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Winter season starting with better air, says CSE

NEW DELHI The winter season this year is starting with much cleaner air compared with the last three years in Delhi, the National Capital Region and the Indo-Gangetic Plain region, according to an analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment. **STATES** ▶ PAGE 4

Harish Chaudhary is AICC in-charge for Punjab

Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Friday appointed Harish Chaudhary as the All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge for Punjab replacing Harish Rawat, who had asked to be relieved of his duties in the State. Mr. Chaudhary, an MLA in the Raiasthan Assembly, was an AICC secretary for Punjab but has been elevated.

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India weighs 'net zero' target ahead of CoP

It will insist that developed nations keep their pledges

ЈАСОВ КОЅНҮ NEW DELHI

India has not entirely ruled out the possibility of agreeing to a "net zero" climate target, though it will not budge on demanding that developed nations make good their commitments, such as providing an annual \$100 billion to developing countries for mitigating the impacts of climate change, facilitating technology transfer and putting in place a tangible market-based mechanism to activate the moribund carbon credit markets, senior officials said.

Ahead of the 26th meeting of the United Nations Conference of Parties (CoP) that begins in Glasgow on November 1, the focus on making the meet a success is to have all nations commit to "net zero", or a year by when a country's fossil fuel emissions will peak and at some point be neutralised by taking out excess carbon from the atmosphere.

Impact on development All countries doing this by 2050, scientists say, will mean a chance of restricting

Road to net zero In 2015, over 190 countries committed to limiting global warming to 1.5°C above preindustrial levels. Countries such as the U.K. and France have already enacted laws to achieve net zero target by 2050. This has put pressure on India, the third-largest emitter, which has not been in favour of committing to a deadline

■ Net zero means committing to a year beyond which emissions will be balanced by taking an equivalent amount of greenhouse gases from the air

■ India has

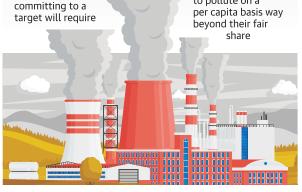
maintained that

use overnight and even then, it will not guarantee that temperature rise stays below 1.5°C ■ India says that future net zero

promises are hollow as countries responsible for the climate crisis have not delivered on previous promises

retiring coal plants and fossil fuel

■ India argues that countries clamouring for net zero will continue to pollute on a per capita basis way beyond their fair



the average temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, provided emissions fall to around 45% of the 2010 levels by 2030. This, however, means deep and significant cuts to fossil fuel use that can affect the development trajectory of India and other developing countries.

Celebrate festivals with caution: PM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday advised people to celebrate festivals with the utmost caution in view of the ongoing CO-VID-19 pandemic.

"No matter how good the cover is, no matter how modern the armour is, even if it gives complete guarantee of protection, weapons are not given up while the battle is on. There is no reason to get careless," Mr. Modi said in his address to the nation a day after India reached the milestone of 100 crore vaccinations.

Lauds dedication

Mr. Modi lauded the difficult but remarkable feat of administering 100 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses and attributed it to the dedication of 130 crore countrymen.

"Hundred crore is not just a figure, but a reflection of the strength of the country. It is the creation of a new chapter of history. This is a picture of a new India that sets difficult goals and knows how to achieve them," he said.

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Towering inferno



Tall trap: A fire broke out in a 60-storey residential building near the Lalbaug area in Mumbai on Friday. One person died after falling from the 19th floor. • EMMANUAL YOGINI

Bengal can't bar CBI from probing crimes in State, Centre tells SC

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL NEW DELHI

The Union Government told the Supreme Court that the Mamata Banerjee Government in West Bengal does not have any "absolute" power to keep the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) from investigating crimes inside the State.

It said that "no power, not

even the Union Government", has the authority to rattle the autonomy of the premier agency to conduct investigations, especially in cases of post-poll violence transferred to it by the Calcutta High Court, in which the State police are under a cloud.

The Union Government, through the Department of

Personnel and Training, was responding to a suit filed by the West Bengal Government against the Union of India under Article 131 of the Constitution. The State has challenged the CBI's jurisdiction to register FIRs and conduct investigations in the State in myriad cases.

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OTT platforms to participate in IFFI

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Acknowledging the change in viewers' preferences, the 52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will provide space to five key streaming platforms – Netflix, Amazon Prime, Zee5, Voot and SonyLIV.

The film festival is scheduled to be held from November 20 to 28 in Goa. This is the first time that the OTT platforms will be participating in the festival.

"Films made especially for OTT platforms will be showcased at the festival," said Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur in Delhi.

American filmmaker Martin Scorsese and Hungarian director Istvan Szabo will be conferred the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the festival. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting officials said both directors have been invited to receive the award in person but, so far, there is no confirmation from them on it. A total of 22 international guests have confirmed their presence.

Inaugural film

Spanish film The King of All the World will be the opening film. The festival will also pay a special tribute to Sean Connery, the first actor to portray fictional British secret agent Iames Bond on the big screen. The BRICS Film Festival will be showcased alongside the IFFI.

Around 30 films have been shortlisted for screening in the Festival Kaleidoscope and World Panorama sections. The jury for the international competition section is headed by Iranian filmmaker Rakhshan Banietemad. For the first time, 75 aspiring filmmakers will receive masterclasses from experts.

Nearly 700 detained in J&K ahead of Amit Shah's visit

Detainees under Public Safety Act moved outside UT

VIJAITA SINGH NEW DELHI

Following the civilian killings and ahead of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's threeday visit to Srinagar from Saturday, nearly 700 people have been detained in Jammu and Kashmir, including a few under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA).

The detentions have been made particularly in south Kashmir, a senior Govern-

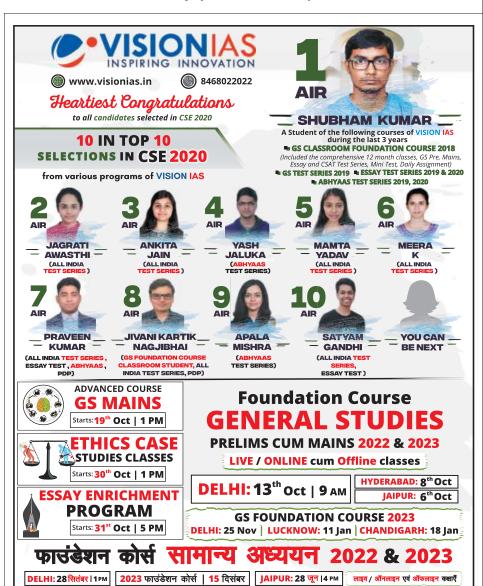
ment official said, adding that many overground workers of terrorist groups were among those picked up by the police. Scores of detainees under the PSA have been moved to jails outside the Union Territory.

Under the PSA, unique to Jammu and Kashmir, an individual can be detained for a maximum of two years, without trial, if his or her act is prejudicial to the security

of the state or the maintenance of public order.

This will be Mr. Shah's first visit after Article 370 of the Constitution was read down. and the former State was downgraded and bifurcated into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in August 2019.

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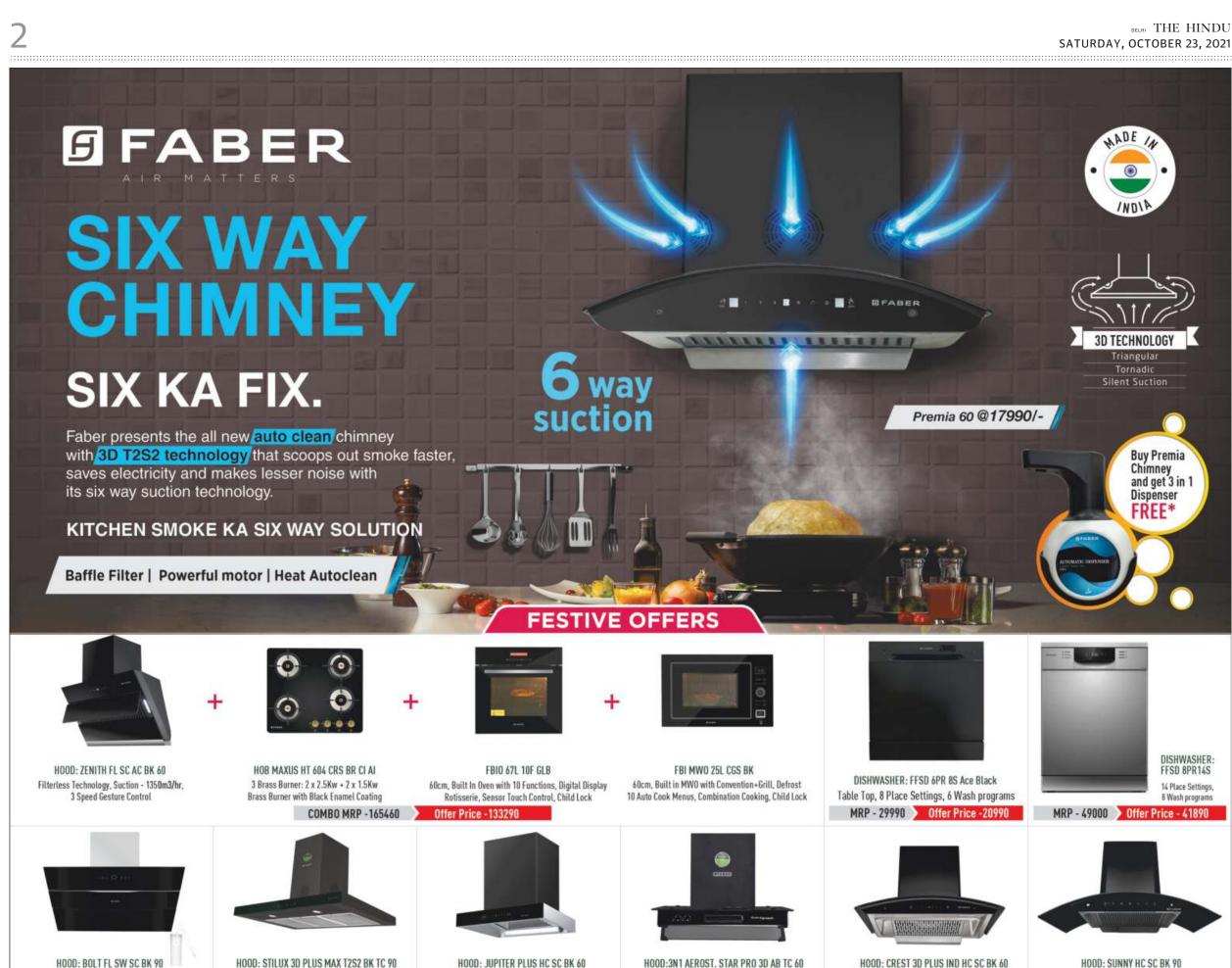
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It's our home, where will we go, ask Pak. Hindu families staying in camp

Migrants fear displacement as Centre tells HC they're encroaching on defence land

ARNABJIT SUR

NEW DELHI As many as 200 Pakistani Hindu migrant families living in north Delhi's Adarsh Nagar at the Delhi Ial Board Maidan are a worried lot. Living without basic amenities for over eight years, they are now facing a threat of displacement as the Centre, in an affidavit, has told the Delhi High Court that they are encroaching upon defence land.

The migrants, all of whom moved here from Hyderabad in Pakistan's Sindh province after the camp was set up in 2013, fear they will have nowhere to go unless the authorities assist them.

"I didn't know about the High Court order but if we are shifted out, I hope the authorities make an alternative arrangement for us. We haven't been able to get our Indian citizenship; if we had, we would have been able to buy a flat somewhere and live



Future tense: A Hindu refugee family from Sindh in Pakistan at

independently," said Ramji, who migrated four years ago along with his family of nine.

Pointing towards a small bulb hanging from his thatched roof, the 55-yearold construction worker said: "There has been no supply of electricity here ever since the camp was set up... Some families who can afford the cost have attached solar panels to their huts to operate their electrical appliances."

Ramji added that the resi-

the Adarsh Nagar camp in north Delhi. • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA dents, through the village pradhan, have sent several requests to the authorities to facilitate electricity supply but all in vain. "We have lived here for several years now, this is our home... We will

> ven a shelter," he said. The Centre, while opposing the plea in the High Court seeking electricity supply to the camp, had specified that it had been consistently fol-

> feel bad leaving it if we are

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lowing up the "removal of unauthorised occupation/encroachment on defence land" with the district administration and the police.

Hope of resettlement

Living in the camp with his family of 22 members for eight years, 55-year-old Ram Chandra said despite the lack of amenities the camp has been his home and the residents are his neighbours. "It's in the hands of the authorities to resettle us. I hope they will look at our plight and give us a better place to live. If not, then it would be a better option to return to Pakistan where we are already ostracised," Chandra said.

Sonari, 30, said the authorities cannot simply ask them to leave this place. "We have set up our livelihood here after fleeing discrimination we faced in Pakistan... We know no place other than this," she said.

IN BRIEF

Capital records one COVID death

NEW DELHI The Capital reported one death due to COVID-19 complications over 24 hours, pushing the toll to 25,091, according to a bulletin released by the Delhi Government on Friday. Thirty-eight new cases were reported. taking the total cases to 14,39,526. A total of 55,909 tests were done in the day and the test positivity rate was 0.07%. There are 340 active cases in the city at present.

11.15 quintals of firecrackers seized

A 44-year-old man has been arrested from Rohini's Sector 24 and 11.15 quintals of firecrackershave been seized from his possession, the police said on Friday, DCF (Rohini) Pranav Tayal identified the accused as Amit Mittal, a resident of Narela who runs a mobile shop. The police said they got a tip-off on Thursday regarding a stock of firecrackers and conducted a raid at Rohini Sector 24. "Mittal was in the process of unloading the firecrackers at his rented



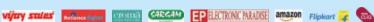


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58,406 seats out of 70K filled in Delhi University

NEW DELHI On the last day for Delhi University colleges to complete approvals under the third cut-off list the university said it had received 1,70,186 applications of which 58,406 applicants had secured their admission by paying the fees. A further 9,614 applications had been approved by the college principals and candidates had till October 23 to complete the fee payment process. According to the admission schedule, the fourth admission cut-off list will be declared on October 30.

79 cases under unlawful conversion law in U.P.

Final report filed in seven cases

OMAR RASHID LUCKNOW

Of the 79 cases registered against unlawful conversion under the 2020 law in Uttar Pradesh till July this year, chargesheets have been filed in 50, while final report was filed in seven, according to a document submitted by the State Government in the Allahabad High Court.

Of the 79 FIRs, investigation was pending in 22, the State government said in a counter-affidavit in response to a bunch of PIL petitions challenging the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021 (earlier Ordinance 2020).

Governor Anandiben Patel promulgated the Ordinance on unlawful conversion days after it was passed by the Yogi Adityanath Cabinet last November.

Out of the 79 FIRs lodged till July 7, the highest 21 were registered in Bareilly zone, followed by Meerut 15, Gorakhpur 12, Agra seven and Prayagraj five.

The cases in which final report was submitted include the Moradabad case last December when the husband of a Hindu woman Pinki, who was pregnant, was arrested under the law.

The woman, who was temporarily kept in a Government shelter, had reportedly suffered a miscarriage leading to outrage over the

Her husband Rashid and his brother were arrested when they had reached the marriage registration office in Kanth on the complaint of Pinki's mother who alleged Rashid had induced her into marriage and converted her under the garb of providing her a job. Later, in her statement before a magistrate, Pinki had said they married through consent as both were adults.

The final report was also placed in the Shahjahanpur case where five persons, including two Christians originally from Tamil Nadu and two Dalits, were booked under the Ordinance on the complaint of Ram Lakhan Verma, a city convenor of the Bajrang Dal.

Mr. Verma had alleged that they were trying to lure him and others into converting.

However, the accused denied the charges and said they were only participating in a musical prayer service in a marriage lawn on January 3, 2021, to mark the first Sunday of the New Year.

Winter season starting with better air than last 3 years: CSE

Analysis shows this is due to intense and prolonged effect of monsoon this year

STAFF REPORTER

The winter season this year is starting with much cleaner air compared to the last three years in Delhi, the Nation Capital Region and the Indo-Gangetic Plain region, according to an analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)..

The analysis covers 156 continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations spread across 67 cities in Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

"The 2021 winter is starting with a cleaner threshold than the previous years, largely due to the intense and prolonged effect of the monsoons. How soon and intensely the winter pollution will hit us will depend on the scale and speed of action across the region and leveraging it for more sustained air quality gains," said CSE execdirector Anumita Roychowdhury.

This year, the number of farm fires pre-winter has been less than half of the last year count, and the lower number correlates well with the lower pollution in Delhi-



Acting on time: A municipal worker spraying water to reduce the level of air pollution in New Delhi on Friday. • PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

NCR, according to the analy-

But it has warned that the lower count, as reported by satellite imagery, could also be due to increased cloud cover, which prevents satellites from spotting fires.

During September and October this year, the number of days with 'satisfactory' levels of air quality has increased to 90%, compared with 43% in 2018.

However, it was 27% in 2020. A similar pattern is seen in the "moderately polluted" category, the CSE said.

'Urgent action needed' "Delhi and the larger region will require urgent action to prevent severe smog episodes and speed up deeper reforms to sustain the gains. Reduce traffic volume, eliminate waste burning, elimi-

nate dirty industrial fuels,

and implement stringent dust control measures, especially in the construction sector. Act now, and act decisively," Ms. Roychowdhury said.

Air pollution in the city spikes during the winter season mainly because of the combined effect of stubbleburning in the neighbouring States and climatic conditions, that lower the wind speed and mixing height, thus trapping pollutants.

CBI books Punjab-based company for bank fraud

DEVESH K PANDEY

The Central Bureau of Investigation has booked Pure Foods Limited and seven others, including a chartered accountant, for allegedly cheating the State Bank of India of ₹65.15

Among the accused are six directors of the Punjabbased company, which is into the manufacturing of refined oils and hydrogenation of edible oils.

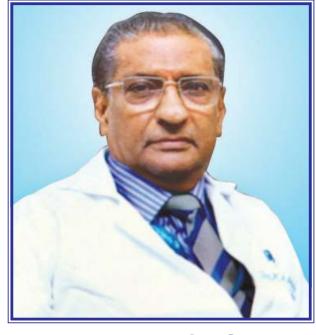
According to the bank, the company was being provided credit facilities since 1995. However, the loan account later became irregular and was declared a non-performing asset in September 2009. As it turned out, the accused persons had disposed of three of the nine mortgaged properties during the currency of the credit facilities, without the bank's knowledge.

It is alleged that the company submitted forged documents to show inflated sales figures. Accounts were opened with other banks to siphon off sale proceeds. Over 50% of the proceeds was routed through one such account.

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BJP trying to buy votes in bypolls: TRS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) has lodged a complaint with the Election Commission alleging that the BJP candidate contesting the Huzurabad byelection and his men were opening new bank accounts and parking illegal money on a large-scale for the purpose of distributing it to voters on the eve of

A TRS delegation comprising party's general secretary M. Sreenivas Redsecretary Gattu Ramachandra Rao and MLA Ch. Kranti Kiran met CEO Shashank Goel and lodged the complaint.

Numerous accounts

They said the TRS had information that BJP candidate Eatala Rajender and his supporters were opening accounts in various banks in constituency under different names and depositing huge sums of money, to be distributes to voters on the bypoll eve on October 30.

Bhima Koregaon panel calls Param Bir

He is to respond by November 8

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Bhima Koregaon Commission on Friday issued summons to IPS officers Param Bir Singh and Rashmi Shukla to appear as witnesses in the violence that broke out on January 1, 2018, in The commission was ap-

pointed in February 2018 to probe the violence that broke out when Dalits were attacked while observing the 200th anniversary of the Bhima Koregaon battle that the British won with the help of Dalits and defeated Peshwas.

The commission headed by J.N. Patel, retired Chief Justice of the Kolkata High Court, and including Sumit Mullick, former Maharashtra Chief Secretary, on Friday issued summons to Mr. Singh who was the Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) in 2018 and Ms. Shukla, who was the Police Commissioner of

They are expected to res-

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pond to the summons by November 8. So far, several extensions have been given to the commission and over 35 witnesses have deposed before it. "However, the evidence

is still evolving and several State and police officials are expected to depose as witnesses soon," said commission's lawyer Aashish Satpute. The commission has so

far received nearly 500 affidavits - from victims, Dalit outfits, NGOs, right-wing groups, government and police officials – across Pune, Mumbai and Thane.

Ananya Pandey quizzed by NCB

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MUMBAI

Bollywood actor Ananya Pandey appeared before the Narcotics Control Bureau here for the second straight day on Friday and was questioned for nearly four hours in connection with her alleged WhatsApp chats with Arvan Khan, son of superstar Shah Rukh Khan.

Ananya Pandey has been again called by the NCB on Monday, a senior official said.

Her actor-father Chunky Pandey accompanied her to the NCB office as he had done on Thursday when she was questioned for the first time over chats linked to the case which relates to alleged seizure of banned drugs from a cruise ship off the Mumbai coast early this month.

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Protest against *namaz* spreads in Gurugram

After Sector 47, locals in Sector 12A oppose Friday prayers in open

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The protests against offering of namaz in the open, which started at Gurugram's Sector 47 a few weeks ago, spread to Sector 12A on Friday with a group of locals staging a demonstration against offering of Jumma Namaz.

'Not designated place'

Led by advocate Kulbhushan Bhardwaj, the residents said the place where the namaz was being offered was not on the list of 30odd designated places decided by the administration

cant plot was a private property and the owner, staying outside Gurugram, was not aware of the use of his land for offering *namaz*.

They claimed that the va-

"Just as Hindus offer prayers in temples, Muslims too should offer Friday prayers in mosques and

not in the open. Even the identity of these people offering *namaz* is not known and we fear that Rohingyas could infiltrate the area," said Mr. Bhardwaj, spearheading the protests.

'Not on regular basis'

He also alleged that the places designated by the administration were meant for offering namaz only once and not on regular basis.

Mr. Bhardwaj, along with others, later gave a formal complaint to the police in this connection.

Altaf Ahmad, representing the Muslim community in talks with the administration, said after weeks of disruption at Sector 47, a group of people led by Kulbhushan Bhardwaj disrupted Jumma Namaz at Sector 12A.

He alleged that it was being done in a "planned and orchestrated manner" for the past several weeks.

Similar disruptions were witnessed in March and April this year in few other localities of Gurugram, he

Amur falcons in Manipur for annual migration

Don't hunt them, urges Minister

A CORRESPONDENT

With the arrival of the migratory Amur falcons to Tamenglong district of Manipur for the annual stopover, State Forest and Environment Minister Awangbow Newmai has appealed to the people not to hunt the seasonal visitors.

These falcons visit the district every year from breeding grounds in China and Russia before beginning their onward voyage to Africa for the winter – a journey of more than 30,000 km.

Satellite tagging

Officials who have been tracking the travel routes of these birds through satellite tagging said one Amur falcon had reached the district for the third year in a row.

Mr. Newmai, in a statement, warned that the hunting of the bird was punishable under the Manipur Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and could lead to three years of imprisonment and a fine of ₹25,000

The Minister launched a poster campaign on Thursday to create awareness



Amur falcons visit the State every year from breeding grounds in China and Russia • GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

among the people. Officials of the Wildlife Institute of

India, Dehradun, were also present.

Less than 300 Sangai In another development, officials said the population of the brow-antlered deer (Sangai) found only in Manipur stood at fewer than 300 in its natural habitat, the 40 sq km Keibul Lamjao National park in Bishnupur dis-

However, there was a silver lining, as officials said more and more people, including hunters, were coming forward to protect the deer and the migratory

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Varavara Rao to challenge non-bailable warrant

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

A local court in Karnataka issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) on Thursday to poet-activist Varavara Rao in connection with a Naxal attack in the State in 2005. It issued the warrant for non-appearance before the

The additional sessions court in Madhugiri did not consider the condition imposed by the Mumbai High Court that Mr. Rao, who is on bail in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon case, cannot leave the city. "Hence, we will move the High Court seeking cancellation of the warrant," said Nagi Reddy, Mr. Rao's lawyer.

Attack on police

In February 2005, Mr. Rao was chargesheeted as accused number 12 in the Naxal attack case in which seven persons, including six Karnataka Special Reserve Police personnel, were killed at Venkatammanahalli in Tumkur district's Pavagada taluk.

Mr. Rao was arrested by the Pune police in 2018 in connection with the Bhima Koregaon violence case, filed following a mob attack on Dalit and Bahujan communities in January that year.

He is presently on a sixmonth bail granted on medical grounds.

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Customs Dept. cites breach of security

Final complaint filed in diplomatic channel gold smuggling case in Kerala

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

State Ministers, senior officials and politicians were directly called to the United Arab Emirates Consulate in Thiruvananthapuram and to the residence of Consul General Jamal Hussein Alzaabi, bypassing the State Protocol Department and violating the protocol laid down by the Union Ministry of External Affairs, which "must be considered a grave breach of national security", according to the Cochin Customs Department.

The Customs Department made these observations in its final complaint in the diplomatic channel gold smuggling case filed before the Economic Offences Court, Ernakulam, on Friday.

The case pertains to the seizure of 30 kg of gold on July 5 last year from a diplomatic baggage at the Trivandrum International Airport by the Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Kochi.

The agency named P.S. Sarith and Swapna Suresh as first and second accused, and M. Sivasankar, former Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, as the 29th accused.

'Protocol violated'

The Customs Department noted that the Consul General, through Ms. Swapna and Mr. Sivasankar, had arranged numerous meetings at his residence with the Chief Minister and also at the residence Final complaint Diplomatic channel gold smuggling case First five accused





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Ms. Swapna.

The statements of Ms. Swapna, Mr. Sarith and Mr. Sivasankar revealed that the Consul General, Admin Attaché Rashed, and finance head of the Consulate, Khaled Mohamed Ali Shoukrv, were eager to make money through illegal means, the agency said.

The voluntary statements of Mr. Sarith revealed that the Consul General wanted Mr. Sarith to have friendly relations with Ministers, which could support his craving to make money through illegal means, it said.

The Consul General and other diplomats ensured that they maintained cordial relations with State Ministers, for which they would invite them to the Consulate citing various reasons, the agency submitted.

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Punjab Deputy

CM orders probe

into former CM's

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Punjab's Deputy Chief Mi-

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CHANDIGARH

"You were a minister in my cabinet @Sukhjinder INC. Never heard you complain about Aroosa Alam. And she'd been coming for 16 years with due GoI clearances. Or are you alleging that both NDA and @IN-CIndia led UPA govts in this period connived with Pak ISI?" he added.

The former Chief Minister said Punjab police has been put on a baseless probe at the cost of State's safety. "What I'm worried about @Sukhjinder_INC is that instead of focusing on maintaining law & order at a time when terror threat is high and festivals are around the corner, you've put @DGPPunjabPolice on a baseless investigation at the cost of Punjab's safety," he said.

Mr. Randhawa retorted on Twitter, saying Capt. Amarinder should not worry about law and order sit-



Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa

uation as the current government outsourced the Punjab govt to 'anyone'. "By the way, sir @capt_amarinder why are you so perturbed over probe on Aroosa and ISI links? Who sponsored her visa and everything concerning her will be thoroughly probed. I do hope everyone concerned will co-operate with police in probe," he said.

Mr. Randhawa was one among Congress leaders. who had revolted against Capt. Amarinder, expressing "lack of faith in the leadership of the former Chief Minister in fulfilling the party's 2017 Assembly election promises."

Counter reacting, Capt. Amarinder on Twitter, said "Perturbed? Have you ever seen me perturbed on anv issue in all these years @Sukhjinder_INC ? In fact, you seem to be perturbed and confused, if your flip flops are any indication. Why don't you make up your mind on this so-called probe against Aroosa Alam? As for who sponsored Aroosa's visa, of course I did, for 16 years. And for your information, @Sukhjinder_INC, requests for such visas are sent by Indian HC to @MEAIndia , which gets them cleared by RAW & IB before approving. And that's what happened in this case every time," he

Only Centre's intervention can end lawlessness: Naidu

President's Rule only way to restore peace in A.P.: TDP chief

STAFF REPORTER VIJAYAWADA

On the second day of his protest against what he "State-sponsored terrorism", Telugu Desam Party president N. Chandrababu Naidu reiterated his demand for imposition of President's Rule in Andhra Pradesh, as "that's the only way to restore peace".

Mr. Naidu said though his party was against President's Rule in principle, it had made the request for the first time "in view of the prevailing situation in the State"

"Only the Centre's intervention can reverse the law and order failure and economic collapse in Andhra Pradesh," he said.



Support base: TDP president N. Chandrababu Naidu greeting workers in Vijayawada on Friday. ■ K.V.S. GIRI

Mr. Naidu alleged that the State government had resorted to targeted attacks on all sections, from the Opposition TDP leaders to the common public, employees, farmers and constitutional institutions such as courts

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The "faction-ridden Pulivendula settlements" had penetrated every nook and cranny, he alleged, demanding a CBI inquiry into the attacks on TDP offices.

NHRC officials threatened me, ACP tells SC panel

Police officer questioned in Disha case

ABHINAY DESHPANDE

The then Assistant Commissioner of Police (Shadnagar division) Vasam Surender told the Supreme Court-appointed commission inquiring the alleged encounter of the four accused in the rape and murder of Disha on the outskirts of the city on December 6, 2019, that he was threatened by officials of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) during his deposition.

Referring to the 15-page signed statements of Mr. Surender recorded by the NHRC, which were later submitted to the panel, the commission's advocate Virupaksha Dattatreya Gouda asked, "Is this your statement before NHRC?"

"The signatures on all the

stated something else, and they wrote something else," he said. Earlier, Mr. Surender was questioned about the custody of the four accused,

officer said.

where, how and when their confessional statements were recorded, and why were they not taken to the scene of the offence directly from the prison for recovery of material objects.



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The fading patriarch

The Congress has set in motion a series of events in Punjab that it can no longer control

ormer Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has announced plans to launch a new political outfit and explore an arrangement with the BJP, ahead of next year's Assembly election in the State. The BJP is warming up to the idea. The proposed new party and its partnership with the BJP is an act of expediency and opportunism of high order by both sides. The Congress had forced Mr. Singh to quit as the Chief Minister in September, bringing an abrupt end to his role at the helm of party affairs in the State. The reasons for his removal were not just, but his decision to quit the party that he has been associated with for four decades says something unflattering about Mr. Singh. That he could think of joining hands with the BJP without batting an eyelid also shows that there is little more than a sense of entitlement in his politics. The Captain has been a central character in Congress politics, particularly in the years following the rise of the BJP in 2014. He led the party to victory in Punjab in 2017, and in 2019, the Congress's performance in the Lok Sabha polls in the State was outstanding. After all that, Mr. Singh has chosen to cap his long political career by sleeping with the enemy.

The BJP is a marginal player in Punjab, and the ongoing controversy over three farm laws has further alienated it from the entrenched farming communities in the State. The debate on the merits of the farm laws apart, the BJP also questioned the patriotism of the protestors. The party is now hoping for an outreach to the Sikh farmers through a partnership with the Captain. Whether it can offer any compromise that the farmers might find palatable remains to be seen. The Congress high command cannot absolve itself of the mess in the State. It decided to unsettle its own government for no apparent reason, and elevated a turncoat to lead its State unit. The party appointed a Dalit Sikh as Chief Minister in place of Mr. Singh, which is a bold experiment that is fraught with fresh problems. If it can mobilise public opinion in favour of its social justice politics, the Congress can remain in the reckoning. The Akali Dal, having parted with its long-term ally, the BJP, is now hoping to gain from the confusion arising out of the crisis in the Congress. The Congress has set in motion a series of events that it is no longer in control of. It also appears incapable of recalibrating its strategy for the State. With an untested Chief Minister and a conceited party chief in command, the party finds itself in an unenviable position in Punjab. The desertion by Mr. Singh makes its prospects considerably worse. While it might be too late to keep the former Chief Minister in the fold, the least the Congress high command can do is to strengthen the hands of Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and not give the impression that he is keeping the seat warm for the maverick Punjab unit chief of the party, Navjot Singh Sidhu.

Shorter and shorter

Indian cricket is in transition phase as the ICC T20 World Cup gets underway

The Twenty20 format seems to be cricket's overwhelming flavour at present. Close on the heels of the Indian Premier League, the ICC T20 World Cup commenced last Sunday. Both championships dropped anchor in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Originally, they were scheduled to be held in India but the COVID-19 pandemic forced a change in venue. The Board of Control for Cricket in India shifted the franchise-based league and the multi-nation event to the UAE and many players have seamlessly moved on from club to country. Nearly a week has lapsed since the latest T20 World Cup made its initial steps under the West Asian skies during which lesser placed teams tried to qualify for the Super 12 segment that formally starts today. This, in fact, is the real deal. And nothing can get bigger than the Super 12 Group 2 match that pits India against Pakistan in Dubai on Sunday. In ICC events, India holds the edge over its neighbour beyond the Radcliffe Line but for a vast generation of fans, cricketing skirmishes involving the two in the UAE often draw in a difficult memory. Not many can forget Javed Miandad clouting a last-ball six off Chetan Sharma and winning for Pakistan the Austral-Asia Cup in 1986. From then on, India was on the ascendant.

This trend was especially evident when M.S. Dhoni's men won the inaugural ICC World T20, as the shortest format's World Cup was then called, in South Africa in 2007. The vanquished opposition was Pakistan and those shards of history will lend an edge to the latest bout. But after winning the title in 2007, India has subsequently flattered to deceive. Meanwhile, Virat Kohli gets another chance to lay his hands on ICC silverware, which remains a missing link in his captaincy resume. That he is also giving up his T20 captaincy after the championship should push him further towards this goal. Dhoni's presence in the dressing room as a mentor, while the coaching staff led by Ravi Shastri prepare to bow out after a few weeks, is indicative of the imminent leadership transition within the Indian ranks. With its players having featured in the previous IPL and the added confidence gleaned from the warm-up victories over England and Australia, India is in a good space. Defending champion West Indies, Australia, South Africa, England and New Zealand may fancy their chances but this tournament isn't entirely about the established units. It is also about Scotland pushing its way in or Afghanistan turning up despite the turmoil back home. Hope floats and India yearns to finish on the winning side when the championship ends on No-

Development that is mindful of nature

Course correction is inevitable in Kerala, which seems to be trapped in a mindless consumerism that is threatening its future



PULAPRE BALAKRISHNAN & SRIKUMAR CHATTOPADHYAY

₹nvironmental disaster has struck Kerala once again. ■ Unusually heavy rains have caused landslides in Kottayam and Idukki. By October 21, 42 deaths were recorded, and the monsoon is not yet in recess. Such a high loss of life must lead to a serious review of the land-use pattern in Kerala. With a population density of 860 persons/sq. km against an all-India average of 368 persons/ sq. km (Census 2011), Kerala experiences very high pressure on the

Land-use change

Historically, most of the settlements were concentrated in the coastal plain, the adjoining lowlands and parts of the midlands. However, this scenario has altered now, with significant land-use change across topographic boundaries. Population growth, agricultural expansion, economic growth, infrastructure development - particularly road construction - and intra-State migration have all led to settlement of the highlands. Kerala is experiencing high growth of residential buildings. The Census records that during the decade between 2001 and 2011, the population grew by 5% whereas the number of houses grew by 19.9%.

Such a pace of construction has serious implications for the geoenvironment. Not only the locations for siting settlements but also the demand for construction materials, with the attendant quarry-

ing and excavations, is altering the landscape through terracing, slope modification, rock quarrying, and the construction of roads. The basin characteristics of all rivers have been altered. This has resulted in gross disturbance of the character of the terrain evolved through weathering and formation of soil under natural vegetation cover. Consequently, the water-absorbing capacity of the river catchment is lost, contributing to increasing surface run-off and reduction in ground water recharge. Road construction in hilly areas, even when cutting across the toe of the slope, is destabilising and creates conditions conducive to landslides. Construction on hill slopes

prone to disintegration during heavy rain is a threat not only to those who choose to live in the buildings but also to those who are in the path of the debris that gets dislodged in a landslide. It is clear by now that in parts of the State the hills have been overbuilt, posing a danger to life. Interestingly, the extremely complicated rules for registration of purchase and sale of property in Kerala are not matched by a due diligence of building plans. It is not even clear that the authorities responsible for the oversight of construction are sufficiently aware of the nature of the problem. While the idea of a construction-free Coastal Regulation Zone, instituted by the Government of India and applicable to the entire country, is fairly well recognised in the State, the Government of Kerala has been timid in enforcing similar regulation in its own backyard. The hesitancy towards the implementation of the recommendations by the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel, commonly known as the Gadgil Committee, on protection of the Western Ghats is the best example of



this. We can now see how prescient they were.

Review of two projects

While evolving a land-use protocol to be observed in all cases without exception cannot be delayed any further, it is understandable that it may take time. However, the most recent landslide in Kerala should lead the government to immediately review two major projects with a potential to lower ecological security.

The first of these is the Silver Line project, a light railway connecting the two extremities of the State. Its potential to usurp agricultural land and cause ecological disturbance is well known. The claim that it is vital to the development of the State, reportedly made by the government in the Legislature, is debatable. After all, a railway line exists across the entire length of the State already, and how much a saving of a few hours' travel time can contribute to the gross domestic product is not clear at all. While infrastructure for growth is necessary, Kerala's deficit is less with respect to transportation than what it is to power generation, urban infrastructure and a well-trained workforce. As the Kochi Metro network was being expanded, a prominent entrepreneur of the city rightly observed that it needs a sewage disposal system more than it needs a rapid transit network.

While the Silver Line project has been in the news, what has not been is the widening of the high-

way currently taking place in parts of the State. Entirely under the authority of the Government of India, this has involved mass felling of trees and the removal of habitation on both sides of the road. Overnight, tree-lined roads have been converted to bare tarmac exposed to the sun. The loss of vegetation and tree cover is sure to have an impact on local climate and water retention, impacting its availability. The question that comes to mind is whether the Government of India has consulted the people affected or just used the principle of eminent domain to have them evicted. No one wants to lose their home even if they are compensated at the market rate. Can we be sure that the social gains exceed the losses?

Technical expertise needed Kerala's longitudinal topographic grain combined with its east-westrunning rivers gives rise to an alternating ridge-valley land form. Given this feature, construction of roads or any structure with a north-south alignment involves cutting across the valleys and lowlands, impacting natural drainage and overall landscape ecology. Therefore, development interventions should be cautious and ecologically sensitive to avoid unwarranted consequences and to be sustainable. We would ask if the governments concerned have conducted anything like a cost-benefit analysis in the two cases we have highlighted. Of course, evaluating ecosystem services lost in a developmental overdrive is a difficult exercise, but that it is so flags what we are pointing to. We often don't even know the economic consequences of our actions towards nature. Rather than acknowledging this, all signs are that we proceed with disdain in the name of development. Technical expertise is

needed when re-engineering the earth, with the teams including earth scientists, independent public policy experts, elected representatives and citizens from the affected areas. There is no hurry in proceeding with the light railway or of adopting a 'one nation, one highway specification' in densely populated and ecologically vulnerable regions of the country. Rushing through these projects in the face of intimations from nature, such as landslides, that we are vulnerable would really be a case of fools rushing in where the wise refuse to tread. New railway lines and highway widening should be undertaken only after public hearings open to citizens.

Kerala's achievements in human development are legion. However, it can no longer rest on its laurels in this area, ignoring the relentless assault on its natural assets. It is by now clear that the destruction has elicited neither an intelligent public policy response nor a citizen's movement of sufficient strength to contain the gathering ecological insecurity. In some ways Kerala led States in showing that development is not synonymous with economic growth. But now it seems to be trapped in a mindless consumerism that is threatening its future. Course correction is inevitable. Even the United Nations Development Programme, which had pioneered the human development approach, has proposed a Planetary-Pressures Adjusted Human Development Index that weighs a country's human development for its ecological footprint. Living in the Anthropocene, we need to guard against any further damage to the natural world.

Pulapre Balakrishnan is an economist

A clean energy transition plan for India

It also demonstrates a commitment to climate change mitigation by optimising resources with indigenous technology



A.V. KRISHNAN & R. SRIKANTH

nergy security warrants the Renewable energy uninterrupted supply of energy at affordable prices. India faces the twin challenges of meeting the aspirations of its 1.3 billion population even as it safeguards its energy security and contributes to global efforts to mitigate climate change. Thanks to the Electricity Act of 2003, the installed coal-fired thermal power plant (TPP) generation capacity in India more than doubled from 94 GW to 192 GW between March 2011 and 2017. This sharp increase in the installed capacity has enabled the government to increase per capita electricity consumption by 37% while reducing peak demand deficit from 9.8% (2010-11) to 1.6% (2016-17). However, India has a long way to go in providing electricity security to its people since its per capita electricity consumption is still only a third of the global

Thermal plants are the core Coal is the only fuel that India has in abundance and the geopolitics of India's neighborhood do not permit ready access to piped natural gas. TPPs contributed 71% of the 1,382 billion units (BU) of electricity generated by utilities in India during FY 2020-21 though they accounted for only 55% of the total

installed generation capacity of 382 GW (as of March 2021). Coal, therefore, plays a vital role in India's ongoing efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 7, which is "to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all".

While variable renewable energy (VRE) sources (primarily, wind and solar) account for 24.7% of the total installed generation capacity, as of March 2021, they contributed 10.7% of the electricity generated by utilities during FY 2020-21. However, the ramp-up of VRE generation capacity without commensurate growth in electricity demand has resulted in lower utilisation of TPPs whose fixed costs must be paid by the distribution companies (DISCOMs) and passed through to the final consumer.

The rapid growth of VRE sources in India has been largely aided by policy measures as well as financial incentives whose cost is borne by the consumer. The current level of VRE in the national power grid is increasing the cost of power procurement for DISCOMs, leading to tariff increases for electricity consumers. Specifically, the Forum of Regulators has estimated the total additional burden of grid integration of VRE sources includes ₹1.11 of balancing cost and ₹1.02 of stranded capacity cost, totalling ₹2.13 per unit. Therefore, India must implement a plan to increase energy efficiency and reduce the emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and airborne pollutants from TPPs without making power



unaffordable to industries that need low-cost 24x7 power to compete in the global market.

Contours of a plan

We have developed a time-bound transition plan for India's power sector involving the progressive retirement of 36 GW of installed generation capacity in 211 TPPs (unit size 210 MW and below) based on key performance parameters such as efficiency, specific coal consumption, technological obsolescence, and age. The resulting shortfall in baseload electricity generation can be made up by increasing the utilisation of existing High-Efficiency-Low-Emission (HELE) TPPs that are currently under-utilised to accommodate VRE and commissioning the 47 government-owned TPPs (total capacity of 31.6 GW) that are at an advanced stage of construction in which ₹1,77,742 crore have already been invested by government utilities. These TPPs have already signed power purchase agreements with the respective DISCOMs; and thanks to the two-part tariff policy, their fixed costs must be borne by power consumers irrespective of

their usage. In addition, the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) is also constructing 11 nuclear power plants with a total generation capacity of 8,700 MW that will supply 24x7 power without any CO2 emissions.

Capacity increase

With the implementation of our transition plan, the total installed capacity of TPPs operated by utilities will increase from the current level of 209 GW (as of September 2021) to 220 GW by FY 2029-30 even after retiring 211 inefficient and obsolete TPPs that are more than 25 years old and need major sustenance capital expenditures (Capex) for life extension, modernisation, and retrofit of flue gas desulphurisation plants (FGDs). The combined thermal (220 GW) and nuclear (15 GW) capacity of 235 GW can meet the baseload requirement (80% of peak demand) during the evening peak in FY 2029-30 without expensive battery storage, while the optimal utilisation of existing and underconstruction HELE TPPs with faster-ramping capabilities and lower technical minimums also facili-

tates VRE integration. As per our transition plan, India's power generation from TPPs is expected to reduce from the FY 2020-21 level of 71% to 57% of the total electrical energy (2,172 BU) projected to be generated by utilities during FY 2029-30. Further, the share of HELE TPPs in the total TPP generation capacity will increase from the FY 2018-19 level of 25% to 44% in FY 2029-30. More importantly, the share of ineffi-

cient TPPs with obsolete technology in the total TPP generation capacity will reduce from the FY 2018-19 level of 46% to 4%. Consequently, total CO2 emissions from the power sector will go down by 57 Mt even as coal-fired electricity generation is projected to increase by 21% to 1,234 BU in 2029-30.

Estimated benefits

Since HELE TPPs minimise emissions of particulate matter (PM), SO₂, and NO₂, our transition plan offers operational, economic, and environmental benefits including avoidance of sustenance Capex and FGD costs in the 211 obsolete TPPs to be retired besides savings in specific coal consumption and water requirement leading to reductions in electricity tariffs and PM pollution.

This plan prioritises the installation of high-efficiency electrostatic precipitators that can remove 99.97% of the PM pollution without extensive shutdowns or hiking tariffs unlike expensive, imported FGDs. The implementation of this plan will enable India to safeguard its energy security and ensure efficient grid operations with lower water consumption, PM pollution, and CO₂ emissions. Ultimately, this plan demonstrates India's commitment to climate change mitigation by optimising the use of our land, coal, water, and financial reindigenous sources with technology.

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A remarkable milestone India should be proud of reaching this milestone ("India crosses 100 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses",

Oct. 22). However, we need to speed up the vaccination programme, as only about 31% of adults are fully vaccinated. There has to be a concerted campaign to persuade adults vaccinated with the first dose to get their second dose. This is essential because surveys in countries such as Israel and the U.K. indicate that the "protection against catching the virus wanes

have already started administering booster doses to the fully vaccinated. The recent surge in cases in the U.K. has been attributed to the waning immunity of the vaccinated, less mask-wearing, and increase in gatherings. The task of full vaccination needs to be completed quickly in India as those who were vaccinated in the first half of this year may need a booster dose in the first half of 2022, depending on their immunity levels. We cannot let our guard down. Kosaraju Chandramouli,

This is a wonderful achievement, especially since the situation looked extremely grim in 2020 during the first wave and then again during the second wave this year and people were desperately praying for a vaccine. This is a time to thank researchers, lab technicians, scientists, doctors, health workers, nurses, ambulance drivers and all those who helped citizens during the worst

SANATH KUMAR T.S.,

commendable, India could have been in this place a few months ago and avoided hundreds of deaths if the government had increased vaccine orders earlier and not focused solely on its export commitments believing that the worst was over. The government's initial complacency ended up hurting the economy too. Our leaders mostly disappeared during the second wave of infections and seem to be communicating more now with the public as there is reason to celebrate. It is

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Fault lines grow deeper in Bangladesh

Bangladesh has seen a series of targeted attacks on religious sites, businesses and houses of those belonging to the Hindu community since October 13. **Roudro Rahaman** reports on the incidents of violence in the country that has triggered a sense of fear and helplessness among the thousands of Hindus living there

It was early morning on October 13. A young man dialled 999 (Bangladesh's emergency service number) to inform the police about the alleged desecration of the Holy Quran at a Durga Puja venue at Nanua Dighir Par in Cumilla city under Chattogram division. A photograph showing the Quran placed on the knee of a Hindu deity had gone viral on social media. Within a few minutes, the officer in charge of the Kotwali police station reached the spot in plain clothes. According to different accounts, the officer was alone at that time.

Unknown to the police officer, a man named Foyez Ahmed had gone live on Facebook from the same spot sometime between 7 a.m. and 7.30 a.m., and can be heard saying, "Muslims, wake up." Soon after the Facebook live chat, young men started congregating at the venue, their numbers increasing by the hour. Sensing trouble, a team of police officers arrived at the spot around 10 a.m. There were efforts to calm down the angry mob, but a few young men demanded that the puja celebrations be stopped immediately. Some of them started hurling stones at the venue around 11 a.m. and by 11.30 a.m., the mandap was vandalised.

The man who dialled 999 seeking police support was identified as Ekram Hossain, who lived less than 2 km away from the spot. Foyez was an expatriate who came home from Saudi Arabia a year ago. Both of them were arrested.

But this act quickly spiralled out of control, courtesy social media platforms, and reportedly resulted in several major attacks on Hindu temples and houses belonging to the minority community. It triggered a sense of fear and helplessness among the thousands of Hindus living in Bangladesh. Since October 13, Bangladesh has witnessed a series of targeted attacks on the Hindu communities residing in a number of districts.

Several religious sites, including Hindu temples, puja venues, and over 100 shops and houses, were reportedly attacked since the Cumilla incident. Kurigram, Chandpur, Moulvibazar, Gazipur, Munshiganj, Feni, Noakhali, Lakshmipur, Chattogram, Bandarban and Cox's Bazar were among the affected areas apart from Cumilla — districts all outside Dhaka and having a mixed population.

Puja amidst despair

As the Durga Puja celebrations kicked off this time around among the Hindus in Bangladesh, an annual event in the country whose Constitution designates Islam as the state religion but upholds the principles of secularism in practice, there emerged reports of attacks on Hindu religious sites and idols in different parts of the country. They were quickly dubbed as a "massive attack" on the spirit of the country's communal harmony and secular values.

Bangladesh has a population of over 160 million. According to the 2013 Census, Sunni Muslims constitute 89% of the population and Hindus 10%. The remaining population is predominantly Christian, mostly Roman Catholic, and Theravada-Hinayana Buddhist. The country also has a small number of Shia Muslims, Ahmadiyya Muslims and Biharis.

A week later, police identified a person named Iqbal Hossain, son of Nur Ahmed Alam, after analysing the CCTV footage available to them. Iqbal, 30, allegedly placed the Quran at the puja venue in Cumilla city.

On October 21, police arrested Iqbal, an unemployed youth from Cox's Bazar beach, and sent him to Cumilla for

further verification.

In the evening, more video clips collected from the CCTV cameras in various locations emerged, capturing the full picture of Iqbal's movements and how he reportedly collected the Quran and placed it at the venue. He was also seen sitting with two others at a nearby

Little is known about Iqbal. Who motivated him to place the Quran in a religious place? What is his political identity, if any? And, who stands to gain by creating instability and destroying religious has been applied to the process.

gious harmony?

Bangladesh Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said it seemed that Iqbal placed the Quran there after being instigated by somebody else. "We will be able to know everything after Iqbal is detained," he had said before Iqbal's

Rana Dasgupta, general secretary of the Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad, expressed displeasure and said whenever anyone was arrested in such cases, they were either branded a "vagrant" or declared "mad". "It is a pre-planned incident. There are others behind it. It is the responsibility of the Government to find them. We want to live happily and with harmony in place," he told reporters in Chattogram after a meeting with Deputy Minister for Education Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury Nowfel.



Burning rage: Protesters during a procession demanding justice for the violence against the Hindu community in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Monday; (below) and cars set alight last week in Noakhali by a mob during a protest over the alleged desecration of the Holy Quran at a Durga Puja venue. • REUTERS, AFP



Data shared by the Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), a local human rights body, give a clearer picture of what has been happening in the country for years now. According to the ASK, as many as 3,710 attacks on the Hindu community took place between January 2013 and September 2021.

Vandalism and arson involving the homes, shops and businesses of Hindu families were some of the incidents documented by the ASK. Attacks on Hindu temples and the grabbing of land and properties of those belonging to the minority community were also reported during the same period, according to the ASK report, which is based on news reports published in nine print and online newspapers and its own research. The recent attacks on the Hindu community have not been included in the

Minorities frustrated

Minorities rely on the Government to ensure their safety. The recent attacks had left them frustrated.

Moreover, the post-election violence in 2014 was still fresh in the minds of the Hindu community. The 10th parliamentary elections in Bangladesh were held on January 5, 2014, which saw the Awami League returning to power and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina becoming the country's head for the third term. Violence during this period reportedly left many dead in the country, including many from the Hindu community.

Human Rights Watch (HRW) said the Bangladesh authorities should exercise caution and restraint in containing the deadliest spate of sectarian violence in Bangladesh in years. Authorities should take immediate steps to protect the Hindu minorities and prosecute those responsible, including members of law enforcement agencies, for unlawful violence, it added.

"Bangladesh authorities are dealing with an extremely stressful situation that could easily escalate into even more bloodshed, unless law enforcement acts with caution and restraint," said Brad Adams, Asia director, Human

Rights Watch.
"The authorities need to be de-esca-

lating violence, not shooting live ammunition into a crowd."

Past violence

On September 29 and 30, 2012, an unruly mob reportedly unleashed violence on the Buddhist community in Ramu by spreading a rumour. They set fire to Buddhist temples and houses, vandalising and looting more than 50 houses in Ramu. They also attacked the Mushurikhola crematorium at Khurushkul village in Sadar upazila, Cox's Bazar, and tried to attack the houses of the Hindus in Kharulia village.

On October 30, 2016, a mob reportedly vandalised around 10 temples and ransacked over 100 houses belonging to the Hindu community in the area over an alleged defamatory Facebook post by a Hindu youth, Rasraj Das, in Nasirnagar upazila at Brahmanbaria.

"The authorities failed to take action against many who were involved in the violence in the past. Look at Ramu and Nasirnagar. History is being repeated," said a physician from the Hindu community in Cumilla, who wished to remain unnamed.

He said he grew up with many friends who were Muslims. They had gone to school together, played together, attended cultural events together. "We were friends. Religious differences were never an issue. They never even crossed our minds. The Bangladesh we are seeing now is so unfamiliar to me. Where is the security? Where is the administration? Will God accept the oppression and violence unleashed on so many innocent lives?"

The Prime Minister had assured that the perpetrators would be brought to justice. She urged the public to exercise restraint under any provocation and to refrain from spreading or acting on unfounded rumours. Hasina also called upon the public to maintain communal harmony at any cost.

Government leaders had also visited a number of the affected sites and assured the Hindu community of adequate protection and compensation for the damages incurred. Over 70 cases were filed and over 400 people detained in connection with these incidents. The Government said it had taken serious note of the reactions from within and outside the Hindu community. As an immediate measure, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) forces were deployed in 22 districts in the country to aid the civilian administration after the attacks in Cumilla.

Hasina had also asked Awami League leaders and activists across the country to remain watchful and maintain communal harmony. She said Islam did not allow the disgracing of other religions and one had to respect other religions alongside respecting their own.

In a message for New Delhi, she said Bangladesh's "big" neighbour must be sensitive to the situation. Alluding to the violence against minorities living in India, she said, "They must make sure that nothing is done there [in India] which affects our country and hurts our Hindu community."

'Vested quarters'

The Government remained concerned that certain "vested quarters" were carrying out these pre-meditated attacks to gain dubious political mileage, said the Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"It is regrettable that the local elements that had opposed Bangladesh's Independence 50 year ago are still propagating their toxic narratives to instigate violence, hatred and bigotry. They are trying to undermine Bangladesh's secular, non-communal and pluralistic credentials in the international context by deliberately targeting one of the biggest religious festivals of the country," the Ministry said in a statement.

The Government reiterated that communal harmony and peaceful co-existence were the cornerstones of their democratic polity. For centuries, the Ministry said, people from different faiths, ethnicities and religions had been living in this land in peace and harmony.

While the supreme law of the land

guaranteed the protection of all its citizens from any kind of discrimination and intolerance, the democratic governance of the country ensured the enjoyment of the fundamental rights of its citizens, irrespective of their religions, beliefs and ethnicity, it said.

The Ministry said the Government of Bangladesh, under the guidance of the Prime Minister, had set an example by advocating the motto, "Each unto his or her religion, festivals are for all."

Bangladesh was the only country where the major festivals of all religions were observed as public holidays. This year, on the occasion of Durga Puja, the Prime Minister had donated 30 million takas to the Hindu Kalyan Trust for the smooth observance of the festival, the Ministry said.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), a centre-right nationalist party that had forged an alliance with the Jamaat-e-Islami, which was opposed to the liberation of Bangladesh in 1971 and ruled the country giving war criminals a place in the Begum Khaleda Zia-led Cabinet in the past, denied its role amidst allegations that BNP-Jamaat men were behind the recent violence on the Hindu community to create instability in the country.

BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, while talking to reporters, said the incidents were part of the Awami League's "evil design" to gain and overcome the challenges of the next election. "We want to make it clear that the BNP always believes in the freedom of all religions and the party has already proved that," he added.

Worldwide condemnation

Many, including political parties, cultural organisations, university teachers, youth, civil society members, cultural activists, sports personalities and singers, have condemned the attacks. The United Nations, the U.S. and India have also condemned the incidents of violence against the Hindu community in the country.

What was particularly worrying was that the attacks that had left at least six dead and dozens injured, had followed, according to the Government, fake news reports shared over social media. Social media also saw an outpouring of faith and assertion in the ideals of secularism amidst the violence.

Sharing a photograph of the burning houses on his verified Facebook account, Bangladeshi cricketer and politician Mashrafe Bin Mortaza on October 18 wrote, "I saw two defeats today. One is the Bangladesh cricket team, in which I got hurt. And another one is for the whole Bangladesh which has broken the heart. We didn't want this red and green... May Allah guide us!"

UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Mia Seppo said the recent attacks on Hindus, "fuelled by hate speech" on social media, were against the values of the Constitution and needed to stop. "We call upon the Government to ensure protection of minorities and an impartial probe," she said on Monday in a tweet, calling upon all to join hands to strengthen inclusive tolerance in Bangladesh.

The U.S. Embassy in Dhaka also sent their condolences to the families of the victims in the violence. "Freedom of religion is sacrosanct. Everyone must remain steadfast in opposing targeted violence and orchestrated hate, and work to ensure all are able to attend a religious service or celebration without fear of violence because of their faith," said the Embassy in a statement.

U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh Earl R. Miller also tweeted, stating that the U.S. stood with Bangladeshis of all beliefs, further calling on all to preserve diversity, unity and mutual respect.

India also acknowledged the "prompt" steps taken by the Government of Bangladesh with the additional deployment of security forces following the vandalism of Hindu temples and Durga Puja venues. "We note that the Government of Bangladesh has reacted promptly to ensure control of the situation, including the deployment of law enforcement machinery," India's Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi told reporters in New Delhi while commenting on the "disturbing reports of untoward incidents" involving the attacks on religious gatherings in Bangladesh.

State Minister for Information Murad Hassan said Bangladesh was a secular nation and would return to its 1972 Constitution offered by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the 'Father of the Nation'. Military dictators had tried to undermine Bangladesh's core ideal of secularism by declaring Islam to be the state religion, he said.

"We will return to the 1972 Constitution. We will get that Bill passed in Parliament under the leadership of the Prime Minister," he said, adding, "I don't think there is anyone in Parliament to oppose it."

"I am a Hindu, but this is not my identity. I am a citizen of this country. That is my identity. It is the state's responsibility to ensure safety and security," said a Hindu devotee who had come to the Dhakeshwari temple during the Durga Puja celebrations.

With tears rolling down her face, she said, "When I am called an Indian *dalal* [broker], it questions my patriotism. I belong to this country. We did not leave this land in 1947, 1966, 1971 and 2001. Should we be forced to see the situation today?"

Her question is a difficult one to answer as it is also an indictment of the Government's inability to uphold religious harmony in Bangladesh. The unease that exists now will be put to rest only after law enforcement agencies ensure that exemplary punishment is meted out to those behind the attacks on the secular fabric of the nation.





FROM PAGE ONE

India weighs 'net zero' target ahead of CoP

A study by the think tank Council for Energy Environment and Water projects said that for India to achieve the net zero target even by 2070, usage of coal, especially for power generation, will need to peak by 2040 and drop by 99% between 2040 and 2060. The consumption of crude oil across sectors will need to peak by 2050 and fall substantially by 90% between 2050 and

India's long-term position in climate talks has always been that it will eschew the use of fossil fuels but only gradually because it cannot compromise on development, which is now primarily reliant on coal. Also because it goes against the core principle of "common but differentiated responsibility" that requires developed countries, which are responsible for the climate crisis, to take on deeper cuts and pay developing countries for the environmental damage from rising temperature as well as finance their transition to clean energy

However, the U.S, and EU delegations, in months, had several meetings with the Indian officials to chart out a more ambitious pathway to cut emissions.

"All options are on the platter," a senior official who will be representing India at Glasgow told The Hindu, "but it will depend on how the negotiations will progress and whether we will be able to move ahead on getting developed countries to honour commitments".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to be in Glasgow for the Leaders' Summit on the first two

At least 120 heads of state confirmed their have participation.

India, U.K. dialogue

India and the United Kingdom have agreed to strengthen climate initiatives and further their green partnership, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said on Friday.

(With inputs from PTI)

Plea in SC on online police activities

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to examine a petition seeking a direction to the Centre to frame rules to govern police officers posting news about any criminal investigation on their personal or professional social handles.

A Bench led by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar issued notice to the Government on the petition.

The petitioner, Delhibased Mohammed Khalil, represented by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, alleged that the Director General of Police, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, had posted "various scathing and distasteful tweets" about a young woman who died by suicide and her family.

The petition sought the transfer of an FIR registered under Section 306 (abetment of suicide) into her death against some police officers and another person. Mr. Khalil asked the court to transfer the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

NIA arrests eight more terror suspects in J&K

They are operatives of various proscribed organisations

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested eight more persons on Friday in connection with a conspiracy to carry out terrorist activities in Jammu & Kashmir and other places, taking the total number of arrests in the case to 13.

The agency conducted searches at 10 locations in Srinagar, Kulgam, Shopian, Pulwama, Anantnag and Baramulla, leading to the arrest of Adil Ahmad War, Manan Gulzar Dar, Hilal Ahmed Dar, Sobhia, Rouf Bhatt, Shaqib Bashir, Zamin Adil and Haris Nisar Langoo.

Support to terrorists

"They are operatives of various proscribed terrorist organisations and have been instrumental in providing logistical and material support to terrorists," an NIA official

The case was registered on October 10 against those associated with Laskhar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed,



Protective measures: Bunkers have been erected in parts of Srinagar after the recent civilian killings. • NISSAR AHMAD

Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, Al Badr and their affiliates such as The Resistance Front and the People Against Fascist Forces (PAFF).

The NIA had recently come across a blog post, uploaded last month, which enumerated a new strategy to be adopted by the terror outfits in Jammu & Kashmir in view of the steps being taken by the Government to promote industrial development and extend domicile status to various categories of people. The blog exhorted terrorists to target "nonlocals". In the latest spate of attacks, 11 civilians have been killed in the State.

Blog blocked

While the blog was later blocked on the orders of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the agency is trying to identify the person who opened the account.

Rahul Gandhi meets Gujarat Cong. leaders

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Friday met with party leaders from Gujarat to discuss organisational issues, including the selection of a new Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief in the State, ahead of Assembly elections.

The delegation Mr. Gandhi met included the Congress' Gujarat unit working president Hardik Patel, Jignesh Mevani, Amit Chavda, Shaktisinh Gohil, Paresh Dhanani, Arjun Modhwadia and Amee Yajnik, among others. For the post of the Gujarat PCC chief, Mr. Patel and Mr. Gohil are said to be among the top contenders.

SC flags vacancies in consumer disputes fora

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday criticised the Centre and States for not filling up vacancies in consumer disputes for aacross the country, saying cases in them may not be so high-stake but are nevertheless vital to the common man.

A Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said the judiciary should not be made to, time and again, goad the Government to fill up vacancies. "The very purpose of setting up these

tribunals and providing consumer remedy goes if these tribunals are not being manned. If the Government feels it does not want them, then abolish the Act. But if you put the Act in place you must man the tribunals," Justice Kaul addressed the Government side.

Additional Solicitor General Aman Lekhi said a meeting was due later in October to fill up the vacancies.

But the court said that would only cover the Central Consumer Commission.

IN BRIEF

West Bengal cannot bar CBI, Centre tells SC

West Bengal said it had withdrawn "general consent" to the CBI way back in 2018. The State said the CBI's actions were a direct attack on the federal structure of governance and aimed at harassing ruling Trinamool Congress leaders in the

The case came up for hearing before a Bench of Justices L. Nageswara Rao and B.R. Gavai on Friday.

The Bench said the arguments in the case need to be heard in detail, and posted it for hearing on November

In its affidavit, the Union Government, while maintaining that West Bengal's power to withhold consent to the CBI was far from absolute, accused the latter of

"suppressing" information that the post-poll violence cases were transferred to the agency by the Calcutta High Court.

It said withdrawal of general consent would not stand in the way of constitutional courts entrusting the CBI with the cases "where it is found that the State police would not effectively conduct a fair and impartial investigation".

Besides, the CBI was empowered to probe cases concerning any of the Central subjects enumerated in the Union List in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, the affidavit said, adding that the alleged crimes under investigation were offences under parliamentary

various questions were

raised about India's ability to

fight the global pandemic.

'India-U.K. ties vital in coming decades'

British Foreign Secretary on India trip

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE

Relation between the United Kingdom and India is vital over the coming decades, U.K. Foreign Secretary Elizabeth Truss said here on Friday. Ms. Truss, who is on a three-day visit to India, met External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and is scheduled to be a special guest at a ceremony to mark the visit of the U.K. Carrier Strike Group in Mumbai.

"India is our great friend, an economic powerhouse and the world's largest democracy. Our relationship will be vital over the coming decades," Ms. Truss said after meeting Mr. Jaishankar where the two discussed closer collaboration. Ms. Truss said her visit would boost the partnership, and pointed out technology and infrastructure, security and defence, and "building back after COVID" as the areas of collaboration between the two sides.

"You are a fellow democracy, you believe in free enterprise and you believe in freedom. I think it's very important that countries like ours work together on our shared plans for the future," Ms. Truss said in her opening remarks in the meeting with Mr. Jaishankar.

Ms. Truss and Mr. Jaishankar "welcomed the pro-



Elizabeth Truss with S. Jaishankar in New Delhi

gress in delivering the Enhanced Trade Partnership" that was announced at the India-U.K. virtual summit held on May 4, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement after Friday's meeting. Both Ministers agreed on the need for launching FTA negotiations "at the earliest, with a focus on negotiating an interim agreement that can deliver quick gains to businesses in both India and the U.K."

Ms. Truss's visit comes against the backdrop of developments in Afghanistan after the departure of U.S. and U.K. troops. There is a vocal section within the Government of Prime Minister Boris Johnson that believes that the people of Afghanistan should not made to suffer while the world waits on the Taliban build an inclusive government in Kabul.

'Contours of theatre command in the works'

Timeline for operationalisation yet to be announced

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

India is in an advanced stage of drawing up the contours of the structure and processes of the "theatre command" to bring integration and coordination of all the three services. The timeline for operationalising this is yet to be made public.

Speaking at the Indian Air Force conclave here on Friday on "Synergised Objectives", organised to mark 50 years of victory in the India-Pakistan War in 1971, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said theatre integration would be ensured following the creation of Chief of Defence Staff and Department of Military Affairs in the De fence Ministry. Chief of the Defence Staff Bipin Rawat detailed the work done on theatrisation so far.

Recalling the integrated efforts of the three services in bringing victory in the India-Pakistan War in 1971 and leading to the biggest surrender of troops after the Second World War, they emphasised the need for integration in the changing situation.

"The armed forces and the Defence Ministry will be further integrated," the Defence Minister said. "In the



Rajnath Singh at an event in Bengaluru on Friday to mark 50 years of victory in the India-Pakistan War of 1971. • PTI

coming days as forward process, theatre integration will be ensured. Integration will be in procurement, indigenisation and prioritising capability development."

Borrowing from the best General Rawat said India had extensively studied the theatre command models of the U.S., the U.K., Russia and China to adopt some of the best practices. "We will adopt a tailor-made model to meet our national security. We are moving forward with maritime theatre command, joint air defence structure and land-centric theatre command," he said. "The concept of theatrisation is being progressed on a consensus-based approach

at various levels. To bring

about greater synergy and bring down redundancy, the service chiefs are likely to retain operational control."

Identification of theatre command, he said, would be based on the tasks, threats. opportunities and assets. After the proposal was examined and finalised by the chiefs of staff committee, it would be operationalised by the Government.

General Rawat, "There are no differences on creation of theatre command. We will take all services on board and then create theatre command that will suit our requirement."

On the timeline for theatrisation, he said: "Creating an organisation and putting a structure in place will take a long time."

Sugar factory sales

above board: Ajit Pawar

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and senior **Nationalist Congress Party** (NCP) leader Ajit Pawar on Friday denied the BJP's allegations on the sale of sugar factories in the State as "baseless", while claiming that the processes of selling these factories were carried out in a "strictly legal manner". Mr. Pawar furnished information on the sale of more than 65 sugar factories in the past few years.

BMS protests against disinvestment

(BMS) on Friday announced

NEW DELHI The Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh

that it would hold natior protests on October 28 seeking a stop to the government's policies of "divestment, privatisation, monetisation, corporatisation and strategic sale of public sector". The Rashtriya Swavamsevak Sangh-affiliated trade union said it would send a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in support of its demands. It said it would wait till the **Budget session of Parliament** to see if the government continues its policies, and would decide the future

course of its action after that.

ing to scale up production. Questions like, from where will India get the money to "After that comes distribution to different States and buy so many vaccines from other countries? Will the petimely delivery of vaccines to far-flung areas. But, with ople of India get the vaccine scientific methods and new or not? Will India be able to

Celebrate festivals with

caution, says PM Modi

innovations, the country has found solutions to these challenges. Resources were increased with extraordinary speed," he said. Mr. Modi said the made-

The Prime Minister said the

vaccination coverage came

with the challenge of need-

in-India Co-WIN platform not only made vaccination convenient for the common people but also made the work of the medical staff easier. "Developed countries had

decades of expertise in researching and developing vaccines. India mostly depended on vaccines made by these countries. For this reason, when the biggest pandemic of the century struck,

vaccinate enough people? These questions were answered by achieving this feat of administering 100 crore vaccinations," Mr. Modi said. Pharma hub

He stressed that India had not only administered 100 crore vaccine doses to its citizens but had also done it for free. He said the acceptance that India enjoyed in the world as a pharma hub further

Mr. Modi also highlighted that people should encourage "Made in India" pro-

The Resistance Front, a

front for Pakistan-based ter-

ror group Lashkar-e-Taiba

(LeT) has claimed responsi-

bility for the civilian killings.

police, in a series of tweets

on Friday, sought public help "to share timely infor-

mation regarding terrorism,

narcotic-drug peddling, or

any other anti-national/so-

cial activity". Sharing the

numbers of police helplines.

the tweet said the initiative

"will help the JK Police to

fight the inimical forces with

a stronger punch".

The Jammu and Kashmir

Embracing different ideas is essence of Hindutva: Hosabale

Hindutva is neither Left nor Right, says RSS general secretary

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Hindutva is "neither Right nor Left" and its essence is the embracing of different ideas, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) 'Sarkaryawah' or general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale said on Friday.

He was speaking during a discussion on the recent book by former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) general secretary and RSS executive member Ram Madhav, The Hindutva Paradigm: Integral Humanism and the Quest for a Non-Western Worldview.

"I don't belong either to the Right or Left....Hindutva, it is neither Left nor Right," Mr. Hosabale said.

In response to an earlier speaker, former diplomat Pavan K. Varma, saying that there was a need for "shaastraarth" or discussion today, Mr. Hosabale said he



Dattatreya Hosabale

was ready to organise such a debate.

"There is no full stop in Indian tradition. Calling this West or East, the Left or the Right, all these things are suitable for our present day political discourse... I am from RSS. We have never said in our discourses inside the RSS, in any training camps, that we are Rightist. Many ideas, they are almost like Lefitist ideas, and many definitely the so-called Rightist," Mr. Hosabale said.

He said the "integral hu-

manist thought" of Deendayal Upadhyaya that Mr. Madhav's book discussed would provide the way forward. "Churning" was a part of Indian tradition, he said.

'Best of everything'

"Today, the world is embracing each other's ideas and a new man is emerging, this is the essence of Hindutva. You have to take the best of everything from every corner and mould it to suit your surroundings, your environment," he said.

Earlier in the event, Mr. Madhav kicked off the discussion by saying the book was "not anti-West" but rather espousing the need for a non-Western worldview.

Former Supreme Court judge Justice Anil R. Dave also spoke at the event and termed the book as "one to be chewed and swallowed". Editor of *Open* magazine S. Prasannarajan also spoke.

Rocket systems, BrahMos add offensive punch along LAC

Army has the ability to hit targets deep inside China

DINAKAR PERI TENGA (ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

India's military posture in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh has added an offensive punch with the Army deploying Pinaka and Smerch long-range, multibarrel rocket launch systems

as well as BrahMos super-

sonic cruise missiles in the

In a rare demonstration, the Army showcased its Pinaka and Smerch units deploved on the Arunachal Pradesh-Assam border to a group of visiting journalists

from Delhi. "The Pinaka and Smerch rocket systems have been deployed closer to the LAC," said a senior officer at the demonstration. The Brah-Mos has also been deployed in the Tawang sector.

In addition to the rocket systems, deployment of BrahMos missiles, which have a range of over 290 km,



rocket system in the Army's inventory. • DINAKAR PERI

gives the Army the ability to hit targets deep inside China in case of any Chinese misadventure in this sector.

Smerch, procured from Russia, is the longest range conventional rocket system in the Army's inventory with a maximum range of 90 km, said Col. Gaurav Sood.

A battery of four launchers can fire a salvo of 48 rockets in 40 seconds, neutralising an area of 1200m X Sreenath V.E., Battery Commander of a Smerch unit.

1200m, explained Major

Pinaka, indigenously designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation, has a range of 38 km. "A battery of six launchers of Pinaka can fire a salvo of 72 rockets in 44 seconds, thereby neutralising an area of 1000m X 800m," said Lt. Col. Samarth.

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geted attacks in the Valley this month.



strengthened.

Nearly 700 detained in J&K ahead of Shah's visit

Mr. Shah is expected to review security and development-related projects in Srinagar on Saturday, and is likely to hold a public rally in Jammu on Sunday.

Several traffic restrictions were also implemented in Srinagar city, with those driving two-wheelers subjected to intensive security

Eleven civilians, mostly migrant workers from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, have been killed in a spate of tar-

Pradeep Majhi quits Congress in Odisha

STAFF REPORTER

Putting speculation to rest, working president of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) and a prominent tribal leader Pradeep Majhi resigned on Friday from the primary membership of the party.

In his resignation letter addressed to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Mr. Majhi said, "I joined the Indian National Congress with utmost enthusiasm with a view to serving the needy people. The party also provided ample opportunity and placed me at the top of others without any demand from my

He said the the party was extremely well-managed by Ms. Gandhi's dynamic leadership until reoccupying pivotal posts

caused its gradual decline. Mr. Majhi, it is rumoured, is set to join the Biju Janata Dal shortly.

Trinamool MP hurt in attack

Miscreants attack Sushmita Dev and some party workers in Tripura

SYED SAJJAD ALI AGARTALA

Sushmita Dev, Rajya Sabha member of the Trinamool Congress, and some party workers sustained minor injuries when miscreants attacked them at Amtali Bazaar near here on Friday. The incident occurred on the day the party launched a "Tripurar Jonya Trinamool" (Trinamool for Tripura) campaign targeted at voters ahead of the municipal elections in the State.

The State Election Commission on Friday declared the election schedule for the Agartala Municipal Corporation and municipal councils across the State.

The election will take place on November 25, and the results will be declared on November 28.

Prior to the announcement of dates, the State Election Commission hosted a meeting with representatives of various political parties to discuss the modalities, security arrangements



Campaign interrupted: The vehicle of Trinamool Congress leader Sushmita Dev that was attacked by miscreants at Amtali Bazaar, near Agartala, on Friday. • ANI

and the code of conduct.

The Trinamool has declared that it will contest the election, apparently to test its support base in Tripura. The State unit of the party got some customised vans to undertake the election campaign.

Ms. Dev and some local leaders took one of the vans

to Amtali Bazaar to cam-Trinamool general secrepaign for the party. Some hooligans suddenly attacked the vehicle and Trinamool workers, which left six people including Ms. Dev injured, the party alleged. The Trinamool blamed the BJP for organising the at-

tary Abhishek Banerjee condemned the incident and lashed out at the BJP Government in Tripura for repeated acts of violence. He tweeted that manhandling a woman Rajya Sabha member was "beyond shameful" and "political terrorism" by the BJP goons.

Chaudhary takes charge as AICC in-charge of Punjab

Harish Rawat relieved from Punjab Congress role

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Friday appointed Harish Chaudhary as the All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge for Punjab, replacing Harish Rawat, who had earlier asked to be relieved of his duties in the

Mr. Chaudhary, an MLA in the Rajasthan Assembly, was an AICC secretary for Punjab but has been elevated as the AICC in-charge for the State.

To remain in CWC

"Congress president has appointed Harish Chaudhary as AICC in-charge of Punjab and Chandigarh with immediate effect. Harish Rawat is being relieved from his current responsibility as AICC general secretary in-charge of Punjab and Chandigarh," general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said in a statement, adding that Mr.



Harish Chaudhary

Rawat would remain a CWC member.

Thanks colleagues

Mr. Rawat, too, tweeted to thank his colleagues from Punjab for the support he got during his stint as AICC in-charge and stated that he would now focus on his home State of Uttarakhand, where election is scheduled next year along with Puniab.

But the change of guard

also comes when the crisis in the Punjab Congress seems to show no signs of ending, with Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief Navjot Singh Sidhu sharing a frosty relationship.

On Wednesday, asking the party leadership to relieve him of his Punjab duties, Mr. Rawat had put out a statement on Twitter: "Today I have been able to overcome a big dilemma. On the one hand, I have a duty towards my janmabhoomi [birthplace] and the other hand, I have to offer my services to my karmabhoomi [land where one works]. Things are getting complicated as elections are drawing closer and a person has to give full time to both the places. So that I can devote myself to Uttarakhand completely, I should be relieved of my

present duties."

CPI(M) meet to take stand on Cong. 'SP Govt. had targeted Hindus'

After BJP victory in 2019, threat from the right wing has only aggravated: Yechury

Winter session likely from November-end

The session, likely to have nearly 20 sittings, will conclude ahead of Christmas

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The three-day meeting of the CPI(M) Central Committee, which began on Friday, is expected to decide the party's political line and its position in relation to the Congress. The meeting comes ahead of the party congress scheduled for April next year.

At the 22nd party congress in Hyderabad in April 2018, the CPI(M) took a call that the Congress and the BJP could not be treated as an equal threat. The party then agreed to rally all "secular and democratic forces" and agreed to have an understanding with all "secular Opposition parties", including the Congress, inside and outside Parliament for a

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The month-long winter ses-

sion of Parliament is likely to

commence from the fourth

week of November following

all COVID-19 protocols, Par-

liamentary sources said on

Friday. The session, which is

likely to have around 20 sit-

tings, would conclude ahead

of Christmas, they said.



Sitaram Yechury

broader mobilisation of people. But in all this, there was a caveat that there can be no political alliance with the

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, according to sources, argued that the situation under which the

In the wake of the pan-

demic, the winter session of

Parliament was not held last

year and all the subsequent

sessions - Budget and Mon-

soon – were curtailed be-

Though an official deci-

sion has not been taken yet,

the sources said the session

could commence from No-

vember 29 and would end

cause of COVID-19.

2018 line had been decided had not changed, and there was no reason to reopen the debate. He further said that after the second consecutive victory of the BJP in the Lok Sabha election in 2019, the threat from the right wing had only aggravated and therefore, there was a need to reinforce the 2018 line. Nearly 20 delegates spoke at the meeting on the first day.

Kerala CM's view

Last week, in an article in the CPI(M) magazine Chintha, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan wrote that the Congress could not be the axis of the Opposition.

In all the States, apart from Kerala, Congress leaders were abandoning the

party to join the BJP, and therefore, there were very few characteristic differences between the two. Sources said Mr. Vijayan, who spoke at the meeting, articulated similar lines. He also advocated con-

tack, a claim the latter

strongly denied.

centrating the party's energies on grassroots mobilisa-The political resolution, approved by the party Polit

Bureau last week, was laid before the Central Committee. The committee meeting concludes on Sunday.

The party congress has to take a call on Mr. Yechury's tenure. His first term comes to a close. And the CPI(M) has often offered the incumbent general secretary two

Adityanath says cases against 'terrorists' were withdrawn during that regime

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Friday that cases lodged against "terrorists" were withdrawn during the Samajwadi Party rule, while fake cases were lodged against Hindus.

He was addressing representatives of the Noniya Chauhan backward community in Lucknow.

He called the dilution of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir by the Narendra Modi-led Union Government the "final nail in the coffin of terrorism". "Ram bhakts would be fired upon. Arti would be performed on terrorists [during the SP rule]," Mr. Adityanath said at the "samajik pratinidhi sammelan," one of the many meetings planned by the ruling party to woo various castes.

Mr. Adityanath said the first decision taken by his Government after coming to power in 2017 was to waive farm loans.

In contrast, the SP Government, he claimed, had taken steps to withdraw cases lodged against "terrorists"

who attacked the Ram Janmabhoomi. Targetting the three major

Opposition parties, the Chief Minister alleged that they could not look beyond their families, and "worked for terrorists," while the BJP strived for all sections of the society.

"Memories of the medieval period were refreshed when terrorists attacked mandirs and maths," he said. The sentiments of Hindu society were crushed under the SP, he said.

Mr. Adityanath also re-

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called the firing on 'karsevaks' by the police under the Mulayam Singh Government in 1990 when they tried to force their way into the Babri Masjid enclosure. "If there was a BJP Government in 1990, would there be firing on Ram bhakts? Will you forgive those who fired at Ram bhakts," he asked.

He also referred to the Kosi Kalan (2012) and Mau (2005) riots under previous Governments, and stated that if the BJP remained in power, nobody would dare to start a riot in the State.

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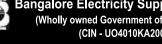
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Sd/- Deputy General Manager, Ele., TIC., Room No.10, Block 2, Corporate Office, BESCOM, K.R.Circle. Bengaluru - 560 001. E-mail: dgmtic@bescom.co.in **BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE** Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division West Zone Joint Commissioner (West) Office Premises, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 20

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Trinamool Congress appoints Luizinho Faleiro as vice-president

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Days before West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is scheduled to visit Goa and hold meetings there ahead of the Assembly poll, the Trinamool Congress on Friday appointed Luizinho Faleiro as its vice-president.

"Our Hon'ble Chairperson Smt. @Mama-

taOfficial takes great pride in appointing Mr.

@luizinhofaleiro as the National Vice President of All India Trinamool Congress," a notification signed by Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee said. The Trinamool Congress chairperson is likely to visit Goa on October 28. Several lead-

ers of Trinamool Congress along with a team from election strategist Prashant Kishor's firm have been doing ground work in the State. The Trinamool Congress has plans to con-

the coastal State goes to polls in 2022. The Trinamool Congress chairperson's visit to Goa as well as assigning a key party post to Mr. Faleiro is significant as Ms. Banerjee has not visited any State except the national

test all the 40 Assembly seats in Goa, when

capital in the past few years. After joining the Trinamool Congress last month, Mr. Faleiro has brought in several leaders from the Congress. The Trinamool Congress poll slogan for the Goa Assembly poll is "Goenchi Navi Sakal", which translates to a new dawn for Goa.

Goa and Tripura are the two States that are being eyed by the Trinamool Congress to extend footprints beyond West Bengal.

As the election in Tripura is scheduled for 2023, the Trinamool Congress is stepping up its efforts for Goa.

around December 23. Though the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha will sit simultaneously, the members will follow social dis-

tancing norms. In a few sessions earlier, both the Houses used to meet at separate times to ensure that not many people were present inside the Par-

In the winter session, those entering the complex and the main Parliament building will have to wear masks all the time and may have to undergo COVID test.

The winter session assumes significance as it will be held just months before the Assembly elections in five States, including politically-crucial Uttar Pradesh. liament complex.

Government of Uttar Pradesh Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.

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Electric locomotive reaches Guwahati

Guwahati, the largest city in the northeastern region, was brought under the electrified rail network, with the first train - a parcel van - reaching Kamakhya station from New Cooch Behar in West Bengal on October 21. Kamakhya station is on the western edge of Guwahati and about 6 km from the central Guwahati railway station. Northeast Frontier Railway officials said the arrival of the parcel van at Kamakhva station was a major step towards the electrification of all the main and branch lines across the region. This would also translate into huge

TRAI warns broadcasters on channel pricing

savings by reducing

locomotives.

dependence on diesel

Telecom regulator TRAI on Friday said some broadcasters were "exploiting" the freedom available for a la carte pricing of TV channels and warned that it would keep a "strict watch" on them and not shy from taking action in the "larger interest" of consumers and the sector With an increase in TV channel subscription rates "impending", the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) said in a statement that the new tariff recently announced by "these leading broadcasters" reflects their intention to raise the prices of popular channels. PTI

3 soldiers held for drug trafficking in Assam

GUWAHATI

Three Assam Rifles personnel and a civilian have been arrested in eastern Assam's Dibrugarh district for drug trafficking. The drugs seized from them, weighing 269 g, were estimated to cost ₹1 crore in the international market. Dibrugarh Superintendent of Police Shwetank Mishra said the police had acted based on inputs from a Central intelligence agency on Thursday. A case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act

FBI, CBI discuss how to fight emerging crime

Top U.S. officials from the FBI and the Department of Justice held a meeting with their counterparts from the CBI to strengthen law enforcement cooperation between India and America, according to an official statement. It said that the meeting took place in New Delhi this week, and the U.S. delegation was led by Deputy Assistant Attorney General Arun G. Rao. "They discussed means for combating emerging crime trends, including fighting rising telemarketing fraud," the statement said. PTI

PM misleading people on vaccines: Congress

Party asks for White Paper on year-end deadline

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of misleading the country during his address to the nation on Friday, the Congress asked for a White Paper on how the Union Government intended to vaccinate all adults by December 31, a deadline fixed by it earlier.

Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said at a press conference that only 21% of the country's population was fully vaccinated, while China, the only other country with over 100 crore population, had given two shots to 80% of its population in September.

He also said that instead of offering condolences to the families of 4.53 lakh people who died during the CO-VID-19 pandemic, the Gobusy vernment was Mahotsava" "celebrating and ignoring issues affecting common people.

"We thought he would talk about inflation because from January 1 till date there



Record set: India reached the milestone of 100 crore vaccine doses administered on Thursday. ■R.V. MOORTHY

is a hike in [price of] diesel by 29% and petrol by 27%... We were expecting him to speak on the issue when innocents were killed in Jammu and Kashmir, including 32 persons murdered in the last two weeks and nine soldiers made the supreme sacrifice. But the Prime Minister does not have time for any of such things," Mr. Vallabh said. "We were expecting that the Prime Minister would offer condolences to the families of people who lost their lives due to coronavirus. He has no time for

them and instead he is cele-

brating Mahotsavs," the Congress leader added.

The Congress said Mr. Modi should have shared information on when the Government intended to vaccinate school and college goers and the remaining adult population. The party said 32 crore Indians had not received even the first dose of the vaccine while another 42 crore were waiting for the second dose. "Please share a White Paper on how we are going to receive 106 crore vaccine doses in the next 70 days [December 31 deadline]," Mr. Vallabh said.

Petro taxes funding vaccines: Puri

Minister slams 'simplistic' narrative on prices, cites provision for welfare schemes

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Reiterating that the excise duty levied on petroleum products is funding free CO-VID-19 vaccines and public welfare schemes, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Puri said on Friday that global oil prices would likely fall by the time India vaccinated its entire population, indicating no tax cuts might be expected at that time.

Facing multiple queries about the high retail prices for fuels, at the closing press conference of India Energy Forum by CERAWeek, Mr. Puri said the Centre had been charging ₹32 a litre as excise, irrespective of whether the oil price was \$19 a barrel or \$84 a barrel, whereas the States charge an ad valorem duty.

Stressing that oil prices had risen following the global coal crisis caused by "severe winters somewhere and a problem between two countries", the Minister said political narrative in India was "simplistic" and didn't grasp the "difficult causation" at work.

"I think the simplistic pol-

itical narrative in India prices have gone up, why don't you reduce your taxes? So every time prices goes up due to something else, it says you axe your own feet in the process. I am not very sensitive to that kind of discussion," he said.

Social inclusion

"Yesterday, we completed one billion vaccines being administered. We fed 90 crore people for one full year, three meals in a day. We do Ujjwala which is a social inclusion scheme getting the mothers, sisters and daughters away from unhealthy cooking fuels. We distributed eight crore cylinders and another one crore now. So that ₹32 of tax we collect, provides us the ability to provide all these welfare services, including one billion vaccines," Mr. Puri

Responding to a query if the government would cut petroleum taxes once the vaccination drive is completed across the country, the Minister said: "Arre yaar, tab tak to vaise hi daam neeche aa jaayenge yaar. Aap itni lambi soch kyon

Hardeep Puri

karte hain? (By then, prices will fall anyway, friend. Why do you think so far ahead)?"

"I am fully optimistic. If you see the analysis for 2022 from OPEC plus, supply is expected to be higher than demand. At that time, another question can crop up, which I don't want to say here," he added.

However, to a follow-up query about the outlays on vaccines and free foodgrains, the Minister said he had cited them as illustrative examples.

"This is not a question of arithmetic. Any democratically elected government has the duty to make roads and provide other facilities for their citizens. If we get guided by this talk and shut down everything... it is also

possible later that they want to sell oil and you don't need to take it at all," he said.

Duty levied by States

"I can tell you the government is giving full attention to this. We are in a federal system. There is an element of excise from the Centre. there is an ad valorem percentage duty by the States irrespective of where the price is," he said.

Asked by a Kolkata-based newspaper's reporter whether tax cuts would be considered on fuel products to prevent an adverse impact on growth as higher volumes could help boost revenues, the Minister said the high oil prices in West Bengal were due to recent tax hikes by the State government.

"When I was there during a political meeting, I was asked why the prices have gone up, I said the State government has raised it by ₹3.51 since July and that is the result," he said.

On India making a case for OPEC to lower oil prices, Mr Puri said this was not an adversarial issue and was in the interest of oil-producing as well as consuming countries.

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Haj 2022

Cong. not part of Bihar 'grand alliance', says Das

He is making undue statements: RJD

AMARNATH TEWARY

Congress leader in-charge of Bihar, Bhakta Charan Das, on Friday said his party was not part of the mahagathbandhan (grand alliance) in the State.

Mr. Das also added that with the bypolls for two seats, Tarapur and Kusheshwarsthan, scheduled to be held on October 30, the Congress had started preparations to contest all 40 parliamentary seats in Bihar.

"Today, the Congress party is not part of the mahagathbandhan. When the RJD (Rashtriya Janata Dal) could not spare just one seat of Kusheshwarsthan to the Congress to contest the bypoll, which has been our traditional seat, then where is mahagathbandhan? asked Mr. Das, speaking to a private news channel. "If the RJD cannot give us respect, how can we give them respect?" he said.

Mr. Das also added that along with the bypolls, the Congress had also "started preparations to contest all 40 parliamentary seats in Bihar". However, he said, "other secular and likeminded parties are welcome to be with the Congress".

"Until now, the RJD has been getting the traditional votes of the Congress in the State but now we've decid-



Bhakta Charan Das •

ed to contest all 40 Lok Sabha seats," asserted Mr. Das, who is in Patna to welcome Kanhaiya Kumar, Iignesh Mewani and Hardik Patel, who joined the Congress recently.

Meanwhile, reacting to Mr. Das's statement, State president of RID, Jagdanand Singh, said, "The RJD is still a part of the mahagathbandhan." He also said that the RJD had always been following "mahagathbandhan dharma".

"The Congress leaders may have their wishes but there is not going to be any mid-term poll in the country," Mr. Singh added.

RJD spokesperson Mrityunjay Tiwari said, "Bihar incharge of the Congress party, Bhakta Charan Das, has no idea of the ground reality in Bihar. He has been making unwarranted, uncalled for statements, and is hellbent on finishing Congress

Air bubbles to continue for some time

Frequency can be increased on routes that see demand, says Aviation Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

International air travel to and from the country will continue only under the "air bubble" arrangement for the foreseeable future, according to Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia. If certain routes see a

spurt in demand, the Government could look at increasing frequency of flights within the "air bubble".

"Within our current air bubble arrangement, we are scaling up. Earlier, the U.K. was only 15 flights, which we have now increased to 35 flights. We are going to do this across the board. As the demand goes up, we are go-



Flight plan: India entered into air bubble arrangements with some countries following travel curbs last year. ■FILE PHOTO

ing to increase that [the number of flights] in the bubble," Mr. Scindia said at an event organised by Public Affairs Forum of India. He was responding to a question on resumption of international flights.

"International travel is not governed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation alone, but also by the Ministry of Health and pends on] other countries," Mr. Scindia said, implying that concerns over the spread of COVID-19 as well as travel restrictions by various countries were hindering India from fully opening up international travel. Scheduled international

Family Affairs and [also de-

flights were banned by the government on March 23 last year. Later that year, the Government started gradually opening up the skies by entering into "air bubble" agreements with various countries, with a limited number of direct flights permitted to and from India. India now has "air bubble" tieups with 28 countries.

fairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi made the announcement on Friday while chairing a +Haj review meeting in New Delhi, adding that a digital health card, "E-MASIHA" health facility, e-luggage pre-tagging and information regarding accommodation/transportation in

Makkah-Madinah, would provided to Haj

The official announcement of Haj 2022 would be made in the first week of November and along with that the process of online applications would begin. The entire process would be digital. India sends the second largest number of Haj pilgrims after Indone-

Mr. Naqvi said more than 3,000 women had applied for Haj 2020 and 2021 under without "Mehram" (male companion) category. Their applications would be eligible for Haj

Sikhs facing eviction in Shillong seek safety

They point out that the issue is pending in court

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Mazhabi or Dalit Sikhs of Shillong, who are facing eviction, have asked the local authorities to ensure their safety and security besides the protection of minority religious institutions.

In a letter to the East Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner Isawanda Laloo on October 21, the Harijan Panchayat

SCAN TO PLAY

Committee (HPC), comprising the Sikh residents of Harijan Colony or Punjabi Lane, also sought "no intervention" by the district administration or any other authority in their case pending before the High Court of Meghalaya as well as the Supreme Court.

"For the last 200 years, we have lived here peacefully, worked very hard to earn our livelihood and have contributed substantially to the welfare of the people of the area," the letter by HPC secretary Gurjit Singh said.

He reacted to State Planning Board chairman Lambor Malngiang's advice to the State Government not to let any delegation from outside interfere in the Harijan Colony issue.

"This is an insult because in India we can move around freely, and this is what the Constitution says," Mr. Singh Mr. Malngiang had op-

posed the visit of a delegation of the Delhi Sikh Gurd-Management Committee after the issue of

relocating the Harijan Colo-

ny residents cropped up a few days ago. Mr. Singh also dismissed Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong's statement that the high-level committee the government had set up to resolve the Harijan Colony issue had given the residents many opportunities to prove their ownership of the land.

"He should show us the proof of when the committee gave us the opportunity to submit documents, when they served us a letter and when we received it," he

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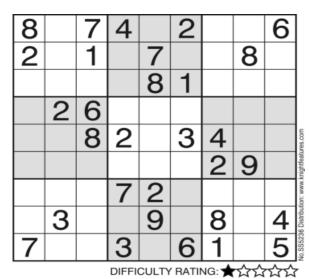
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FAITH

Humility is wealth

Wealth holds the greatest attraction to mankind. Because wealth brings with it power and fame, it is much sought after. At different times, different things constituted wealth. There was a time when wealth was measured in terms of the size of one's cattle herds. As the world became industrialised, other things became more important. However, Thiruvalluvar speaks of something entirely different when he writes about wealth, elaborated Malayaman in a discourse.

Money, gold, jewellery, land, houses, cattle – these are not the only things that can be termed wealth. There is something intangible which qualifies to be called wealth, according to Thiruvalluvar. He says humility is a form of wealth too. Humility in a man who possesses riches, must be seen as an additional wealth that he has. Kumaraguruparar says that both material possessions and education constitute wealth. But he says that they become wealth to a person only when he is humble. We adorn ourselves with gold ornaments. But the Jain work Naladiyar says that the ornament worth having is humility.

A Tamil work known as Vetriverkai observes that humility adds beauty to the educated. Mudumozhi says that humility imparts beauty to virtuous and upright people. If a man is well read, follows the right path in life, and in addition is also humble, then such a person will earn the praise of everyone, says Thiruvalluvar. Humility raises a man to the status of a celestial; lack of humility pushes him into misery. Nature shows us how being humble can even save one's life. When there is a storm, tall trees break and fall to the ground. But grass bends and thus saves itself from being broken by the strong wind. This shows us that to bow in humility is far better than to oppose everyone arrogantly.

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'U.S. will defend Taiwan against China'

Beijing says Biden's comments risked damaging Sino-U.S. ties, rules out compromise on core interests

The United States will defend Taiwan if China attacks it, President Joe Biden said, prompting a warning from Beijing on Friday that its determination to take back the democratic island should not be underestimated.

China regards self-ruled Taiwan as its own territory and has vowed to one day seize the island, by force if needed.

Beijing's sabre-rattling has ramped up in recent years, exacerbating fears the island of 23 million people could become a major global flashpoint.

At a CNN town hall, Mr. Biden was asked whether the U.S. would come to Taiwan's defence if China invaded. "Yes," he responded. "We have a commitment to that."

Mr. Biden's statement was at odds with the long-held U.S. policy known as "strategic ambiguity", where Washington helps build Taiwan's defences but does not explicitly promise to come to the island's help in the event



Choosing sides: U.S. President Joe Biden attending a town hall in Baltimore on Thursday. • AP

of war. The policy is designed to deter a Chinese invasion and also discourage Taiwan from formally declaring independence - something Beijing regards as a red

Mr. Biden's comments were welcomed on Friday by Taiwan, which has pushed to bolster international alliances to protect itself from

"The U.S. government has demonstrated, through actual actions, their rock solid support for Taiwan," Presidential Office spokesperson Xavier Chang said in a

But Beijing warned that Mr. Biden's comments risked "damaging Sino-U.S. relations," warning Washington on Friday to "act and speak cautiously on the Taiwan issue".

"China has no room for compromise on issues involving its core interests,"

Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said at a regular press briefing.

Later on Friday, The White House clarified that it was still guided by the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, in which Congress required the United States to provide weaponry to "enable Taiwan to maintain sufficient self-defense capabilities".

No change of policy

"The President was not announcing any change in our policy, and there is no change in our policy," a White House spokesperson said. "We will uphold our commitment under the act to support Taiwan's self-defence, and we will continue to oppose any unilateral changes in the status quo," the spokesperson said.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, on a visit to NATO headquarters in Brussels, declined to discuss "hypotheticals" but said the United States "will continue to help Taiwan with the sorts of capabilities that it needs to defend itself".

Mr. Biden made a similar pledge in August during an interview with ABC, insisting that the U.S. would always defend key allies, including Taiwan, despite the withdrawal from Afghanistan in the face of the victorious Taliban.

Mr. Biden said the U.S. made a "sacred commitment" to defend NATO allies in Canada and Europe and it's the "same with Japan, same with South Korea, same with Taiwan.'

The White House subsequently told reporters on both occasions that U.S. policy on Taiwan "has not changed."

China has ramped up economic, diplomatic and military pressure on Taiwan since the 2016 election of President Tsai Ing-wen, who views Taiwan as already sovereign and not part of "one China.'

Military pressure has escalated in the last year with China sending waves of fighter jets and nuclear-capable bombers into Taiwan's air defense zone.

U.S. House votes to hold Steve Bannon in contempt

He failed to comply with a subpoena over the Capitol attack

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN

The U.S. House of Representatives voted on Thursday to hold far-right Trump ally and adviser Steve Bannon in contempt for failing to comply with a subpoena requesting his deposition and documents in connection with the January 6 mob attack on the U.S. Capitol. The vote comes after a Democrat-led Select Committee looking into the attack unanimously approved the charges be placed before the House for consideration.

The vote, which was split 229-202, largely along party lines, has become a litmus test for Republicans, separating the vast majority of them - who have stuck former President Donald Trump - and the few, who have said the January 6 attack on the Capitol, which sought to disrupt the election certification process, undermined democracy and transcended party politics.



Steve Bannon

Nine Republicans voted to hold Mr. Bannon in contempt, including Liz Cheney of Wyoming, daughter of former Vice-President Dick Cheney and a critic of Mr. Trump . Addressing Republicans on Monday, Ms. Cheney, who is the Vice Chair of the Committee, said they knew in "their hearts" that what happened on January 6 was "profoundly wrong".

The Department of Justice will now decide whether to bring the matter before a Grand Jury which will deter-

mine whether or not to bring criminal charges against Mr. Bannon. Penalties for defying a subpoena include a fine of up to \$100,000 and imprisonment of up to one year.

Biden's position

Attorney-General Merrick Garland said his Department would "make a decision consistent with the principles of prosecution", the Associated Press reported. President Joe Biden has signalled his support for the prosecution of Mr. Bannon.

Mr. Bannon, who hosts a podcast called War Room, told his listeners during a January 5 episode that "all hell" was going to break lose on January 6.

The Democrat-led Select Committee had said Mr. Bannon spoke with Mr. Trump on December 30 and suggested he focus his efforts (to overturn the results of the election which Mr. Biden won) on January 6.

43 countries call on China at UN to respect Uighur rights

Statement seeks unfettered access to Xinjinag for observers

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE UNITED NATIONS

Forty-three countries have called on China to "ensure full respect for the rule of law" for the Muslim Uighur community in Xinjiang, in a statement read at the United Nations on Thursday that sparked outrage from Beij-

The declaration, signed by the United States as well as several European and Asian member states and others, accused China of a litany of human rights violations against the Uighurs, including torture, forced sterilisation and forced disappearances.

"We call on China to allow immediate, meaningful and unfettered access to Xinjiang for independent observers, including the UN High Com-

and her office," the countries said in a joint statement, read at the United Nations by France.

"We are particularly con-

cerned about the situation in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region," the statement continued, citing "credible" reports that "indicate the existence of a large network of 'political reeducation' camps where over a million people have been arbitrarily

'Emancipating people'

Beijing has long denied accusations of ethnic cleansing against Uighurs and other Muslim Turkic people in Xinjiang, where experts have estimated that more than one million people are

incarcerated in camps. Its ambassador to the Un-

riously denounced on Thursday what he termed the "lies" and "a plot to hurt China".

"Xinjiang enjoys development and the people are emancipating themselves every day and are proud of the progress made," he said.

Up for a friendly visit

And while Mr. Zhang told media that China was willing to host a "friendly" visit to the region, he did not agree to an inquiry by the UN hu-

man rights commissioner. He accused Washington, Paris and London of having a "terrible human rights record." Beijing accused the U.S. for "ethnic cleansing" against Native Americans and accused France of committing "crimes against humanity" in its former

Baldwin fires prop gun, kills woman on set

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alec Baldwin fired a prop gun on the set of a Western and killed the cinematographer in what the actor on Friday called a "tragic accident". The director of the movie was wounded, and authorities

investigating. Halyna Hutchins, the cinematographer on Rust, and director Ioel Souza were shot on Thursday in the desert on the outskirts of Santa Fe.

No immediate charges were filed.

"There are no words to convey my shock and sadness," Mr. Baldwin wrote on Twitter.

Hutchins, 42, was airlifted to a hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Souza, 48, who was wounded in the collarbone area, was taken by ambu-

Pakistan advises Taliban on gaining validation

Pak. Minister discusses women's rights and curbing terror

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi gave Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers advise on Thursday on how to gain international recognition, during a visit to the neighbouring capital.

The high-level talks came as the Taliban were confronted with a new crisis just over nine weeks into their rule, as an explosion brought down electric lines and cut off power to the capital Kabul, home to 4.6 million.

The Taliban overthrew Afghanistan's former U.S.backed government in August and have since been trying to win backing and financial support for their Is-



Shah Mahmood Qureshi

But there has also been friction between the neighbours in the first months of the new Afghan government, notably over air links and control of freight crossing the border.

Meeting ministers

"As a neighbour and as a well wisher and friend, I conveyed to them what sort

enhance their international acceptability," Mr. Qureshi said after returning to Islamabad. Mr. Qureshi, who was

joined by Pakistan's intelli-

gence chief, said he met with the Taliban's acting Prime Minister Hasan Akhund and most Cabinet members during his brief visit to Kabul on Thursday. They discussed forming a

broader based government, respecting women's rights and girls' need for education and clamping down on international organisations.

Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi called Mr. Qureshi's visit a "very good interaction" during which trade and reopening of the borders

Seven killed in Rohingya camp attack

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Gunmen killed seven persons and wounded at least 20 on Friday in a Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh, police and a medic said, an attack that heightens tensions after the recent shooting of a prominent community leader. The attackers shot and stabbed people attending an Islamic school in the camp, a regional police chief said.

Four persons died instantly. Three others died at a hospital in one of the camps in the Balukhali refugee complex, part of a bigger network of squalid settlements.

A police official said "Rohingya miscreants" entered the Darul Ulum Nadwatul Ulama al Islamia madrassa before dawn and "randomly hacked and

Barbados elects its first **President**

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Barbados has elected its first President, a key step in preparations to become a republic and remove Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as head of state of the Caribbean island.

Sandra Mason, the current governor-general, is set to be sworn in as President on November 30, the country's 55th anniversary of independence from Britain. In September 2020, Ms. Mason, 72, announced the break with Britain, saying "the time has come to fully leave our colonial past behind."

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Announcing the 10th Winter School on "Arthaayaama: Towards a Dharma-centric Vision of Economy/ Political Economy With Special Reference to Gandhi And Other Indian Thinkers" "अर्थायाम : गाँधी एवम् आधुनिक भारतीय विंतकों के धर्म-केंद्रित अर्थ-दर्शन का अंतर्विषयी अनुशीलन"

by Professor Sudhir Kumar, Professor of English, Panjab University, Chandigarh. at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla-171005

The proposed Winter School is an attempt to discuss and critically analyze the significance and relevance of the dharma- centric vision o such important thinkers as Gandhi (including the Geneology of Gandhi's Thoughts on Economy), Kumarappa, Sri Aurobindo, Vinoba Bhave Tagore, Subhash Chandra Bose, Nehru, Ananda Coomarswamy, Lala Lajpat Rai, Swami Karpatri ji, Swami Achootanand ji, Dr Rammanoha Lohia, Dr Ambedkar, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Jaiprakash Narayana Dharmapal, Vandana Shiva, Dattopant Thengdi, Dr M S Swaminathan Amartya Sen, Subhash Palekar, Gurcharan Das, Rajiv Malhotra and others, including special sessions on "Marxist and Gandhian Economic Vision: Conflicts and Convergences" and "Genealogy of Gandhi's Economic Thought" in the light of the above mentioned theme

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30[™] SEPTEMBER 2021

(Rs. in Crores)

			Standalone		Consolidated			
S.	Particulars -	Quarte	rended	Year ended	Quarte	r ended	Year ended	
No	Particulars	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	31.03.2021	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	31.03.2021	
		(Unau	dited)	(Audited)	(Unau	dited)	(Audited)	
1	Total Income	442.75	295.18	1,288.08	6,802.99	5,482.20	20,361.68	
2	Net Profit (before tax, Exceptional Items)	30.47	14.15	136.10	374.82	271.79	876.62	
3	Net Profit before tax (after Exceptional Items)	42.16	8.69	123.10	385.54	264.91	854.26	
4	Net Profit after tax (after Exceptional Items)	36.75	7.48	75.84	271.28	189.61	592.09	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	31.84	29.93	174.04	242.02	216.96	806.02	
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6	Paid up Equity share Capital (Face value of Rs.5/- each)	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	_	705.76	_	-	2,894.47	
8	Security Premium Account	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	
9	Networth	2,251.42	492.04	556.27	6,242.15	3,931.42	4,438.39	
10	Outstanding Debt (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	617.88	593.18	631.23	2,725.34	3,275.61	2,407.22	
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares			NOT APP	LICABLE			
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	0.27	0.96	0.85	0.29	0.43	0.3	
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs.5/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (In Rs.) (ii) Diluted (In Rs.)	18.16 18.16	3.70 3.70	37.49 37.49		54.76 54.76	159.98 159.98	
14	Capital Redemption Reserve			NOT APP	LICABLE			
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve			NOT APP	LICABLE			
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	1.24	1.00	1.28	4.39	3.62	2.26	
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	6.55	4.00	5.76	13.72	7.88	8.88	

Place : Chennai

Date: 22nd October 2021

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchanges websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.sundaram-clayton.com).

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Bajaj Finance	7710.20	27.1
Bharti Airtel	694.50	-1.5
BPCL	447.25.	-3.8
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Cipla	896.35	15.2
Coal India		
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Dr Reddys Lab		
Eicher Motors		
Grasim Ind		
HCL Tech		
HDFC		
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JSW Steel		
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Maruti Suzuki		
Nestle India Ltd		
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ONGC		
PowerGrid Corp	194.45	0.4
Reliance Ind	2627.40	4.9
SBI Life	1167.20	8.9
State Bank	502.95.	0.0
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Sun Pharma	812.55	5.8
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SEBI mulls ISIN cap for corporate bond liquidity

With an aim to boost liquidity in the corporate bond market, SEBI suggested further capping the number of ISINs for such bonds issued on a private placement basis. ISINs (International Securities Identification Numbers) code, is used for uniquely identifying securities like stocks and bonds. PTI

Federal Bank Q2 net jumps 55% to ₹488 cr. NEW DELHI

Private sector lender Federal Bank on Friday reported an almost 55% jump in consolidated net profit to ₹488 crore for the second quarter of this fiscal ended September 30. The bank had posted a net profit of ₹315.70 crore in the year-earlier period. Total income (consolidated) during the July-September period of 2021-22, however, was down at ₹4,013.46 crore, as against ₹4.071.35 crore in the same period of 2020-21, Federal Bank said in a filing. PTI

Fuji Silvertech plans ₹200-crore capex

MUMBAI

Fuji Silvertech Concrete Pvt. Ltd., a JV between Japan's Fuji Concrete Industry Co. Ltd., and India's Silvertech, which manufactures precast concrete for the infra sector. said it is planning to invest ₹200 crore in the next two years to increase capacity to meet the growing demand for its products. The firm said it would commence production at its Aurangabad

NTPC floats tender to

procure imported coal NEW DELHI State-run power giant NTPC has floated a tender to procure 1 million tonnes of imported coal after a gap of more than two years amid the ongoing shortage of dry fuel at electricity generating projects across the country. The company had last floated a tender to procure imported coal in August 2019, a senior official said. According to the tender document, the coal procured under this tender would be used by various

'Energy transition poses inflation risks'

'Green' move risks energy price shocks; China financial sector adds tail risk to global growth: Varma

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The ongoing worldwide transition to green energy poses a significant risk of triggering energy price shocks similar to the 1970s, which would accelerate inflation, said Iavanth Varma, the sole member of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to vote against continuing with the central bank's 'accommodative' policy stance.

"This means that the upside risks to long term infla tion and to inflation expectamore tions are now aggravated," Mr. Varma said at the last MPC meeting, the minutes of which were released on Friday.

"My second recent concern is about the tail risk to global growth posed by



bility and agility," Mr. Varma stressed.

'Slow motion'

"A pattern of policy making in slow motion that is guided by an excessive desire to adding that he was in favour and enhance macroeconomic stability'.

Reiterating his reservations from August, Mr. Varma said his central argument was that the COVID-19 pandemic had mutated into a human tragedy rather than an economic crisis, and monetary policy would be far less effective than fiscal measures in providing targeted relief to the worst hit segments of the economy. Also, inflationary pressures were showing signs of greater persistence than anticipated earlier, he added.

Other members who voted to hold interest rates and retain the 'accommodative' stance too flagged concerns about the outlook for inflation as the MPC observed that core inflation, inflation excluding food and fuel, remained elevated and sticky at 5.8% in July-August 2021.

by the prices of transport fuels and transport services that are directly affected by the crude oil price shocks," noted Shashanka Bhide, adding that 'reduction in indirect taxes would play an important role in easing shocks on transport costs and overall inflation'. A view echoed by Ashima Goyal, who too urged tax cuts on fuels.

RIL net surges 43% on oil products demand

Telecom unit Jio sees profit jump 24%

REUTERS

Reliance Industries Ltd., India's most valuable company, reported second-quarter profit that jumped 43% to exceed market expectations, as higher demand for oil products boosted its mainstay oil-to-chemicals business.

The conglomerate, led by billionaire Mukesh Ambani, said consolidated profit rose to ₹136.80 billion in the quarter ended September 30, from ₹95.67 billion a year earlier.

Analysts, on average, had expected a profit of ₹134.65 billion, according to Refini-

Revenue from the oil-tochemicals unit, home to



chemicals operations, rose 58.1%, benefiting from a sharp recovery in demand across products and higher transportation fuel margin, the company said.

Jio reported a 24% rise in profit. Overall revenue from operations rose 50% to ₹1.74

'SEBI approves ₹16,600-cr. IPO of Paytm'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Digital financial services firm Paytm has received market regulator SEBI's approval for its ₹16,600 crore initial public offer, a source involved in the process said on Friday.

The company expects to hit the bourses by the end of this month and is planning to skip the pre-IPO share sale rounds to fasttrack listing.

Paytm's plan of shelving the pre-IPO fund raising is not related to any valuation differences, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Paytm is said to be looking at a valuation of ₹1.47-

India will act against unfair trade practices'

Non-tariff barriers must go: Goyal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Taking on countries curbing exports from India, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday that India will take reciprocal action wherever it faces an unfair or unjust treatment in trade matters. Reiterating India's call to

bring down non-tariff bar riers in international trade, he said global trade should operate within a rule-based multilateral trading system with 'honesty and transparency as core values.'

"We are engaging with like-minded nations like the EU, U.K., Canada, Australia and UAE for early conclu-



Piyush Goyal

sion of free trade agreements," he said, addressing an IIFT convocation event.

He urged Indian universities to tie up with eminent global institutions to enhance Indian students' exposure to the 'best of technology, law, economics and international trade.'

Yes Bank net rises 74% on lower slippage

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Yes Bank on Friday reported a profit after tax of ₹225 crore for the quarter ended September, an increase of 74.3% from a year earlier, mainly due to lower provisioning requirements.

Yes Bank's MD and CEO Prashant Kumar attributed the rise in profit to better business growth and lower provisioning. "With lower slippages and better recoveries and upgrades, our provisioning requirement has come down," he told reporters. Net Interest Income declined 23.4% to ₹1,512 crore.

Net interest margin dipped to 2.2% from 3.1%.

'Protection of customer interest is non-negotiable'

RBI's Rao urges NBFCs to build trust

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

RBI Deputy Governor M. Rajeshwar Rao on Friday urged non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to give utmost importance to protection of customers as this aspect is "non-negotiable".

Recalling incidents of coercive recovery practice by some players, Mr. Rao said such developments spurred by purely commercial considerations had dented the credibility of the whole system that flourishes and thrives on trust.

"We should not compromise on the ethos of finance for... ephemeral These gains would anyway RBI is inundated with complaints of harsh recovery practices, rising fraud, cybercrime and harassment

accrue to the institutions over the long term if and when it is built on an edifice of trust and mutual benefit," he said at the NBFC Summit organised by CII. Observing that RBI was inundated with complaints of harsh recovery practices, breach of data privacy, increasing fraudulent transactions, cybercrime, excessive interest rates and harassment, he said, protection of customers was non-negotiable.

rejects Future plea to lift stay

trator, SIAC, has rejected

The development comes a day after the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) held that Future Retail Ltd. (FRL) is a party to the ongoing arbitration between Amazon and Future group in the dispute over the sale of its assets to Reliance Retail.

FRL said in a filing it would decide its future action based on legal advice.

IOC eyes full refinery run as fuel demand rebounds

'Petrol, LPG back to pre-COVID levels'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Indian Oil Corp. (IOC), the nation's largest oil firm, expects refinery run to reach 100% within a quarter as fuel demand returns, its chairman S.M. Vaidya said.

Speaking at India Energy Forum by CERAWeek, he said petrol and cooking-gas LPG demand was already above pe-COVID levels and diesel – the most consumed fuel in the country - was inching back to normalcy.

"Energy demand is rebounding in India with the revival of economic activity" after a devastating pandemic, he said.

India's energy demand had halved after a nationwide lockdown was imposed in March last year. But with gradual easing of restrictions, economic activity has rebounded. Mr. Vaidya said the robust energy



demand in India is only set to grow in the future.

"LPG and petrol have already exceeded pre-COVID levels, and we expect refinery capacity to reach 100% by the next quarter," he said. IOC's refineries operated at 82% of capacity in September and are operating above 90% this month.

He said IOC is strengthening its core business of refining and is looking to enhance its refining capacity to 105 million tonnes per annum from the current 80.5 million tonne at the cost of

Mercedes to directly sell cars to clients

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

German luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz on Friday implemented its customercentric 'Retail of the Future' (ROTF) 'direct-to- customers' business model.

In this new format, Mercedes-Benz India will retain the ownership of the entire stock of cars and retail them via appointed 'franchise partners' (dealers), by invoicing them directly to the customers.

The company will also be responsible for processing and fulfilling the customer orders. With ROTF, there will be one nationally set price by the company, which will be uniform across the country, it said.

"ROTF caters to the evolving trends of our customers, while empowering our franchise partners," said Martin Schwenk, MD and CEO of the company.

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JCB to begin operations at Vadodara unit in Q1 of 2022

Global demand for construction equipment increasing: MD

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA

NEW DELHI Despite challenges posed by the pandemic, construction equipment maker JCB is 'confident' of starting operations at its export-focused manufacturing plant in Vadodara, Gujarat, in the first quarter of 2022, CEO and MD Deepak Shetty said.

The firm, for which India is one of the largest markets, is seeing increased demand for construction equipment world over as economies are recovering from the pandemic, he pointed out.

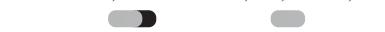
"JCB operates in more than 155 countries around the world and India is one of the largest markets for JCB globally... this is a unique year. Following actions taken by governments of various countries, almost all



well. So, we are seeing a great opportunity everywhere, but India continues to remain one of the largest and the biggest markets for JCB," he said. On the Vadodara unit, he said, the facility "is the next step in the direction of 'Make in India' for the world. This particular facility will be manufacturing U.S., and we will be exporting them."

He added that with econo-

In the first phase, the company has invested ₹650 crore in the Vadodara plant, the total investment for which is expected to be more than ₹1,000 crore. The company plans to have women accounting for 50% of the workforce at the plant. When fully operational, the plant is estimated to employ 1,200 workers.



avoid surprises is no longer



Agility sought: RBI policy making that is guided by an excessive desire to avoid surprises is no longer apt, says Varma. • REUTERS

emerging financial sector fragility in China reminiscent of Japan of the late 1980s," he said. "Both of these risks... are well beyond the control of the MPC, but they warrant a heightened degree of flexi-

appropriate," he asserted, of raising the reverse repo rate from the current 3.35% towards 4% so as to 'demonstrate the MPC's commitment to the inflation target, help anchor expectations

"Core inflation is affected

both its refining and petro-

Reliance's telecom unit trillion from a year earlier.



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI The Singapore-based arbi-

Future Retail's plea to lift the interim stay on its ₹24,713-crore deal with Reliance Retail, giving a major relief to Amazon that is contesting the transaction.

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8) All applications should be addressed to: Under Secretary (Estt.)

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unit from January 2022.



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mies around the world recovering, JCB India had seen a threefold growth in export numbers. While he did not share exact numbers, he said currently 18% of products made in India were being exported to more than 110 countries.

Can Kohli's cavaliers repeat the crowning glory of Dhoni's daredevils?

Solving the combination conundrum will be the primary concern for the team management once India's campaign begins against Pakistan on Sunday

T20 WORLD CUP

AMOL KARHADKAR

As if Ravi Shastri and two of his trusted lieutenants in the coaching staff bidding farewell at the end of the T20 World Cup wasn't a big enough deal, Virat Kohli announced his decision to step down as the T20I captain after the tournament.

Add to that Mahendra Singh Dhoni being roped in as mentor and it means that Indian fans will be expecting no less than a repeat of India's glory in the tournament's inaugural edition in

For Kohli's cavaliers to repeat the feat of Dhoni's daredevils would be a challenge as tough as running a marathon on the shifting sand dunes of the Empty Quarter at mid-day.

Host, but not at home

Despite being the host - the BCCI was forced to conduct the tournament in the UAE due to the pandemic – India will have to deal with the challenges of playing in neutral territory.

It didn't come as a surprise to see India opting for an optional practice session two days ahead of its opener at the ICC Academy on Friday afternoon.

With all of India's squad members having featured in the Indian Premier League's second stage in similar conditions, adapting to slower surfaces and searing heat won't be too much of a problem.

It will, however, be a huge ask for India to get the ideal combination on the park for its tournament-opener sus Pakistan on Sunday.

Rohit, Rahul, Kohli and Suryakumar are likely to make up the top-four in the batting order

- Hardik is unlikely to bowl and it will be interesting to see who will be India's sixth
- Shardul's inclusion shows that he is being considered as an allrounder

With Hardik Pandya unlikely to bowl during the tournament, it will be interesting to see how India ensures a sixth bowling option.

Shardul Thakur's late inclusion hints at him being considered a handy option as a pacer with a golden arm and with the willow lower down the order.

But it would make Bhuvneshwar Kumar's place in the team far from certain.

Striking the balance

Even in the batting department, striking the right balance of right-left combinations and ensuring India doesn't waste the middle overs will be a difficult task.

Rohit Sharma, K.L. Rahul, Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav making up the topfour and Ravindra Jadeja as the primary all-rounder at No. 7, India will have to pick two out of Rishabh Pant, Ishan Kishan and Hardik in the middle-order.

Stretched for ideas

If India can solve the combination conundrum come Sunday, it can hope for an encore of 2007.

And with the complexities involved, the likes of Shastri and Dhoni will be stretched for ideas over the next three



Teams ready to embark on road to semifinals

AYAN ACHARYA

The Super 12 round of the 2021 T20 World Cup gets underway on Saturday with South Africa taking on Australia in Abu Dhabi and England facing West Indies in Dubai in the first of what promises to be thrilling 30 encounters before the top move into the semifinals.

Namibia has joined Afghanistan, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and Scotland in Group 2. Bangladesh joined Australia, England, South Africa, West Indies and Sri Lanka in Group 1.

Defending champion West Indies will be one of the favourites. But its form in the warm-ups - it lost both matches – has flattered to deceive. Chris Gayle's recent form slump has raised questions over his place. The absence of Sunil Narine is conspicuous.

Meanwhile, the runs have also dried up for England captain Eoin Morgan. England will also miss the services of Ben Stokes and Jofra

The pace of Mark Wood and Tymal Mills should give it an edge. Jos Buttler, Jason Roy and Jonny Bairstow add batting heft. Moeen Ali, given his exploits with CSK in IPL 2021, could be vital. The No. 3 spot suits him but he can also be a pinch-hitter at the death. England is bidding to become the first team to hold the 50-over and 20-over titles at the

New Zealand, which won the World Test Championship in June, is eyeing a second world title this year. There was concern over skipper Kane Williamson's fitness but he is likely to be match-ready. Most of the Kiwi players have had enough game time through the IPL, CPL, and the Hundred.

For Australia, all the big names are back. But the middle-order issues coupled with uncertainty over the bowling composition could spoil its title bid.

Dark horses

Pakistan, led by Babar Azam, will look to polish its mercurial mettle in the UAE, which has been home away from home for the subcontinent nation in the past decade. Pakistan's blockbuster clash against India is scheduled for Oct. 24 in Dubai.

South Africa enters the event having won three successive T20I series. Its pace attack comprising Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi and Anrich Nortje will be one of its strengths. The team starts as a dark horse.

Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Bangladesh can be expected to create ripples. Scotland and Namibia, which beat a Test nation (Ireland) to advance to the next stage, would want to leave a mark as well.

Of equal interest will be the pitches at Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and Dubai as they have been used extensively since the pandemic began.

It will be a battle of power-hitters

+ West Indies and England will try to outmuscle each other

AYAN ACHARYA

Five-and-a-half years after Carlos Brathwaite hit four successive sixes off Ben Stokes' bowling to win the World Twenty20 final for the West Indies in 2016, the defending champion will renew its T20 World Cup rivalry with England on Saturday.

However, both men involved in that epoch-defining over at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata are missing here. Stokes continues to take an indefinite break while Brathwaite wasn't included in the squad. There are more notable absentees in Jofra Archer and Sunil Narine.

It is against this backdrop of missing names that a wide palette of power-hitters from both sides will try to outmus-

fixtures

The schedule of the T20

Super 12s

cle each other. Eoin Morgan's captaincy has been impressive but England will need him to contribute with the bat too. How Moeen Ali is used could be crucial. He can bat at No. 3 in place of Dawid Malan, whose form in the

warm-ups wasn't great. In Mark Wood and Tymal Mills, England's attack has extra pace that could provide an edge. But it has just one frontline spinner in Adil Rashid.

For West Indies, the spin attack is obviously weaker in Narine's absence. It has three good quicks in Obed McCoy, Dwayne Bravo and Ravi Rampaul. Its batting has depth, with Kieron Pollard, Andre Russell and Chris Gayle – his lean patch is a worry - headlining it. Nicholas Pooran,

Evin Lewis and Bravo add more heft.

Shahid Afridi (154.23 -

OVERALL

STATS INCLUDE QUALIFICATION ROUNDS | SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

Note: Best strike rate (min. 300 balls) | Best economy rate (min. 300 balls)

546 runs, 354 balls), Pakistan

Chris Gayle (60), West Indies

Shakib Al Hasan (39, 27 inns),

Bangladesh; Afridi (39, 34 inns)

Ajantha Mendis 6/8 (Sri Lanka vs

Zimbabwe, Hambantota, 2012)

Samuel Badree (5.52 - 59 overs,

326 runs conceded), West Indies

It's a battle between a side tailor-made for the shortest format and one that has revolutionised white-ball cricket. Whoever adapts better and faster will win on Saturday.

West Indies: Kieron Pollard (Capt.), Nicholas Pooran, Fabian Allen, Dwayne Bravo, Roston Chase. Andre Fletcher. Chris Gayle, Shimron Hetmyer, Evin Lewis, Obed McCoy, Lendl Simmons, Ravi Rampaul, Andre Russell, Oshane Thomas, and Havden Walsh Jr.

England: Eoin Morgan (Capt.), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Sam Billings, Jos Buttler, Tom Curran, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Dawid Malan, Tymal Mills, Adil Rashid, Jason Roy, David Willey, Chris Woakes, and Mark Wood

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Oct. 23	Aus vs SA	3.30 p.m.	Abu Dhabi	Oct. 24	Ind vs Pak	7.30 p.m.	Dubai			
Oct. 23	Eng vs WI	7.30 p.m.	Dubai	Oct. 25	Afg vs Sco	7.30 p.m.	Sharjah			
Oct. 24	SL vs Ban	3.30 p.m.	Sharjah	Oct. 26	Pak vs NZ	7.30 p.m.	Sharjah			
Oct. 26	SA vs WI	3.30 p.m.	Dubai	Oct. 27	Sco vs Nam	7.30 p.m.	Abu Dhabi			
Oct. 27	Eng vs Ban	3.30 p.m.	Abu Dhabi	Oct. 29	Afg vs Pak	7.30 p.m.	Dubai			
Oct. 28	Aus vs SL	7.30 p.m.	Dubai	Oct. 31	Afg vs Nam	3.30 p.m.	Abu Dhabi			
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Oct. 30	SA vs SL	3.30 p.m.	Sharjah	Nov. 2	Pak vs Nam	7.30 p.m.	Abu Dhabi			
Oct. 30	Aus vs Eng	7.30 p.m.	Dubai	Nov. 3	NZ vs Sco	3.30 p.m.	Dubai			
Nov. 1	Eng vs SL	7.30 p.m.	Sharjah	Nov. 3	Ind vs Afg	7.30 p.m.	Abu Dhabi			
Nov. 2	SA vs Ban	3.30 p.m.	Abu Dhabi	Nov. 5	NZ vs Nam	3.30 p.m.	Sharjah			
Nov. 4	Aus vs Ban	3.30 p.m.	Dubai	Nov. 5	Ind vs Sco	7.30 p.m.	Dubai			
Nov. 4	WI vs SL	7.30 p.m.	Abu Dhabi	Nov. 7	NZ vs Afg	3.30 p.m.	Abu Dhabi			
Nov. 6	Aus vs WI	3.30 p.m.	Abu Dhabi	Nov. 7	Pak vs Sco	7.30 p.m.	Sharjah			
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Australia takes on in-form South Africa

Proteas riding a crest while Aussies battle a lean patch

Kohli (133.04 - 777 runs,

R. Ashwin (20, 15 inns)

Ashwin 4/11 (vs Australia,

Ashwin (6.18 - 54 overs

334 runs conceded)

584 balls)

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Dhaka, 2014)

Yuvraj Singh (33)

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Best strike rate

Most sixes

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Most wickets

Best economy

Australia will hope its top-order will fire when it opens its campaign against South Africa here on Saturday.

Australia, searching for a maiden T20 title, enters the horrific run – losing bilateral series to Bangladesh, the West Indies, New Zealand, India and England.

David Warner's woeful form continued in the warmup games where he scored 0 and 1. Skipper Aaron Finch, coming off a knee surgery, is also short of match practice; so is vice-captain Pat Cummins who hasn't played any cricket since the IPL's first leg in April.

South Africa, on the other hand, comes in on rousing form, having won three consecutive series – against the West Indies, Ireland and Sri



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Australia's cabinet: the T20 World Cup. • AP

Lanka –and both the practice games.

The teams (from): Australia: Aaron Finch (Capt.), Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins (Vice-Capt.), Josh Hazlewood, Josh Inglis, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Kane Richardson, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc,

Marcus Stoinis, Mitchell Swep son, Matthew Wade, David Warner and Adam Zampa.

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Keshav Maharaj, Quinton de Kock (wk), Bjorn Fortuin, Reeza Hendricks, Heinrich Klaasen, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Wiaan Mulder, Lungi Ngidi,



TODAY'S MATCHES

DUBAI, 7.30 P.M. IST Played: 18 West Indies England O

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1 (SD & HD)

POINTS TABLE

ROUND 1

GROUP A

Sri Lanka (Q)

Namibia (Q)

Netherlands

Scotland (Q)

Bangladesh (Q)

Papua New Guinea

Q: QUALIFIED FOR SUPER 12S

Ireland

GROUP B

Oman

Anrich Nortje, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Tabraiz Shamsi and Rassie van der

Edgbaston to host cancelled Test next July

REUTERS

The fifth and final Test of the series at Old Trafford between England and India that was called off after a COVID-19 case in the Indian camp will be played in July 2022 at Edgbaston, England's cricket board (ECB) said on Friday.

"We are very pleased that we have reached an agreement with BCCI to creating a fitting end to what has been a brilliant series so far," ECB CEO Tom Harrison said.

BCCI secretary Jay Shah said he was delighted the series will have a "rightful conclusion".

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Namibia bests Ireland, books a berth in Super 12s

Will play in Group 2; Sri Lanka demolishes Netherlands to top its group with third win

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Namibia reached the Twenty20 World Cup second round for the first time, after defeating Ireland by eight wickets, here on Friday.

Namibia, the lowestranked team in the tournament, chased down a modest target of 126 with skipper Gerhard Erasmus making an unbeaten 53 (49, 3x4, 1x6) and David Wiese, who played for South Africa at the 2016 World Cup, scoring 28 not out (14b, 1x4, 2x6). The two put on 53 for the third wicket.

The win not only put Namibia in the same Super 12 section as India, Pakistan, New Zealand, Afghanistan and Scotland but also guaranteed it a spot in the 2022 tournament in Australia.

"We are a small country, a small number of people play cricket. We should be proud of ourselves," said Erasmus. Ireland skipper Andy Bal-

birnie was distraught by the

loss. "It hurts a lot. We really



second round of the T20 World Cup for the first time. • AFP

wanted to win but we just didn't get enough runs," he

Earlier, Ireland, opting to bat, had appeared well set at 71 for two at the midway point of their innings but the runs dried up as Namibia's bowlers turned the screws, restricting their opponents to 125 for eight.

Openers Paul Stirling (38, 24b, 5x4, 1x6) and Kevin O'Brien (25, 24b, 2x4) put on 67 for the first wicket.

Skipper Balbirnie contricame off the last 10 overs. Namibian pacer Jan Frylinck finished with three for 21.

buted 21 as ony 54 runs In another match, Sri

Lanka thrashed Netherlands

by eight wickets as the spin duo of Wanindu Hasaranga and Maheesh Theekshana bamboozled the opposition batters.

The inconsequential match ended inside two hours, as the Lankans bundled out the Dutch for 44, the sixth lowest total in T20 history, and reached the target in just 7.1 overs.

The chase was a walk in the park as opener Kusal Perera blazed his way to an unbeaten 33 off 24 balls. The scores: Ireland 125/8 in 20 overs (Paul Stirling 38, Jan Frvlinck 3/21. David Wiese 2/22) lost to Namibia 126/2 in 18.3 overs (Gerhard Erasmus 53 n.o., Curtis Campher 2/14).

Namibia won by eight wickets with nine balls to spare.

The Netherlands 44 in 10 overs (Maheesh Theekshana 2/3, Lahiru Kumara 3/7, Wanindu Hasaranga 3/9) lost to Sri Lanka 45/2 in 7.1 overs (Kusal Perera 33 n.o.).

Lanka won by eight wickets with 12.5 overs to spare.



TV PICKS

Badminton: Denmark Open. Star Sports 3, 1.30 p.m.; Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 3.30 p.m Men's T20 World Cup: (Super 12): Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), 3.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m. Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD), 5 p.m., 7.30 p.m & 10 p.m.; SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 7 p.m. & 10 p.m. F1: United States GP (Qualifying): SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 2.30 a.m. (Sunday)

IN BRIEF



Herro shines in Heat's runaway win over Bucks

LOS ANGELES Tyler Herro scored a team-high 27 points as Miami Heat set a club record for most points in a

season-opening game by hammering reigning NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks 137-95 on Thursday.

The results: Atlanta Hawks 113 bt Dallas Mavericks 87; Miami Heat 137 bt Milwaukee Bucks 95; Golden State Warriors 115 bt LA Clippers



make WTA Finals

The WTA announced on Thursday that World No. 7 Maria Sakkari has qualified for the 2021 WTA Finals in Guadalajara. Sakkari made the cut when she beat Anna Kalinskaya at the Kremlin Cup in Moscow. Sakkari thus becomes the first Greek to qualify for the year-end

Suhana scripts astounding comebacks

She did it thrice to claim the girls' crown; Payas wins the boys' singles title in style

TABLE TENNIS

CHANDIGARH

Fifteen-year-old Suhana Saini scripted three astonishing comeback victories to win her maiden girls' (under-19) title before Payas Jain expectedly took the boys' title in style as curtains came down on the UTT National ranking table tennis championship on Friday.

World No. 4 in the under-15 section and third seeded local favourite Suhana rallied from 7-10 in the decider to nail Yashaswini Ghorpade 5-11, 11-9, 11-8, 6-11, 11-9, 13-11 at Panchkula's Devi Lal Stadium.

For the boys' title, top seed Payas showed his growing class in the age-group competitions with a 11-4, 11-7, 11-8, 11-9 defeat of practicepartner Yashansh Malik, seeded three.

Earlier in the day, Suhana displayed her fighting skills, in contrasting ways, to win seven-set battles against second seed Diya Chitale in the semifinals and Taneesha Ko-

techa in the quarterfinals. Against Diya, Suhana lost the first three sets before snatching the next four games for a place in the final. A few hours earlier, Suhana struggled for the better part of her match against Taneesha. After Taneesha rallied to take a 3-2 lead, Suhana forced the decider, where she trailed 2-6 and 7-10 before winning the final five

Turning it around

In the boys' semifinals, Yashansh lost the first three sets to stare at defeat against Deepit Patil, seeded two. But thereafter, Yashansh turned the match on its head with the help of some fiercely at-

tacking display and won the last four sets.

The results: Boys: Final: Payas Jain bt Yashansh Malik 11-4, 11-7, 11-8, 11-9. Semifinals: Payas bt Jeho Himnakulhpuigheta 11-4, 11-6, 11-6, 7-11, 11-8; Yashansh bt Deepit Patil 7-11, 3-11, 9-11, 11-4, 11-9, 11-5, 11-7. Quarterfinals: Payas bt Jash Modi 11-8, 11-7, 11-7, 11-6; Jeho bt Aadarsh Chhetri 11-5, 11-5, 11-8. 12-10: Yashansh bt Varun Balasuri 13-11, 11-7, 11-2, 11-6; Deepit bt Ansh Goyal 11-6, 11-5, 11-9, 11-4.

Girls: Final: Suhana Saini bt

Yashaswini Ghorpade 5-11, 11-9, 11-8, 6-11, 11-9, 13-11. Semifinals: Yashaswini bt Vanshika Bhargava 11-5, 11-7, 11-8, 11-6; Suhana bt Diya Chitale 10-12, 7-11, 8-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-8, 11-9. Quarterfinals: Vanshika bt Swastika Ghosh 14-12, 2-3 (conceded); Yashaswini bt Radhapriya Goel 11-8, 11-6, 11-4, 12-10; Suhana bt Taneesha Kotecha 13-11, 7-11, 11-7, 10-12, 7-11, 11-5, 12-10: Diva bt Lakshita Narang 11-8, 11-5, 11-5, 11-9.



Proud moment: Payas Jain and Suhana Saini pose with their winnings after a successful campaign. • RAKESH RAO

Jaismine, Pwilao coast

BOXING

SPORTS BUREAU

Asian championships bronze medallist Jaismine and defending champion Pwilao Basumatary recorded convincing victories in the 60kg weight class to advance to the second round of the National women's boxing championships at the St. Joseph's International School here on Friday.

The promising Jaismine defeated Chhattisgarh's Rajbala 5-0. The seasoned Pwilao showcased her tradepower-packed punches to beat Karnataka's Theertha Lakshmi as the referee stopped the contest in the second round.

Among other well-known boxers, Olympian Pooja Rani and Nupur in 81kg and World youth champion Arundhati Choudhary in 70kg also reached the second round comfortably. Important results (prelimin-

ary rounds): 60kg: Jaismine

(Har) bt Rajbala (Cht) 5-0, Pwilao Basumatary (Asm) bt Teertha Lakshmi (Kar) RSC-R2 Meena Rani (RSPB) bt Lucky Rana (Utk) 5-0, Pravish Konthoujam (Man) bt Parul Adhikari (Del) 5-0, Manasa Mattaparthi (TS) bt Runchi Dare (Aru) 5-0.

63kg: Chaoba Devi Hemam (AIP) bt J. Revathi (AP) 5-0, Manju Bamboria (MP) bt Harpreet Kaur (Pun) 5-0, Yana Techi (Aru) bt Stanzin Deachen (Lad) 5-0. Neema (Chd) bt Neha Kasnyal (Utk) 4-1.

66kg: Niharika Gonella (TS) bt Dolly Singh (Bih) 5-0, Shruti Yadav (MP) bt Anju (Chd) 5-0, Anjali Tushir (Del) bt Lalita (Rai) 5-0.

70kg: Aarti Rawal (Del) bt Greeta Saji (Ker) 5-0, Arundhati Choudhary (Raj) bt Kiran (Har) RSC-R3.

75kg: Gitimoni Gogoi (Asm) bt Pravallika Gundapu (AP) 5-0, Diksha Rajpoot (Pun) bt Sheela Goswami (UP) 5-0.

81kg: Nupur (RSPB) bt Amita (Del) 5-0, Shaily Singh (UP) bt Vidhi Giri (Raj) 5-0, Pooja Rani (Har) bt Pinki (AIP) 5-0, Sakshi Gaidhani (Mah) bt Ruchita Rajput (Guj) 4-0.

Lightning Bolt primed to deliver in main event

HYDERABAD: Trainer L.V.R. Deshmukh's Lightning Bolt, who is in fine fettle, should not find it difficult to win the Dundoo Ekambar Memorial Cup, the chief event of Saturday's (Oct. 23) races.

VENUS DE MILO PLATE (DIV. I) (1,600m), (Terms) Maiden, 3y-o only (Cat. II), 1.15 p.m.: 1. Aryaman (11) A.A. Vikrant 56, 2. Dream Jewel (7) Ajeeth Kumar 56, 3. First In Line (9) Khurshad Alam 56, 4. Quality Warrior (4) N.B. Kuldeep 56, 5. Royal Support (1) R. Ajinkya 56, 6. Wallop And Gallop (6) Deepak Singh 56, 7. Yesterday (2) Surya Prakash 56, 8. Golden Amaris (10) Mukesh Kumar 54.5, 9. Over Joy (8) Ashad Asbar 54.5, 10. Pink Splendor (5) Aneel 54.5 and 11. Southern Act (3) B.R. Kumar 54.5

1. ARYAMAN, 2. OVER JOY,

7 RED INDIAN PLATE (1,800m), ∠ rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.45: 1. King Roger (3) Rohit Kumar 60, 2. November Rain (5) Mukesh Kumar 60, 3. Moringa (2) Ashad As bar 59, 4. Campania (7) Gaurav Singh 58.5, 5. Muaser (1) Nakhat Singh 58.5, 6. Forever Bond (8) Surya Prakash 56, 7. Greek's Ace (6) Ajit Singh 55 and 8. Epsom (4) 1. FOREVER BOND, 2. KING ROGER,

WENUS DE MILO PLATE (DIV. II) (1,600m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 2.15: 1. Ashwa Migsun (1) Ashad Asbar 56, 2. Bandit King (8) Ajit Singh 56, 3. Costello (5) A.A. Vikrant 56, 4. Dream Station (7) Mukesh Kumar 56, 5, My Master (10) Nakhat Singh 56, 6. Salisbury (4) Kiran Naidu 56, 7. Special Effort (3) Gaurav Singh 56, 8. Mireya (6) Rafique Sk. 54.5, 9. Reining Queen (2) Ajeeth Kumar 54.5 and 10. Siri (9) B.R. Kumar

1. DREAM STATION, 2. BANDIT KING, 3. SPECIAL EFFORT

4 K. SRINIVAS REDDY MEMORIAL

4 CUP (1,800m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 2.45: 1. New Look (3) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Mark My Word (4) Nakhat Singh 58.5, 3. Kesariya Balam (2) Abhay Singh 57.5, 4. Crazy Horse (6) B.R. Kumar 57, 5. Maximum Glamour (1) A.A. Vikrant 56.5, 6. Just Incredible (7) Mukesh Kumar 55.5 and 7. Limoncello (5) R. Ajinkya 54. 1. NEW LOOK, 2. JUST INCREDIBLE, 3. LIMONCELLO

5 be My Guest plate (div. 1) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.15: 1. City of Blossom (8)

Mukesh Kumar 60, 2. Sandown Park (3) N.B. Kuldeep 59, 3. Ashwa Jauhar (2) Gaurav Singh 58.5, 4. General Atlantic (4) B. Nikhil 57.5, 5. Lifetime (1) Khurshad Alam 56.5, 6. Unmatched (10) Md. Ismail 56.5, 7. Aerial Combat (6) Abhay Singh 53, 8. Blazing Jupiter (7) Aneel 53, 9. Battle Ready (5) A.A. Vikrant 52.5, 10. California Beauty (11) G. Naresh 51.5 and 11. Hashtag (9)

1. GENERAL ATLANTIC, 2. ASHWA JAUHAR, 3. LIFETIME

Rafique Sk. 51.5.

BE MY GUEST PLATE (DIV. II) 6 (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.45: 1. Beauty On Parade (9) Deepak Singh 60, 2. Stunning orce (1) Mukesh Kumar 59.5, 3 Lifes Song (10) Koushik 59, 4. Nearest (8) Gaurav Singh 58.5, 5. Blue Valentine (7) Surya Prkaash 57, 6. Curcumin (6) R. Ajinkya 56, 7. Angelita (2) Ajeeth Kumar 55, 8. Soul Empress (4) Aneel 54.5, 9. Whiskey Martini (5) Kuldeep Singh 54.5 and 10. Hurricane (3) Abhay Singh 52.5. 1. STUNNING FORCE, 2. NEAREST,

3. BEAUTY ON PARADE DUNDOO EKAMBAR

MORIAL CUP (1,600m), rated 80 and above (Cat. I), 4.15: 1. Lightning Bolt (5) Gaurav Singh

63, 2. Titus (7) Deepak Singh 60, 3. Premier Action (4) Mukesh Kumar 59.5, 4. Prince Valiant (6) Khurshad Alam 58.5, 5. Havelock Cruise (2) A.A. Vikrant 56.5, 6. N R I Valley (1) Abhay Singh 53.5 and 7. Skipton (3) S.S. Tanwar 51. 1. LIGHTNING BOLT.

2. N R I VALLEY, 3. TITUS

O SOLARIO PLATE (1,200m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III), 4.45: 1. Flamingo Fame (1) Santosh Raj Fiamingo Fame (1) Santosh Raj 60, 2. Golden Forza (9) Mukesh Kumar 60, 3. City Queen (12) Deepak Singh 59.5, 4. Air Salute (10) N.B. Kuldeep 59, 5. Mehrnoosh (7) Rafique Sk. 59, 6. Sea Wolf (6) Ajit Singh 59, 7. In-ception (2) B. Nikhil 58 5, 8. Elegception (2) B. Nikhil 58.5, 8. Eleg Starwalker (4) Ajeeth Kumar 58, 10. Silver Set (8) Surya Prakash 57.5, 11. Thunder Road (3) Kuldeep Singh 57.5, 12. Big Day (5) Nakhat Singh 56, 13, Good Tidings (15) Md. Ismail 55.5, 14. Acadiar Angel (14) G. Naresh 53 and 15. Elmira (13) Afroz Khan 52.5. 1. FLAMINGO FAME,

2. THUNDER ROAD, 3. SEA WOLF Day's Best: LIGHTNING BOLT Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. Mini Jack pot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5; (ii) 5, 6, 7 & 8. Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3. (ii) 3, 4 & 5. (iii)

Se-young sends Sindhu crashing

Sameer Verma also exits in the quarterfinals

BADMINTON

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ODENSE (DENMARK)

P.V. Sindhu bowed out of the Denmark Open Super 1000 badminton tournament on Friday losing to World No. 8 Korean An Se-young in the women's quarterfinals.

Playing her first tournament since winning the bronze at the Tokyo Olympics, Sindhu lost to Se-young 11-21, 12-21 in 36 minutes.

Later, Sameer Verma, who had notched up stunning 21-14, 2-18 win over World No. 3 Anders Antonsen in the second round, was forced to retire after losing the first game 21-17 in the quarterfinals against Indonesia's Tommy Sugiarto.



Short-lived joy: Sameer Verma, who beat local hero Anders Antonsen, was forced to retire in the quarterfinals. • FILE PHOTO

21-17, retd.

The results: Women: Quarterfinals: An Se-young (Kor) bt P.V. Sindhu 21-11, 21-12. Men: Quarterfinals: Tommy

Sugiarto (Ina) bt Sameer Verma

Second round: Sameer bt Anders Antonsen (Den) 21-14, 21-18: Viktor Axelsen (Den) bt

Lakshya Sen 21-15, 21-7.

Jennifer in

semifinals

SPORTS BUREAU

quarterfinals

nis on Friday.

MONASTIR (TUNISIA)

Jennifer Luikham reco-

vered from being down 1-3

in the decider to beat sixth

seed Elena Milovanovic of

Serbia 6-7(8), 6-3, 6-4 in the

\$15,000 ITF women's ten-

Other results: \$15,000 ITF

men, Doha: Pre-quarterfi-

nals: Tom Kocevar-Desman

(Slo) bt Digvijay Pratap Singh

Quarterfinals:

⁺ Mondal swims to two more new marks

Hashika Ramachandra doubles her gold medals tally to four

AOUATICS

SPORTS REPORTER

Bengal's Swadesh Mondal created two more National records on the penultimate day of the sub-junior and junior National Aquatic Championships at the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre on Friday.

In the Group I boys' 400m medley race, Mondal fought off a stiff challenge from Shoan Ganguly to come home in 4:34.15s, just over half a second faster than Advait Page's previous National best from 2018.

In the 200m breaststroke, he beat S. Danush's record timing from 2017 to win the gold in 2:22.29s. The efforts took Mondal's tally to four golds, all of which have come in National record tim-

Elsewhere, Karnataka's



Hashika Ramachandra. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Hashika Ramachandra continued her fine form, winning two more golds in Group II girls' category to take her total to four. She clinched the 100 but-

terfly race by rewriting Mayuri Lingaraj's record from 2016 (1:05.98), touching the pad in 1:05.51s.

event in 5:27.86s.

The results: Boys: Group I: 50m freestyle: R. Sambhavv (Kar), 23.57; **100m backstroke**: Utkarsh Santosh Patil (Kar), 58.93: 200m breaststroke: Swadesh Mondal (Ben) 2:22.29 (NMR; OR: 2:22.44, S. Danush (TN), 2017); 400m IM: Swadesh Mondal (Ben), 4:34.15 (NMR; OR: 4:34.76, Advait Page, 2018).

Group II: 50m freestyle: Sarungham Athouha Meitei (Mnn) 25.99; **1500m freestyle:** Pavan Dhananjaya (Kar), 17:12.05; **100m butterfly:** Aditya Thapa (SSCB), 1:01.48; **Group III: 100m backstroke:** Yashaswi Nune (Tel), 1:15.37; 50m butterfly: Akshaj Thakuria (Kar),

Group IV: 100m backstroke: Ishan Ghosh (Ben), 1:16.11; **50m** butterfly: Sharan Sridhara (Kar), 32.86; **Group V: 100m** backstroke: Arjun Raghavan

(Kar), 1:29.89; 50m butterfly: Ajeet Yadav (UP), 34.20.

She won the $400m\ IM$ Girls: Group I: 50m freestyle: 200m freestyle-

Group II: 50m freestyle: Ridhi-

Group III: 100m backstroke: Dhinidhi

Janhvi Choudhary (Ben), 27.48; (Tel), 9:22.16; 100m backstroke: Nina Venkatesh (Kar), 1:06.68; 200m breaststroke:

ma Veerendra Kumar (Kar), 27.88; 1500m freestyle: Shirin (Kar), 18:45.01; 100m butterfly: Hashika Ramachandra (Kar), 1:05.51 (NMR; OR: 1:05.98, Mayuri Lingraj (Kar), 2016); 400m IM: Hashika Ramachandra (Kar), 5:27.86.

Desinghu (Kar), 1:11.23; 50m butterfly: Tanishi Gupta (Kar), 30.57; Group IV: 100m backstroke: Annika Deborah Paripoornam Ananth (Tel), 1:21.67; 50m butterfly: Alyssa Sweedal Rego (Kar), 34.16; Group V: 100m backstroke: Shreya Binil (Ker), 1:26.11; 50m butterfly: K. Lasya Sri (AP),

Vishnu Vardhan and Siddharth to go through qualifying

TENNIS

KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Former champions Vishnu Vardhan and Siddharth Vishwakarma will through the qualifying event in a draw of 64 to make the main draw of the Fenesta National tennis championship beginning at the DLTA Complex from Saturday.

With the All India Tennis Association (AITA) having done away with the wild card system for the main

Sandeepti

wins title

JHAJJAR

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Sandeepti Singh Rao won

the title in the ₹100,000 AI-

TA women's ranking tennis

tournament at the Joygaon

Academy on Friday. San-

deepti led 3-0 when her

opponent, the top seed

Renne Singla, retired as

fare from Sandeepti who

came through the qualify-

ing event, and dropped on-

ly 12 games in all in five

matches in the main draw.

The results (final): Sandeepti

Singh Rao bt Renne Singla

3-0 (retired).

It was a commendable

she had back ache.

way will help them tune their game better.

The newly crowned national junior champion, Karan Singh will also negotiate the qualifying event, in his bid to make a mark in the men's field with his big game.

Madhwin Kamath, Faisal Qamar, Ajay Malik, Lakshit Sood are some of the other prominent players in the qualifying draw.

In the women's section,

event, the players have no Sharmada Balu is a promioption but to endure the nent player in the qualifying qualifying event, which in a event, along with other good plavers like Shruti Ah lawat, Anjali Rathi, and Farhat Aleen Qamar.

The successful players will have to complete two rounds on Saturday, which could be a test of their physical strength as much as the quality of their game.

The leading women bye in the qualifying event, which should make it that much easier for them to get into the main event.

Doubles: players have a first round Shashank Theertha & Tushar Madan w/o Daniel Cox (GBR) & Alex Deckers (Ned): Li Hanwen & Mu Tao (Chn) bt B.R Nikshep & Shahbaaz Khan 6-3, 6-0; Yanki Erel (Tur) &

> Dev Javia & Digvijay Pratap Singh 7-5, 7-6(9). \$15,000 ITF, Monastir: Men: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Viktor Jovic (Srb) & Aziz Ouakaa (Tun) bt Ankit Chopra & Aaditva Tewari 6-2, 6-0: Niki Poonacha & Sidharth Rawat bt Wissam Abderrahman & Mohamed Amin Oueslati (Tun) 7-

Zura Tkemaladze (Geo) bt

6(3), 4-6, [10-7]. \$15,000 ITF women, Sharm El Sheikh: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Eri Shimizu (Jpn) & Ho Ching Wu (Hkg) bt Divine Dasam Nweke (Den) & Shreya Tatavarthy 6-4, 2-6, [10-4].

Suresh Murthati triumphs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Suresh Murthati beat Narender Janweja 6-2, 0-6, 6-0 to win the men's over-65 title in the ITF seniors tennis tournament at the Roots Academy in Zirakpur on Friday.

The results (finals): Men: Ov-

er-35: Harmeet Singh bt Raj Kumar 6-3, 7-5; Doubles: Manav Arora & Varun Makkar bt Raj Kumar & Dilip Mohanty 7-6(3), 7-6(3); Over-45: Monty Roy bt Yogesh Kohli 6-3, 6-0; Nirmal Kumar Ranjan 1-6, 4-4 (retired); Over-65: Suresh Murthati bt Narender Janweja

Anuj battles past Shoaib to clinch title

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

In a contest that lasted over five hours, Anuj Uppal defeated former National junior champion Shoaib Khan 5-2 in the Amit Sharma memorial Delhi state senior snooker championship at the Megapool Academy, Dwarka, here.

Shoaib took the opening frame before Anuj raced away with the next three.

Shoaib bridged the gap to 3-2 by winning the fifth but could not prevent Anuj from adding the next two frames for the title.

present Delhi in the Nationals to be held in Bhopal later this year. The score: (final): Anuj Uppal

Anuj and Shoaib will re-

bt Shoaib Khan 34-79, 67-54, 75-10, 65-51, 11-79, 78-22,

ATHLETICS

NEW DELHI

REUTERS

AUSTIN (USA)

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

After Neeraj Chopra's Olympics gold, some sections of the media chose to project the javelin throw as the next showpiece event in domestic competitions.

But the poor response to the 3rd National javelin

UNITED STATES GP

Aston Martin's Sebastian

Vettel will take a grid penal-

ty at the U.S. Grand Prix af-

ter exceeding his engine al-

The four-time Formula

One World champion, a

winner at Austin's Circuit of

the Americas with Red Bull

in 2013, has been struggling

to score points recently with

location for the season.

Grid penalty for Vettel

throw championship starting at the Nehru Stadium complex here on Saturday, shows the projection is far off the mark.

Depleted field for javelin championship

The presence of a lone top-10 thrower – seventhplaced Kishore Kumar Jena highlights the total lack of interest shown by the bigger names. Only a total of 16 men and six women are tak-

"I think we are heading

'We are changing the en-

"We will see what we can

gine and therefore we will

do from where we start, and

nevertheless, looking for-

ward I think we can be

strong here. How strong?

into, let's say, a difficult wee-

kend," the German told

last nine races.

have a penalty.

We will see."

reporters.

Among the men under-20, there are only eight entries. Jay Kumar, who took part in the World juniors in Nairobi, is around but Ajayraj Singh is missing. In such a depleted field, there is not much to look forward to.

The finals of girls under-16 and under-18 are scheduled

Pankaj Advani on a roll

only one top-10 result in the SNOOKER

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Pankaj Advani continued his unbeaten run in the GSC World Snooker qualifiers by registering three more wins in the second stage of the

tournament here on Friday. Representing Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB), Advani defeated Neeraj Kumar (RSPB) 4-2, Himanshu Jain (Telangana)

(RSPB) 4-0.

tva Mehta (PSPB) also won both his matches. In the women's section, Karnataka's Chitra Magimairaj started the second phase

She beat Statemate Vidya Kamani (Madhya

4-2 and Pushpender Singh National champion Adi-

with three back-to-back victories.

Pillai (Karnataka) 3-2, Amee desh)3-1 and Anupama Ramchandran (Tamil Nadu) 3-1.

Yuvaan, Shivangi win



Young champs: Shivangi Alsisaria and Yuvaan Garg with their reward. • KAMESH SRINIVASAN

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Yuvaan Garg and Shivangi Alsisaria won the boys and girls titles respectively in the AITA talent series under-12 tennis tournament at the Dhyan Chand National Stadium on Friday.

Yuvaan beat Anay Pandey 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 while Shivangi

siter Academy, Kaavya Kala, in straight games, in an entertaining exhibition of fluent strokes. Aditya Khanna presented the trophies. The results (finals): Under-12

beat fellow trainee from Las-

boys: Yuvaan Garg bt Anay Pandey 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; **Under-12** girls: Shivangi Alsisaria bt Kaavya Kala 6-4, 6-4.

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Klopp wary despite United's patchy form

Liverpool coach denies he was 'rubbing his hands together' at the prospect of meeting a below-par rival

PREMIER LEAGUE

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE LIVERPOOL

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp denied he was "rubbing his hands together" at the prospect of unleashing his in-form attackers against Manchester United's leaky defence in Sunday's blockbuster Premier League clash at Old Trafford.

Liverpool's gifted front three of Mohamed Salah, Sadio Mane and Roberto Firmino are all scoring freely for the unbeaten Reds, who are just one point behind leader Chelsea.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's men are struggling in the league and they have failed to keep a clean sheet in 12consecutive home games in all competitions, their longest such run since 1964.

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Protocols



Massive clash: Jurgen Klopp feels Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's United has the firepower to cause problems. • REUTERS

Former United midfielder Paul Scholes, now a TV pundit, said Klopp would be "rubbing his hands together" at the prospect of facing sixth-placed United, which is missing Raphael Varane

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Michael Jordan, Oscar Ro-

bertson, Wilt Chamberlain,

Bill Russell and LeBron

James highlight the National

75th anniversary team

which was announced on

Thursday. The members of

the team have won a total of

158 NBA championships and

amassed 730 All-Star selec-

A panel of voters were

asked to choose the 75 great-

est players of all-time, but

the league ended up settling

on 76. They did not rank the

players by number or

There are six internation-

al stars from a half dozen

countries, comprising Gian-

(Greece), Patrick Ewing (Ja-

maica), Steve Nash (Cana-

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Michael Jordan. • AFP

(US Virgin Islands).

da), Dirk Nowitzki (Germa-

ny) and Hakeem Olajuwon

(Nigeria) and Tim Duncan

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But Klopp said Friday that playing United at Old Trafford would be a tough proposition, despite their recent wobbles.

it. If you watched the game "There was not one sethen you obviously could see that Atalanta caused United in the first half some problems. But even in that half I think United had three clearcut chances.

Pure nower

"The second half was a pure power presentation of United," he added.

"They went for it and with the quality they have, they can cause any team problems, especially when you stop playing football and obviously Atalanta did a little

Klopp said United v Liverpool, which pits England's two most successful clubs against each other, was a 'massive game"

"I think Man United is not overly happy with the results they've got so far, but we all know that they are able to do incredible stuff," he said. "We saw it already."

Fitness worries

Solskjaer told reporters at his own press conference that midfielder Bruno Fernandes was a fitness doubt for the match at Old Trafford. Fred and Marcus Rashford also suffered injuries against Atalanta.

While Wednesday's win put United top of its Champions League group, Solskjaer's men have taken only one point from their past nine in the Premier League.

"Liverpool are in a great run of form and we have to have a strong mindset," he said. "We have to focus on Liverpool's front three for 95 minutes to keep a clean sheet

"If we give Liverpool chances, they will score two, we cannot give them



World Cup final venue almost complete



Qatar's pride: The Lusail Stadium will host several World Cup matches, including the final. • AFP

Rossi prepares to ride off into sunset

Motorcycling legend to retire at the end of the season

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE MISANO (ITALY)

MOTOGP

cond when I was rubbing my

hands, I can say that," the Li-

verpool manager told a news

"There was no reason for

conference.

Valentino Rossi is ready to wave goodbye to his army of adoring Italian fans in the Emilia-Romagna MotoGP. This will be the motorcycling legend's final Grand Prix in front of home supporters.

Seven-time MotoGP World champion Rossi said he would retire at the end of this season, bringing down the curtain on a storied career which has made him an icon of the sport and a hero to millions of Italians.

Large crowd expected

The 42-year-old will step onto the track at Misano, the track where he cut his teeth as a rider, for the last time in front of an expected crowd



Valentino Rossi. • AFP

of 35,000 and he insisted now was the time to step

"It's a great chance to say ciao to all the Italian fans, it's always great to race here in Misano in my home circuit," Rossi told reporters on

"It's been a long story, it's more than 400 races and a long career. I just want to say

cause I had and I have incredible support all over the world. It's always a sad moment when you arrive at the end but anyway it was good, we enjoyed it," he said. Asked how he wanted to

thank you to everybody be-

be remembered Rossi, one of the sport's most personable characters, said he didn't know how to answer. After a pause, he said he hoped the people had enjoyed following his races over all these years.

Rossi hasn't been at his best in the slow march towards retirement. He sits 21st in the overall standings after only making the top 10 twice all season.

He is hoping for a better result on Sunday than he achieved at Misano in September's San

FOOTBALL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Work on Qatar's Lusail Stadium, which will host the 2022 World Cup final, is nearly complete, an official said on Thursday, with only systems checks and commissionings left to tackle.

"We are at approximately 98.5 percent completion,' Tamim El Abed, project manager for the stadium, told AFP.

Huge capacity

"The structural works, the civil works, the steel works, the roof works are all 100 percent complete. The remaining 1.5 percent is the testing and commissioning of the multiple systems needed for the operation of the building," he said.

El Abed said the stadium could host 85,000 to 86,000 spectators. "Eighty thousand of those would have a totally unobstructed view of the field of play," he said.

The Lusail Stadium is about 20km from the capital, Doha, and will host a number of matches during the tournament, including the final. It is one of eight stadiums Qatar has designated for the World Cup the first ever in the Middle

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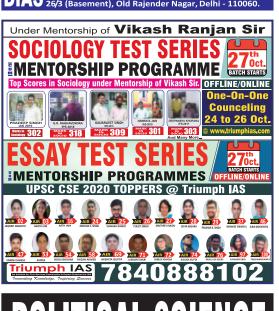
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