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In a day of high political dra-

ma, the Congress high com-

mand forced the resignation

of Punjab Chief Minister

Amarinder Singh on Satur-

day ahead of a Congress Le-

gislature Party (CLP) meet-

ing convened by the AICC.

The final decision on the

new Chief Minister was left

to party president Sonia

According to party sourc-

es, former Punjab Congress

president Sunil Jakhar is a

front runner as the Congress

wants to appoint a Hindu

leader as Chief Minister, after

appointing Navjot Singh Sid-

hu, a Jat Sikh, as the PCC

over his resignation to Go-

vernor Banwarilal Purohit

ahead of the CLP meeting -

widely seen as a move to re-

move him – citing continued

mitting his resignation letter

He added that he had in-

to the Governor

Capt. Amarinder handed

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Reeling under financial stress induced by the pandemic, parents are withdrawing children from private schools in the NCR and moving them to government schools to ease the burden of fees. **CITY** ▶ PAGE 4

Hindutva's pull is intact, but Jats want more

As the Bharatiya Janata Party faces the Jat challenge in western Uttar Pradesh, the message from the ground in Aligarh and Hathras districts is mixed. While many still swear by the ruling party, others feel it has let down a vote bank known to be loyal. **STATES** ▶ PAGE 6



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Amarinder quits amid turmoil in Cong.

■ He felt 'humiliated' after MLAs were summoned to Delhi again

■ 40 MLAs are believed to have written to AICC against the CM

Sunil Jakhar is front runner for the Chief Minister's post

Captain faces

a tough battle

Captain Amarinder Singh

has said that he would

options, but observers

believe he does not stand a

strong chance if he breaks

leadership role by another

Turbulent ties

with Gandhis

A school friend of ex-PM

late Rajiv Gandhi, Capt.

Amarinder had literally

Pradesh Congress

forced the Gandhis in 2015

to declare him the chief of

Committee. Until then, he

was a go-to person for the

Is Chhattisgarh

With a change of guard in

Punjab, the question that is

being asked is if Chhattis-

garh is going to be the next

Congress-ruled State that

may see a leadership

change. In Rajasthan too,

the issue of Cabinet expan-

sion is pending. ▶ PAGE 9

Gandhi family. ▶ PAGE 9

next in line?

away from the Congress,

unless he is offered a

political party. PAGE 9

exercise his political

Leadership issue: Puniab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh submitting his resignation to Governor Banwarilal Purohit at the Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh on Saturday. • PTI

formed Ms. Gandhi in the morning that he would resign. Before meeting the Governor, Capt. Amarinder held discussions with a few MLAs and MPs at his official

"Apparently they (Conhumiliation by the Congress gress high command) do not leadership over the past two have confidence in me and "I was humiliated three did not think I could handle times by the Congress leamy job. But I felt humiliated dership in the past two at the manner in which they months... They called the handled the whole affair," he MLAs to Delhi twice and now said. "Let them appoint who convened a CLP here in they trust," he said, taking a dig at the party leadership. Chandigarh today," said Capt. Amarinder, after sub-

Capt. Amarinder said he would decide his future political course of action in consultation with his supporters who had stood by him for over five decades.

Lashing out at Puniab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu, Capt. Amarinder dubbed him as anti-national, dangerous, unstable and incompetent.

He added that he would fight "tooth and nail" any move to make the former cricketer the Chief Minister.

Amarinder slams Sidhu Capt. Amarinder said there was no question of him supporting Mr. Sidhu, who "was clearly mixed up with Pakis-

"We have all seen Sidhu hugging Imran Khan and General Bajwa, and singing praises for the Pakistan Prime Minister at the opening of the Kartarpur Corridor while our soldiers were being killed at the borders every day," Capt. Amarinder

He pointed out that the excricketer had attended Mr. Imran Khan's swearing-in ceremony even after he (Capt categorically Amarinder) told him not to.

He said Mr. Sidhu was "a disaster" for Punjab and the country. "I cannot allow such a man to destroy us," he added.

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MP Babul Supriyo quits BJP, joins Trinamool

Four MLAs defected in past 4 months

SHIV SAHAY SINGH KOLKATA

In one of the biggest defections in West Bengal after the 2021 Assembly election, former Union Minister and two-time BJP MP from Asansol Babul Supriyo on Saturday joined the Trinamool Congress.

Mr. Supriyo visited the office of Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee here and joined the ruling party.

On July 31, Mr. Supriyo announced on social media that he would resign as MP and stay away from active politics. He later said he would continue as MP.

The BJP earlier received a blow when Mukul Roy quit the party and returned to the Trinamool. At least four MLAs of the party have joined the Trinamool in four months. After joining the Trinamool, Mr. Supriyo told journalists that a "great opportunity" has been extended to him by the party leadership and he has decided to take it up.

Speculation is rife in political circles that Mr. Supriyo may be nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the Trinamool as replacement for Arpita Ghosh who had quit the Upper House on Wednesday. "It was with great disillu-

sionment that I had an-



Babul Supriyo

nounced that I will quit politics. A great opportunity has been extended by Didi [Mamata Banerjee] and Abhishek Banerjee and I am happy to accept that," he said.

Mr. Supriyo lost the 2021 Assembly poll from Tollyganj on the BJP ticket. He had to resign as Union Minister of State during the Cabinet reshuffle in July. Since then, he had been expressing discontent towards the party leadership, saying he was not given enough responsibility.

"I was expecting something more after seven years as a Union Minister of State. Then differences started growing with the party," he said. "Mamata Banerjee needs no campaign but if the party considers me, I will be happy to campaign in Bhabanipur," Mr. Supriyo

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Sena plays down 'future colleague' remark

Party MP Sanjay Raut says Maharashtra CM hinted at BJP leaders defecting to MVA

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"We need to understand what the Chief Minister said. He meant that some people



Sanjay Raut

from the BJP might come to the Maha Vikas Aghadi. We are not going anywhere. This government will complete its five-year term," Mr. Raut said after meeting Mr. Thackeray

at his official residence. There are many people

in the State, including those from the BJP [who would like Centre," he said. to join the MVAI. They can go anywhere... to any of the three parties that form the Maha Vikas Aghadi government," he said.

On Mr. Danve's plans to meet Mr. Thackeray, the Sena MP said the senior BJP leader was a friend of the party and a Union Minister hailing from the State.

"A number of railway projects are pending in the State. He should meet the

Chief Minister if he has been called. It is very important to have good relations with the

Pravin Darekar, Leader of the Opposition in the State Council, said the Sena, the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party were greedy for power and therefore continued to employ pressure tactics. "It could be the Chief Minister's ploy to pressure his allies as he is being forced to change his decisions on every matter. But the BJP will not allow him to use us," the BJP leader said.

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O. In how many attempts how you achieved this success?

A. In 2nd attempt. I achieved this success. My previous attempt

made me aware of my weak points so, it was a great help. Q. What's Important and what's not? Show your thoughts & opinion.

A. Important - Continuance and dedication. Not important distraction & demotivation of failure.

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Q. What is the importance of medium of examination?

A. In my opinion candidate's medium does not affect his / her preparation in Judicial Service Exam.

Q. What is the secret of your success?

A. Time management and continuous dedication till success. **Q.** To whom would you like to give the credit for your success?

A. Credit goes to Papa, Maa, My Brother, Teachers, Entire Team of Ambition Law Institute, My Seniors & God for the success.

Q. Any suggestion / advice you would like to give? A. Keep moving continuously with motivation, success will be

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Plunge in Judiciary: When I was pursuing LL.B., one of my seniors cracked this exam. That was the time I determined myself to prepare for Judicial Services.

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tried to make amends in the next attempt.

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In Ambition Law Institute, we used to get a topic daily for answer writing, which certainly helped me during Mains preparation

because through that I did daily exercise of answer writing.

Q. What is the secret of your success? A. My family, my teachers, my friend & definitely my hard work &

Q. To whom would you like to give the credit for your success?

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Traders oppose 'taxes' by Naga armed groups

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Traders and business associations in Nagaland have asked the State government to clarify if it feels the collection of "taxes" by armed groups is legal.

The business community in the State said they have had enough of paying multiple "taxes" to at least 10 armed groups. Shops and business establishments had shut down in the State on Thursday in protest. These groups include the Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, or NSCN (I-M).

"We have asked the government to clarify if such taxes are legal or illegal. If it says this is illegal, it has to control this with the help of resources and manpower at its disposal. If the government says it is legal, we have to increase the prices of commodities manifold for our survival," said Khekugha Muru, the chairman of the Confederation of Nagaland Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CNCCI).

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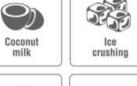
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44 new virus infections reported in Capital

The Capital reported no new COVID-19 death in 24 hours and the total number of deaths stood at 25,085, as per a Delhi government bulletin released on Saturday. Also, 44 new cases were reported, taking the total cases to 14,38,469. The test positivity rate stood at 0.06%

2 arrested for + duping women in 'friendship gift scam

STAFE REPORTER

Two persons have been arrested for allegedly running a friendship scam wherein they duped innocent women on the pretext of sending them gifts from abroad and asked them to pay Customs clearance, the police said on Saturday.

DCP (Outer) Parvinder Singh said the accused have been identified as Damodar and Rehmat Khan.

The police said the matter came to light on August 24 when a woman, a resident of Rani Bagh, approached them and stated that she befriended one Jeams, who claimed to be from the U.K., on Instagram. He asked her to pay his agent ₹60,000 on the pretext of sending gifts to her. He claimed the amount was required for Customs clearance. However, even when she paid the sum, no goods were ever

sent to her, the police said. It was found that the money had gone to a bank account but the address attached to it was fake. With the help of technical and human surveillance, the police arrested the accused. Iit was revealed that the accused would lure women on social media by posing as men from foreign countries and then promise to send a gift even if the women denied.



India's National Newspaper

Metro's Najafgarh-Dhansa Bus Stand section opens for public

The corridor will cater to densely populated areas in Outer Delhi, says Kejriwal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal jointly inaugurated the Najafgarh-Dhansa Bus Stand extension of the Grev Line of Delhi Metro via videoconferencing here on Saturday.

The opening of the 1.5-km corridor makes the Grey Line Metro accessible to a sizeable chunk of population living in Outer Delhi. Mr. Kejriwal sought to emphasise that the extension may seem short but it will cater to densely populated areas.

Delhi's Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot, Ambassador of Japan in India Satoshi Suzuki, Managing Director, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), Mangu Singh and several other dignitaries and officials were present at the virtual function.

Passenger services on this section commenced at 5

p.m., DMRC officials said. With the opening of this



The Najafgarh-Dhansa Bus Stand section on the Grey Line was opened via videoconferencing on Saturday. •PTI

section, the Dwarka-Dhansa Bus Stand Grey Line has become a 6.1-km-long corridor with four stations, including an interchange at Dwarka. The Grey Line will provide seamless connectivity from Najafgarh and Dhansa Bus Stand to different parts of the city, the government said.

"It is a moment of great delight for all the people of Outer Delhi, especially the residents of Najafgarh," Mr. Kejriwal said. "So far, the route of Delhi Metro was ending at the Delhi Gate region of

Najafgarh. There are about 50 villages in the area from where a huge number of people come to inner Delhi to work. All these people had to cross the Phirni Road Chowk to get to the metro station, which would result in a huge traffic jam at the Chowk."

Ease of movement

"Now that the metro service has been extended to the Dhansa Bus Stand, people won't need to cross the chowk and stand in the traffic. The extension may be just

1.5-km-long but it is very significant for the residents,' the Chief Minister said, adding that a large number of people who come from Jhajjar, Haryana, to work in Delhi will also benefit from it.

The Dhansa Bus Stand metro station, the Delhi government said, is the first ever underground station of the Delhi Metro network to have an entire underground floor dedicated to parking.

The Delhi government, Mr. Kejriwal said, had put forth a proposal with regard to the Grey line, which the Centre approved.

Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta took a swipe at Mr. Kejriwal for allegedly taking credit for a project which was originally planned by the Centre. "First delay the proiect, then take credit for someone else's work! Wow, Arvind Kejriwal, well done! Thanks to Modiji for the commencement of the Najafgarh - Dhansa Bus Stand Metro Rail Corridor!" he tweeted.

DU first cut-off likely on Oct. 1

Officials to hold a series of meetings to finalise schedule

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Delhi University officials will hold a series of meetings with college principals to finalise the cut-off schedule which is likely to be released by next week, officials said on Saturday.

The university plans to release its first cut-off on October 1 to accommodate students who are appearing for improvement or compartment exams, they added.

Professor Rajeev Gupta, chairman of the university's admission committee said, "We will finalise the cut-off schedule very soon. October 1 is a tentative date for the first cut-off. We plan to release the cut-off on that day. We will be holding meetings with college principals and nodal officers to finalise the schedule.'

He said they plan to release a cut-off schedule for at least five cut-offs by next

A college principal, requesting anonymity, said they have started holding meetings at their level to analyse the cut-off trend.



The university will accommodate students who are appearing for improvement or compartment exams. ■ FILE PHOTO

Another principal said they are yet to receive the data of applications from the university and will decide accordingly.

2.87 lakh applicants

Most of the principals were unanimous in saving that the cut-offs are going to be higher this time, with more students scoring above 95% this year in the Central Board of Secondary (CBSE) Board exams

Over 2.87 lakh students

have applied for Delhi University's undergraduate courses, down from 3.53 lakh applications last year, with the maximum aspirants from the CBSE.

Over 2.29 lakh applicants are from CBSE-affiliated schools, followed by Board of School Education Haryana (9,918), Council for the Indian School Certification Examination (9,659) and UP Board of High School and Intermediate Education (8,007).

Two held over drunken brawl in Seemapuri

Three persons admitted to hospital; police rule out communal angle in incident

STAFF REPORTER

Two men were arrested after a quarrel broke out between them in Shahdara's Seemapuri on Friday night, the police said on Saturday.

Legal action has been taken against the duo who belong to different communities, the police said. They have ruled out any communal angle in the incident.

DCP (Shahdara) R. Sathiyasundaram said that a call was received from Kalandar Colony in Seemapuri wherein the caller stated "Do samudayon mein jhagda ho raha hai, need police [A fight broke out between two communities, need police help]".

3 admitted to hospital Three persons were admitted to Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital.

"It was revealed that a quarrel broke out between The quarrel broke out between Veeru and Shezhad over a trivial issue

two neighbours - Veeru, 32, and Shezhad, 22, - over a trivial issue of verbal abuse. Both were found to be drunk at that time. Later, Veeru's sister-in-law, Pushpa, 35, came out in his support and one Meenakshi

neighbour) joined Shezhad," Mr. Sahiyasundaram said.

The police said that a case under Section 160 (punishment for committing affray) of the Indian Penal Code has been registered against Shehzad, Meenakshi, Veeru and Pushpa. Both Shehzad and Veeru were arrested under Section 107/151 of the Criminal Procedure Code and a report in a non-cognisable matter has been lodged against the four persons.

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Delhi riots: 2 charged with setting shrine on fire, damaging property

Their location was found to be at the alleged incident site

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A Delhi court has framed charges of rioting, arson and property damage against two men for allegedly setting a shrine on fire, vandalising and looting houses and shops during the riots last

As per the chargesheet, while accused Gaurav allegedly put a shrine on fire with a petrol bomb in Delhi's Bhajanpura, accused Prashant Malhotra looted and vandalised shops, houses, and vehicles in the same area on February 24, 2020.

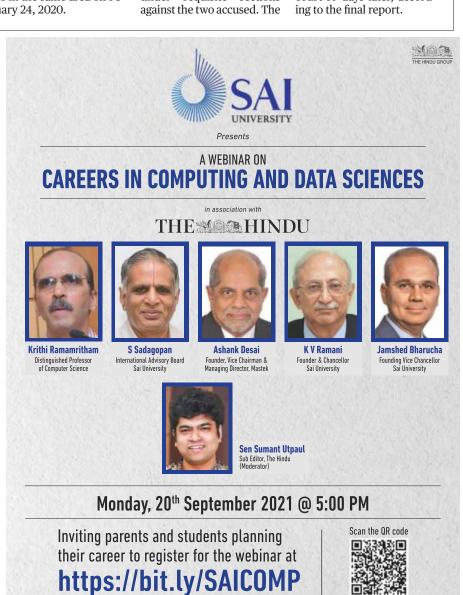


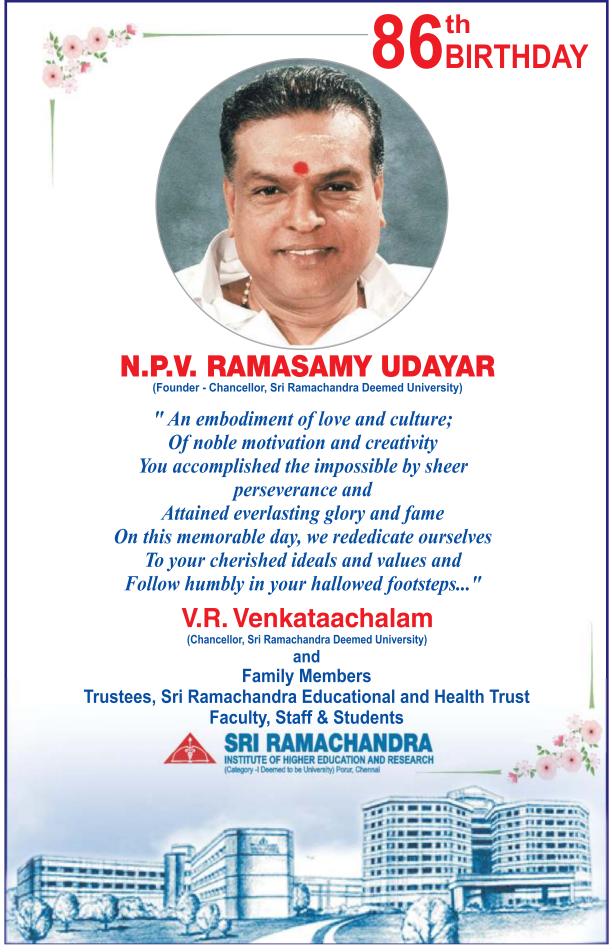
Police conducting a flag march in riot-hit north-east

Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Yadav framed charges under requisite sections two pleaded not guilty and claimed trial in the case.

According to the police, both the accused were part of a riotous mob. Their call data record (CDR) location has also been found to be at the Bhaianpura intersection and in nearby areas where the alleged incident took place.

The case was registered on the complaint of an assistant sub-inspector and the two were arrested on April 3, 2020. They were, however, released on bail by the court 10 days later, accord-





Govt. schools help parents battle COVID crunch

Reeling under financial stress, families are withdrawing their children from private schools to ease the burden of fees

ASHOK KUMAR

The COVID-19 pandemic has effected an exodus of a different kind. Several children studying in private schools in the National Capital Region have moved to government schools as their parents, reeling under financial difficulties brought about by consecutive lockdowns, have not been able to afford the school fees.

Given their precarious financial position, parents say free education will help ease the burden of school fees at a time when education has moved online and private school education has become a luxury they can no longer

Vijay Verma, a photographer living on rent in Indirapuram, said at the start of the pandemic, getting through the month on his salary was impossible despite cutting down on expenditure. With two personal loans and a home loan to pay off, he decided to shift his son, who had just completed Class X from a private school, to a government school in Moti Bagh. His son, an avid football player, he said, did not protest as the government

school had a reputation of encouraging football players.

"For over a year now, my son has not attended football practice as schools have been closed. What has made it worse is that we have now shifted to Greater Noida and to attend school, my son has to leave home at 6 a.m. to make it to the first class at 8 a.m. His school is approximately 40 km away. This is impacting his studies but we cannot afford to stay closer to his school," Mr. Verma said.

At Happy Model Senior Secondary School - a budget school in Gurugram's Sheetla Colony, which mostly caters to lower middle class families such as migrant workers, autorickshaw drivers, vegetable vendors and rickshaw pullers almost one-fourth of the students, mostly in the primary wing, have withdrawn.

The school's director, Gaurav Arora, attributed the trend to a host of factors, the most compelling being the inability of the parents to pay the dues due to loss of livelihood or salary cuts. Mr. Arora said the school had a strength of around 750, but 200-odd students had left over the past one year.

"The sudden lockdown



Focus on learning: Students at a government school in Adarsh Nagar in north Delhi. • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

pushed many families to hand-to-mouth existence due to loss of livelihood and cut in salaries and they decided to shift their children to government schools to avoid paying hefty fees for online classes. Also, there were families who withdrew their children to keep them at home for the fear of the pandemic or they could not afford smartphones for online classes. Besides, many migrants who left for their homes during the lockdown are yet to return," said

Mr. Arora. The school management offered several concessions to the parents, such as 20-50% discount in fees, flexibility to pay the dues in instalments and also waived the annual charges to discourage them from withdrawing their kids.

More girls exiting

At the school that charges a monthly fee ranging from ₹1,500 to ₹3,500 for different classes, Mr. Arora said the majority of students who left

were girls. "I saw this trend in our school. Also, my wife, a teacher at a government school, told me how girls from good private schools admission in her school," he said.

Confirming the trend of growing admissions in government schools, Geeta Arya, Principal, Government Senior Secondary School (Boys), said the student strength in her school had gone up to 1,183 from 977 a year ago. "We still have five days to go before the admission process for the present session ends. We are expecting to touch the 1,200-mark this time."

Ashwini Kumar, School Cadre Lecturer, Fine Arts, said: "Compared to private schools, the charges in government schools are almost nil and this is the main reason for the exodus."

In some cases, financial burden has forced students to stay out of schools as well. Maniu Kumari, who works as a domestic help in Greater Noida, said she was forced to pull out her two daughters, studying in Class IX and Class II, and son, a Class 1 student, from a private school during the lockdown and she has not been able to send them back to school yet. "I have still not cleared the dues at the school, so I cannot secure admission in another one. As of now, they are not studying but as the pandemic situation gets better, I hope to start earning again and get them admitted to a government school nearby," said Ms. Kumari. She added that even for a government school, she needs to pay admission fee that she cannot afford yet.

Some parents who have

opted to make the shift from private to government schools feel that in junior classes, in the online education mode, there is not much difference in the quality of the two. Yogesh Dutta, a resident of Jahangirpuri who used to set up stalls at weekly markets, said that due to the closure of markets, he was forced to take his son out of a private school.

"My son is in Class III. Learning through the mobile phone in private school is similar to that in a government school. My son sits with the phone and listens to the teacher at home. Why should I pay money for a private school when schools are

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Guiarat, Raiasthan, Uttarakhand, Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over east Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	25	32.7	25.2	Kozhikode		33.1	25.5
Ahmedabad		32.5	26.3	Kurnool		34.3	24.3
Aizawl	0.6	26.2	19.2	Lucknow	0.2	33.6	25.7
Allahabad		34.1	25.4	Madurai	16	34.2	24.2
Bengaluru	1.2	30.8	21.0	Mangaluru	0.4	30.4	24.2
Bhopal	26.2	28.0	22.0	Mumbai		32.2	25.6
Bhubaneswar	35.7	32.4	24.8	Mysuru		33.0	21.2
Chandigarh		34.7	25.4	New Delhi		34.4	24.6
Chennai	9	35.1	25.0	Patna	17	32.6	24.9
Coimbatore		31.8	23.8	Port Blair	0.1	30.6	24.0
Dehradun	0.2	31.3	24.7	Puducherry	6.6	33.0	23.6
Gangtok		22.8	16.7	Pune		30.3	20.1
Goa		31.6	24.6	Raipur		32.2	23.6
Guwahati	0.1	30.8	25.5	Ranchi		31.7	23.3
Hubballi		30.0	21.0	Shillong		23.1	16.9
Hyderabad		30.2	24.4	Shimla		27.8	18.9
Imphal		27.2	21.5	Srinagar		31.9	17.0
Jaipur	2	30.2	24.3	Thiruvananthapuram		31.7	25.4
Kochi	0.2	30.8	26.0	Tiruchi	9	33.1	23.8
Kohima		25.0	17.6	Vijayawada		35.2	26.4
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Story to tell: Sachin Garq feels the book will resonate with voung readers.

4.00 p.m., Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir recorded level of pollution. In contrast, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh recorded a health AQI score of 22

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI) **SO2:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues

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

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

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature

Sisodia inaugurates 'music bus' at govt. school

Young talents will be picked from tours to government-run schools

STAFF REPORTER

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday launched a mobile music classroom and recording studio, dubbed as "music bus", at Delhi government-run School of Specialised Excellence (SoSE) in performing and visual arts.

"SoSE in performing and visual arts is a special school

where students interested in different visual art forms will be taken. This school will be for Classes XI-XII and most of the subjects will be related to arts," an official said.

Classes for the first batch of students at this school will begin later this year and the bus will be stationed at the school, he said. "From here, with a team, including music teachers, the bus will go to 15 other government schools. Students in those schools will be given a chance to showcase their talent and teachers will help them too," the offi-

Interested students from these schools will be then selected to SoSE in performing and visual arts.

More than 5,000 students studying in government-run schools are expected to benefit from it. Under this project, a bus has been transformed into a moving music class, a high-quality music recording studio and a performing stage. The bus studio is equipped with a Smart TV, which will be used to share digital educational music videos on issues related to social-emotional health and well-being, the government

BJP blames govt. for delay in Ashram underpass work

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Terming the vicinity of the under-construction Ashram underpass a "chaos", Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri on Saturday accused the Delhi government of turning a blind eye to commuters' woes.

The leader questioned the consecutive deadlines

that were missed for the completion of the project. This comes a day after Public Works Department Minister Satyendra Jain sought to issue an assurance that the construction of the underpass would be completed within two months.

"Despite being such an important road, it is totally neglected by the government," Mr. Bidhuri alleged.

death in people with heart or lung disease

+ FOOD SPOT



The best part about travel is that it stays with you long after the last suitcase has been unpacked and put away. I had been thinking of Chiang Mai, a beautiful and somewhat hilly region in Thailand where we spent a marvellous few days in a lychee orchard some years ago. And, as it happens, while I was wondering when travel would be possible again, I found that a new restaurant in town had a dish called 'Chicken Chiang

The plush dining place in Vasant Vihar is called Kiko-Ba, and it specialises in Pan-Asian cuisine, focusing on the food of Japan, Thailand and China. I had a mix of cuisines, and came to the conclusion that the food was rather good, indeed.

The chicken Chiang Mai, for instance, had a sauce that had been prepared with a bit of curry powder (which is really a mix of spices), powdered coconut milk and a few aromatic herbs. The chicken had soaked in the sauce, and the outcome was a dish that brought to mind the happy ambience of

Chiang Mai. The restaurant (62, Basant Lok Market, tel: 9811000589) has an interesting menu, with a focus on various kinds of grills, including the Japanese robatayaki, which is a lip-smacking form of barbecued food. I had some dishes from their takeaway menu, and while most were delightful, it made me realise that there is nothing quite like a grill that comes off a sizzling hot plate.

I was happy with the opening dish – spinach go-mai, a traditional Japanese salad, which had been given a tasty tweak. Kiko-Ba turned the blanched spinach leaves into little rolls and tossed them in a nutty dressing. I enjoyed it, and happily



A culinary journey across Asia

Kiko-Ba serves a mix of cuisines, focusing on food from Japan, Thailand and China

mopped up the sauce after I was done with the spinach.

Another dish that I discovered in Thailand – and have loved it ever since – is stirfried morning glory. A dish of

lightly sautéed greens, this had the distinctive aromas of garlic and basil - flavours that I am greatly fond of. Then came the clay pot mushrooms - stir fried and flavoured with Sichuan pepper and vegan soy sauce. I moved to the main course prawns tossed in a butterygarlic sauce. The prawns were juicy, and the sauce was

The dish that didn't work for me was the pork rib. It had been marinated with black pepper, star anise, Sichuan pepper, cinnamon powder and ginger powder but sadly there was too much of everything -including, alas, salt. The toffee pudding

sinfully delicious.

was nothing to write home about either.

The rates are somewhat high – varying between ₹450 and ₹950 for the takeaway menu. The full menu includes dishes such as Scotsalmon carpaccio (₹800), crispy squid (₹750), steamed tofu and asparagus (₹800), grilled avocado (₹700) and slow braised lamb chops (₹1,300).

The food celebrates tradition, flavour and craftsmanship with a modern and refined twist, the restaurant's consultant chef Vaibhav Bhargava tells me. "It takes you through a culinary journey," he says.

In these gloomy times, it is good to know that new restaurants are opening up in the city. It tells us that if we continue to take care, we will beat this persistent virus. Meanwhile, stay masked, folks.

Pain of in letter and spirit

ANUJ KUMAR

Many of us know what 'long COVID' is but have little idea about the term 'long Partition'. Over the years, the trauma that Partition caused to 20 million displaced Indians has spurred the imagination of many artists and writers. Decades have not diminished Saadat Hasan Manto's Toba Tek Singh that captured the madness of the idea of Partition.

Years later, historian Vazira F.Y. Zamindar explored the stories of many real-life victims of Partition in her seminal work The Long Partition and the Making of Modern South Asia (Penguin/Viking).

One of them was Ghulam Ali, a havildar in the British Indian Army. Posted in Rawalpindi at the time of Partition, he chose to serve in India as his family home was in Lucknow. But as riots broke out in Rawalpindi, he could not cross the border and continued to serve in Pakistan. He worked as a 'limb fitter' in the Limb Fitting Wing of the Army and the title stuck to his name.

When things became normal, the Pakistan Army decided to discharge him as he originally opted for India. But the Indian government didn't accept him and he was deported.

In *Hindu Refugee Camp*, Lahore, writer Sachin Garg has built an imaginary narrative around the tragic story of Ghulam Ali 'Limb Fitter'

He had to spend time in a Hindu refugee camp in Lahore where most considered him an Indian spy. After a long legal battle, Indian diplomats in Pakistan agreed to grant him a restricted visa to the country on humanitarian grounds.

Recently, writer Sachin Garg came up with a novelised version of the story of Ghulam Ali.

In Hindu Refugee Camp, Lahore (Grapevine), Sachin has built on the limited information available in Zamindar's book to create an imaginary narrative that unravels through the letters exchanged between Ghulam Ali and his beloved Zahira Raza.

In 2016, Sachin recounts, he attended a Dastangoi performance called Dastan-e-taqseem-e-Hind in Lucknow where the performers narrated true stories about the Partition. "They must've narrated seven-eight stories but the story of Havildar Ghulam Ali 'Limb Fitter' struck a chord with me for several reasons."

The next year, when Sachin decided to write a book on the subject, he approached Dastangoi performer Ankit Chadha for his sources. It led him to Zamindar's account. "I tried contacting Ms. Zamindar but could not get through to her. I approached some other Partition historians but they confirmed that Ms. Zamindar is the only source of Ghulam Ali's story. Hence, I had to base my research to only what she had written about him," says

However, he adds, he did ample research about other aspects of the story. "I had to read up about women's lives in Muslim households in the 1950s. The book also captures the history of courtesan culture in Lahore and how it evolved in the 19^{th} and 20^{th} century.' Sachin also visited La-

hore, Karachi, and Islamabad to gather the Pakistani perspective on the Partition and how they view it. The book, he maintains, is part historical romance, part social commentary, and part kick-in-the-throat storytelling.

Sachin feels there is something about reading someone else's letters and that led him to use the exchange of letters format to tell the compelling story. "It makes us feel we are eavesdropping into someone's private life and it feels a lot more real." Also, he says, Zamindar wrote that Ghulam Ali sent letters to different authorities.

For Sachin, whose literary journey started as a blog writer, the emotional hook of the story is that there was a man and a woman, who were separated by a border for no fault of theirs. "The story starts with the man being on the brink of death, as he is broken physically and emotionally. His beloved lives with her maternal grandmother and her sister, and is a working woman in a male-dominated world, fighting to make a place for herself. Where will fate

lead both of them?"

On how the 'Limb Fitter' remained largely unnoticed, Sachin says, in the bigger scheme of things, Ghulam Ali was just a number in a very large data set.

One of the major challenges for Sachin was creating the world of Zahira. "She lived in an all-woman household. I tried to recreate the women's banter that I had seen as a child during weddings. I wanted to keep the women real and have clear motivations for the way they behave," says the writer who left his corporate job to be

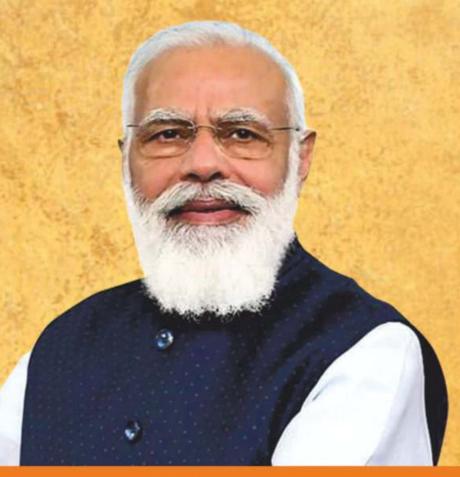
a full-time writer. Partition memories are always haunting and Sachin feels the book, his seventh, will resonate with the young reader. "Be it Hindus or Muslims, we're all emotional about our religion. Politicians use this to manipulate us and keep us busy in fighting among each other, so that we don't ask real questions about topics like education, healthcare and infrastructure. This was as true then as it is today."

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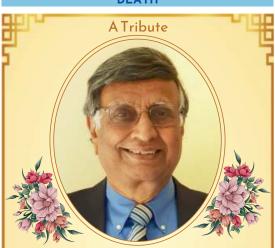
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Hindutva pull intact, but Jats want more

Amid religious polarisation, agrarian issues still resonate with the community

ANUJ KUMAR ALIGARH/HATHRAS

As the Bharatiya Janata Party faces the Jat challenge in western Uttar Pradesh, the message from the ground in Aligarh and Hathras districts is mixed. While there are many who still swear by the ruling party for providing suraksha, bijli aur sadak (safety, electricity and roads), there are others who feel the party has let down a vote bank that is known to be loyal.

Jats constitute around 18% of the population here and their votes become a decisive factor in 40 to 50 seats. At present, there are 14 Jat MLAs in the Assembly, most of whom are from the BJP.

Demand for MSP

In the millet-potato belt, organised khaps and sugarcane prices are not dominant factors but the demand for the MSP law is as resonant as in the Muzaffarnagar-Meerut belt.

"The farmers have to sell wheat and millet at a much lower rate than the MSP in the open market. Cold storages are overflowing with potatoes because the market rate is lower than the



A cross-section of Jat farmers feel that the region mostly had small farmers who could not afford to spend days at protest sites but the anguish was no less. • Special Arrangement

input cost," said Surendra Singh, a farmer from Iglas.

A cross-section of Jat farmers that The Hindu spoke to felt that the region mostly had small farmers who could not afford to spend days at protest sites, but the anguish was no less.

The sense was if the government could provide them guaranteed MSP, they would not need the crutches of Kisan Credit Card and PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.

There are others like Ram Naresh Singh, a farmer from Lodha who attended the PM's rally earlier this week, and is happy with the 'double engine' government. "Had you attended a rally during the previous regime, you would not have left with the gold chain in your neck. This government has given us security, electricity and roads. What more do you want?" he asked. Religious polarisation is evident in conversations. Bhoop Singh, another farmer, said they voted for the BJP on "the issue of Hindutva" and the party has "lived up to its promise on the Ram temple and [abrogation of] Article 370."

Rahul Singh, a young graduate from Aligarh Muslim University from Khair said the upcoming university in the name of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh would give the community a sense of parity with the Muslims.

With senior Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Azam Khan cited as the prime example, "controlling the Muslims," is being touted as the main success of the BJP. "During the reign of BSP and SP, cow theft was a common problem. Now nobody can dare do it. With the gaushala scheme finding roots in the region, the ageing cows have found a home," said Dharmendra Singh, an advocate.

Gordhwaj Singh, the young scion of the Mursan estate, who is a contender for the BJP ticket from Sadabad, said as somebody who had large tracts of agricultural land, he didn't see any problem with the farm laws.

"Small farmers have suffered because of the self-seeking attitude of some big farmers in this region. If the government policies help small farmers to be independent, what is the harm?" asked Mr. Singh, the great-greatgrandson of iconic jat ruler, Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh.

Govt. will not hesitate to file sedition cases against Oppn.: Minister

'Stop defaming Telangana with false data'

R. RAVIKANTH REDDY HYDERABAD

Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) working president and Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) Minister K.T. Rama Rao on Saturday said the government will not hesitate to file sedition cases against persons who were trying to defame Telangana's growth and belittle the achievements with false figures and allegations.

In response to criticism from both the Congress and the BJP, "which have taken a criticism route loaded with personal abuses targeting Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao", he said, "We don't mind if they abuse us personally, but if they try to defame Telangana, we won't hesitate to file sedition

Drug charges

Ridiculing Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Revanth Reddy for repeatedly targeting him as the "brand ambassador for drugs", he said



K.T. Rama Rao

he was ready for a drug analysis test to prove his innocence. Mr. Reddy should also ensure that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi takes the same tests, Mr. Rao added. Referring to the "chargesheet" filed by the Congress at the Gajwel 'Dalita Girijana Dandora' meeting on Friday, he said those who were "involved in criminal cases focus on filing chargesheets only", hinting at Mr. Reddy.

Mr. Rao also ridiculed the BJP's criticism against the TRS for not celebrating September 17 as the State's Liberation Day. He said the party's stand was clear and it would recognise June 2 (when Telangana State was

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D:22.12.2020 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website from: 20.09.2021 onwards. 2) Pre-bid meeting: 27.09.2021 at 15.00 Hrs. 3) Last date for submission of Bid document: 04.10.2021 upto 16:00 Hrs. 4) Date of opening of technical bid: 07.10.2021 at 16.00 Hrs. Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact e-procurement helpdesk at: 080-22371090, 22340060, 22340948.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of City Union Bank Ltd., having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001 and one of the Branch Offices at E5/10, BP Railway Road, Near Neelam Bata Chowk, Faridabad - 121001 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 15-06-2021 calling upon the borrowers No.1) M/s. Raj Medicos, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Sumit Kumar, No.1-J/15A, NIT Faridabad, Near Nathi Chowk, Faridabad, Haryana - 121001. No.2) Mr. Sumit Kumar, S/o. Mr. Harish Chand Kumar, NH-1, House No.106, 1st Floor, Block F, Faridabad, Haryana - 121001. No.3) Mrs. Hema, W/o. Mr. Sumit Kumar, NH-1, House No.106, 1st Floor, Block F, Faridabad, Haryana - 121001 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs.33,84,579/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Nine Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 29-05-2021 with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 15th day of September 2021.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.35,23,012/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Twenty Three Thousand and Twelve Only) and interest thereon from 13-09-2021 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note: That our 511-Faridabad Branch has also extended financial assistance (FITL-ADHOC: 501912090014835) dated 01-09-2020 requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant and No. 3 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of Rs. 1.95.000/- at a ROI of 11.75%. The same has been also classified as NPA on 29-01-2021 and the outstanding balance as on 12-09-2021 is Rs. 2,11,584/- plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from 13-09-2021 till the date of realization. Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank

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Place: Faridabad. Date: 15-09-2021 **Authorised Officer** Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287,

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16.09.2021 (1800 Hrs) and last date for bid submission is 28.09.2021 (1400

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Credit Recovery and Management Department

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Branch Offices at 1917-18, 1st Floor, Opp. Gurudwara Sisganj Sahib, Chandhini Chowk, Delhi - 110006 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and

Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued

a Demand Notice dated 15-04-2021 calling upon the borrowers No.1) M/s. Abhinav & Adhitya, 1775, Gali Lattu Shah, Dariba Kalan, Delhi - 110006. No.2) Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Aggarwal,

S/o. Om Prakash Aggarwal, Also, Karta of M/s. Sanjeevkumar & Sons, B-9, Ganapati Apartment, 6 Shammath Marg, Civil Lines, Delhi - 110054. No.3) Mrs. Shika Aggarwal,

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Delhi - 110054, No.4) Mr. Abhinov, S/o. Sanjeev Kumar Aggarwal, B-9, Ganapati

Apartment, 6 Shammath Marg, Civil Lines, Delhi - 110054. No.5) Mr. Adhitya, S/o. Sanjeev

Kumar Aggarwal, B-9, Ganapati Apartment, Sanjeev Kumar Aggarwal, 6 Shammath

Marg, Civil Lines, Delhi - 110054. No.6) Mis. Sanjeevkumar & Sons (HUF), B-9, Ganapati Apartment, 6 Shammath Marg, Civil Lines, Delhi - 110054 to repay the amount mentioned in

ne Notice being Rs.7,35,03,428/- (Rupees Seven Crore Thirty Five Lakh Three Thousand

Four Hundred and Twenty Eight Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 11-04-2021 with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the

above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Property

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one person namely Ashish Katariya S/o Khemchand Katariya R/o H.N. 3517, Gali No. 93, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi-84 has been missing/kidnapped from his house since 05.06.2021. In this regard, a case DD No. 25A Dated: 05.06.2021 has been registered at P.S. Burari, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped person as under.

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DP/1281/N/2021 (Missing Person)

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General Public is hereby informed that one female Namely: Unknown, D/W/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown, was found dead at Ganesh Nagar Parking, Railway Line, Shakarpur, Delhi on **16.09.2021** in the area of P.S. Shakarpur, Delhi. The body has been preserved in Sabzi Mandi Hospital's

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E- NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-Tender on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited JKPDD are invited for PMDP-R Part-B works in Jammu District from the registered Contractors/Firms/Joint Ventures having

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MOHAMED NAZEER

The purported balancing act on the part of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the party-led Left Democratic Front government in Kerala on the controversy over the "narcotic jihad" remark by Pala Bishop Mar Joseph Kallarangatt has apparently not gone down well with a section of the Muslim community.

The Samastha Kerala Jamiyyathul Ulema has assailed the LDF government over the visit of Minister for Cooperation V.N. Vasavan to the Bishop's house on Friday. The visit was to give a clean chit to the Bishop who made the remark and was "shameful and deplorable", an article published on Saturday in the Suprabhatham daily, the mouthpiece of the Samastha, said. The article seeks to know whether the visit to "sing Hallelujah to the controversial preacher of hatred at Pala" was part of the government's official stand.

The Samastha is traditionally close to the Indian Union Muslim League, a coalition partner in the Opposition United Democratic Front, unlike its rival, the All India Sunni Jamiyyathul Ulama led by Kanthapuram A.P. Aboobacker Musliyar, who has a cosy relationship with the LDF.

The Bishop had alleged that jihadists were trapping women of other religions through "love" and "narcotic" jihad.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY E-Tendering Tender Notice No. 43/2021

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg. N.E. Railway, Izatnagar for and behal of President of India invites "OPEN" e-tender through on Line (E-Tendering for the following work. (1) Description of works: Welding of rails joints of 52 kg/90UTS rail of the Jurisdiction DEN/HQ/IZN (Under sanctioned work f (1) Ramganga - Kasganj : Through GRSP Renewal - 99 Km & Throug GFN Liner Renewal - 19.3 Km. (2) BC LKU Section - TRR(S) with 52 Kg S/H rails in BC line no. 4 & 5 = 1663.82 nand BPR line no. 5 = 630 m. Total-2.294 Km (3) TRR(S) with 52Kg S/11 rails at IZN Line no. 4 = 541.03 Track m Transfer line no. 7, 8 & Diesel shed line no. 1 to 4 = 1702 Track m and CBJ Demu Shed siding = 1901 Track m. Total-.144 Tkm.(4)LKU-BC-KSJ- Removal of DFWR (218 nos). **Approx Value** (**Rs.**): Rs. 1,43,20,731.29, **E.M.D.** (Rs.): Nil, Cost of Tender Forms Rs. Nil, Completion time /period from the date of issue of acceptance letter 03 Months ● On line e-tender can be ubmitted upto 15:00 hrs. of dated **12.10.2021** ● For full details and ubmission of bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.

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FITL - ADHOC:501912090016515) dated **04-09-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded / published through for a total amount of Rs. 32,73,000/- at a ROI of 10.50%. The same has been also classifie e-portal only as NPA on 30-11-2020 and the outstanding balance as on 13-09-2021 is Rs. 36,81,449/olus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank (Property Owned by M/s. Sanjeevkumar & Sons (HUF)) 22234115 or e-mail at <u>eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com</u> Interested suppliers may also contact One Flat bearing Private No.B.9 First Floor having Super Area of 2,203 square feet, a part of e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. email to : <u>eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com</u>

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- प्रति व्यक्ति आय लगभग दोगुनी हुई
- ईज ऑफ डूइंग बिजनेस रैंकिंग में देश में दूसरा स्थान
- ₹ 3 लाख करोड़ से अधिक की निवेश परियोजनाएं प्रारम्भ 5 लाख नए रोजगार के अवसर
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निष्पक्ष एवं पारदर्शी प्रक्रिया से रिकॉर्ड रोजगार

- 4.50 लाख से अधिक युवाओं को सरकारी नौकरी 3.50 लाख युवाओं की संविदा पर नियुक्ति • 82 लाख एमएसएमई इकाइयों में 2 करोड़ से अधिक लोगों को रोजगार
- एक जनपद एक उत्पाद (ओ.डी.ओ.पी.) योजना से 25 लाख लोगों को रोजगार
- 1.50 करोड़ से अधिक श्रमिकों को मनरेगा में रोजगार

भय एवं भ्रष्टाचार मुक्त प्रदेश

• जीरो टॉलरेन्स नीति से अपराधों में रिकॉर्ड कमी • माफियाओं द्वारा अवैध ढंग से अर्जित ₹1866 करोड़ से अधिक की सम्पत्तियां जब्त/ध्वस्त • बेहतर पुलिसिंग के लिए लखनऊ, नोएडा, कानपुर नगर व वाराणसी में पुलिस कमिश्नरेट प्रणाली लागू

हर बेघर को घर, हर घर बिजली, हर घर नल और मुफ़्त रसोई गैस कनेक्शन

• प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना में 42 लाख से अधिक आवासों का निर्माण • मुख्यमंत्री आवास योजना (ग्रामीण) में 1,08,495 आवासों का निर्माण • 1.41 करोड़ घरों तक पहुंची बिजली • 30,000 ग्राम पंचायतों में शुद्ध पेयजल की योजना • 2.61 करोड़ शौचालयों का निर्माण, 10 करोड़ लोग लाभान्वित • 1.67 करोड़ परिवारों को उज्ज्वला योजना में नि:शुल्क गैस कनेक्शन

मुफ़्त टेरिटंग-मुफ़्त टीका-मुफ़्त इलाज-मुफ़्त राशन

• 7.61 करोड़ से अधिक कोरोना टेस्टिंग, देश में सर्वाधिक • 9.50 करोड़ से अधिक टीकाकरण, देश में प्रथम • चिकित्सालयों में कोरोना का मुफ़्त इलाज • प्रधानमंत्री जन आरोग्य योजना एवं मुख्यमंत्री जन आरोग्य योजना में कुल 6.90 करोड़ से अधिक लोगों का 5 लाख रूपए का बीमा कवर • 15 करोड़ जरूरतमंदों को मुफ़्त राशन

एक जनपद-एक मेडिकल कॉलेज की ओर मेडिकल शिक्षा और रोजगार के बढ़े अवसर

• 59 जनपदों में न्यूनतम एक मेडिकल कॉलेज क्रियाशील • 16 जनपदों में पी.पी.पी. मॉडल पर मेडिकल कॉलेज की स्थापना प्रक्रिया प्रारंभ • गोरखपुर और रायबरेली में एम्स का संचालन • लखनऊ में अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी चिकित्सा विश्वविद्यालय का निर्माण प्रारम्भ • गोरखपुर में महायोगी गुरु गोरखनाथ आयुष विश्वविद्यालय का निर्माण प्रारम्भ

शिक्षा से प्रगति, देश की उन्नति

• 'मुख्यमंत्री अभ्युदय योजना' के अंतर्गत प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं के छात्रों को नि:शुल्क कोचिंग सुविधा • 1.38 लाख सरकारी स्कूलों का कायाकल्प • 7 नए राज्य विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना • 16 नए निजी विश्वविद्यालय • 1 लाख 50 हजार से अधिक शिक्षकों/ शिक्षणेत्तर कर्मियों की नियुक्ति

महिलाएं बनीं विकास में भागीदार

• 1.50 लाख महिलाओं को सरकारी नौकरी • बालिकाओं को स्नातक तक नि:शुल्क शिक्षा • मुख्यमंत्री कन्या सुमंगला योजना से 10.01 लाख बेटियां लाभान्वित • मुख्यमंत्री सामूहिक विवाह योजना के अंतर्गत 1.52 लाख से अधिक कन्याओं का विवाह • 55,964 महिलाएं बैंकिंग सखी के रूप में नियुक्त • ग्रामीण आवासीय अभिलेख (घरौनी) परिवार की महिला सदस्य के नाम • 10 लाख स्वयं सहायता समूहों के माध्यम से 1 करोड़ महिलाओं को रोजगार • 29 लाख 68 हजार निराश्रित महिलाओं को पेंशन

देश में सर्वाधिक एक्सप्रेस-वे, एयरपोर्ट्स एवं मेट्रो

• 4 नए एक्सप्रेस-वे • 14,471 किमी. सड़कों का चौड़ीकरण/सुदृद्धीकरण • 3,49,274 किमी. सड़कों का गड्ढामुक्तिकरण तथा 15,246 किमी. नई सड़कों का निर्माण • 5 इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट • 8 एयरपोर्ट संचालित, 13 अन्य एयरपोर्ट व 7 हवाई पट्टी का विकास • 10 शहरों में मेट्रो परियोजना • डिफेंस कॉरिडोर का कार्य गतिमान

FROM PAGE ONE

Amarinder quits amid turmoil in Congress

"The government of Punjab means the security of India, and if Sidhu is made the face of the Congress for chief ministership, I will fight him at every step," he added.

Later in the evening, after the CLP meeting, Congress leader and party's Punjab observer Ajay Maken said two resolutions were passed at the meeting, which was attended by 78 MLAs of the

"In first resolution, the contribution of Capt. Amarinder Singh towards the party and for Punjab was appreciated and also presented an expectation that his guidance will continue to be there in the future as well. In the second resolution, the Congress president was authorised to select the CLP leader. Whosoever she decided will be acceptable to all," he said.

With several rounds of meetings during the past few months failing to douse the infighting, the Congress leadership late on Friday night announced the Punjab CLP meeting, as yet another attempt to resolve the turmoil in the Punjab unit.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi is learnt to have spoken to the Chief Minister, after nearly 40 MLAs wrote to the central leadership expressing "lack of faith in the leadership of the Chief Minister in fulfilling the party's 2017 Assembly election promises.'

They also said that hardly anything was being done towards fulfilment of the 18point programme issued by the party high command and demanded a meeting of

"The AICC has received a representation from a large number of MLAs from the Congress party, requesting to immediately convene a meeting of the Congress Legislative Party of Puniab. Accordingly, a meeting of the CLP has been convened at 5 p.m. on September 18 at Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee office," AICC incharge of Punjab affairs Harish Rawat said in a tweet late on Friday, taking many legislators by surprise.

In the past few months those who had raised the banner of revolt against Capt. Amarinder include four Ministers - Sukhjinder Randhawa, Tript Rajinder Bajwa, Sukhbinder Sarkaria and Charanjit Channi - besides some MLAs.

The disgruntled leaders pointed out that the Capt. Amarinder-led government had failed to resolve several

MP Babul Supriyo quits BJP, joins Trinamool

Mr. Supriyo was elected to the Lok Sabha from Asansol in 2014 and 2019.

The defection comes weeks before the crucial

Bhabanipur bypoll where

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is contesting.

Interestingly, the BJP had nominated Mr. Supriyo among the star campaigners for the seat.

Traders oppose 'taxes' by armed groups

According to the CNCCI, traders in Nagaland end up paying 12-13 taxes while their counterparts elsewhere only pay the Goods and

They say the State's traders are struggling because they cannot sell beyond the MRP and the "taxes" are eat-

ing into their profit margin. A traders' body in Dimapur, Nagaland's commercial

ga political issue - peace settlement with NSCN (I-M) and the other groups - is the cause of the taxation pro-

hub, said the unresolved Na-

The groups have justified their "taxes" as they claim to run parallel governments. The traders have not refused to pay but have been insisting on "one group, one tax".

CJI calls for 'Indianising' legal system

'It is time the courts woke up from colonial stupor and faced the practical realities of Indian society'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana on Saturday said the ordinary Indian felt out of place in courts, where proceedings were lengthy, expensive and in English. Besides, judgments were either too long or technical or managed to be both, he said.

The CII was speaking at an event organised by the Karnataka Bar Council in Bengaluru to pay tribute to the late Justice M.M. Shantanagoudar of the Supreme Court.

He said it was time the courts woke up from their colonial stupor and faced the practical realities of Indian "The need of the hour is

Indianisation of our legal system," Chief Justice Ramana

Simple delivery

Rules and procedures of justice delivery should be made simple. The ordinary, poor and rural Indian should not be scared of judges or the courts or think twice before approaching the courts. "He should be able to speak the



Catching up: Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana at an event to pay tribute to the late Justice M.M. Shantanagoudar at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday. • MURALI KUMAR K.

truth," Chief Justice Ramana

Instead, multiple barriers continued to thwart the citizen's way to the courts. "The working and the style of courts do not sit well with the complexities of India,"

The systems, practices and rules of courts were foreign and sourced from our colonial days. They did not take care of the practical realities of India.

"When I say Indianisation, I mean the need to adapt to the practical realities of our society and localise our justice delivery systems. For example, parties from a rural place fighting a family dispute are usually made to feel out of place in the court. They do not understand the arguments or pleadings which are mostly in English, a language alien to them.

These days judgments have become lengthy, which further complicates the position of litigants. For the parties to understand the implications of a judgment, they are forced to spend more money," he said.

For whom do the courts function, the CJI asked. For the litigants, who are the "justice seekers". They are the ultimate beneficiaries,

"The simplification of justice delivery should be our pressing concern. It is crucial to make justice delivery more transparent, accessible and effective. Procedural barriers often undermine access to justice," the CJI said.

The Chief Justice said both judges and lawyers had to create an environment which was comforting for the litigants and other stakeholders.

Alternative mechanisms The CJI said alternative dispute mechanisms such as mediation and conciliation would go a long way in reducing pendency and unnecessary litigation and save resources.

Chief Justice Ramana quoted former Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Warren Burger, "The notion that ordinary people want blackrobed judges, well-dressed lawyers in fine courtrooms as settings to resolve their disputes is incorrect. People with problems, like people with pains, want relief and they want it as quickly and inexpensively as possible."

One more held in Pak. terror module case

STAFF REPORTER

The Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on Friday night arrested a man from the Jogeshwari area in the western suburbs of Mumbai for his alleged links with a terror module busted by a special cell of the Delhi Police four days ago. According to officials, the man's name came up during the investigation.

The man, identified as Zakir, was arrested by the ATS on Friday night and will be taken to Delhi for interrogation. The arrest takes the total number of people held in the case to

ATS officials, however, did not divulge the details about Zakir.

The special cell of the Delhi Police arrested six from different locations, claiming a plan was being hatched to conduct strikes at different locations.

The Pakistan-based module involved the name of gangster Dawood Ibrahim's brother Anees Ibra-

NIA needs infra, specialists: experts

Evidence collection in the field requires an altogether different skill set, they say

DEVESH K. PANDEY

The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which was given the mandate to take up cases of cyberterrorism over two years ago, should be provided with additional infrastructure and domain experts to probe such offences more efficiently, according to experts.

"While there are several designated laboratories for forensic analysis of evidence, domain experts equipped with all necessary state-of-the-art tools should be involved from the inception of investigation. Evidence collection in the field of cybercrimes requires an altogether different skill set," said an official.

Team investigation

Navneet Rajan Wasan, former Bureau of Police Research and Development Director-General who also headed the NIA, stressed the concept of team investigation, which is



Different skill set: The National Investigation Agency headquarters in New Delhi. • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

prevalent in many countries. Referring to the ransomware attack on a pipeline network in the U.S. in May, he said such crimes were investigated there by teams comprising police officers and experts in the respective fields.

"However, there is no enabling provision in the Indian legal system which empowers a domain expert to be formally part of the evidence gathering team. In the absence of such a provision, the prosecution is susceptible to charges of evidence tampering in case a domain expert is involved by any agency, as the Criminal Procedure Code authorises only the police to collect evidence," he said.

Mr. Wasan said domain experts were also essential for efficient handling of the tools deployed for probing such offences. During the UPA regime, investigating agencies had sent proposals for inducting experts and for a provision of adequate manpower training from time to time. A proposal was also raised for setting up an institute of excellence for the

Given that cross-border probe often became necessary in cybercrime cases, Mr. Wasan said the system of joint probe, by investigators from India and the countries concerned, should also be adopted.

Mutual legal assistance

The NIA was empowered to probe cases of cyber terrorism under the National Investigation (Amendment) Act, passed by Parliament in July 2019.

Journalist arrested for 'incorrect report'

A journalist was arrested and another was booked at the Ambala Cantonment here for allegedly mentioning an "incorrect place" of arrest of a suspected terrorist in a news report, prompting the Opposition to attack the Haryana government for "suppressing" the freedom of the press.

The case against reporter Sunil Brar and news editor Sandeep Sharma of Dainik Bhaskar was registered on Thursday under different sections of the Indian Penal Code, the police said. Mr. Brar was taken into custody on Friday. Efforts are on to nab Mr. Sharma, they said.

A suspected terrorist was arrested by the Punjab Police on Wednesday over an alleged tiffin bomb plot from Mardon Sahib village of Ambala. The newspaper headline on the following day stated, "Punjab police claims arrest of terrorist at Cantt near IOC depot".

The daily published a correction the next day on the location from where the suspected arrested.

Station House Officer, Ambala Cantonment, Vijay Kumar said the case against the journalists was registered as they published the news without any authentication. Journalist Sunil and Sandeep Sharma have created fear among the masses by publishing false news, he

Opposition parties, including the Congress, the INLD, the Haryana Democratic Front and the BSP, criticised the arrest.

Congress leader Rohit Jain said the arrest was in violation of a Supreme Court order. He said the police had not issued notice be-

spent around ₹1.9 crore to-

wards various relief work

and the balance of ₹17 crore

was found lying in the foun-

crore have also been raised

by the charity foundation

from overseas donors on a

"Funds to the tune of ₹2.1

dation's bank account.

Akademi awards presented

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Eminent English author Ruskin Bond, Hindi writer Vinod Kumar Shukla and six others were on Saturday selected for the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship.

The National Academy of Letters said in a statement that the general council of the Akademi announced its highest honour, the Fellowship. The others who received the Fellowship are Sirshendu Mukhopadhyay (Bengali), M. Leelavathy (Malayalam), Bhalchandra Nemade (Marathi), Tejwant Singh Gill (Punjabi), Swami Rambhadracharya (Sanskrit), Indira Parthasarthy

Earlier in the day, politician-writer M. Veerappa Moily and poet Arundhathi Subramaniam were among the 20 authors who received the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2020 at a ceremony. While Mr. Moily received the prestigious award for his epic poetry Sri Bahubali Ahimsadigvijaya in Kannada, Ms. Subramaniam won it for her poetry collection When God is a Traveller in English.

The other winners in poetry include Harish Meenakshi (Gujarati), Anamika (Hindi), R.S. Bhaskar (Konkani), Irungbam Deven (Manipuri), Rupchand Hansda (Santali) and Nikhileswar (Telugu).



in a pond at Bukru village in Latehar district on Friday. •PTI

Seven girls drown in Jharkhand's Latehar

Three of the victims are sisters

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Seven girls, aged between 12 and 20, drowned in a pond on Saturday in Latehar district of Jharkhand during "karma puja". Chief Minister Hemant Soren and local MP Sunil Singh expressed shock over the incident.

"The Deputy Development Commissioner of the district has been asked to hold an inquiry," Deputy Commissioner Abu Imran According to district offi-

cials, the incident occurred at Bukru village under the Shregada panchayat of Balumath block when a group of 10 girls had gone to the village pond to celebrate karma puja, a tribal festival of the State.

Officials said that when two girls started drowning in the pond and shouted for help, five others jumped in

to save them and also drowned. Four girls died at the spot while three breathed their last on the way to the Balumath health centre, they said. Among the dead were three sisters, Rekha Kumari, 18, Reena Kumari, 16 and Luxmi Kumari, 12. The others were identified as Sushma Kumari, 12, Pinku Kumari, 18, Sunita Kumari, 20, and Basanti Kumari, 12. The girls were studying in local schools and colleges. Mr. Soren tweeted:

"Shocked to hear about the death of seven girls due to drowning during Karma dali puja at Shregada panchayat in Latehar district. May God grant peace to the departed souls and give courage to the bereaved families to bear the loss."

Villagers blocked the Balumath-Chatra road in prot-

Shootout in Srinagar, arms recovered

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR

A brief encounter broke out between militants and the police in Srinagar on Saturday afternoon.

"Terrorists fired on a police team when it was launching a cordon operation in Noorbagh area. It seems they managed to escape from the spot," Inspector-General of P. Vijay Kumar said.

He said the terrorists dropped one pistol and one AK-47 before fleeing.

The police have rushed reinforcements, including CRPF personnel, to widen the cordon operation. "The search is on in the area," the police said.

Two of Assam extremist group killed

The Assam police on Saturday gunned down two members of a new extremist group in a region where peace was said to have returned.

Liberation of Bodoland

vered in the search opera-

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Special DGP G.P. Singh

said a camp of the United (was busted in the Ultapani area in Kokrajhar district. Two cadres have been

declared dead after an ex-

change of fire, he said.

ginary grievances".

The Supreme Court has taken strong objection to disgruntled participants of government tenders turning their ire into subjects of "public interest litigation (PIL)" petitions in constitutional courts. A Bench of Justices S.K.

Kaul and Hrishikesh Roy noted how unsuccessful parties of a tender process approach the courts with their "ima-

"Attempts by unsuccessful tenderers with imaginary

grievances, wounded pride and business rivalry, to make mountains out of molehills of some technical/procedural violation or some prejudice to self, and persuade courts to interfere by exercising power of judicial review, should be resisted," the apex court observed in its judgment on September

"The enlarged role of the government in economic activity and its corresponding ability to give economic 'largesse' was the bedrock of creating what is commonly called the 'tender jurisdiction'," the court explained how tender cases starting crowding court dockets.

The law, to promote transparency, had allowed par-Courts directly.

ties to approach the High

that the power of judicial review in a tender process was The judgment came in an appeal filed by Uflex Ltd

against the Madras High Court order of April 29, giving Tamil Nadu government four months' time to float a fresh tender for production and supply of holograms to be pasted across the caps of bottles of liquor sold by the Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation (TASMAC).

A detailed proposal along with a draft Bill had earlier been sent to the then UPA government for legislation on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, to enable speedy collection of evidence from abroad. However, another official said, it was yet to see the light of the

Search on for another: Ambala police

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fore the arrest.

₹20-cr. tax evasion by actor: I-T Dept.

Agency releases statement without naming Bollywood star Sonu Sood

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Days after the Income-Tax Department searched premises linked to Bollywood actor Sonu Sood, the agency on Saturday issued a statement, without naming him, claiming it had detected tax evasion of over ₹20 crore so

"The Income Tax Department conducted a search and seizure operation on various premises of a prominent actor in Mumbai and also a Lucknow-based group of industries engaged in infrastructure development. A total of 28 premises spread over Mumbai, Lucknow, Kanpur, Jaipur, Delhi and Gurugram have been co-

tion," it said.

According to the agency, during the searches on the premises of the actor and his associates, incriminating evidence pertaining to tax evasion was found.

"The main modus operandi followed by the actor had been to route his unaccounted income in the form of bogus unsecured loans from many bogus entities," said

the department. "Investigations so far have revealed use of 20 such entries, the providers of which, on examination, have accepted on oath to have given bogus accommodation entries. There have been instances where professional receipts have been camouflaged as loans in the books



of accounts for the purpose of evasion of tax," it said.

The agency said these "bogus" loans were used for making investments and acquiring properties. The charity foundation incorporated by the actor on July 21, 2020, had collected donations of ₹18.94 crore from April 1, 2021, till date, of which it

Sonu Sood

crowd-funding platform in violation of FCRA [Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act] regulations," said the agency.

The simultaneous searches on the Lucknow-based infrastructure group, in which the actor had entered into a joint venture real estate project and invested substantial funds, resulted in detection of tax evasion and irregularities in the books of account. said the I-T Department.

Tender: SC objects to PIL pleas by bidders

Unsuccessful participants approach courts with 'imaginary grievances', it says

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

The judgment reiterated



IN BRIEF

28 Muzaffarnagar police personnel transferred

A total of 28 police inspectors, including 11 station house officers, posted in Muzaffarnagar for more than three years, have been shifted to other districts, an official said on Saturday. According to Preetinder Singh, DIG, Saharanpur range, the order came on Friday on the directive of the Election Commission, which stated that police officers cannot remain posted in the district going to polls if they have served in the same place for at least three years. The police personnel were transferred to Shamli and Saharanpur districts

Workers' portal crosses 1 crore registrations

NEW DELHI The Labour and Employment Ministry's portal for unorganised sector workers crossed 1 crore registrations on Saturday, less than a month since it was launched Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav said. The e-Shram portal was launched on August 26 and had registered 1.00.12.263 registrations as on Saturday. Mr. Yadav noted via a tweet that the portal would "help provide social security to all our workers".

Nagaland all-party government named UDA

GUWAHATI

Nagaland's Opposition-less government has been named United Democratic Alliance (UDA). The nomenclature was approved at a meeting of all the MLAs at the State Banquet Hall in Kohima on September 18. The ruling coalition of Nationalist **Democratic Progressive Party** (NDPP), the Bharatiya Janata Party and two Independent MLAs had inducted the Opposition Naga People's Front (NPF) into the government on August 16. It was then called the Nagaland United Government.

Captain faces a tough battle

Floating new outfit unviable and joining another party is not easy, say analysts

VIKAS VASUDEVA CHANDIGARH

Following his resignation, citing 'humiliation' by the Congress high command, the two-time Chief Minister of Punjab, Captain Amarinder Singh made it clear that he would explore and exercise his political options at an appropriate time.

The 79-year-old Capt. Amarinder said he would decide his future political course of action in consultation with his supporters who have stood by him for over five decades. "There is always an option, and I will use that option when the time comes...at the moment I am still in Congress," he said after submitting his resignation.

However, political observers believe that the Congress stalwart does not stand a strong chance if he breaks away from the Congress unless he is offered a leader-



Captain Amarinder Singh speaking to presspersons after submitting his resignation in Chandigarh on Saturday. • PTI

"The only way Capt. Amarinder can survive is by joining another party. Floating a new party won't be an easy task. His best bet could be the Bharatiya Janata Party. Capt. Amarinder has a moderate image and is an acceptable leader among Hindus in Punjab. He has been invoking his military background, national security issues, targeting Navjot Singh Sidhu on his Pakistan connection - it all blends well with the BJP line," said Ashutosh Kumar, professor with political science department of Punjab University.

"Floating a new party is not easy, but if he floats a new party it is unlikely to help him although it shall damage Congress's electoral prospects. Also as Congress in Punjab is facing anti-incumbancy and especially Capt. Amarinder has been facing charges of 'not having

been seen on the ground' and the government being run by bureaucrats is a baggage that he will have to carry all along," he added.

Ronki Ram, Shaheed Bhaghat Singh Chair Professor of Political Science at Panjab University, pointed out that if Capt. Amarinder had the support of a substantial number of MLAs he wouldn't have resigned. "Floating a new party may not be feasible. Also, joining any other party is not an easy option unless he is offered

a CM position," he said. Capt. Amarinder on Saturday ruled out quitting politics and said that as an Army man, he had a lot of will and would remain active in the upcoming Assembly elections in Punjab. "I am not hanging my boots," he declared. He also rejected claims by the Congress leadership that he had lost the confidence of the MLAs,

Is Chhattisgarh going to be next?

on a change of leadership

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

After the change of guard in Punjab to end the leadership tussle, the question that is being asked in Congress circles is if Chhattisgarh is going to be the next State that may see a leadership change. On September 17, when Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel was posed this question, he played it down.

"Our in-charge P.L. Punia had made a statement in this regard and that statement is final," he told presspersons

Party yet to decide 'We need permanent chief'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT On Saturday, Congress leader and Thiruvananthapuram MP

Sashi Tharoor said the Congress needed permanent leadership at the national level. If Rahul Gandhi desired to make a comeback as president, he should not delay it any

in Raipur, referring to AICC State in-charge saying there was no discussion on leadership change when the State leaders met former party chief Rahul Gandhi in Aufurther, he added.

Mr. Tharoor said nobody in the Congress would venture to speak against the immense contribution of Sonia Gandhi to the party. However, her presidentship was currently an interim arrangement. The party needed a permanent president at the national level to revitalise the party.

gust. But the issue is far from over though the circumstances are completely different from Punjab, where Capt. Amarinder Singh faced dissidence from party MLAs while Mr. Baghel enjoys the support of a majority of the Congress MLAs.

But Mr. Gandhi is keen on honouring a commitment he had made to Mr. Baghel's colleague and Health Minister T.S. Singh Deo, that he would be made Chief Minister after two-and-a-half years.

The deadline for the rotation was June 16 but neither has the high command been able to decide nor has Mr. Baghel expressed his willingness to step down. Many believe that Mr. Gandhi's proposed visit to Chhattisgarh has been delayed because the high command hasn't been able to decide on the leadership issue.

Amarinder had tumultuous ties with the Gandhi family

Even in 2015, he explored the idea of floating his own party

SANDEEP PHUKAN

As Captain Amarinder Singh (retd) stepped down from the Punjab Chief Minister's post after feeling "humiliated," it seems to have put a pause to a rather tumultuous relationship he has had with the Gandhi family in the past six years.

A school friend of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and known for his proximity to the Gandhi family, Capt. Amarinder had literally forced the Gandhis in October-November 2015 to declare him the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief, a position that eventually made him the party's chief ministerial face in 2017.

Until then, Captain Amarinder was a go-to person for the Gandhi family. In 2014, when Ms. Gandhi asked several senior leaders to contest the Lok Sabha polls, Captain Amarinder was her choice against former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley from Amritsar.

Post his victory, Ms. Gandhi appointed him the deputy leader of the party in the Lok Sabha.

But Capt. Amarinder had always his eyes set on Punjab and kept pushing for the PCC chief's post. A vear later, when in 2015, when the party was reluctant to replace the incumbent PCC chief, Partap Singh Bajwa, the then party vice-president Rahul Gandhi's appointee, the Captain explored the idea of floating his own

In an authorised biography of the Punjab stalwart, Captain Amarinder Singh: The People's Maharaja, Khushwant biographer Singh noted that Ms. Gandhi was open to naming Capt. Amarinder as the PCC chief

beti – Bengal's daughter. Ms.

gurdwara earlier this week.



Differing voices: A file photo of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi along with Captain Amarinder Singh in Patiala.

but her son, Rahul, wasn't Punjab unit.

During a tense meeting in October 2015, Mr. Gandhi asked the Punjab leader if he had decided to float his own party. "What you've heard is absolutely correct," the biographer quotes Capt. Amarinder as telling Mr .Gandhi.

While the Captain got what he wanted and handsomely won the 2017 Assembly elections, the equations between him and the Gandhi family changed forever.

In June this year, when Navjot Singh Sidhu raised the banner of revolt, Capt. Amarinder had come to Delhi but couldn't meet the Gandhis in his first visit.

In contrast, party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had organised a meeting between Mr. Sidhu and Mr. Gandhi at the latter's residence around the same

Before Capt. Amarinder could finally meet Ms. Gandhi in the first week of July, he had to twice 'explain' his government's performance before the Mallikarjun Kharge panel that was set up to resolve the infighting in the

councillor election in 2015. If

Though Capt. Amarinder had strongly opposed the appointment of Mr. Sidhu as the new PCC chief, arguing that both the party and the government cannot be headed by Jat Sikhs, the high commanded simply overruled him.

All India Congress Committee (AICC) leaders, dealing with the issue, insist that there had been no political interference by the high command and Harish Rawat, the AICC in-charge for Punjab, had publicly acknowledged Capt. Amarinder's stature.

they However, claimed that many Punjab MLAs had 'bluntly' told Mr. Rawat that the party won't win next year's Assembly polls under Capt. Amarinder. Several MLAs also complained to the Kharge panel about "the Chief Minister's inaccessibility and complete control over the administration by bureaucrats".

Leaders of the Amarinder Singh camp, however, argued that the Gandhis were no longer comfortable with him because "he was far too independent minded".

For most voters in Bhabanipur constituency, byelection only a formality

Mamata seeks entry to Assembly from constituency

BISHWANATH GHOSH

There was a time when it was easy to slip into a lengthy conversation about politics with even rank strangers in Kolkata – and this was not a very long time ago. But today, when you ask people about the September 30 byelection in the city's Bhabanipur constituency, where West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is contesting to seek entry to the State Assembly, many of them excuse themselves saying they

are "non-political".

Their hesitance is understandable: the outcome of the election is a foregone conclusion and it is redundant to express an opinion, that too at a time when it is wise not to publicly take sides unless you belong to a political party.

Bhabanipur - or Bhowanipore – is as diverse as an Assembly seat can get. It may lie in the heart of Kolkata but it could pass off as mini-India. A large chunk of its population is made up of non-Bengalis: Sikhs, Gujaratis, Marwaris, Marathis and Biharis. Many say this was why Ms. Banerjee, after registering successive victories from

Bhabanipur in 2011 and 2016, chose to contest the 2021 election from Nandigram instead: she feared the non-Bengali votes would all go to the BJP following the aggressive campaign by Prime Mi nister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. Her party, the Trinamool

Congress, insists that she stood from Nandigram only as an assurance to the electorate there, after local party heavyweight Suvendu Adhikari switched over to the BJP. She, however, lost to Mr. Adhikari by a slender margin and is now once again seeking re-election from Bhabanipur, which has been vacated for her by the 2021 victor, her



Poll fest: Hoardings, in different languages, have mushroomed all over Bhabanipur. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

party's

Sovandeb Chattopadhyay.

"I stick to my business, I am not interested in politics," says a Sikh vendor outside the Bhabanipur gurdwara, selling knick-knacks related to his religion, such as steel bangles and headscarves. Across the road from his stall is a hoarding, in Gurmukhi, appealing to Sikh

Campaign meetings have begun, and party workers are already going door to door. "Mamatadi faces no challenge. Her BJP opponent lost

the 2021 election from Ental-

ly and her CPI(M) opponent

anything, she is more popu-Banerjee paid a visit to the lar than ever," says Shubhankar Roychoudhury, general While her opponents are politically lightweight – the secretary of the Bhowani-BIP's Privanka Tibrewal and pore Durgotsab Samity – a the CPI(M)'s Srijib Biswas prominent Durga Puja comand her victory may be cermittee. "And you know tain, the Trinamool is not what's going to be our theme taking chances. Hoardings, for this year's puja? It will be in different languages, have *Khela Hobe* [the Trinamool's war cry during the Assembly mushroomed all over Bhabanipur, asking people to vote election] – only that ours is intended to promote sports for their 'own daughter'. after India's [impressive] performance at the Tokyo

voters to vote for *Bangal di* had failed to win even the

Hitesh Doshi (name changed), a Kolkata-born Gujarati who runs a boutique in Chakraberia, a part of the

that Ms. Banerjee's popularity has only soared in the past few months. "Earlier, she was in people's minds, now she seems to be in their hearts. Her welfare schemes, especially Duare Sarkar [government at the doorstep], are turning out to be a big hit. This election is just a formality," he says. Adds tea-seller Sailen Gup-

constituency, also agrees

ta, whose ancestors hail from Kanpur and who runs a stall nearby: "The BJP has no presence in this area. The local Trinamool men know each of us by our names and faces. They stand by us in times of need. The BIP has no such people here."

'Safdarjung Tomb needs urgent care'

Weeds growing on it, says Irfan Habib

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Weeds growing on the dome of Safdarjung Tomb had damaged the monument, which required urgent care from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), historian S. Irfan Habib said on Saturday.

18th Century monument taken earlier this week, Mr. Habib said in a tweet the "dome has cracks, with weeds growing all over it".

Later he told The Hindu that the ASI had neglected several monuments. He said weeds tended to grow during the monsoon but it was vital to clear them soon as

"The ASI is aware of the damage and the remaining portion of repairs will soon start as per our team's assessment. Conservation work at monuments is a round-the-year job and pre-



The Safdarjung Tomb has developed cracks with weed

sently also the work is going on, but due to the rain in

The spokesperson said repair and conservation work at the monument was ongoing in 2019-20, but was stopped due to the lockdown and shortage of work-

ers caused by the pandemic. "There is no damage. Only grass has come up on the dome which needs to be cleaned."









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Sharing a photo of the developed

they could lead to cracks. Asked to respond to Professor Habib's assertion, an spokesperson said:



growing all over it. ■TWITTER

Delhi it got a bit delayed."

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Trinamool's successful outreach to women shines anew with Durga Puja

The party's appeal seems set to grow with its strategy of promoting 'mahila pujas' and offering cash incentives to organise West Bengal's biggest cultural carnival

SHIV SAHAY SINGH

"Since *Didi* has announced it herself, we will definitely receive the money," said Deepali Das, one of the key organisers of the community Durga Puja at the Bakpara Sporting Club in the economically backward Duttabad area of the Biddhanagar Municipal Corporation in Greater Kolkata.

There is a festive buzz in the air as West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has said that puja committees would receive a cash incentive of ₹50,000 for preparations. This is the second year that the State government has offered the grant.

Ms. Das is particularly excited as the club is holding a "mahila" Durga Puja, with women taking care of all the Previously, women only had a small role, she said. Earlier this

month, while announcing the protocols for celebrating the festival amid the CO-VID-19 pandemic, the Chief Minister said that there were 1.500 women's Durga Puja committees entitled to receive the cash incentive. They are a part of the 36,000 community Durga pujas in West Bengal.

Masumi Naskar, president of the Arjunpur Taltala Amra Sobai club, is happy that artist Bhabatosh Sutar will design their puja pandal this time.

"Of course, having the puja organised entirely by women is very encouraging," she added.

Broader roles

Women have have been taking on broader roles in the pujas recently. Be it the lone woman artist from Kumartuli, Kolkata's famous potters' colony, who crafts idols, or the group of all-woman priests performing pujas this year, more and more women are coming to the fore in organising the mega cultural event.

The State government's initiative in recognising the mahila Durga puja as a separate category is perceived to be part of the Trinamool Congress's political strategy of reaching out to more women and creating groups of beneficiaries among them. It has been seen over the past few years that women voters have overwhelmingly supported the Trinamool Congress.

"In the 2021 Assembly polls, the Trinamool Congress got 52% of the female votes and 44% of the male votes," psephologist and Professor of political science Biswanath Chakraborty said. He also said that the trend of giving sops to wo-



More agency: Women are being encouraged to take on diverse roles in the organisation of Durga puja celebrations across West Bengal. • FILE РНОТО

men voters in West Bengal would continue till the Lok

Sabha polls of 2024. In the past decade, many

of the Trinamool's flagship schemes have been aimed directly at benefiting women. Kanyashree, a conditional cash transfer for school-going girls was a great hit in the party's first years in government. The scheme provides ₹750 a month for every school-going girl till Class 12, and ₹25,000 when she passes Class 12. Another scheme, Rupashree. provides ₹25,000 for the marriage of a girl child.

Medical insurance

Before the 2021 Assembly elections, the West Bengal government announced the Swastha Sathi Scheme, a medical insurance scheme of ₹5 lakh per household, with insurance cards issued in the name of the female head of the household. This scheme, too, generated a huge response.

But the biggest draw has been the Lakshmir Bhandar scheme, in which every woman whose family has no government job is entitled to receive ₹500 (in the general category) and ₹1,000 (in the reserved category) every month. For weeks, women across the State queued up outside camps for enrolling in the scheme.

Preliminary estimates by the State government suggest that nearly 2 crore women have signed up for it, making it the biggest cash roll-out scheme in West Ben-

Durga Puja is not only the largest cultural carnival in West Bengal but also intrinsically associated with politics in the State.

The Left Front government tried to keep a distance from the religiosity of the puja, but it did not shy away from selling Communist literature at puja pan-

Over the past few years, the pujas in Kolkata have seen the Trinamool and the Bharatiya Janata Party leadership competing to inaugurate pujas in Kolkata.

Serotype 2 dengue is a challenge: govt.

Health Ministry says it is associated with more complications than other forms of the disease

The Health Ministry has flagged the emerging challenge in 11 States across India of serotype 2 dengue, which it said is associated with "more cases and more complications" than other forms of the disease.

Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan presented this information on Saturday, while participating in a high-level meeting with Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba to review and discuss the strategy for COVID-19 management and

Highlighting the rise of dengue cases, Mr. Bhushan suggested that States undertake early detection of cases: operationalise fever helplines; ensure adequate stocking of testing kits, larvi-



Under treatment: Dengue patients at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Medical College in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. • PTI

cides and medicines and deploy rapid response teams for prompt investigation and public health actions such as fever survey, contact tracing and vector control.

He added that alerting blood banks for maintaining

adequate stocks of blood and blood components, especially platelets, is also required. "States have been asked to also undertake IEC (information, education, communication) campaigns regarding helplines, methods of vector control, source reduction at homes, and symptoms of dengue," he said.

COVID protocol

V. K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, and other senior officials also attended the meeting. The Cabinet Secretary, speaking about the CO-VID-19 situation, noted that while new cases of infections were coming down across India, "there is no room for complacency". He stressed the need to strictly enforce COVID-appropriate behaviour, said a release issued by the Central government on Saturday.

Drawing examples from other countries that saw multiple peaks of COVID-19, Mr. Gauba expressed concern over certain pockets in the country reporting high

test positivity and advised State health administrators to undertake granular analysis of their COVID-19 trajectory, ramp up their health infrastructure. undertake stocking of essential medicines and augment human resources

According to the release, the Health Secretary said that, currently, 70 districts in 15 States are a cause for concern as 34 of these districts have positivity exceeding 10%, and in 36 districts, positivity is in the range of

"In view of the forthcoming festival season, States were directed to ensure all necessary precautions and effective enforcement for avoidance of mass gathering and congested closed spaces," said the release.

Global push must to protect rights of Afghan girls: Satyarthi

Nobel Laureate says child labour situation is worsening

SUHASINI HAIDAR NEW DELHI

The global community should make it clear to the Taliban that international assistance and recognition is conditional on a more moderate policy that includes allowing girls to go to school, said child labour activist and Nobel peace prize winner Kailash Satyarthi.

Mr. Satyarthi, who was appointed one of 17 global advocates for the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on Friday, called for the UN General Assembly (UNGA) this month to raise the issue of children in Afghanistan, along with other discussions on the situation in the country.

"If children are not given education, particularly girls on an equal footing, then there are many more chances of perpetual exploitation, injustices and violence," Mr. Satyarthi told *The Hindu* in an interview, after his appointment by the UNSDG was announced.

Uncertain times

Mr Satyarthi's concerns come as the Taliban government announced on Saturday that it was reopening secondary schools, but called only boys and male teachers back, indicating that the Islamist group may not let girls and female teachers re-

"This present [Taliban] regime, if they are really in power, cannot remain in iso-

If children are not given education, particularly girls on an equal footing, then there are many more chances of perpetual exploitation, injustices and violence <mark>KAILASH SATYARTHI</mark> HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST

lation. They have to get fi-

nancial support, they have

to get political and diplo-

matic support, and they

have to get recognition from

many countries and from

the international communi-

ty. I'm hopeful that they will

be moderate for girls and

women, and only then the

international community

would extend their helping

hand," said Mr. Satyarthi,

who is organising a special

conference of "[Nobel] Lau-

reates and Leaders" on the

issue of child labour during

the UNGA on September 22.

now estimate that the situa-

tion in Afghanistan could

add to the already growing

numbers of children forced

into labour or trafficked for

sexual or commercial ex-

ploitation due to the corona-

virus pandemic that has led

to economic and job losses

According to the Interna-

tional Labour Organisation

(ILO), the numbers have in-

creased to 160 million esti-

mated child labourers in

2021, the first such rise in

According to Mr. Satvar-

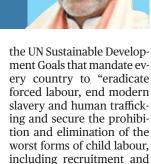
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International agencies



Rescuing children

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2025 end child labour in all

its forms," (UN SDG 8.7) can-

A "Global Slavery Index" survey used by ILO also said that India has the highest number of men, women and children in "modern slav ery", a term the Modi government has objected to, calling for the use of "forced labour" instead.

"Different governments agree with some phrases and terminologies and words and some other governments are very sensitive about it. But the reality is that the government has collaborated with us at the State level, at local levels in rescuing girls and boys being trafficked and who are bonded labour. And that is, in the broader definition, the contemporary form of slavery," Mr. Satyarthi said.

President lauds govt.'s fiscal measures amid pandemic

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday said the COVID pandemic hit the country's economy hard and that the government had taken various fiscal measures to alleviate distress Mr. Kovind was speaking

at the valedictory ceremony of the National Academy of Audit and Accounts for the Indian Audit and Accounts Services (IA&AS) trainee officers here.

The past 18 months have been very trying for the



country, the President said. The government was taking fiscal measures for the welfare of the poor, he said. These are often financed through money that may be said to have been borrowed

our children and grandchildren, he added.

"We owe it to them that these scarce resources are put to best possible use and are most effectively used for the welfare of the poor," he said, adding that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India had a very important role in the effort.

Mr. Kovind said audit engagements provided a unique opportunity of gaining a deep understanding of the system and the CAG was in a good position to suggest im-

Limits on airfares to stay for 15 days at a given time

day onwards.

In a fresh order issued on Saturday, the Civil Aviation Ministry explained the change in rule: "If the cur-

old city in Srinagar with her

grandson.

shall not be applicable"

Olympians' javelins, gloves get ₹10 crore bids

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The second day of the online auction of mementos gifted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi saw the price of sports gear of Olympic and Paralympic medal-winners reach ₹10 crore on September 18.

The e-auction on pmmementos.gov.in, which was started on September 17 and will go on till October 7, includes javelins of Tokyo Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra and Paralympics gold winner Sumit Antil that were gifted by the athletes to the Prime Minister. Both javelins started with a base price of ₹1 crore and received bids of ₹10 crore each as on September 18 evening. The asking price for the boxing gloves worn by 2020 Olympics bronze medalwinner Lovlina Borgohain also reached ₹10 crore, starting with a base price of

₹80 lakh. A hockey stick signed by



Lovlina Borgohain's gloves had a base price of ₹80 lakh before the bids shot up.

men's team that placed fourth in the Olympics and the racket of bronze medalwinning badminton player P.V. Sindhu reached ₹9 crore each on the second day of the auction.

Among the 1,330 mementos being auctioned to benefit the Namami Gange Mission are portraits of Mr. Modi, replicas of buildings, many shawls and stoles and other small objects gifted to the Prime Minister. This is the third edition of the eauction, with the last one conducted in 2019.

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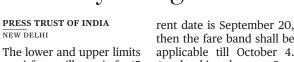
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director Renzu, whose recent movie The Illegal made a mark on Netflix, said the protagonist of his musical short Viraat Dulari, played by actor Soni Razdan, shows the displaced community the way forward. "Dulari returns to

Kashmir after three decades. Pandits should



on airfares will remain for 15 days at any given time and the airlines will be free to charge without any limits from the 16th day onwards, the Civil Aviation Ministry said on Saturday. Since August 12, this roll-over period was of 30 days and the airlines have been charging without limits from the 31st

then the fare band shall be applicable till October 4. Any booking done on September 20 for travel on or after October 5 shall not be controlled by fare bands. On the following day, that is, if the current date is September 21, then the fare band shall be in force till October 5 and for travel on or after October 6, the fare bands

India had imposed lower and upper limits on airfares when services were resumed on May 25, 2020, after

A musical bridge across Kashmir's bitter divide

Film-maker Danish Renzu's short film urges Pandits to return, reclaim their heritage

PEERZADA ASHIQ

In a Valley riven by decades of conflict and loss, a musical film of less than six minutes is seeking to bridge the divide between Kashmir's Muslims and

The 5.53-minute Ae Savere by a Kashmiri Muslim film-maker, Danish Renzu, has an earnest message to the displaced Pandits: "return to your roots in the Valley". With 1.18 lakh views

within a month of the video's release online,



return and settle back in Mr. Renzu, 35, a resident their culture, which is of Srinagar, belongs to a otherwise dying. They generation of Kashmiri should return to their roots. Muslims which has no This is the right time to memory of Pandits as their return and live in harmony," Mr. Renzu told *The Hindu* in an interview. The video shows pensive sadness grip neighbourhood in the Dulari as she drives home 1990s. through narrow alleys of the

neighbours or friends. His only memory of Pandits was visiting empty houses in the "I saw these dilapidated

Pandit houses in the neighbourhood. They had

Mr. Renzu has already done several projects with Kashmiri Pandit writer, Sunayana Kachroo, also a

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what happened (in the 1990s) and move on to the

narratives that takes the

story forward and not

backward," he said.

Points of view

People need to acknowledge

migrant. "People should see all the point of views. The Pandits' narrative is also important as other narratives from Kashmir. Being a Kashmiri Muslim and a film-maker, it was important to highlight the plight of Kashmiri Pandits. My co-artist Kachroo also lost her home. It was very important for me to bring that on screen," he added.

members of the Indian wo-

France recalls envoys to Australia, U.S.

Furious Paris calls American and Australian behaviour 'unacceptable between allies and partners'

France on Friday recalled its Ambassadors to the United States and Australia in a ferocious row over the scrapping of a submarine contract, an unprecedented step that revealed the extent of French anger against its allies.

President Emmanuel Macron recalled the envoys after Canberra ditched a deal to buy French submarines in favour of U.S. vessels, Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le

Mr. Le Drian said that the decision was made to "immediately" recall the two French Ambassadors due to "the exceptional seriousness of the announcements made on September 15 by Australia and the United States".

The abandonment of the ocean-class submarine project that Australia and France had been working on since 2016 constituted "unacceptable behaviour among allies and partners", the Minister said.



Strong stance: France's Ambassador to Australia Jean-Pierre Thebault at Sydney Airport on Saturday. • AP

'Their consequences affect the very concept we have of our alliances, our partnerships, and the importance of the Indo-Pacific for Europe," he added.

U.S. President Joe Biden announced the new Australia-U.S.-Britain defence alliance on Wednesday, extending U.S. nuclear submarine technology to Australia as well as cyberdefence, applied artificial intelligence and undersea capabilities. The pact is widely seen as aimed at countering the rise of China. The move infuriated France, which lost a contract to supply conventional submarines to Australia that was worth \$36.5 billion when signed in 2016.

In close contact: U.S. A White House official expressed "regret" over the French envoy's recall but added "we will continue to be

engaged in the coming days

to resolve our differences, as we have done at other points over the course of our long alliance". State Department spokes-

person Ned Price said in a tweet that Washington understood France's position and was in "close contact" with Paris. He added that the issue would be discussed "at the senior level", including at the United Nations General Assembly next week, which both Mr. Le Drian and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken will attend.

Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby meanwhile acknowledged that telephone talks earlier between U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and French counterpart Florence Parly showed "that there is still much work to do in terms of our defence relationship with France".

The French Ambassador recalls from the United States and Australia – key allies of France – are unprecedented. Withdrawing envoys is a last resort diplomatic step taken when relations between feuding countries are plunged into crisis but highly unusual between

'Affects vision'

"I am being recalled to Paris for consultations," France Ambassador to the U.S. Philippe Etienne wrote on Twitter. "This follows announcements directly affecting the vision we have of our alliances, of our partnerships and of the importance of the Indo-Pacific for Europe."

Paris sees itself as a major power in the Indo-Pacific due to overseas territories such as New Caledonia and French Polynesia which give it a strategic and military foothold unmatched by any other European country.

France had made no effort to disguise its fury even before the recalls and on Thursday Mr. Le Drian accused Australia of back-stabbing and Washington of Donald Trump-era behaviour over the submarines deal.

Girls excluded as secondary school reopen in Afghanistan

Male teachers and students should attend, a statement said

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Girls were excluded from returning to secondary school in Afghanistan on Saturday, after the country's new Taliban rulers ordered only boys and male teachers back to the classroom.

The hard-line Islamist group ousted the U.S.backed government last month, promising a softer brand of rule than their repressive reign in the 1990s, when women were mostly banned from education and work. But the diktat from the Education Ministry was the latest move from the new government to threaten women's rights. "All male teachers and students should attend their educational institutions," a statement said ahead of classes resuming on Saturday.

The statement, issued late on Friday, made no mention of women teachers or girl

New lesson: Boys attending class at a school in Kabul. • AFP

students. Secondary schools, with students typically between the ages of 13 and 18, are often segregated by sex in Afghanistan. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they have faced closures and have been shut since the Taliban seized power.

Primary schools have already reopened, with boys and girls mostly attending separate classes and some women teachers returning to work. The new regime has also permitted women to go to private universities. though with tough restrictions on their clothes and In a further sign that the

Taliban's approach to women and girls had not softened, they appeared to have shut down the Ministry of Women's Affairs and replaced it with a department notorious for enforcing strict religious doctrine during their first rule. In Kabul on Friday, workers were seen raising a sign for the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice at the old Women's Affairs

Iran won't allow IS presence on Afghan border: Raisi

'Taliban must form inclusive govt.'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE TEHRAN

Iran will not allow the Islamic State group to establish a presence on the country's border with Afghanistan, President Ebrahim Raisi warned on Saturday

"We will not allow terrorist organisations and IS to set up next to our border and strike other countries and the region," Mr. Raisi said as he wound up a visit to Tajikistan. "The presence of IS in Afghanistan is dangerous not only for Afghanistan but also for the region," he said.

The Taliban took Afghanistan's capital on August 15. Iran, which shares a 900-kilometre border with Af-

ghanistan, did not recognise the Taliban during their first stint in power. But Tehran has appeared to soften its stance towards the Sunni militia in recent times.

The Islamic republic has stressed that the Taliban must be "part of a future solution" in Afghanistan. Afghanistan's new rulers have formed a government composed entirely of Taliban and belonging almost entirely to the Pashtun ethnic group. "A government belonging to only one ethnic or political group cannot solve Afghanistan's problems," Mr. Raisi said on Saturday, calling for a government with representation for all Afghans.

U.S. admits Kabul drone strike killed civilians

It was a mistake and I offer my sincere apology, says General McKenzie

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN WASHINGTON

The U.S. military has admitted that it killed up to 10 civilians, including seven children, in an August 29 drone strike in Kabul, whose target, Zemari Ahmadi, was initially mistaken for a member of the ISIS-K (Islamic State, Khorasan) terror group. The U.S. had targeted the group believing it was going to carry out strikes on Kabul airport, days after the group had claimed responsibility for an attack, killing 182 evacuees and U.S troops at the

"I am now convinced that as many as 10 civilians including up to seven children were tragically killed in that

strike," Commander of U.S. Central Command, Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr., told reporters via video-link at a Pentagon press conference on Friday. "Moreover, we now assess that it is unlikely that the vehicle and those who died were associated with ISIS-K or were a direct threat to U.S. forces," he said, offering his "profound condo lences" to the family and friends of those killed.

Tragic outcome

"But it was a mistake and I offer my sincere apology. As the combatant commander, I am fully responsible for this strike and its tragic outcome," Gen. McKenzie said. The U.S. is considering mak-



What remains: A person inspecting the wreckage of the car in Kabul. Ten civilians were killed in the drone strike. • AFP

ing reparations to the victims' family, he said.

Following the drone operation, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley had described the attack as a "righteous strike", comments he walked back on Friday, calling the incident "heart wrenching" and committing to being fully transparent about the event. Several American media

organisations had tioned the Pentagon's position soon after the attack. Secretary of State Antony Blinken was asked about it on Tuesday at a Senate committee hearing on Afghanistan and had said he did not know if Ahmadi was an

ISIS-K operative or an aid worker and that the administration was reviewing it. Well, see, you'd think you'd kinda know before you off somebody with a Predator drone..." Senator Rand Paul told Mr. Blinken during that hearing . Ahmadi, who was about

37-40 years old and worked for an American NGO, Nutrition and Education International, was killed by a hellfire missile shortly after he pulled into his driveway. Ahmadi had moved to the passenger seat of the his white Toyota Corolla, allowing his 11-year-old son to drive the car fully in, an event other children in the house had come racing out to see, as per reports. The missile killed him, seven children and his adult son and nephew, according to the Associated Press. The nephew, Ahmad Naser Haideri, had received a medal for his service with special American forces and had, along with his uncle and others, applied for special visas to the U.S.

A secondary explosion caused after the attack was, as per Gen. McKenzie, a propane tank behind the car and not, as per the initial conclusion, from explosives stored in the boot of Ahma-

"That is not enough for us to say sorry," Zemari's brother Emal Ahmadi reportedly said. "The U.S.A. should find the person who did this." Mr. three-year-old daughter, Malika, was among those killed in the strike. Mr. Emal is seeking financial compensation for the family and relocation to a third country, as per reports.

After Afghanistan pull-out, U.S. seeks NATO basing, intel pacts

Top U.S. military officer to meet NATO counterpart in Greece

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Against the backdrop of the troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, the top U.S. military officer is meeting in Greece with NATO counterparts this weekend, hoping to forge more basing, intelligence sharing and other agreements to prevent terrorist groups from regrouping and threatening America and the region.

Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the meeting of NA-TO defence chiefs will focus in part on the way ahead. Gen. Milley, U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and American intelligence officials have warned that al-Qaeda or the Islamic State group could regenerate in Afghanistan and pose a threat to the United States in one year to two years.

The U.S. military has said it can conduct counterterrorism surveillance and, if necessary, strikes in Afghanistan from "over the horizon" – meaning from assets based in other countries.

But they have made it clear that surveillance flights from bases in the Gulf are

in a tight ruling party leader-

the Liberal Democratic Par-

ty (LDP) pits Vaccine Minis-

ter Taro Kono, 58, against

former Foreign Minister Fu-

mio Kishida, 64; Sanae Ta-

kaichi, 60, a former Internal

Affairs Minister from the

party's most conservative

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long and provide limited time in the air over Afghanistan. So they have talked about seeking basing agreements, overflight rights and increased intelligence-sharing with nations closer to Afghanistan, including some neighbours.

Gen. Milley said he will be talking to his military counterparts "to see what the possibilities are and then bring them back" to U.S. defence and diplomatic leaders for additional discussions. Then, he said, officials will see what they can turn into a reality.

Japan PM candidates deny toning

down their views to attract votes

Russia claims foreign interference in election

3 cyberattacks recorded, says poll body

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Russia's elections commission said on Saturday that it had recorded foreign interference in its ongoing threeday parliamentary elec-

The polls, which culminate on Sunday and come after an unprecedented crackdown on Kremlin critics and dissenting voices, allow Russians to cast their ballots online.

The elections commission said that it had recorded "three cyberattacks" on its resources "from foreign countries"

"Yesterday, we recorded

three targeted attacks from abroad," said the head of the commission's centre for informatisation, Alexander Sokolchuk.

'Powerful attack'

He said two of the attacks were aimed at the commission's website, while a third was a DDoS attack.

"The attack was quite powerful," the Interfax news agency cited Mr. Sokolchuk as saying. He added that "preparations" for further attacks "are under way for tomorrow".

Mr. Sokolchuk did not countries name involved.

10,000 migrants cross into U.S.

Del Rio Mayor declares state of emergency; WH stays silent

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE DEL RIO

The Mayor of Del Rio, Texas, declared a state of emergency on Friday after more than 10,000 undocumented migrants, many of them Haitians, poured into the border city in a fresh test of President Joe Biden's immigration policy.

Del Rio Mayor Bruno Lozano said that the migrants were crowded in an area controlled by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) beneath the Del Rio International Bridge, which carries traffic across the Rio Grande river into Mexico.

Video footage showed thousands under and around the flyover, adults



For a better future: Haitian migrants crossing a dam to enter Del Rio, Texas, on Friday. • AF

and families. Many were Haitians hoping to stay in the United States as their country suffers after a large earthquake and continuing political turmoil, Mr. Lozano said.

Hundreds continued to flow into Del Rio on Friday, boosting up the number that Mr. Lozano put at 10,503 under the bridge late on Thursday. The White House remained silent on the issue as political pressure mounted on Mr. Biden to address the influx.

Houthi rebels execute 9 over official's killing

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yemen's Houthi rebels on Saturday said they executed nine people for their alleged involvement in the killing of a senior Houthi official in an airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition more than three years ago.

The public executions by firing squad were carried out in the rebel-held capital of Sanaa, according to the Iranian-backed Houthis.

The nine were among more than 60 people the Houthis accused of involvement in the targeted killing of Saleh al-Samad in April 2018. Former President Donald Trump was also accused. Also accused were top Western, Israeli and Gulf officials. The Houthis accused the nine of spying for the Saudi-led coalition.



of the LDP's Lower House majority. Surveys of voters show Mr. Kono is their top choice. But the social-media savvy, U.S.-educated former Foreign and Defence Minister also has an image as a maverick that worries many elders in the LDP.

Long seen as a critic of nuclear power, Mr. Kono rejected the suggestion that he had flip-flopped. "What I've been saying about an exit from nuclear power is decommissioning quickly nuclear power plants that are

reaching retirement and gradually exiting nuclear energy," he said in a televised debate. "We should stop the use of coal, increase energy conservation and renewable energy and nuclear power can be used to fill the gap."

Mr. Kishida, a more traditional LDP consensus-builder saddled with a bland image, was asked whether he had back-pedalled over allowing married couples to have separate surnames. Japanese law does not permit that option. Asked about the impression that he had earlier favoured the change, Mr. Kishida said he recognised diversity but that questions remained as to how to treat children's names under a new system. "At least considering the broad understanding of the people, I think that discussion is necessary now," he said.

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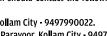
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LOOK OUT NOTICE - MISSING PERSON

Seen in this photo Sri.Anil Kumar, @ Sunil, Age:47,S/O Damodaran, Puthenvila Veedu, Near SNVRC Bank, Paravoor, Kollam has been missing from 10.10.2019 from the above address. A case has been registered under Paravoor P S Crime. 448/2019 U/S.57(A) of KP Act and is being under investigation. Anyone with any information about him should contact the following



phone numbers. 1. ACP Chathannoor, Kollam City - 9497990022.

Inspector of Police, Paravoor, Kollam City - 9497987032. 3. Sub Inspector, Paravoor, Kollam City - 94979780200. 4. Paravoor Police station, Kollam City - 0474 2512344.





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In fish, the pineal organ uses two proteins known as opsins present in a single cell to detect colour. Lamprevs iawless fish that retained many primitive vertebrate features - use a two-cell system. Researchers hypothesise that the one-cell system may have evolved from the two-cell system.



Gut and brain

Extreme premature infants carry high risk of brain damage. A new study from Vienna finds a connection between gut microbiome and brain damage. An excess of Klebsiella in the gut was found to be associated with high presence of certain immune cells and also neurological damage in premature habies This study suggests a way to prevent this damage.



Gauging Alzheimer's

In Alzheimer's disease. amyloid plaques build up in the person's brain for nearly two decades before the first signs such as forgetfulness are exhibited. Now an algorithm, published in a paper in Neurology, by using data from a single PET brain scan of the amyloid and the person's age, can yield an estimate of how much longer it will take for the symptoms to manifest.



Scent of feelings

Scent activates different areas of the brain. A research team processed by structures of the olfactory senses, work together with the brain's reward and aversion system. Hence, scents affect those regions responsible for emotions. The study, published in the journal Cerebral Cortex, may explain why smell plays a role in memory retrieval.

As U.S. approves booster shots, just 3.5% vaccinated in Africa

According to the WHO, eight in 10 African countries are likely to miss vaccinating at least 10% of the population by the end of this month

R. PRASAD

On September 14, WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros highlighted Ghebreyesus vaccine inequity globally, particularly in Africa, when he revealed that of the nearly 6 billion doses administered globally, only 2% of those have been in Africa; about 80% have been administered in high- and upper-middle income countries. Less than 3.5% of people in Africa have been fully vaccinated so far compared with 54% of the total population in the U.S.

'This doesn't only hurt the people of Africa, it hurts all of us. The longer vaccine inequity persists, the more the virus will keep circulating and changing, the longer the social and economic disruption will continue, and the higher the chances that more variants will emerge that render vaccines less effective," the WHO Chief said.

Vaccine inequity between high- and low-income countries is striking. More than 75% of all vaccines have been administered in just 10 countries. According to United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 60.1% of the people in the high-income countries have been vaccinated with at least one dose as on September 15, while in the low-income countries, it is just 3%.

The WHO has set an ambitious target of vaccinating at least 10% of the population of every country by September, at least 40% by the end of the year and 70% globally by the middle of next year. But according to the WHO, eight in 10 African countries are likely to miss vaccinating at least 10% of the population by the end of this month.

"Forty-two of Africa's 54 nations - nearly 80% - are set to miss the target if the current pace of vaccine deliveries and vaccinations hold," according to Africa's WHO regional office. Just nine African countries, including South Africa, have already reached the global target set for September and three more countries are set to meet the target before the end of this month. In contrast, almost 90% of high-income countries have already reached the September target of at least 10% vaccination, and more than 70% have already reached the vear-end target of 40%.

Promises unkept

In June, the G7 nations promised to share 870 million doses to COVAX but released just 100 million. Just about 4% of all vaccines produced worldwide have been channelled through COVAX.

According to GAVI, as on September 15, COVAX has so far shipped over 272 million vaccines to 141 countries. Though high-income countries had promised to donate more than 1 billion doses, less than 15% of those doses have materialised, says the WHO. Instead of increasing supplies to make up for the shortfall, vaccine supply to COVAX is only going to witness a further reduction.

On September 9, Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, WHO's Africa

Vaccine inequity, broken deals and wastage

More than 75% of all vaccines have been administered in just 10 countries

Africa anticipates a shortage of almost 470 million doses in the global year-end target of fully vaccinating 40% of its population

■ In end-March, the African Union placed an order to purchase 220 million doses of J&J's single dose vaccine, with the potential to order an additional 180 million

■ Initially, after a protest, just a fraction of 9 million doses were supplied by J&J for South Africa, the company exported doses to Europe instead

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VAX will be supplying only

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Another 95 million doses are

expected during September.

WHO expects more vaccine

supplies through COVAX and

additional supplies from the

African Union, which is di-

rectly purchasing vaccines

In August, Africa received

population.



After a renewed protest and global outrage, J&J began supplying vaccines to South Africa and the African

■ 40 million doses of the vaccine that will be produced each month by Biological E. a Hyderabad-based company,

are likely to be exported to Europe and the U.S.

■ Even while many countries in Africa and elsewhere are yet to vaccinate even the healthcare workers, over 15 million doses have been thrown away in the U.S. since March 2021

from manufacturers. African Union member States had come together to pool their purchasing power. Reneging on deal

In end-March, the African Union placed an order to purchase 220 million doses of Johnson & Johnson's single dose vaccine, with the potential to order an additional 180 million doses. In addition, South Africa entered into a bilateral deal with J&J to procure 31 million vaccine doses; the fill and finish activities of the vaccine are in South

If initially J&J did not guarantee any supply to either South Africa or the African continent, just 9 million doses were set aside for South Africa after a protest. Yet, shockingly, while only a small quantity of the 9 million was supplied to South Africa, J&J exported doses to Europe instead. After a renewed protest and global outrage, J&J backed down, and began supplying vaccines to South Africa and the African Union.

The same pattern is now playing out in India. About 40 million doses of the vaccine that will be produced each month by Biological E, a Hyderabad-based company, are likely to be exported to Europe and the U.S. "The decision on where they will be exported, and at what price, is under the purview of J&J completely," Mahima Datla, the Managing Director of Biological E confirmed to Nature magazine.

"We demand that any J&J vaccine doses made in India be supplied on priority to the Indian government, the African Union, and the COVAX Facility. Developing countries with large unvaccinated populations are witnessing a frightening rise in infections and deaths from COVID-19. J&J must prioritise them," Indian Civil Society Organisations said in a letter to the Indian government and J&J.

Exports banned

Strive Masiyiwa, African Union's special envoy recently said: "We are not asking for donations. We want to buy vaccines and that means we want access to purchase." He wanted countries that have imposed restrictions on vaccine exports to lift them. "That would give us vaccines immediately," he said.

Serum Institute stopped supplying to COVAX since end-February, and Adar Poonawalla in a statement on May 18 said: "We continue to scale up manufacturing and prioritise India. We also hope to start delivering to COVAX and other countries by the end of this vear."

Though low vaccination coverage seen in many African countries is primarily due to lack of vaccine supply, vaccine hesitancy too has a role to play. "While many African countries have sped up COVID-19 vaccinations as vaccine shipments ramped up in August, [as on September 2] 26 countries have used less than half of their CO-VID-19 vaccines," the WHO

Wasted doses

Besides additional doses required for booster, the high-

wasted millions of doses. Even while many countries in Africa and elsewhere are vet to vaccinate even the healthcare workers, over 15 million doses have been thrown away in the U.S. since March 2021. The US had already binned more than 1,82,000 vaccine doses by the end of March.

Over 0.8 million doses were wasted in the U.K. In August alone, nearly 0.1 million doses were binned as younger people were advised not to take the AstraZeneca vaccine. This was following reports of rare blood clotting events related to the AstraZeneca vaccine.

The reason why the U.S. wasted over 15 million doses was because the priority was to vaccinate people when they show up without prioritising efforts to reduce wastage. Even the new advisory from CDC urges doctors "not miss any opportunities to vaccinate every eligible person who presents at a vaccination site, even if it means puncturing a multidose vial to administer vaccine without having enough people available to receive each dose."

As per a 2019 paper from the WHO, there is 15-20% wastage in the case of 10dose vials. But the amount wasted can be reduced through targeted action. A few States in India reported huge vaccine waste initially but quickly turned the table in April – they not only had zero wastage but also extracted additional doses from the given supply.

IISc researchers find a way to substitute for single-use plastics

By combining non-edible oils and cellulose extracted from agricultural stubble, the researchers made biodegradable, multiuse polymer sheets

SHUBASHREE DESIKAN

According to a report by Central Pollution Control Board of India, for the year 2018-2019, 3.3 million metric tonnes of plastic waste are generated by Indians. The bad news is that this may well be an under-estimation of the problem. Another alarming statistic is that of all the plastic waste produced in the world, 79% enters the environment. Only 9% of all olastic waste is recycled. Accumulation of plastic waste is detrimental to the environment and when this waste finds its way into the sea, there can be major harm to aquatic ecosystems,

Researchers from Department of Material Engineer-Indian Institute of



material developed at IISc. Bengaluru. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Science, Bengaluru (IISc) have found a way to make a substitute for single-use plastic that can, in principle help mitigate the problem of accumulating plastic waste in the environment.

Agricultural stubble While plastic waste causes

Models: Bag, cutlery and tumbler made using biodegradable, one type of pollution, agricultural stubble burning is responsible for air pollution in several States. In Delhi, for example, the air quality index dips to indicate "severe" or "hazardous" level of pol-

lution every winter, and this

is due in part to the burning

of agricultural stubble in the

surrounding regions.

Indranil Chakraborty, a Research Associate working in the labs led by Suryasarathi Bose and Kaushik Chatterjee, has, along with codeveloped workers, polymers using non-edible oil and cellulose extracted from agricultural stubble. These polymers can be moulded into sheets having properties suitable for making bags, cutlery or containers. The material so made is bio-degradable, and non-toxic.

Simple process

Non-edible Castor oil was used in this process of making the polymer which involves allowing them to react with the cellulose and di-isocyanate compound. "All precursors are mixed in

toluene solvent and heated at 80 degree for 8 hours. Then [we] poured the solution mixture in a teflon sheet and allowed the toluene to evaporate. After 12 hours, nice polyurethane sheet is obtained because of the crosslink between the functional groups present in the precursors," explains Dr Chakraborty, in an email to *The Hindu*. The sheets are then moulded in compression moulding to make the articles such as a bag or pieces of cutlery.

'We already used castor oil for our experiment. Currently, we are doing the same experiment with other non-edible oils such as jatropha oil and neem oil," he adds.

The sheets of polymer made were subjected to a

erabad (IITH), interaction

leaching test and were also tested for thermal stability and were found to hold against the tests. These preliminary tests suggest that the material can be used for food packaging. Further tests are on to establish the sheet as food-grade.

Tuning flexibility

In order to obtain sheets with properties like flexibility suitable for making different articles, the researchers played with the proportions of cellulose to non-edible oil. The more cellulose they added, and less non-edible oil, the stiffer was the material, so that it was more suitable to making tumblers and cutlery. The greater the proportion of oil, the more flexible was the material and it could be moulded into sheets for

making bags.

While Indranil Chakraborty designed the experiment, synthesised the sheet, and moulded it to make the articles, Pritiranjan Mondal characterised the material. The group has already filed a provisional patent.

"As the material is bio-degradable and non-toxic, we are planning to use the material for healthcare applications also," says Prof. Chatterjee. "We are in discussion with various companies for technology transfer."

"Given the surge in the usage of single use plastics and the challenge of managing the landfills choked with SUPs, such alternatives could bring paradigm shift especially in packaging sector, the largest consumer of SUPs," says Prof Bose.

Humanities, social sciences essential in tech institutions

Studying the humanities offers a way to understand the complexity of society



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The introduction of the humanities and social sciences have added value to technological institutions such as the five (originally started) IITs at Kanpur, Kharagpur, Mumbai, Chennai, and Delhi. This is an outstanding example of what can be done if faculty members with expertise in the humanities are added and encouraged to offer courses there. They add values to the entire institution and through them to the nation itself. Study of the humanities and social sciences not only adds values but is a way of understanding the complexity of society, its culture and developing a historical perspective. It makes the students take on a more socially conscious attitude, which lasts through their career as technologists.

An outstanding example is the recruitment of the late Professor Usha Kumar as a full-time faculty member at IIT Kanpur (IITK) and offering of courses in the humanities, and encouraging students and the faculty to take these courses and take semester-long projects. Many did so and found these useful later in their profession as well. Such semester projects left a deep impression on these young minds and paved the way to the path they took in their future careers. This has come to be known as the Usha Kumar Model. Exemplifying this model, IITK set up a high school in its campus to help its employees, but also admits students from the Kanpur city. In addition, IITK is currently offering relief services to the city's poor peo-The alumni, current facul-

ty and students at IIT Delhi (IITD) work closely with the local eye hospitals and eye specialists. One of its earlier alumni initiated "Project Prakash", which offers free eve care facilities (cataract surgery, spectacles and drugs for the needy) in Delhi and its neighbourhood. Project Prakash is an ongoing project, and several current students of IITD take part in it. Also, on a different note, it was from an alumnus of IITD that the project called SPIC-MACAY or the Society for the Appreciation of Classical Music, Arts and Culture Among Youth got initiated, which has now spread across the country, offering annual events. SPICMACAY has made students and the general public aware of and appreciate the musical heritage that we in India can be proud

Study of Sanskrit Likewise, at IIT Bombay (IITB) in Mumbai, the recruitment of professors in humanities (ancient mathematics, languages and other themes) has triggered some students to discover 'the wonder that was India'. Some students went on to learn and study Sanskrit. To their delight and pride, they realised why Sanskrit is called the perfect language that humans have created in the world, and how many 'modern' languages are derived from their parent, Sanskrit. Some other students who did not think highly of 'pandits' who publish yearly calendars in a variety of Indian languages, with data on eclipses, periodic extra



Gearing up: IIT Madras students work with M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation on seawater studies. • VELANKANNI RAJ B

months, and draw horoscopes for people who wish to have them. This practice that has been going on for centuries, using traditional methods of calculations. Some students at IITB decided to test this accuracy by using their laptop computers and appropriate programming software. Guess what? They found the results to coincide with what the pandits have been doing all these years! Also, thanks to the values they had learnt as students at IITB, several of its graduates now do not look down upon the illiterate and poor customers, but run their profit-making companies, each with a humane and human touch.

Similarly, at IIT Madras (IITM), based in Chennai, one of its alumni decided to start his own public health initiative at a town near Pune, which offers its services to the local population. Faculty members and students at IITM have been working regularly with the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) in seawater studies and on forestations. IITM biology group interacts closely with the local medical centres and doctors. They also work with the KRM university and interact with the Cancer Centre of the KRM University nearby, working with cancer specialists. Further, they collaborate in research with the Diabetes Foundation Madras, working with its diabetolo-

The oldest of all the IITs, the one at Kharagpur (IITKGP) has been offering its technology to the local medical personnel and doctors, since its very beginning. It has recently also come out with technological devices and products.

Black fungus At the newest of them all located in Hyderabad, IIT Hyd-

with the LV Prasad Eye Institute has led to the production of corneal tissue of the eye and a hydrogel that can be used to replace the human corneal tissue. It is now marketed to a company in Bengaluru. Most recently, its scientists have devised an oral liquid solution that can treat patients suffering from black fungus that has recently affected a large number of people during the pandemic. The scientists are now ready to transfer their technology to suitable pharma partners for large-scale production. Also, at IITH, the introduction of a 'Design Centre' has led to some remarkable results from performing artists and designers. The students at this centre are delighted in listening to, learning and practising music and performing arts. In addition, IITH also has been supporting Hyderabad's SPICMACAY group, by offering funding support and its auditorium when needed.

The government is keen on establishing a dozen more IITs in the coming years. Establishing the humanities and social sciences divisions in each of them is thus clearly needed in order that they too contribute to the welfare of the nation.

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Question Corner

Meeting eyes

Why do we make repeated eye contact while talking?

When two people converse, their eyes meet in moments of "shared attention", with their pupils dilating in synchrony, according to a Dartmouth study

(PNAS) According to lead author Sophie Wohltjen at Dartmouth, when two people converse, eye contact signals that shared attention is high – that they are in peak synchrony. As eye contact persists, that synchrony then decreases. "We think this is also good because too much synchrony can make a conversation stale. An engaging conversation requires at times being on the same page and at times saying something new. Eye contact seems to be one way we create a shared

space while also allowing

space for new ideas," she said in a release.

According to this study, eye contact is made when two people in conversation are already in sync, and, if anything, eye contact seems to then help break that synchrony. Eye contact may usefully disrupt synchrony momentarily in order to allow for a new thought or idea.

The researchers

studied pairs of Dartmouth students who were in conversation for 10 minutes by making them wear eye-tracking glasses. The conversation was audio and video recorded. The researchers looked at how pupillary synchrony increases and decreases around instances of eye contact. They found that people make eye contact as pupillary synchrony is at its peak. Pupillary synchrony then immediately decreases, only recovering again once eve contact is broken. The data also demonstrated a correlation between instances of eye contact and higher levels of engagement.

Readers may send their



Driving the old out: The scheme will blunt the impact of the cost of investment in technologies that can power vehicles in future. • GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Auto boost

Will the production-linked incentive scheme for the auto sector help the electric vehicle segment grow?

K. BHARAT KUMAR

The story so far: The Centre on Wednesday approved a production-linked incentive scheme for the automobile and drone industries with a budgetary outlay of ₹26,058 crore. This tranche is part of the overall plan for 13 sectors highlighted during the Budget announcements for 2021-22, with a total outlay of ₹1.97 lakh crore.

What is the scheme laying stress on?

■ The incentive scheme for the auto sector aims to blunt the impact of costs involved when investing in technologies that could power vehicles in future. While existing players – in addition to new entrants – may avail themselves of the benefit for fresh investments, the incentives are available for what the government refers to as 'Advanced Automotive Technology products'. These include technologies for battery electric vehicles and those that use hydrogen fuel cells.

How relevant is the plan for the auto sector?

■ The Indian auto sector was once slated to emerge as the third-largest auto market, after the U.S. and China, by 2020. After peaking at annual sales of 3.3 million passenger vehicles in FY19, as per figures from the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the sector witnessed a decline to 2.77 million units the subsequent year. Likewise, two-wheelers peaked at 21.2 million in FY19 before dipping to 17.4 million. Then, the pandemic struck, resulting in factory lockdowns and negative consumer sentiment. In 2020, the country was ranked fifth. Global interest in the Indian market has

The scheme aims to inject some verve into the sector, especially with a nudge to technologies that help lower fossil fuel emissions. The government expects it will lead to fresh investments of more than ₹42,500 crore

waned. General Motors exited India in 2017. Pushed by cumulative losses of about \$2 billion, Ford last week announced its decision to shut shop in the country.

Given that the pandemic – with resultant semiconductor supply shortages and container availability issues - had only further dampened the prospects of the sector, automotive veterans such as Maruti Suzuki chairman R.C.

Bhargava and TVS Motor chairman Venu Srinivasan had recently urged the government to act and protect industry interests. In this backdrop, the scheme aims to inject some verve into the sector, especially with a nudge to technologies that help lower fossil fuel emissions. The government expects the scheme would lead to fresh investments of more than ₹42,500 crore, incremental production worth over ₹2.3 lakh crore and creation of an additional 7.5 lakh jobs.

Are only newer fuel technologies eligible for it?

■ Yes. The move to clean technologies came even as electric-vehicle (EV) maker Tesla had urged the Centre to cut duties on imported vehicles. Incentivising local production could translate into more investments in this segment. Also, India has become increasingly keen to reduce dependence on oil imports and bring down pollution, even as it strives to meet commitments under climate change agreements. With most vehicle manufacturers betting on buyers' preference for personal mobility following the pandemic-induced hygiene restrictions, the government would likely want to take advantage of the mood and boost emission-friendly EVs; but it is still a challenge for vehicle-owners to make a full recharge of batteries as quickly as they would refill a petrol/diesel tank. EVs are seen as not being suited to long-distance driving, given the power storage technologies currently in place as well as the poor spread of the charging network. According to a December 2020 report by the India Energy Storage Alliance, EVs were set to grow from 3.8 lakh units in the country in FY20 to about 63 lakh by 2027. The figures indicate that the total EV count was a small fraction of just the passenger vehicles sold in India. Further, charging stations numbered 1,800 as of March, according to the Society for Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles. A Grant Thornton-FICCI report estimates that the country would need about 4 lakh charging stations by 2026 that would meet the needs of two million EVs. Traditional fuel stations numbered about 77,215 as on May 1, 2021, according to government data.

What can customers expect?

■ The announcement aims to offer benefits to the supply side of the equation. The industry, including the SIAM, has been demanding a cut in the GST rate from 28% applicable to the average passenger vehicle to aid customers. The government recently said it was open to "tinkering" with the rate for automobiles. In November 2020, Tamil Nadu announced a 100% waiver of road tax on EVs for two years. Earlier that year, the Centre revised norms for FAME-II. These factors, coupled with the relentless climb in the cost of traditional fuels, likely spurred the EV count on Tamil Nadu roads to double to 14,300 in eight months till August this year.

What is the need for a 'bad bank'?

Will the new financial entity help to solve the problem of non-performing assets or bad loans?

SURESH SESHADRI

The story so far: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a ₹30,600-crore backstop facility for guaranteeing securities to be issued by the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL), the so-called 'bad bank' that is being set up to help aggregate and consolidate lenders' non-performing assets (NPAs) or bad

What is a 'bad bank', and specifically the NARCL?

■ A 'bad bank' is a financial entity set up to acquire NPAs from banks and resolve them. The bank, which sells the stressed assets to the bad bank, is now relieved of the burden of the bad loans and can focus instead on growing its business by advancing fresh loans to borrowers requiring credit. The cleaner balance sheet also makes it relatively easier for the lender to raise fresh capital, if required. The NARCL, which is being set up by lenders and will be 51% owned by public sector banks, proposes to take over the fully provisioned stressed assets of about ₹90,000 crore in the first phase. The minimum size of each NPA to be acquired will be ₹500 crore as the focus is on resolving big-ticket bad loans. The longer-term goal for the NARCL is to help resolve NPAs worth ₹2 lakh crore, with the remaining assets with lower provisions expected to be transferred in a second phase.

How will the NARCL operate?

■ The 'bad bank' will acquire assets by making an offer to the lead bank of a group of lenders of an NPA. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the NARCL would make a 15% cash payment to the banks based on a valuation and the rest would be given as security receipts. These receipts, in turn, would be guaranteed by the government's ₹30,600-crore backstop facility. To assist the NARCL, public and private banks together would set up an India Debt Resolution Company Ltd. (IDRCL) that

between the face value of the security would manage the

acquired assets and try to improve their value for final resolution. And on completion of resolution, the balance 85% of value, being held as security receipts, would be given to the banks.

Why is the Centre providing a backstop?

■ Given the large volume and individual sizes of these NPAs, a backstop from the government helps lend credibility to the resolution process and provides for contingency buffers. The guarantee, which will be valid for five years, would be invoked either at the time of resolution or liquidation to cover the shortfall (if any)

Burden eased: The 'bad bank' will help aggregate and consolidate lenders' non-performing assets or bad loans. • GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

> receipts and the actual realisation. The Union government's guarantee will also enhance liquidity of these receipts, which are tradable. Also, given that there would be a pool of assets, it is likely that the realisation of value in many cases would exceed the acquisition cost, obviating the need to draw down on the guarantee.

> > What lies ahead for the banking industry?

■ The government expects that the setting up of the twin entities, the NARCL and the IDRCL, with adequate capital and its guarantee, will incentivise quicker action on resolving stressed assets, thereby helping in better value realisation. As the holders of these stressed assets and security receipts, banks stand to receive the gains accruing from a successful resolution process. In a bid to disincentivise delay in resolution, the government has also

proposed that the NARCL pay a guarantee fee to the Centre, which would increase with the passage of time. Critics of the bad bank concept, however, contend that the government's role in guaranteeing some part of the NPAs could lead to laxity on the part of bankers in assessing risk and thus creating fresh dodgy loans. Separately, a January 2020 Bank for International Settlements working paper on 'Bad bank resolutions and bank lending', in fact, found that "bad bank segregations are effective in cleaning up balance sheets and promoting bank lending only if they combine recapitalisation with asset segregation". The study, based on data covering 135 banks from 15 European banking systems over the period 2000-16, observed that neither recapitalisation nor asset segregation used in isolation "would suffice to spur lending and reduce future" NPAs.

Why is it difficult for India to get to net zero?

What are the hurdles? How contentious is the issue of heavy reliance on coal? What is India's stand?

G. ANANTHAKRISHNAN

The story so far: On his recent visit to India ahead of the UN Climate Change conference in Glasgow, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry said he had not received any assurance that India was working to raise its ambition to cut carbon dioxide emissions. Mr. Kerry is trying to build momentum, under the Paris Agreement framework, for countries with high CO2 emissions to commit themselves to a target date when they will reach net zero, meaning when they will achieve nil man-made emissions or ensure removal of such emissions to achieve neutrality. India, as the country with the third largest emissions, is under pressure to come up with a higher ambition on cutting CO₂ emissions. The net zero concept, according to the United Nations, has appealed to 130 countries that have either committed themselves to carbon neutrality by 2050, or are considering that target.

What is India doing to lower emissions?

■ India is working to reduce its emissions, aligned with the goal of less than 2°C global temperature rise, seen in its headline pledge to cut the emissions intensity of GDP by 33%-35% by 2030 over the 2005 level. But it has not favoured a binding commitment towards carbon neutrality. It is also not aligned with the more ambitious goal of 1.5°C temperature rise. Among the contentious issues it faces is heavy reliance on coal. According to the International Energy Agency's India Energy Outlook 2021, coal accounts for close to 70% of electricity generation. Cutting greenhouse gases which heat the atmosphere and contribute to climate change involves shifting power production away from coal, greater adoption of renewables, and transform-

ing mobility through electric vehicles. India is praised by some for its renewables target: scaling up power from renewables such as solar and wind to 450 GW by 2030.

In recent comments, after the discussions with Mr. Kerry, Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav said net zero was not the only goal of national policy. Moreover, domestic political opinion favours room for some growth in CO2 emissions before peaking. The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) provides for common, but differentiated, responsibilities of nations, favour-

India is working to reduce its emissions, aligned with the goal global temperature rise, but it does not favour a binding commitment towards carbon neutrality

ing countries like India. Some politicians support a net zero target as it can put India on a green development trajectory, attracting investment in innovative technologies.

How are other big countries pursuing net zero?

■ As the largest emitter of GHGs, China told the UN in 2020 that it would move to net zero by 2060. Its

pledge to peak CO2 emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality three decades later is among the most highprofile commitments. To operationalise this goal, China's State Council has issued a guideline on the transition to a green and low-carbon circular economic development system, focusing on industrial production, logistics, infrastructure, consumption, innovation, and enabling policies. But changing winds in global politics, resumed U.S. leadership of the climate campaign, and likely taxes on unsustainably produced export goods could influence Chinese policies. The U.S., as the second biggest emitter with large historical emissions, returned to the Paris Agreement under President Joe Biden with an ambitious 2050 net zero plan. Its Department of Energy announced two programmes that are also expected to boost employment: + slashing the current cost of solar power by 60%, and putting up 30 GW of offshore wind power by 2030. The European Union (EU) member-states have committed themselves to reducing emissions by at least 55% by 2030 over 1990 levels. In July, the EU published a climate law that binds the bloc to its 2030 emissions target and carbon

Why do some analysts see net zero as controversial?

■ Although a global coalition has coalesced around the concept, an increasingly vocal group views it as a distraction, useful only to score political points. Carbon neutrality looks to nascent technology to suck out CO2 from the atmosphere. Youth movements and some scientists call this procrastination, since it enables the fossil fuel industry to continue expanding. Many fossil fuel companies support

What are India's choices?

■ Getting a stronger economic dividend for the same volume of CO2 emitted by reforming energy, industry and buildings, and achieving higher energy efficiency in all sectors can slow emissions. State governments must be part of such a climate plan, and climate governance institutions must be set up at the national and State levels.

Can the telecom industry get out of the rut?

How will the government's relief package impact the sector? Is there clarity on spectrum licence fees and dues?

PRASHANTH PERUMAL J.

The story so far: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a set of financial relief measures to help major telecom companies in trouble. Companies such as Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel have seen their business hit hard by financial demands made by the government and cut-throat competition. In 2019, the Supreme Court had ordered telecom companies to pay dues worth over ₹1.4 lakh crore to the government, which they are yet to

Why are telecom companies in trouble?

■ Telecom companies traditionally paid a fixed fee to purchase spectrum under lease from the government. Since 1999, however, apart from the spectrum licence fees, they have also had to share a certain proportion of their adjusted gross revenue (AGR) with the government. The government and the telecom companies have disagreed on what counts as AGR. Companies have argued that the government cannot classify their non-telecom revenues as AGR and demand a share of it. The dispute landed in court and eventually ended in favour of the government with the Supreme Court ordering companies to pay all their accumulated AGR dues. The order put immense stress on the balance sheets of the companies which were already in trouble owing to an intense price war.

What are the concessions offered by the government?

■ The Centre has offered the companies a four-year moratorium on spectrum and AGR dues to relieve them of their financial stress. They can now opt to pay these



Timely relief: Companies such as Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel have been hit hard by the government's demands. • REUTERS

dues and the interest accumulated on them at the end of the moratorium period. If a company is unable to pay the accumulated dues by the end of the moratorium it can negotiate with the government to give it an equity stake in lieu of the accumulated dues. Moreover, the government has eased its policy stance in order to decrease the future liabilities of the companies. It has declared that they do not have to share with the government revenues that they receive from non-telecom sources. Further, to make investment in telecom companies easier, the Centre has allowed 100% foreign direct investment without the need for government clearance. It has also eased bank guarantee requirements against licence fee and done away with penalties imposed on late payment of fees.

Will the measures help telecom companies?

■ The relief measures announced by the government are

expected to free up cash from the balance sheets of the companies. The hope is that they will use this cash to invest in expanding and strengthening their business, thus becoming more capable of paying back their dues. It should be noted that the government has not agreed to waive off dues that companies already owe the government or the dues that will arise over the next four years. Analysts, however, see the government's decision to waive off charges on future non-telecom revenues as significant because it puts to rest the two-decades long controversy in the telecom sector over what counts as AGR. Sceptics of the plan believe that it will not relieve the pain of the companies like Vodafone Idea, which has a total debt of nearly ₹2 lakh crore. In fact, according to analysts, the government's offer to convert the spectrum and AGR dues of the companies into equity may cause Vodafone Idea to come under government control. This risk could deter investors from infusing fresh capital into

Are telecom tariffs set to rise?

■ A major reason for the crisis in the telecom sector has been the intense competition. This has led to the overwhelming supply of telecom services, in turn leading to lower prices that have made India a country with one of the lowest telecom tariffs in the world. So, some believe the government should let troubled telecom companies like Vodafone Idea to fail and exit the market, just as other telecom companies have done in the past. This will cause supply to drop and prices to rise. The last major increase in tariffs came in December 2019. A further rise in tariffs is expected as the companies try to boost their average revenue per user to match the rising

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BHUPENDRA PATEL

The CM who came from nowhere

A leader from the powerful Patidar community with experience in construction and urban management, the one-time MLA will lead the BJP to the 2022 Gujarat Legislative Assembly election

MAHESH LANGA

In Focus

■ Born on July

15, 1962, Mr.

Patel grew up

in Ahmedabad

and has long

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t was around 10.30 p.m. on September 10 when the then Gujarat Chief Minister, Vijay Rupani, received a call from the BJP's powerful national general secretary B.L. Santosh, conveying the party high command's desire to effect a change of guard in the State. The next morning, Mr. Santosh and the Gujarat BJP incharge, Bhupender Yadav, landed in Ahmedabad to prepare the ground for the change.

The next day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed via videoconference an event to inaugurate the Patidar community's social services campus on the outskirts of Ahmedabad. Chief Minister Rupani and senior Patidar leaders from the State, including Union Ministers Mansukh Mandaviya and Parshottam Rupala, were present in-person. As soon as the Prime Minister's speech, in which he talked about the human values that provide solution to the menace of terrorism and tragedies like the September 11 terror attacks in the U.S., was over, Mr. Rupani drove to the Raj Bhavan in Gandhinagar to hand over his resignation to the Governor, ending his five-year tenure as Chief Minister.

Mr. Rupani was installed as Chief Minister in 2016 in a dramatic manner when the then BJP chief Amit Shah, currently Union Home Minister, had thrown his weight behind him. After Mr. Rupani's resignation, State BJP chief C.R. Paatil announced that the party's legislature wing would meet the next

day to select the new Chief Minister. "The successor would be announced tomorrow, but I am not in the race," Mr. Paatil, who emerged as a power centre in the BJP's State politics after he was appointed the party chief in 2020, said in a statement.

On September 12, at the

No Minister who served in the Rupani administration found a slot in the new 25-member Cabinet of Bhupendra Patel, sworn in on Sept. 16

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party's headquarters that resembles more like a farmhouse than a political centre, State leaders and central observers, N.S. Tomar and Prahlad Joshi, presided over the legislature party meeting in which all legislators and parliamentarians were present. In the meeting, Mr. Rupani was asked to name his successor from a sealed envelope that was handed to him by the observers.

High command decision
When Mr. Rupani announced that the party high command had decided to pick Bhupendra Patel as the leader of the BJP legislative party, the first-time legislator was sitting on the sixth or seventh row in the conference hall. After his name was announced, he was asked to go to the dais, where the top leaders were sitting.

The buzz in the political circles is that while Mr. Patel

was going to Gandhinagar to attend the party's meeting, he received a call asking whether he would be the next Chief Minister. Clueless of what was about to come, 'Bhupendrabhai' apparently started laughing on the phone.

Before his name was announced, the 59-year-old leader's main political identity was that he was the MLA from Ghatlodia, a seat earlier held by Anandiben Patel, the former Chief Minister, who is now the Governor of Uttar Pradesh. Mr. Patel is a protege of Ms. Anandiben, who is popularly called Ben in the State's political circles. It was Ms. Anandiben who ensured a ticket for Mr. Patel in the 2017 Assembly election, when she was the sitting legislator.

Born on July 15, 1962, Mr. Patel studied in Ahmedabad. He has long been associated with the RSS. Mild-mannered and soft-spoken, Mr. Patel never had any previous ministerial experience or held any key positions in the State party organisation.

Before contesting for the Assembly election, his career largely stayed limited to Ahmedabad city. He was the chief of Memnagar Municipality, a western Ahmedabad locality that was subsequently merged with the municipal corporation when the civic body's boundaries were expanded in 2007-08. Later, he became a municipal councillor and was made the chairman of the standing committee, the main decision making body of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, in 2010-15, when Ms. Anandiben was a Minister in the Modi administration. In 2015, he was made the chairman of Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA), a powerful body responsible for overseeing and sanctioning construction works across the suburbs of the city, when Ms. Anandiben was the Chief Minister.

A builder by profession, Mr. Patel has kept a low pro-

A builder by profession, Mr. Patel has kept a low profile within the party and stayed away from controversies, qualities that political analysts believe may have helped him earn the attention of the BJP high command. "He is low-profile, but has a good understanding of the State. Also has exposure in both AMC and AUDA in Ahmedabad, which is the commercial capital of the State," said BJP Rajya Sabha member Narhari Amin, who earlier served as Congress Deputy Chief Minister in the 1990s in the Chimanbhai Patel government.

He is a disciple of Akram Vignan Movement, a spiritual stream that was founded by one Ambalal Patel, known as Dada Bhagwan. Mr. Patel's anointment suggests that the party leadership wanted a Patidar face ahead of the Assembly election but someone without any independent political base. The party seems to have banked upon two factors while catapulting him to the Chief Minister's chair: first he is a Patidar leader and has strong association with the community's social services outfits in Ahmedabad and second, he is a builder by profession and has a long experience in civic and urban management so he can ensure that main cities such as Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot, Vadodara and others remain bastions of the BJP in the coming election,

say analysts and BJP insiders. "In Bhupendra*bhai*, the party has found a grassroots

leader who rose from the cadre base in the State," said Yamal Vyas, a spokesman of Gujarat BJP. According to him, Mr. Patel is a non-controversial personality whose development works in AMC and AUDA are well-known among the cadres.

The Patel clout
The Patidars, who make up

The Patidars, who make up roughly 15% of the State's population, hold a huge sway over the economy with their control over lucrative sectors such as private education, rural and urban cooperative banks and dairies.

Nitin Patel, who was the Deputy Chief Minister in the Rupani government, also found Bhupendra Patel a "good" choice. "He is a good leader. He is my neighbour. We have worked together and have known each other for decades," said Mr. Nitin Patel, a party veteran who was seen by many as a poten-

tial successor to Mr. Rupani.

On September 16, Mr. Patel's government was sworn in by Governor Acharya Devvrat. What surprised many was that no Minister who served in the erstwhile Rupani administration found a slot in the new government. Out of the 25 members, including the Chief Minister, only a handful have previous ministerial experience. This includes Rajendra Trivedi, who was a Minister in the Anandiben government; Kiritsinh Rana, who served in the government of Narendra Modi; and Raghavji Patel, who served in the Shankarsinh Vaghela government in the mid-1990s.

The mid-1990s.

The message the BJP's central leadership wants to send is clear. They want the Gujarat government to start afresh and face the election as a new team. Bhupendra Patel would lead them from the front.



EMMA RADUCANU

The new teen sensation

The 18-year-old is the first British woman to win a Grand Slam title since 1977

PREETHI RAMAMOORTHY

In July this year, Britain's Emma Raducanu was just another worried teenager awaiting her A-level results. Three months later, her purse is \$2.5 million heavier, she was on two different American breakfast television shows on the same day and attended the Met Gala, rubbing shoulders with the who's who of New York. Now, she has an A in Maths, but also a shiny US Open Grand Slam trophy.

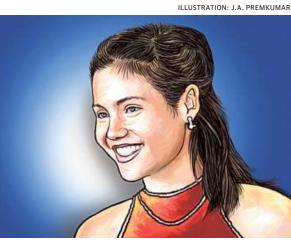
After a summer when the English football team came agonisingly close to creating history at the European Championship, it was Raducanu's explosive run at the US Open that galvanised the nation. "We are taking her HOME," she tweeted after her victorious final match.

Breakout run

Breakout run

But Raducanu thought it was she who would be going home. She was playing the qualifying rounds at the US Open and had her flight tickets booked for home because she didn't expect to last a week longer. From then on, Raducanu played 10 matches and the breakout run finally culminated in her lifting the title: making her the first qualifier — male or female — to win a Major in the Open Era.

The win has brought her a bevy of distinctions: she is the first British woman to win a Grand Slam title since Virginia Wade in 1977. At 18, she is the youngest cham-



pion since Maria Sharapova in 2004. But this was only Raducanu's second Grand Slam main draw appearance. No woman in the Open era had ever won in such a few attempts.

Raducanu's achievement needs to be seen in tandem with the experience she has — which is close to nothing. She has not won a WTA tourlevel match yet. This means she was neither accustomed to the tour grind of the sport

managing schedules, training regimes and time zones – nor to playing and defeating seasoned pros.
 But at the US Open, she played 20 nearly flawless sets of tennis, consistently hacking through her competition, right from a player ranked 285 till the reigning Olympic gold medallist Belinda Bencic.

It was so flawless that none of her 10 opponents managed to even win a set against her. In fact, only once did she lose more than four games in a set.

Her US Open run mirrors her meteoric rise into prominence earlier in the year at Wimbledon. She entered the tournament as a wildcard and reached the fourth round.

She became a sudden sensation, thrust under the spotlight of the All England Club. But in her fourth round, trailing a set, Raducanu retired after having trouble in breathing. She later admitted that the occasion and pressure might have gotten to her.

Playing style

Raducanu is a clean ballstriker and her game is a good mix of power and precision. Relentless and aggressive baseline hitting has been her go-to method to eke out errors from the opponent.

In the final against Leylah

Fernandez, a formidable player who staged more upsets in the run-up to the title

bid, she was able to quickly turn defence into attack, taking the ball early and redirecting it at will.

Every match Raducanu played seemed to unlock a new dimension of her game. "I've started sliding, which I didn't know I could do until now," she said a few days before the final.

She slid at the final, too, facing a breakpoint and needed a medical timeout. It was eerily similar to what happened at Wimbledon, but this time, in a clear indication of how much she has grown, Raducanu remained unfazed, returned and served out an ace to lift the championship.

Raducanu's Twitter bio simply reads "london|toronto|shenyang|bucharest". She was born in Toronto to a Chinese mother and Romanian father and the family moved to England when she was two. Her mixed heritage, coupled with her win, has sparked a debate on multiculturalism in the United Kingdom. It is being seen as a strong repudiation of the anti-immigrant wave that spurred the Brexit vote

US Open, Raducanu rose from 338 in ranking to 23. It remains to be seen how well she will deal with pressures of a different kind – from being one of the favourites at upcoming tournaments to navigating the immense commercial attention that being a teen star inevitably brings.

From Wimbledon to the



For the cause of victims

The Catholic nun comes out openly against Pala Bishop's 'narcotic jihad' remark

K.A. MARTIN

The truth shall set you free, says Sister Teena Jose, citing verse 8:32 of St. John's Gospel, responding to a question on what the cornerstone of her life was as a member of the Catholic religious order, Congregation of the Mother of Carmel.

A busy lawyer practising in Ernakulam, the nun came out openly against a remark by the Bishop of Pala (near Kottayam in central Kerala) Joseph Kallarangatt that there was a case of 'narcotic jihad' going on in the State. The allegation was that people belonging to a particular religious community were trying to entice the young through sale of narcotic substances. The issue was raised in line with the 'love jihad' allegations

jihad' allegations. Sr. Teena's defiance was rare within the Church hierarchy. She says that as a father of the family, the Bishop should have advised his children to be aware of the danger of the use of addictive substances and warned them against the loss of a precious period of their lives instead of using the church and the pulpit to spread a negative image about a community through the use of the word 'jihad'.

But she's not bothered about what responses her open criticism would generate. "The words of Jesus have inspired me and provided sustenance to a fighting spirit," she says.



She took up various duties under her congregation before deciding to pursue a degree in law. She enrolled as a lawyer after her graduation in law and has been practising since 2008.

Sr. Teena's move to pursue a law degree followed the death of a former woman member of St. Mary's Bala Bhavan in Ernakulam, of which she was in-charge. The young married woman was found dead under suspicious circumstances in her home. She had a young child. The case was not properly investigated, feels Sr. Teena.

Sr. Teena comes from a family of seven children – five brothers and two sisters. Her elder sister, Annie Jaise, is also a member of the same congregation. Sr. Teena recalls how her father was staunchly against her joining a religious order but she gradually convinced him that she wanted to choose a life of service

through her religious calling. She says it took about two years to convince her father that she wanted to join the congregation after passing the SSLC (10th) examinations in 1972.

Pluralistic society

She points out that the Indian Constitution allows each religion to be free. It is also a fact that there are inter-caste and inter-religious marriages taking place in the country. It is the fact of a pluralistic society. The Indian example has been highlighted as one of tolerance and harmony across the world, she says, to highlight the impact of the statement by the bishop.

She is convinced that India does not belong to a particular community. All are guests here, who have come from different parts of the world. The call for harmony is all the more strong on that basis, she maintains. Though Kerala is described

as 'God's own country', there is a lot of deformity and anxiety in society now, she adds. Sr. Teena is "surprised"

she adds.

Sr. Teena is "surprised" how the bishop could come out so openly against a community even as the church had not come out in support of T.J. Joseph, a Professor of Malayalam at Newman College in Thodupuzha, in Idukki district, after he was brutally attacked by a group of Islamist extremists in 2010.

The college authorities, backed by the church, put him through hard times and the victim's wife killed herself in despair, Sr. Teena says. She had also joined the demand in September 2018 for action against Bishop Franco Mulackal of Jalandhar, who was accused of sexually abusing a Catholic

nun.

At 68, Sr. Teena recalls how the women religious communities are under the dispensation of the church hierarchy. Pointing out the hardships, she said nuns from her own congregation were asked to give up claims on a convent and related institutions in Njarakkal, near Kochi, which they had built over 60 years. The church authorities did not side with the nuns despite court

Irrespective of the consequences, Sr. Teena is determined to fight on for the right causes. She says she has always sided with the victims as "Jesus has taught".

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'GSTR-1 barred for returns defaulters'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Businesses that default on filing summary return and paying monthly GST will not be able to file GSTR-1 sales return of the succeeding month, from January 1.

The GST Council, at its meeting in Lucknow on September 17, had decided to take measures to streamline compliance, including mandatory Aadhaar authentication, for businesses to file refund claims.

These would help prevent revenue leakage due to evasion of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

The Council decided to amend Rule 59(6) of the Central GST Rules with effect from January 1, to provide that a registered person shall not be allowed to furnish Form GSTR-1, if he has not furnished the return in Form GSTR-3B for the preceding month.

Google abused the domi-

nant position of its Android

operating system in India,

using its 'huge financial

muscle' to illegally hurt

competitors, the country's

antitrust authority found in

a report on its two-year-

Alphabet Inc.'s Google re-

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to develop and sell devices

operating on alternative ver-

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June report by the Competi-

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The U.S. tech giant told

Reuters in a statement it

looked forward to working

with the CCI to 'demon-

strate how Android has led

to more competition and in-

novation, not less." Senior

(CCI) investigations unit.

probe seen by Reuters.

Google abused Android

'It also leveraged position of Play Store'

dominance: CCI report

Demand for luxury second homes surges after hiatus'

Work-from-home, safety concerns spur sales in niche segment, say realtors

LALATENDU MISHRA

The demand for luxury second or holiday homes has recovered after a lull since demonetisation of 2016 following pandemic-related dynamics such as work-fromhome (WFH) and living away from crowded residential areas, according to some real estate developers.

Luxury villa developers said demand had risen threefold compared with the pre-COVID period.

The niche segment had been witnessing price appreciation of 5-12% as high net worth individuals were acquiring prime property in scenic locations in search of health and wellness away from COVID-19 hotspots, they added.

"We did extremely well



Light on pocket: Home loan affordability on softer rates also spurred purchases, says Parag Munot. • G.P. SAMPATH KUMAR

last year with our luxury villa project Tata Prive in Lonavla/Khandala," said Sanjay Dutt, MD & CEO, Tata Realty & Infrastructure Ltd. "It was completely sold out. The price bracket is ₹4-₹6 crore per home."

'We have seen a price increase of 5% this year and the next year, prices will again rise by 7% as people are now looking for new, wellness homes," he said.

Amoda Reserve-South Park, a luxury villa project developed by Kalpataru Ltd. in Lonavala has also attracted the rich. Some buyers have made their second homes as primary homes, working remotely to avoid the pandemic. Here, luxury homes are priced between ₹4 crore and ₹20 crore.

"Holiday homes are witnessing a strong demand as more and more people seek the relative safety of less crowded spaces," said Parag Munot, MD, Kalpataru Ltd.

"The emerging culture of WFH and improved tele-connectivity are incentivising people to make these homes their permanent abode," he said. "Enhanced affordability due to interest rate softening and various schemes is also a key decision enabler."

"The second-home market appears to be on a gradual upswing," said Shveta Jain, MD Rental Services, Savills India. "A safe home away from pandemic hotspots appears to have become a key consideration."

'Consumer confidence, pace of jabs key to travel recovery'

Seeing a little bit of optimism returning: Booking.com

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA

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told The Hindu. Her com-

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vaccine roll-outs in India,

we've witnessed pent-up de-

mand in travel in the past

few months. We are seeing a

little bit of travel optimism,

especially after the second

wave of COVID," she added.

Demand is now returning

"We are cautiously look-

wave of the pandemic,

vaccination and building consumer confidence, Ritu Mehrotra, regional manager, South Asia at Booking.com

CCI members will review the report and give Google another chance to defend itself, before issuing a final order, which could include penalties, said another person familiar with the case.

The 750-page report finds the mandatory pre-installation of apps "amounts to imposition of unfair condition on the device manufacturers" in violation of competition law, while the company leveraged the position of its Play Store app store to protect its dominance.

The travel industry's full re-

There is still enthusiasm for road trips, but now there is a mix. People are now travelling from Delhi to Goa

and even though some restrictions continue, people have started to travel and this trend would continue to grow if there were no fresh waves, Ms. Mehrota said, adding that even though the company was seeing some initial cheer in the market, there was a long way to go for recovery.

Vaccination, she added, would play a key role. "In India, around 20% of people have been vaccinated and there is a long way to go."

Domestic travel has been the driving force for Boo-

king.com in India and globally, too. For domestic and leisure travel, the firm is seeing 'strong' growth even compared with 2019 levels in India, along with an uptick in international travel.

"We are seeing searches for destinations like Maldives, U.K., France." She, however, added that corporate travel might not return as quickly as leisure travel has.

"People are still looking at leisurely getaways. Domestic destinations such as Leh, Manali, Udaipur, Lonavala, continued to be in demand over the past few months. There is still a lot of enthusiasm for road trips, but now we've seen a healthy mix. For example, people are now also travelling from Delhi to Goa," she said.

INTERVIEW | PADMASHREE SHAGRITHAYA

Bias in AI is a key topic of concern: Capgemini VP

'UNESCO framework to have far-reaching impact'

MINI TEJASWI

UNESCO's framework for ethical AI would have a farreaching impact on the entire gamut of AI activities, including development, application, ethicality, data privacy, and regulation, said Padmashree Shagrithaya, VP, Analytics & Artificial Intelligence - India, Capgemini in an interview. Excerpts:

What are the challenges involved in building impartial AI platforms?

■ Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems attempt to mimic human intelligence. The systems are taught through sharing enormous data of past human actions to learn from. While this is useful to reduce the human interference in repetitive decisionmaking, this approach is wrought with inherent challenges of bias and discrimination. How to identify, segregate, correct and feed them back to the algorithm to ignore or systematically adjust for the same, is one of the biggest challenges.

Is acquiring user consent adequate, while accessing personal data?

■ The general view is that the more information we have about individuals, one could build sharper algorithms to target them for offrecommendations, treatments etc. Recommendation (through data filtering) algorithms have, of late, come hugely under the radar for ethical reasons.

There is a lot of talk around it, for infringing on personal, sensitive information and its negative impact. The question is, where to draw the line on how much information about an individual would be tantamount to infringing on sensitive personal data.

How to identify bias and feed them back to the algorithm to ignore is one of the biggest challenges

What key aspects can help avoid gender bias?

Bias in AI is a key topic of concern. In fact, gender bias has been a focal point. It is important to address this systematically through the AI development lifecycle, starting from scoping, all the way to proving that it has indeed been taken care of. Developers should ensure that the scope is neither myopic nor intended to bring in any intersection disparity... additionally, keeping in view the overall societal impact the outcomes may have.

Data collection, curation and the methodology involved will play a key role to ensure fairness and ethical outcome. Accountability and ownership have to be well-defined. Importantly, all these elements have to be part of a regulatory and compliance framework.

Are technology developers sensitive to these issues?

■ There is still a great degree of ignorance about how AI can impact our lives. We have been seeing rigorous campaigns in recent years to create awareness about sensitivity issues and also to bring about changes in leadership mindset. But still, a large ground needs to be covered. We should have legal

frameworks that support a holistic inclusion of coders, developers, and decisionmakers.

UNESCO is working on a framework for ethical AI... ■ UNESCO's framework for ethical AI will have farreaching impact in the AI space. The idea is to have a

holistic and evolving framework of values, principles and actions that can guide societies in dealing responsibly with the known and unknown impact of AI on humans and society at large.

Through this, UNESCO aims to have a global commitment by individual countries to view AI via ethical lenses. The framework will impact areas such as sensitivity to privacy and inclusion; transparency, fairness and non-discrimination; accountability through participation; mindset change that supports a sustainable AI environment and a balance between business growth and promotion of values.

What can make search engines more secular, neutral and unbiased?

■ Search engines have the power to shape user behaviour. Though the entire cycle of collecting, indexing and ranking content is automated, still it is prone to misuse and unintentional bias. For search engines to be secular, neutral, unbiased and conflict-free, their searches have to be objective, based on continuous learning of algorithms and they should be intelligent enough to offer the right search outputs.

Ambiguities can be resolved to ensure human values and societal benefits through a stakeholder partnership [of] AI providers, developers, end-users, regulators, compliance agencies, industry experts, and search engine providers.

Finland clinches doubles, seals the tie against India

Kontinen and Heliovaara upped their game in the tie-breakers against Bopanna and Ramkumar

DAVIS CUP

KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Indian hopes of a revival were dashed as Harri Heliovaara and Henri Kontinen sealed the decisive doubles for host Finland with a 7-6(2), 7-6(2) victory over Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan on the second day of their Davis Cup World Group tie at the Espoo Metro Arena on Saturday.

With Finland having won both the singles on the opening day through Otto Virtanen and Emil Ruusuvuori, against Prajnesh Gunneswaran and Ramkumar respectively, the onus was on India to keep the tie alive.

Hoping to capitalise on 26year-old Ramkumar's big game on the indoor court, the Indian team brought him for the doubles in place of Divij Sharan, who has surprisingly played only two doubles matches in Davis Cup so far.

Ramkumar did combine well with Bopanna, but the Finnish pair handled the tiebreak with assurance and authority to tilt the tie in its favour. "They played a much higher level together. In the tie-breaks, they were a better team," conceded Bopanna after the match.

Both teams did not face a breakpoint in the first set, and the host took an early lead in the tie-break by hammering a return winner on Bopanna's serve. The Finnish team took a 6-1 lead before Bopanna retrieved a face-saving point with a backhand re-



Combining well: Heliovaara and Kontinen dashed India's hopes of a revival with a straight-set win. • FINNISH TENNIS ASSOCIATION

turn winner. Into the second set, there was more resolve in the Indian team as it broke for a 2-0 lead, but Bopanna dropped his serve in the next

game that saw the team's

hopes of a revival evaporate. Kontinen and Heliovaara faced four breakpoints in the eighth game, but survived to

stay on course for the tiebreak in which they were once again efficient.

Tough rally

The Finns won a tough rally to go up 6-2 that brought the fans to their feet. The doubles rubber was sealed on the next point after an hour and 38 minutes.

In the inconsequential reverse singles match, Prajnesh beat the 489th-ranked Patrik Niklas-Salminen 6-3, 7-5 in a battle of left-handers.

India will go back to the World Group play-off next

The results: Finland bt India 3-1 [Harri Heliovaara & Henri Kontinen bt Rohan Bopanna & Ramkumar Ramanathan 7-6(2), 7-6(2); Patrik Niklas-Salminen lost to Prajnesh Gunneswaran

Pele briefly back in ICU

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE SAO PAULO

Brazilian football legend Pele, 80, was briefly transferred back to an intensive care unit on Friday after suffering breathing difficulties but is now stable, said the Albert Einstein Hospital in Sao Paulo, where he underwent surgery earlier this month.

The transfer was a temporary "preventative measure," the hospital said in a statement, adding that the sporting great was later transferred to

"semi-intensive care" as he continues to recover from surgery for a suspected colon tumour.

"He is currently stable," it added.

Mane leads Liverpool

Lewandowski stars in Bayern's win



Ton up: Sadio Mane reached a century of goals for Liverpool with this strike against Crystal Palace. • AFP

EURO LEAGUES

ASSOCIATED PRESS LIVERPOOL

Sadio Mane scored for the ninth straight time against Crystal Palace and reached 100 goals for Liverpool to set his team on its way to a 3-0 win in the English Premier League on Saturday.

The Senegal forward got to the milestone at Anfield by converting from close range in the 43rd minute after Mohamed Salah's header from a corner was parried out by Palace goalkeeper Vicente Guaita.

Of Mane's century of goals for the Reds, which have come in 224 games, 10 have been scored against Pa-

Robert Lewandowski scored yet again in Bayern Munich's 7-0 rout of promoted Bochum in the Bundesliga on Saturday. Lewandowski stretched his scoring run to 19 consecutive games across all competitions for Bayern.

The results: Saturday: Premier League: Wolverhampton O lost to Brentford 2 (Toney 28-pen, Mbeumo 34); Burnley O lost to Arsenal 1 (Odegaard 30); Liverpool 3 (Mane 43, Salah 78, Keita 89) bt Crystal Palace O; Manchester City O drew with Southampton O; Norwich 1 (Pukki 35) lost to Watford 3 (Dennis 17, Sarr 63, 80); Aston Villa 3 (Cash 66, Digne 69-og, Bailey 75) bt Everton O.

LaLiga: Rayo Vallecano 3 (Trejo 9-pen, Ciss 78, Falcao 81) bt Getafe O: Atletico Madrid O drew with Athletic Bil-

Serie A: Genoa 1 (Criscito 90+7-pen) lost to Fiorentina 2 (Saponara 60, Bonaventura 88); Inter Milan 6 (Martinez 6, Skriniar 30, Barella 34, Vecino 54, Dzeko 63, 68) bt Bologna 1

(Theate 86). Bundesliga: Bayern Munich 7 (Sane 17, Kimmich 27, 65, Gnabry 32, Lampropoulos 43og, Lewandowski 61, Choupo-Moting 79) bt Bochum 0; Mainz O drew with Freiburg O; Augsburg 1 (Niederlechner 80) bt Borussia M'Gladbach O; Arminia Bielefeld O drew with Hoffenheim O; Cologne 1 (Modeste 54) lost to RB Leip-

Friday: Premier League: Newcastle 1 (Saint-Maximin 44) drew with Leeds 1 (Raphin-

zig 1 (Haidara 71).

LaLiga: Celta Vigo 1 (Santi Mina 64) lost to Cadiz 2 (Lozano 38, Espino 43)

Serie A: Sassuolo O lost to Torino 1 (Pjaca 83).

Bundesliga: Hertha Berlin 2 (Ekkelenkamp 61, Bauer 79og) bt Greuther Fuerth 1 (Hrgota 57-og).

A ND-NDE

Vithya, who also fought COVID, wins third gold; double for Harmilan, Aishwarya

ATHLETICS STAN RAYAN

Five months ago, as he lay at Patiala's Columbia Asia Hospital, T. Santhosh Kumar did not realise that the next few months would undo all the hard work he had done in the previous four years. He was down with COVID, along with some 15 athletes, and had to be in hospital for two weeks.

Sleepless nights

"I've had many sleepless nights thinking how I had missed a golden chance of going to the Olympics. CO-VID took it all away," Santhosh, who was fifth in the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games, told *The Hindu* after winning the 400m hurdles gold at the 60th National Open athletics championships at the Nehru Stadium here on Saturday.

Santhosh Kumar back on winning track

"Still, I'm happy I'm alive because I've seen COVID take away many lives."

Santhosh would not have even made it to Warangal for the Armyman had finished sixth in the recent Services

"Thankfully, I got an entry through Tamil Nadu with our secretary Latha helping me gain an entry as I had the qualification time to compete here," said the 23-yearold from Madurai.

champion Dhaval Utekar on the way to gold for a double as he had helped Tamil Nadu to the mixed relay gold on Friday. "I'm confident of coming back strongly in time for next year's Asian Games in the hurdles and relays," he

Santhosh beat Services

R. Vithya Ramaraj, who had missed the Olympics after being hit by the coronavirus at the camp, won the women's 400m hurdles in a personal best 58.47s for her third gold here.

Services' S. Siva, the narecord holder (5.30m), broke the meet record as he won the pole vault with 5.12m.

The results (finals): Men: 800m: 1. Mohammed Afsal (Services) 1:48.39: 2. An-

kesh Chaudhary (Services) 1:48.58: 3. Krishan Kumar (Services) 1:48.77. 400m hurdles: 1. T. Santhosh Kumar (TN) 50.79s; 2. Jashanjot Singh (Rly) 51.32; 3. Dhaval Utekar (Ser) 51.49. Pole vault: 1. S. Siva (Ser) 5.12m MR, OR own 5.10m; 2. Parshant Singh (Har) 4.95; 3. Sakthi Mahendran (TN) 4.70. Discus: 1. Kirpal Singh (ONGC) 59.58m; 2. Gagandeep Singh (Ser) 58.32; 3. Abhinav (Har) 56.18. 50km walk: 1. Resham Midhun (Ser) 4:29:47.00s; 2. Sanabam Singh (Ser) 4:33:32.00; 3. Anjani Kumar (Ser) 4:35:29.00.

Women: 800m: 1. Harmilan Bains (Pun) 2:03.82s: 2. Chanda (Del) 2:05.35; 3. Rachna (Har) 2:07.00. 400m hurdles:



hurdles for her third gold of the National Open athletics. • AFI

Vithya Ramaraj (TN) 58.47s; 2. Nanhi (Har) 1:00.06; Ayana Thomas (Pol) 1:00.08.

Triple jump: 1. B. Aishwarya (Rlv) 13.55m: 2. Rebu Grewal (Har) 13.51; 3, Bhairabi Roy (Rly) 13.12. Javelin: 1. Sharmila Ku-

Heptathlon: 1. Akshatha (Kar) 4939 pts; 2. Sowmiya Murugan (Rly) 4893; 3. Sonu Ku-

mari (Har) 4889.

mari (Rly) 51.80m; 2, K. Rashmi

(Rly) 50.36; 3, Shilpa Rani (Har)

Fresh venue, plenty of new faces provide a different feel to Part-2

Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings, the two most successful teams in IPL history, will kick-start the season's resumption in Dubai tonight

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The league is back

As IPL 2021 resumes in the UAE, a look at the table,

top performers and the schedule of each dugout

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HOW THEY START

Delhi Capitals

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Kolkata Knight Riders

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Hope the IPL is spared from desert storms in the Middle East.

There is no Sachin Tendulkar to triumphantly bat through the blustery, dusty

Legends will be legends and Sachin will be Sachin. The fact of the matter is that a significant chunk of matches, including the playoff games and the final, of IPL 2021 will be played in these

The IPL, suspended owing to COVID-19 striking the tournament in May this year, is all set to resume.

And the two most successful teams in IPL history, Mumbai Indians (8 points from 7 matches) and Chennai Super Kings (10 from 7) will meet on Sunday night in Dubai to kick-start the tournament resumption.

Could help pacemen

The surface for the game between the two top-four teams could lend encouragement for pacemen in terms of bounce and seam movement. Mumbai Indians has signed up the pacy Kiwi Adam Milne who has been in blazing form recently. And CSK has been bolstered by the return of Aussie seamer Josh Hazlewood.

wily captains, M.S. Dhoni and Rohit Sharma, matching wits and skills. The duel could go down to the wire.

new faces, and the second half of IPL 2021 already has a different feel to it.

have pulled out with the Ashhave fitness concerns.

versy surrounding Virat Kohli's shock relinquishment of T20 World Cup.

Several theories

doing the rounds, but perhaps the Indian captain wants to create a little space for himself to spend with his

And T20I is the format that can be done away with easily, given Kohli's passion for Tests and the significance of the ICC ODI World Cup.

The game will witness two

A fresh venue, plenty of

Several English players es looming, and a few others

Then there is this controthe T20I captaincy after the

There are several theories

The whispers of Anil Kumble getting back the India

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coach's job is growing by the day, but then the Indian legspinning legend is genial by nature and not someone from 8 games. who carries old wounds.

Immediate job

Kumble's immediate job though, as the coach of Punjab Kings, will be to lift the side from its current position of 6 points from 8 matches.

With the influential Dawid Malan opting out, it has

roped in Aiden Markram. Delhi Capitals is at the top of the table with 12 points

> The side has powerful stroke-makers, a fiery pace duo in Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje, and a potent mix of domestic and foreign talent

3.30 p.m. Dubai

Kohli, A.B. de Villiers and the much-matured Glenn Maxwell have formed a for-

Royal Challengers Bangalore this season.

RCB, in the top four, has also brought in Wanindu Hasaranga, the Sri Lankan leg-spinner with a potent googly.

Given its position on the table, Rajasthan Royals has plenty of heavy lifting to do.

But then, its big-hitting English import Liam Livingstone is in terrific form.

The team has also signed

up West Indian swashbuckler Evin Lewis and South African wrist-spinner Tabraiz Shamsi, adding another dimension to its attack.

TOP OF THE CHARTS

Patel (RCB)

Matches: 8

SR: **134.27**

Matches: 7

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Change in fortunes

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Kolkata Knight Riders too needs a change in fortunes. Will canny Kiwi swing bowler Tim Southee, in for Pat Cummins, provide it?

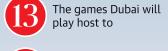
And Sunrisers Hyderabad has bought West Indian hardhitter Sherfane Rutherfo for Jonny Bairstow. Given that the UAE is 90

minutes behind India, the matches beginning at 7.30 p.m. IST will be commencing at 6 p.m. local time. And the team batting first

may have to bat in twilight, not the easiest time to sight the ball, for a considerable

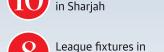
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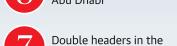
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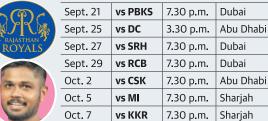


Matches to be played

UAE phase of the league









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Oct. 11	Eliminator	7.30 p.m.	Sharjah
Oct. 13	Qualifier 2	7.30 p.m.	Sharjah
Oct. 15	Final	7.30 p.m.	Dubai
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DUBAI, 7.30 P.M. IST HEAD-TO-HEAD Played: 31

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Hasaranga, Chameera add value: Kohli

RCB skipper says the Sri Lankan bowlers' skill-set would be of huge help

ASHWIN ACHAL

D CB captain Virat Kohli Nbelieves that Sri Lankan replacements, leggie Wanindu Hasaranga and pacer Dushmantha Chameera, add great value to the side.

"Hasaranga and Chameera have played so much cricket in Sri Lanka - they know how to play in pitches like these (in the UAE). Their skill-set will definitely be of huge help to us in Dubai, as they understand how hot and humid these conditions can be, and how the pitches will play," Kohli said, at the RCB 'Blue Jersey' virtual unveiling event on Saturday.

Hasaranga, Chameera, Singapore batsman Tim David and England left-arm seamer George Garton were signed by RCB ahead of the second leg of the IPL. They replace the unavailable Finn Allen, Scott Kuggeleijn, Kane Richardson, Daniel Sams and Adam Zampa.

Washington Sundar, ruled out due to an injury, has been replaced by mediumpacer Akash Deep.

"Kane Richardson and Adam Zampa, who were with us in the first leg, made a decision not to play in the second leg, for reasons which are totally understandable. The guys coming in blend into our team culture very well. Our core group of players are motivated. When I stepped out to practice yesterday after quarantine, I felt like we never went away at all," Kohli said.

In its opening match of the second leg, against KKR on Monday, RCB will don a 'Blue Jersey' to pay tribute to COVID-19 frontline warriors.



Salute to heroes: Kohli with the jersey paying tribute

Trying to get used to the conditions: Pant

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Coming off a long tour of the United Kingdom, Delhi Capitals captain Rishabh Pant sought to get acclimatised to the UAE's extreme heat by spending time on the balcony of his hotel room during the mandatory quarantine.

However, it was still not comfortable when he did his first training session on Friahead of IPL's resumption.

Pant said that he is currently focusing on getting used to the conditions in the

"It's pretty hot here in the UAE. I was trying to sit on the balcony during my quarantine period as much as possible to get used to the conditions. But, it still felt quite hot when I took part in my first practice session

here. I'm just trying to get used to the conditions now and hopefully, I will be fully acclimatised to the conditions in 2-3 days," Pant said in a release issued by DC.

The wicketkeeper-batsman said that the team will look to continue its brilliant performance from the first half of the IPL 2021 season.

Delhi Capitals is currently at the top of the table with 12 points from eight matches.

"Our ultimate goal is to win the trophy, but we are going to focus on our process. Hopefully, we can continue to play the way we did in the first half of the season and go on to win the IPL this year," said Pant.

"It's really nice to meet everyone after coming out of quarantine. It's been great meeting the teammates here



Aiming high: Skipper Pant wants Capitals to continue their performance from the first half. • TWITTER@DELHICAPITALS

'I have achieved all I wanted'

Shastri says he would love to sign off with an ICC trophy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

His tenure set to end after next month's T20 World Cup, India head coach Ravi Shastri conceded that there would be a bit of "sadness", but added that he has no doubts he is going out at the right time, having "overachieved" during his stint.

Shastri's first stint as head coach began in 2017 before he was reappointed in 2019.

Speaking to The Guardian, the 59-year-old said winning the T20 World Cup would be "special" but felt that the team had already done "special things" in his

"I believe so because I've achieved all I wanted. Five years as No. 1 (in Test crick-



'over-achieved' during his stint. • AP

et), to win in Australia twice and to win in England."

India was ahead 2-1 against England when the fifth Test was called off after a COVID-19 outbreak in the Indian camp.

"We've also beaten every

country in the world in their own backyard in white-ball cricket. If we win the (T20) World Cup, that will be the icing on the cake. There is nothing more. I believe one thing – never overstay your welcome."

Did not get COVID-19 at book launch: Shastri

'No one got the virus from that party'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

India head coach Ravi Shastri says he has no regrets about organising the book launch, widely perceived to be the reason for a COVID-19 outbreak that forced the cancellation of the fifth Test England against Manchester.

"I have absolutely no regrets because the people I met at that function were fabulous. It was good for the boys to get out and meet different people rather than constantly being in their rooms," said Shastri in an interview to The Guardian. "At the Oval Test, you

were climbing stairs used by

one got COVID-19 from that **Reduce bilateral T20s** Shastri also strongly feels

5,000 people. So to point a

finger at a book launch?" he

asked. "There were about

250 people there and no

that bilateral T20 series should be reduced to ease the relentless international calendar. "I would like to see less and less bilateral T20s. Look

at football. You have the Premier, Spanish, Italian and German leagues. They all come together (for Champions League). There are few bilateral football (friendlies) now."

India women lose tour opener



Pooia's knock went in vain. ■ FILE PHOTO

INDIA IN AUS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The Indian women's team made a disappointing start to its tour of Australia, suffering a 36-run loss in a 50over warm-up match here on Saturday.

Opener Rachael Haynes (65), Meg Lanning (59) and Beth Mooney (59) came good as Australia posted a challenging 278 for nine after batting first at the Ian Healy Oval. Poonam Yadav was the most successful Indian bowler with three for 28 in six overs.

In reply, India could only manage 242 for seven in its 50 overs with Pooja Vastrakar (57) emerging as the

The 21-year-old India roo-

kie Yastika Bhatia (41) displayed her resilience, negotiating a barrage of short balls from the 18-year-old Darcie Brown before being dismissed by left-arm spinner Sophie Molineux. Yastika's 42-ball innings contained seven boundaries. With India slipping to 106

stage a recovery but couldn't take the team home. The two teams meet in the ODI series opener on Tuesday (Sept. 21).

The scores:

for five, Pooja and Deepti

Sharma (49 not out) tried to

Australia Women 278/9 in 50 overs (Rachael Haynes 65, Meg Lanning 59, Beth Mooney 59, Poonam Yadav 3/28) bt India Women 242/7 in 50 overs (Pooia Vastrakar 57. Deepti Sharma 49 n.o., Yastika Bhatia 41, Stella Campbell 3/38).

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Aditi makes the cut in **Portland Classic**

PORTLAND (USA) Aditi Ashok quickly made up for her disappointing start on the opening day with a steady even par 72 in the second round to make the cut at the 2021 Cambia Portland Classic here. Aditi, who carded a five-over 77 in the first round, is now Tied-57th and has the two weekend rounds to improve on her position as she gets into rhythm. PTI

Gaurika T-6, Ridhima T-9 in Lavaux Ladies Open

PUIDOX (SWITZERLAND) India's Gaurika Bishnoi logged her best international result in a long time with a tied-6th finish at the Lavaux Ladies Open on the LET Access Series. Returning to action after a long time, the five-time winner on the domestic circuit with cards of 71-72-69 finished 4-under and tied for sixth, while Ridhima Dilawari was tied-9th with rounds of 74-69-70. PTI



Tvesa Malik lies tied-11th

Tvesa Malik carded a modest 1-under 70 in the second round of the Lacoste Ladies Open de France at the Golf Club de Medoc here on Friday. Tvesa, who shot a 69 on the first day, is now tied-11th and five behind the leader, Celine



tied-ninth spot

India's Shubhankar Sharma landed two eagles for a card of 6-under 66 to lie tied-ninth after the second round of the Dutch Open golf tournament here. At 8-under, Shubhankar, who shot a 2-under 70 in the opening round, is four shots behind leader Kristoffer Broberg (68, 64), who leads the field at 12-under. PTI

Raninder re-elected NRAI president

MOHALI Seasoned administrator Raninder Singh was on Saturday re-elected as the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) for an unprecedented fourth term after he beat BSP MP Shyam Singh Yadav 56-3 in the elections here. Kunwar Sultan Singh was elected unopposed as the secretary general while Randeep Mann has been made the treasurer.

'Bowlers can pick Dhoni's brains'

Talismanic former India captain can also guide 'introvert' players, says Sehwag

CRICKET

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mahendra Singh Dhoni was a bowlers' captain in white ball cricket and his presence as a mentor for the T20 World Cup will immensely benefit Iasprit Bumrah and Co., feels former India opener Virender Sehwag.

"I am very happy that MS accepted the offer to be the team mentor for the T20 World Cup. I know many people want that MS should again comeback into the mainstream of Indian cricket and being roped in as the mentor is the best thing that could have happened," said Sehwag.

Sehwag, who played alonsgide Dhoni for a decade, said the latter's core strength as a captain was his understanding his bowlers' psyche in limited overs format. "As a 'keeper, MS was exceptional with his understanding of field placements and this is something that will help the bowling unit in this World Cup. The bowlers can pick his brains and get useful tips on planning against a batsman.'

For Sehwag, there can't be a better 'mentor' than Dhoni when it comes to young players, who are a bit introvert and need someone to guide them as they try to express themselves on the

Easily approachable

"There are always players in any international side, who are shy and do hesitate to go up to their skipper and strike up a cricketing conversation.

"MS has been a kind of a person who is easily approachable and also a pertrouble-shooter for voungsters."



Thinking leader: Sehwag feels Dhoni's ability to understand the bowlers' psyche, and also come up with good field placements, will help India a lot. • FILE РНОТО

Delhi FC holds Bengaluru FC

Willis Plaza scores twice within four minutes for the former

DURAND CUP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT KOLKATA

Second division side Delhi FC held former Indian Super League champion Bengaluru FC (BFC) to a 2-2 draw in a Group C match of the Durand Cup football tournament at the Mohun Bagan ground on Saturday.

Despite playing under slushy conditions, BFC opened the scoring in the 27th minute through N. Shiva Sakthi.

Strong comeback

But Delhi made a strong comeback after the break and established the lead as Willis Plaza struck twice within four minutes.

Substitute Bidyashagar Singh denied Delhi the

■ The result keeps BFC at

the top with four points

■ Delhi continues to be at the bottom with one point

chance of a victory, scoring the equaliser in the final The result kept BFC, the only unbeaten side in the

group, at the top with four points while Delhi continued at the bottom with just one point. The contest for the two quarterfinal berths thus re-

mained wide open and the two qualifiers will now be decided in the final round matches of the group scheduled on Tuesday. The result: Delhi FC 2 (Willis

Plaza 58, 62) drew with Bengaluru FC 2 (N. Siva Sakthi 27, Bidyashagar Singh 75).

Baisoya wins

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Delhi's Honey Baisoya on

Saturday ended a three-

year title drought by claim-

ing a four-stroke win over

Gurugram-based Veer Ah-

lawat at the J&K Open here.

Baisoya (67-69-66-68), who was struggling for form

through the season, to-

talled 18-under 270 for the

week following his classy fi-

nal round of four-under 68

at the Royal Springs Golf

from 85th to 22nd place in

the PGTI Order of Merit.

He thus skyrocketed

Ahlawat (67-71-70-66) al-

so made his presence felt

in the last round with a

Six-time PGTI winner

J&K Open

SRINAGAR

Course.

Mizoram U-19 coach Murtaza passes away

Suffers cardiac arrest at Vizag

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Former Bengal left-arm spinner and Mizoram U-19 head coach Murtaza Lodhgar died of cardiac arrest on Friday in Visakhapatnam, Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) president Avishek Dalmiya has confirmed.

Lodhgar, 45, was in the port city with the Mizoram colts, who were set to play the league phase of Vinoo Mankad Trophy (U-19 National one-dayers) as BCCI's domestic season is set to commence.

"The tragedy happened just after dinner," Dalmiya said. "Murtu bhai (as he was known in Bengal circles) along with team's physio went out for a walk after dinner and suddenly felt enormous chest pain and fell on the road.

"The physio and other team members immediately took him to the hospital where he was declared brought dead late on Friday.

"I still can't believe Murtu bhai is no more. It is a personal loss for me as he was one of the pillars of our familyrun first division club Raiasthan SC. He was one of the most loved cricketers in our fraternity and also worked with our women's team with



Murtaza Lodghar. ■ FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

distinction. It's an irreparable loss," Dalmiya said.

The CAB is trying to make arrangements so that his family can bring his mortal remains to the city for the burial.

Lodhgar was a powerhouse performer in club cricket, but due to presence of domestic giant Utpal Chatterjee, he played only nine Ranji Trophy games in which he had 34 wickets.

One of the highlights of his short First Class career was a five-wicket haul against Karnataka in 2004-05 season.

He was regular at the bustling club cricket scene in the United Kingdom. Friends and well-wishers will remember him as an ever-smiling, humble person.

Hussamuddin makes the quarterfinals

Downs Sahil 5-0; Sachin advances with an easy win over Yengkopam

the 56kg champion in the

previous edition at Baddi in

2019, defeated Sahil of

Chhattisgarh 5-0 in a pre-

quarterfinal bout. He will

face Rushikesh Goud of Mah-

Sachin, who caused a huge

upset on Friday by defeating

World championship medal-

thumped Jobison Yengko-

pam of Manipur 5-0 to ad-

Gaurav

vance to the last eight.

Bidhuri,

World youth champion

arashtra on Sunday.

Ranjeet triumphs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Former National champion V.M. Ranjeet beat Dhruv Hirpara 6-2, 6-1 in the final of the ₹100,000 AITA men's ranking tennis tournament at the Pradhan Academy in Gurugram on Saturday.

Ranjeet had beaten Deepender Grewal and Ajay Malik in the earlier two rounds without dropping a

The young Dhruv did well to make the final, as he got past Sushant Dabas 6-4, 7-6(4) in the semifinals.

The results (final): V.M. Ranjeet bt Dhruv Hir-

para 6-2, 6-1. Semifinals: Ranjeet bt Dee-

pender Grewal 6-2, 7-5; Dhruv bt Sushant Dabas 6-4,



reward. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Important results:

(TN) 5-0.

48kg: Barun Singh (SSCB) bt

Heli Tana Tara (Aru) 5-0: Shiv

Kant (Pun) bt Irfan Khan (Asm)

4-0; **51kg:** Bhim Pratap Singh

(Raj) bt Subhashbhai Rathod

(Guj) 5-0; Ashish Insha (RSPB)

bt Rama Krishnan Balasundara

54kg: Roshan Zamir (Goa) bt

Suraj Bhan (Raj) 3-2; 57kg: Ro-

hit Mor (Del) bt Lalllawmawma

(Miz) 5-0; Rushikesh Goud

(Mah) bt A. Sameer (SPSB) 5-0;

60kg: Parvinder Poonia (Tri) bt

Prabhu Murali (TN) 5-0; Hari-

COROMANDEL GROMOR NIL-

Pakistan faces another era of isolation

New Zealand's pull out has left cricket-crazy fans reeling

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE ISLAMABAD

Pakistan cricket began confronting its worst fear on Saturday, with the national side staring at another era of isolation from hosting international matches after New Zealand abandoned its tour, citing a security threat. The All Blacks called off

their first Pakistan series in 18 years with Wellington's backing on Friday just before the first ODI was due to start in Rawalpindi.

The decision has left cricket-crazy Pakistan reeling, with the nation still recovering from the 2009 militant attack on the Sri Lankan team in Lahore that wounded six players. Already struggling to con-

vince foreign teams to tour, Pakistan was forced to play home matches at neutral venues - primarily in the UAE - following the assault.

The decision left a generation of cricket fans growing up having never attended a live game.

Need to work overtime Prime Minister Imran Khan.

a former international cricketing hero, and the Pakistan Cricket Board will now have to work overtime to avoid another period of exile.

'With the administration they now have in place at the PCB and how closely linked to the PM it is, there'll be a



Deserted: Police Elite Force personnel walk in an enclosure at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium after the New Zealand team pulled out of the tour. • REUTERS

real push to ensure they have to play as little as possible in a neutral venue," cricket writer Osman Samiuddin said. The first task will be to

convince England, which will decide on Sunday whether to send its men's and women's teams for a scheduled tour to Pakistan next month.

Those tours are to be followed by a series against the West Indies in December and Australia's first visit since 1998 in February next

"England are now likely not to tour. Australia... will also probably not come. So that will be a hit," Samiuddin

"And for fans too, they've only just started getting used to going to big games again so for the prospect of that

being taken away, it's going to hurt." The newly elected chair-

man of the PCB Ramiz Raja admitted Saturday that Pakistani cricket was facing "a lot of pressure", though not for the first time – and that the nation was resilient. "Your pain and my pain is

the same, it's a shared pain. Whatever happened was not good for Pakistan cricket," he said.

The PCB bled \$200 million in losses during the country's cricket exile.

Now alongside the uncoming tours, its bids to host six international events – including the World Cup and Champion's Trophy between 2024-31 – could also be in jeopardy.

Former players say keeping international cricket in Pakistan is the key priority.

cedes title rival Lewis Hamil-

ton went wheel to wheel and

collided, retiring on the

score of 66 to finish second at 14-under 274.

Honey Baisoya. • FILE РНОТО

Rishab and Sanchez taste **success**

SPORTS BUREAU

Rishab Agarwal and Diego Augusto Barreto Sanchez of Spain won the doubles title by beating Leonardo Aboian and Valerio Aboian of Argentina 6-2, 7-5 in the final of the \$15,000 ITF men's tennis tournament.

Other results: \$15,000 ITF women, Melilla, Spain: Semifinals: Luisa Meyer auf der Heide & Chantal Sauvant (Ger) bt Enola Chiesa (Ita) & Sathwika Sama

\$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Semifinals: Sharmada Balu & Sravya Shivani bt Yuka Hosoki (Jpn) & Ma YeXin (Chn) 2-6, 6-2, [10-5].

Cool Rider for Nilgiris Derby Stakes

Saturday.

BOXING

Y.B. SARANGI

Tommonwealth Games

∪bronze medallist Mo-

hammad Hussamuddin post-

ed another convincing victo-

ry to reach the 57kg

quarterfinals in the National

boxing championships at the

Inspire Institute of Sports

Vijaynagar,

Services' Hussamuddin,

CHENNAI: Cool Rider, who ran a close third to Akido in the Chetti-nad Cement Nilgiris 2000 Guineas, may avenge his defeat in the Coromandel Gromor Nilgiris Derby Stakes (1.600m), the star attraction of the season to be held here on Sunday (Sept. 19). Two-times carried over amount of about ₹2.80,000 has been added to the jackpot pool.

1 DELHI RACE CLUB CUP (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Shield Maiden (1) P. Sai Kumar 60, 2. Glorious Sunshine (4) Nikhil Naidu 58, 3. Beauteous Maximus (3) Farid Ansari 57, 4. Soul Mate (5) Akshay Kumar 57, 5. Sifan (7) Ishwar Singh 55, 6. Uncle Sam (9) Ashhad Asbar 54, 7. Brilliant Script (6) D.S. Deora 52.5, 8. Golden Streak (8) Yash Narredu 52 and 9. Hadar (2) Rejesh Kumar

1. GLORIOUS SUNSHINE, 2. SOUL MATE, 3. SHIELD MAIDEN

) BANGALORE TURF CLUB CUP (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. Charliez Angel (9) A. Ayaz Khan 61, 2. Subjucate (7) Kuldeep Singh 57.5, 3. Choir (2) Ramandeep 56.5, 4. Bossinova (3) Ajeet Kumar 56, 5. Priceless 6. Full Of Surprise (6) K. Mukesh Kumar 54, 7. Wild Passion (10) Shahar Babu 53.5, 8. Mayflower (1) Yash Narredu 52.5, 9. Antigua (8) Ashhad Asbar 52 and 10. Azeria (5) Azfar Syeed 51. 1. MAYFLOWER, 2. CHARLIEZ ANGEL, 3. FULL OF SURPRISE ↑ BANGALORE TURF CLUB CUP

Treasure (4) Shyam Kumar 54.5,

(DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. Oberon (5) H.M. Akshay 61, 2. Protea (7) C. Brisson 61, 3. Pacific (9) Ashhad Asbar 60.5, 4. El Politico (6) S. Sunil 59.5, 4. Fiat Justitia (1) C. Umesh 59, 6. Wild Frank (3) Kuldeep Singh 58.5, 7. Empress Eternal (4) Nakhat Singh 57, 8. Epistoiary (2) Koshi Kumar 57 and 9. Majestic Charmer (8) Rajendra Singh 55.5. 1. EMPRESS ETERNAL, 2. OBERON,

4 ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB LTD. CUP (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only (Terms), 3-30: 1. Cartel (4) C. Umesh 56, 2. My Triumph (2) C. Brisson 56, 3. Roger O'More (6) Yash Narredu 56. Amber Lightning (7) Nakhat Singh 54.5, 5. Dashing Beauty (3) P. Trevor 54.5, 6, Lakshanam (5) Nikhil Naidu 54.5, 7. Queen Of Fame (8) Ramandeep 54.5 and 8. Stillwater (1) P. Sai Kumar 54.5.

1. DASHING BEAUTY, 2. STILLWA-TER, 3. LAKSHANAM

TURF AUTHORITIES CUP (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 4-00: 1. Angelino (10) S. John 60, 2. Night Hunt (7) Gaurav Siingh 60, 3. Royal Currency (1) Akshay Kumar 59.5, 4. Artistryy (3) Ishwar Singh 53, 5. Penang (4) Neeraj 51.5, 6. Beethovan (9) Yash Narredu 51, 7. Knight In Armour (8) R. Manish 50.5, 8. Glorious Trust (2) Azfar Syeed 50.5, 9. Noble Heir (5) Manikandan 50 and 10. Star Elegant (6) Ajeet Ku-. ANGELINO, 2. NIGHT HUNT, 3.

NILGIRIS GOLD CUP (1,600m), 6 NILGIRIS GOLD CUP (1,000...), 4-y-0 & over (Terms), 4-30: 1. Trafalgar (4) S. John 61.5, 2. Born Queen (6) P. Trevor 57.5, 3. My Opinion (3) Akshay Kumar 56.5, 4. Vachan (5) Nikhil Naidu 54.5, 5. Durango (8) D.S. Deora 53.5, 6. Glorious Destiny (1) C. Umesh 53.5, 7. Historian (2) Ashhad Asbar 53.5 and 8. Rambunctious (7) Neeraj 51.5.

1. BORN QUEEN, 2. TRAFALGAR, 3.

ROYAL CURRENCY

MY OPINION

GIRIS DERBY STAKES (1,600m), 3-y-o (Terms), 5-00: 1. Akido (5) Nakhat Singh 56, 2. All Attractive (7) P. Trevor 56, 3. Cool Rider (2) A. Sandesh 56, 4. Imperial Blue (8) Akshay Kumar 56, 5. Knotty Dancer (9) K. Mukesh Kumar 56 6. Mitsuro (6) Arshad Alam 56, 7. Siege Perilous (3) D.S. Deora 56, 8

Chashni (1) Nikhil Naidu 54.5. 1. COOL RIDER, 2. IMPERIAL BLUE,

Alicia (4) P.S. Chouhan 54.5 and 9.

8 HYDERABAD RACE CLUB CUP (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 5-40: . Emelda (4) Akshay Kumar 61.5. 2. Roman Senator (3) P. Sai Kumar 60. 3. Cotton Hall (1) C. Umesh 59.5, 4. Dont Dilly Dally (5) Farid Ansari 58.5, 5, Royal Commander (6) Kuldeep Singh 57, 6. Mr Kool (2) Nikhil Naidu 55.5, 7. Inkonito (7) H.M. Akshay 55, 8. Ganton (8) Ianardhan Paswan 54.5 and 9. 1. MR KOOL, 2. EMELDA, 3. ROMAN

SENATOR Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8; Mini Jkt: 5, 6, 7 & 8; Tr (i): 1, 2 & 3; (ii): 4, 5 & 6; (iii):

mar Pramanik (Jha) RSC-R2; 71kg: Nishant Dev (Kar) bt Ashish Kulheria (RSPB) 4-1; 75kg: Buntee Singh (Del) Pritesh Bishnoi (Raj) 3-2.

vansh Tawari (Mah) bt Pawan

Gurung (Utk) 4-1; 63.5kg: Shiva

Thapa (Asm) bt Ankit (Del) 5-0;

Anikit Narwal (RSPB) bt Raj Ku-

80kg: Harpreet (Chd) bt Manish Panwar (RSPB) RSC-R1: 86kg: Sumit Sangwan (Har) bt Manvendra Singh (Del) 5-0; 92kg: Sanjeet (SSCB) Sourav Yadav (MP) 5-0; 92+kg: Narender (SSCB) bt Mohit (Har) 5-0.

CHESS

HYDERABAD

Budapest.

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM

Raja Rithvik of Telangana

has become a Grandmaster

after crossing the ELO 2,500

mark in the Vezerkepzo GM

tournament

The 17-year-old, a 12th

standard student of Bha-

van's Sri Ramakrishna Vi-

dyalaya here, crossed the

mandatory ELO 2,500-mark

to earn a GM title. He

achieved four rating points

after the fourth round in the

tournament when he defeat-

ed FIDE Master Finek Vaclav

Rithvik had earned the

third and final norm in early

September at the First Satur-

day round-robin GM tourna-

of Czechoslovakia.

FORMULA ONE REUTERS

FIA directive

Red Bull has blamed Max Verstappen's fatefully slow Italian GP pit stop on human error resulting from a technical directive issued by Formula One's governing body.

The 11 second stop in last Sunday's race at Monza dropped championship leader Verstappen into a position where he and Mer-

spot. Verstappen was held to be predominantly to blame and collected a three place grid penalty for the next race in Russia. "There was a rare human error in our pit stop, as a result of the new Technical Directive but nonetheless something we need to learn from," Red Bull boss Christian Horner said on the team website on Friday.

Raja Rithvik becomes a GM ment. He obtained his first

Red Bull blames it on

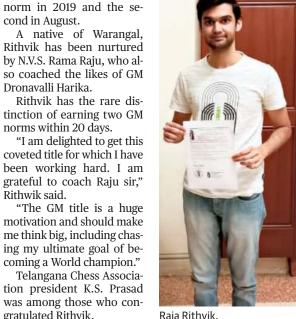
cond in August. A native of Warangal, Rithvik has been nurtured by N.V.S. Rama Raju, who also coached the likes of GM

Dronavalli Harika. Rithvik has the rare distinction of earning two GM norms within 20 days.

"I am delighted to get this coveted title for which I have been working hard. I am grateful to coach Raju sir," Rithwik said.

"The GM title is a huge motivation and should make me think big, including chasing my ultimate goal of becoming a World champion." Telangana Chess Associa-

tion president K.S. Prasad was among those who congratulated Rithvik.



Raja Rithvik.

Easy for SPJ, KEI

DELHI CRICKET

Three-wicket hauls by

Shivam Choudhary and Mohit Jangra coupled with Shivam Bansal's unbeaten 56 guided SPI XI to an easy seven-wicket win over Neg Blues in the R. V. Sports T20 tournament. In another match, Kanishk

(106) and Rajesh (5/12) helped KEI XI score a 162-run victory over WMT The scores: Neg Blue 97 in

20 overs (Parth Bali 52, Shivam Choudhary 3/8, Mohit Jangra 3/17) lost to SPJ XI 103/3 in 10.2 overs (Shivam Bansal 56 n.o.); KEI XI 191/5 in 20 overs (Kanishk 106. Aditva Mahaian 45) bt WM7 XI 29 in 8.2 overs (Rajesh 5/12, A. D. Gupta 4/16).