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IN BRIEF
Naidu lauds Paralympians for record medal harvest
GURUGRAM
Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu on Sunday praised the grit and determination of Indian Paralympians and said they brought cheer and hope to the entire nation in these troubled times through their stellar performances.
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NEW DELHI
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Centre yet to approve SC Collegium's list of names
NEW DELHI
The Centre is yet to take a call on the recommendations made by the Supreme Court Collegium on appointing a total of 68 judicial officers and advocates as judges of various High Courts, sources aware of the procedure for appointment to the higher judiciary have said.
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Punjab gets its first Dalit Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi

The former Minister, close to State Congress chief Sidhu, will take oath today

VIKAS VASUDEVA CHANDIGARH
The All India Congress Committee (AICC) on Sunday announced 49-year-old Charanjit Singh Channi as the leader of the Punjab Congress Legislature Party (CLP). He will be the State's new Chief Minister.
AICC in-charge of Punjab affairs Harish Rawat announced the name of the new CLP leader on Twitter. "It gives me immense pleasure to announce that Sh. #CharanjitSinghChanni has been unanimously elected as the Leader of the Congress Legislature Party of Punjab," he said.

Soon after being elected CLP leader, Mr. Channi and other leaders met Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit to stake claim to form the new government.

"After the Congress Legislature Party's unanimous decision, we met the Governor and presented our claim to form the government. Governor has assigned a time slot of 11 a.m. on Monday for the oath-taking ceremony," said Mr. Channi, who is set to become the first Dalit Chief Minister of Punjab.

Mr. Channi, a close aide of State Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu, was among the Cabinet Ministers



New role: Charanjit Singh Channi with Navjot Singh Sidhu, left, outside the Governor's residence in Chandigarh. ►PTI

in the outgoing government who rebelled against Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh, saying the latter had not fulfilled the party's 2017 election promises.

Poll calculus
The Congress' decision of choosing Mr. Channi is being seen as an attempt to win over the Dalit votes ahead of the Assembly poll due in early 2022. In Punjab, which has the highest percentage of Dalit population among the States – close to 32% – political parties have been making all out efforts to garner their support. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has already announced that if voted to power, the Deputy

Chief Minister would be from the Dalit community.

Mr. Channi's announcement came after AICC-appointed observers Harish Chaudhary and Ajay Maken, and Punjab affairs in-charge Harish Rawat held hectic meetings in Chandigarh with party leaders and collected feedback from MLAs ahead of short-listing the name of the CLP leader.

During the meeting, the name of senior Congress leader Sukhjinder Randhawa was at the forefront. However, it is learnt that Mr. Sidhu strongly backed for Mr. Channi.

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Gehlot hopes Amarinder will not harm party

Stating that the Congress high command was forced to act in the party's interest, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot expressed the hope that Capt. Amarinder Singh would not take any step that would harm the party. ► PAGE 9

Fault lines may deepen

The manner in which Capt. Amarinder Singh was removed is likely to sharpen the fault lines between the Gandhi family loyalists and the group of 23 leaders who sought internal reforms. ► PAGE 9

BJP wants explanation

The BJP has sought answers from the Congress leadership on Capt. Amarinder Singh's charge that Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu was "anti-national". ► PAGE 9

NRC is final, rules Assam Foreigners' Tribunal

But no notification yet from Registrar General of India

RAHUL KARMAKAR GUWAHATI
While the Registrar General of India has not yet issued a notification on Assam's National Register of Citizens (NRC) to make it a legal document, a Foreigners' Tribunal has gone ahead and recorded it as the "final NRC" while declaring a man to be Indian.

Hearing a case against one Bikram Singha of Jamirala village whose name figured in the NRC list, member of FT-II in Karimganj town Sishir Dey said, "...there is no doubt that this NRC Assam published in 2019 is nothing but Final NRC.."

State govt. caution
The FT-II's 'order cum opinion' comes just days after Assam's Political (B) Department had on September 4 asked the FTs not to pass "consequential orders/directions" and stick to giving an "opinion" as mandated by the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964. The letter to the FTs followed an assessment by the State's Judicial Department of the "opinions" given by the members in the case of people suspected to be foreigners or doubtful voters.

The Assam police's Bor-



Identity concerns: A file photo of people waiting at the Foreigners' Tribunal office in Barpeta, Assam. ►AP

der wing had, in May 2008, filed a case against Mr. Singha, of Jamirala village under the Patherkandi Assembly constituency of southern Assam's Karimganj district. The man, marked a D or 'doubtful voter', remained untraced until June 28 and appeared before the Foreigners' Tribunal-II (FT-II) in Karimganj town two months later, seeking time to return from Bengaluru where he was working.

Mr. Singha produced before the FT-II several documents to prove his Indian citizenship. These included a 1968 land deed in the name of his grandfather Madan Kumar Singha and proof of his father Bharat Chandra Singha having been an Indian Air Force employee for 29 years since 1972.

FT-II member Sishir Dey heard his case on September 1. The prosecution lawyer argued that Mr. Singha had no document establishing that his family was living in India prior to 1966.

She referred to the 'White Paper on Foreigners' Issue' published by Assam's Home and Political Department on October 20, 2012, which says that anyone born between January 26, 1950, and July 1, 1987, can be considered an Indian citizen by birth irrespective of the nationality of his or her parents.

However, Mr. Dey observed that Mr. Singha's documents pointed to his father and grandfather having been residents of Jamirala village before 1968.

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Crowds are back



Festival ends: Ignoring physical distancing norms, people gather to catch a glimpse of the 40-foot-tall idol of Khairatabad Ganesh being taken for immersion in Hussainsagar lake in Hyderabad on Sunday. ►G. RAMAKRISHNA

1.2 lakh deaths in road accidents in 2020: NCRB

'1.35 lakh hit-and-run-cases since 2018'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI
India recorded 1.2 lakh cases of "deaths due to negligence relating to road accidents" in 2020, with 328 persons losing their lives every day on average, despite the COVID-19 lockdown, according to government data.

As many as 3.92 lakh lives were lost in three years in deaths due to negligence related to road accidents, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) revealed in its annual 'Crime India' report for 2020. While 1.2 lakh deaths were recorded in 2020, the figures stood at 1.36 lakh in 2019 and 1.35 lakh in 2018, the data show.

The country logged 1.35 lakh cases of "hit and run" since 2018, the report of the NCRB, which functions under the Union Home Ministry, showed. In 2020 alone, there were 41,196 cases of

"hit and run" while there were 47,504 such cases in 2019 and 47,028 in 2018, the report said. On average, there were 112 cases of "hit and run" reported across the country every day in the past year, according to the data.

The cases of causing "hurt" by rash or negligent driving on public way stood at 1.3 lakh in 2020, 1.60 lakh in 2019 and 1.66 lakh in 2018, the data showed.

Rail accidents
Fifty-two cases of deaths due to negligence related to rail accidents were recorded across the country in 2020, 55 cases in 2019 and 35 in 2018, the report showed.

During 2020, India logged 133 cases of "deaths due to medical negligence"; 201 such cases were reported in 2019 and 218 in 2018, the NCRB said.

'Jobs for youth if AAP wins in Uttarakhand'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday promised employment to all youth in Uttarakhand if the party is voted to power in next year's Assembly polls in the State.

Addressing a press conference at Haldwani in Nainital district, along with AAP's chief ministerial candidate Ajay Kothiyal, Mr. Kejriwal said one youth in every family would be given an allowance of ₹5,000 per month till employment was provided. He said, "We will reserve 80% of jobs in government and the private sector for the youth."

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Hindi gains due to demographic shift

Hindi-speaking States make up 46% of population

PRISCILLA JEBARAJ NEW DELHI

When the Centre launched its NIPUN Bharat scheme in July 2021 to improve foundational literacy and numeracy among primary school students, participants from non-Hindi speaking States complained that they were the ones left feeling illiterate as they could not understand either the speeches, nor the PowerPoint presentations on the scheme, all made in formal Hindi. Last August, Tamil Nadu delegates at a yoga and naturopathy training webinar claimed that the AYUSH Ministry Secretary told them if they wanted English to be used, they could leave. These incidents that



Equal treatment: Experts favour promotion of languages not included in the Eighth Schedule of Constitution. ►GETTY IMAGES

made the headlines over the last year may be only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to language-related frictions in a country that has 121 languages spoken by at least 10,000 people – along with over a thousand more which have fewer speakers – but which also restricts education and governance to a handful of languages. According to the 2011 Cen-

sus, Hindi and its variants are the only major languages to have gained mother tongue adherents over the last 40 years, growing from 36.99% of the population in 1971 to 43.63% by 2011. A large factor in this growth comes from demographic changes.

"Fertility rates are higher among the poor and among women with less education,

who comprise a higher share of Hindi speakers," said Centre for Policy Research senior fellow Partha Mukhopadhyay, who noted that the 10 States with the highest share of Hindi speakers grew from 41.9% of India's population in 1971 to 46.5% by 2011.

Migrants add numbers
He added that migration could be increasing the number of those whose mother tongue is Hindi even in non-Hindi speaking States.

"If a Hindi-speaking poor illiterate family migrates from Bihar to Kerala, they may have fewer children than a similar family in Bihar but they'll have more than the average Malayalam-speaking family in Kerala. This will raise the share of Hindi speakers in other such 'destination' States too," he said.

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Two held in Bengaluru for moral policing

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU

The Sadduguntepalya police on Saturday took *suo motu* action and arrested two men on charges of moral policing after they allegedly harassed a man and a woman from different communities for riding on a motorbike.

A video clip of the inci-

dent, which took place at Dairy Circle on Friday evening, showed the men harassing the burqa-clad woman and assaulting her friend, who was riding the bike.

"They were colleagues at a private firm," said a police officer. The men made her share her family's number and made a call. The clip

showed the duo verbally harassing the family for allowing her to travel with a man on a bike. They forced her to get off the bike and insisted she take an autorickshaw home. The video went viral on social media, prompting the police into action. They arrested the men within 12 hours of the incident.

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LOADING SEARCH RESULTS

HEMANI BHANDARI
NEW DELHI

Sometime early last month, a 'Bharat Jodo (Unite India)' rally was organised at the Jantar Mantar protest site in Delhi with members of several right-wing organisations in attendance. The ostensibly minor event made to the headlines the next day after several videos in which people could be heard allegedly raising inflammatory anti-Muslim slogans went viral.

Under intense pressure to arrest and identify the accused, the Delhi police lodged a case and turned to their Facial Recognition System (FRS) for assistance.

A few videos of the event and a poster with faces of eight persons were fed into the FRS. "The software was able to identify two persons from the poster via the driving licence database we have access to, but they have not been arrested yet," said an officer privy to the case.

This is the third time in two years that the police have used FRS during a major investigation. The software was used to probe a 2020 north-east Delhi communal riots case, and the January 26, 2021, Red Fort incident, when farmers stormed the monument during a tractor rally against new agriculture laws. Both incidents were widely covered by TV news channels and countless videos were shared on social media.

The police currently use a "basic" level of FRS, which does not function in real-time. The force has access to all CCTV in the city but is hamstrung by a lack of access to metadata: it can seemingly only tap into the driving licence and criminal databases of some adjoining States. Photos of missing and found children, and missing persons,

have also been fed into the system. Sources said the Election Commission, UIDAI and other Ministries do not share data with the force.

Several limitations

While probing the death of a Hindu man during the riots, the Investigating Officer (IO) sent notices to TV news channels to share videos of the incident. The IO also wrote to the Delhi government requesting it to share relevant CCTV footage. The request had to be hand-delivered. "At the time, getting CCTV footage was a task. But now the situation has changed, they [the authorities] have given us a password and username for the CCTVs and we can monitor footage in our areas," the officer said.

The police zeroed in on a suspect after examining all the footage. "The video and a mugshot of the suspect was uploaded to the FRS, which returned four matches. One of them was a Muslim; he turned out to be innocent. We did not make any arrest using FRS in that case," the officer said.

The software examines photos using parameters such as facial features, age, skin colour, etc. "It gives a 70-80% match against the photo put in the system. It only works as an aid. If it filters one lakh photos down to 50, then it helps in policing," said a senior police officer.

The software has had its successes. The officer said that the FRS is frequently used to trace missing children and identify bodies. When a child is reported missing, the IO is expected to upload details along with a photo on ZIPNET (Zonal Integrated Police Network). When a child is found, a photo is uploaded and the software sifts through the database for any matches.

Delhi Police officers say the facial recognition software they have access to right now can marginally narrow down suspects at best and is a far cry from the dystopian real-time surveillance feared by experts and activists

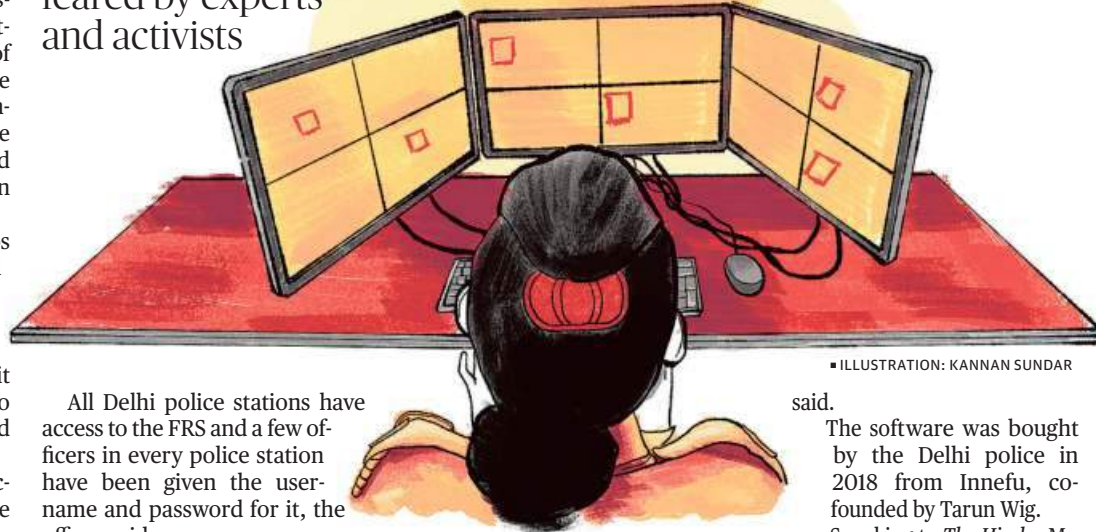


ILLUSTRATION: KANNAN SUNDAR

All Delhi police stations have access to the FRS and a few officers in every police station have been given the username and password for it, the officer said.

Restricted access

While the force is still coming to terms with how the new software can be utilised, debates rage over its misuse and privacy concerns. However, the technology available to the police is a far cry from what sceptics fear — total or real-time surveillance.

A sub-inspector said the police station he is posted in has no access to FRS as far as he is aware. "On the ground, most officers do not even upload the details of missing or found children. When they are not using ZIPNET properly, how will they get around to using FRS?" he said.

Another officer said they do not have ready access to the software. In the rare case when FRS is required, permission is needed from senior officers. "We have to file an application along with FIR number and then send it to the Crime Review Office in Kamla Market police station. It is such a lengthy process that I am not sure if it is ever used in daily investigations," the officer said.

An officer who investigated the 2020 riots said the software is not very efficient as it does not consider the age parameter. "If the person's driving licence is 20 years old, then it is impossible that the FRS will be able to find that person," the officer

The surveillance trap

The unabated use of Facial Recognition System without any legal framework is leading to a 'function creep', say experts, citing the example of Delhi Police

SOIBAM ROCKY SINGH
NEW DELHI

India has seen a rapid deployment of Facial Recognition Systems (FRS) in recent years, both by the Centre and State governments, without putting in place any law to regulate their use.

The growing unabated use of this potentially invasive technology without any safeguards, legal experts say, poses a huge threat to the fundamental rights to privacy and freedom of speech and expression of the citizens.

Currently, 18 FRSs are in active utilisation by the Centre and State governments for the purpose of surveillance, security and authentication of identity, and 49 more systems are in the process of being installed by different government agencies.

The national capital has three FRSs in active utilisation by Delhi Police (security/surveillance), New Delhi Airport (authentication of identity), and Indian Institute of Technology (authentication of identity). Three more FRSs are in the process of being installed.

Only Telangana is ahead of Delhi at present with four facial recognition systems in active utilisation for surveillance and authentication of identity, according to data published by Project Panoptic, which tracks deployment and implementation of such systems across India.

Delhi Police was the first law enforcement agency in the country to start using the technology in 2018. It is important to note that the facial recognition technology is being used in Delhi without any legal framework in place to regulate it, said Anushka Jain, associate counsel (surveillance and transparency) at Internet Freedom Foundation.

HC order

In response to an RTI query filed by Project Panoptic over the legality of the use of FRSs, Delhi Police, on February 20, 2020, replied that it was authorised by the Delhi High Court in terms of the decision in the case of 'Sadhna Haldar vs NCT of Delhi'.

In that particular case, the

High Court had authorised the Delhi police to obtain facial recognition technology for the purpose of tracking and reuniting missing children.

On the question of any guidelines or standard operating procedure guiding the use of facial recognition technology, Delhi Police replied, "FRS may be used in investigation in the interest of safety and security of general public."

Ms. Jain pointed out that Delhi Police was now using the FRS, which was meant for tracking missing children, for wider security and surveillance and investigation purpose.

There is a "function creep" happening with Delhi Police gradually using the technology beyond its intended purpose, said Ms. Jain, giving examples of use of FRS to identify accused who took part in the farmers' tractor rally violence in January this year.

Earlier, Delhi Police took the help of Automated Facial Recognition System (AFRS) to compare the details of people involved in the violence during the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act at Jamia Millia Islamia in 2019 with a data bank of more than 2 lakh "antisocial elements".

The police have also been using facial recognition software to track down the suspects involved in the north-east Delhi riots that left 53 people dead.

Bring accountability

Surveillance of any kind happens in secret and the people generally don't know that they are being watched, Ms. Jain said, adding that "there is a very obvious power dynamic and power imbalance which happen when surveillance takes place".

"Citizens are powerless because they don't know what is happening in the name of surveillance. The public needs to know what the government is doing in order to hold them accountable," Ms. Jain said.

She said the idea behind Project Panoptic is to bring light to the fact that these technology systems are being used without any laws in place to regulate them.

HC dismisses IAF officer's bail plea

He 'lured' woman on matrimonial site under different name despite being married

SOIBAM ROCKY SINGH
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has said that investigation is necessary against an Indian Air Force (IAF) officer, who became part of an online matrimonial site using a different name, despite having a wife and two children.

The IAF officer, who faked his name as Aman Saini on the matrimonial site, is facing charges of rape and criminal intimidation levelled by a woman who met him through the online site.

"Investigation is necessary to find out whether he has lured other women also,"

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JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

Justice Subramonium Prasad said.

"A perusal of the FIR indicates that the petitioner [the IAF officer] was married and yet he became part of the matrimonial site and that too using a different name which shows that there was no intention of the petitioner to marry the prosecutrix [woman] right from the incep-

tion," Justice Prasad said, while rejecting the officer's anticipatory bail plea.

The woman, in her complaint, alleged that she had met the IAF officer through a popular matrimonial site in March 2017. The woman said the officer introduced himself as Aman Saini, unmarried and working in the Indian Air Force.

The woman stated that in May 2017, they established physical relationship. In July 2017, the officer introduced her to his mother.

Later, she came to know that his real name was not Aman Saini, and that he was

married and had two children. The woman filed a complaint against him with the IAF as well. However, after requests from his mother, she withdrew her complaint.

The woman finally registered her complaint at a police station in the Capital in 2020.

The IAF officer, in his plea, stated that he has been falsely implicated in the case. He stated that even after coming to know that he was married, the woman was in touch with him. He said that he had joined the probe and was always available for investigation.

Backdoor entries to educational institutions should stop, says HC

It rejects plea of students who were wrongly granted admission

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has said that permitting "backdoor" entry of students to any educational institution would be grossly unfair to those candidates who are denied admission, despite being more meritorious, on account of the seats being taken and blocked by such entrants.

"It is high time that such backdoor entries in educational institutions, including medical colleges,

should stop. Lakhs of students all over the country work hard and toil to secure admissions to educational institutions on the basis of their merit," a Bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Jasmeet Singh said.

The court's remarks came while dismissing an appeal filed by five students who were granted admission in 2016 by L.N. Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, Bhopal, without their undergoing

the centralised counselling conducted by the Department of Medical Education.

The Medical Council of India had then issued letters of discharge to the five students. Against the discharge letters, the students moved the court seeking that they be permitted to continue their studies in the college as regular medical students.

"The petitioners [students] have only themselves to blame for the mess that they find themselves in," the court said.

Another arrest in NC leader's murder case

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

A third arrest has been made in connection with the killing of former National Conference leader Trilochan Singh Wazir whose decomposed body was found at a flat in Moti Nagar in west Delhi, the police said on Sunday.

The body of Wazir was found on September 9 in a washroom of the flat. DCP (Special Cell) Sanjeev Kumar Yadav said the accused, Harmet Singh, has been arrested from Jammu.

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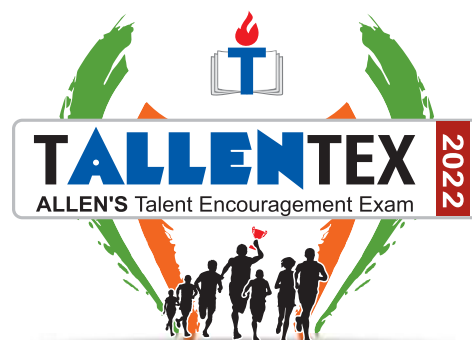
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Kejriwal blames stubble burning for poor AQI

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday shared the air quality index (AQI) of Delhi, which was recorded at 82 (satisfactory), and said the air quality is clean but deteriorates due to stubble burning from mid-October. He said State governments are yet to take action in supporting farmers to stop stubble burning.

'Rising dengue, malaria cases will take a toll on healthcare system'

In time of pandemic, doctors say management of such diseases needs a holistic view

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, doctors in the city have warned that a rising number of dengue and malaria cases will turn out to be the most difficult diseases to treat. As a result, they say, there will be increased pressure on the healthcare ecosystem.

Hospitals in the city have been reporting a steady rise in dengue and malaria cases. "Apart from that, we are getting cases of chikungunya and leptospirosis. These diseases are caused by mosquito bites and contaminated water. Even cases of jaundice and hepatitis rise during monsoon. Both of them can be as dangerous as malaria, dengue or chikungunya," said Shuchin Bajaj, director, Ujala Cygnus Group of Hospitals.

He added, "The management of such diseases needs holistic views, especially if the patient is COVID-19 positive." He said dengue, also known as breakbone fever, is a severe flu-like illness that affects all age groups. In most people, the fever takes its own course to subside. "However, in some pa-



A worker fumigating a house in the city. • FILE PHOTO

tients, it can cause serious complications like hemorrhagic fever, which can damage the lymph and blood vessels and can cause high fever, bleeding from nose and gums, liver enlargement and circulatory system failure. It is important to stay under medical supervision during the course of the disease. If the platelet count dips too much, it may also increase the chances of internal bleeding, and platelet transmission becomes important," he explained.

According to an estimate by the World Health Organisation, nearly a third of the world's population lives in areas where dengue is endemic. This means around 2.5 billion people are constantly in danger of acquiring

the infection. Around 50 million of them contract the infection and about 25,000 people die from the infection every year.

India has seen a steady rise in dengue infections from 2001, with Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Chandigarh accounting for the majority of cases. With more urbanisation, Mizoram, Odisha and Arunachal Pradesh have also reported dengue infections, where the disease was previously non-existent.

Varying symptoms

"Clinically, symptoms of dengue vary from mild flu-like illness with headache, fever with rash, respiratory symptoms, to bleeding, and multi-organ failure," said Ruta Patwardhan, consultant microbiologist, Metropolis Healthcare.

Dr. Patwardhan added that there is no specific drug or vaccine available against dengue in India at present and it is highly advisable for people to start taking preventive measures. Doctors have advised that people should not allow water to stagnate and wear full sleeve clothes while stepping out of the house.

Delhi reports 28 new cases, zero fatalities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Capital recorded 28 fresh COVID-19 cases and zero deaths on Sunday, according to a health bulletin released by the Delhi government.

The bulletin said 63,302 tests had been conducted with a positivity rate of 0.04%. The death toll stands at 25,085.

The city now has 387 active cases, of which 130 patients are in home isolation.

The total number of cases since the pandemic began now stands at 14,38,497.

Over 14.13 lakh patients have recovered from the disease.

In the last 24 hours, 2,03,527 people were vaccinated, of whom 1,04,457 received their first dose.

The total number of people vaccinated so far stands at 1,59,66,480, of whom 47,89,506 have received their first dose.



Murals of Paralympic medal winners at Timarpur in Delhi.

• SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Naidu lauds Paralympians for record medal harvest

'Make sports a viable career option'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu on Sunday praised the grit and determination of Indian Paralympians and said they brought cheer and hope to the entire nation in these troubled times through their stellar performances.

Addressing a gathering during the felicitation of Tokyo Paralympians in Gurugram, the Vice President lauded sportspersons for the highest ever medal haul even though the Tokyo Paralympics was held in rather extraordinary conditions due to the pandemic.

Recognising that these achievements were not easy, he said the entire nation was proud of its Paralympic athletes. "You have overcome several obstacles, demolished stereotypes, and have triumphed over social attitudes that looked down

upon sports," he said, adding that their accomplishments despite such adverse conditions were an inspiration to every Indian.

Sporting culture

Emphasising the need to create a sporting culture in the country, he called for making sports an attractive and viable career option for the youth. He complimented the Haryana government for taking several policy initiatives in this regard.

Taking cognisance of the general lack of sporting facilities for specially-abled sportspersons at local level, Mr. Naidu called for creation of necessary facilities for them. He also emphasised the need to identify and encourage specially-abled sportspersons at local level.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal was also present.

BJP expels 3 councillors on graft charges

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta on Sunday expelled three municipal councillors for six years on corruption charges and for ignoring party workers. Mr. Gupta said it was a matter of regret, but the party can't ignore the complaints and would not desist from taking similar action in future as well.

The councillors expelled are Pooja Madan from Mukherjee Nagar, Rajni Bablu Pandey from New Ashok Nagar, and Sanjay Thakur from Said-ul-Ajab. In the expulsion letter to the councillors, Mr. Gupta said they had been warned in the past and asked to improve their behaviour towards party workers but to no avail. "The party works on zero tolerance policy and this won't be tolerated at any cost. If there is any laxity on this account or any corruption is detected, strict action will be taken," Mr. Gupta said in his letter. Reacting to the action taken by the BJP, AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj said it was the AAP that revealed in April how BJP councillors were looting people of Delhi and now that they fear losing the civic body elections, they are hastily covering up for their corrupt deeds.

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For the works from the **Sl.No. 12 to 24** tender documents may be obtained from **24.09.2021** and the last date for submission of tenders is fixed to **25.10.2021 upto 4.00 PM**. Technical bids will be opened on **26.10.2021 after 4.30 PM**.

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Activists seek govt. help for release of rationalist

Man from Kerala is in prison in Dubai

STAFF REPORTER
KOZHIKODE

Rationalist groups have urged the Union government to secure the release of an entrepreneur from Kerala, who has been jailed in Dubai for alleged blasphemous remarks against Islam.

According to sources, Abdul Khadar Puthiyangadi from Kasaragod ran an IT-related business in the Gulf country for the past five years.

Arif Hussain Theruvath, president, Non-Religious Citizens, told *The Hindu* on Sunday that Mr. Khadar was earlier a quite devout and had delved deep into Islamic texts and scriptures to counter those against the religion. However, his deep study later made him a vocal critic of the religion, Mr. Hussain said.

"He started criticising Islam with the same vehemence with which once he

defended that religion," he said.

Three-year sentence

According to Mr. Hussain, a section of Muslims from Kerala based in the UAE objected to Mr. Khadar's critique. They translated his writings and speeches in Malayalam into Arabic and presented them to the Dubai authorities, seeking action against him. This led to his arrest on April 22. He was later sentenced to three years in prison.

K.N. Anil Kumar, president, and Shooranad Gopan, State secretariat member, Kerala Yutkithiadi Sangham (Kerala Atheists' Society), C.M. Liyakathali, president, Ex-Muslims of Kerala, and Mr. Hussain pointed out in a joint statement that the same group of Islamists were "champions of secularism, and freedom of expression" in India.

Big win for YSRCP in civic polls

It bags 451 of 515 ZPTCs and 5,858 of 7,219 MPTCs

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

The YSR Congress Party's (YSRCP) winning streak continued in the ZPTC and MPTC elections in Andhra Pradesh on Sunday, and it is poised to score a landslide victory as per the reports at 10 p.m., dashing the hopes of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) to regain lost ground.

Of the 515 ZPTCs (Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituencies) and 7,219 MPTCs (Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies) for which elections were held, the YSRCP bagged 451 ZPTCs. The TDP won six (two in Krishna and one each in Kadapa, Anantapur, Visakhapatnam and East Godavari), CPI(M) one, Jana Sena one and an independent one. The BJP drew a blank.

The counting is still on for



Sweet moment: YSRCP leaders celebrating the party's victory in Visakhapatnam on Sunday. ■ K.R. DEEPAK

some ZPTCs and MPTCs when the reports came in last.

The YSRCP's district-wise tally is Srikakulam 33, Vizianagaram 31, Visakhapatnam 34, East Godavari 21, West Godavari 35, Krishna 40, Guntur 44, Prakasam 41, Nellore 34, Chittoor 33, Kadapa 9, Kurnool 36 and Anantapur 60.

The YSRCP has won 5,858 MPTCs, TDP 792, Jana Sena 157, BJP 26, CPI(M) 15, CPI eight, Congress four and others 152.

The following is the breakup of YSRCP's seats: Srikakulam 492, Vizianagaram 389, Visakhapatnam 450, East Godavari 639, West Godavari 589, Krishna 572, Guntur 495, Prakasam 320, Nellore 312, Chittoor 389, Kadapa 92, Kurnool 406 and Anantapur 713.

The district-wise MPTCs bagged by the TDP: Srikakulam 81, Vizianagaram 86, Visakhapatnam 118, East Godavari 85, West Godavari 94, Krishna 60, Guntur 57, Prakasam 33, Nellore 31, Chit-

toor 25, Kadapa 11, Kurnool 62 and Anantapur 49.

Blow to TDP

According to the official information, the YSRCP trounced the TDP on the home turf of party chief N. Chandrababu Naidu i.e. Chittoor district, where it won all 33 ZPTC seats for which elections were held, and 389 out of 419 MPTCs, including Naravariapalle. The TDP won 25 MPTC seats in the district.

The YSRCP's resounding victory in Chittoor district is being considered as a strong blow to the TDP. The ruling party fared well in the MPTC elections in all the coastal districts by winning not less than 312 seats in each.

Meanwhile, 301 ballot papers stored in a ballot box belonging to Pulimeru MPTC and ZPTC elections under Peddapuram Revenue Division in East Godavari district have been eaten by termites. (With inputs from East Godavari)

Priest warns against 'Christian girls being lured by Ezhava boys'

But it is Christians who are converting Ezhavas, says SNDP

K.S. SUDHI
KOCHI

The raging controversy over "religious jihad" took a new turn with a Christian priest cautioning the community against "Christian girls being systematically lured into love marriages by some Ezhava boys".

The statement was made by Fr. Roy Kannanchira, who heads the Deepika Children's League, at a training session for Catechism teachers.

A recent statement by Mar Joseph Kallarangatt, Bishop of the Pala diocese of the Sy-

ro Malabar Church, that extremists elements were using "love jihad" and "narcotic jihad" to lure away Christian girls created a furor in the State.

According to Fr. Kannanchira, a priest of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate congregation of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, the statement was made to highlight the fact that the marital life of many Christian girls, who married outside the religion, ended up in familial discord.

However, Vellappally Natesan, general secretary of

the Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana (SNDP) Yogam, said it was not the Ezhava community members who were converting the Christians, but the other way round.

"Hundreds of Ezhava and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe members had been converted into Christianity in the hill areas of the State over the years. The Christians, who constitute around 17% of the State's population, grew in strength by converting people from other religions to their faith," he said.

Video clip: Sadananda files complaint

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A video clip, purportedly showing former Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda in a compromising position went viral on social media, prompting him to file a complaint with the Cyber Crime police in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Filing the complaint on behalf of the BJP leader, one Thamme Gowda S. said that the video was fabricated and circulated to tarnish the image of the former Minister.

"This is politically motivated and created through fabrication," Mr. Thamme Gowda said.

1 held for issuing threat to Bommai, two others

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

The Mangaluru police arrested one person and took three others into custody for issuing a life threat to Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, veteran BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa, and Muzrai Minister Shashikala Jolle, and issuing statements creating communal tension over the temple demolition episode at Nanjangud in Mysuru district.

The Barke police of Mangaluru have arrested Dharmendra, a resident of Urwa, while Rajesh Pavitrana, Prem Polali, and Sandeep Shetty Adka are being questioned. In addition, the police have named Kamalaksha Pa-

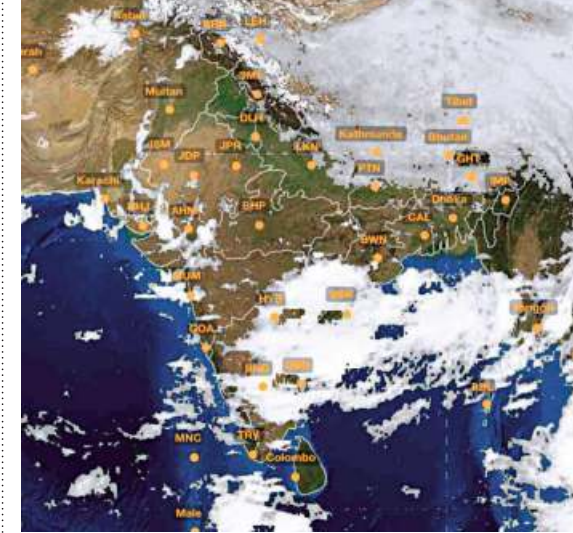


Basavaraj Bommai

dil, Sudhakar Shetty, Praveen Shetty, and Ullas as accused in the FIR registered following a complaint filed by Lohith Kumar Suvarna, State president of Akhila Bharat Hindu Mahasabha.

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RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



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Forecast for Monday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places over east Rajasthan and Gujarat; heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Tamil Nadu

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3	31.4	25.6	Kozhikode	32.6	25.7	25.3
Ahmedabad	1.7	30.4	26	Kurnool	34.7	25.3	25.3
Aizawl	43	25.5	21.5	Lucknow	34.9	27.1	27.1
Allahabad	35.7	26.8	26.8	Madurai	34.8	23.7	23.7
Bengaluru	31.3	22.2	22.2	Mangaluru	31	24.2	24.2
Bhopal	7.8	29.9	23	Mumbai	0.8	31.6	25.5
Bhubaneswar	34.4	32.2	24.4	Mysuru	33	22	22
Chandigarh	34	25.7	25.7	New Delhi	0.2	33.4	24.2
Chennai	35.2	26.3	26.3	Patna	6	33.6	26.4
Coimbatore	35	24	24	Port Blair	31.6	24.9	24.9
Dehradun	16.5	31.9	23.5	Puducherry	4.4	33	21.6
Gangtok	21.9	18.2	18.2	Pune	30.8	20.5	20.5
Goa	31.5	24.6	24.6	Raipur	32	25.6	25.6
Guwahati	18	34.2	25.3	Ranchi	35	23.7	21.6
Hubballi	33.4	24.4	24.4	Shillong	20	22.7	17
Hyderabad	9	31.2	21.1	Shimla	26	20.1	20.1
Imphal	31	21.1	21.1	Srinagar	32	17.8	17.8
Jaipur	31	25	25	Thiruvananthapuram	31.2	24.5	24.5
Kochi	31.6	25.8	25.8	Tiruchi	35.6	26.2	26.2
Kohima	4	29.6	17	Vijayawada	33.6	26.4	26.4
Kolkata	21	31.9	25.6	Visakhapatnam	2	33.8	25.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

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Bengaluru	5	45	36	39	90	...
Chennai	7	12	33	10	66	...
Delhi	4	21	27	90	144	...
Hyderabad	16	26	20	51	94	...
Kolkata	13	26	26	94	102	...
Lucknow	5	26	60	59	98	...
Mumbai	7	28	80	18	43	...
Pune	6	180	55	33	27	...
Visakhapatnam	20	60	37	63	105	...

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

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It is better for students to learn in the language they can understand, feels Sandeep Bapna, Managing Director, Khan Academy India

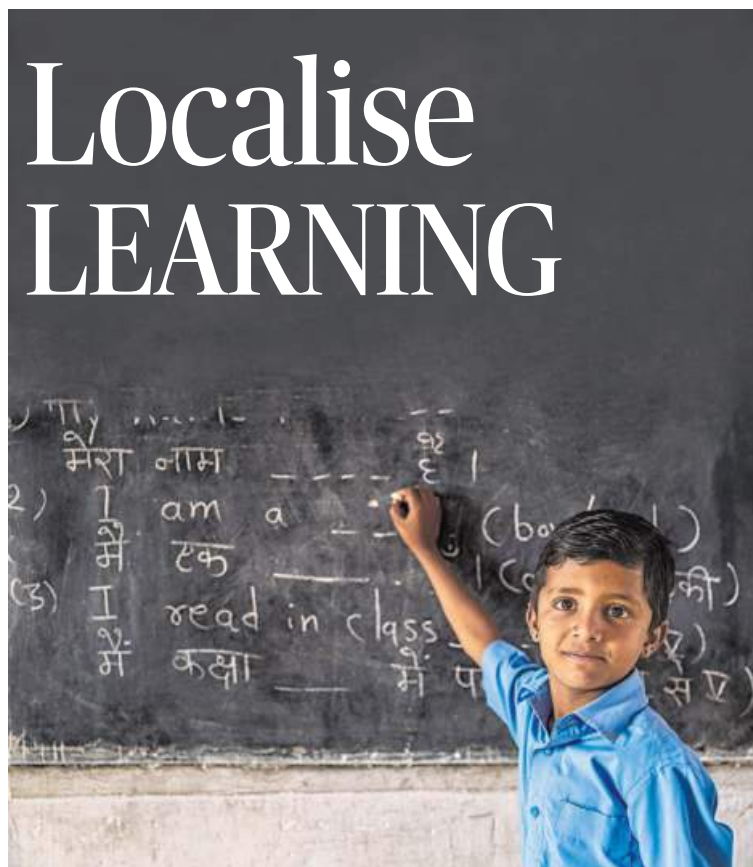
MADHUMITHA SRINIVASAN

According to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, "wherever possible, the medium of instruction until at least Class 5, but preferably till Class 8 and beyond, will be the home language/mother tongue/local language/regional language." While this is not mandatory, research proves that it has its benefits like effective learning in communities where children have minimal or no proficiency in English, and can help reduce the number of dropouts and increase student participation.

Khan Academy India (KAI), a not-for-profit organisation incorporated in India, has aligned itself with this belief. Founded by Khan Academy Inc. and Tata Trusts, KAI provides free tech-enabled learning resources, and assessment and feedback tools for Classes 1-12, in English and regional languages like Hindi, Gujarati, Kannada and Tamil. Sandeep Bapna, Managing Director, Khan Academy India, sheds more light on the effectiveness of learning in regional languages and why KAI backs the idea.

Khan Academy has been into digital learning long before the pandemic. What advantage did you have because of that?

First of all, it allowed us to respond quickly to the situation. Within two to three weeks of school closures, we were able to reach out to five lakh students in Delhi with 'At-home' learning packs. We were able to take similar steps with a few other State partners. So the advantage was that we had the resources in place to deliver.



Is the challenge for KAI unique because of the multiple medium of instructions and boards?

It's a challenge for everyone in India, so it is not unique in that sense. The real challenge for us is: How fast can we move on this front? A vast body of content takes time to translate, because it is not just about using voice-overs but recreating the entire content.

How does the localisation process take place?

In three stages: First is the translation, which takes about nine months;

then we start the pilot phase with 50-100 schools to assess how the content can be integrated and what kind of training works; finally, we need to start expanding. The challenge in the final step is the infrastructure available in schools. This is changing quite a bit now. With this model in place, in the next two to three years, we aim for 9 out of 10 students to have access to KAI resources in their own language.

How can education in regional languages be made more effective in the context of opportunities for higher education, jobs or research?

If you are a learner in a regional language, the first priority should be to build a solid foundation in your early schooling years, right up to Mid-

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dle School. If you can solidify your understanding of Math, Science and Language in your own language, you are ready to pursue it further in the language of your choice. But here's where things beyond our purview come into play like: Are there enough high-quality education institutes in local languages where students can pursue advanced careers?

There is research coming out globally about mixed learning, where a student has to learn both a subject like Math and the language it is taught in. We are making life difficult for students. So, at least initially, it is better for students to learn in the language they can understand. That way, they can just focus on the subject.

Have you been able to measure the effectiveness of learning in a regional language?

We have not and it is likely to be a complex study. When we started in India about four years ago, KAI was available only in English. The share of vernacular then was 0%. Now it is already over 15-20% per month. I foresee that, in a couple of years, it will be more than 50%. It is a combination of content becoming available, students becoming aware of the content and using it. If you see metrics like the YouTube videos, videos in Hindi trump every other language. So, from an engagement parameter, I'd say learning in a regional language is definitely more effective.

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Cutting the captain

The Congress might have ended one crisis in Punjab only to set off a bigger one

Amarinder Singh's ouster, and the selection of his bairer Charanjit Singh Channi as Chief Minister of Punjab was scripted in Delhi by the Congress high command, which in effect is party MP Rahul Gandhi and AICC general secretary in charge of Uttar Pradesh Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. They pushed for the change of guard only months ahead of the next Assembly election tenaciously. Punjab is one of only three States where the party is in power. The party MLAs had turned against Captain Amarinder, but not before the Gandhis made it clear that they wanted him out. Capt. Amarinder, 79, had said of the 2017 Assembly election that it was the last in his career, and the party should identify his successor ahead of the next election which is now due in months. While the Gandhis appear to have taken it too seriously, Capt. Amarinder, as those in power often do, went back on his words. Capt. Amarinder says the reason for his change of mind – he now says his retirement is not imminent – is the choice by the Gandhis of Navjot Singh Sidhu as the party State president, whom he considers as anti-national and mixed up with the Pakistani establishment. The incoming Chief Minister, a Dalit Sikh, and the party chief have been acting in tandem to unseat Capt. Amarinder.

It is one thing to push for new leadership in the party and quite another to create a crisis in the process. The cost of this change for the Congress will be clear only in the coming days, but it is already evident that getting the party back in fighting shape will be an uphill task. Capt. Amarinder is exploring political options outside the Congress. While it may not be easy for him to build something new, he could queer the pitch for the Congress. His absence itself could be a drag on the feet for the party. Though admittedly inaccessible to ordinary workers and even party leaders, his sense of the people's pulse in the communally sensitive border State has been critical for the party. His moderate image, secular approach, and nationalist rhetoric fit the Congress well. Mr. Sidhu and Mr. Channi have been making provocative appeals to Sikh religious grievances, in their efforts to outsmart the opposition Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and the outgoing Chief Minister. His propensity for communal appealing, and his unstable temperament make Mr. Sidhu a sinister joker in the Congress pack. Should the Congress win, he will claim the Chief Minister's post. With the SAD on the back foot for being part of the Union government when it enacted the three farm laws that the State's farmers are up in arms against, and the BJP friendless and faceless, the Congress had appeared poised to retain power. Perhaps such advantageous circumstances emboldened the Gandhis to go for the jugular in Punjab. But the SAD might have got a lifeline, and the Aam Aadmi Party new hope while the Congress deals with its internal crisis.

A spike

India must prioritise vaccines to States and districts that are at greatest infection risk

India on September 17 administered a record 2.5 crore vaccine shots, which an ebullient Health Ministry said was the equivalent of the populations of the whole of Australia, two-thirds of Canada and five times that of New Zealand. The only other comparison would be China's pace of vaccination – 2.47 crore shots on a single day. Thus, 2.5 crore means 62% Indian adults have now got at least one dose and one in five fully inoculated. Friday's drive was part of a concerted push by BJP-ruled States to boost vaccination numbers as a birthday gift to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. But to encourage a behavioural nudge when supply is abundant and demand is not commensurate – as in the U.S. – and have a marked supply shortage even as vaccine production continues – as in India – are two different things. Bharat Biotech was supposed to be supplying 6.7 crore doses a month from July-August and 10 crore doses a month from September, according to a Department of Biotechnology statement in April. This would mean at least 52 crore doses from July-December, of which 40 crore is to be supplied from September-December. Since the vaccination drive began, only nine crore doses of Covaxin have been administered as of last week – at least three crore short. Several cabinet Ministers, in summer, had boasted that India would inoculate its adult population (about 94 crore) by the year end. This will require over 185 crore doses, or close to one crore inoculations a day; India has now crossed the 80 crore mark. Before the birthday drive, India's most recent seven-day average was 0.6-0.7 crore. Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, which saw among the highest vaccination spikes on September 17, delivered 6-10 times their previous seven-day average.

India is once again on a downswing as far as daily coronavirus numbers go, but at close to 30,000 cases a day is nowhere near the all-time low of nearly 10,000 daily cases in February which preceded the catastrophic second wave. The globally most prevalent Delta variant may have already washed over large swathes of India, but waning immunity and the emergence of variants capable of immune escape are thriving too. With educational institutions set to open in a big way during the winter and crores of unvaccinated children vulnerable, the imperative should be to boost daily supplies. India is lucky that there is so far no discernible vaccine scepticism and hesitancy and it has only to really bother with producing and delivering the jab painlessly. Instead of positioning vaccine drives as opportunities to set vacuous records, the Centre must prioritise vaccines to States and districts that are at greatest infection risk and follow up with vaccine makers to speed up and make good on their commitments.

A one-party juggernaut and its feeble challengers

With no glue still to bond the Opposition, the non-party movements of resistance could offer hope for change



HARBANS MUKHIA

The political Opposition in its entirety appears to have decided this – that each party would rather contest and lose to a smaller local adversary than challenge the one bigger, common and more ominous adversary. And win (or lose) the forthcoming Assembly elections, and more importantly, the crucial general election of 2024 together. The writing has been on the wall ever since 2019, reaffirming the urgency of the good old saying, "united we stand/wind, divided we fall".

Some stirrings

Only one leader with credible bona fides – the inimitable fighter and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee – appears to have recognised this and is striving to forge a united front to challenge the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Indeed, she had sounded out the Opposition on this even before 2019, but it was ignored then as it is being ignored now. Nationalist Congress Party leader Sharad Pawar, the veteran, is also one leader sensitive to the nuances of the present scenario and did take some initial steps towards forging a common front to take on the strong adversary. It ended with an online conversation, with a prepared sermon by Indian National Congress chief Sonia Gandhi on how India must be saved. Period. The writing on the wall remains unread. Mean-

while, every party is busy finalising its list of candidates for the forthcoming Assembly elections and issuing statements to the press asserting its own invincibility in the forthcoming battle. The year 2024 is still too far on the horizon to exercise one's mind. Never mind the link between the two.

A contrast lies in strategy

It is hard for an outsider to ignore the distinct modes of election management, one that the BJP has introduced especially over the past decade and that of the other established parties. The BJP prepares for an election at the ground level at least two years ahead by activating its cadres, especially cadres from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, in establishing personal contacts with potential voters, collecting information about the local issues that might motivate voters to its side, the caste/subcaste/community profile of each constituency to cohere with grandiose calls for Vikas, and Hindu Rashtra from the top-level leadership, not to forget the ever active BJP IT cell forging and spreading questionable material every day on social media.

In other words, the BJP is forever preparing for an election. This is in contrast to the Opposition parties which get into action a month or two before election dates are announced, their chief concern being to usually nominate candidates with their own resources for winning. The leaders contribute their mite to the process by making speeches at election meetings. The BJP also learns quickly from its defeats and victories and does take immediate remedial action. The recent quick change of



RETULBAI KONWAR

governments in several BJP-ruled States is a good example. The party also changes its tactics keeping in mind the lessons learnt. The contrast, of the energy of the BJP and the lethargy on the other side, is striking.

The BJP and the Opposition rely largely on attacking each other. This suits the BJP more because the Opposition earns credibility only if it posits an alternative economic, political and social programme to the electorate that carries conviction, for which it has to be formulated long before the elections are seen on the horizon. Before 2019, the Congress did posit an attractive economic alternative by promising ₹6,000 per month to poor farmers, but it was formulated a few weeks before the elections, announced from electoral daises by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with no groundwork to prepare the audiences for it, and thus, carried no conviction. Since then, no Opposition party has challenged the Government by positing an attractive alternative slogan.

As of now, the reluctance of the Opposition parties to come together for the decisive fights ahead, and the absence of any evidence of serious preparations, do seem to indicate a willing walkover to the

ruling party.

The Congress's problem

It is easy to pin the responsibility for this denouement on the Indian National Congress. As the country's second largest party in the Seventeenth Lok Sabha, with footprints around the country (besides being the oldest and the most experienced political party), the responsibility devolves upon it squarely to forge a vision and a programme which would accommodate most if not all the others into a single conglomerate (though preferably not a single unit), for the battles ahead.

But it is this status it has that fills it with an arrogance to claim the unshared leadership of any possible combination of parties, expressed in the following formula: come and support us and we shall fight together. There is no need for discussion, for discussion involves sharing. Just listen to either Ms. Sonia Gandhi or second best, Rahul Gandhi, and do as they say and demand. This is contrary to what its high status should imply: openness, liberalism, generosity and a vision for India beyond a vision for the present party leadership.

Its exclusive concern looks like retaining the three Gandhis (Ms. Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Vadra) at the top even if the bottom keeps floundering and withering away. It is not only the pleas from leaders of a much higher stature such as Mr. Sharad Pawar but also pleas for the reinvigoration of the party from its own senior-most and most committed leaders (the G23, or 23 of them) that are perceived as a threat to Gandhis and thus sidelined.

There has been nil "introspec-

tion" within the party after each stunning political defeat. There is no sign of the party being a living organism capable, or at least willing, to rectify its errors and move on. This is in contrast to its chief rival. The grimness of the situation is highlighted by the sterling fact that the Opposition cannot go forward without the Congress either. What more could make the BJP happier?

A new brigade

Paradoxically, the only avenue of political change through the elections that lies open, if at all, is in the non-political movements of resistance such as the farmers' agitation. The farmers, who have withstood the indifference and the assaults of the Government show no sign of backing off. They have kept almost all political parties away while also shouting from the rooftops that their mission is to defeat the BJP in the elections by mobilising farmers around the country. That they do have the capacity to mobilise themselves has been demonstrated repeatedly, most recently in Muzaffarnagar (Uttar Pradesh) and Karnal (Haryana). The mahapanchayat at Muzaffarnagar has also cautioned farmers against the BJP's use of the so-far successful strategy of divide and rule along communal lines, and the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister has already announced his intention to go the whole hog along this path. A major communal conflagration may also be in the offing. The results of these elections will decide the future of India to a large extent.

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The relative income, subjective well-being connect

A key policy lesson would be to pursue a strategy of shared growth through remunerative employment



VARSHA S. KULKARNI & RAGHAV GAIHA

"Well-being is attained little by little, and nevertheless is no little thing itself," pronounced philosopher Zeno of Citium. While the centrality of the notion of well-being is hard to dispute, its measurement is far from straightforward. There are two distinct approaches to measurement of well-being: one is the conventional approach of measuring it in terms of objective criterion such as income/expenditure; and the second is the growing consensus around a measure of subjective well-being/SWB/life satisfaction/happiness that takes into account not just objective criteria such as income but also individual characteristics including age, gender, schooling, religion, caste, marital status, health, employment, social networks, and the overall economic and natural environment. The intuitive appeal of SWB measures is that these are influenced not just by objective criterion of income/expenditure but also by perceptions of individuals about their experiences of whether they are better-off, just the same or worse-off.

In a previous OpEd article, Kulkarni et al. ("Money vs. happiness" – Subjective well-being and income are intricately linked, *The Hindu*, February 18, 2021), it was argued that subjective well-being

varies with level of income but at a diminishing rate. Here, however, our focus is on whether relative income (i.e., relative to that of a reference group) matters more than the level of income and, in that case, whether a shift in policy is necessary to enhance SWB. Our analysis draws upon the two rounds of the nationally representative India Human Development Survey (IHDS), conducted by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and University of Maryland, covering the years 2005 and 2012. The data were released in 2015. Its salient features are: it is the only all-India panel survey; apart from the wide coverage of demographic, health, economic, and social variables, it asks a question on SWB. The question is: compared to seven years ago (2005), would you say your household is economically doing the same, better or worse today (2012)? Specifically, therefore, it is a measure of change in SWB, but for convenience of exposition we refer to it interchangeably as SWB, or, SWB outcomes. Admittedly, a broader coverage of both economic and social aspects (such as questions about the best possible life on a scale) would have been more helpful for comparisons with studies conducted using the Gallup World Poll.

SWB and income/expenditure are positively related but at a diminishing rate. Besides, the association is weak and arguably transitory. These findings are not surprising. First, we find that the relative income effect (actual per capita income/expenditure as a fraction of the maximum in the primary sampling unit) is much



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larger. This is consistent with the relative income hypothesis formulated by Duesenberry (1949) and the famous Easterlin paradox (1973). This paradox states that at a point in time, SWB/happiness varies directly with income both among and within nations, but over time, happiness does not trend upward as income continues to grow.

Indeed, rank in the income distribution influences life satisfaction. As a society becomes richer, the average rank does not change and thus average life-satisfaction remains stable despite income growth. The relative income hypothesis cannot by itself explain why a permanent increase in an individual's income has a transitory effect on his/her well-being, as relative standing would increase. However, the increase in relative standing can be offset by change in the reference group: with this increase, the new peers serve as a reference point, and the previous peers lose salience.

On material goods

Second, individuals adapt to material goods, and these goods yield little joy for most individuals. Thus, increases in income, which are expected to raise well-being by raising consumption opportunities, may in fact have minor lasting effect because consumption of ma-

terial goods has little effect on well-being above a certain level of consumption or because of hedonic adaptation (<https://bit.ly/3zrIPNA>). This has been questioned on the grounds that there is no income threshold at which SWB diverged. Instead, higher incomes are associated with both feeling better moment-to-moment and being more satisfied with life overall. While there may be some point beyond which money loses its power to improve well-being, the current view is that the threshold may be higher than previously thought (<https://bit.ly/3nQEYX8>).

Income changes

We further analysed how relative income changed during 2005-2012. We classified relative income/expenditure into three intervals: 0-25%, >25-50% and above >50% in both 2005 and 2012. The cross-tabulation unravels sharp changes. Consider the first interval with lowest relative income, 0-25%, in 2005. About 40% remained in this interval, while about the same proportion experienced a sharp increase in relative income (by moving to the interval, >25-50%), and above a fifth a substantial increase (by moving into the interval, >50%). The next interval with higher relative income, (>25-50%), revealed a different pattern. While about 40% remained in this interval, more than a third ascended into the highest relative income interval, >50%, implying substantial narrowing of the income/expenditure disparity. However, a distressing feature was that well over one fourth experienced a marked increase of this

disparity or lower relative income (i.e., by moving into the interval 0-25%). In the third interval, >50%, about 51% remained in it, while about one third experienced a marked reduction in relative income (by moving into the lower interval, >25-50%) and a considerably lower proportion (over 16%) registered a sharp reduction (by moving into the highest relative income interval, 0-25%).

Going forward

So, to recapitulate, the lower the relative income, the lower is SWB. What our analysis shows is that a large majority of those with lowest relative income experienced substantially higher relative incomes; also, a large majority of those in the next higher range (>25-50%) recorded significantly higher relative incomes; and, nearly half of those in the highest range of relative income (>50%) recorded lower relative incomes in 2012. During a period of steady growth of per capita income (just under 6% annually), the benefits in terms of higher relative income accrued largely to those in the lower intervals.

In sum, the important policy lesson is that, instead of relentless pursuit of income growth, more attention must be given to a strategy of shared growth through remunerative employment in order to enhance well-being.

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Change in Punjab

Amarinder Singh stepping down as Punjab Chief Minister on Saturday is nothing short of a dramatic move by the 'people's maharaja' (Page 1, "Amarinder quits amid turmoil in Cong.", September 19). The writing was on the wall when the younger Gandhis appointed Navjot Singh Sidhu as the State party chief. On the whole, the developments in Punjab must make the Bharatiya Janata Party rub its hands in glee.

N.J. RAVI CHANDER, Bengaluru

■ The proverb, it never rains but it pours, sums up the crisis in the Grand Old Party (GOP). With the exit of Captain Amarinder along with existing problems in the

Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh party units, also compounded by the exit of Jyotiraditya Scindia, the writing is on the wall. The GOP is in deep trouble. It is rather disturbing to realise the Indian National Congress (INC), nourished and brought up by the greatest stalwarts, patriots of exceptional calibre, is moving toward a state of oblivion. There is hardly any need now for the BJP to keep citing the phrase "Congress Mukh Bharat" when the INC is presenting on a platter reasons for the Bharatiya Janata Party to continue its rule. It is disappointing that vested interests are calling the shots in the principal Opposition party, totally demoralising its grass-root workers. When will the party realise the need to set its

house in order before making futile attempts to challenge the Narendra Modi regime?
S. SESHADRI, Chennai

■ The Congress is in power in only a handful of States and the development comes as a tragedy at a time when there is turmoil in every State it controls. That the dissenting Assembly members have suddenly found out at the fag end of the party's term the presence of unfulfilled election promises is strange. Considering the administrative experience of Amarinder Singh, Navjot Singh Sidhu or any other leader cannot do justice to the post. Criticisms against the policies of the BJP government will not be effective unless the Congress

manages to sort out its troubles. It is pathetic that the national Opposition party is being run by an interim party president which makes other leaders and party workers lose confidence.
D. SETHURAMAN, Chennai

■ The inability of the Grand Old party to keep its flock together is glaring. It is disappointing to see the Congress party failing to honour the people's mandate in various States as a result of factionalism. The 'tall leadership' of the party is in slumber as far as maintaining a coherent leadership is concerned. The Congress is charting a course of its disintegration.
J. ANANTHA PADMANABHAN, Tiruchi

■ Capt. Amarinder Singh is ready to salute but is definitely not prepared to kowtow to incompetent people. He did as much good for the State of Punjab as he possibly could. A disciplined military person like Capt. Amarinder could not have swum for long in a cesspool of politics. A lion has been made to vacate the throne to make way for a circus.
M.R. ANAND, Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh

Harmony in Kerala

It is rare to find the kind of religious cohesion one has in Kerala anywhere else in the country. The cent percent educated population speaking the same one language yet tragically falling prey to divisive forces must be reversed. Nothing must disturb this cohesion

(Editorial page, "A dark cloud in Kerala's sky of communal harmony", September 18). Keralites themselves need to restore harmony.
MOHAMMED IKRAMULLA, Hyderabad

Exit Ford

The decision of American car maker Ford to close its manufacturing base in India is a bolt from the blue – to its customers, employees and dealers. It is a matter of concern that the plants which helped the manufacturer establish a niche for itself may stop. Ford's exit from the Indian market is also a huge loss for Chennai, the Detroit of India.
RAJAMANI CHELLADURAI, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu

How the 9/11 wars changed the world

The war on terror strengthened Islamist and Islamophobic politics



STANLY JOHNY

The bombing by the Islamic State Khorasan Province on August 26 outside Kabul airport that killed about 200 Afghans and 13 Americans at a time when the U.S. was scrambling to evacuate its citizens from Afghanistan was a tragic testimony to everything that went wrong with America's war on terror. After the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the U.S. went to Afghanistan to defeat al-Qaeda and topple the Taliban regime. Twenty years later, when the U.S. exited Afghanistan, the Taliban, which never fully severed its ties with al-Qaeda, was back in power in Kabul and the country was emerging as the new base of the Islamic State.

U.S. President Joe Biden says the war on terror will continue. But the U.S.'s options are limited. It has lost its base in Afghanistan. Its alliance with Pakistan, which goes back to the Cold War, is over. Afghanistan's neighbouring countries refuse to host an American base. This will impact intelligence operations. Even if the U.S. wants to carry out a drone strike in Afghanistan (which is not an effective counter-terrorism strategy anyway), it will have to fly the machines from the Gulf, based on intelligence collected from afar. If the U.S. couldn't defeat terrorism after fighting two decades in Afghanistan along with Pakistan, how is it going to fight it in a Taliban-controlled Afghanistan from bases in the Gulf?

Regime change wars

After the 9/11 attacks, the U.S. saw a global outpouring of support and sympathy. There was a legal and moral argument in favour of its military action against al-Qaeda. But the fundamental problem with the war that the U.S. launched was that it wasn't strategically focused on defeating al-Qaeda. Instead, the U.S., driven by the neoconservative hubris of the Bush administration, launched regime change wars to remake the Muslim world. President Biden now says the U.S. went to Afghanistan to defeat al-Qaeda. But facts on the ground tell a different story. In 2001,



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the U.S. brought down the Taliban regime and destroyed al-Qaeda's base in Afghanistan. But instead of going after al-Qaeda networks, the U.S. initiated the next regime change war in Iraq. The invasion of Iraq, based on false intelligence or the lie that President Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, not only diffused the U.S.'s focus in Afghanistan but also created conditions inside Iraq for al-Qaeda, which was forced to retreat from Afghanistan, to establish a new branch. Al-Qaeda in Iraq, led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, rose from the ruins of post-war Iraq to become the deadliest branch of the global jihadist outfit.

If the Bush administration did not learn from the mistakes of its Afghan invasion, the Obama administration did not learn from the mistakes of the Iraq invasion by President George Bush. In 2011, NATO launched another regime change war in Libya. The U.S. believed that with its superior military force, it could topple regimes, reorder political systems and remake the world. It did bring down regimes in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya, but it remained clueless about how to tackle the instability that followed. Jihadists thrive amidst chaos and lawlessness. If post-war Iraq provided a new base for al-Qaeda, Libya's collapse into anarchy, with different militias and governments fighting each other for control, allowed terrorists to spread to other parts of Africa. In Syria, the U.S. stopped short of a direct military intervention but backed armed rebels against the regime of President Bashar al-Assad. It is from the ruins of Syria that the Islamic State rose.

the U.S. suffered was in geopolitics. When the U.S. was busy in the Muslim world, China was steadily rising. By the time the U.S. realised that China had become its greatest rival since the end of the Cold War, it was too late. The U.S. had already lost the war in Afghanistan; al-Qaeda had split into different branches (what President Biden called a metastasised threat); divisive, ethno-nationalist and Islamophobic politics had become stronger at home; and the moment of unipolarity had passed. In the face of these enormous challenges, President Biden decided to end the war in Afghanistan allowing the Taliban their victory. This left the war on terror uncertain and caused a shift in the U.S.'s strategic focus towards a resurgent China (policies followed by President Donald Trump). On August 31, Mr. Biden said the era of wars to reshape the world was over, marking an official end of the neo-conservative regime-change foreign policy.

This doesn't mean that the global hegemony of the U.S. is over. The U.S. suffered setbacks in the past and bounced back. The 1970s were particularly a bad decade for the U.S. during the Cold War. It had to withdraw from Vietnam in 1975, allowing the communists to win and unify the country. In 1978, the communists assumed power in Afghanistan. In 1979, the U.S. lost Iran. Yet, by late 1979, the U.S. was back in action, thanks to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Mr. Biden's America, having suffered a crushing defeat in Afghanistan, might be reluctant to launch another direct military intervention in the near future. To be sure, America's withdrawal and the perception of its weakness will embolden its rivals like Iran, Russia and China. But the 2011-15 Libyan and Syrian crises that saw hundreds of thousands of asylum seekers take the perilous boat journey across the Mediterranean Sea to Europe, the far-right harped on Islamophobic rhetoric to drum up support. The Islamic State-inspired terrorist attacks in the West during this period further strengthened this narrative. In the end, the regime change wars, which failed to defeat terrorists, came back to divide and haunt the West in a different form.

Afghanistan is not the end of American power; it's the beginning of the new U.S.-China cold war. Meanwhile, terrorist outfits will continue to operate from the heavens they have already found.

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Holding TNCs accountable

Bilateral investment treaties can be harnessed in this effort



PRABHASH RANJAN

The UN working group on 'human rights, transnational corporations (TNCs) and other businesses' has published a new report on human rights-compatible international investment agreements. It urges states to ensure that their bilateral investment treaties (BITs) are compatible with international human rights obligations. It emphasises investor obligations at the international level i.e., the accountability of TNCs in international law. Given the enormous power that TNCs wield, questions about their accountability have arisen often. There have been many instances where the misconduct of TNCs has come to light such as the corruption scandal involving Siemens in Germany.

Past efforts

Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said in 1975 in the UN General Assembly that the international community should articulate standards of conduct for TNCs. Subsequently, an audacious effort was made at the UN to develop a multilateral code of conduct on TNCs. However, due to differences between developed and developing countries, it was abandoned in 1992.

An integral feature of the neoliberal project was to use international law to institutionalise the forces of economic globalisation, leading to the spread of BITs. These treaties promised protection to foreign investors under international law by bestowing rights on them and imposing obligations on states. This structural asymmetry in BITs, which confer rights on foreign investors but impose no obligations, relegated the demand for investor accountability.

However, after the 2011 report of John Ruggie, UN Special Rapporteur on business and human rights, the issue of holding TNCs accountable gathered momentum again. In 2014, the UN Human Rights Council established an open-ended working group with the mandate to elaborate on an international legally binding instrument on TNCs and other businesses concerning human rights. Since then, efforts are being made towards developing a treaty and finding ways to make foreign corporations accountable. The latest UN report is a step in that direction.

BITs can be harnessed to hold TNCs accountable under international law. The issue of fixing accountability of foreign investors came up in an international law case, *Urbaser v. Argentina* (2016). It involved a concessionaire that was looking after the supply of

water and sewerage services in Argentina, in which Urbaser, a Spanish environment management company, was a shareholder. Argentina adopted emergency measures to ward off a financial crisis in 2001, which caused losses to the concessionaire, ultimately leading to its insolvency. Urbaser brought a claim against Argentina alleging breach of its rights guaranteed under the Argentina-Spain BIT. Argentina filed a counterclaim charging the investors for floundering in ensuring the required level of investment in the services provided and thus violating the international human right to water. The tribunal held that corporations can be subjects of international law and are under a duty not to engage in activities that harm or destroy human rights. However, as regards the question of whether the foreign investor was under an international law obligation to provide drinking water and sanitation, the tribunal held that only states have a positive obligation to meet the human right to water; corporations only have a negative obligation in this regard unless specific human rights obligations are imposed on the foreign investor as part of the BIT.

The case played an important role in bringing human rights norms to the fore in BIT disputes. It also opened up the possibility of using BITs to hold TNCs accountable provided the treaty imposes positive obligations on foreign investors. In the last few years, states have started recalibrating their BITs by inserting provisions on investor accountability. However, these employ soft law language and are hortatory. They do not impose positive and binding obligations on foreign investors. They fall short of creating a framework to hold TNCs accountable under international law.

Lessons for India

The recent UN report has important takeaways for India's ongoing reforms in BITs. India's new Model BIT of 2016 contains provisions on investor obligations. However, these exist as best endeavour clauses. They do not impose a binding obligation on the TNC. India should impose positive and binding obligations on foreign investors, not just for protecting human rights but also for imperative issues such as promoting public health. The Nigeria-Morocco BIT, which imposes binding obligations on foreign investors such as making it mandatory for them to conduct an environmental impact assessment of their investment, is a good example. These reforms would help in harnessing BITs to ensure the answerability of foreign investors and creating a binding international legal framework to hold TNCs to account.

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Empathy through education

Social and educational learning is not 'fluff'; it is an important goal in education

RADHIKA GOSAVI & VIKRAM VINCENT

India's National Education Policy (2020) mentions social and emotional learning (SEL) as an important facet of education. SEL is the process of learning to recognise and manage emotions and navigate social situations effectively. While the policy notes numeracy and literacy as its central aims, SEL should be an equally important goal as it supports skills such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.

What is SEL?

SEL is foundational for human development, building healthy relationships, having self and social awareness, solving problems, making responsible decisions, and academic learning. Key elements of SEL include cultivating empathy and theory of mind. 'Empathy' is the ability to understand another person's emotions and be aware of why they might be feeling those emotions from their perspective. 'Theory of mind' is the ability to understand others' intentions, knowledge and beliefs and recognise that those might be different from your own. Research finds that students with greater social skills and emotional regulation are more likely to have success.

While some people may perceive discussions surrounding SEL as "fluff", it is, in fact, rooted in physiology. Neurobiologically, various brain regions such as the prefrontal and frontal cortices, amygdala, and superior temporal sulcus are involved in the cognitive mechanisms of SEL. Interestingly, scientists have proposed that the physiological and psychological factors of SEL are inherently linked. Brain systems that are responsible for basic human behaviour, such as getting hungry, may be reused for complex mechanisms involved in SEL. This can explain why the way we feel physically directly impacts our social-emotional evaluation of the world. Despite its importance to life, SEL is often added as a chapter in a larger curriculum rather than being integrated in it. To overcome this challenge, it is vital to consider that the learning process is a social and emotional experience.

The pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges for SEL as school closures reduced opportunities for students to deepen social relationships and learn collaboratively in shared physical spaces. Conversely, remote learning "gave parents the opportunity to discover their children's social and emotional lives," notes Jim Eagen, the head of Synapse school in California, where SEL is a key strategic pillar of the school. Even with parental involvement, the challenge of an inadequate support system for SEL remains. So, how do we move forward?

A way forward

Perhaps we can contextually adapt best practices from existing models. Synapse school seamlessly incorporates SEL into curricula through self-science classes, and places SEL centrally within the school culture. How can we sustainably incorporate SEL into education across communities, cultures, and social strata? In reality, individuals from underprivileged backgrounds have faced immense learning losses over the last one and a half years. A starting point would be to consider insights from the Indian SEL framework: one, application of SEL practices should be based on students' socioeconomic backgrounds; two, SEL strategies of caretakers and educators must align with one another; three, long-term success requires SEL to be based on scientific evidence.

While policies provide guidelines, a big challenge in moving forward is unlearning old habits. The lockdowns provided an unintended reset which afforded an opportunity for positive change. As a sustainable development goal outlines, policymakers now have to ensure that future changes prioritise "inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all." Importantly, the onus lies on all of us to make individual contributions that will drive systemic change.

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DATA POINT

U.K.'s recent COVID-19 spike explained

COVID-19 cases in the United Kingdom started increasing again from June this year. Beginning April, the share of the Delta variant in daily cases has been growing too. By July, the share of the Delta variant crossed 90%. Meanwhile, the % of the population aged over 16 that has been administered both the doses of the vaccine grew from 28% on May 1 to 81.5% on September 16. All this shows that the vaccines' effectiveness against the Delta variant has dropped over time. However, studies show that vaccines continue to be highly effective against hospitalisation and death due to COVID-19. By Vignesh Radhakrishnan and Jasmin Nihalani



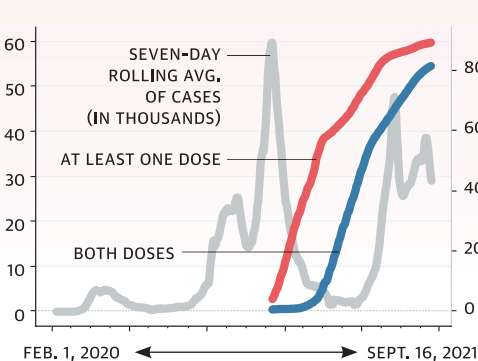
Of every 1 lakh cases among vaccinated patients aged 80+, only around 50 people went to the emergency care



Of every 1 lakh cases among patients not vaccinated aged 80+, about 144 people went to the emergency care between weeks 33-36 in 2021

1. SHOTS INCREASE, CASES TOO

The graph shows the average no. of COVID-19 cases in the U.K. on the left axis. On the right axis, the % share of the U.K. population aged over 16 and vaccinated with at least one dose and with both doses are depicted. Cases in the U.K. started increasing from June this year and peaked on July 21 with about 47,000 daily cases. After a brief respite, they started increasing again in August



The share of the population aged 16+ which is vaccinated with at least one dose increased from 63% on May 1 to 89% on September 16

The share of the population aged 16+ which is vaccinated with both the doses increased from 27.5% on May 1 to 81.5% on September 16

So, despite a very high share of the population covered with both the doses, cases continues to rise

2. MORE CASES, LESS DEATHS | The tables show the case rate (T1), hospitalisation rate (T2) and death rate (T3) among those vaccinated with both doses and among those not vaccinated at all for the period between week 33 and week 36 in 2021

Age	T1: Cases (per 1 lakh pop.)		T2: Cases (per 1 lakh) that went to emergency care		T3: COVID-19 deaths (per 1 lakh population)	
	...among persons vaccinated with 2 doses	... among persons not vaccinated	...among persons vaccinated with 2 doses	... among persons not vaccinated	...among persons vaccinated with 2 doses	... among persons not vaccinated
<18	458	1,362	0	4.2	0	0
18-29	633	1,285	2	12	0.1	0.5
30-39	796	1,070	2.5	20.6	0.2	1.5
40-49	1,157	853	4.4	32.2	0.6	5.4
50-59	972	699	7.9	51.7	1.7	14.6
60-69	700	478	13.5	74.3	4.8	31.5
70-79	512	371	26.9	96.6	13.7	69.9
80+	412	425	50.5	143.9	52.4	155.7

3. EFFICACY DROPS

The efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines has dropped significantly against the Delta variant and so infections continue to rise. However, efficacy is still high against hospitalisation and death

Vaccine	Symptomatic disease		Hospitalisation		Death	
	Alpha	Delta	Alpha	Delta	Alpha	Delta
Pfizer	95	83.5	97.9	96.7	96.3	95.2
AstraZeneca	81.7	65.2	93.9	93	100	92.7

While infections continue to rise despite a rapid increase in the share of the population covered with both doses, those who are administered the vaccine are less likely to get hospitalised and are at a lower risk of dying from the disease

The Hindu

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 20, 1971

Secret Pak. directive on visitors

An official directive on how to manipulate foreign visitors to East Bengal has been issued under a "secret" classification to information officials by the Pakistan Government, it was reported to-day [London, September 19]. *The Sunday Times* said it had received a photocopy of the directive giving detailed guidance on the handling of journalists and other important visitors from abroad. The newspaper quoted the directive as saying that when a visitor wanted to visit a camp for refugees (who had returned from India), officials would make sure of having a crowd by delaying the normal dispersal of the refugees to other areas. Foreigners who wanted to check stories about army attempts to eliminate intellectuals at Dacca University following its intervention in the east in March could be allowed to see people there but only if the visitors were dependable. Security arrangements should be unobtrusive and there should be no overdisplay of military personnel according to the directive. Important visitors should also be encouraged to visit some of the scenes of massacre of non-Bengalis. They should be encouraged to visit the refugee camps of Mymensingh and listen to their tales of woe, the directive was reported as saying.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 20, 1921

Arrival at Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly, September 19 - Mahatma Gandhi accompanied by Maulana Azad Sobhani and Janab Yakub Hassan Sait arrived at 9-30 last night at the Trichinopoly junction station. Quite an enthusiastic reception awaited the distinguished visitor. The whole platform was lined with spectators and leading members of the public among whom were: Moulvi Syed Murtuza Sahib, Dr. T.V. Sastri, Messers. N.L. Dorai, T.V. Narasu Pillai, N.M. Kaja Mean Sahib, Raghava Perumal Pillai, V. Balasubramanian, and Janab Muhammed Hussain. As the train steamed into the station loud shouts of "Mahatma Gandhi ki jai" rent the air. The Mahatma and party surged through the immense crowd and got into the motor car, the Mahatma giving "darshan" to the vast gathering by standing in the car. At first there was great difficulty in getting access to the platform as Mr. Storer, the Station Master, would not order the issue of more than 50 platform tickets and that many respectable men stood outside for an hour.

'France knew of Australia's grave concerns'

Morrison says submarine deal was scrapped as it wouldn't meet Canberra's interests in the Indo-Pacific

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CANBERRA

France would have known Australia had "deep and grave concerns" that a submarine fleet the French were building would not meet Australian needs, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said on Sunday after the contract's cancellation set off a diplomatic crisis.

France accused Australia of concealing its intentions to back out of the 90 billion Australian dollar (\$66 billion) contract for French majority state-owned Naval Group to build 12 conventional diesel-electric submarines.

President Joe Biden revealed last week a new alliance, including Australia and Britain, that would deliver an Australian fleet of at least eight nuclear-powered submarines.

Mr. Morrison blamed the switch on a deteriorating strategic environment in the



Widening rift: A file photo of Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison at a press conference in Canberra. •AFP

Indo-Pacific. He has not specifically referred to China's massive military buildup, which has gained pace in recent years.

"The capability that the Attack class submarines were going to provide was not what Australia needed to protect our sovereign interests," Mr. Morrison said.

"They would have had ev-

ery reason to know that we have deep and grave concerns that the capability being delivered by the Attack class submarine was not going to meet our strategic interests and we have made very clear that we would be making a decision based on our strategic national interest," he added, referring to the French government. Mr.

Morrison has said the contract cancellation will cost his government at least \$1.7 billion.

Myanmar junta's convoy hit by bomb near Yangon

Several killed in subsequent fighting

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YANGON

Myanmar anti-junta dissidents have carried out a bomb attack on security forces near Yangon, with several killed in an ensuing firefight, the military and media said.

The Southeast Asian nation has been in turmoil since the military toppled Aung San Suu Kyi's elected government in February, sparking mass pro-democracy protests and a bloody crackdown by the military.

Various townships across Myanmar have formed so-

called "people defence forces" to fight back against the junta, although the majority of clashes have been reported in rural areas.

Security forces were travelling through Khayan, a suburb of Yangon on Friday, when they were attacked with a homemade bomb, the junta said in a statement on Saturday.

"Both groups fired back and forth - a member of the security forces was injured," the statement said.

Local media reported at least two dissidents were killed and one arrested.

After crackdown on critics, Putin's party leading in polls

Communists get boost due to Navalny's 'Smart Voting' campaign

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

President Vladimir Putin's United Russia party was leading in the country's parliamentary election with 39% of the vote, according to first results announced after polling stations closed on Sunday.

The vote was held in the wake of a crackdown on the Opposition and independent media that saw Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny jailed and his organisations banned.

In the lead-up to this weekend's vote, all of his top allies were arrested or had fled the country, with anyone associated with his groups kept from running in the parliamentary and local polls.



Vladimir Putin

With just more than 10% of votes counted, United Russia had received 39.2%, Russia's Election Commission said.

The Communists followed with 24.7% and the nationalist LDPR party with 9.5%.

In the last elections to the lower house State Duma in 2016, United Russia received

54.2% of the vote and the Communists 13.3%.

The Communists were likely given a boost by Mr. Navalny's "Smart Voting" campaign, which advised voters who to support to have the best hope of defeating Kremlin-aligned politicians.

The campaign's website was shut down and on Friday Apple and Google removed the "Smart Voting" app from their stores, causing an uproar among the Opposition who accused them of giving in to Kremlin "blackmail".

In this election most of its voting list consisted of Communist Party candidates.

Turnout was at 45%, according to the latest figures released by the EC.

Boxer Pacquiao to run for Philippines President

He vowed to end corruption in govt.

REUTERS
MANILA

Boxing star Manny Pacquiao said on Sunday he will run for President of the Philippines next year, after railing against corruption in government and what he calls President Rodrigo Duterte's cozy relationship with China.

Mr. Pacquiao accepted the nomination of his political allies during the national assembly of the faction he leads in the ruling PDP-Laban Party, days after a rival faction nominated Mr. Duterte's long-time aide, Senator Christopher "Bong" Go, as its presidential candidate.

That faction nominated Mr. Duterte for Vice-President, a move that critics called a cynical ploy by Mr. Duterte to retain power.



Manny Pacquiao

"I am a fighter, and I will always be a fighter inside and outside the ring," Mr. Pacquiao, 42, a Senator, said in a live-streamed speech. "I am accepting your nomination as candidate for President."

Mr. Duterte is prohibited by the Constitution from running for a second six-year term as President.

Israel recaptures last two jail-break fugitives

Massive manhunt was on for them

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JERUSALEM

All six Palestinian fugitives who escaped a high-security Israeli jail through a tunnel dug under a sink are back in custody, after the Israeli Army said on Sunday it had recaptured the last two.

The inmates, who were being held for attacks against the Jewish state, became heroes among many Palestinians when reports emerged they had burrowed out using tools as basic as a spoon.

The full weight of Israel's security arsenal was deployed to catch them, including aerial drones, checkpoints on roads and an Army mission to Jenin where many of the men grew up.

The massive manhunt

Amid row, Biden asks for early talks with Macron

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

U.S. President Joe Biden has requested early talks with French President Emmanuel Macron, France said on Sunday, in an apparent effort to mend fences after a row over a submarines contract sparked rare tensions between the allies.

French government spokesman Gabriel Attal said on Sunday that there would be a telephone conversation between Mr. Biden and Mr. Macron "in the coming days" at the request of the U.S. President.

"We want explanations," Mr. Attal said.

France won the contract in 2016 over offers from Germany and Japan.

and lies" surrounding the sudden end of the contract and said France was now questioning the strength of the alliance.

China has denounced the sharing of such U.S. and British nuclear technology as irresponsible.

France responded to the contract cancellation by recalling its Ambassadors from Australia and the U.S.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian on Saturday denounced what he called the "duplicitous, disdain

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Hong Kong's first 'patriots-only' election kicks off

Select pro-China residents voted for candidates to a poll committee that will pick the city's next leader

REUTERS
HONG KONG

Fewer than 5,000 Hong Kong residents from mostly pro-establishment circles began voting on Sunday for candidates to an election committee, vetted as loyal to Beijing, who will pick the city's next China-backed leader and some of its legislature.

Pro-democracy candidates are nearly absent from Hong Kong's first election since Beijing overhauled the city's electoral system to ensure that "only patriots" rule China's freest city.

"The whole objective of improving the electoral sys-



Cherry-picking: A man stands behind a mock prison during a protest against the election committee. •AP

tem is to ensure patriots ad-

In December, the committee will appoint 40 of the city's 90 legislators - 30 others will be chosen by special interest groups and just 20 will

Taliban-run Kabul govt. tells women workers to stay home

Those who can't be replaced by men can work, says Mayor

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KABUL

Women employees in the Kabul city government have been told to stay home, with work only allowed for those who cannot be replaced by men, the interim Mayor of Afghanistan's capital said on Sunday.

The decision to prevent most women city workers from returning to their jobs is another sign that the Taliban are going back on their promises that they would be tolerant and inclusive. In their previous rule in the 1990s, the Taliban had barred girls and women from schools, jobs and public life.

In recent days, the new Taliban government issued several decrees rolling back the rights of women. It told women middle-and high school students that they



Afghan women marching in Kabul on Sunday to demand their rights. •AP

could not return to school.

On Friday, the Taliban shut down the Women's Affairs Ministry, replacing it with a Ministry for the "propagation of virtue and the prevention of vice".

On Sunday, over a dozen women staged a protest outside the Ministry, holding up signs calling for the participation of women in public life. "A society in which women are not active is (sic) dead society," one sign read.

The protest lasted for about 10 minutes. After a short verbal confrontation with a man, the women got into cars and left.

Interim Kabul Mayor Hamdullah Namony said the women employees have been ordered to stay home, pending a further decision. He said exceptions were made for women who could not be replaced by men, including some in the design and engineering departments and the attendants of public toilets for women. Namony did not say how many women employees were forced to stay home.

Meanwhile in Jalalabad, witnesses said an explosion targeted a Taliban vehicle. Hospital officials said five people were killed in the second such deadly blast in as many days in the Islamic State stronghold.

Pak. constable on polio duty shot dead

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PESHAWAR

Assailants on a motorcycle on Sunday shot dead a police constable guarding polio vaccination workers in Pakistan, police said.

Police said the attack happened in Dhal Behzadi village, about 75 km south of Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Members of the vaccination team were unhurt, police added.

Militants often target polio teams, claiming the vaccination campaigns are a Western conspiracy to sterilise children.

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