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Bangladesh Parliament dissolved; Yunus proposed as interim leader

BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia among Sheikh Hasina's opponents released from jail; a number of Awami League supporters arrested; streets of Dhaka filled with crowds holding rallies; Hindu-owned businesses and houses attacked in some areas

Rabiul Alam
DHAKA

Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin on Tuesday dissolved the 12th Parliament, formed through the January 7 national election, and assured the country that fresh elections will be held as soon as possible.

This comes a day after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped down after 15 straight years in power and fled the country, following a crackdown on widespread protests.

The key coordinators of Students Against Discrimination, the group that spearheaded the anti-government protests, proposed the name of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus to head an



People near the demolished statue of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, father of Bangladesh, in Dhaka, on Tuesday. REUTERS

interim government. Mr. Yunus has given his consent to take on the responsibility, according to Nahid Islam, a protest coordinator.

The decision to dissolve Parliament was taken following the President's discussions with the three

chiefs of staff of Bangladesh's armed forces, the leaders of different political parties, civil society representatives, and the leaders of the students movement, according to a statement issued from Bangabhaban, the official residence of the President.

The statement added that the head of the main Opposition party had been released from prison. "[Bangladesh Nationalist Party] BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia was freed. The process to release those arrested between July 1 and August [5] has started, and many have already been released," it added.

The streets of Dhaka were filled with crowds holding rallies and chanting in support of their respective parties on Tuesday.

Some businesses and homes owned by Hindus, a minority community in Bangladesh, have reportedly been attacked in certain areas.

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Hasina looks at UAE, Saudi for asylum

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Over 24 hours after ousted Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled Dhaka, it is still unclear where her final destination will be, as sources said the U.K. is "unlikely" to accept her request for asylum. She is believed to be discussing her options with other nations, including the UAE and Saudi Arabia, along with those where her immediate family resides: the U.S., the U.K., Finland and India.

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IN BRIEF

Ministry refuses details on staff crunch in forces

NEW DELHI
Citing "national security", the Defence Ministry has refused to divulge details on the shortage of personnel in the armed forces, which in the past was regularly given out in written responses to questions in Parliament. » Page 12

Over 5,000 PMLA cases in past 10 years, says govt.

NEW DELHI
The Home Ministry on Tuesday informed the Lok Sabha that 5,297 cases had been registered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the past 10 years while conviction was secured in 40 cases. » Page 5

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Google a monopolist, rules American judge in key anti-trust case

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

A U.S. judge on Monday handed Google a major legal blow, ruling in a landmark anti-trust case that it has maintained a monopoly with its dominant search engine.

District Court Judge Amit Mehta found that Google had a monopoly for search through exclusive distribution agreements that made it the "default" option that people were likely to use on devices.

"Google is a monopolist, and it has acted as one to maintain its monopoly," Mr. Mehta wrote in his ruling. It "has a major, largely unseen advantage over its rivals: default distribution," he wrote.

The Sherman Antitrust



Act of the U.S. makes it illegal to monopolise or attempt to monopolise a market for products or services. The trial pitting U.S. prosecutors and nearly a dozen states against Google ended in May.

Google said it will appeal the verdict.

At the heart of the case was the massive payments made by Google to Apple and other companies to keep its search engine as the default on iPhones and web browsers.

Sisodia's bail: when will trial end, SC asks ED

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Enforcement Directorate (ED) when the trial proceedings against former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia would "realistically" see the "end of the tunnel".

A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan made the query while reserving Mr. Sisodia's plea for bail in the excise policy case for judgment. The AAP leader has been in jail for nearly 17 months now.

"There are 493 witnesses in the trial. Even if you give up 50% of the witnesses, when will you finish?" Justice Viswanathan asked the ED, represented by Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju, who said the delay came from the accused, who sought one document after the other in court.

Kamala Harris selects Walz as V-P nominee

Reuters

Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris selected Minnesota Governor Tim Walz to be her running mate on Tuesday, choosing a progressive policy champion and a plain speaker from the U.S. heartland to help win over rural, white voters.



Tim Walz

In a text message to supporters, Ms. Harris announced the selection of Mr. Walz, a 60-year-old U.S. Army National Guard veteran. "Tim is a battle-tested leader who has an

incredible track record of getting things done for Minnesota families. I know that he will bring that same principled leadership to our campaign, and to the office of the Vice President."

As Governor, he has pushed a progressive agenda that includes free school meals, goals to tackle climate change, tax cuts and more paid leave for Minnesota workers. An advocate for women's reproductive rights, he has also displayed a conservative bent, backing gun rights.

Govt. blinks on capital gains tax on real estate

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Facing a backlash over changes to the long-term capital gains tax regime announced in the Budget, including critiques from MPs within the National Democratic Alliance, the government has relented to grant some relief for property transactions.



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced that the tax on long-term capital gains is being reduced from 20% with indexation benefits,

to 12.5% without indexation benefits.

Two options

An amendment is being made to the Finance Bill, 2024, as per details circulated amongst Lok Sabha members, to enable taxpayers to choose either of these two tax rates that work out lower for them, in cases involving transfer of immovable assets like land and buildings acquired before July 23 this year.

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Badri Datta (Advocate)
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TRAFFIC MANAGER

Will suspend officers, HC warns MCD over drowning deaths

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday rapped the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) over the deaths of a woman and her three-year-old son who drowned in a drain in east Delhi on July 31, saying the civic body has become a "cosy club" with its senior officials lacking the courage to take action against non-performing employees.

A Bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela also noted that photographs of the location where the incident took place showed a "shocking state of affairs", with waste lying along the road for months, if not years. The court warned that it would start suspending senior officials.

"They [MCD officials] fly like a bee and sting like a butterfly. They don't have the courage to take action against their own officials. There is no brotherly love over here. If someone is not performing, pull him up. Senior officers have to perform an unpleasant task," the Bench said hearing a plea over the incident.

It also directed the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), which owns a portion of the drain, to barri-

The court made the observation while hearing a plea over the drowning of a woman and her son in a drain on July 31

cade open drains and file a status report.

The court raised concerns with respect to the absence of the MCD Standing Committee, the civic body's main decision-making arm that has executive powers to grant approval to projects worth over ₹5 crore.

"No purpose served" "The MCD is not serving anyone's purpose. Let it be dissolved," the exasperated court said.

As both DDA and MCD counsels maintained that the incident did not take place in their respective jurisdictions, the court said it was not getting into the issue and asked the police to complete its investigation promptly.

It said the incident showed there was "criminal negligence" and asked the investigating officer to file a status report and listed the matter for hearing on August 22. The investigating officer said notices had been sent to the MCD and the DDA in the case.

False affidavit submitted to HC stating our hospitals have ample medicines: Bharadwaj

Health Secy's affidavit hid facts about lack of doctors, paramedics, medicines at Delhi govt. medical facilities: Health Minister; misleading remarks: Raj Niwas official; Bharadwaj is frustrated, says BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Tuesday accused the Health Secretary of submitting false information in an affidavit to the Delhi High Court.

The Minister said the standing counsel of the Delhi government's Services Department, under the directions of Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena, shared the "false" affidavit with the court while it was hearing a case on the alleged lack of infrastructure in the Delhi government-run hospitals.

He added that he would write to the Law Department seeking action against the Health Secretary and Services Department counsel.

When reached for comment, the Health Secretary and the L-G office did not respond.

However, a senior Raj Niwas official termed the Minister's remarks "misleading and false".

The BJP said the Minis-



The Minister said he will write to the Law Department seeking action against the Health Secretary. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

ter "has a habit of projecting everyone other than him as a liar".

'No approval'

Addressing a press conference, the Health Minister said he was surprised that an affidavit on behalf of the Health Department was presented before the court without his knowledge or approval.

"For a long time, I have been writing letters to the Chief Secretary and the Health Secretary, informing them about the huge shortage of medicines in the Delhi government hos-

pitals and Mohalla Clinics," Mr. Bharadwaj said.

"Despite this, a false affidavit was presented before the High Court, in which it was said that there was no shortage of medicines in Delhi government hospitals and Mohalla Clinics."

He added that the shortage of doctors, specialists, paramedics, and medicines was "hidden from the court" as a result of which people will continue to suffer.

The Minister claimed that since 2023, he has stated several times that affidavits should not be present-



During Bharadwaj's tenure as the Health Minister, Delhiites have seen scams in Mohalla Clinics and distribution of spurious medicines at the Delhi government hospitals counters

VIRENDRA SACHDEVA
Delhi BJP president

ed before courts without his approval, as he is the Minister and the department's accountability lies with him.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said the Health Minister appeared to be "frustrated" as he has only been addressing press conferences cursing the L-G, officials, and the BJP.

"During Saurabh Bharadwaj's tenure as the Health Minister, Delhiites have seen scams in Mohalla Clinics related to pathological tests, X-ray, etc., apart from the distribution of spurious medicines at the Delhi government hospital counters," he said.

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, धनबाद

शुद्धि पत्र

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के ई-अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या 06/RWD/DHANBAD/24-25 दिनांक 22.07.2024 जिसका पीओआर 330412 Rural Works Department (24-25) उक्त निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना के कंडिका 03 के पथ का राशि घट जाने के कारण श्रेणी 2 के निविदा समझा जाये। शेष सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, धनबाद।

PR.NO.331950 Rural Work Department(24-25):D

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tel. No.01905-224129, E-mail:- hp-man1@nic.in

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, HPPWD, Mandi on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works is detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Division	Name of work	Construction Cost (In Lacs)	Maintenance Cost (In Lacs)	Total Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Period of Completion	Starting Date for down-loading Bid.	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Deadline for submission of Bid.
1.	Mandi-II	Construction of MT, CD and balance work on Sikkan Mutt to Kanan via Moregabo Road Km. 0/00 to 3/500 including one No. Bridge at RD. 1/170 in GP Upprali Surari and Bhargan on NABARD RIDF-XXIX.	338.19	20.96	359.15	One year	08-08-2024	7,18,400/-	17-08-2024 upto 10:30 AM

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in. The department has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons

1st Circle, HPPWD, Mandi PIN-175001, Tel. No.01905-224129, E-mail:- hp-man1@nic.in On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

HP / 1290/24-25 HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department

e-procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, HP.PWD, Division Sarkaghat H.P. on behalf of Governor of HP. invites the percentage bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of each of the following works from the eligible Class of contractors registered with H.P.WD for the works as detailed below.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	EMD	Cost of tender	Time limit	Eligible class of contractor.
1.	Periodic maintenance of Plassi Samila Trifalghat road KM 0/00 to 9/000 PMGSY road under Performance Incentive (SH: Providing & Laying using 25 mm thick bituminous concrete including five years periodic maintenance in KM 0/00 to 9/000)	1,49,45,000/-	2990000/-	5000/-	Six Month	Class - B
2.	Periodic maintenance					

T.N. Minister case: SC tells ED to establish 'predicate offence'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Directorate of Enforcement about the prospects of trial commencing in the money laundering case against former Tamil Nadu Minister V. Senthilbalaji without first establishing the predicate offence (cash for jobs).

"In the predicate offence, there are 1,000 accused... When will the predicate offence be established? Unless the predicate offence is established, how will you (ED) commence trial proceedings under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act?" a Bench headed by Justice AS Oka asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the ED.

Mr. Mehta said he would address the issue in the due course of his submissions. The Bench is hearing a plea for regular bail filed by Mr. Senthilbalaji, who said he had been in custody for over 300 days.

The Solicitor General said the victims of the cash for jobs scam were increasingly turning in favour of the accused. "He is winning over the victims," Mr. Mehta submitted.

"But you will have to still address on whether there were any prospects of the PMLA trial commencing, if

The Bench is hearing plea for regular bail filed by Senthilbalaji, who has been in custody for over 300 days

not other considerations would come into play while dealing with the bail application," the Bench weighed in.

The ED has accused Mr. Senthilbalaji of playing a "central and pivotal role" in the "job racket scam" during 2014-2015. The case involves kickbacks for jobs in the Metropolitan Transport Corporation of Chennai and Tamil Nadu State Corporation when Mr. Senthilbalaji was the Transport Minister.

The Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) was based on three FIRs and a chargesheet filed by the Law Enforcement Agency of the Central Crime Branch of Chennai.

The ED had said bank statements show cash deposits of ₹ 1.34 crore in the account of Mr. Senthilbalaji and ₹ 29.55 lakh in that of S. Megala, his wife. Further, cash deposits of ₹ 13.13 crore were found with his brother Ashok Kumar, ₹ 53.89 lakh with his wife A. Nirmala and ₹ 2.19 crore with B. Shanmugam, a private assistant of Mr. Senthilbalaji.

Rajasthan Congress MLA suspended for 6 months after night-long dharna

Oppn. behaviour regrettable, says Speaker Vasudev Devnani, suspends Mukesh Bhakar for his 'indecent behaviour'; Speaker's decision is unwarranted and completely unconstitutional, says LoP

Mohammed Iqbal
JAIPUR

Congress MLA Mukesh Bhakar was on Tuesday suspended from the Rajasthan Assembly for six months following a night-long dharna staged by the Opposition legislators in the Well of the House. The Congress MLAs had on Monday prevented marshals from evicting Mr. Bhakar, who was initially suspended for the remaining period of the Assembly's Budget session.

Mr. Bhakar represents Didwana-Kuchaman district's Ladnun Assembly constituency, from where he was elected in 2023 for the second consecutive term.

Speaker Vasudev Devnani had earlier ordered his suspension following an uproar over the appointment of public prosecutors under the Criminal Procedure Code instead of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita on Monday.

When the proceedings resumed on Tuesday, the



Opposition Congress MLAs staging a night-long dharna in the Well of the Rajasthan Assembly. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.

protesting Congress MLAs refused to leave the House and continued shouting slogans. Mr. Devnani suspended Mr. Bhakar for six months over his "indecent behaviour" and then adjourned the Assembly sine die, while declaring the Budget session as having concluded.

Noisy scenes

The House witnessed noisy scenes on Tuesday morning, as the Congress members trooped into the Well of the House and raised

the Opposition members were protecting him in an "unconstitutional gesture". The Speaker accepted the motion and ordered Mr. Bhakar's suspension for six months.

Mr. Devnani described the Opposition's behaviour in the Assembly as deeply regrettable and contrary to the rules and conventions of the House. He said Mr. Bhakar had displayed disrespectful gestures towards the Chair. "The Opposition taking the side of such a member is highly condemnable," he said.

Leader of the Opposition Tika Ram Jully criticised the Speaker's decision and said it was "unwarranted and completely unconstitutional". Mr. Jully said the BJP government was taking action against elected representatives "out of vengeance".

Former CM Ashok Gehlot also condemned Mr. Bhakar's suspension and said it had emanated from the BJP government's "dictatorial attitude".

CBI probe sought into 'malpractices' in organ transplantation

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A writ petition has been filed in the Madras High Court seeking a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the alleged organ transplantation malpractices committed by some private hospitals in collusion with certain officials of the Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (TRANSTAN).

Justice N. Seshasayee adjourned the petition filed by 32-year-old L. Jagannath, a kidney transplant beneficiary from Tiruvannamalai, to August 19. In his affidavit, the petitioner had narrated the travails faced by him during the wait for the organ and the irregularities he came across.

The petitioner said he was diagnosed with chronic renal failure in April 2014 and advised to undergo dialysis three times a week until a kidney could be transplanted successfully. Initially, his name was far behind in the waiting list. However, in June 2015, he was informed of the availability of a kidney. He obtained the biochemistry report of the deceased donor and found that the kidney had a 7mm calculus, creatinine at 6.9 and urea at 110. "I declined the marginal kidney. It was subsequent-

'Private hospitals are not supposed to charge the recipient of organ donation, some are charging as much as ₹2.5 lakh'

ly transplanted into a 21-year-old patient from Kalpakam, who sadly passed away within six months of the transplantation," the petitioner claimed.

In 2016, a woman was suddenly placed at the top of the active waiting list by passing 17 other patients, including himself, the petitioner said, adding that the hospital claimed to have obtained special permission from the State government to do so.

"While I was waiting for a donor's kidney for more than three years, I became aware of the illegal organ trade occurring in the State," the petitioner said and claimed to have obtained information under the Right to Information Act, 2005, to prove his allegations.

The petitioner said though the private hospitals were not supposed to charge the recipient of organ donation for cadaver organ retrieval, transportation and preservation as per TRANSTAN rules, some private hospitals were charging as much as ₹2.5 lakh for the purpose.

18 minors rescued from Delhi jute bag factory

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi police on Tuesday rescued 18 child workers from a jute bag manufacturing and printing factory from north-east Delhi's Bhajanpura, said officials.

"The minors, aged 11 to 17 and hailing from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Uttarakhand, have been rescued from Gamri village, Bhajanpura," said DCP (North East) Joy Tirkey, adding that the rescue operation was led by the local police in collaboration with the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, the Department of Labour, the Revenue Department, and an NGO.

Nine employees - Aslam, Rajkumar, Vicky, Pintu, Sarvesh, Ahsan, Satendar, Ansari, and Sahil, all belonging to Gamri village - have been booked under relevant sections of the Juvenile Justice Act and the Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act.

The children will be produced before the Child Welfare Committee, the DCP said.

Timings
DELHI

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 07	RISE 05:47	SET 19:08
	RISE 08:07	SET 20:54
THURSDAY, AUG. 08	RISE 05:47	SET 19:07
	RISE 09:00	SET 21:21
FRIDAY, AUG. 09	RISE 05:48	SET 19:06
	RISE 09:52	SET 21:47

Delhi Weather	max	min
Delhi City	35	27
Safdarjung	35	27
Palam	34	26

Delhi Palam Today
32°C Weather will be little warm with cloudy sky. Few spells of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower with strong winds will occur.

Delhi Palam Tomorrow
31°C The weather will be slight warm with cloudy sky. Night will be comfortable. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
(S&T Construction Organisation)
CSTE/CON/ECR/Mahendraghat/Patna for & on behalf of president of India are invited Open online E-Tender.

E-Tender No.: Snt-C-DHN-144

1. Name of work: Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Electronic Interlocking System (Indoor & Outdoor) at Pradhankunta, Rakhitpur and Sindri Block Hut in Connection with twin single line with Automatic Block Signalling in Dhanbad Division of East Central Railway.
2. Approximate cost: Rs. 37,93,79,655.89
3. Earnest Money: Rs. 20,46,900.00/-
4. Cost of Tender document: Nil
5. Completion Period: 12 Months. 6. Last Date & Time of submission of online E-Tender: 26/08/2024 upto 12:00

For details information, may kindly see the tender notice and tender documents which are available at Indian Railways website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.

CSTE/CON/Dhanbad / E C Railway
PR/00838/CDHNS/S&T/24-25/32

M.P. URJA VIKAS NIGAM LIMITED
DEPARTMENT OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
GOVERNMENT OF MADHYA PRADESH
Urja Bhawan, Link Road No. 2, Near Bus Stop No. 5, Shivaji Nagar, Bhopal - 462016, Tel. No. : +91-755-2556566, 2553595, 2767270
Website : <http://www.mprenewable.nic.in>
Email : solarpump.mpuvnl@gmail.com
RFS No: F/UVN/2024-25/SLP/02-72/1585 Date 05.08.2024

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (NIT)

MPUVNL, invites Bids from the Bidders to participate through this Request for Selection (RFS) for Empanelment of Vendors for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Transport, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 52000 Nos. Off-Grid Solar Photovoltaic Water Pumping Systems (SPWPS) of different capacities (HP) anywhere in Madhya Pradesh State, including complete system warranty and its repair and maintenance for 5 Years under Component-B of PM-KUSUM scheme of MNRE. Bid documents which include eligibility criteria, technical specifications, various conditions of agreements, formats etc. can be viewed from website of nodal agency (<http://www.mprenewable.nic.in>) website and can be downloaded from <https://mptenders.gov.in> The detailed RFS document can be downloaded from 12th August 2024.

M.P. Madhyam/115762/2024 (I/C) PROJECT KUSUM-B

e-Procurement Cell
JHARKHAND STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LTD., RANCHI
Short Term e-Procurement Notice Date-05-08-2024

Sl. No.	Tender Reference No.	Work Name	Amount in (Rs)	Completion Time
1	JSBCC/39/2024-25	Proposed Construction of District Science Centre at Bokaro	9,62,29,748/-	11 Months
2	JSBCC/40/2024-25	Proposed Construction of District Science Centre at Dhanbad	10,03,81,346/-	11 Months
3	JSBCC/41/2024-25	Proposed Construction of District Science Centre at Dumka	10,76,97,938/-	11 Months
4	JSBCC/42/2024-25	Proposed Construction of District Science Centre at Daltonganj (Palamu)	9,98,85,315/-	11 Months
5	JSBCC/43/2024-25	Proposed Construction of Academic Building(G+3) in S.P. Mahila College Dumka under Sidhu Kanhu Murnu University, Dumka	6,27,14,166/-	11 Months
6	JSBCC/44/2024-25	Proposed Construction of Academic Building(G+2) with Classroom & Lab at Vananchal College, Tandwa, Chitra under Vinoba Bhawe University, Hazaribagh	4,71,62,082/-	11 Months
7	JSBCC/45/2024-25	Proposed Construction of Library Block with Classroom & Computer Lab (G+2) at Surat Pandey Degree College, Garhwa under Nilambar Pitambar University, Palamu	4,72,18,179/-	11 Months
8	JSBCC/46/2024-25	Proposed Construction of SRC & Library Building(G+4) at G.L.A. College, Daltonganj, Palamu under Nilambar Pitambar University, Palamu	7,59,49,857/-	11 Months
9	JSBCC/47/2024-25	Construction of Synthetic Football Field at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Sports Complex, Simdega	13,42,18,837/-	11 Months

10. Date of Publication of Tender on Website: 13-08-2024 at 11:00 AM
11. Start Date of Submission of Bids: 13-08-2024 at 11:00 AM
12. Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids: 03-09-2024 at 05:00 PM
13. Date/Time of opening of Bid: 04-09-2024 at 05:00 PM
14. Name & Address of office Inviting tender: e-Procurement Cell, Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.
15. Helpline Number of e-procurement Cell: 0651-2446259
16. e-mail ID: jsbccljharkhand@gmail.com

Note:- Cost of bidding document for a non-refundable fee & Bid Security (EMD) shall be payable online through <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.

Any change can be seen on Website <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.
Any other information can be seen on <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.

Nodal Officer
e-Procurement Cell
Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.
PR 332049 Jharkhand State Building Construction Corp. Ltd. (24-25)_D

JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
3rd Floor, F.F.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004
Letter No - JSRRDA- dated - 05.08.2024

CORRIGENDUM TO PR.NO-315606 dated 10.01.2024
The Following Package No- JH22-EG-26B1 of West Singhbhum in the NIT No- 39/ 2024-25 dated 01.08.2024(Retender-7th Call) published vide PR.NO-315606 dated 10.01.2024 for the works of PMGSY is hereby Cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.

Sl. No.	District/ Block	Repackage	Road Name	Length (in Kms./M)	Cons. Cost (in Lakh)	Maint. cost (in Lakh)	Total (in Lakh)	E/M (in Lakh)	Time Completion
1	West Singhbhum / Goelkera	JH22-EG-26 B1	Bridge Over local nala(89.44M) ch. 2.4 Km Balia Leventva to PVR187)	89.44 M	320.18	13.75	333.93	6.68	15 Months

Engineer-in- Chief
JSRRDA, Ranchi
PR 332050 Rural Work Department (24-25)_D

THE HINDU AT THE GAMES PHOTO CONTEST

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

TIDEL TIDEL PARK LTD.
(An ISO 9001/14001 Company)
CIN No. U74999TN1997PLC039523
No.4, Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Taramani, Chennai - 600 115, Ph:044 2254 0500 / 501 mail: tenders@tidelpark.com www.tidelpark.com

E-Tender No: TIDEL/2024-2025/12

TIDEL Park Limited invites "E-Tender for Construction of IT Office Building, Ground Floor + 12 Floors + Terrace, Including Civil Construction, Interior Finishing Works, MEP works and Other Allied Development Works at Mattuthavani in Madurai."

For more details and participation in the above e-Tender, please visit the website www.tntenders.gov.in. Last date for online submission of fully filled in tender documents is **3.00 p.m. on 07.09.2024**. TIDEL Park Limited reserves the right to accept /reject any one/all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPR/2842/TENDER/2024 **Managing Director**

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, राँची

पत्रांक:- शुद्धि पत्र दिनांक-

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय द्वारा ई-निविदा संख्या:-28/2023-24/RWD/EE/RANCHI, PR No.330682 (REO) 24-25 (D) द्वारा दैनिक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित हुआ था। जिसमें निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि 25.08.2024 एवं निविदा खोलने की तिथि 27.08.2024 के स्थान पर निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि 27.08.2024 एवं निविदा खोलने की तिथि 29.08.2024 पढ़ा जाय।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग कार्य प्रमण्डल, राँची
PR 331995 (REO)24-25'D

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD.
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking) CIN No.: U440108UP2001SGC025867/2358
Victoria Cross Vijeta Gagar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001
Tel. No.: 0135-2763672-76. Website : www.uktenders.gov.in

CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NOTICE

This office e-tender specification no CCP-II/7/2024-2025 invited previously for supply of 1,50,000 Nos. Single phase two wire (10-60A) DLMS electronic meter with meter box is hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 17:00 hrs of 21.08.2024. Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on 22.08.2024 at 15:30 hrs. Other terms and conditions will remain same as per original tender notice. For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in.

Superintending Engineer
Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)
No. 376/EE(CM)/UPCLA-2/ Dt. 06/08/2024
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New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector - 6, Noida - 201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

S. No.	Job Number	Name of Work	Amount (Rs.)	Publishing
(1)	12/SP/PE(PH-)/E-T/2024-25	Renovation work of weighbridge of Dump site & weighbridge room in Sec-144 Noida.	49,50,060.72	1st Time

The above tenders can be uploaded From dated 07.08.2024 to 21.08.2024 upto 5.00 PM. The Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 22.08.2024 at 11.00 AM.

Office Sector-94, Noida
General Manager (Public Health) Noida
CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector - 6, Noida - 201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in

जन सूचना

नौएडा क्षेत्र में स्थित कैबिटी, कम्पनी, वाणिज्यिक प्रतिष्ठानों, होटलों एवं अन्य संस्थानों आदि से निकलने वाले प्लास्टिक, शीशा, रबड़, गत्ते इत्यादि खराब वस्तुओं को "Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016" के तहत निरस्तारण करने के सम्बन्ध में।

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन, मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा दिनांक 18.03.2016 को भाग 2 खण्ड-3 उप खण्ड-1 में असाधारण रूपान्तर में प्रकाशित अधिसूचना "Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016" में बिंदु संख्या-08 के अनुसार अपशिष्ट जनक (Responsibility of waste generator) का उत्तरदायित्व-

1. अपशिष्ट जनक-क. समय-समय पर यथा संशोधित ठोस अपशिष्ट प्रबंध नियम, 2000 के अनुसार प्लास्टिक अपशिष्ट के जनन को कम करने और स्रोत पर प्लास्टिक अपशिष्ट को पृथक करने के कदम उठाएगा। ख. प्लास्टिक अपशिष्ट को न बिखरने देगा और स्रोत पर अपशिष्ट का पृथक मंडारण सुनिश्चित करेगा तथा पृथक अपशिष्ट को शहरी स्थायी निकायों या ग्राम पंचायत या उनके द्वारा नियुक्त एजेंसियों या अपशिष्ट चुनने वालों, रजिस्ट्रीकृत पुनः चक्रणकर्ताओं या अपशिष्ट संग्रहण अभिकरणों को सौंपेगा।
2. प्लास्टिक अपशिष्ट के सभी संस्थागत जनक उनके द्वारा जनित अपशिष्ट का पृथककरण और मंडारण इस अधिनियम या इसके बाद संशोधित अधिनियम के तहत कोआ10 908 (अ) तारीख 25 सितंबर, 2000 द्वारा अधिसूचित म्युनिसिपल ठोस अपशिष्ट (प्रबंधन और प्रहस्तन) नियम, 2000 के अनुसार करेंगे और पृथकृत अपशिष्टों को स्वयं के या प्राधिकृत अपशिष्ट अभिकरण के माध्यम से प्राधिकृत अपशिष्ट प्रसंस्करण या व्ययन सुविधा या निष्प्रेषण केन्द्रों को सौंपेंगे।
3. सभी अपशिष्ट जनक ऐसी उपयोगिता फीस या प्रभार अदा करेंगे जो अपशिष्ट संग्रहण या उसकी सुविधा के प्रचालन आदि जैसे प्लास्टिक अपशिष्ट प्रबंध के लिए स्थानीय निकायों की उपविधियों में विनिर्दिष्ट हो।

उपरोक्त के अतिरिक्त पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन, मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा दिनांक 16.02.2022 को जारी सूचना "Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules 2022" के भाग 2 की बिंदु संख्या-10, उत्पादकों, आयातकों और ब्रांड मालिकों की भूमिका (Role of Producers, Importers & Brand-Owners) तथा बिंदु संख्या-11, प्लास्टिक अपशिष्ट प्रसंस्करणकर्ताओं की भूमिका (औद्योगिक कम्पोस्टिक सुविधाओं सहित पुनर्चक्रणकर्ता या अन्य अपशिष्ट प्रसंस्करणकर्ता (Role of Plastic Waste Processors Recyclers or Other Waste Processors including industrial composting facilities) के अनुसार नौएडा क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत आने वाली समस्त कैबिटी, कम्पनी, वाणिज्यिक प्रतिष्ठानों, होटलों एवं अन्य संस्थानों आदि से निकलने वाले प्लास्टिक, शीशा, रबड़ गत्ते इत्यादि खराब वस्तुओं को अपने परिसर में ही अथवा अधिकृत एजेंसी के माध्यम से Recycling पद्धति से निस्तारण कराना सुनिश्चित करेंगे। अन्यथा पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन, मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा दिनांक 16.02.2022 को जारी सूचना "Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules 2022 के बिंदु संख्या-09 पर्यावरणीय प्रतिकर का अधिरोपण (Imposition of Environmental Compensation) के तहत आर्थिक दण्ड अधिरोपित किया जायेगा।

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INBRIEF



Personal ambition important for Uddhav, says Nirupam

Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Nirupam on Tuesday criticised Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray over his three-day Delhi visit, saying Mr. Thackeray was ignoring the rain-affected people of Maharashtra for his Chief Ministerial ambitions. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde cancelled his visit to the national capital as Nashik, Pune and other parts of the State were affected by torrential rains, he noted while talking to reporters here. Mr. Thackeray landed in Delhi earlier in the day. He is expected to meet several Congress leaders and constituents of the INDIA bloc. PTI

Odisha may procure potatoes from Punjab, says Minister

The Odisha government may procure potatoes from Punjab to improve supplies and reduce prices of the tuber, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra told reporters. The price of potatoes continued to remain high at ₹45 a kg even after procurement from Uttar Pradesh, the Minister said. The price of the tuber has increased in Odisha due to "inadequate" supply from neighbouring West Bengal. "We are now procuring potatoes from Uttar Pradesh. If needed, we will import from Punjab," Mr. Patra said. The Minister denied the allegation that potatoes from U.P. are not as good as West Bengal. PTI

2 held after body found in suitcase at Dadar station

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Two persons were arrested after security personnel discovered a body inside their suitcase at Dadar railway station during luggage checking on Monday. Investigation revealed that Shivjeet Singh and Jay Chawda had killed their friend Arshad Ali Shaikh in south Mumbai's Pydhonie area on Sunday night and planned to take the Tutari Express train to dispose of the body. Both the accused and the victim suffered from hearing and speech impairment and knew each other from an event for disabled people.

Centre showed 'petty' mindset by not calling AAP to all-party meeting, says Sanjay Singh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday slammed the Centre for excluding it from the all-party meeting called after the ouster of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, terming it "petty mentality" on a critical issue. Condemning Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ignoring the national party, AAP Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh said national security transcends "partisan preferences". "When there is a matter of national security, it can-

States step up vigil along Bangladesh border to check unauthorised entry

Meghalaya has clamped night curfew while Assam, Mizoram, and Tripura have asked BSF, Assam Rifles, local police and other security agencies to keep a sharper eye on cross-border movements

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Four northeastern States bordering Bangladesh have stepped up vigilance along the border with Bangladesh to check possible unauthorised entry of people fleeing the political turmoil there.

While Meghalaya has clamped night curfew along its 443-km border with Bangladesh, Assam, Mizoram, and Tripura have asked the Border Security Force, the Assam Rifles, the local police and other security agencies to keep a sharper eye on cross-border movements.

Border line Bangladesh and India share a 4,096-km-long border, including 2,217 km in West Bengal. The Assam, Mizoram, and Tripura stretches of the border are 262 km, 318 km, and 856 km respectively.

"I am in regular contact with the Centre, and I have asked the security agencies



Hawk eye: Indian Army personnel stand guard near the India-Bangladesh border checkpost at Fulbari near Siliguri district on Monday night. PTI

to be on alert. We are implementing measures along the border according to the directives from the Centre," Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha said on Tuesday.

He said the security agencies had been asked to work in coordination with the State government to prevent any unauthorised entry of people from Bangladesh into the State.

Similar instructions have been issued by the Assam government for four districts - Cachar, Dhubri, Karimganj, and South Sal-

mara-Mankachar - and by the Mizoram government for Lawngtlai, Lunglei, and Mamit districts bordering Bangladesh.

Meghalaya went a step further by imposing a night curfew along the Bangladesh border up to 200 metres from the zero line. "The 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. night curfew will remain in force until the situation in Bangladesh improves," said the State's Deputy Chief Minister, Prestone Tynsong.

"We have also asked our Director General of Police to provide necessary man-

power or logistical support to the BSF as and when required," he said.

Protection of minorities On Monday, Tipra Motha leader Pradyot Manikya Deb Barma said the Centre must talk to the head of the interim government in Dhaka to ensure the protection of minorities and indigenous people living in riot-torn Bangladesh.

"Attacks on minorities and our indigenous people living in Bangladesh have increased. This is deeply concerning, and I am sure the Government of India will have a conversation with whoever takes over the interim government. We must also be careful that no provocative statement is given from our side," he said.

The ethnic minorities in Bangladesh include the Buddhist Chakma community, the primarily Christian Garo and Khasi communities, and the mixed-faith Tiprasas (communities in the Scheduled Tribe list of Tripura).

Quick trial unlikely, HC grants bail to 5 in 'conspiracy' case

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI



A Division Bench of the Bombay High Court has granted bail to five men who were arrested by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on the charge of conspiring to attack the 2017 Sunburn Festival in Pune. The July 30 order was made available late on Monday.

Justices Bharati Dange and Manjusha Deshpande, in their order, said that though an attempt was made to submit before the court that the trial has commenced, only two witnesses out of 417 witnesses have been examined and "the chances of timely completion of trial appear to be bleak".

They granted the accused bail "since speedy trial has received the recognition of fundamental right of a person facing accusations and being subjected to trial, and since all the appellants are incarcerated since 2018".

Sujith Kumar Rangaswamy, Amit Ramchandra Baddi, Ganesh Dashrath Miskin, Shrikant Jagannath Pangarkar and Bharat Jaywant Kurane were arrested in 2018 after the ATS received a tip-off from an in-

formant and raided the Thane premises of two other suspects, Sharad Kalkar and Vaibhav Raut, and seized arms, ammunition and explosives. An FIR was registered under various sections including those of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

Right-wing activists Additional Public Prosecutor J.P. Yagnik, who appeared for the State of Maharashtra, contended that the five persons belonged to right-wing groups 'Sanatan Sanstha' and 'Hindu Janajagriti Samiti' and decided to target the music festival as part of a plan to "oppose anti-Hindu elements in society".

The court noted that the alleged plan to disrupt the Sunburn festival was never executed and it went off smoothly between December 26-31, 2017.

Range of complaints regarding Auroville township referred to agencies, says MoS

The Hindu Bureau
PUDUCHERRY

The Union government has referred a range of complaints, including dubious land exchanges, encroachment, cybercrime and money laundering in Auroville, to the appropriate bodies/agencies, Minister of State for Education Sukanta Majumdar has said in Parliament.

Replying to a set of questions pertaining to the universal township, which is under the oversight of the Ministry of Education, raised by D. Ravi Kumar in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Majumdar said representations and complaints have been received from several quarters, including community



Representations and complaints dealing with land exchanges have been forwarded to Auroville Foundation. FILE PHOTO: S.S. KUMAR

residents, on various matters related to activities in Auroville.

Alleged offences These inter-alia include alleged offences such as land encroachment, drug abuse and peddling, cybercrimes including data theft and

data leak through servers based outside India, violation of immigration laws, circulation of black money, money laundering, raising of donations without registration under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) and many more economic offences, be-

sides irregularities in land exchanges.

Complaints dealing with alleged offences under the Information Technology Act (for cybercrimes) and Indian Penal Code (IPC) have been referred to competent agencies for investigation, the Minister told Parliament.

Land exchanges Representations and complaints dealing with land exchanges have been forwarded to Auroville Foundation to examine the merit of the allegations and place them before the Governing Board (GB), it being the competent authority, to recommend suitable course of action, the Minister said.

From e-commerce deliveries to traffic management, Gurugram takes the aerial route

Ashok Kumar
GURUGRAM

Every time Mudit Bansal spots a drone appear on the horizon, navigating its way through high-rises, heading towards his multi-storey apartment complex, Fresco, to make a delivery, the market strategist at a multinational IT company experiences a "child-like" zest. "If I ever happen to see a drone up there, I stop for a few seconds to behold the spectacle. It is an amazing technology," said Mr. Bansal, visibly excited over just having received a pack of snacks, some frozen food and a bottle of coke delivered by air.

Inside posh Nirvana Country township in Sector 50, Fresco is the first apartment complex in Gurugram to receive deliveries through air - ranging from milk and fresh vegetables in the early hours to groceries, food items and other products all through the day. The number has now gone up to over half a dozen on Golf Course, Golf Course Extension and Sohna Road,

with 60 new addresses, mostly along the now-open Dwarka Expressway, soon to be added to this growing list.

Known for its glitzy offices and sprawling shopping malls, Gurugram became the first city in Haryana, and perhaps in the country, to have e-commerce products delivered through drones when Skye Air, a drone delivery tech firm, delivered a pair of spectacles and gulab jamun at Fresco last September.

But it was almost two years before this delivery in Gurugram that the long and tumultuous journey for drone deliveries in the country started on September 11, 2021, when a drone flew for over 3 km to deliver medicines in Telangana's Vikarabad, claimed Skye Air co-founder and CEO Ankit Kumar.

This short flight marked a turning point in the history of the country's aviation journey for deliveries through drones. "In August 2021, a new policy came into effect which removed all bottlenecks. So taking per-

missions, approvals, compliances and multiple other things were super-eased," he said.

Much before the first e-commerce delivery in Gurugram, the company had started with commercial operations for delivery through drones in the healthcare sector with the governments of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Nagaland and a few more States.

Maze of obstacles

The drone deliveries in an ever-expanding city like Gurugram, however, had far more challenges such as high population density from the point of take-off to landing location free from all fixed obstacles," Mr. Kumar said, adding that presently 10 companies deliver their products through them. The delivery via road from the company's warehouse in Sector 71 to this housing society takes around 20 minutes, but it is completed in less than half the time with a drone. The products ordered



Going hi-tech: A drone landing outside a housing society in Gurugram to deliver goods. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

are winched inside specially designed portable cabins, "Skye Pods", connected to the drones. As soon as the drone reaches above the Skye Pod, the cabin opens from the top to accept the delivery. The delivery executive, or "Skye Walker", unlocks the pod with a one-time password (OTP) to prevent unauthorised access, collects the package and delivers it at the customer's doorstep.

Each Skye Pod caters to around a thousand customers and there are seven such pods across Gurugram, including at Scottish

Mall, Spaze ITECH Park and Tulip Greens along the Sohna Road.

At the present scale of operations with 100-120 flights per day, the deliveries through drones in Gurugram are 10-15% more expensive, but with the increase in deliveries, it is expected to be 30% cheaper than deliveries via roads. However, drone deliveries are not a 365-day solution, thanks to monsoons and frequent restrictions on flying of drones during VIP movements, and on national festivals. The company makes an alternative arrangement for deliveries through roads for almost two months every year.

Raising security concerns, a drone on a routine flight to Fresco crashed into the facade of a two-storey house in South City-II damaging a dish antenna, a window pane and some flower pots. However, no one was injured in the freak incident. Fresco Resident Welfare Association president Nilesh Tandon said drone deliveries are a wonderful experience, but

some neighbouring societies had initially expressed privacy and security concerns. Claiming that it was "safe", Mr. Kumar said the drones flying in Gurugram are hexacopters with six motors and even if one motor was damaged, the other five would help it land.

From traffic to tiger

Gurugram is also the first city in Haryana where the police use drones for traffic management. In December last, Gurugram Police used a drone on the National Highway-48 for the first time to identify the vehicles violating the lane driving rules and issued around 50 challans.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic Headquarters) Vikash Kumar, supervising a drone-based drive against traffic rule violations on Delhi-Jaipur Highway near Rampura flyover in July, told *The Hindu* that similar drives were carried out daily targeting lane driving violations on national highways. "We fly drones around 1-2 km away from where we are stationed to

identify the violators and issue challans," said Mr. Kumar. He added that Gurugram Traffic Police had 20 operators and one drone, but there were plans to induct more unmanned aerial vehicles soon.

Other departments, including the forest and mining, in Gurugram have come forward to adopt the technology, especially for better monitoring, checking violations and conducting surveys. Gurugram Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Rajesh Chahal recalled how his team ended up using a drone to locate a tiger which had strayed from Sariska National Park in Rajasthan to Rewari last November.

"The feline was moving around taking advantage of the mustard farms and could not be located for days. Finally, along with the Rajasthan team, we used a drone to track its movements," said Mr. Chahal. He added that the department used drones for planting seeds in Aravalis, and checking encroachment on forest land.

Wayanad landslide toll revised to 224 as search operation enters eighth day

The search teams recover seven body parts from different places of Wayanad and Malappuram; no new bodies retrieved and 152 are still missing as per official statement; State govt. will provide free power for six months to affected families

The Hindu Bureau
WAYANAD

The search for bodies of missing people in the Chooralmala-Mundakkai landslides continued on the eighth day on Tuesday. Although no new bodies were retrieved, the search teams retrieved seven body parts from different places. The death toll was officially revised to 224 as on Tuesday. While 148 bodies were recovered from Wayanad, 76 bodies have been retrieved from the Chaliyar in Nilambur so far. As many as 189 body parts too were recovered.

An official press statement said here on Tuesday that 152 people were missing. As many as 22 unidentified body parts were buried on Tuesday.



Intense operation: An elaborate search was conducted from Punchirimattam to Mundakkai and Chooralmala. THULASI KAKKAT

An elaborate search was conducted from Punchirimattam, where the landslide originated, down to Mundakkai and Chooralmala. The search extended further down to Soochippara waterfalls in Meppadi panchayat, and Pothukal and Nilambur in Malappuram district.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopters airlifted two search teams to the remote Soochippara waterfalls and the densely forested Sunrise Valley. The choppers carried rescue teams comprising the Kerala Police's Special Operations Group (SOG), Army men, and Forest Department officials.

The Army's high-altitude operations experts and SOG personnel with rappelling gear were among the search team. Revenue Minister K. Rajan said the search teams scoured the dense undergrowth on the edges of the waterfall and at least two rapids downstream.

As many as 1,174 personnel of different forces took part in the search on Tuesday using 85 earthmovers. There were 1,126 volunteers on the disaster ground. As many as 18,000 volunteers have registered through the government system.

As many as 2,225 people of 648 displaced families were in 16 relief camps in Meppadi. They included 845 women and 533 children. The students of Government Higher Secondary School, Vellarmala, which was destroyed in the landslide, will be given facility at Government Higher Secondary School, Meppadi.

The government will provide free electricity for six months for the affected families of wards 10, 11 and 12 in Meppadi panchayat.

53 children missing

General Education Minister V. Sivankutty has pegged the number of schoolchildren missing or dead in the Wayanad landslides at 53. Speaking to reporters in Wayanad on Tuesday, Mr. Sivankutty said at least three children have reported their parents missing. An estimated 49 students hailed from families whose houses were destroyed or partially damaged in the landslides.

39 Hindutva activists acquitted in homestay attack case

Raghava M.
MANGALURU

More than 12 years after the infamous assault and harassment of 13 college students at a homestay in the city, a Mangaluru court on Tuesday acquitted all the 39 accused persons.

Judge S.V. Kantharaju acquitted Subash Padil and 38 other activists of Hindu Jagaran Vedike.

On July 28, 2012, the 13 students got together for the birthday party of their friend Vijay and his friend, at the Morning Mist homestay in the city.

As they were arranging food and also the music systems after birthday celebrations, a group of 40 Hindu Jagarana Vedike activists led by Mr. Padil trooped into the homestay around 6 p.m. Three video journalists recorded the scene of the attack. Among the victims included the daughter of the former Police Inspector.

The activists were accused of assaulting the students, including tearing clothes of some girls and misbehaving with them. The victims alleged that the activists forced five girls to sit along with a male friend, who was bare chested, in a room and their videos and photographs were taken. The videos and photographs of the incident was widely circulated and this caused lot of mental trauma.

The police had arrested 44 persons and filed the chargesheet.

Two held for 'forcing' Dalit man to drink urine; counter FIRs filed

The Hindu Bureau
SAGAR (M.P.)

A Dalit man in Madhya Pradesh's Narsinghpur district was allegedly abducted, beaten up and forced to drink urine by two men, police said on Tuesday.

The police added that a case of extortion and lodging a fake case was also filed against the 'victim', identified as Mohan Ahirwar, 34.

According to the police, the alleged incident took place on July 30 in Barha village in Gadwarwa tehsil and the matter came to light on Monday when a case was registered on the Dalit man's complaint.

The accused were identified as Sillu Budholiya and Suraj Kachera, who were booked under relevant sections of the SC/ST Act. The FIR was lodged at the SC/ST police station of the district.

Narsinghpur SP Amit Kumar said the police have launched an investigation but no evidence to support the victim's claims has

been found so far. "We have recovered a video clip showing some money transaction between both parties," Mr. Kumar said. He added that the witness, Premnarayan Verma, brought by the Dalit man denied his claims. The FIR against Mr. Ahirwar was also filed on Mr. Verma's complaint, he added.

However, the Dalit man alleged that Mr. Kachera had called him in the afternoon on July 30 to come to Gadwarwa in the evening. "When I reached the place, they asked me to get ₹2 lakh from Premnarayan Verma. When I refused, Suraj and Sillu beat me up," he said. He added that the duo then took him to a *dhaba* for a meal.

"But after that they held me captive from 5 p.m. to midnight," he said. He alleged that the two men again beat him up and forced him to drink urine.

Mr. Ahirwar also demanded that the police and administration provide security for him and his family.

Centre issues norms for organ transport in India

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

In a first, the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued a set of guidelines for the transportation of live human organs.

The transport protocols aim to ensure the expeditious movement of life-saving organs from the point of harvest to their destination through effective use of available infrastructure.

The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994, allows harvesting of organs from living donors or brain-dead patients with the consent of family members. Such organs are transported from one hospital to another, sometimes far away, by air or road depending on the location of eligible recipients registered with their respective authorities.

The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued on

Monday will serve as a guiding document for healthcare institutions in States/Union Territories to transport organs by various modes of transport, including metro trains and over water. The instructions made it clear that human organs for transplant would be transported only within the territory of India and no organ shall be transported outside the country.

While transporting the

organs by air (commercial/non-commercial aircraft/helicopter/air ambulance etc., except drones), the Ministry recommended that the box containing the organ should be screened without opening it but passengers carrying it shall not be exempted from security checks.

Staff carrying/accompanying the organ box should be given priority in deboarding for which an in-flight announcement could

be made by the Pilot-in-Command. Seating in front row seats, priority reservation, and provision for late check-ins for organ transport may be facilitated by the airline concerned. It would be the responsibility of the officials to define a green path (free from obstruction) and a trolley for the organ box from the ambulance to the aircraft at the point of origin and from the aircraft to an ambulance at the destination.

Karnataka Governor to consult lawyers in plaint against CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid speculation over Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot's next move on sanctioning prosecution against Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for the alleged irregularities in the distribution of sites by the Mysuru Urban Development Corporation (MUDA), the complainant in the case, T.J. Abraham, on Tuesday met the Governor to "clear the air" about the doubts over his integrity expressed by the Ministers and the Chief Minister.

While the Governor returned to Bengaluru late on Monday from New Delhi, he is consulting legal experts and could take time

to respond "since it is a sensitive matter", Raj Bhanu sources said.

Mr. Abraham said, "The government has neither rejected nor answered my complaint. Instead, it has raised doubts about my integrity. He wanted to know about that aspect," he said.

The State's note had said, "The Governor has failed to take note of the fact that T.J. Abraham comes with criminal antecedents having cases of blackmail and extortion registered against him and his conduct in misusing the public interest jurisdiction has also been frowned upon by the Supreme Court. His acts are motivated and suffer from factual and legal *mala fides*."

Owaisi says Haj panel is 'corrupt', demands investigation by CBI

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday alleged rampant corruption in the Haj Committee of India (HCI), which is an agency of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, and demanded a probe into the matter by the CBI.

Speaking in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Owaisi said that the HCI did not have a permanent Chief Executive Officer. This, he implied, has led to several instances of corruption, and hardship faced by Indians who recently flew to Saudi Arabia to make the Haj pilgrimage. He alleged that officials had selected sub-standard buildings in Saudi



Asaduddin Owaisi. ANI

Arabia for Indian pilgrims. Touching upon the issue of private tour operators (PTOs), Mr. Owaisi said that government officials do not renew licenses of these companies unless a bribe of a lakh per pilgrim is given. He also objected to the certain officials continuing to work at HCI even after eight years, which was a violation of rules.

Four years on, painful memories return to Pettimudy landslide site near Munnar

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Days after a series of landslides claimed hundreds of lives and left a large number of people homeless in Wayanad, tragic memories returned to the tea estate of Pettimudy near Munnar on the fourth anniversary of a landslide that had taken away 70 lives in 2020. On Tuesday, family members and officials of the Kanan Devan Hills Plantations (KDHP) conducted prayers at a cemetery for the victims erected at Pettimudy. The tombs here, where 64 victims are laid to rest, was constructed by the company, complete with the name and details of each



Hemalatha and Gopika, who lost parents in the landslide, offering prayers at the cemetery on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

person buried there. Among the relatives who gave their respects to the buried were Shanmughanandan, who lost his two sons to the disaster. Gopika and Hemalatha,

the siblings who lost their parents in the landslide, also reached the burial site and offered prayers.

Mr. Shanmughanandan said that the government must ensure the rehabilita-

tion of the affected people in Wayanad. "After the landslide in Pettimudy, groups and governments announced packages and support for the victims. But after two months, most people forget it. In Pettimudy, the government did not construct homes for the survivors while it directed the KDHP to construct homes. In Wayanad, the government should also ensure the protection of the children who lost their parents," he said.

His sons Dinesh Kumar, 22, and Nitish Kumar, 20, who came to Pettimudy to attend the birthday function, lost their lives in the landslide. The body of Dinesh was never recovered.

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From hope to despair

Hasina developed an authoritarian streak as she stayed on in power

With her dramatic escape from Dhaka, just moments before mob arson and vandalism, ousted Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will have time to pause and consider what led to this little-expected outcome. Once the hope of Bangladesh's youth, in battles for democracy, and a Prime Minister who breathed life into the Bangladeshi economy, Ms. Hasina was eventually seen as the students' greatest adversary, held responsible for over 300 deaths in protests of the past two months. While she was admired for her crackdown on terrorist camps in 2009, handing over criminals to India, and her campaign against radicalisation, Ms. Hasina was recently more reviled for using the same strong-arm tactics on her opponents. The student protests over the quotas that began in July may have been the final straw; anger was building up over the past decade, with allegations of vote rigging and the suppression of media, and sending leaders, journalists and activists to jail on trumped-up charges. Even after winning elections in January for a fourth term, Ms. Hasina continued down that path, with cases and jail terms against Nobel Laureate and Grameen Bank founder Muhammad Yunus, now tipped to head the interim government. Her actions, and refusal to give any space for dissent, have tarnished the legacy she holds most dear – that of her father, the much-beloved founder of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, whose statues now stand amidst the rubble. There is no doubt that the extreme mob violence and protests had political support, and possibly the encouragement of elements in Pakistan and the U.S., both of which had tense ties with the Awami League government. More worrying is the underlying involvement of Islamist groups that could affect the religious tolerance and secularism that Ms. Hasina tried to usher in during her 15-year tenure.

For India, each of these outcomes must be cause for introspection. New Delhi was not just complicit in Ms. Hasina's actions against Bangladeshi opposition members by failing to advise her of the repercussions. It also failed to engage them, losing goodwill on Dhaka's streets as well. The Modi government's unalloyed support for Ms. Hasina also ensured her uncritical support, forcing her to accept even unpopular decisions such as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. While securing Ms. Hasina's safety and well-being, in a manner accorded to a leader who has always upheld India's interests, the government must not waste time in engaging with the next regime and work to assist a peaceful transition to a more inclusive process for democracy in Bangladesh.

Healing a nation

Harris's late entry to the race gives her more advantages than disadvantages

With arguably the most unexpected plot twist in the recent history of U.S. politics playing out in the form of incumbent President Joe Biden stepping back from the race for the November election, the hope for building a less toxic and more compassionate paradigm of politics for the next four years has fallen to his nominee, Vice-President Kamala Harris. Ms. Harris, of mixed Indian and Jamaican heritage, has been formally recognised as the Democratic Party's candidate to take on Republican challenger and former President, Donald Trump, after she secured more than a majority of votes from party delegates just before the Democratic National Convention later this month. Now, Ms. Harris is in the throes of a high-speed dash to the finish line, including a flurry of campaign activity relating to her vice-presidential pick, the optics of the Convention, the presidential debates to follow, and the ceaseless generation of media and online advertising material aimed at swaying voters' minds in her favour. Her strategy appears to be working – in picking Minnesota's progressive Governor, Tim Walz, as her running mate, she has partnered with a leader with a reputation for turning Republican districts Democratic. Although Mr. Biden had trailed Mr. Trump by a few points in approval surveys across the critical swing States, Ms. Harris has not only tipped the scale back towards Democrats by a margin of 1.9% based on an updating adjusted average of major national polls, but she has also proven her credentials in pecuniary terms by raising a whopping \$310 million in July, including \$200 million in the first week after entering the race.

Her late entry comes with both advantages and risks. On the one hand the Trump campaign has had to scramble and re-focus its critique on her after spending months and even more dollars targeting Mr. Biden, especially highlighting his age, and blaming his administration for alleged failures regarding the economy and job creation, and immigration. Now, Mr. Trump appears to be pivoting to a baser tenor of name-calling and race-baiting, disputing Ms. Harris's racial identity in uncharitable terms. This, ironically, cedes the high ground to Ms. Harris, potentially giving her the space to cast a broader political net and forge a more inclusive policy agenda that could rise above race politics, reinvigorate the liberal base and values of her party, and allow her to be seen as more than just the alternative candidate to Mr. Trump. The reality is that it is not only the U.S. but also the world that would stand to gain from Washington under the next President holding firm to core democratic values and genuinely working towards peace across the many troubled regions of the world, most immediately in the context of the conflict in Gaza spiralling across West Asia, and Russia's belligerence in Ukraine.

Commentary on the India growth story often betrays a hint of premature triumphalism. Facts such as our 7%-plus GDP growth rate and India being the fastest-growing large economy in the world today, are repeated to buttress prophecies such as the 21st century being 'India's century'. There is a belief that in India's case, economic growth is inevitable. We must remember that several countries have been here before, at the very juncture where India stands today. However, most have failed to go the last mile and emerge as developed nations. For India to avoid such a fate and become a \$30-trillion economy by 2047, as envisaged by the government, we must relentlessly pursue rapid economic growth built on liberal economic policies that harness the private sector. In this pursuit, many would continue to decry India's income inequality. We must not get swayed or overly affected by such criticism.

Potential of India's working-age population
The fact is: economic growth is the most effective tool for poverty alleviation and improving living standards. From Independence till 1991, India's poverty rate stayed at approximately 50% despite socialist policies emphasising poverty reduction. However, between 1991, the year of liberalisation, and 2011, the poverty rate fell to approximately 20%. India's growth pulled 35 crore people out of abject poverty during this period.

Is India more unequal today than pre-1991? Perhaps, though the data does not show much change in the gini co-efficient. But are more Indians better off than ever before, especially those at the bottom of the pyramid? Yes. In any fast-growing economy, there are bound to be a few people who generate a lot of wealth – wealth creation is inherent to economic growth and the most crucial incentive for entrepreneurship. It is also, simultaneously, the vehicle that improves everyone's lives. We should focus on the latter.

Now that we have somewhat placated the inequality doomsayers, let us look at a few more numbers – less triumphal and more sobering. The easier gains from the economic reforms of the 1990s have been realised. India's high-growth years of 2000-10 were led by an IT services boom that spawned an affluent middle-class. However, 46% of our labour force remains in agriculture, characterised by low productivity and under-employment, contributing just 18% of our GDP. Another inconsistency with the trend observed in countries that grew rapidly is India's female labour force participation rate (FLFPR) – just 37%.

Even this is a figure that masks more than it reveals, as it was 26% in 2019, and post-COVID-19, several women have gone back to work as agricultural labour. Compare this with the FLFPR in China, Vietnam, and Japan, all between 60%-70%, and we know exactly where we need to be.



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India must aim for rapid economic growth using liberal policies that tap the private sector; it should not be affected by criticism of income inequality

So, how do we unlock the immense potential of India's working-age population – sized 950 million, only half of whom are employed – and ensure employment equity? Low-skilled, employment-intensive manufacturing with a strong focus on exports is how South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and Vietnam came to be called the 'Asian Tigers', regularly achieving double-digit growth between 1960-90. Their particular brand of economic policy, focused on rapid export-oriented industrialisation, was premised on the understanding that growing exports require focusing on your advantages while being receptive to imports in other areas. Net-net, openness is needed for growth, as it was for India – between 1990 and 2013, exports as a percentage of India's GDP grew from 7% in 1990 to 25% in 2013. Today, as India tries to capitalise on the China+1 moment to attract global manufacturers and their supply chains, and further augment its exports, we must resist the temptation of putting up huge tariff walls for imports.

The middle-income trap

In our hope of protecting industries from foreign competition, we risk giving rise to heavily coddled and inefficient manufacturers. The lure of import tariffs must also be resisted for how they will disadvantage Indian manufacturers, say a mobile phone maker who has to import components from China. Tariffs will artificially inflate the prices of the many parts needed for their finished phones, ultimately raising the prices of downstream Indian exports. It is the proverbial vicious circle that India should steer clear of, especially as the middle-income trap looms ahead.

Of 101 middle-income economies in 1960, only 23 had attained high-income status by 2018, a stern reminder of the challenge that awaits India, still a lower-middle-income economy that must graduate to middle-income status by the early part of the next decade, and then go further. There are many reasons countries get ensnared in the middle-income trap – these can be broadly summed up as economies losing their edge in lower-end sectors and not being competitive enough with more prosperous countries in high-tech sectors.

India's problem is peculiar: We have been unable to leverage our surplus labour to grow in low-end sectors. The IT boom gave us an alternative pathway to growth, but the headroom there is limited. This is damaging as moving up the value chain in manufacturing is built on a foundation of low-tech manufacturing – ecosystems of managers and workers who get things done while ensuring scale and quality, form the backbone of any industrial sector. Even government functionaries who have helped develop simple, low-tech manufacturing at scale will find it easier to graduate to more complex challenges later.

India's social sector and civil society should view campaigns that paint factories (hubs of low-tech manufacturing) as sweatshops, decrying their work conditions and low wages, in this regard. Forcing employers operating on wafer-thin margins to spend more on employee welfare would not improve the quality of manufacturing jobs as much as it would result in the erasure of such jobs altogether for those with very few options for employment outside of farm work.

Avoiding the middle-income trap requires a market-led economy that lets private enterprise thrive, without the government, or perceptions of factory jobs, getting in the way – Minimum Government, Maximum Governance. The Indian state must continue delivering on this decade-long promise in earnest, which means that reforms to enhance 'ease of doing business' must not stall.

A cluster-led industrial model

The government must also double down on its impressive achievements in revamping India's hitherto creaky infrastructure by building industrial clusters that are on a par with those in China and Vietnam, replete with plug-and-play infrastructure and ancillary ecosystems, for education, health care and entertainment, which would attract both employers and workers. Today, Indian States face cost disabilities for power, logistics and financing, coupled with low labour productivity when compared to countries such as Bangladesh, China and Vietnam, and a compliance burden that deters new players from entering and the existing ones from expanding. Several countries have faced similar challenges; hence, a cluster-led model of industrial development, whereby stringent regulations are relaxed in designated areas, helps create a favourable environment for manufacturing.

Time is of the essence; the government must leverage the strengths of the private sector and its own penchant for reforms to focus on low-skilled manufacturing that can employ multitudes of people in sectors such as electronics assembly and apparel, as the opportunity that needs to be made more lucrative for scores of Indians. Inter-State migration and urbanisation would be important proxies here, as would FLFPR and a decline in agriculture's share of total employment, to assess whether we are on the right path to becoming a \$30-trillion economy by 2047.

There is a phrase often repeated in policy circles about India – "It's a country with mouth-watering opportunities and eye-watering challenges." We think the challenges here are the most exciting opportunities. The reward for breaking down these barriers to growth would be an unfettered path to prosperity till we fulfil our trust with destiny. It is time to be as forward-thinking and ambitious as befits a Vishwaguru.

A shift in the U.S. to autocratic trends

Since the Second World War, Washington has defined its foreign policy as a moral conflict between democracies and dictatorships, though this definition proved malleable and redacted to those siding with the United States and those against. The binary between democracy and autocracy is now further blurred by political trends within the U.S. itself.

A different situation prevails

In the past, American presidential politics comprised differences over policy and principle, when Presidents and Congress jostled for advantage and the boundaries of executive authority were negotiated. Despite serious disagreements, the norms of civility and forbearance prevailed in a mood consistent with democratic governance.

That situation no longer prevails. The populist faction, perhaps majority, that dominates the Republican Party, embraces a strongman vision of leadership that operates beyond customary democratic norms. This is now centre-stage in U.S. politics, endorsed by the July 1, 2024 ruling of the Supreme Court which granted former U.S. President Donald Trump's desire to guarantee that his attempts to overturn the 2020 presidential election would not go to trial before the presidential election in November.

The Supreme Court allowed American Presidents an absolute immunity from prosecution for core official acts and Chief Justice John Roberts summarised the decision of the majority comprising six conservative Justices thus; "We conclude that under our constitutional structure of separated powers, the nature of Presidential power requires that a former President have some immunity from criminal prosecution for official acts during his tenure in office. At least with respect to the President's exercise of his core constitutional powers, this immunity must be absolute. As for his remaining official actions, he is also entitled to immunity."



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The binary between democracy and autocracy is getting blurred by political trends within the United States

The Supreme Court decision does not place Presidents above the law, but removes restrictions on possible presidential abuse of power placed by both Democrats and Republicans since the 1970s, when growing executive authority and abuse of power were checked after Watergate.

Three liberal judges dissented from this decision, warning that granting presidential immunity would impact American democracy. Justice Sonia Sotomayor said, "the category of presidential action that can be deemed unofficial is destined to be vanishingly small."

Phases of transformation

The American presidency has undergone periods of transformation in the modern era, each involving a dramatic expansion of power. The first was the rise of the administrative state under Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, which grew in size and cost under Franklin Roosevelt, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, when bi-partisan values broadened the scope of government intervention and generated a complex bureaucracy to address social problems and social welfare. This administrative state, with its resources and agencies, enabled Presidents from both parties to direct public policy and construct their legacies. They needed to bring the administration under their direct control, which led to the centralised apparatus that reposes in the Executive Office of the President.

Far-right opinion began to regard the ever-expanding administrative state as unconstitutional, socialist and opposed to individual liberties. With growing Republican strength in the southern States and political activation by evangelicals, the conservative movement led to the conviction that the answer lay in a leader wielding top-down power and a different orientation towards laws that impeded his ambitions. President George W. Bush signed the Patriot Act that assumed some autocratic

powers, expanded the surveillance capabilities of the administration, and allowed torture of prisoners contrary to statutory law.

The populist tendency of Republican conservatism is concentrated among less educated, blue-collar, white, rural, religious populations disadvantaged by globalisation, threatened culturally and economically, and driven by grievance and anger. They seek a leader to attack the prevailing system, flout its procedures and take remedial action on their behalf. Democrats are seen as their enemies rather than political opponents, the contest pitting the people against big government and the corrupt and illegitimate Washington establishment.

The new normal

In Donald Trump, the populists found their natural leader. From the moment he announced his intention to seek the presidency, he made it clear that he had little use for the legal limitations of democracy. During his tenure, Mr. Trump waged a campaign against the norms and institutions of two-party politics, the climax being shortly after his 2020 election loss, when, despite his deploying the authoritarian actions of a strongman presidency, he was prevented from overriding Joe Biden's electoral victory.

Populist extremism is the new normal of the political Right that has taken over the Republican Party. It engenders the party with hatred for the administrative state and embraces a strongman presidency as the panacea for its grievances, thereby threatening the basic fundamentals of democracy. This is given substance by Mr. Trump himself through ambiguous but ominous pronouncements to supporters such as in Florida on July 26 – "you don't have to vote again, we'll have it fixed so good you're not going to have to vote." Unless such sentiments are blunted in the years to come, democracy in the United States faces an uncertain future

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Change in Bangladesh

The sudden and shock change in Bangladesh and the certainty that the BNP and radical forces will occupy the space left vacant by Sheikh Hasina are events sure to lead to the formation of a more hostile neighbourhood for India. The developments pose

security concerns. The prevailing situation is a litmus test for India's foreign policy framework as India and Bangladesh are interlocked in history and geography. **S. Seshadri**, Chennai

Once again it has become

clear that autocracy and authoritarianism cannot prevail forever. It is also clear that the voice of the common man cannot be suppressed for long. **Balagopal Gopinath**, Keerikkad, Alappuzha, Kerala

A Bangladesh that is in the hands of hardliners, radicals

and Pakistani influence does not augur well for India. It is a monumental failure, on India's part, not to have predicted the strong currents against Ms. Hasina. The neighbourhood-first policy has failed as far as India's allies are concerned. **A. Thiruganasambantham**, Coimbatore

Claim and reality

The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu's claim, that rain water has not stagnated in Chennai ("Time is not ripe to elevate Udayanidhi as Deputy CM, says Stalin", August 6) evokes mirth. The picture accompanying a report, "After a brief hiatus, thunderstorms return to

north T.N." (Chennai, page 4, August 6), speaks a thousand words. To see that water has stagnated in spite of the Chief Minister's claim to the contrary, even when the northeast monsoon is a couple of months away, is cause for concern. **V. Manjunath**, Chennai

Counting the 'poor' having nutritional deficiency

The National Sample Survey Office recently released a detailed report based on the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES): 2022-23. Along with the report, the unit-level data on household consumption expenditure (HCE) is available in the public domain. The HCES collected data on the quantities of various food items consumed by households during specified reference periods and the total value of consumption of different food and non-food items. This analysis uses this information to convert the quantities of consumed food items into their total calorific value, and then compares the estimated per capita per day calorie intake of household members in the lower expenditure classes with the average per capita daily calorie requirement for a healthy life.

Approach of measurement

This analysis addresses two key issues: one, how one defines the 'poor' and two, the measurement aspect of the nutritional level. In the Indian context, the various committees constituted earlier by the government, including the Lakdawala, the Tendulkar, and the Rangarajan Committees, have defined the poor as the persons below the 'poverty line' (PL). The PL is a monetary equivalence based on household monthly per capita consumer expenditure (MPCE) that should be sufficient for the household to purchase the food and non-food items included in the poverty line basket (PLB). The Lakdawala Committee anchored the PL and the PLB, which included food and non-food items, to calorie norms of 2,400 kcal per capita per day for rural areas and 2,100 kcal per capita per day for urban areas. In contrast, the Tendulkar Committee did not anchor the PL to a calorie norm. The PL according to Rangarajan Committee is based on 'certain normative levels of adequate nourishment, clothing, house rent,



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It will go a long way if some nutritional schemes targeted towards the poorest of the poor are put in place to raise their level of nourishment to have a healthy life

conveyance and education, and a behaviorally determined level of other non-food expenses'.

The methodology of this analysis first derives the average daily per capita calorie requirement (PCCR) for a healthy life based on the recommended energy requirements for Indians of different age-sex-activity categories as per the latest (2020) report of ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition.

The PCCR has been worked out as a weighted average of the calorie requirements of persons in different age-sex-activity categories with corresponding weights as the proportion of estimated persons in these categories as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey, 2022-23.

In the second step, estimated persons are arranged into 20 fragile classes of MPCE (poorest to richest), each comprising five per cent population, with the estimates of average per capita per day calorie intake (PCCI) and average MPCE (food and non-food) derived for each class based on the data of HCES 2022-23. From this all-India distribution, the average MPCE on food linked to the normative level of the PCCR is derived.

In a common man's language, this average per capita expenditure on food can be considered the minimum amount a household must spend on food items for its members to maintain a healthy life. This average per capita expenditure on food, combined with the average MPCE on non-food items for the poorest five per cent is added to derive the total MPCE threshold (at average all-India prices) that is necessary for spending on food items (ensuring adequate nourishment) and on the non-food items with a bare minimum expenditure on the latter. This all-India total MPCE threshold is adjusted for price differentials across States/UTs in terms of general Consumer Price Index numbers to derive the corresponding State/UT-specific total MPCE thresholds.

State/UT-wise proportion of 'poor' / deprived, strictly for this

analysis, is derived as the proportion of persons below such total MPCE thresholds. Finally, the proportion of 'poor' /deprived for the country is derived as the weighted average of the State/UT-wise proportions of deprived with respective weights as the projected populations of the States/UTs as of March 1, 2023, based on July 2020 report of the National Commission on Population. The analysis involves certain approximations in deriving the calorie intake figures at the household level in quite a few cases where the HCES data reports the aggregate quantity figures for certain items grouped.

The PCCR is estimated to be 2,172 kcal for rural India and 2,135 kcal for urban India. At 2022-23 prices, the all-India threshold total MPCE is ₹2,197 (food: ₹1,569 and non-food: ₹628) for rural India and ₹3,077 (food: ₹2,098 and non-food: ₹979) for urban India. The corresponding proportion of 'poor' i.e. deprived is estimated at 17.1% for rural areas and 14% for urban areas.

If the non-food expenditure of the poorest 10% is considered instead of the poorest five per cent, the threshold total MPCE increases to ₹2,395 for rural areas and ₹3,416 for urban areas, with the consequent increase in the corresponding proportion of deprived to 23.2% for rural India and 19.4% for urban India. Regarding nutritional deficiency, the average PCCI of the poorest five per cent and the immediately above five per cent in rural India is 1,564 kcal and 1,764 kcal, respectively. For urban India, it is estimated to be 1,607 kcal and 1,773 kcal, respectively, which fall far short of the PCCR. The government has several welfare programmes, aimed at uplifting the poor, including improving their health conditions. It will go a long way if some nutritional schemes targeted towards the poorest of the poor are put in place to raise their level of nourishment to have a healthy life.

Views expressed are personal

Set for a stand-off with Governor

Government in Karnataka is clashing with Governor over a notice issued to CM

STATE OF PLAY

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Karnataka has been witnessing political theatrics for over a week with the ruling Congress accusing the Raj Bhavan of 'taking instruction' from the BJP to destabilise the democratically elected government. The government has locked horns with Governor Thaaar Chand Gehlot after he issued a show cause notice to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The notice questioned why sanction to prosecute Mr. Siddaramaiah should not be given to probe the alleged irregularities in the distribution of sites to his wife by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in lieu of land acquired from her.

A meeting of the Council of Ministers, chaired by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar – after the Chief Minister stayed away from the Cabinet – advised the Governor to withdraw the notice and reject the request seeking sanction for prosecution. The Congress High Command, which has so far rallied behind the Chief Minister and asked his Cabinet colleagues to stay united, has indicated its willingness to take the fight against what it calls the 'anti-democratic and anti-constitution move of the Governor' to the streets and mount a legal battle.

The alleged MUDA irregularities pertain to the compensatory allotment of residential sites under a 50:50 scheme, where the land loser receives 50% of the developed land. Chief Minister's wife Parvathi is alleged to have been allotted 14 sites under a 50:50 scheme in lieu of three acres and 16 guntas acquired by MUDA to

develop a layout. She benefited from the scheme during the BJP's rule in 2023 when Mr. Siddaramaiah was the Leader of the Opposition. While the alleged irregularities in the scheme had been in the public domain for nearly a year, it assumed importance when it was revealed that a family member of the Chief Minister from Mysuru district was a beneficiary. Several political leaders across the spectrum are also alleged to be the beneficiaries.

Facing intense pressure for the first time in this tenure, Mr. Siddaramaiah and his supporters have steadfastly denied the irregularities, citing legal and procedural provisions. Before issuing the show cause notice, the Governor sought clarifications from the government on two occasions. Clarifications were provided by the Chief Secretary on one occasion and by the Chief Minister during a personal meeting on another occasion.

Eventually, on July 26, the Governor issued a show cause notice, giving the Chief Minister a week's time to respond. On the last day of the deadline, the Council of Ministers advised the Governor to withdraw the notice and reject the request for prosecution sanction.

Showing solidarity with the Chief Minister, the govern-

ment fielded eight senior Ministers to speak on the decision of the council of Ministers. Terming the Governor's action as "done in haste and without application of mind", they argued that under Article 163 of the Constitution, the Governor lacks the discretion to serve a show cause notice to the Chief Minister without a report from an inquiry or investigating agency. In 2011 when the then Governor H.R. Bhardwaj gave prosecution sanction against then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, the Governor had the Lokayukta report, they contended, adding that the provisions in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, has also been modified since then. They also pointed out that the Governor's action was premature since a complaint had been made with the Lokayukta.

A Minister, who did not wish to be named, said that the party was anticipating a "replay of the rule book under the BJP's standard operating procedure" deployed by Governors in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Jharkhand, and were expecting Mr. Gehlot to sanction prosecution.

The BJP and JD(S) have been unrelenting in their demand for the Chief Minister's resignation and are on a 140-kilometres padayatra to Mysuru from Bengaluru. In response, the Congress has been holding the Janandolana programme in big towns en route the padayatra to fight "misinformation", and mocked BJP for staging a protest against itself as the 50:50 scheme was implemented during the BJP regime.

As Mr. Siddaramaiah, who has prided himself on his "corruption-free four-decade political career" braces to fight the allegations, all eyes are now on the Governor's next move.

Venezuela under Maduro — authoritarianism and economic chaos

The country's petrostate model and U.S. sanctions have led to a severe reversal of fortunes

DATA POINT

Jasmin Nihalani

On July 28, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro returned to power after a controversial election, whose results have been disputed by the Opposition and several countries. The unpopularity of Mr. Maduro's regime is not under question as he oversaw an economy that descended into a free fall in his 11 years in power. The country's annual inflation rate skyrocketed to five digits, along with shortages of basic supplies. It slid down the democracy index and touched new highs on bribery indices. Humanitarian and economic conditions have triggered a mass exodus, with as many as 7.7 million Venezuelans fleeing the country.

Chart 1 shows how Venezuela's GDP (in current prices) started declining since Mr. Maduro's ascent to power in 2013. According to the IMF, Venezuela's real GDP saw the most protracted contraction in modern history during the last decade. Between 2013 and 2021, the economy contracted by 75%, the largest for any country not at war. Chart 2 plots Venezuela's annual inflation rate. The country's inflation spiralled to a peak of 65,374% resulting in hyperinflation in 2018 and remained in more than three digits for nine years.

Chart 3 shows how Venezuela fares on two indices maintained by the V-dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute – the liberal democracy index and the executive corruption index. Since 1999 – which heralded the era of Chavismo with Mr. Maduro's predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez, coming to power – the country dropped on the liberal democracy index and underwent a rise on the corruption index. As of 2023, V-dem classifies the country as an electoral autocracy. Mr. Chavez's rise coincided with a popular movement against the entrenched two-party system which

was seen as failing to empower the masses. His regime sought to redistribute revenues from its flourishing petroleum extraction industry into welfare and this ensured that the country's dependence on this industry became even more entrenched.

Venezuela sits on the world's largest crude reserves. As Chart 4 shows, Venezuela's petroleum exports formed about 80% of the country's exports and remained in the range, 70% to 96%, between 1960 and 2023, making the country a "petrostate". Petroleum exports also amount to 14% of the country's GDP (as of 2023) and until 2019 remained over and above the 20% mark.

However, the production of crude oil has reduced significantly over time. Compared to 1973, when the country was producing 3.36 million barrels a day, the figure slipped to 0.78 million in 2023. The number of active oil rigs in the country fell from 221 in 2014 to just three in 2023. Venezuela was the highest producer of crude among OPEC countries until 1969. But as of 2023, it ranks 9th in crude production. Chart 5 shows Venezuela's crude production (in 1,000 barrels a day), and active oil rigs against the nominal price of oil over time. The drastic production cuts are directly linked to the sanctions imposed by the Donald Trump-led U.S. regime in 2017, a time when oil prices recovered globally.

For many years, the trend of Venezuela's exports and imports of goods and services followed that of oil prices (Chart 6). However, the current spike in oil prices has not seen a commensurate rise in exports and imports due to the imposition of sanctions by the U.S. Since 2023, following the Barbados agreement, the U.S. eased some of its sanctions and this allowed an increase in exports. However, the subsequent measures by the Mr. Maduro regime to ban Opposition candidates resulted in a re-imposition of sanctions.

Charting a "petrostate's" downturn

The data for the charts were sourced from OPEC, IMF and V-Dem



The charts show a picture of economic crises amid rising authoritarianism in Venezuela

Chart 1: GDP (current prices, \$bn)

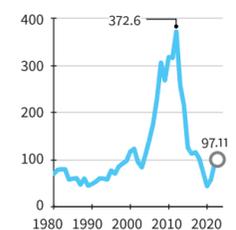


Chart 2: Annual inflation (in %)

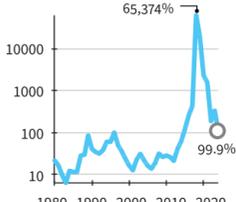


Chart 3: Scores on V-dem indices

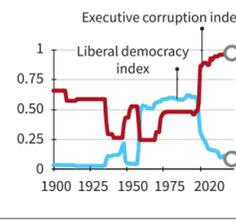


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The chart shows Venezuela's petroleum exports as a share of total exports and GDP

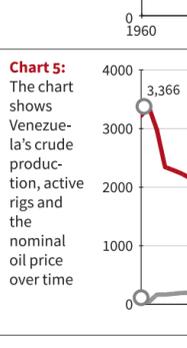


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The chart shows Venezuela's crude production, active rigs and the nominal oil price over time

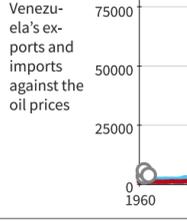
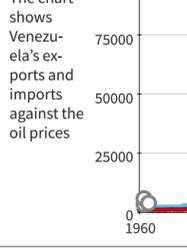


Chart 6:

The chart shows Venezuela's exports and imports against the oil prices



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 7, 1974

A well-nurtured legacy

Madras, August 7: Rocked by the waves of the choppy sea, the boats came slithering into the club house, swinging and swaying. As each competitor got off his boat and climbed on to the landing, he was greeted by a burst of cheering. This was followed by general merriment, with the young and old mingling freely and swapping sea-tales long into the night.

This was the scene at the club house of the Royal Madras Yacht Club last Saturday, when the Johnnie Walker Trophy donated by the Shaw-Wallace Co. Ltd., was fought out by 13 boats with their crew. Not only for this prestigious race, inaugurated this year, but also for ordinary friendly races, there is the same amount of enthusiasm in the air, which shows the popularity that sailing is picking up.

Sailing is one of the legacies left by the Englishmen and the Royal Madras Yacht Club has kept up the traditions, set up by pioneers like Spring, Armstrong and Ramble and fostered by Deavin and more likely by Claudius and Guinan. Actually, the Club came into being way back in October 1911 thanks to the efforts of Sir Francis Spring, the Chairman of the Port Trust and Lord Carmichael, the then Governor of Madras was the first Commodore. The Club which was first housed in Timber-Pond, then moved to the South Quay and at present at the club-house at Old North Beach Office has now 80-odd members on its rolls housewives, businessmen, University dons school boys, etc. There is regular sailing on Saturdays and Sundays, when the sea adjoining Royapuram is dotted with sail-boats plying across busily.

Squally weather and pouring rain are not conducive to good sailing and so the sailing season at Madras extends from January to October. It is heartening that school and college-going youngsters of both sexes are coming up in large numbers to take up this sport.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 7, 1924

Counterfeit coins.

Darjeeling, August 6: The Police raided the coinier's den, arrested three Chinese and recovered implements and materials for counterfeiting coins and a large number of four, anna and two-anna bits. Trained monkeys were employed to guard the approaches to the den.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Cases filed against sitting/ex-legislators, and politicians by ED

132 The ED filed 15 Enforcement Case Information Reports (ECIRs) in 2019, 28 in 2020, 26 in 2021, 34 in 2022, 26 in 2023 and three in 2024 (till July 31). PTI

The increase in the price of vegetarian thali in India

11 In per cent. The average cost of a veg thali in India, which consists of roti, vegetables (onions, tomatoes and potatoes), rice, dal, curd and salad was ₹32.6 per plate in July 2024 against ₹29.4 per plate in June 2024. PTI

Amount of loans written off by banks in last five financial years

9.9 In lakh crore. The Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said that during 2023-24, bank loan write-off was at ₹1.70 lakh crore, as against ₹2.08 lakh crore in the previous fiscal. PTI

The share of Indian districts that are prone to extreme heat waves

84 In per cent. According to a report by IPE Global Limited and Esri India Technologies, 70% of districts are experiencing a rise in the frequency and intensity of extreme rainfall events. PTI

Manipur's proposal to the MHA for Cyclone Remal damages

371 In crore. The cyclone and subsequent flooding resulted in nine deaths and extensive damage to homes, agriculture, and infrastructure. PTI

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On U.P.'s stringent anti-conversion law

Why was the original 2021 anti-conversion law amended by the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on July 30? What are its concerning features? What does it state about bail conditions and 'foreign funding'? How is it different from other similar laws in BJP-ruled States?

EXPLAINER

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:

The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly on July 30 passed the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2024, altering the original 2021 anti-conversion law by making its provisions more draconian and susceptible to misuse.

Why was the amendment proposed?

According to the Bill's statement of reasons, the existing legislation needed to be made "as stringent as possible" owing to the alleged "organised and well-planned" involvement of "foreign and anti-national elements and organisations" in demographic change due to unlawful conversion. State government data reveals that between January 1, 2021, and April 30, 2023, 427 cases were registered under the Act.

Does it increase penalties?

Earlier, a person convicted of unlawful conversion faced a minimum prison term of one year and a maximum of five years, along with a fine of ₹15,000. Under the amended Bill, the minimum term has been raised to five years, and maximum to 10 years. The fine has also been increased to ₹50,000. For unlawful conversions involving a minor, a woman, or a person belonging to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, the penalty has been increased from a prison term of 2-10 years to 5-14 years. The minimum fine has also been raised from ₹25,000 to ₹1 lakh.

The amendment also introduces two new categories of offences. First, the newly added sub-section to Section 5 mandates a prison term of 7 years, extendable to 14 years, for anyone who secures "foreign" funds or funds from "illegal institutions for the purpose of unlawful conversion". They will also be required to pay a fine of ₹10 lakh. Second,



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if the accused causes any person to "fear of his life or property, assaults or uses force, promises or instigates marriage, conspires or induced any minor, woman or person to traffics or otherwise sells them", they shall be punished with a minimum 20 years imprisonment which can be extended to life imprisonment.

Who can register a complaint?

Under Section 4 of the original Act, only "any aggrieved person" or "his/her parents, brother, sister, or any other person who is related to him/her by blood, marriage or adoption" was authorised to file a criminal complaint for unlawful conversion. Despite this restriction, police authorities were reportedly allowing FIRs to be lodged at the behest of right-wing activists and other unauthorised third parties. However, the amendment now grants legitimacy to such third-party complaints. The revised provision stipulates that "any

person" can file an FIR related to any violation of the Act.

What about provisions for bail?

The amendment introduces stringent "twin conditions of bail" identical to those under statutes such as the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. All offences related to unlawful conversion are now cognisable and non-bailable and can only be adjudicated upon by a sessions court or higher judicial forums.

Under the revised Section 7, an accused cannot be granted bail without first providing the public prosecutor an opportunity to contest the bail application. Further, if the public prosecutor opposes such a plea, the sessions court may grant bail only if "there are reasonable grounds for believing that [the accused] is not guilty of such offence" and that he or she is

unlikely to commit any crime if released on bail. The reverse burden of proof on the accused renders it virtually impossible for anyone to obtain bail until the completion of the trial.

What about other States?

In addition to Uttar Pradesh, States such as Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Arunachal Pradesh have had anti-conversion laws for decades, while Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Uttarakhand have implemented such laws more recently.

Most of these laws require individuals intending to convert, or those facilitating conversions, to notify the government. In Madhya Pradesh, the law mandates a 60-day prior "declaration of the intention to convert" to the District Magistrate for the conversion to be valid. Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand require a 30-day prior notice. In contrast, Uttar Pradesh not only mandates a 60-day notice but also requires the Magistrate to conduct a police inquiry to ascertain the true intention behind the conversion. Another notable distinction is that other States confine the filing of FIRs to the aggrieved individual or their immediate family, thus excluding third parties with potential vested interests from initiating any legal action. The "twin conditions of bail" which impose a high threshold for securing interim release, are also absent in other State laws. With respect to punishment, none of the other States prescribe life imprisonment, instead, sentences vary between 2 to 10 years.

What happens next?

The constitutional validity of the amendment is likely to be challenged before the top court. A batch of petitions challenging the parent legislation and other anti-conversion laws are pending adjudication before a Bench. In May, in a separate case, a Bench had orally remarked that certain provisions of the 2021 Act appear to contravene Article 25 of the Constitution which guarantees the freedom of religion.

THE GIST

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Has the U.K. changed its stance on ICC arrest warrants?

Has an arrest warrant been issued against Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu? Does the International Criminal Court have jurisdiction over Palestine?

Garimella Subramaniam

The story so far:

On July 26, Britain abandoned its intent to challenge the prosecutor's application for arrest warrants before the International Criminal Court (ICC) against Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant. The latest move signals a second policy shift by the Labour government, from the previous Conservative government, after it restored funding for the UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees.

What is the dispute about?

The chief prosecutor of the Hague Court, Karim Khan, on May 20, applied to the pre-trial chamber to serve arrest warrants against Hamas leaders Ismail Haniyeh and Mohammed Deif (since killed) and Yahya Sinwar, as well as Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Gallant. The move was consequent to the

brutal fallout from Hamas's Operation al-Aqsa flood on October 7, 2023, and Israel's Operation Iron Swords in retaliation. The prosecutor asserted that there were reasonable grounds to believe that all of them bore criminal responsibility for war crimes and crimes against humanity. One pointed reference in Mr. Khan's application was to Tel Aviv's alleged intentional starvation of civilians as a method of warfare, a war crime under the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

What was the U.K.'s previous stance?

The Conservative government opposed the ICC's application for arrest warrants on Israeli leaders. The former prime minister Rishi Sunak called the move "deeply unhelpful." U.K. lawyers maintained that the question of the Court's jurisdiction over Israeli citizens had to be ascertained before arrest warrants could be served to Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Gallant. This was necessary, they argued, given that the

state of Palestine was not allowed to exercise criminal jurisdiction over Israeli citizens under the 1993 Oslo Accords, which has been superseded by the 1998 Rome Statute.

What is the ICC jurisdiction issue?

In 2019, then chief prosecutor Fatou Bensouda deemed it fit to seek further confirmation regarding the ICC's jurisdiction in Palestine since it was an occupied territory rather than a sovereign state. On February 5, 2021, the Hague Court ruled that it could exercise criminal jurisdiction in occupied Palestinian territories, and that its reach extended to Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. The Court also made it categorical that its jurisdiction covered crimes committed by nationals of states-parties and by nationals of non-states-parties on the territory of a country. Thus, Israel's refusal to ratify the Rome Statute is not directly relevant since the ICC prosecutes individuals and not

countries, including citizens from states that are not signatories to the treaty.

Weeks after the February 2021 ruling, the ICC launched investigations into alleged war crimes in Palestinian territory, including the 2014 Gaza war and the illegal construction of settlements in the occupied territory.

What are the implications for Israel from U.K.'s current stance?

In the wake of the removal of Britain's objections to the prosecutor's actions, it may be a matter of time before the ICC issues arrest warrants against the five leaders. In that event, Prime Minister Netanyahu would earn the dubious distinction of becoming the first head of government backed by western countries to be indicted by the ICC. Such a scenario would expose Israel's allies, especially the U.S., to immense domestic opposition against the supply of arms to that country. Tel Aviv already faces charges of genocide in the International Court of Justice and would face further isolation around the world. A potential indictment would severely restrict Mr. Netanyahu's travels, with the imminent risk of being detained by any of the 124 signatory states to the ICC. Conversely, the Hague Court, already under attack for its narrow focus on investigating impunities among African countries, faces the risk of undermining its relevance should the judges decide not to proceed against Israel.

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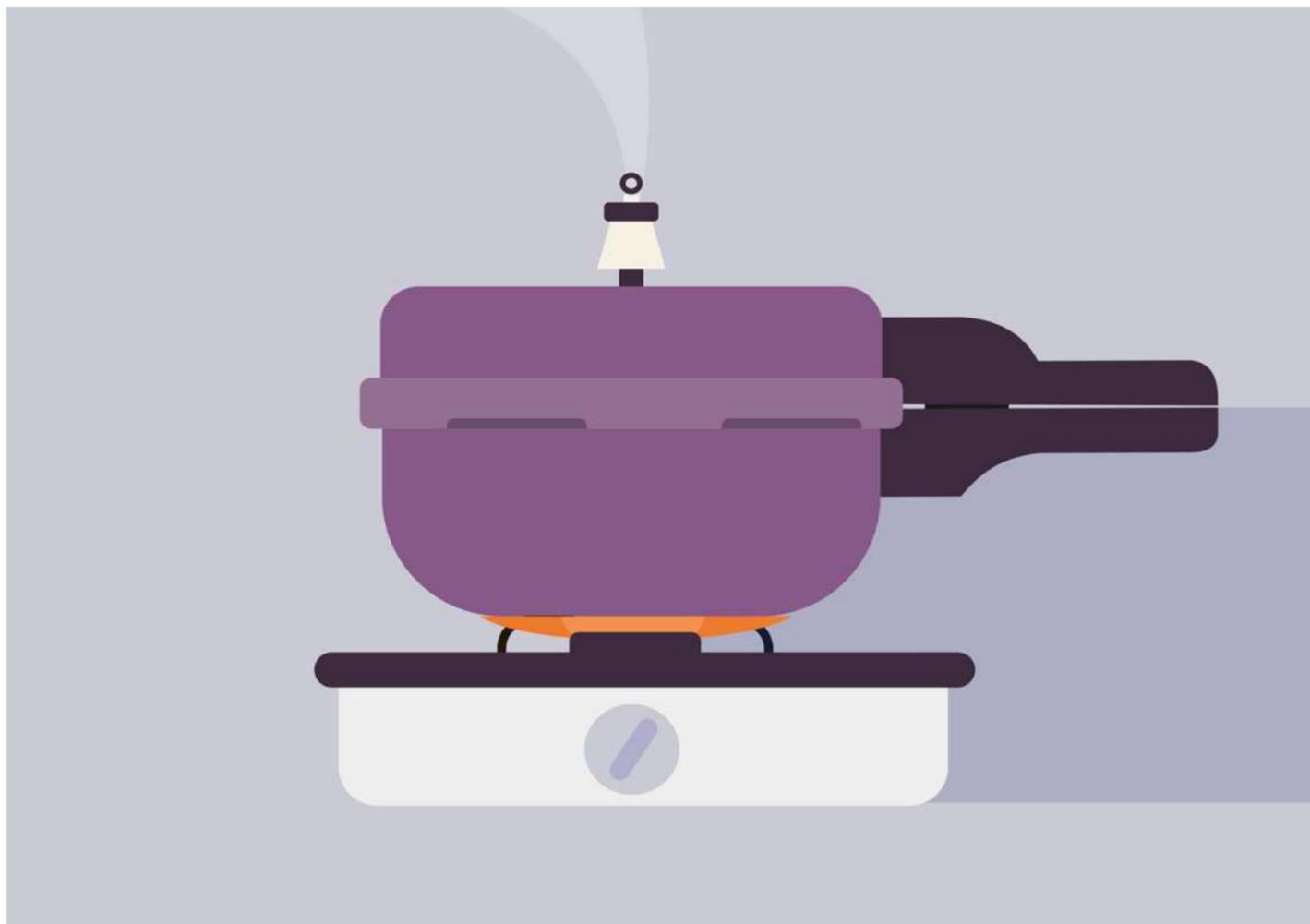
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On the physics of pressure: how the microscopic world interacts with us

Once you start seeing the effects of pressure somewhere, you will start realising it is actually everywhere. The water in your tap, the clouds that suddenly appear on a sunny day, or the fact you can drive your bike or car on those wheels

Adhip Agarwala

Pressure is an interesting thing: we often don't like it and try to avoid it, but it is indispensable. It's everywhere and there is a bit of wonderful physics hiding in it.

Pressure is how the microscopic world interacts with us. We don't see billions of atoms and molecules around us in the air but they hit us continuously all the time, creating what we call air pressure. When you are taking a flight, if there is a risk of the number of air molecules reducing around you, the flight host tells you "the pressure may fall, please use an oxygen mask". If you want to cook something where you want these air molecules to be more energetic – to strike your vegetables better – you use a pressure cooker. In fact, before putting your vegetables in the cooker, you add water. These water molecules become hot and impact your carrots and potatoes, breaking their molecular bonds and cooking your food. You keep all these molecules locked in a strong metal vessel they can't escape, increasing the pressure.

But what really is pressure?

Of forces and apples

Pressure and force are deeply related. You may have heard of Isaac Newton as just

another of those long-haired physicists, but the basic unit of force is named in his honour: newton (N). A unit is a thing you use to measure quantities or other aggregates of some entity. For example, we measure distances in metres, weights in kilograms, and the amount of milk in litres. Likewise, force – such as when you push or pull a door – can be 'counted' in newtons. A fruit, like a small apple, weighs roughly 100 g and will exert a force of about 1 N on your hand. In fact, after a bout of intermittent fasting, if you weigh unreasonably low – like 50 kg – you can instead say you weigh 500 N.

Pressure is the average force spread over any area. Imagine a heavy book is resting on your palm. Now imagine you're holding the same book up with just one finger. The weight of the book remains the same but it feels heavier because it rests on a tinier region.

A pascal (Pa) is a unit of pressure. One pascal is really a very small amount of pressure. For instance, the same apple on your hand exerts a pressure of about 500 Pa. All the air on top of our heads, right up to space, exerts a pressure of 100,000 Pa – like about 200 apples on your hand!

Like air, all fluids have pressure, too, including our blood. The molecules of blood hit the walls of our arteries at different speeds, creating pressure. When

you get your blood pressure measured, the doctor will give you a number like 120/80. These numbers also denote pressure, but not in pascals.

Blood pressure

Just like the atmospheric pressure of air is equivalent to around 200 small apples, it is also equivalent to some amount of liquid. For example, if you are about 10 m underwater, the pressure the water creates on you (aside from the psychological pressure of being unable to breathe) is equivalent to that of the atmosphere.

When you measure blood pressure, if you notice carefully, the doctor will place a cuff around your upper arm and start pumping air. The idea is to bring the pressure of the air around your arm close to that of the pressure of the blood flowing in your arteries, then release it slowly. In older pressure machines, this pressure in the cuff was balanced using a column of liquid in a tube.

The pressure in our blood is about one-fifth that of atmospheric pressure, so if you want to measure with water, you will need two metres of water. That's very inconvenient to carry around. People therefore looked for a liquid that was heavier than water, thus requiring a smaller quantity of it, which would allow

doctors to carry the blood-pressure machines around easily. Mercury is about 15-times heavier than water, so small amounts suffice to balance the cuff pressure. And the 120/80 doctors say is actually 120 mm or 80 mm of mercury: the former is the pressure when your heart beats and the latter, when your heart rests between beats.

How does the pressure machine – or a sphygmomanometer – know when the pressure of the cuff around your arm matches that of the blood in your arteries? This bit of beautiful physics is for another day. If you are interested in learning more, consider taking a physics course.

Pressure cooker

Once you start seeing the effects of pressure somewhere, you will start realising it is actually everywhere. The water in your tap, the clouds that suddenly appear on a sunny day, or the fact you can drive your bike or car on those wheels.

The next time you hear a pressure cooker's whistle in the kitchen closest to you, don't just thank yourself or the person cooking your food. Thank the pressure cooker as well.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Let's discuss spelling..."

"Before that, I'd like to know the meaning of 'preppy' and 'yuppie'."

"Yet. I remember. 'Preppy' is an American colloquial expression meaning 'a person attending an expensive private school or looks like such a person (with short hair, blazer, etc.)'. A 'prep' in American English is a student in a preparatory school. 'Prep' is an abbreviation of 'preparation'. When 'preppy' to used as an adjective, it means neat and 'fashionable'. The 'e' in the word is pronounced like the 'e' in 'get'."

"O.K., who is a yuppie?"

"A 'yuppie' or 'yuppy' is 'a young middle class, ambitious professional person working in a city'. The word is generally used in a derogatory sense as there is an implication that a yuppie will do anything to achieve his ambition. The word 'ambition' itself does not always have a positive sense. It sometimes suggests an inordinate desire to achieve, with some aggressiveness, what one wants. The word is an interesting one."

"How?"

"The word is from Latin 'ambitie' which is from 'ambi' meaning around and 'eo' to go. The Romans used this word to get elected to office. An ambitious person was originally a person who sought office. Even now, those who seek office have to go round and round making speeches and promises. It has acquired broader meaning now and applies to anyone who is determined to achieve his object"

"So ambitious people were originally candidates who sought public office."

"Yes: Shall we take up spelling rules?"

"Sure. What are the rules?"

"First thing you should remember is that every rule has an exception. It is true of spelling rules also. The rules help us when we have a doubt; for example, whether it is 'ie' or 'ei' in 'belief'"

"When you add -ed to a word like 'carry', the final 'y' in the word is changed to 'i'. When you add -ed to play, the 'y' does not change to 'i'. Why?"

"The rule is this. Words ending in 'y' change to 'i' when followed by a suffix.

The 'y' in the word should also be preceded by a consonant. In 'carry', the final 'y' to preceded by the consonant 'r'. 'Carry' plus 'er' becomes carrier. 'Marry' plus 'age' becomes marriage. 'Happy' plus 'ly' becomes happily. Some other words are merrily, parries, tarries, worries, beautiful, cries, business, bullies, funnier. When the final 'y' is preceded by a vowel, the 'y' does not change to 'i'. In 'play', the final 'y' is preceded by the vowel 'a'. So 'play' plus 'ed' becomes 'played'. 'Play' plus 'er' becomes 'player'. Other words like 'play' are obey (obeyed), pray (prayed, prayer), flay (flayed), donkey (donkeys), pulley (pulleys), annoy (annoyed), buy (buyer), portray (portrayal), survey (surveyed).

When 'y' is preceded by a consonant and is followed by the suffix 'ing' the 'y' does not change to 'i'. This to an exception to the rule that final 'y' preceded by a consonant and followed by a suffix changes to 'i'. When 'carry' is followed by the suffix 'ing', the 'y' does not change to 'i'. Carrying, marrying, tarrying."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

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

The first week of August is devoted, across the world, to shining light on the advantages of breastfeeding. This World Breastfeeding Week, let's see if you can get the trivia right

Ramya Kannan

milk consumes a great deal of energy. What percentage of the body's energy does a mother require while lactating?

QUESTION 4 State whether the following statement is true or false – It is possible to induce lactation without a pregnancy.

QUESTION 5 What is the recommended gold standard for breastfeeding a baby?



Visual question: Who is the pair in the photo below? Rest assured they have some connection to breast feeding, apart from being mother and daughter.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The number of medals the Indian men's hockey team has won at the Olympics. **Ans: Eight gold and three bronze**

2. Between these editions, India had a streak of six straight golds. **Ans: 1928 (Amsterdam) and 1956 (Melbourne)**

3. This athlete was captain of the Indian team twice. **Ans: Pargat Singh in 1992 (Barcelona) and 1996 (Atlanta)**

4. India holds the record for the biggest margin of victory (24-1) in an Olympics match against this team. **Ans: The host U.S. at Atlanta**

5. Name the Indian legend and winner of three Olympic hockey titles to whom Sir Donald Bradman remarked "You score goals like runs in cricket". **Ans: Dhyan Chand**

6. This Indian legend holds the Olympic record for most goals scored in an Olympic men's hockey final. **Ans: Balbir Singh Sr.**
Visual: Name this Indian great who has four Olympic medals. **Ans: Leslie Claudius**
Early Birds: Tamal Biswas| M. Suresh Kumar| Sunil Kannada| Sadhan Kumar Panda| Uttam Kumar Sharma

Word of the day

Lethargic: deficient in alertness or activity

Synonym: unenergetic

Usage: I am so lethargic in the evenings.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/lethargicpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ləθɑːrˈdʒɪk/

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From Page One

President dissolves
Bangladesh Parliament

Sohel Rana, the Additional Deputy Inspector General of Bangladesh Police, said that the perpetrators involved in the killing of students and civilians would be arrested and face legal action.

Many former Ministers, including former Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud, MPs, and other leaders of the Awami League and its affiliates were stopped and arrested at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport while trying to leave the country.

The families of political prisoners secretly jailed under the Awami League government gathered in front of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) headquarters, and were seen waiting for news of their relatives, as some of those who had been missing were released on Tuesday. Former Army Brigadier General Abdulhahil Aman Azmi, the second son of the late Jamaat-e-Islami leader Ghulam Azam was released, along with Mir Ahmad Bin Quasem, the younger son of executed JLF leader Mir Quasem Ali.

The Bangladesh Army made a major reshuffle in its top posts, with Maj. Gen. Ziaul Ahsan, popularly known as Major Zia, being relieved from service, while some others were reassigned.

Attacks on minorities

On Tuesday, European Union diplomats in Bangladesh expressed their "serious concern" about the reports of attacks on minority communities.

However, in many locations, leaders from the BNP, Jamaat and other political parties were seen standing guard in front of Hindu temples to protect them from potential attacks. Monzurul Islam, president of the Jamaat-e-Islami student wing Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir, told *The Hindu*: "Those who want to attack the homes and temples of Hindu people are attempting to make the mass protests controversial. We have instructed our activists and leaders to protect the temples and homes of the Hindu community, and many have stood guard throughout the night." (Rabiul Alam is a freelance journalist based in Dhaka.)

Hasina looks at UAE,
Saudi Arabia for asylum

"It is not possible to apply for asylum from outside the U.K.," said a source, pointing to British immigration law, and adding that anyone seeking asylum must apply in the "first safe country they reach", virtually lobbing the ball into India's court.

The former Bangladesh Prime Minister had formally requested for permission to travel to the U.K. shortly after landing in Delhi, in the hope that she could fly directly on board the Bangladesh Air Force plane, that brought her to Delhi, to London. Her sister Sheikh Rehana holds a U.K. passport under Bangladesh's dual citizenship laws and Ms. Rehana's daughter Tulip Siddiq is a Labour MP and the Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

However, those hopes were dimmed a few hours later when U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy issued a statement on the situation in Bangladesh which made no mention of Ms. Hasina or her request. In addition, he called for a "full and independent UN-led investigation into the events of the past few weeks".

In Europe, Ms. Hasina's next option would be to travel to Helsinki where Ms. Rehana's son Radwan Mujib Siddiq 'Bobby' lives. Ms. Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed 'Joy' lives in the U.S. state of Virginia, but Ms. Hasina's relationship with the Joe Biden administration has been tense.

Ms. Hasina's daughter, Saima Wazed, lives in New Delhi, as the regional director of the World Health Organisation. Even so, as New Delhi seeks to engage the new establishment in Dhaka and continue its strategic, trade and connectivity partnerships, the ousted PM's presence here would be difficult to explain, especially if the interim government or a new dispensation demands her extradition to stand charges in Bangladesh, leading to an awkward position for the government.

Govt. blinks on capital
gains tax on real estate

This marks a sharp reversal from the government's firm stance on the issue after the changes in the Budget had evoked sharp critiques about the deleterious impact of the loss of indexation benefits on middle class homeowners, and the real estate sector at a broader level. Officials had argued that the new tax rate structure, with a lower tax rate minus the indexation benefits, will benefit people in almost all cases.

Industry bodies had sought a rethink on the proposal, observing that the removal of indexation benefits amounted to a retrospective tax change for those who had bought properties earlier. They had pointed out that this would especially hurt those who had made investments in assets that had delivered lesser appreciation in value over the years.

Several members of Parliament have also been urging the government to reconsider the proposal. On Tuesday, during the debate on the Finance Bill in the Lok Sabha, TDP MP Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayal echoed other MPs' view and said there was a lot of talk on this issue outside the House.

The Finance Minister is expected to elucidate the changes when she responds to the debate on the Finance Bill in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Government
issues travel
advisory for
visit to U.K.

Sriram Lakshman

The government has warned Indian citizens to exercise caution while travelling to the U.K., in response to riots across the country following the killing of three children in Southport on July 29.

"Visitors from India are advised to stay vigilant and exercise due caution while travelling in the U.K. It is advisable to follow local news and advisories issued by local security agencies, and to avoid areas where protests are under way," the High Commission of India in London said in an advisory on Tuesday.

SKM seeks
Rahul's help
for Assembly
resolutionsThe Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A delegation of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) met Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday in Parliament, and asked him to press for the passing of resolutions in Assemblies of non-BJP-ruled States supporting the demands of farmers, particularly the enactment of laws to guarantee a minimum support price (MSP) to all farmers.

There is pressure from
poor Muslim groups to
amend Wakf Act: Rijju

Members of the AISSC who met the Minister welcomed the proposed amendments, terming them 'a long-awaited reform' to the legislation

Vijaita Singh
Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

As the Union government prepares to amend the Wakf Act, 1995, Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijju told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that there has been a long-standing demand from "poor Muslim groups" to amend the legislation.

Mr. Rijju said a decision to introduce a Bill to amend the Act in the ongoing session of Parliament was "still under consideration".

The Minister said, "There is pressure from poor Muslim women and groups to manage the Wakf properties in a transparent manner. Several groups have been demanding reforms to the Act. Consultation with various groups has been going on for many years."

Leading landowner

The government is yet to circulate a copy of the Bill among members in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Wakf refers to the properties dedicated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes under the Islamic law. Wakf Boards currently control 8.7 lakh



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KIREN RIJJU
Minister for Minority Affairs

properties spanning 9.4 lakh acres across India with an estimated value of 1.2 lakh crores. It makes them the third largest landowner in India after the armed forces and the Indian Railways. The Act was last amended in 2013.

Welcoming changes

The members of the All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council (AISSC), who met Mr. Rijju on Monday, welcomed the proposed amendments, terming them "a long-awaited reform".

"Our council and various organisations have constantly submitted memorandums over the past decades, seeking amendment to the current legislation as it lacks any provisions for safeguarding the interests of the Sufi traditions, and its customs," a communique from the AISSC said.

The president of the AISSC, Syed Naseruddin Chishty, said that "dargh-

as, as the main stakeholders of Wakf in India, had been discriminated against by the existing Act".

Mr. Chishty has been a regular at the government's Muslim outreach meetings in the past few years. In 2022, the Sufi leader organised an interfaith meeting in Delhi which was attended by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.

"The Minister told us that if the Bill is introduced in Parliament, and if we have any suggestions, they will be incorporated. It would be better if instead of opposing, people who are trying to create confusion cooperate with the government by giving good suggestions and by properly utilising the Wakf land, its income can be used for the upliftment of the Muslim society," he added.

Shehzad Poonawalla, national spokesperson of the BJP, was also present at the meeting.

Kharge to hold discussions with Cong.-ruled
States on judgment on SC sub-categorisationThe Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and chairperson of the parliamentary party Sonia Gandhi were among the party's leaders who met on Tuesday to discuss the Supreme Court's judgment on sub-categorisation of the Scheduled Castes (SC).

The party's top lawyers, including Abhishek Singhvi and Vivek Tankha, were also part of the meeting.

Before formulating the party stance on the judgment, Mr. Kharge will consult the Chief Ministers of



Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi held a meeting on the issue on Tuesday. FILE PHOTO

Congress-ruled States and State unit chiefs, the party's communication chief Jairam Ramesh said.

The issue of sub-classifying SCs could end up creating divisions within the party. Senior leaders like

Kumari Selja and P.L. Punia are said to be against the judgment and in favour of a curative petition, while the Congress governments in Telangana and Karnataka have welcomed the top court's judgment.

Mr. Ramesh told presspersons that the judgment has reinforced the need to do a nationwide caste census and the need to remove the cap of 50% ceiling on reservation through a constitutional amendment.

"There were discussions on the Supreme Court order on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes sub-categorisation or what is referred to as quota within quota. The discussions went on for an hour-and-a-half and our party president will now meet our Chief Ministers, State unit chiefs and will take a position on the judgment," he said.

"Two things are clear:

Opposition attacks
govt. over tax burden
on common peopleThe Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Opposition parties on Tuesday questioned the government in the Lok Sabha over the tax exemptions given to corporates and whether it had helped generate jobs. In response, members of the ruling BJP said India was a ray of hope for the world economically.

Congress MP from Punjab Amar Singh, who initiated the debate on the Finance Bill, 2024, said that from the Union Budget proposals, it appeared that the government intended to take away every single rupee from the salaried class, the common man, while the rich were being spared.

Trinamool Congress member Mahua Moitra said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had made a mockery of the people of India in the Budget by doing absolutely nothing.

"People wanted a course correction, but you have done the exact opposite. You have kept the same Cabinet, the same Finance Minister, who has given the same shoddy Budget," she said.

"For the first time in our country's history, the salaried class is sharing a greater tax burden than rich corporates. Not only are the middle class being taxed, but with this Budget, their savings have also been taxed with the remo-



Mahua Moitra

val of indexation and the rise in short-term capital gains," she said.

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar) MP Supriya Sule said, "When the UPA was in power, the corporate tax was higher and individual tax was less. So I would like the Finance Minister to justify why you are taxing the middle class and the poor of the country."

BJP MP from Jharkhand Nishikant Dubey said the Budget was "historic". "Across the world, economies are growing at 2.5% to 2.7%. India is a ray of hope for the world," he said.

Referring to remarks made by BJP MP Anurag Thakur in the House against Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on his caste, Mr. Dubey said, "I do not completely agree with what Anurag Thakur said the other day. I would like to apologise on his behalf in this House."

"The allegation he made about caste is wrong... There is no caste. He (Gandhi) says, I am not what I appear... So he is a hermit."

No State will
like to follow
Bengal model
on LWE: ShahThe Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said while the Union government had no issues implementing models of States that had done well, "I assume that no State will like to implement the West Bengal model."

He was responding to Trinamool Congress leader Sougata Roy, who said in the Lok Sabha that the West Bengal government had been successful in controlling left-wing extremism (LWE) and asked whether the Centre would study the model and also try it in other States.

BJP remains silent over top court
verdict on sub-categorisation of SCsNistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

A week after the Supreme Court delivered a verdict allowing State governments to go ahead with sub-categorisation within the Scheduled Castes category, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has not released any nationally formulated statement or reaction, and maintains a studied silence.

The quality of the silence, BJP insiders say, reflects the fact that while some sections of the party are happy that State governments can now sub-categorise, others are wary of the suggestion that a "creamy layer", as is present in the reservations for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), be applied to the Scheduled Castes category. Party spokesperson and



The uncertainty over the political implications could be a reason for BJP's silence.

former Chairperson of the National Commission for SCs and STs (when it was a joint commission), Bizay Sonkar Shastri, said that he welcomed the Supreme Court's verdict. "When I was Chairperson of the Commission for SCs and STs, a study we conducted found that there were 1,208 castes within the larger SC category, and over 10,000 sub-castes. Any well-wisher of SCs will be

happy with the Supreme Court verdict and so will the BJP, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policy of 'Sab ka saath, sab ka vikaas'," Mr. Shastri said.

On the other hand, Arun Kumar Sagar, BJP MP for Shahjahanpur, himself a member of the Jatav community, expressed reservations over the application of the "creamy layer" concept to the SC quota. "The stigma of untouchability still prevails, however high a person from the Dalit community progresses. What does the economic criteria do for that? Will application of creamy layer do away with it?" he told *The Hindu*.

While there is no common view taken within the BJP and differing opinions are being aired lower down the hierarchy, political

scientist Badri Narayan attributed part of the reason why the BJP, nationally, was holding its peace on the Supreme Court verdict to the uncertain political consequences following the verdict.

"While the Supreme Court verdict looks at the Scheduled Castes category as a whole as now divided between dominant and non-dominant communities, with a differential spread of benefits of reservation, politically, the non-dominant communities continue to be politically unaware, and may not act as a consistent bloc politically. There is a feeling that sub-categorisation will lead to polarisation between these two - dominant and non-dominant sections - and the political direction is uncharted," Professor Narayan said.

Vadra did not attend
Ambani wedding: Cong.The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday strongly denied BJP MP Nishikant Dubey's claim that Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had attended Anant Ambani's wedding, asserting that Ms. Vadra had, in fact, been out of the country at the time.

Mr. Dubey, participating in the debate on the Fi-

nance Bill in the Lok Sabha, had alleged that though the Congress leadership always targeted "AA" business groups - a reference to business tycoons Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani - its general secretary had attended Mr. Ambani's son's wedding.

Hitting back, Congress MP K.C. Venugopal accused the BJP MP of speaking untruth on the floor of the House.



APPEAL

Mahadivadarshini is 6 years old suffering from Heart Disease and requires to undergo Unifocalization of the MAPCAS and complete intracardiac repair - RV/PA tissue valve conduit for correction of the same at MIOT Hospital, Chennai. The total expenditure is Rs. 5,50,000/-. Her family is extremely poor and she is the only child finding it difficult to afford this huge cost. Please help her to have a bright future. The donations sent through ChD/DNEFT Transfer & Google Pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakam Branch, A/C. No.60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE is exempted under 80G IT.

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India is in touch with authorities in Dhaka: Jaishankar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The situation in Bangladesh is still evolving and India is in touch with the authorities in Dhaka, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said in both Houses of Parliament on Tuesday. In a *suo motu* statement, Mr. Jaishankar said Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had arrived in Delhi on Monday evening after a request at very short notice.

The Minister said the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh was in touch with the Indian citizens there.

Mr. Jaishankar said that on Monday, demonstrators had converged in Dhaka despite the curfew. "Our understanding is that after a meeting with the leaders of the security establishment, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina apparently made the decision to resign. At very short notice, she requested approval to come for the moment to India. We simultaneously received a request for flight clearance from Bangladesh authorities. She arrived yesterday evening in Delhi," he said.

"The Army chief, General Waker-uz-Zaman, addressed the nation on August 5. He spoke about assuming responsibility and constituting an interim government," the Minister said. Maintaining that the Centre is in close touch with the Indian community in Bangladesh through the diplomatic missions, he said there were an esti-



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External Affairs Minister

mated 19,000 Indian nationals in the neighbouring country, of which about 9,000 were students. "The bulk of the students returned to India in the month of July on the advice of the High Commission. In terms of our diplomatic presence, in addition to the High Commission in Dhaka, we have Assistant High Commissions in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet. It is our expectation that the host government will provide protection for these establishments. We look forward to their normal functioning once the situation stabilises," he said.

On the question of the situation of minorities, he said there were reports of initiatives by various groups and organisations to ensure their protection and well-being. "We welcome that, but will naturally remain deeply concerned till law and order is visibly restored. Our border guarding forces have also been instructed to be exceptionally alert in view of this complex situation," he told Parliament.

Opposition offers full backing to govt. in facing Bangladesh challenge

At all-party meeting in Parliament, External Affairs Minister says the government will give Hasina 'space and time' to plan her next step; Rahul expresses concern over the volatile neighbourhood

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday did not rule out the role of "external forces" in the events leading to the ouster of Sheikh Hasina as Bangladesh Prime Minister, and said the Indian government would give her time to decide the future course of action. He was briefing an all-party meeting in Parliament, a day after Ms. Hasina landed at the Hindon airbase, just hours after her resignation.

The entire Opposition offered its unanimous support to the government. During the half-hour meeting, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, according to sources, asked if "external forces" had a role in fomenting trouble in Bangladesh. Replying to Mr. Gandhi's question, the Minister said that the government could not, at present, make any authoritative comment. But, Dr. Jaishankar said, a high-ranking Pakistani diplomat had recently changed his social media profile picture to support the agitation.

When a few Opposition leaders asked about the future of the deposed Bangladesh Prime Minister, Dr. Jaishankar responded that the government would give



Keeping in loop: Union Minister S. Jaishankar during the all-party meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday. Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, J.P. Nadda and Kiren Rijiju are present. ANI

her "time and space" to decide on her next step, sources said.

'Form a strategy'

Mr. Gandhi and the other Opposition leaders also expressed concern over the volatile neighbourhood that India finds itself in, with Ms. Hasina being the last of the friendly leaders to be removed. Mr. Gandhi also advised the government to formulate a medium and long-term strategy to deal with the neighbourhood.

"We were briefed about the situation in Bangladesh, and what the impact will be on India," Lok Sabha member and Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal told *The Hindu*. The Trinamool Con-

gress, which was represented by the party's Lok Sabha leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay, urged the Centre to keep the West Bengal government in the loop about the developments. "We will walk hand-in-hand with the Government of India on this issue. Our only request is that the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, should be informed about the steps that the Centre is taking. My suggestion was well accepted," Mr. Bandyopadhyay said.

Rashtriya Janata Dal member Misa Bharati expressed concern over the safety of Indian citizens and minorities in Bangladesh. "We are with the government in this time of crisis. Our primary con-

cern at this moment is for the safety of Indian citizens, especially students in Bangladesh. We are also concerned about the safety of minorities there," Ms. Bharati said.

After the meeting, at least one Opposition leader pointed out the absence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, drawing a parallel with a similar meeting held in March 1971, when the then West Pakistan launched "Operation Searchlight" against the then East Pakistan, where then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi herself fielded all questions from the Opposition. The gathering then included the Jan Sangh leader and later BJP Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

INBRIEF



What has Centre done for stability in South Asia: Tewari

Noting that many countries in India's neighbourhood have been hit by political instability in the past three or four years, Congress Lok Sabha member Manish Tewari (in photo) on Tuesday asked the Narendra Modi government to specify what steps it has taken to maintain political stability in the region. Raising the turmoil in Bangladesh during the Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Tewari said India had had a "special relationship" with the nation. "The situation prevailing in Bangladesh is very sensitive and concerning," he said. "India is the most prominent country in South Asia. If there is instability in South Asia, it directly impacts India in a big way. I want to know from the government... what are the steps the government has taken in the last few years to maintain political stability in South Asia?" he said.

Alert sounded in border districts areas of Bihar

Following unrest in neighbouring Bangladesh, border districts of Bihar have been put on alert. Independent MP from Purnia in northeastern Bihar, Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav, said India should show a large heart to showcase its diplomatic and strategic power in south Asia like the late Indira Gandhi had shown in 1971. The densely populated *seemanchal* (border) districts of the State are particularly vulnerable with Kishanganj having the largest number of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. Purnia, Katihar and Araria too have a large population of immigrants from the neighbouring country. Janata Dal (United) legislator and Parliamentary Affairs Minister in the Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government, Vijay Chaudhary, said, "Chief Minister has asked administration and police to be on alert." Asked about possibility of refugees from Bangladesh entering India, he said, "Those who want to take advantage of CAA provisions can do so as per the law."

Military-to-military cooperation in question as political crisis continues in Bangladesh

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina continues to remain at the Hindon Air Force Station near Delhi, where she landed after fleeing her country on Monday. The C130J aircraft that brought her to India has flown out of the base.

While uncertainty prevails in the neighbouring country, there are also apprehensions over the future of the strong military-to-military cooperation that had significantly deepened over the years, especially under Ms. Hasina's government, as India



Business as usual: People wait to get inside the Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad, where Sheikh Hasina landed on Monday. REUTERS

looked to counter Chinese influence in the neighbourhood, including by supplying military hardware to Dhaka.

The military-to-military channels remain important lines of communication during the ongoing crisis, in addition to the diplomatic channels, as the Bangladesh Army is in charge to oversee the transition to an interim government.

Sources said Ms. Hasina

continues to be in the 'safe house' since she arrived at Hindon and is expected to stay for another day or two till her next destination is finalised.

India and Bangladesh have broad-based their defence and strategic cooperation, involving regular visits, training activities, bilateral and multilateral exercises, and more importantly, supply of military hardware by India. India has also extended a \$500-million defence Line of Credit to Bangladesh to procure military hardware.

Defence industrial cooperation has emerged a major area of cooperation.. As reported by *The*

Hindu, Dhaka had shared a long wishlist with India of a range of hardware and New Delhi had responded positively for several of them.

"There is a real question mark on the defence industrial cooperation with the way situation has unfolded there and the strong anti-India sentiment that is spreading. That depends on the new dispensation that will come in and their view of the relationship with India," a senior official said on condition of anonymity. "Both China and Pakistan will attempt to take advantage of the situation to move Bangladesh away from India."

Trade with Bangladesh remains suspended; BSF on 'high alert' on border

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Amidst ongoing unrest in Bangladesh, trade between India and Bangladesh remain suspended.

Daljit Singh Chaudhury, Director-General, Border Security Force, and senior officials visited the integrated checkpoint at Petrapole and the border outpost Ranaghat of the 68th Battalion in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district.

The primary objective is to assess the tactical and operational preparedness and deployment strategies of BSF at these key locations," a press statement by the BSF said. The border guarding forces have announced a "high alert" along the border.

BSF officials discussed operational strategies to deal with illegal infiltration and smuggling, and held coordination meetings with West Bengal government officials and people of the border villages.

Of India's 4,096 km-long border with Bangladesh, 2,216 km lies along West Bengal, which is guarded by three frontiers of the BSF. Trade, not only at Petrapole but at land custom stations in Ghojodanga, Mahadipur, and Fulbari in West Bengal, has been affected. There has been some passenger movement, particularly along the ICP, which includes both people returning to India and crossing over to Bangladesh.

Some of the passengers narrated their ordeal of how the situation had spiralled out of control in the past few days. Ujjal Saha,



Close watch: BSF personnel standing guard as a truck returns from Bangladesh, at Hili checkpoint in Dakshin Dinajpur district. PTI

Turmoil further delays Agartala-Akhaura link

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

The turmoil in Bangladesh has left inter-country rail connectivity along the crucial Agartala-Akhaura link, which connects Tripura to Kolkata cutting across the heart of Bangladesh, in the lurch.

Talks for the long-pending link were revived earlier this year, after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina virtually inaugurated the project. Indian Railways officials

said that of the 12.24-km dual-gauge line, 5.46 km from Agartala to Nischintapur, which leads to the Bangladesh border entering into Akhaura, had been completed.

"Another 6.78 km lies on the Bangladeshi side, and Bangladesh railway officials are responsible for carrying out work on their side. With the turmoil, the connectivity project will get delayed. ...for us, right now, when the rail connectivity between two countries gets established is a wait and watch situation," officials said.

Ensure safety of Hindus in riot-torn country: VHP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Tuesday urged the Union government to take every possible step for the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh.

The organisation also claimed that it was getting many "distress calls", and requested the government not to turn a blind eye towards the atrocities being faced by the Hindus there. Terming the situation "sensitive", the VHP said it was the responsibility of the world community to take effective action for the safety of minorities and protection of human rights in Bangladesh.

Violence has erupted in 34 districts of Bangladesh, says BJP MP from Bengal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Jagannath Sarkar on Tuesday said the government should ensure the safety of the Hindu community in Bangladesh, who are being persecuted after the fall of Sheikh Hasina government, as done by the Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1970-71.

Speaking with *The Hindu*, Mr. Sarkar said he had been receiving information about the houses and temples of the Hindu community being targeted by mobsters in Bangladesh. "ISKCON Temple and a Kali Bari has been vandalised, lives of Hindus and their properties are not safe, women are being mole-



Although there is now a military rule ostensibly, Jamaat-e-Islami [Bangladesh] is running the show from behind the scene; it has become an anti-India campaign

JAGANNATH SARKAR
BJP MP

sted...there is no sign of abatement," he said.

"This time, it all started as a students' movement but has become an anti-India campaign. Although there is now a military rule ostensibly, but Jamaat-e-Islami [Bangladesh] is running the show from behind the scene and is causing all the destruction," said Mr. Sarkar.

Stating that incidents of violence were taking place in 34 districts of Bangladesh, including Noakhali, Mr. Sarkar said he had received several calls desperately seeking help.

When asked if he would urge the government to give shelter to the Hindus who cross over to India, he said the Narendra Modi government had already

made a provision for extending citizenship to the persecuted members of minority communities under the Citizenship Amendment Act.

As violence continued in Bangladesh, a Border Security Force (BSF) official said no mass movement of people from across the border had been reported yet.

India and Bangladesh share 4,096-km border along the States of West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura.

A high alert has been sounded along the Bangladesh border and the BSF has "received strict instruction from the government to not allow anyone into the country without valid documents."

IN BRIEF



Supplementary chargesheet filed against Lalu, Tejashwi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday filed a supplementary chargesheet against Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad and his son Tejashwi Yadav in the alleged land-for-jobs scam. The case pertains to Group D appointments made in the West Central Zone of the Railways in Jabalpur, allegedly in return for land parcels, during Mr. Lalu's tenure as Railway Minister in the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government from 2004 to 2009. The chargesheet, filed before special judge Vishal Gogne of the Rouse Avenue Court, names 10 accused and includes 96 documents. The next hearing in this case is on August 13. The ED has alleged that no advertisement or any public notice was issued for the appointments yet the appointees, residents of Patna, were hired for posts in various Zonal Railways located in Mumbai, Jabalpur, Kolkata, Jaipur, and Hajipur.

Ex-Deputy Prime Minister Advani admitted to hospital

Former Deputy Prime Minister and veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Lal Krishna Advani was on Tuesday admitted to Delhi's Apollo Hospital. The 96-year-old is stable and under observation, according to sources. On July 3, the BJP leader was admitted to Apollo Hospital. He was discharged a day later after a brief stay. A week earlier, Mr. Advani was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) for old age-related issues and was discharged in a day.

Chargesheets filed against 4 in case filed after car blast

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday chargesheeted four accused in an Islamic State (IS) radicalisation and recruitment case registered during the course of investigation into the blast triggered from an explosives-laden car outside the Sangameswarar temple in Coimbatore in 2022.

Jameel Basha, Mohammed Hussain, Irshath and Syed Abdur Rahman were chargesheeted under sections of the Indian Penal Code and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in the case, registered by the NIA Chennai branch in August 2023 based on the findings in the car blast case. The NIA had established that the accused were engaged in the recruitment of youth to the IS fold to commit unlawful and terrorist activities. The religious indoctrination was carried out by the accused at an Arabic language centre called Madras Arabic College (in Coimbatore), later rechristened as Kovai Arabic College, an NIA press release said.

Basha was the patron and chief mentor, who had guided his alumni to establish Arabic language centres at district levels.

INDIA bloc protests against 18% GST on life, health insurance

Opposition calls it a step towards 'tax terrorism', holds placards criticising the BJP government for imposing extra burden on the middle class

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Demanding the rollback of the 18% Goods and Services Tax (GST) imposed on life and health insurance premiums, the INDIA bloc parties held protests on the steps leading to the Mark Dwar of Parliament on Tuesday.

Carrying placards in seven languages, the parties criticised the government for imposing an extra burden on the middle class, and called it a step towards "tax terrorism".

Later in a post on X, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi said, "The Modi government even collected ₹24,000 crore from millions of common Indians who pay health insurance premiums every year by saving every penny to ensure that they do not have to bow down to anyone in case of a 'health crisis' in life."

"Looking for a 'tax opportunity' in every disaster is proof of the insensitive thinking of the BJP government. INDIA alliance op-



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, NCP chief Sharad Pawar and other Opposition MPs protest on the steps of Parliament on Tuesday. PTI

poses this opportunistic thinking. Health and life insurance must be made GST-free," Mr. Gandhi said.

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said the protest by the INDIA bloc parties was absolutely justified. "You can't impose GST on something as essential as health insurance. India is already the country whose citizens pay the highest out-of-pocket expenses for health crises in the world," he said.

The issue has resonated within both Houses of Parliament in the past few days.

On Monday, the Trinamool Congress's Rajya Sabha leader, Derek O' Brien, had raised the issue in the House during Zero Hour.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently wrote to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the issue.

The Opposition parties stepped up their protests especially after Union Minister Nitin Gadkari also wrote to the Finance Minister.

Hours after the protest, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla cautioned the members to desist from holding protests on the steps leading to Parliament.

133 Manipur villagers displaced by ethnic conflict return home

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In joint efforts led by the district administration of Manipur's Jiribam, along with the security forces posted in the area, 133 Meitei villagers returned to their homes in Mongbung village, where last month a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) constable was killed in a gunfight, officials said on Tuesday night.

Jiribam district had in June become the latest site of the State's continuing ethnic conflict between the valley-based Meitei community and the hills-based Scheduled Tribe Kuki-Zo-

Hmar group of communities.

Superintendent of Police, Jiribam, M. Pradip Singh told *The Hindu*, "After continuous joint efforts by the district administration, Jiribam Police, Assam Rifles, and the CRPF, the authorities in Jiribam have now facilitated the homecoming of these Meitei villagers."

These villagers were first evacuated from the Mongbung area on June 6, when violence broke out following the murder of a Meitei man.

They were being housed at the relief camp set up at the Chingdong Leikai Primary School.

'Speed up job-linked incentive scheme'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, on Tuesday, chaired a meeting to expedite the implementation of the Employment-Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme announced in the Budget. He directed the officials to work in a

mission mode so that the scheme can bolster employment generation.

Mr. Mandaviya asked officials to create a robust mechanism to ensure that benefits of the Scheme reach the true beneficiaries. The ELI scheme aims to create over two crore jobs in the country in a period of two years.

Dumping of plastic waste in rivers: SC raises concern

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has raised the alarm on the indiscriminate dumping of plastic waste in rivers and water bodies, calling for a "concerted effort" to stop water pollution before the damage reaches a point beyond repair.

"The dumping of plastic is causing serious environment degradation and also impacting aquatic life in the river banks and the water bodies in the country," a Bench headed by Justice Hrishikesh Roy recorded in an August 2 order published on Tuesday.

The court said the public and authorities have to join hands or the "desired improvement of the quality of the water in rivers and water bodies in the country will remain illusory".

Judicious use of sucralose as sugar substitute helps diabetics: study

Ramya Kannan
CHENNAI

A recent study from India examining the effects of replacing sucrose or table sugar with an artificial sweetener, sucralose, in coffee and tea, found no adverse impact on glucose or HbA1c levels, and in fact indicated a slight improvement in body weight, waist circumference and body mass index (BMI).

The article, "Effect of replacing sucrose in beverages with non-nutritive sweetener sucralose on cardiometabolic risk factors among Asian Indian adults with Type 2 Diabetes: a 12-week randomized controlled trial", was published in *Diabetes Therapy* late July. Notably, the study comes shortly after the WHO cautioned non-diabetics against using non-nutritive sweeteners



Non-nutritive sweeteners can help cut down calories and sugar intake and increase dietary compliance, says a study. ISTOCKPHOTO

(NNS) to control body weight.

Senior diabetologist Dr. V. Mohan, chairman of the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, who led the study, said: "We started this study even before the WHO's report on sugar substitutes. We wanted to assess if there are any changes, because in India, sweeteners are used only sparingly instead of sugar, in tea and coffee, com-

pared with the West. The study shows that there is no harm in taking sweeteners. In fact, there was a marginal improvement in body weight, BMI and waist circumference with no impact on glucose or HbA1c levels. This is a very important point to bring out to the public, since there is so much of negative publicity against sweeteners, which I feel is totally unfounded."

This 12-week, parallel-arm randomised controlled trial included 210 participants with T2D, assigned to the intervention group, where sugar/sucrose in coffee or tea was substituted with sucralose, or the control group, where sugar/sucrose was continued. The primary outcome was change in HbA1c. At the end of the study, researchers found no significant change in HbA1c levels between the intervention and control groups. However, favourable changes were noted in the BMI, waist circumference and mean body weight, the paper said.

Dr. Mohan said the judicious use of NNS can help in cutting down calories, sugar intake and increase dietary compliance. More studies are underway on the safety and efficacy of sucralose, he said.

Ministry refuses to share staff shortage details in armed forces; cites national security

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Citing "national security", the Defence Ministry has refused to divulge details of the shortage of personnel in the armed forces, which in the past was regularly given out in written responses to questions in Parliament.

"The information sought is a sensitive operational matter concerning national security and it would not be in the national security interest to divulge related details in the public domain," Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha on August 5.

This was in response to a question from Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi, MP, who asked whether the go-



Sanjay Seth

vernment has taken note of the fact that there is "shortage of staff, including officers, soldiers, medical officers etc., in the armed forces," if so, the details thereof; and whether the government "has taken any comprehensive measures/steps to fill the vacancies" that are existing.

Till recently, it has been a regular practice to give information to such questions. For instance, in re-

ponse to a question from MP Javed Ali Khan in the Rajya Sabha on March 13, 2023, then Minister of State in the Defence Ministry Ajay Bhatt said in a written reply that vacancies in the Army as on March 10, 2023 was officers: 8,070 and Junior Commissioned Officers (JCO) and Other Ranks (OR): 1,27,673. He further stated that from January 1, 2023 to March 10, 2023, the vacancies filled up for officers were 613 and for JCO/ORs it was 19,065.

On June 14, 2022, the government announced the Agnipath scheme for recruitment of soldiers into the armed forces for four years, doing away with the earlier process.

The overall intake has been capped at 1.75 lakh till 2026.

THE CROSSWORD+ 14247 (set by Incognito)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site. @ <https://qrqo.page.link/jjpTn>

Across

- 8 Alien captures team? Way to go! (4)
- 9 Bigger embrace by queen (5)
- 10 Breaking law with small tools (4)
- 11 Stellar part of last rally (6)
- 12 Covers changing uncle's id (8)
- 13 I.e., with addition of sulphur, fossil crumbles without luminance and turns into bony material (8)
- 15 Zip around French friend and relatives (6)
- 17 American president takes wedding oath in Samurai code (7)
- 19 Clergymen going around circles (7)
- 22 Turn, say, hen into animals (6)
- 24 Experts hold sand awkwardly (3,5)
- 26 Virginia and Georgia have affinity for tramp (8)
- 28 Catch parent going astray (6)
- 30 Fuel company gets aluminium (4)
- 31 Clear 6 after 6 before five hundred (5)
- 32 Tidy animal (4)

Down

- 1 Line for folding A6 backwards? (4)
- 2 Stellar denizen of the sea (8)
- 3 Kind of pepper from mount in outskirts of Chennai (6)
- 4 Once more, saint is not favourable (7)
- 5 Greek champ starts to feel uniquely lithe and elegant (8)
- 6 Cleaner? It's nothing, really! (6)
- 7 Hear insect and run away (4)
- 14 Possibly dusty den (5)
- 16 Very clear! I hear "Lucy... with diamonds" (5)
- 18 Daughter is beginning to sense love going wrong... Terminate... (8)
- 20 Giving a response on thespian's performance (8)
- 21 After 2/5th of month, wrinkled old valet not permitted in European country (7)
- 23 New year arrangement covers a bit of liquor... almost... (6)
- 25 Fears doctor with extraordinarily acute diagnostic skills, for starters (6)
- 27 Small part of tomato masala (4)
- 29 Leaving saloon, Barbara dances for Middle Easterner (4)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Solution to previous puzzle

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P	R	L	I	A		
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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8	5	9	2	3	7	1	4	6
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6	1	8	4	5	3	2	9	7

MADGALDEEP SCENT 3in1

FAITH

Significance of Teej

Celebrated by those hailing from Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, parts of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra, Teej, which falls today (August 7), is a significant festival of the rainy season, especially for married women, who pray for the wellbeing of their husbands and also for single women who aspire for a soulmate. The festival involves the observance of a day-long fast, which is broken the next day before sunrise, said Prof. Kumool Abbi.

The idol of goddess Parvati is installed and women gather around, reciting the stories around religious vows (*vat katha*), the Teej is chanted.

The Teej festival has three main components. Haryali Teej is celebrated to commemorate the wedding of Lord Siva and Parvati. It is usually celebrated on the third day of the Shukla Paksha in the month of Shraavan. Kajri Teej, which falls on August 22, usually takes place 15 days after Haryali Teej on the third day of Krishna Paksha (dark fortnight). Hartalika Teej, which will fall in Bhadon month (on September 6), is observed to mark the day when female friends of Parvati abducted her and brought her into the thick, deep forests, to escape her father who was determined to marry her to another Lord. An unfazed Parvati continued her penance and won over Lord Siva.

IN BRIEF



Govt. said to be firm on stand on GST demand on Infosys

The Indian government is not considering any relaxation in the tax demand it sent to Infosys last month, according to a government source. The tax demand is in accordance with the goods and services tax (GST) rules and the country's second-largest IT services firm has sought 10 days to submit its response after meeting tax officials, the source said. The source declined to be named as they were not authorised to speak to the media. REUTERS

Tamilnadu Petroproducts Q1 standalone net remains flat

Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd. reported its standalone net profit for the June quarter remained flat at ₹13 crore on an increase in crude oil price. Revenue from operations contracted by ₹11 crore to ₹461 crore, even as cost of materials rose by ₹4 crore to ₹279 crore. "Our first quarter was challenging primarily due to increased raw material costs and absorbing the cost hike to maintain long-term customer relationships," said Vice Chairman Ashwin Muthiah.

Shriram General Insurance Q1 net profit rises 17% to ₹114 cr.

Shriram General Insurance Co. Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the June quarter rose 17% from the year-earlier period to ₹114 crore. Gross written premium increased 31% to ₹733 crore, against the industry growth of 13%. Motor business grew by 34% and non-motor rose 10%. Assets under management rose 8.74% to ₹12,268 crore. The company wrote 12,82,017 policies and settled 48,290 claims. The solvency ratio stood at 3.87, MD & CEO Anil Aggarwal said.

TVS Motor Q1 net rises 23% to ₹577 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

TVS Motor Company Ltd. (TVSM) reported standalone net profit for the June quarter increased 23% from the year-earlier period to ₹577 crore.

Revenue from operations climbed 16% to ₹8,376 crore. TVSM sold 10.87 lakh vehicles, of which motorcycles constituted 5.14 lakh, scooters 4.18 lakh and mopeds 1.23 lakh. Scooters included sale of 51,936 EVs (38,642), the firm said.

"TVSM is gearing up for exciting times ahead, as we transition to a high-tech, global, and smart mobility company," Chairman Ralf Dieter Speth said.

Addressing the AGM, he



Ralf Dieter Speth

said TVSM was strategically expanding international presence by strengthening its distribution network across the world backed by a strong product pipeline and focus on consumers.

On U.K.-based Norton Motorcycle Co., he said: "Norton will be launching six new models, premium products, in the next three years. The new facility in U.K. is ramping up."

'Bangladesh crisis: Garment orders may shift to India in short term'

M. Soundariva Preetha
COIMBATORE

The crisis in Bangladesh is expected to impact the Indian textile and apparel sector in the short term.

Siddhartha Rajagopal, the Executive Director of Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, said \$1.7-billion worth of cotton, cotton yarn and fabrics were exported by India to Bangladesh last fiscal, which is 17% of India's cotton textile exports.

Bangladesh exported cotton garments worth \$1-billion in FY23. There were reports of trucks stranded on either side of the border with textile and garment goods. "Normalcy should return to see how the busi-



ness will evolve. There are nearly 30 Indian textile companies having facilities in Bangladesh," he said.

According to the Apparel Export Promotion Council, it is quite likely that garment orders may shift to India in the short term and the Indian apparel industry may be asked to fill the gap caused by the disruption.

Prabhu Dhamodharan,

'Food costs hit 11-month peak in July on pricier vegetables'

While tomato prices were 40% lower last month than July 2023, onion prices were 65% higher and potatoes 55% more expensive on lower crop arrivals, as per Crisil monthly cost tracker

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Food costs shot up to an 11-month high for non-vegetarians as well as vegetarians in July, fuelled by a sharp 55% month-on-month surge in prices of tomato and an increase of 20% and 16% in onion potato prices, respectively, as per Crisil's monthly cost tracker for home-cooked meals.

The average cost of a vegetarian meal rose 11% from June to July to touch ₹32.6, as per Crisil's estimates, while a non-vegetarian plate cost increased 6% to ₹61.4.

Food for thought

Average cost of a vegetarian meal rose 11% MoM to ₹32.6 while a non-veg. plate climbed 6% to ₹61.4, its highest since Sept.

■ Lower rabi output impacted onion prices while a blight infestation hit the potato crop

■ Tomato crop was affected on account of whitefly infestation, high temperatures

■ CPI food inflation had surged to a six-month high of 9.4% in June



price of a vegetarian meal slid 9% and that of a non-veg meal 4% year-on-year. Tomato prices were about ₹66 per kg in July

compared with ₹42 in June. While tomato prices were thus 40% lower last month than July 2023, onion prices were 65% higher and potatoes 55% more expensive on lower crop arrivals.

"While lower rabi production impacted onion prices, late blight infestation in Punjab, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh affected the potato output," Crisil Market Intelligence and Analytics said. Food inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, had surged to a six-month high of 9.4% in June, from 8.7% in the previous two months.

CBI books Hindalco, a former MoEF director on graft charges

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has booked Hindalco Industries Limited (HIL) and the then director of the Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF) on graft charges related to the processing and grant of environmental clearance to the company's Talabira-I open cast coal mine in Jharsuguda (Odisha) during 2011-13.

The public servant has been identified as T. Chandini, who was also Member Secretary of the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC)

Graft charges relate to environmental clearance to HIL's Talabira-I open cast mine in Jharsuguda

concerned, according to the First Information Report (FIR).

"This is an old matter pertaining to 2014-15," said a Hindalco spokesperson, adding, "These mines were de-allocated as part of the government's de-allocation process. This is a matter of public record where more than 100 mines were de-allocated."

The CBI says in its FIR that the case is an offshoot of a preliminary probe initiated by the agency in February against unknown officials of Aditya Birla Management Corp. Pvt. Ltd. (ABMCPL), unknown MoEF officials and others, regarding alleged payments of bribe amounts in 2011-2013 for grant of clearance to its projects.

The projects requiring prior clearance used to be examined by the EACs and based on their recommendations, the regulatory authority would communicate its decision to the applicants concerned.

IATA slams GST notices to 10 foreign airlines

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The International Air Transport Association has expressed "disappointment" over the show-cause notices issued to 10 international airlines over GST dues of ₹10,000 crore. IATA warned the move could "dampen and risk India's strong aviation potential". Xie Xingquan, IATA's Regional V-P for North Asia and Asia Pacific, said the tax authority did not take into consideration the nature and conventions involved in the provision of international air transport.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	78,593	-0.21
US Dollar	83.92	0.20
Gold	71,700	-1.51
Brent oil	76.72	0.39

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3072.70	34.50
Adani Ports	1494.10	0.25
Apollo Hosp	6657.70	-29.90
Asian Paints	3101.75	8.35
Axis Bank	1126.10	-7.40
Bajaj Auto	9427.40	-57.65
Bajaj Finserv	1564.10	-3.60
Bajaj Finance	6538.35	-58.35
Bharti Airtel	1443.55	-22.15
BPL	334.70	-7.00
Britannia Ind	5854.50	156.60
Cipla	1531.90	16.85
Coal India	499.60	-7.20
Divis Lab	4827.55	-6.60
Dr Reddys Lab	6807.40	-4.65
Eicher Motors	4653.90	-21.85
Grasim Ind	2620.50	8.25
HCL Tech	1582.75	20.35
HDFC Bank	1601.20	-14.55
HDFC Life	679.60	-31.30
Hero MotoCorp	5173.80	-10.10
Hindalco	610.30	-4.00
Hind Unilever	2750.05	34.15
ICICI Bank	1166.85	-5.75
IndusInd Bank	1381.00	-8.45
Infosys	1751.10	-8.80
ITC	486.30	0.30
JSW Steel	884.00	20.20
Kotak Bank	1770.55	-3.10
L&T	3576.20	48.20
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5460.75	70.65
M&M	2632.95	-46.00
Maruti Suzuki	12131.10	-69.75
NestleIndia	2508.50	-2.40
NTPC	415.00	1.75
ONGC	306.10	-4.15
PowerGrid Corp	340.75	-2.05
Reliance Ind	2912.10	17.45
SBI Life	1674.50	-47.70
State Bank	797.70	-13.95
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2836.80	-54.65
Sun Pharma	1707.55	-12.80
TataConsumerProduct	1185.60	-13.80
Tata Motors	1013.75	-7.70
Tata Steel	150.32	0.50
TCS	4171.20	16.15
Tech Mahindra	1483.40	27.05
Titan	3335.10	-40.85
UltraTech Cement	11325.30	-91.95
Wipro	489.50	4.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 06

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.75	84.07
Euro	91.35	91.70
British Pound	106.30	106.71
Japanese Yen (100)	57.73	57.96
Chinese Yuan	11.71	11.76
Swiss Franc	97.99	98.37
Singapore Dollar	63.09	63.34
Canadian Dollar	60.50	60.75
Malaysian Ringgit	18.71	18.80
Australian Dollar	54.26	54.47

Source: Indian Bank

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated			
		Quarter ended	Year ended	Quarter ended	Year ended		
		30.06.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024	
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)		
1	Total income	8,411.88	7,275.47	31,924.90	10,447.63	9,142.05	39,250.56
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	782.91	610.36	2,780.66	738.53	626.53	2,702.92
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	782.91	610.36	2,780.66	738.53	626.53	2,702.92
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	577.32	467.67	2,083.00	484.82	441.47	1,778.54
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	561.80	440.50	2,063.26	455.12	393.67	1,725.07
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	7,683.53	-	-	6,736.00
8	Security Premium Account	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
9	Networth	8,283.33	6,478.76	7,725.95	7,180.46	5,631.98	6,751.08
10	Outstanding Debt	864.46	2,275.32	1,027.61	22,736.70	21,086.89	22,930.82
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times)	0.1	0.4	0.1	3.2	3.7	3.4
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised)	(i) Basic (in Rs.)		(ii) Diluted (in Rs.)			
		12.15	9.84	43.84	9.70	9.14	35.50
		12.15	9.84	43.84	9.70	9.14	35.50
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	6.5	1.2	2.5	7.7	0.9	1.5
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	28.5	16.8	21.6	13.5	9.2	10.5
18	Current Ratio (Times)	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	2.4	2.9	2.4
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.6
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	25.4	28.1	27.9	28.2	26.3	25.3
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	16.9	15.5	18.0	12.2	10.7	11.7
25	Operating Margin (%)	11.5	10.6	11.1	9.8	9.3	9.9
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	6.9	6.5	6.6	4.7	4.9	4.5

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).
- Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 06.08.2024

For TVS Motor Company Limited
Sd/-
Prof. Sir Ralf Dieter Speth
Chairman

GAZA STRIP

Hamas names Gaza chief Yahya Sinwar group's new political leader



Hamas named Gaza Strip chief Yahya Sinwar as its new political leader on Tuesday, a week after his predecessor Ismail Haniyeh's killing in Tehran. "The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas announces the selection of leader Yahya Sinwar as the head of the political bureau of the movement," a statement read. AFP

TEHRAN

Iran executes man over killing of Guards colonel in 2022 protests



Iran executed a man after the courts convicted him of killing a Revolutionary Guards officer during nationwide protests in 2022. The colonel was in charge of the Guards' intelligence unit in Sahneh city of Kermanshah province in Iran's Kurdish region, which saw the biggest protest over Mahsa Amini's death in police custody. AFP

WASHINGTON

Elon Musk's social media platform X sues advertisers over boycott



Elon Musk's X sued an advertising group and several corporations accusing them of causing billions of dollars of losses by "illegally" boycotting the social media platform. The antitrust suit, filed in Texas, targets the World Federation of Advertisers (WFA), Unilever, Mars, CVS Health and Orsted, a Danish energy company. AFP

KUALA LUMPUR

Meta apologises over removal of Malaysian PM's posts on Haniyeh



Meta apologised for removing social media posts by Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim about the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. The apology came after his office summoned Meta officials to seek an explanation on why Mr. Ibrahim's Facebook and Instagram posts about Haniyeh's death were removed. AFP

Former PM Khaleda Zia released from house arrest

Agence France-Presse DHAKA

Bangladesh's uncompromising former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has been released from years of house arrest after her bitter enemy Sheikh Hasina was ousted as Premier and fled as protesters stormed her palace.

The ferocious rivalry between the two women has defined politics in the Muslim-majority nation for decades.

Ms. Zia, 78, was sentenced to 17 years in prison for graft in 2018 under Ms. Hasina's rule.

She is in poor health, confined to a wheelchair with rheumatoid arthritis and struggling with diabetes and cirrhosis of the liver.

Rights groups warn of attacks on minorities in Bangladesh

Houses and shops of minority members were attacked and vandalised in at least 97 places on Monday and Tuesday; Awami League party offices were torched and looted across the country

Agence France-Presse DHAKA

Rights groups and diplomats in Bangladesh on Tuesday raised concerns at reports of attacks on minorities, including Hindus, a day after the Prime Minister was ousted following mass protests.

Some businesses and homes owned by Hindus were attacked on Monday, witnesses said. Police reported mobs launching revenge attacks on Ms. Hasina's allies. Offices of Ms. Hasina's Awami League party were torched and looted across the country, eyewitnesses said.

"Houses and shops of



Remnants of a revolt: People gather in front of the ransacked Awami League's central office in Dhaka on Tuesday. PTI

minority people were attacked, vandalised and looted, in at least 97 places on Monday and Tuesday," Rana Dasgupta, general secretary of Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Un-

ity Council, said in a statement. The group said at least 10 Hindu temples were attacked by "miscreants" on Monday. One Hindu man was beaten to death in Bangla-

24 killed in hotel owned by Awami League leader

Press Trust of India DHAKA

At least 24 people, including an Indonesian national, were burnt alive by a mob in Bangladesh at a starred hotel owned by a leader of Awami League party, local journalists and hospital sources said.

The victims, mostly boarders, were burnt alive late on Monday night as the mob set afire Zahir International Hotel owned by district Awami League general secretary Shahin Chakkladar in Jashor district.

Media reports suggested unidentified mob, opposed to the Awami League (AL) regime, set the ground floor of the hotel on fire which quickly spread to the upper floors.

Sri Lanka expresses solidarity with the people of Bangladesh



Same trajectory: Protestors take part in a demonstration in Colombo in Sri Lanka on April 9, 2022. AFP

Meera Srinivasan COLOMBO

Hours after Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina quit and fled the country on Monday following mass protests, Sri Lanka - whose former President was ousted by a citizen's uprising two years ago - expressed solidarity with the people of Bangladesh.

"Our hearts are with the people of Bangladesh during these incredibly challenging times. The recent events have led to significant unrest and, tragically, the loss of many lives. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of those affected and to all who are suffering during this difficult period," said Foreign Minister Ali Sabry in a message on 'X' on Monday.

Mr. Sabry served as Minister of Justice and later, Minister of Finance under President Gotabaya, who was booted out of office in

2022. "Sri Lanka values its enduring friendship with Bangladesh and stands in solidarity with its people. We believe in the resilience and unity of the Bangladeshi nation and hope for a swift return to peace and stability," he said.

Along with his other Cabinet colleagues, Mr. Sabry resigned in April 2022 amid surging protests by citizens who took to the streets demanding then President Gotabaya and his government step down. Mr. Sabry was soon re-appointed Minister of Finance, but quit days after, as mass agitations persisted forcing Mr. Gotabaya to resign and flee the country in July 2022. Subsequently, Mr. Sabry joined the Cabinet of President Ranil Wickremesinghe as Foreign Minister.

"May the people of Bangladesh find the strength to overcome these challenges and emerge even stronger," said Mr. Sabry.

Six Hezbollah fighters killed in strikes; Israeli warplanes fly over Beirut

Agence France-Presse BEIRUT

A Lebanese security source said six Hezbollah fighters were killed in Israeli strikes on Tuesday, with the group claiming attacks on northern Israel and low-flying Israeli warplanes breaking the sound barrier over Beirut.

Hezbollah has traded near-daily fire with Israel in support of its ally Hamas since the Palestinian militant group's October 7 attack on Israel triggered war in Gaza.

Tensions have soared in the past week as Iran and its allies vowed revenge for the killing, blamed on Israel, of Hamas's political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, and after an Israeli strike killed Hezbollah's top military commander Fuad Shukur in Beirut's southern suburbs.

Lebanon's Health Ministry said an "Israeli enemy raid on a house in the town of Mayfadun", near the southern city of Nabatiyeh, killed five persons, while



Officials at the impact site of a projectile after Hezbollah launched drones against targets in Nahariya in northern Israel. REUTERS

another Israeli strike in the Adaysseh area killed one person. The dead in both locations were "Hezbollah fighters", a security source said.

Hezbollah announced five fighters had been killed, without specifying where they died.

The Israeli military said its air force "struck a Hezbollah military structure" in the Nabatiyeh area that was being used "to advance terror attacks" against Israel.

Hezbollah claimed several attacks on Israeli posi-

tions on Tuesday, including one with "explosive-laden drones" targeting a barracks north of the coastal town of Acre.

The Israeli military said "a number of hostile UAVs (drones) were identified crossing from Lebanon", adding that "several civilians were injured to the south of Nahariya", near Acre.

It later said an initial inquiry indicated that one of its interceptor missiles "missed the target and hit the ground, injuring several civilians".

Hezbollah said the drone attack was in response to an air strike on the southern village of Ebban on Monday that, according to the Israeli military, targeted a commander in the group's elite Radwan Force.

Low-flying Israeli military aircraft broke the sound barrier over Beirut on Tuesday ahead of a speech by Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah, Lebanon's National News Agency.

12 killed in West Bank Palestinian officials said Israeli forces killed 12 people in three separate raids in the northern West Bank on Tuesday, as violence in the occupied territory showed no sign of abating.

Since war broke out in October between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, tensions have soared in the West Bank, which Israel has occupied since 1967.

At least 617 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops or settlers in the West Bank since October 7

6,000 police deployed to quell U.K. riots: govt

Agence France-Presse LONDON

The U.K. government said on Tuesday that 6,000 specialist police were ready to deal with far-right rioting after another night of destructive troubles.

There has been a week of nightly riots in various cities since three children were killed in a mass

stabbing. Justice Minister Heidi Alexander told BBC Radio 4 that the government had freed up an extra 500 prison places and drafted in 6,000 specialist police officers to deal with the violence.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer again sought to reassure the nation that action was being taken.

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Pakistan Bill restricts independent MPs from joining other parties

Press Trust of India ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's National Assembly on Tuesday passed a Bill seeking to bar independent lawmakers from joining a party after a stipulated period, with the jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's party voicing a strong protest against it.

The Election Act Amendment Bill 2024 was moved by ruling Pakistan

Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) members Bilal Kayani and Zeb Jafar and passed by the National Assembly with a majority vote despite protest by opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

Stipulated timeframe The amendment changed Sections 66 and 104 of the Elections Act 2017, restricting independent candidates from joining political parties after a constitution-

ally and legally defined period.

It states that parties failing to submit a list of reserved seats within the specified period will not be eligible for those seats.

It further stipulates that candidates who do not submit an affidavit of party affiliation to the returning officer will be considered independent, and their declaration of party affiliation after elections will not be recognised.

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DOMINANT

Keely Hodgkinson powers to the women's 800m gold



Great Britain's Keely Hodgkinson produced a thrilling gun-to-tape run to win the women's Olympic 800m gold on Monday. She timed 1min, 56.72s with Ethiopian Tsige Duguma claiming silver in 1:57.15 and Kenya's Mary Moraa the bronze (1:57.42). The 22-year-old, who won silver in Tokyo, held her nerve perfectly at the bell.

REIGN CONTINUES

Valarie Allman retains women's Olympic discus gold with ease



USA's Valarie Allman claimed her second consecutive Olympic women's discus gold with a 69.50m effort, to finish ahead of China's Feng Bin (67.51m). Former double Olympic and World champion Sandra Elkasevic of Croatia also threw 67.51 but had to settle for bronze because Feng's second-best effort topped the Croatian's.

UPSTAGED

Beatrice Chebet dethrones Sifan in 5,000m; Kipyegon disqualified



Kenya's Beatrice Chebet won the women's 5,000m in a time of 14:28.56s to end defending champion Dutchwoman Sifan Hassan's dreams of a long-distance treble. Sifan (14:30.61) claimed silver and Italian Nadia Battocletti (14:31.64) took bronze. Kenyan Faith Kipyegon had finished second in 14:29.60 but was disqualified.

THE GREATEST

Cuban wrestler Mijain Lopez wins record fifth successive gold



Cuban wrestler Mijain Lopez made Olympic history on Tuesday when he became the first athlete to win five consecutive individual gold medals in the same event (2008-2024). Lopez, who turns 42 in two weeks' time, defeated Chile's Yasmani Acosta in the final of the 130kg Greco-Roman final.

Vinesh takes the wrestling world by storm

On the back of the grapplers' protests in India, a knee surgery and questions over her qualification, the Indian first stunned Yui, then defeated Livach before coasting past Lopez



Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

Vinesh Phogat made history. With Himalayan determination, the two-time World championships medallist overcame innumerable odds to reach the women's wrestling 50kg final at the Paris Games here on Tuesday – the first Indian woman to do so.

After stunning World and Olympic champion Yui Susaki 3-2 in the opening round, Vinesh defeated Oksana Livach 7-5 in the quarterfinals and Cuba's Yusneily Guzman Lopez 5-0 in the semifinals to become the second Indian woman wrestler to secure an Olympic medal after Sakshi Malik.

Vinesh gained from the Cuban's passivity to lead 1-0 after the first period and employed a right leg attack to effect a takedown for a 3-0 lead and gathered two more points to make it 5-0.



Braveheart: Vinesh's guttural cry signifies her scintillating win over dethroned champion Yui. The enormity of the achievement acted as a catalyst for the Indian in the semifinal against Lopez. AFP, REUTERS AND GETTY IMAGES

Following her struggles during the wrestlers' protest last year, uncertainties after a knee surgery and confusion over whether she could get a chance to challenge Antim Panghal, who had won the 53kg Olympic quota place, two-time World championships bronze medal winning wrestler Vinesh chose to compete in the 50kg selection trials and eventually secured a quota.

Despite the arduous task of significantly cutting down her body weight to fit into the category, Vinesh shocked Yui in her opening bout on her way

to the semifinals at the Champ de Mars arena. This was the first loss for Yui in an international competition. She had never tasted defeat in 82 international matches

Remarkable

For someone who dislocated her knee midway through the quarterfinal bout to be stretchered off in the Rio Olympics and had a forgettable outing in Tokyo, it was a remarkable performance from the feisty Vinesh, who fights her battles, both on and off the mat, with brain and brawn. Vinesh did the unthink-

able against the top-seeded Yui. The Indian's turnaround in the dying seconds seemed magical, but it was part of a well thought-out strategy, much like a tactical chess match.

Practically still and without a single move for most part of the bout, a patient Vinesh began her only attack with less than 20 seconds to go.

Alert like a cheetah, she capitalised when Yui lost her balance while retreating and effected a takedown with nine seconds left. The two points were good enough to ensure Vinesh's win through criteria

as her move fetched more technical points.

The five minutes 42 seconds prior to that was all about Vinesh's defence. With nothing to lose – a defeat to Yui in all likelihood would have kept her in the bronze medal hunt – the 29-year-old opted to save energy and concede minimum ground.

She gave away a point apiece in each period due to passivity before outsmarting her opponent when the clock was winding down fast. A stunned Yui's desperate video challenge went in vain and cost her another point.

A teary-eyed Vinesh's celebrations with coach Woller Akos was befitting of the upset, perhaps the biggest by an Indian so far.

The two, who faced criticism after the Tokyo flop show and trained single-mindedly in Bengaluru and Spain in the run-up to Paris, were overwhelmed after producing a result which changed the dynamics of the highly-competitive 50kg class.

"It was a miracle," said Indian women's head coach Virender Dahiya.

Vinesh then regrouped to ward off a strong challenge from Livach.

The Indian's takedown helped her grab a 2-0 lead in the first period. She made it 4-0 through a double leg attack before Oksana fought back brilliantly to bridge the gap to 4-2. Vinesh secured one more point, but the Ukrainian got another too via a push-out.

A challenge from the Indian corner was unsuccessful and the score was tantalisingly poised at 5-4.

Vinesh showed her class to claim another two-pointer and ultimately won the hard-fought bout to set up a semifinal clash with Guzman Lopez.

Third Indian

The wrestlers who have entered the Olympic final



Sushil Kumar (London, 2012)



Ravi Dahiya (Tokyo, 2021)



Vinesh Phogat (Paris, 2024)

Germans break Indian hearts in the semifinal

HOCKEY

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

A relentless Germany dashed the spirited Indian side's dream of a berth in the final by recording a come-from-behind 3-2 win in the semifinals of the men's hockey competition in the Paris Olympics here on Tuesday.

In a contest that swung like a pendulum, world champion Germany showed its all-round brilliance scoring a goal apiece through penalty corner, a stroke and a field move.

India gave a matching fight, but paid the penalty for converting only two of its 11 short corners.

Despite the loss, India, the Tokyo Games bronze medallist, will have another shot at the medal as it will play the third place match on Thursday.

Excellent forays

The Indians made some excellent forays to earn as many as seven penalty corners in the opening quarter and captain Harmanpreet Singh scored off the sixth to please thousands of Indian fans, including



Roaring on: Clinical Germany converted its chances to set up a final against the Netherlands. RITU RAJ KONWAR

elite sportspersons such as Abhinav Bindra, Randhir Singh, P.T. Usha and Dilip Tirkey.

With Paul-Phillipp Kaufmann distributing the ball beautifully, Germany built pressure.

Having displayed a fine show of organised defence in its spectacular win over Great Britain in the quarterfinals, the Indians held their nerve and tried their best to save their post even as the match became a bit

physical and a fiercely competed affair.

The omnipresent Har-dik Singh played a critical role as he worked hard to feed the forwards and fall back seamlessly to bolster the defence and make some smart clearances.

Germany made a superb comeback through Peillat Gonzalez's crisp shot off the team's first short corner early in the second quarter.

Abhishek and Lalit

Upadhyay missed clear chances and opportunities to put Germany on the back foot again.

Germany's second penalty corner resulted in a stroke as the goal-bound ball hit Jarmanpreet Singh's foot closer to the post. Germany's leading scorer Christopher Ruhr shot home low and goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh could do little.

India's composure brought it four more penal-

ty corners in the initial part of the third quarter. Harmanpreet's shot was deflected home by Sukhjheet Singh as India levelled the scores.

The side's marvellous combined defence denied the Germans despite their multiple attempts from their third short corner in the final period.

In the last 10 minutes, Germany gained the upper hand by picking up two penalty corners and scoring off a surprise attack. Peillat's grounded shot from the left corner of the circle was deflected in by Marco Miltkau to make it 3-2 with six minutes left.

Sreejesh was taken off to boost India's attack and Germany utilised the opportunity to earn another short corner. It did not result in any further damage, though. India tried its best and Shamsheer Singh's last-second attempt went over the bar to the disappointment of the Indian camp.

India will next play Spain in the bronze medal match.

The results (semifinals):

Germany 3 (Peillat 18-pc, Ruhr 27-ps, Miltkau-54) bt India 2 (Harmanpreet 7-pc, Sukhjheet-36). The Netherlands 4 bt Spain 0.

Neeraj nails qualification with his first throw

ATHLETICS

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

It's nearly noon in Paris, and the stadium is brimming with fans. Compared to the sterile environs of the Tokyo Olympics, these are the sort of conditions athletes probably dream of.

Not if you are Neeraj Chopra though. The reigning men's Olympic javelin throw champion spends about ten minutes warming up and then unleashes a couple of practise throws.

Anderson Peters uncorks a throw that travels well past the automatic qualification standard of 84m. It looks close to 90m.

Then at 11.50 a.m. his competition begins – the second group in qualifying. Neeraj is the first to throw.

His run up is smooth. His release is textbook. The javelin soars and then lands a long way past the automatic qualification standard.

It's measured at 89.34m.



Morale boost: Neeraj's performance was encouraging. PTI

Incidentally the second biggest throw of his career.

But Neeraj is the first to admit that qualification is very different from the pressure that comes while competing in an Olympic final. The conditions will also be different. "Conditions are a little cold in the evening session compared to the morning. The final mindset is also different," he says.

Who can be a threat to him, Neeraj is asked. "Anyone who achieved automatic qualification is in really good form," he replies. "That's a total of nine athletes in the 12 who will be

taking part in the final (the other three are those who have the next three best throws).

European champion Julian Weber (87.76m), Olympic silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch (85.63m), World silver medallist Arshad Nadeem (86.59m), two time world champion Anderson Peters (88.63m) also qualified with their first throw.

"I just wanted to get my throw done so I could do my stretching and relax," says Neeraj. "You get confidence and motivation after a good throw. But hopefully I keep my best for the final because that is the real thing."

IN BRIEF



Chinese diving prodigy Quan wins her second gold in Paris

The 17-year-old diving prodigy Quan Hongchan on Tuesday won her second gold at the Paris Olympics and third of her career to maintain China's perfect record in the sport in the French capital. Quan sealed a China one-two in the women's 10m platform, her winning total of 425.60 points keeping team-mate Chen Yuxi at bay for silver with 420.70. North Korea's Kim Mi Rae took bronze on 372.10. China has won all five golds in the sport so far in the French capital.



Vaast and Marks ride the waves to take surfing honours

France's Kauli Vaast won men's surfing Olympic gold on Monday on his Tahitian home waves at Teahupo'o, while USA's Caroline Marks claimed gold in the women's event in a thrilling final that went down the wire. Vaast defeated Australian Jack Robinson, while three-time World champion and viral photo sensation Gabriel Medina of Brazil took bronze. Marks pipped Brazil's Tatiana Weston-Webb by just 0.17 points and France's Johanne Defay took bronze.

Netherlands and Germany win the 3x3 basketball golds

The Netherlands won gold in the men's 3x3 basketball by edging France 18-17, just a few minutes after Germany had got the better of Spain 17-16 for its first international title in the women's tournament. The men's bronze went to Lithuania while USA, which had the women's gold in Tokyo, claimed bronze.



Watson breaks world record in speed sport climbing

American Sam Watson broke his own world record for speed sport climbing at the Paris Olympics on Tuesday. Watson set the time of 4.75 seconds in an elimination heat to improve his mark of 4.79 from the Wujiang World Cup in April.

GOLDIES

- Armand Duplantis (Swe):** Men's Pole Vault
- Valerie Allman (USA):** Women's Discus
- Beatrice Chebet (Ken):** Women's 5000m
- Keely Hodgkinson (GBR):** Women's 800m
- Germany:** Women's 3x3 Basketball
- Netherlands:** Men's 3x3 Basketball
- Kauli Vaast (Fra):** Men's Surfing
- Caroline Marks (USA):** Women's Surfing
- Christian Kukuk (Ger):** Equestrian Jumping Individual
- Quan Hongchan (Chn):** Diving Women's 10m Platform
- Arisa Trew (Aus):** Skateboarding Women's Park
- Netherlands (Harrie Lavreysen, Roy van den Berg, Jeffrey Hoogland):** Cycling Track Men's Team Sprint
- Kenichiro Fumita (Jpn):** Wrestling Men's Greco-Roman 60kg
- Mijain Lopez (Cub):** Wrestling Men's Greco-Roman 130kg
- Cole Hocker (USA):** Men's 1,500m
- Camryn Rogers (Can):** Women's Hammer Throw

GOING FOR GOLD

- Artistic Swimming:** Team Acrobatic Routine
- Athletics:** Marathon Race Walk Relay Mixed, Women's Pole Vault, Men's Discus, Men's 400m, Men's 3000m Steeplechase
- Boxing:** Men's 63.5kg, Men's 80kg
- Cycling Track:** Men's & Women's Team Pursuit
- Sailing:** Mixed Multihull, Mixed Dinghy
- Skateboarding:** Men's Park
- Sport Climbing:** Women's Speed
- Taekwondo:** Women -49kg, Men -58kg
- Weightlifting:** Men's 61kg, Women's 49kg
- Wrestling:** Men's Greco-Roman 77kg, Men's Greco-Roman 97kg, Women's Freestyle 50kg

When Duplantis takes flight, a gold and world record inevitable

After securing his Olympic crown nonchalantly, 'Mondo' — with the 69,000-strong crowd and competitors cheering the Swede on — betters his own mark with a giant leap of 6.25m, proving yet again that he is in a league of his own



Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

Armand 'Mondo' Duplantis will later say he had been preparing for the moment all his life. "Back when I was just a kid jumping in my backyard in Louisiana, I'd think about this all the time. I'd imagine I was jumping for an Olympic gold and also the World record."

Most kids have fantasies about era-defining sporting achievements. It doesn't go much beyond that.

Not for Mondo. The 24-year-old will — in that order — win the Olympic gold medal, set the Olympic record and then break the World record.

Mondo already has the World record. He also has nine of the 10 best vaults of all time. And he already has the Olympic gold medal. But that came in Tokyo — a competition Mondo will describe as the 'high pressure practice session'.

It's not what childhood fantasies are made of. Now, Monday evening at the Stade de France was another thing.

Supremacy renewed

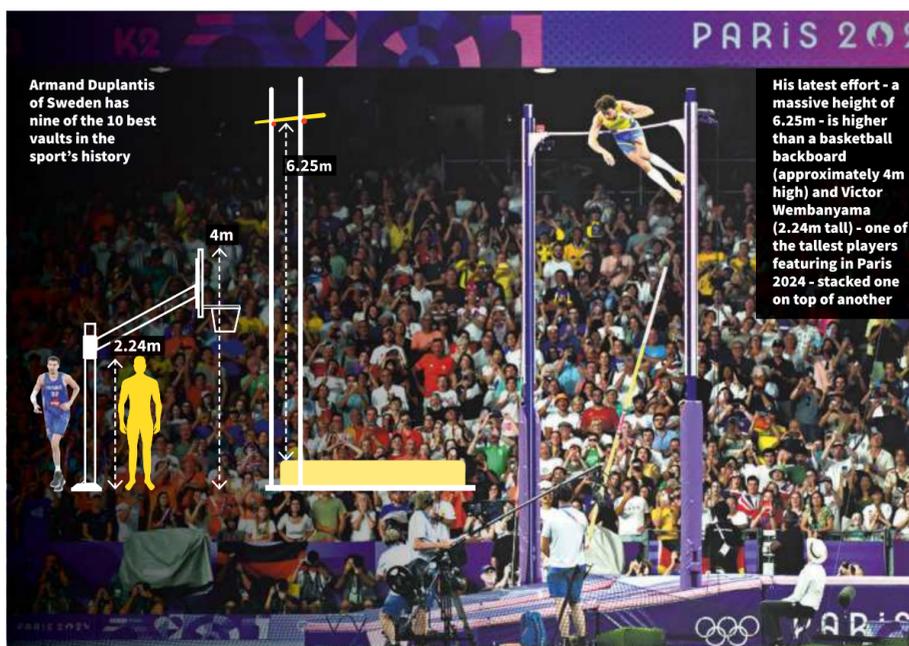
When he had the height of the pole vault bar set at 6.25m — 1cm more than his own World record — he had the entire crowd of 69,000 cheering him on.

With his first vault on Monday evening, Duplantis officially registered a mark in the men's pole vault competition. With his third, he placed himself on the podium. With his fourth, he had won an Olympic gold medal. With his fifth he broke the Olympic record, clearing 6.10m. For his sixth vault, he had the bar set at 6.25m, a new World record.

These six vaults were spread out over three hours. The rest of his competitors had been fighting their own battles. They had bunched up at 5.85m, trying desperately to break through into the 5.90m medal zone. While all this happened, Mondo, a solitary figure in a bright yellow Swedish jersey, just sat and observed what was going on. Mondo knew his

Pole vault: world record progression

A look at how three men have dominated pole vault for the last 40 years:



6.00m: Sergey Bubka (USSR), July 13, 1985, Paris

6.01: Bubka, July 8, 1986, Moscow

6.03: Bubka, June 23, 1987, Prague

6.05: Bubka, June 9, 1988, Bratislava

6.06: Bubka, July 10, 1988, Nice

6.07: Bubka, May 6, 1991, Shizuoka

6.08: Bubka, June 9, 1991, Moscow

6.09: Bubka, July 8, 1991, Formia

6.10: Bubka, Aug. 5, 1991, Malmö

6.11: Bubka (Ukr), June 13, 1992, Dijon

6.12: Bubka, Aug. 30, 1992, Padova

6.13: Bubka, Sept. 19, 1992, Tokyo

6.14: Bubka, July 31, 1994, Sestrières

6.16: Renaud Lavillenie (Fra), Feb. 15, 2014, Donetsk

6.17: Armand Duplantis (Swe), Feb. 8, 2020, Torun

6.18: Duplantis, Feb. 15, 2020, Glasgow

6.19: Duplantis, March 7, 2022, Belgrade

6.20: Duplantis, March 20, 2022, Belgrade

6.21: Duplantis, July 24, 2022, Eugene

6.22: Duplantis, Feb. 25, 2023, Clermont-Ferrand

6.23: Duplantis, Sept. 17, 2023, Eugene

6.24: Duplantis, April 20, 2024, Xiamen

6.25: Duplantis, Aug. 5, 2024, Paris

Note: Since 2000, the distinction between a world record set outdoors and indoors has been removed. COMPILED BY LAVANYA L., PRANAY RAJUV & ANISH PATHIVIL



Past and present: Bubka, right, who set and bettered the world record 14 times, honoured Duplantis who has vaulted into a realm of his own. GETTY IMAGES

fight would come later. It wasn't with anyone else. It was with himself.

He missed his first attempt at 6.25m. In his second, he seemed to have got the height right but not the distance — he landed almost on top of the bar rather than going over it. He did the calculations and

discussed it with his coach in the stands. If Mondo was getting the height but not the horizontal distance in his jump, the solution was to bring the bar closer to him.

Now, he had the uprights that hold the bar in place. He moved forward horizontally, reduc-

ing the distance between him and the line where he put the pole into the ground from 70cm to 62cm. His coach had wanted the bar brought even closer to 60cm from the line.

If the adjustment was not right, Mondo would have landed on the bar yet

again. But this is an athlete in supreme control of his body. So, 8cm it was.

His rivals might have been hyping up the crowd but as Mondo lifted his pole up at the start of his run up, the crowd went silent. Then, as he sprinted down the track, the stadium groaned in anticipation with each step.

As Mondo sprints down the runway, it indeed feels like he has God's hand behind him. He bends the pole and goes upside down as it thrusts him skyward. The fact that the uprights are 8cm closer to him means that when he bends his body, it curls perfectly over the bar. What seems like an eternity later, he starts his descent.

The crowd is already going wild. 'Record du Monde' (record of the world) goes a sign on the big screen at the stadium. You can't help but wonder at how perfect a nickname 'Mondo' chose for this moment.

Hope players realise they need to deliver: Padukone



Reality check: Padukone said players need to introspect and not just keep asking for more from the federations. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Sports Bureau

Unhappy with India's performance at the Paris Olympics where it is starting at the possibility of returning with fewer medals than the seven-medal haul at the Tokyo Games, badminton legend, coach and mentor Prakash Padukone said unequivocally that athletes should take responsibility and urged the National Federations "to be firm on players who don't deliver."

Speaking to the media in Paris after his ward Lakshya Sen lost the bronze medal play-off match, Padukone said: "After Milkha Singh in 1960 (Rome Olympics) and P.T. Usha in the 80s [1984 Los Angeles], we have so many

fourth-place finishes. "I think that it is high time that the players also take responsibility.

"At least for the results in this Olympics and the previous one, you cannot hold the federations and the government responsible for the results. They have done whatever they can."

Padukone also insisted that it's high time players deliver. "I hope the players realise... when you ask for certain things, they also need to deliver.

Need to be firm

"If they don't deliver, then I think you need to be a little firm. Maybe the federation or the government can be. Let's be frank." Unlike earlier times, Pa-

dukone said the elite players get whatever they ask for. "The players need to introspect and not just keep asking for more from the federations.

"They need to ask themselves whether they are working hard enough because all these players have their own physios and all facilities. I don't think any other country, including the US, offers so many facilities."

The 69-year-old former All-England champion didn't spare Lakshya either. "Axelsen might say he is the next best. But, that's not good enough. Of course, he's still young.

"He must realise it himself and not give an excuse. In terms of facilities, nobody can do anything more."

POSTCARD FROM PARIS

Yui's loss, an upset of seismic proportions

The stunning defeat of World and Olympic champion Yui Susaki at the hands of Vinesh Phogat in the first round of the women's 50kg bout was the biggest upset at the Paris Olympics. It sent shock waves not just among the fans, but also through the Japanese journalists who watched the bout. While a few rushed to get a reaction from the wrestler, the others scanned the stats for her win-loss record.

Pro-Palestine shadow

The shadow of the Israel-Gaza conflict and the pro-Palestine push can be felt at the Games, too. Even though the organisers, as well as the IOC, prefer the platform of the Games not to be used for any political propaganda, it is practically difficult to stop any free voice. Palestine flags everywhere pointed to the undercurrent of sympathy for people suffering in Gaza.

Sentiments for Bangladesh

The sentiments of Bangladesh immigrants in Paris was noticeable when one accidentally met them. When they realise you are from India, they greet you warmly and switch to the domestic affairs of Bangladesh. "Our country became free today," said a lady, who owns a restaurant close to the South Paris Arena. Another young man, selling electronic equipment in the vicinity, welcomes the change in power.

— Y.B. Sarangi

THE INDIA SHOW

A look at some of the Indian performances on Tuesday:

Athletics: Men's javelin (qualification, overall placings): Neeraj (first, enters final), Jena (18th, DNQ); Women's 400m (repechage): Kiran (sixth in Heat 1, 23rd overall), DNQ for semifinal.

Table tennis: Men's team (round-of-16): lost to China 0-3.

Wrestling: Women's freestyle 50kg: Semifinal: Vinesh bt Guzman (Cub) 5-0; 1/4 final: bt Livach (Ukr) 7-5; 1/8 final: bt Susaki (Jpn) 3-2.

INDIANS IN ACTION

A look at some Indians who will compete on Wednesday (all times IST):

Athletics: Marathon race walk: Mixed relay final (Priyanka & Suraj), 11 a.m.

Men's high jump qualification (Sarvesh), 1.35 p.m.

Women's 100m hurdles: Round 1 (Jyothi), 1.45 p.m.

Women's javelin throw qualification (Annu), 1.55 p.m.

Men's triple jump qualification (Abdulla, Praveen), 10.45 p.m.

Golf: Women's Individual Stroke Play: Round 1 (Aditi, Diksha), 12.30 p.m.

Table tennis: Women's team (quarterfinal): vs Germany (1.30 p.m.).

Weightlifting: Women's 49kg (Mirabai), 11 p.m.

Wrestling (session begins at 2.30 p.m.): Women's freestyle 53kg (1/8 final): Antim vs Yetgil (Tur).

Medals table

		G	S	B	T
1	China	22	19	14	55
2	USA	21	30	28	79
3	Australia	14	12	8	34
4	France	13	16	19	48
5	Great Britain	12	13	18	43
6	Korea	11	8	7	26
7	Japan	10	6	11	27
8	Italy	9	10	6	25
9	Germany	8	5	4	17
10	Netherlands	7	5	6	18
60	India	0	0	3	3

Golden opportunity for Lanka to end a 27-year drought

The visitors need to address their shortcomings against spin and the ability to close out games; Parag and Rana may get a look in as India looks to iron out flaws and level the series

CRICKET
S. Dipak Ragav
COLOMBO

Not many would have given Sri Lanka a chance against a near full-strength Indian side before the start of the one-day series. The home team came into the 50-over format following a 3-0 whitewash in the T20Is and was missing four front-line pace bowlers due to injuries and illness.

After somehow managing to tie the first game, the hosts lost key all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga ahead of the second game.

However, despite the odds, Sri Lanka has secured a 1-0 lead with a 32-run victory on Sunday powered by Jeffrey Vandersay's brilliant six-wicket haul (six for 33).

The Lankans now have a chance to end a 27-year drought for a bilateral series win against the Men in Blue in ODIs when the two outfits meet in the third and final contest at the R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

The conditions at the Khetarama Stadium have been skewed in favour of the spinners, and Sri Lanka has exploited them to silence a powerful Indian batting line-up.

What seemed like an aberration in the first game, when India lost nine wickets to the tweekers,



Spin specialist: Onus would be on Shreyas to decode and neutralise the spin threat. PTI

has become a more significant concern after a similar number of batters fell to the slower bowlers in the second game.

Vandersay scythed through the batting line-up in the second game, taking the first six wickets to trigger a sensational collapse from which Rohit Sharma's men couldn't recover.

Barring Rohit and Axar Patel, none of the other batters have looked com-

fortable against spin. The skipper used the sweep shots effectively, and the others could take a cue from the 37-year-old.

Though these pitches are anomalies in modern-day one-day cricket, India will look to address this weakness and nip it in the bud sooner rather than later.

Another area the visitors will look to sharpen is closing out the innings. In

both games, India let the opposition's lower-order wag after having it six down for less than 150 before conceding totals above 200.

Viable options India would have also hoped to use these matches to try out a few players in preparation for next year's Champions Trophy. Now, with the series on the line, how much the man-

agement can experiment remains to be seen. One option the think-tank could explore is to get in Rryan Parag, who can bowl both off and leg-breaks apart from his big-hitting ability. Similarly, Harshit Rana could get a look in for one of the pacers if the team wants to prepare the next set of quicks.

On the eve of the first encounter, the Lions' interim head coach, Sanath Jayasuriya, requested the fans to show up in numbers and support his side despite the recent poor results.

The crowd responded by packing the venue and saw their team repay the faith. If Charith Asalanka's men can clinch the trophy on Wednesday, it could be a huge morale-booster for the nation as it looks to return to being a cricketing powerhouse.

The teams (from):
India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, K.L. Rahul, Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, Shivam Dube, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Washington Sundar, Arshdeep Singh, Rryan Parag, Axar Patel, Khaleel Ahmed and Harshit Rana.

Sri Lanka: Charith Asalanka (Capt.), Pathum Nissanka, Avishka Fernando, Kusal Mendis, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Kamindu Mendis, Janith Liyanage, Nishan Madushka, Wanindu Hasaranga, Dunith Wellalage, Chamika Karunaratne, Maheesh Theekshana, Akila Dananjaya, Asitha Fernando, Mohamed Shiraz and Eshan Malinga
Match starts at 2.30 p.m. IST.

'We are looking to get the job done and be on top of our game'

S. Dipak Ragav
COLOMBO

India all-rounder Washington Sundar revealed that the batters are working on their weakness against spin with head coach Gautam Gambhir and trying to adapt ahead of the final One-Day International against Sri Lanka.

"Obviously, there have been a lot of inputs from him, and he was a high-quality player of spin," said Washington. "That's one of the reasons we came here today to practise, to try to find a way and make small changes tactically."

"We are quality players of spin. We have always played on these kinds of pitches, even at home in Tests and domestic cricket. We know many of our players have done well in the middle-order, especially batting against spin. So it is just a matter of finding a way in their own (style) and trying to get the job done," he added.

With India trailing 1-0, the Men in Blue must win Wednesday's encounter to



Confident: Washington, left, backs batters like Kohli to find a way in order to counter the Lankan spinners. AFP

level the series, and the 24-year-old feels the decider gives the team a chance to show character under pressure.

"We must put our hands up and win those critical situations. With big tournaments coming up, we will be in such situations. It's important to find ways to see what we can do to win those critical situations in similar conditions against quality spin attacks."

"We are prepared for tomorrow's game. We are looking to get the job done

and be on top of our game in all aspects."

The off-spinner also agreed that India let the Sri Lankan lower-order off the hook in the first two games.

"We would have loved to get them for around 200 or less than that, especially with the kind of situation we had them in. Whatever we have done in this series so far, we will take that as learning and try to move ahead in all aspects of the game and win tomorrow," said Washington.

Yuvan Nandal enters pre-quarters

Sports Bureau

Yuvan Nandal defeated Mehlu Sibanda of Zimbabwe 5-7, 6-0, 6-4 in the first round of the \$25,000 ITF men's tennis tournament at Brazzaville (Congo) on Tuesday.

The results: \$25,000 ITF men, Brazzaville: First round: Yuvan Nandal bt Mehlu Sibanda (Zim) 5-7, 6-0, 6-4; Aditya Balsekar bt

Isaac Bokungu (Cod) 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: Anurag Agarwal & Kacper Szymkowiak (Pol) bt Parth Aggarwal & Abraham Asaba (Gha) 7-5, 6-4; Rishab Agarwal & Eric Vanshelboim (Ukr) bt Prakaash Sarran & Drona Wallia 6-1, 6-3;

Raghav Jaisinghani & Stefan Vujic (Aus) bt Guelord Kayombo (Cod) & Etienne Teboh (Cmr) 6-3, 7-5; Bor Artnak (Slo) & Mathys Erhard (Fra) bt Isaac Nortey (Gha) & Karan Singh 6-2, 6-4.

S.D. Prajwal Dev & Adil Kalyanpur bt Michael Ibaakomboyo-Ayessa & Cheik Ekoume (Cgo) 6-0, 6-3.

\$25,000 ITF men, Taipei: Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: Sai Karteek Reddy & Wishaya Trongcharoenchaikul (Tha) bt Yuichiro Inui & Kazuki Nishiwaki (Jpn) 6-2, 6-4.

\$15,000 ITF men, Monastir: Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: Chirag Duhan & Shinji Hazawa (Jpn) bt Rayen Hermassi & Alaa Trifi (Tun) 7-5, 6-4.

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Acharya Balkrishna Birthday celebrated as 'Jadi Buti Diwas'



The birthday of Patanjali Yogpeeth's General Secretary, Acharya Balkrishna was celebrated on 04.08.2024 as 'Jadi Buti Diwas'. On this occasion, Acharya Balkrishna along with Swami Ramdev ji, distributed more than one lakh medicinal plants including Neem, Tulsi, Aloe Vera and Giloy which were planted through the Patanjali Yog Samitis established across the country. This occasion was celebrated at Patanjali Wellness Center, Patanjali Yogpeeth-2 Yoghawan hall in Haridwar, where thousands of saplings were planted. Along with this, Acharya Balkrishna Ji's birthday was celebrated in 887 units across the country through the established Patanjali Yoga Committees. More than one thousands units of blood was also donated by the volunteers on this occasion in camps organized to mark the day. Speaking on the occasion, Swami Ramdev and Acharya Balkrishna inspired the masses for a healthy body, healthy family, healthy society, healthy nation and healthy world. They also encouraged the people to donate blood. Swami Ramdev ji Maharaj congratulated Acharya Balkrishna Ji on his birthday, stating that Acharya Ji's life is a blend of karma, dedication and sacrifice. On this occasion, Acharya Ji said that his birthday is just an occasion to continue work on national and international campaigns. Swami Ramdev also launched a portal of World Herbal Encyclopedia. Apart from all this 280 people were given free of cost spectacles after getting their eyesights tested and dental check-up of about 412 people was also done. Acharya Ji also inaugurated a three day along conference on surgery techniques at Patanjali University.

I.T.S Dental College, Ghaziabad "Outreach Programs"

The I.T.S Dental College, Ghaziabad keeps oral health need records of the community, develops and plans strategies to meet those in needs, deliver oral health services to the needy and the deprived segment of the community through outreach

programs. The institute organized various dental camps in the month of July 2024 to render their services to more than 3000 people in various parts of Ghaziabad district that included Villages like Nigrawati, Nandgram, Kachera, Karhera, Dasana, Faruknagar, Vivekanand Nagar, Bhopura, Ratol, Rajapur, Sihani, Bhatia Mod, Faraknagar, Loni, Nahal etc and various Societies like Rajnagar Residency, Charms Castle and Aggarwal Heights. These Dental awareness camps were aimed to teach the people about early signs of the common dental problems. The purpose of these camps was to check, control and maintain the people's oral health. The camps were initiated with dental screening of people visiting these camps and educate people about common dental ailments, especially stressing on tooth decay, gum diseases, dental fluorosis and measures to prevent them. They were educated about the cariogenic food items which can cause tooth decay. They were also provided with ample opportunities to interact with the dentist to enquire and receive information regarding their concern related to oral diseases and treatment for the same.

Sanjay Shukla has assumed the charge as Managing Director of National Housing Bank



Sanjay Shukla has officially assumed the role of Managing Director (MD) of the National Housing Bank (NHB) effective July 30, 2024. A Chartered Accountant with over 30 years of extensive experience in housing and retail asset finance, Shri Shukla has a proven track record of leading and transforming financial institutions. He began his career in 1991 as an officer at LIC Housing Finance Limited. Prior to his appointment at NHB, Shri Shukla served as the founding Managing Director & CEO of Centrum Housing Finance Limited (CHFL) since October 2016. Under his leadership, CHFL achieved significant growth and stability. Before CHFL, he was the Managing Director & CEO of Cent Bank Home Finance Ltd. (CBHFL), where he successfully turned around the company and tripled the company's assets under management and improved asset quality within just three years. Shri Shukla's career also

includes key roles such as Business Head of Consumer Assets at ING Vysya Bank, where he was pivotal in establishing and expanding the consumer loan vertical. He played a foundational role in launching Tata Capital's retail housing finance business as its first business head. Additionally, Shri Shukla spent eight years at Citibank, where he held the position of Vice President and Area Director, overseeing mortgage distribution expansion in tier 2 and tier 3 cities.

Shubham Bagged 85.21% IN M.Tech. from Himachal Pradesh University.

Shubham Sharma has bagged the first position in M.Tech with 85.21% marks, he received a memento and certificate from the Dean of Studies of the University in the Annual Prize Distribution Function held here yesterday. He is BCA from UCBS, MCA from Department of Computer Science, PGDITM from SCDL, Symbiosis Pune and Diploma in Data Science holder with distinction. During his summer vacation he also completed different courses from NIELIT in PHP, ASP.NET, Web Designing, Android Development, Advance Java with distinction.

ALLEN announces special scholarship for NEET repeaters batch

ALLEN Career Institute has announced a special scholarship for repeater students preparing for NEET UG & JEE entrance examinations. Repeaters batches of medical entrance exam NEET-UG 2025 are starting from 6th to the 22nd of August. In this, Leader Course for NEET is starting from 6th and 21st August, Achiever Course from 7th August, Achiever Plus from 9th August and Alpha Achiever Course from 22nd August. ALLEN Career Institute Kota President, Vinod Kumawat said that in the past years, there have been many students who have joined ALLEN's NEET-UG repeaters batch and achieved a good increase in their marks and got admission in the best medical colleges of the country. After the release of the revised NEET UG 2024 result, now a special batch of repeaters specifically targeting NEET-2025 has been announced along with a special scholarship. Students taking admission in these batches will be given up to 90 percent scholarship in fees in both ALLEN's offline and online courses on the basis of their score in NEET UG

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Bengaluru FC moves into quarterfinals

The southern side fields full-strength team against an all-Indian line-up of Sporting, finishes with an all-win record in Group B



Own goal: Sporting defender Halder turns the ball into his own net to give Bengaluru a two-goal cushion. DEBASISH BHADURI

DURAND CUP

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Former champion Bengaluru FC beat a 10-man Mohammedan Sporting SC 3-2 on Tuesday to complete its Group B league assignment with an all-win record and progress to the quarterfinals of the 133rd Durand Cup.

Bengaluru, fielding a full-strength team, took control of the proceedings against a young Sporting side that came with an all-Indian lineup. It found the opening goal from a corner

which was nodded home by its tall Australian defender Aleksandar Jovanovic in the seventh minute. Bengaluru doubled the lead in the 22nd when Argentine forward Jorge Pereyra Diaz's sharp attempt was deflected home by Sporting defender Dipu Halder. Vinith Venkatesh made it 3-0 by the hour mark to virtually seal the match. Sporting livened up its attacks in the final quarter of the action and pulled one back in the 77th minute through substitute Israfil Dewan, who scored with a spectacular header. The home side, which saw its goalkeeper Subhajt Bhattacharjee sent off with

a straight red in the 81st minute, continued the offensive and saw another substitute Mahitosh Roy making it 3-2 with a fine long-ranger in injury time.

Local side Bodoland FC picked up its first win of the tournament with a 2-0 win over a youthful Odisha FC side, in a Group E match at the SAI Stadium in Kokrajhar (Assam).

The results: At Kolkata: Group B: Mohammedan Sporting 2 (Israfil Dewan 77, Mahitosh Roy 90+3) lost to Bengaluru FC 3 (Aleksandar Jovanovic 7, Dipu Halder 22-og, Vinith Venkatesh 60). **At Kokrajhar: Group E:** Bodoland FC 2 (Dilliram Sanyasi 42, Arjun Mardi 88) bt Odisha FC 0.

Valaina scores the winner for King's School (Goa)

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Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Valaina scored the match-winner in the 41st minute to help King's School (Goa) to a 1-0 victory over Government Senior Secondary School (Sombaria, Sikkim) in a Group B league match of the 63rd Subroto Cup junior girls' football tournament at the G.D. Goenka World School ground on Tuesday.

The results, league:
Group A: Betkuchi HS (Assam) bt Sant Baba Hari Singh Model (Mahilpur) 6-0; Sri Lanka FA bt Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (Meghalaya) 17-0.
B: Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Protishtan bt Dhriubhai Ambani IS (Mumbai) 23-0; The King's School (Goa) bt Government

SSS (Sikkim) 1-0.
C: The Porompat Sabal Leikai HS (Manipur) bt Infocus India PS (West Bengal) 1-0; Government Model SSS (Chandigarh) bt Army PS (Patiala) 2-0.
D: Christian HSS (Meghalaya) bt Vidya Devi Jindal (Hisar) 10-1; GSSS (Kotla, Ludhiana) bt RSB Arya Vidya Mandir (Mumbai) 2-1.
E: Mother's IS (Jharkhand) bt Modern (Delhi) 7-0; Faith HSS (Gujarat) bt Government SS (Arunachal Pradesh) 6-0.
F: Tripura Sports School bt RKS Girls HS (Bihar) 14-0; Springfield HSS (Mizoram) bt Harish Panwar Ucha Madhyamik Vidyalaya (Uttarakhand) 13-0.
G: Sainik (Sambalpur) drew with Air Force Bal Bharati (Lodhi Road, New Delhi) 0-0.
H: GSSS Alakhpura (Haryana) bt Shashkiya HSS Kanya Vidyalaya (Chhattisgarh) 4-0; Nandajhar AT HS (West Bengal) bt Vidya Gyan (Bulandshahr) 5-1.

Nage beats Kamboj

Sports Bureau

Qualifier Parv Nage ousted second seed Udit Kamboj 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 in the men's pre-quarterfinals of the HPCL Mittal Rs. 2,00,000 AITA ranking tennis tournament at the CLTA Complex, Chandigarh, on Tuesday.

The results (pre-quarterfinals): Men: Neeraj Yashpaul bt Tanik Gupta 6-2, 7-5; Tirth Doshi bt Aman Dahiya 2-1 (retired); Sarthak Suden bt Jatin Nain 6-4, 4-1 (retired); Priyanshu Choudhary bt Vansh Nandal 6-4, 6-2; Moksh Puri bt Upnishad Bhardwaj 6-1, 6-0; Suraj Prabodh bt Prag Sheoran 6-3, 6-0; Akshat Dhull bt Sajal Kesarwani 6-3, 6-4; Parv Nage bt Udit Kamboj 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Women: Anjali Rathi bt Divya Sharma 6-4, 6-0; Mahika Khanna bt Saily Thakkar 6-4, 6-0; Chevika Reddy bt Snigdha Patibandla 6-2, 6-2; Samriti Punyani bt Shagun Kumari 6-2, 6-2; Samaira Malik bt Bhumika Tripathi 3-0 (retired); Riya Sachdeva bt Diva Bhatia 6-3, 6-4; Ayushi Singh bt Medhavi Singh 6-3, 6-2; Sahira Singh bt Shatakshi Chaudhary 6-4, 6-4.

SNAPSHOTS

Sreeja achieves career-high world ranking of 22

Table tennis star Sreeja Akula, who reached the women's singles pre-quarterfinals, has achieved the highest ranking for an Indian player at World No. 22 in women's singles following an impressive campaign at the Paris Games.

Sreeja moved up three places from her previous ranking, while Manika



Sreeja Akula. AFP

Batra, who also reached the round of 16, rose three places to rank 25th. Sharath Kamal dropped one place to be India's top-ranked men's singles player at 41st. Manav Thakkar is the next best

Indian male at World No. 59 and G. Sathiyan is in the 64th spot.

Shapovalov to retain points and prize money
Canada's Denis Shapovalov will retain his ranking points and prize money after appealing his disqualification from the quarterfinals of the Mubadala Citi DC Open, the ATP announced Monday. Shapovalov was punished after he threw his racket to

the court and began shouting at a fan in the stands during the match. ATP announced that the loss of ranking points and prize money, which is automatically applied

when a player defaults, was a disproportionate penalty for Shapovalov's actions. He will, however, have to pay a \$36,400 fine for the violation.

LIVE TELECAST

- Olympics 2024:** Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 11 a.m. onwards
- Sri Lanka vs India:** 3rd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 p.m.
- Football:** Durand Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 & 6.30 p.m.
- West Indies vs South Africa:** 1st Test, day 1, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

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Relentless Djokovic's golden coronation in Paris

With 99 titles, 24 Majors, the elusive Olympic gold, 1116 singles victories, and a win rate of 83.5%, the Serb has single-handedly put an end to a conversation spanning decades and has proved himself to be the best player to ever pick up a tennis racquet

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August 4 may have seemed to be an ordinary Parisian Sunday filled with laze and relaxation. It was anything but that in the world of tennis as Novak Djokovic cemented his status as the most prolific player in the Open Era.

The man, donning primarily red, fell to the hallowed red dirt of Court Philippe-Chatrier. Djokovic could not hold back his tears because he knew this was it. Nothing came close to how much the 99th title of his career meant. He had, at last, overcome his longest-standing hurdle.

Victory at the Summer Games – it was no more a distant dream, it was now a very real result of the endless work he had put in and one that he will undoubtedly hold closest to his heart.

Maybe it had to do with the mythical nature of the Olympiad. Maybe it had to do with conquering the unconquered in his fifth attempt. Or maybe, it had something to do with proving to the world, and himself to some degree, that he was not an outsider. That is what he had craved all along – not the never-ending stream of titles, not the 185 million USD in prize money, but acceptance. That Novak Djokovic is also a name that belongs in the same conversation as Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.

He was always considered the 'third party' among the Big Three.

Before his entry, the existing rivalry at the forefront of men's tennis between the Swiss Federer and Spaniard Nadal was ideal from an audience's point of view.

Nadal's gritty warrior-like nature was the exact antithesis of Federer's graceful poise. It was the perfect clash of ideologies.

They went hand-in-glove with each other. It was the perfect pairing. And then, out of nowhere, came this boisterous Serbian talent, who turned pro at 15. Djokovic disrupted the fairytale storyline.

But none of that matters anymore.

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In his quest to etch his name in the tennis books as one of the greatest to ever do it, Djokovic has gone above and beyond and obliterated any room there may have been for debate.

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The final piece of the puzzle

Paris 2024 would mark Djokovic's fifth attempt at taking home the gold at the Summer Games, an uncharacteristically long wait for someone so used to winning everything he contests.

The closest the Serb had come before this was on his debut in Beijing 2008 when he came third after losing to nemesis Nadal before beating American James Blake in the bronze-medal match.

Djokovic began the 2012 season by winning his third Australian Open title after beating Nadal in the longest Grand Slam final in Open Era history, a true display of the Serb's grit and perseverance.

He reached the semifinals of the Olympics again but lost to the eventual champion, Andy Murray, and succumbed to Juan Martin del Potro in the bronze-medal encounter in London.

Rio 2016 and the pandemic-hit Tokyo Games produced similar disappointments when Djokovic crashed out in the first round to Del Potro in Brazil and lost the bronze-medal match to Pablo Carreno Busta in 2021.

The 10-time Australian Open winner began this year with a first loss in Melbourne since 2018, his only semifinal exit at the Rod Laver Arena, to Jannik Sinner.

At the Geneva Open, he claimed his 1100th win on his 37th birthday, becoming only the third Open player to do so after Jimmy Connors and rival Federer.

At French Open, he was forced to relinquish his crown and withdraw from the tournament due to a tear in his medial meniscus in the right knee.



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There are always doubts. But the belief and the conviction that I can make it is stronger than my doubts. It always has been. I knew that it's going to happen. It was just a matter of when it's going to happen.

Djokovic would then undergo surgery and return in time for the All-England Championships. He battled his way to the summit clash where he faced, yet another Spaniard, defending champion, Carlos Alcaraz.

Alcaraz coasted to a successful Wimbledon title defence as he humbled Djokovic by beating him in straight sets – 6-2, 6-2, 7-6(4).

The wunderkind, touted to be Nadal's next-in-line, seemed to have all the answers to the Serb's hopeful prods. Alcaraz managed to force 25 unforced errors out of the otherwise immaculate Djokovic on his way to the crown.

Tennis at the Paris Olympics brought with it a whole new spectrum of nuances. After eight days of scintillating action, the Men's singles finals beckoned.

Djokovic at last, or Alcaraz for the first time?

The Serb started strongly by winning the first game and Alcaraz returned the favour. The first real test for the 24-time Grand Slam winner came in the ninth game when Djokovic displayed his mettle as he saved not one, not two, but five break points to hold his serve and lead 5-4!

With both players holding their serve, the opening set of the gold medal match went into a tiebreak.

With Alcaraz down three set points, the Spaniard hit a cross-court forehand which Djokovic ever so deftly returned to take home the first set.

Standing tall

There he stood tall - clad in the red, blue and white of his homeland, on the red dirt of Court Philippe-Chatrier - as he thrust his arm in the air and held his pose. The perfect silhouette – the white cap, his piercing cheekbones, fist closed, the Lacoste wristband, even the sweat dripping down his forearm frozen in that moment.

The Serbian tennis titan resembled the steely resolve of a God emerging from Olympus. The ground quaking, almost like it was preparing for the inevitable. He was getting closer and you could smell the hunger, instilling in you a deathly fear. The second set embarked in a similar



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I can say that this is probably the biggest sporting success I have ever had

fashion. One equal to the other, each holding his own in a demonstration of technique, grit, and discipline. Soon enough, the second set headed to a tiebreak as well.

Djokovic claimed the opening point with a monster forehand. The usually composed Alcaraz turned feral. The frustration was taking over. He did well to level the score at 2-2. The Serb would go on to win the next four.

With four gold medal points, Novak Djokovic was on the receiving end of the serve. He was seconds away from the end.

Alcaraz's serve down the middle, Djokovic's return to the baseline, a below-par backhand to Djokovic, and a venomous forehand down the line later, it was over.

The 2024 Olympic gold medallist let out an extended grunt as he hit that last shot. He had done it.

The 37-year-old from Serbia turned to the crowd as he broke down. The man who had conquered tennis, on all fours, bawling like a baby. His thumb finger twitching amidst the incessant crying, Novak Djokovic's body was exorcising his demons of present and past. There was nothing left to do.

The Gods of the sport had deemed him worthy. It was time. As he was awarded the gold medal at the Paris Olympics 2024, Djokovic transcended tennis and assumed his throne, arguably at the centre, on the Mount Olympus of tennis.

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Earthquake 2,500 years ago abruptly changed Ganga river's course

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In 2018, geochronologist Elizabeth Chamberlain, an assistant professor at the Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands, and her team were in Bangladesh to study the movement of river channels in the Ganges delta. They were exploring an almost 2-km-wide "paleochannel" – a well-preserved mud and sand archive of the river's ancient course – about 45 km to the south of the modern Ganga river. Today, the area is used to cultivate rice.

Based on geological measures in this area, they found the Ganga had abruptly changed its course – or avulsed – about 2,500 years ago, leaving behind the palaeochannel.

During their fieldwork, the team also chanced upon two large sand dikes a kilometre to the east of the palaeochannel. These dikes are formed when earthquakes disturb the river bed and cause sediments to flow as if they were liquid. Scientists call this process liquefaction.

When Dr. Chamberlain's team spotted these sand dikes, they had a hunch they were looking at a "big event – the type that is rarely recorded and studied by scientists," she told this reporter. They were right: these sand dikes held the first proof that earthquakes can move rivers. In their June 2024 paper published in the journal *Nature Communications*, the team reported that an earthquake of magnitude 7 to 8 was responsible for shifting the course of the Ganga more than two millennia ago.

The study's findings call for urgent forecasting of major earthquakes that can cause avulsion of rivers like the Ganges, Till Hanebuth, a professor of marine geosciences at Coastal Carolina University in the U.S., said. He added that making decision-makers and the people at large aware of the risk is of paramount importance so they can prepare better for such events in future.

How earthquakes move rivers

The sand dikes and their composition, consisting of "fine sands" and "silty muds", as the researchers reported in their paper, provided conclusive evidence of a major ancient earthquake. The team figured that if this earthquake indeed caused the Ganga to avulse, the time of the earthquake and the time of avulsion should coincide.

To find the time when these two events occurred, Dr. Chamberlain used a technique called optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) dating. This method relies on estimating how long a mineral grain (i.e. a mineral particle less than a few millimetres in size, like quartz grains



In the Y-shaped feature at the centre of this image, the Ganga river is visible as the branch on the left, flowing towards the Sundarban Delta at the bottom.

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in sand or mud) has been buried by measuring the amount of natural radiation stored in it.

The researchers extracted mineral samples from the sand dikes and the paleochannel and treated the grains in these samples to light and heat. "As buried grains absorb low doses of natural radiation, energy builds up in their crystals," Dr. Chamberlain explained. This is because the natural radioactivity forces electrons in the minerals to escape their atoms and become trapped in the crystal structure – or the space between the atoms – of these minerals.

"The stored energy increases over time. By estimating how much energy is stored in the grains, and measuring how radioactive their surroundings are, we can obtain how long the grains have been buried," Dr. Chamberlain said.

To estimate the amount of energy stored, the researchers shine blue light on the grains, causing the trapped electrons to escape the crystal structure and return to the atoms. When they do so, they emit a photon of light. A photomultiplier tube captures the photons and estimates their number, leading to a measure of the trapped energy.

The subsequent OSL dating of samples from the paleochannel told the researchers that the avulsion occurred around 2,500 years ago. When the authors used the technique to date samples from the sand dikes and



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surrounding sand and mud, they found the dikes had been formed around the same time, strengthening their hypothesis that the earthquake led to the avulsion.

But one piece of the puzzle still remains: where did the earthquake originate? The researchers speculated in their paper that it was either born in the Indo-Burma mountain ranges or in the hills of Shillong, both locations where the Indian and the Eurasian tectonic plates meet. But "its impact was immense" irrespective of the origin, they wrote in their paper.

Future hazards

"This discovery that large earthquakes can potentially trigger major river avulsions suggests that the impact of large earthquakes can be even more devastating than previously thought," Vamsi Ganti, a sedimentologist and associate professor at the University of California, Santa-Barbara, said.

This is because, Dr. Ganti added, "avulsions have caused some of the deadliest floods in human history, and the

cascading impacts of earthquakes and flooding can be severe for heavily populated regions like the Ganges-Meghna-Brahmaputra delta." One 2011 analysis estimated 630 million people to be living in the delta.

The risk is exacerbated by human activities and climate change, Dr. Hanebuth, the Coastal Carolina University geoscientist, said. According to him, rivers like the Ganges are more prone to avulsion now owing to two factors: the "rapid subsidence", i.e. sinking of the ground near the river banks due to "widespread embankment"; and climate-change-induced rise in sea levels and extreme weather events.

Dr. Hanebuth further said future research should focus efforts to find out how often such quake-driven avulsions have happened and how such major earthquakes can be forecast. He added that decision-makers and the residents of the Ganga delta should prepare themselves against the risk from such avulsions. Such preparedness would require India, Bangladesh and Myanmar to work "closely together in terms of research, monitoring, preparedness, and support coordination," he said.

"Geological and climatic issues of such magnitude do not care about political borders."

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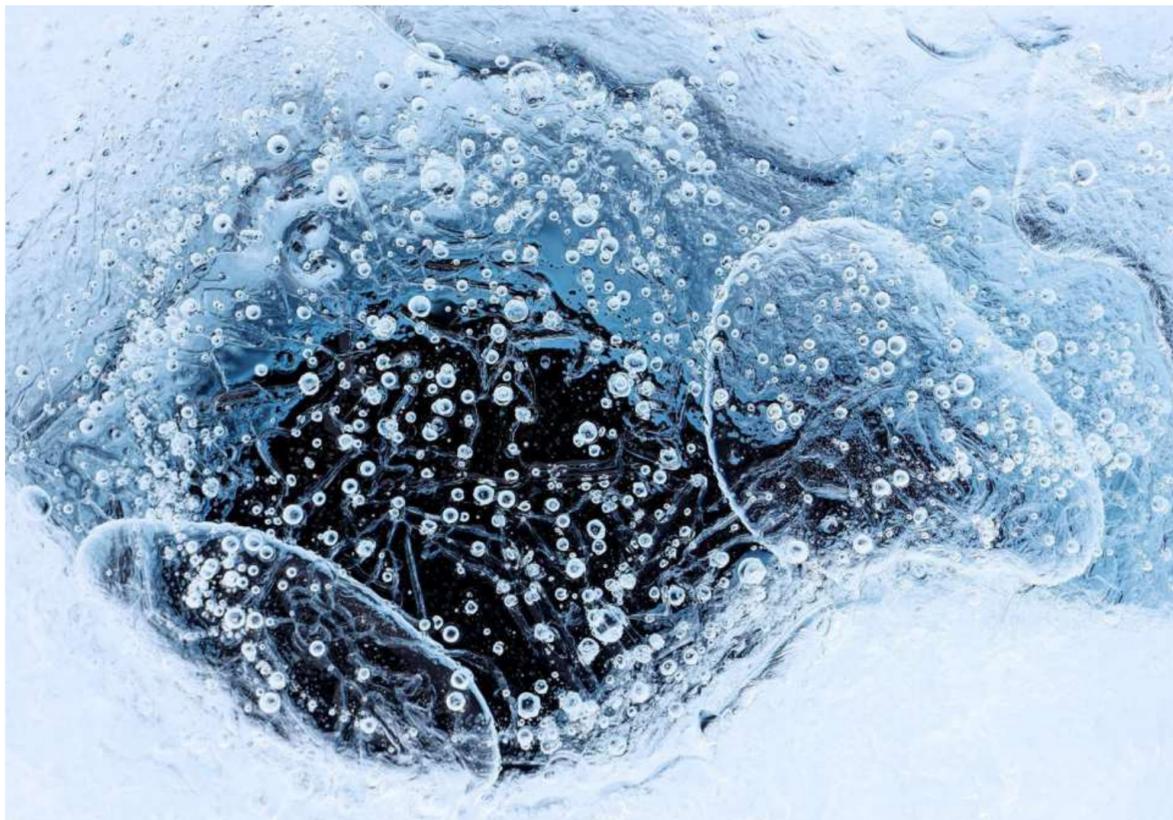
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Air bubbles lie trapped in water under a thin layer of evening ice in a hole created by cryoconite on the Isunnguata Sermia glacier of the Greenland Ice Sheet on July 9, this year. Cryoconite is a combination of dust, soot and other particles that accumulate in spots on the ice, absorb solar radiation, and melt the ice underneath to create small holes. Scientists have found that increasing amounts of meltwater on the surface of the glacier making their way to the glacial flows underneath are leading to a rising output of methane from Isunnguata Sermia. GETTY IMAGES

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Dreams: a fleeting reality



Q: What is dreaming when we sleep?

A: A dream is an involuntary series of visual or auditory imagery,

emotions, and thoughts occurring in the mind during sleep or a sleep-like state, which takes the form of a sequence of events or of a story, having a feeling of reality but totally lacking a feeling of free will. Dreams are primarily associated with REM and activated EEG. A combined duration of the REM-EEG condition called the D-state takes up 25% of normal sleep. The D-state depends on an area within the brain stem known as the pontine tegmentum. It is associated with a chemical called norepinephrine. Other stages of sleep involve another chemical, serotonin, in the brain. The D-state is associated with variability in breathing, heart rate, and relaxation of skeletal muscles and reduction of electrical activity in muscles near the base of the tongue. Research has found dreaming is associated with REM sleep. Most adults dream five to six times in one night. They occur every 90-100 minutes and last for 5-10



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minutes because the D-state occurs episodically, each episode being longer than the preceding one. The pathways of the nerve impulses from the brain to the muscles are also blocked, so the body doesn't move during dreams.

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