaya new ball bowlers - Akshat and Agastya S - took over the proceedings and bundled out their opponents for just 22 runs in 8.4 overs.

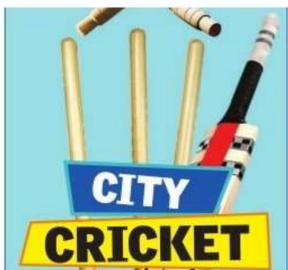
Akshath was the star, conceding five runs in his four overs en route his match-winning seven-wicket haul. Agastya scalped three. Besides Ashith Kiran Babu, none of the Jupiter batters scored in double digits.

Brief scores: Vijaya CC: 259 all out in 47.4 overs (Rohan RR 42, Anvay Dravid 70, Pranav Kedlaya 33; Keerthan S Shenoy 2-21, Aryan Manuj 4-42) **bt Jupiter Cricketers Association: 22 all out in 8.4 overs** (Agastya S 3-13, Akshath Prabhakar 7-5).

Colas CC: 222 all out in 40.2 overs (Rishab B Nayak 27, Vismay Raj 34, Srey Rithwik Kabolu 25, Siddhant Pathak 72; Purushotham Raghu 2-37, Vismal P M 3-43, Pujan TR 3-27) **bt National United CC: 150 all out in 35.5 overs** (Siddhant S 33, Ashith Shivanna 55; Pranshu J Patel 3-32, Abhinav Shah 3-28, Milan Dhani 2-13).

Bangalore Indian CC: 231/9 in 50 overs (Ishaan Noel 43; Mahesh Kumar Bangera 4-42, Ronith Iyengar 2-19, Rohit RV 2-22) **vs Swastic Union CC (I): 104/4 in 17 overs** (Gagan Rao S 57, Rohit RV 27 n.o., Bawin Abhishek 2-21) (Match was called off due to heavy rain).

Gandhinagar Cricketers: 228 all out in 50 overs (Krishna Kapil K 42, Samanyu Raina 72 n.o., Roopak VK 3-25, Charan S Reddy 3-34, Sushanth K 2-48) **bt Jayanagar Cricketers: 171/9 in 43 overs** (Hemant R 59 n.o., Samanyu Raina 3-38, Krishna Kapil K 2-37). (Match interrupted by rain, target revised to 197 in 43 overs).



Sir Syed Cricketers: 163 in 42.4 overs (Manik Raj 80, Tammy M 31; Raghav Karthik 3-29, Dev Sinha 3-20) **bt Visweswarapuram CC (I): 125 in 42.3 overs** (Dev Sinha 42; Siddappa J Pujeri 2-17, Ajith M C 2-22, Banesh S P 2-0). **The Bangalore Cricketers: 364/5 in 50 overs** (Karthik L 51, Bhushan DS 115, 116, 14 x 4, Dalvik S 124, 97b, 21 x 4), Likith N L 37 n.o., Assad M 2-45) **bt Jawans CC: 172**

all out in 44 overs (Vidyasagar P 76; Kushal Srinivas Gowda 3-28, Jeevan Sukeerthi M 3-37, Likith N L 3-33).

Rajajinagar Cricketers: 258 in 49.4 overs (Vishnu Viran S 41, Abhiraj S 44, Nitish Arya 101, 108b, 14 x 4, Tejas KA 27, Rohit R 3-38, Shiva Guru Rakshith M G 3-45, Nihansh Pojary 2-36) **bt Engrades CC: 150/5 in 30 overs** (Su-preeth Kumar 50, Pratham R 57 n.o., Manoj G Mohir 2-35, Aakash Uthra Maiya 2-26) by better run rate. (Match interrupted by rain and no further play was possible).

South End Sports Club: 186 all out in 36.5 overs (Roshan Raju 38, Hrishikesh P 82 n.o., Aereona Alphen 35, Shreyas Kumar 3-31, Pranav Aswath 2-36, Mohammed Faiz 3-38) **bt Cambridge CC: 172/1 in 30.2 overs** (Pratheek 77, Aditya S 55 n.o., Gagandeep H B 33 n.o).

Friends Union CC (I): 217 all out in 49.1 overs (Pavan R Sheshagiri 38, Ravi Kairav Reddy 56, Siddesh A Asalkar 50; Amogh Basavaraj 2-15, Sujay S Kulkarni 2-29, Susheel R Udipi 4-27) **bt Bangalore Sports Club: 231 in 49.5 overs** (Pratheek N 87, Arnav Sharma 48; Aditya Navalgund 3-46, Anam Gokhale 2-58, Dhruv Vasu 2-24, Siddharth A 2-30). **Sangam Cricket Association: 100 all out in 21.3 overs** (Bharath Gowda H 41, Anant N 2-24, Siddharth RK 3-28,

Sanchit HS 2-15) **lost to Wadiyar CC: 104/0 in 10.1 overs** (G Murali Krishna 41 n.o., Nishanth Reddy 44 n.o).

Bangalore United CC (I): 271/7 in 50 overs (Aryan KP 42, Akash Shetty 76, Aryan Mawa 63, Gagan K 47 n.o.; Prath-yus G Shetty 3-59, Jeevan P 2-33) **bt Lions CC: 226/9 in 50 overs** (Molhish A Bharadwaj 27, R Rohith Reddy 75 n.o.; Siddharth Krishnamurtty 3-30, Aarnav Verma 2-18).

Jayanagar United Cricketers: 276/9 in 50 overs (Dhruv Shetty 28, Siddharth Gurav 102, 121b, 12 x 4), Kavisha Umesh Mukkannavar 42, Rishabh Kumar S 26; Dhyaan Althal 2-33, Aadesh Urs 4-33) **bt Century Cricketers: 193 in 43.5 overs** (Pradyumna Panigrahy 68, Aadesh Urs 43; Siddharth Gurav 2-37, Aryanan Jhalani 7-33) by 77 runs. (Match interrupted by rain, target revised to 197 in 49 overs).

SUCC (2): 159 in 44.1 overs (Shiv R 43, Prajwal Gowda R 25; Huzafa M Bagi 2-32, Sri Bhagath P 2-21, Suhas S Malli-pati 3-31) **vs. Bangalore Occasionals : 26 for 1 in 9.4 overs** (Match called off due to rain).

Jaidur Cricketers: 259 in 48.3 overs (Udhay Girish 34, Arya JG 58, Nihal GC 32, Rishikesh B 36 n.o., Dheeganth SM 3-36) **bt City Gymkhana : 138 in 36 overs** (Gaurav V 27 n.o., Pranav M 2-14, Arya JG 5-22, Keerthi K Hegde 2-23).

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SNAP SHOTS

Archana-Sreeja vs Diya-Yashaswini

Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar advanced to the men's doubles final at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Contender tournament in Lagos, Nigeria on Saturday. The Indian pair defeated China's Youde Kang and Xiankun Ning 11-4, 11-9, 11-5. In the women's doubles final, India's Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath will take on Diya Chitale and Yashaswini Ghorpade. While Sreeja and Archana defeated compatriots Ayhika and Suthirtha Mukherjee 11-5, 11-7, 12-10, Chitale and Ghorpade won against Sun Sinan and Yijie Ding of China 14-12, 6-11, 11-6, 11-7. Meanwhile, Sreeja and Suthirtha entered the semi-finals. Suthirtha ousted South Korea's Shin Yubin 11-9, 3-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-6 while Sreeja downed compatriot Ghorpade 11-6, 11-9, 11-8 in the last-eight.

Gangjee wins Selangor Masters: Rahil Gangjee won the PKNS Selangor Masters golf title despite a 3-over 73 on the final day as he prevailed over Deyen Lawson (69) by one shot, in Selangor (Malaysia) 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. It was Gangjee's second win on the ADT after his 2018 success at Louis Philippe Cup in India.

Veer Ahlawat tied 11th: Indian golfer Veer Ahlawat recovered in the latter stages of the round to card 1-over 72 and settle for tied 11th place in the Kolon Korea Open in Seoul on Saturday. At 1-over 214 on the Par-71 Woo Jeong Hills Country Club, Veer has a good chance of picking a top-10 finish. Rashid Khan (84) was tied 65th. Korean Younghun Song shot the day's best four-under-par 67 to move in front on eight-under.

Pranavi, Diksha advance: Pranavi Urs and Diksha Dagar made the cut at the Tipsport Czech Ladies Open golf tournament in Beroun (Czech Republic), while the other four Indians are also likely to make the cut. Pranavi was T-17 and Diksha T-47 but the round was still in progress. Pranavi added a bogey-free 69 to her first round 71 to get to 4-under 140 and was T-17, while Diksha could not get many of her putts to fall.

Shubhankar makes cut: Shubhankar Sharma made the cut on the line in the second round of the KLM Open golf tournament before suffering a round of 3-over 74 in the following round in Amsterdam. Sharma is tied 67th.

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GRITTY ADITI MAKES CUT

World No. 1 Nelly Korda Misses Out On Tough Scoring Day

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Sammanish (USA): When Aditi Ashok walked off the ninth green — her closing hole — around noon, she was sitting two shots out of the cut line at five-over on another tough scoring day at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship here on Friday. The Indian ace, who shot an even-par 72 on the first day, wasn't the only one to suffer as the picturesque Sahalee Country Club course bared its teeth on the second day.

On a tree-lined course where there's a premium on accuracy, the big names, especially world No. 1 Nelly Korda, found the going tough.

WOMEN'S PGA GOLF

By the time the last group came in six hours later, Aditi, who took her two-day total to five-over 149, just made the cut line. Korda, with six wins this season, shot an uncharacteristic nine-over 81, her worst round as a pro, to miss the cut for the third straight week by a shot.

American Sarah Schmelzel, searching for her first win, managed to shoot a sizzling five-under 67 to hit the front with a two-day total of six-under 138. She was joined by Korea's Amy Yang (68) later in the day. The duo was two strokes ahead of Jin Young Ko (68), Hi-



ON PAR: Aditi Ashok battled hard to get into the last two rounds of the Women's PGA meet

nako Shibuno (70) and Lexi Thompson (72). Aditi, known for her putting prowess, had a poor day on the greens. Ranked sixth in putting average on the Tour, the 26-year-old missed a few birdie putts in the 10-12 foot range and took 33 putts for the round, four more than her average. Also, the Asian Games silver medalist was struggling a bit with her hitting. After two good par saves, she found the greenside bunker on the 12th hole and ended up with a bogey five. But

after taking the turn at one-over, Aditi's struggle began. She bogeyed the first, fifth, where she went over the green with her tee shot, and the two closing holes — eighth and ninth — missing the par putts from about eight feet. **Select scores (after 36 holes):** 138: Sarah Schmelzel (US, 71, 67), Amy Yang (Kor, 70, 68); 140: Jin Young Ko (Kor, 72, 68), Hinako Shibuno (Jpn, 70, 70), Lexi Thompson (US, 68, 72); 143: Charley Hull (Eng, 70, 73, T-12); 148: Rose Zhang (US, 76, 72), Lydia Ko (NZ, 75, 73, T-52); 149: Aditi Ashok (Ind, 72, 77, T-64). **Missed cut:** Nelly Korda (US, 69, 81).

Nagal all set, but could miss a coach

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Pune: Sumit Nagal's joy of representing India at the Olympics for the second successive time has been somewhat dampened by the probability of not having his personal coach Milos Galic by his side in Paris.

As per IOC norms, the number of support staff cannot exceed one-third of the number of athletes from a country in each discipline. With the doubles team of Rohan Bopanna and Sriram

PARIS GAMES

Balaji having a coach (Balachandran Manikkath) and a physiotherapist (Rebecca Van Orshaegen), it rules out another coach for the tennis contingent. "Sumit's request is absolutely right. But the issue is the timing," Anil Dhupar, honorary secretary of the All India Tennis Federation, said on Saturday. "Rohan's participation was more or less confirmed way back, so we had given his name and his partner as well as his choice of coach and physio in the long list six months ago.

"Sumit was ranked 125 then but his name was given based on the high probability of him qualifying.

"His request for a coach has come now, we will forward it to the IOA because they decide on this. Although there is a 33 per cent rule, we can ask them as a special case. But it is entirely up to the IOA."

Nevertheless, Nagal was excited about competing in Paris. "Heilbronn was the last week of the Challenger. I was very nervous. I was fighting quite hard because I kind of knew this was my only chance to make the Olympic cut," Nagal told TOI. "I needed to win (the title). And I'm proud that I was able to do it. Especially, I was a break down in the third set in my first round against (Nikoloz) Basilashvili."

"Of course, it's a proud moment to represent India again at the Olympics, to be the only singles player to do it the last two times.

"The process has been good. I have always spoken highly about keeping improving on and off the court, and I feel like the development has been going well from the past few months."

In Tokyo 2021, Nagal beat Denis Istomin in the first round before losing to Daniil Medvedev in the second. He will fancy his chances better on the red clay of Roland Garros. "I wonder how it will play, because we have never played in Paris at that time of the year, but I think my game will really suit."

Norris snatches pole in Barcelona



Barcelona: Lando Norris hailed a perfect lap to put McLaren on pole position for the Spanish Grand Prix on Saturday and deny Red Bull's triple Formula One world champion Max Verstappen the top spot.

FORMULA ONE

Verstappen had taken provisional pole with a time that looked hard to beat, and went faster with his final effort, but Norris took it to another level to end the session 0.020 quicker than his Dutch rival. The pole was only the second of the Briton's Formula One career, the last coming at the Russian Grand Prix in 2021.

"It was pretty much a perfect lap. You know when you are on a good lap and you are getting excited," Norris said after setting a time of one minute 11.383 seconds. "It has been close all weekend but really it was about a perfect lap and that is what I did today." Championship leader Verstappen had set the standard with a lap of 1:11.673 as his first effort and improved the time on his second run to an impressive 1:11.403. "I was quite happy in qualifying. I got a nice (aerodynamic) tow from Checo (teammate Sergio Perez) in Q3 (the final phase) but unfortunately it was not enough," he said. "That's how it goes sometimes, but

overall we can still be happy with that performance and it's all to play for tomorrow." Norris was the fourth different driver on pole in the last four races, another sign of the battle between the top teams getting ever closer and Red Bull's dominance being steadily eroded.

The pole was also a boost for McLaren whose day started with unwanted drama when their paddock hospitality unit caught fire, with one team member taken to hospital as a precautionary measure. Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton was third fastest and teammate George Russell fourth. "Slowly the car is crafting into a racing machine with which we can hopefully fight the guys in front," said seven-times world champion Hamilton. "George did a great job as well so, hopefully, tomorrow we can apply the pressure on the guys in front." Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and Carlos Sainz, preparing for a home race, filled the third row. Pierre Gasly boosted struggling Alpine's morale with seventh place on the grid for the Renault-owned team and Perez was eighth but will drop three places due to a grid penalty.

Esteban Ocon is eighth with Oscar Piastri ninth and home hero Fernando Alonso in 10th. AGENCIES

India women bag fourth straight gold

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Kolkata: There's no stopping the Indian compound women's archery team as they remained undefeated in this World Cup season. The trio of Jyothi Surekha Venam, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur claimed a hat-trick of gold medals with a win over Estonia at WC Stage III

in Antalya, Turkey, on Saturday. However, their men's counterpart first went down to Turkey in the semifinal and then lost the bronze-medal match to France.

ARCHERY WORLD CUP

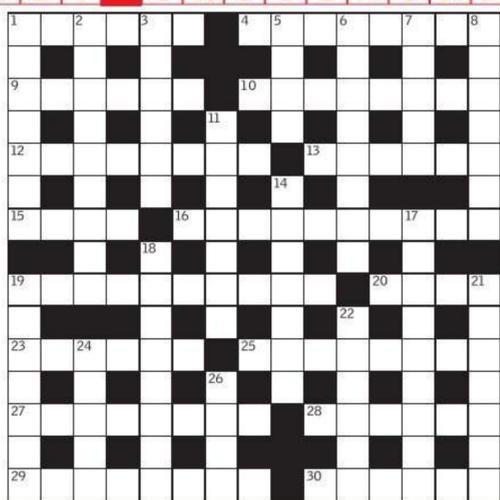
It's India's consecutive bronze medal loss as Pratham Bhalchandra Fuge, Priyansh and Abhishek Verma also went down to Australia

at Yecheon in Stage II. However, Priyansh picked up India's second medal when he narrowly lost the men's individual final to world No. 1 Mike Schloesser. Later in the day, rising star Priyansh failed to defeat Dutch heavy-weight Schloesser and had to be content with his second World Cup silver. He dropped a point in the opening set and that proved decisive.

THE TOI CROSSWORD

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The TOI Crossword contest is on a short break, but the crossword itself will continue to be featured in The Sunday Times of India, so that you can continue to relish the challenge every week. Stay tuned!



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- Across**
 1 Left in play (6)
 4 Joint projections over which one may get rapped (8)
 9 New act with hat and stick (6)
 10 Not very bright but in charge of the players (8)
 12 End of the new tram line (8)
 13 Fire escape on board ship (6)
 15 A two-party fight (4)
 16 Used by riders - but not riding breeches (10)
 19 Study the echo (10)
 20 Help with a wager (4)
 23 Country girl on the vessel (6)
 25 Held in apprehension? (8)
 27 It's not fair for me to use this (8)
 28 Kick into wind again (6)
 29 What scores of young people are in? (8)
 30 Steer awkwardly round a difficult problem (6)
- Down**
 1 A decent reform carried out (7)
 2 Insert of two pages Alfie rent in error (9)
 3 With a new clue I'd find the mathematician (6)
 5 Church body (4)
 6 A closure arranged in a roundabout way (8)
 7 Many deserve to get information (5)
 8 Pays for lights (7)
 11 Is a good man able to get a game? (7)
 14 Undo jar found damaged for repair (7)
 17 Ship's follower hung about an old sailor (9)
 18 No racehorse alive is one (4,4)
 19 Get someone else to do the fighting (7)
 21 One still too young to take certain steps (7)
 22 Decline to make a further grant? (6)
 24 Count old money (5)
 26 Desert one's post though left in charge? (4)

QUICK CLUES

- Across**
 1 Imprison (4,2) 4 Invite trouble (3,3,2) 9 Look around casually (6) 10 Approved of (2,6) 12 Art of persuasive speaking (8) 13 Elusive (6) 15 Shakespearean king (4)
 16 Quit through loss of nerve (7,3) 19 Abrupt withdrawal from drugs (4,6) 20 Male deer (4)
 23 Symbol (6) 25 Canadian city (8)
 27 Brutal violence (8) 28 Uncouple (6)
 29 Highly secret (4-4) 30 Not easily excited (6)
- Down**
 1 Generous (7) 2 Narrow escape (5,4) 3 Outcome (6)
 5 Of sound mind (4) 6 The face (8) 7 Henhouse (5)
 8 Great anguish (7) 11 Irreconcilably stubborn (3-4)
 14 A level in a hierarchy (7) 17 Alert and up-to-date (2,3,4) 18 After a considerable time (2,6)
 19 The fastest-running animal (7) 21 King Arthur's noblest knight (7) 22 Bear witness (6) 24 Bout of depression (5) 26 Greek equivalent of Cupid (4)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

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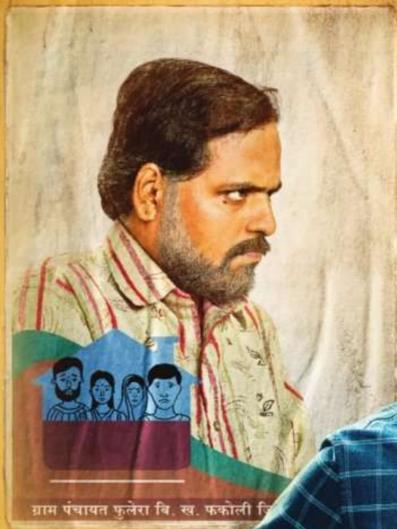
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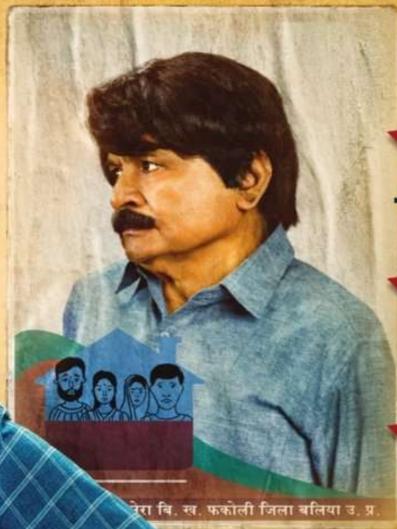
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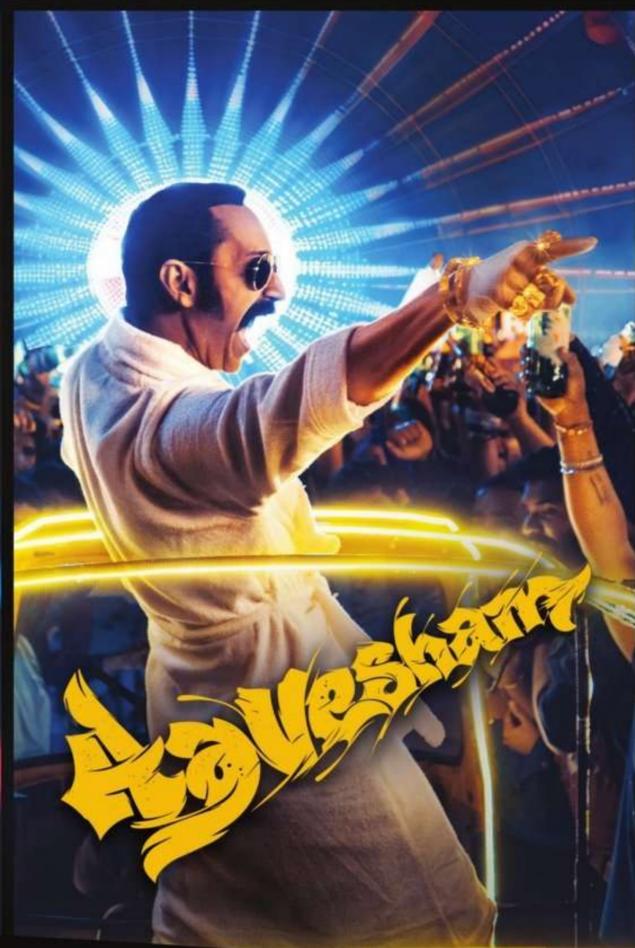
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K'taka reiterates its demand for ₹5.3k cr for Upper Bhadra project

Bengaluru: Karnataka govt has presented its wish-list to the Union govt Saturday, ahead of the Union budget that is likely to be presented early next month.

Participating in a pre-budget consultation chaired by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Delhi, state revenue minister **Krishna Byre Gowda** submitted a list of requests, prominent among which was the demand for the release of Rs 5,300 crore for Upper Bhadra project and its designation as a national initiative. Sitharaman had announced a Rs 5,300 crore assistance for Upper Bhadra in the 2023-24 budget. However, the funds were never released. **TNN**

► **Finance Commission, P 3**

No GST on hostels, rail platform ticket, ESOPs

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New Delhi: GST Council on Saturday decided to exempt all hostel fees, platform ticket, railway waiting room and golf cart charges as well as employee stock options from payment of tax, while reworking the system to register for the tax regime to check frauds by bogus entities.

While hostels run by education institutions were already exempt from GST, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said now all hostels will be exempted from the levy provided the monthly charges are under Rs 20,000 per person and the occupant stays at the facility for at least 90 days.

The move will also benefit thousands of students and working people staying



Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman at the pre-Budget meeting with finance ministers of all states and UTs in New Delhi

in paying guest accommodations. There was relief for corporate guarantees, reinsurance, where certain clarifications have been issued, and for e-commerce players, too, as the tax collected at source on net taxable supplies will be halved to 0.5%.

There were clarifications

FM: <2% taxpayers got notices from govt

Amid repeated attacks from the opposition, FM Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday that less than 2% of the nearly 59 lakh active taxpayers had pending notices under the CGST Act. Officials suggested that several opposition-governed states have been issuing notices & summons under state laws. **P 5**

allowing 12% tax on all types of milk cans, solar cookers and paper cartons. Further, compensation cess on supply of aerated beverages and energy drinks to authorised customers by defence canteens have also been exempted.

► **Tweaks to CGST Act, P 5**

Kamala Hampana, eminent Kannada writer, dies at 89

Eminent Kannada litterateur **Kamala Hampana** passed away at her Bengaluru residence on Saturday due to age-related issues. She was 89. An authority on ancient and medieval Kannada literature and cultural studies, Kamala pursued the path of research.

Family members revealed that her last wish was to donate her body to a medical college. Accordingly, the family handed over her body to MS Ramaiah Medical College. **P 2**



Depts at loggerheads over LKG-UKG in govt schools

Sruthy Susan Ullas & Basavaraj Maralihalli | TNN

Bengaluru/Haveri: A turf war between two govt departments — department of school education and literacy and department of women and child development — over starting LKG and UKG sections in govt schools has now reached the chief minister's office.

The decision to start kindergarten classes in schools — which come under the school education department — was met with stiff resistance from anganwadi

workers, who come under the department of women and child development, fearing job loss as they contend that children would tend to be admitted to govt schools at the early age of four, instead of being sent to anganwadis.

In view of the prevailing imbroglio, CM **Siddaramaiah** has directed his additional chief secretary LK Atheeq to convene meetings between the two govt departments to arrive at an amicable solution.

► **262 schools permitted, P 2**

Lucky Ali files land grab complaint against Rohini

Bengaluru: Singer-composer **Lucky Ali** has filed a complaint with Karnataka Lokayukta, seeking action against Karnataka-based senior IAS officer **Rohini Sindhuri** and her family, accusing them of land grab and misuse of the state machinery.

In a post on X dated June 20, Maqsood M Ali, better known as Lucky Ali, shared an acknowledgement copy of his complaint against Sindhuri. **TNN**

► **Action against cop, P 4**

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Why is it taking time to install Kavach across India?

The Indigenous System Can Prevent Train Collisions, But So Far It Has Been Deployed On Less Than 1,500km Of The Country's Total Railway Network

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On June 17, the Kanchanjunga Express, travelling from Agartala to Sealdah in Kolkata, collided with a goods train at Rangapani, a short distance from New Jalpaiguri. So far, 11 people have died in this crash. Almost exactly a year back, on June 2, the Coromandel Express, travelling from Kolkata to Chennai, collided at full speed with a goods train near Balasore in Odisha, killing 296 people.

Both these accidents involved collisions. Now, we have an indigenously developed technology called Kavach to prevent such collisions. While experts say that Kavach may not have been able to prevent the Balasore accident — which also involved a third train — the system should easily have helped avert the Rangapani mishap. The question though is moot since Kavach was absent from the equation in both cases.

So, why is it taking time to roll out Kavach across India's railway network?

What is Kavach?

Kavach is an electronic system designed and developed by the Railways' Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) to achieve zero accidents on tracks by shielding trains against a variety of potential hazards like speeding, failure to obey signal, etc. The system provides continuous updates of 'movement authority', which is the distance up to which a train is permitted to travel without danger. Significantly, in situations where braking is necessary and the train driver has either failed to do so, or is not in a position to do so, the brakes apply automatically.

How Effective is it?

Since it's aimed at eliminating accidents, the mechanism has undergone rigorous testing and has achieved the highest safety levels. It is a Safety Integrity Level 4 (SIL-4) certified technology with the probability of error being one in 10,000 years. Kavach is also the world's cheapest automatic train collision protection system, costing Rs 50 lakh/km to operate. Worldwide the cost is around Rs 2 crore/km.

How Does It Work?

The system uses ultra-high radio frequencies to interconnect its various components. When a train driver jumps a signal — the main reason for train accidents — Kavach sends out a warning. When the system detects another train on the same track within a set distance,



A console inside the train driver's cabin that's part of the Kavach system, which comprises multiple components spread across tracks, trains and railway stations

KAVACH HELPS BY...

- Preventing trains from jumping signal
- Averting collision between trains on same track
- Checking trains from running on wrong side
- Displaying signal information to train drivers
- Automatically sounding warning whistle at level crossings

FIRST SUCCESSFUL TRIAL

The first successful trial of Kavach was conducted between Gullaguda and Chitgidda railway stations in Telangana in March 2022. A head-on collision situation was simulated with two locomotives and the Kavach system in the train and tracks initiated automatic braking, halting the locomotives 380m apart. During the simulation of a failure to obey the red signal, the locomotives applied automatic brakes and did not cross the signal. The automatic whistle also deployed and Kavach automatically reduced the speed to 30kmph from 60kmph as the locomotive entered the loop line.

ESTIMATED COST

India's rail network is about 68,000km long (counting route and not track length). With Kavach taking ₹50 lakh/km to install, it'd cost about ₹34,000 crore to cover the entire network

it instantly warns the loco pilot, and takes control of the brakes. It applies automatic brakes to prevent speeding and also enables automatic whistling while approaching level-crossing gates.

How Is It Deployed?

Deployment of Kavach involves installation of towers, laying of optical fibre cables along the entire track length and fitting radio frequency, or RFID, tags to tracks. Further, 'loco Kavach' has to be installed in each locomotive and a 'station Kavach' at each station. RFID tags have to be fitted in the sleepers on the tracks in the station section, point zones and near signals and in the block section. Apart from acting as location references, these provide immediate information regarding signals to the train driver.

How Difficult Is It To Install?

According to officials, deployment of the

system is complex, especially since it has to be installed on existing networks without disrupting train movement.

Till date, Kavach has been deployed on 1,465km of rail route and in 144 locomotives of the South Central Railway. Work to install Kavach on the high-density Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Howrah routes (approximately 3,000 route km) is on. Till June 17, optical fibre cables had been laid on 4,055km with 356 telecom towers and other equipment installed at 273 stations and in 301 locomotives.

Indian Railways has so far awarded bids for deployment of Kavach on 6,000km of its network with plans to roll out tenders for 10,000km in the near future.

At present, only three Indian manufacturers — HBL PowerSystems, Kernex, and Medha — are making and deploying the system. Govt is focusing on more players to enhance capacity and scale up implementation.

TOI Explains

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No kidding! Yoga can help raise sperm DNA quality

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New Delhi: Couples facing repeated pregnancy loss and implantation failure may find hope in the integration of regular yoga practice by men, which could help improve pregnancy outcomes. This revelation comes from a study conducted by AIIMS and published in *Scientific Reports* of the Nature Publishing Group.

According to researchers, paternal factors play a critical role in the health and disease of the offspring. It has been cited as an important contributor in the normal embryonic development and associated as a causal factor for early pregnancy loss.

The study titled 'Yoga and its effect on sperm genomic integrity, gene expression, telomere length and perceived quality of life in early pregnancy loss' investigated the effects of a six-week yoga programme on male partners of couples facing recurrent pregnancy loss and implantation failure. The participants and their semen samples were assessed before and after the yoga intervention.

The results indicate that incorporating regular yoga practice into the lifestyle of men may have beneficial effects on aspects of sperm quality and function.

"Psychological stress and impending oxidative stress are key components that affect the sperm structure and function," said professor Rima Dada of the laboratory of molecular reproduction and genetics, AIIMS. She added that toxins like pollution and cigarette smoke can cause oxidative stress.

The study suggests that yoga can potentially improve sperm DNA quality, reduce oxidative stress and slow down the aging process of sperms by increasing their telomere length. Additionally, the practice of yoga appears to normalise the gene expression levels in sperms. These positive changes may contribute to the prevention of recurrent failure and enhance pregnancy outcomes,

FIGHTING THE PROBLEM

Pregnancy loss is associated with comorbid stress, anxiety and depression

Psychological stress, unhealthy lifestyle and impending oxidative stress are key components, which affect the sperm structure and function



HOW YOGA CAN HELP

Yoga is a mind-body medicine and results in a significant improvement in both mental and physical health, and also in all domains of life

Consistent practise of yoga has shown to enhance sperm quality and increase integrity of both nuclear and mitochondrial DNA

These improvements can help couples achieve spontaneous conception and also boost the chances

of success following IVF/ICSI procedures

By reducing the occurrence of pregnancy losses, implantation failures, and significant morbidity and mortality in the offspring, regular yoga practice can contribute to better reproductive outcomes

Moreover, it can substantially lower the genetic and epigenetic disease burden in future generations

both in cases of spontaneous conception and assisted reproductive techniques.

Moreover, the findings highlight the potential impact of yoga in reducing the risk of disease transmission with poor quality of sperm DNA to the next generation. By improving the overall health and quality of sperms, the practice of yoga may play a role in minimising the burden of disease in offspring. The other authors of the study were Dr Vidhu Dhawan of the department of anatomy and Dr Neena Malhotra, Dr Neeta Singha and Dr Vatsala Dadhwal of the department of obstetrics and gynaecology.

The study included 60 participants in the 18-45 age group, divided into two groups of 30 each.

One group participated in the yoga programme, whi-

le the other served as the control group. Additionally, semen samples were collected from 30 healthy, fertile men who had become fathers in the past two years, but they were not included in the yoga intervention. To eliminate any potential confounding factors, cytogenetic analysis was performed on both partners to exclude the presence of chromosomal abnormalities.

A structured yoga regimen was implemented, with sessions lasting about two hours each day, six days per week for the first two weeks under the skilled direction and oversight of certified yoga instructors. Participants were guided through a series of postures, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques aimed at improving flexibility, strength and overall health.

4 killed in blast at factory making fire extinguishers

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Gurgaon: A factory manufacturing fire extinguisher balls off Dwarka Expressway burst into flames after an explosion early on Saturday, charring four persons to death and leaving a dozen injured. The owner of GFO Research and Development Pvt Ltd, Sandeep, was arrested following allegations that he had stored flammable material inside the factory in Daultabad industrial area despite being warned against it multiple times. The blast, which is believed to have occurred around 2am, also damaged neighbouring buildings, most of which house factories and workshops.

The four who died are Kaushik (28), a worker of the fireball factory from Lakshman Vihar in Gurgaon, Arun (26) of Raebareilly, who worked in the neighbouring Technocrat Pvt Ltd; Delhi resident Ram Avadh (59), a guard at one of the factories in the area; and Prashant, who was from Etawah in UP. At least 12 persons were injured, two of whom are said to be critical. The others were discharged after first aid. Fire officer Ramesh Saini told TOI the Bhim Nagar fire station received a distress call at 2.35am. A total of 12 fire tenders were rushed to the spot along with cops, ambulances and teams of NDRF and SDRF.

"The fire tenders had to make multiple rounds to refill their tanks and douse the flames. It took us almost eight hours to bring the blaze under control," Saini added. Sources in the fire department said a short circuit might have caused the blast. But a report was awaited till late on Saturday evening. Of the two workers battling grievous injuries, one is a brother of Kaushik. Rishikesh is undergoing treatment at Safdarjung hospital in Delhi while Kuldeep is admitted to a private facility.

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