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IN BRIEF

Schools fully open in 22 States, U.T.s

Schools have reopened for Classes I to XII in 22 States and Union Territories, the Education Ministry said on Tuesday, adding that 12 States and UTs have opened schools for older children. The only States where schools are still completely closed are West Bengal and Manipur.

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Assam, Meghalaya CMs to visit areas of friction

GUWAHATI The Chief Ministers of Assam and Meghalaya are expected to visit some of the disputed areas along the boundary between the two States. There are 12 areas of dispute along the border but the Governments have targeted six of the "less complicated" areas for resolving. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said he had a telephonic conversation with his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma.

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OPPORTUNITIES PAGE 7

World leaders pledge to save forests, cut methane emissions

90 countries join U.S.-EU plan at COP26; India, China, Russia yet to sign up

REUTERS GLASGOW

Leaders at the COP26 global climate conference in Glasgow have pledged to stop deforestation by the end of the decade and slash emissions of the greenhouse gas, methane, to help slow climate change.

The inability of major powers so far to agree more broadly on rapid reductions in the use of fossil fuels, the main cause of man-made global warming, has upset the poorer, smaller countries likely to suffer its worst effects.

Surangel Whipps Jr, President of Palau, a Pacific state of 500 low-lying islands under threat from rising sea levels, told the leaders of the G20 industrial powers in a speech: "We are drowning and our only hope is the lifering you are holding."

Nearly 90 countries have joined a U.S.- and EU-led effort to slash emissions of methane 30% by 2030 from 2020 levels, a senior Biden administration official said ahead of a formal announcement on Tuesday.

The Global Methane Pledge, first announced in September, now covers emissions from two-thirds of the global economy, according to the U.S. official. Among the signatories is Brazil – one of the five biggest



Common goals: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his British counterpart, Boris Johnson, at the UN Climate Change Conference, COP26, in Glasgow on Tuesday. • AP

India to help

small islands

India has launched a new

initiative – Infrastructure

Call to hike climate funds

Climate finance cannot continue at the levels decided in 2009, and should be at least \$1 trillion, India said at a meeting of developing

is generated in cows' diges-

and in oil and gas produc-

tion. Three others - China,

Russia and India – have not

signed up. Australia has said

In 2020, the world lost

2,58,000 sq. km of forests

according to the Global For-

est Watch. The conservation

charity WWF estimates that

27 football fields of forest are

it will not back the pledge.

\$19 billion for forests

for Resilient Island States for developing the

infrastructure of small island nations vulnerable to climate change. ▶ PAGE 12

emitters of methane, which lost every minute. Over 100 national leaders tive systems, in landfill waste pledged to halt and reverse deforestation and land degradation by the end of the decade, underpinned by \$19 billion in public and private funds to invest in protecting

> The agreement expands a commitment by 40 coun-

and restoring forests.

tries as part of the 2014 New York Declaration of Forests. COP26 aims to keep alive a receding target of capping

global warming at 1.5 de-

One Solar Grid announced

One Sun One World One Grid group – an India-U.K. initiative to tap solar energy and have it travel seamlessly across borders - was announced in Glasgow. ▶ PAGE 12

grees Celsius above pre-in-

dustrial levels to avert still greater damage from heatwaves, droughts, floods and coastal damage that climate change is already causing. Under the agreement, 12

countries pledged to provide \$12 billion of public funding between 2021 and 2025 for developing countries to restore degraded land and tackle wildfires.

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Set up police complaints bodies: NHRC

DAMINI NATH NEW DELHI

Fifteen years after the Supreme Court issued directions for police reforms, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has asked the Union Home Ministry and the State Governments to set up police complaints authorities as per the judgment in the Prakash Singh vs Union of India, 2006, case.

The NHRC's core advisory group on criminal justice system reforms has said there is an "immediate need to set up police complaints authorities at the State/UT and district level" as per the Supreme Court's directives, according to the minutes of its meeting published on Tuesday. The core group, which met on August 18, recommended to the MHA and the States that the status of compliance should be displayed on the websites of the Ministry and the State Home Departments.

The NHRC group also said the MHA and the Law Ministry should consider implementing the recommendations of the 113th report of the Law Commission to add Section 114 B to the Indian Evidence Act.

This would ensure that if a person sustains injuries in custody, it is presumed that the injuries were inflicted by the police.

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Blow to BJP in Himachal bypolls

Trinamool sweeps all 4 seats in Bengal

Bypoll battle The table shows the results of select Assembly and three Lok Sabha seats that went to the polls on October 30. While the BJP and its allies bagged all five Assembly seats in Assam, the Trinamool swept Bengal

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Byelection results on Tuesday threw up a mixed bag for the BJP and the Congress, with the BJP losing all four Himachal Pradesh seats to the Congress, but securing its victory in Assam with the help of defectors from the Congress.

The Trinamool Congress swept the four West Bengal Assembly seats.

The results to the byelections to three Lok Sabha seats and 30 Assembly seats in 14 States and one Union Territory were a mixed bag for the BJP. The party lost the Himachal Pradesh Lok Sabha seat of Mandi, which is the home district of its Chief Minister Jairam Thakur, to the Congress' Pratibha Singh, wife of late former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh. However, the BJP and its ally won all five seats in Assam.

In Haryana, the Indian National Lok Dal leader Abhay Chautala won the Ellenabad Assembly seat. Mr. Chautala had resigned his seat earlier this year to express solidarity with the protesting farmers, leading to the byelection.

The YSRCP retained the Badvel Assembly seat in Andhra Pradesh, while the BJP won from Huzurabad in Telangana. The Janata Dal (United) won the two Bihar Assembly seats. In Karnataka, the BJP and Congress won one seat each.

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Amarinder quits Cong., announces new party

Former Punjab Chief Minster

He also announced the name of his new party -'Punjab Lok Congress'. It would be formally launched

later, he said.

gether since 1954, which is for 67 years now.

He said he hoped that no other senior Congressperson was subjected to the ignominy that he was put through.

In his letter, Capt. Singh revealed that Congress leaders were involved in illegal sand mining. "As far as the issue of illegal sand mining was concerned, the offenders unfortunately were the substantive bulk of Congress MLAs and Ministers, including an overwhelming number in the current Government. One of my enduring regrets would remain as to why I did not take some of them to task. The thought that it would embarrass the party held me back. However, I intend on making the list of these people public,"

'Deeply hurt by Gandhi family conduct'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

and Congress leader Captain Amarinder Singh (retd.) on Tuesday tendered his resignation from the party, stating that he was hurt by the conduct of party president Sonia Gandhi and her children - Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

In his letter to party president Sonia Gandhi, Capt. Singh said: "I actually felt deeply hurt by your conduct and that of your children who I still deeply love as much as my own children. having known their father, since we were in school to-

City's air quality drops to 'very poor' level

Situation to remain same till Deepavali

STAFF REPORTER

NEW DELHI The Capital's air quality worsened to the "very poor" level on Tuesday and is expected to remain in the same category for the next two days, according to official data.

The contribution of stubble burning in neighbouring States to PM2.5, a chief pollutant, in Delhi is expected to go up from 6% on Tuesday to 20%-38% on Deepavali and the next two days, said government-run monitoring agency SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research) in a statement.

The number of active fire counts in the region was 1,795 on Tuesday.

"Delhi's AQI is in the very poor category and likely to



Delhi on Tuesday afternoon. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

remain so for the next two days," said SAFAR. The AQI of Delhi was 303

on Tuesday, up from 281 on Monday, according to the Central Pollution Control Board's 4 p.m. bulletin, which is an average of the past 24 hours and is considered the day's AQI.

Pakistan's NSA to skip Indian conference on Afghanistan

SUHASINI HAIDAR

Calling India a "spoiler" in Afghanistan, Pakistan's National Security Adviser Moeed Yusuf said he would not accept gional security chiefs being organised in Delhi next week. "I won't go," said Mr. Yusuf

in response to questions in Islamabad about Pakistan's decision. "A spoiler cannot try the Modi Government's invi- to become a peacemaker," he tation to the meeting of re-

Mr. Yusuf was speaking to the Pakistani media after a meeting with Uzbekistan's Secretary of the Security Council Lt. Gen. Viktor Makhmudov, who was in Islamabad

for the Establishment of a Makhmudov is likely to at-Joint Security Commission tend the conference. India conference, mainly because

been invited to the conference in Delhi. **Confirmations received**

with Pakistan, and has also

Diplomatic sources said Gen.

has also received confirmations from other invitees, including Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan.

The Chinese Government has not yet confirmed if it will send a security official to the

of strict quarantine regulations in place there, an official told *The Hindu*. India is pursuing a videoconference appearance if no Chinese de-



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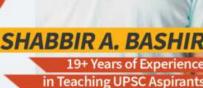
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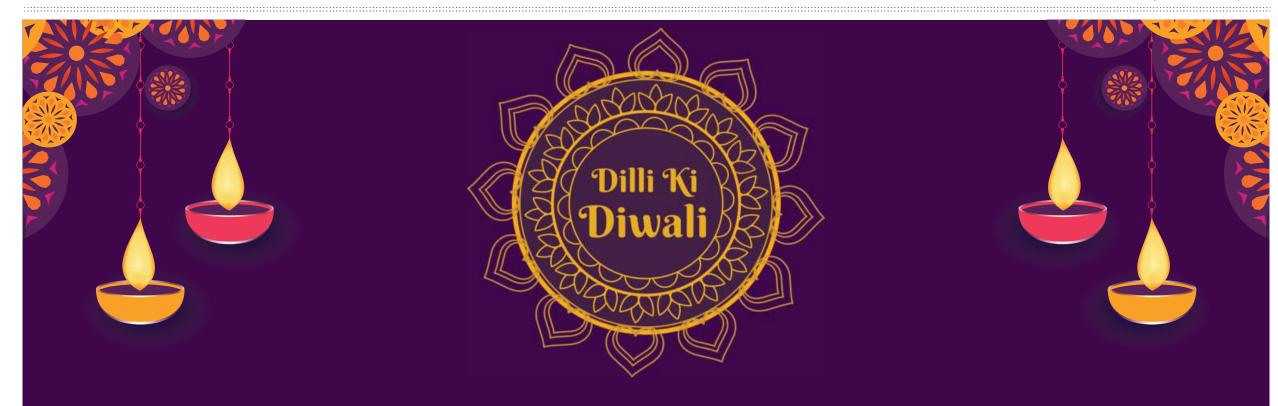
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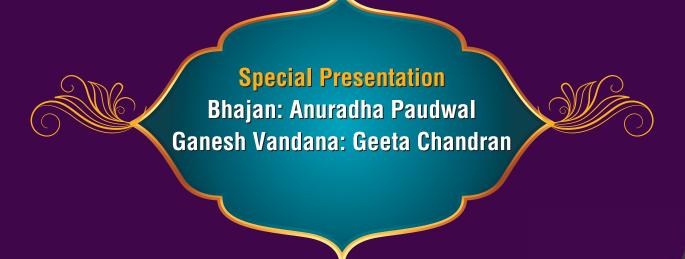
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Delhi Govt. restarts free entrance coaching

15,000 students have applied for the scheme, says Minister

The Delhi Government has restarted a scheme under which students can get free coaching for various competitive exams at private coaching centres if the annual income of their families is less than ₹8 lakh

A total of 15,000 students have applied for Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana, and all the available seats for the scheme have been filled, Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam said on Tuesday. The classes will begin soon, he added.

The scheme, which was started in 2018, was discontinued in 2020 after the CO-VID-19 pandemic hit the city.

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'Chargesheet in riots case was communal'

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The anti-CAA protest was secular but the chargesheet in the Delhi riots conspiracy case was communal and the police fabricated a story to suit their narrative, former JNU student leader Umar Khalid told a court here on Tuesday, calling it a "naked form of false implication".

Senior advocate Trideep Pais, appearing for Mr. Khalid, made the remarks during a hearing on his bail plea in a case related to the communal violence that broke out in Delhi in February 2020.

Mr. Pais said the chargesheet was a fertile imagination of the police, calling the investigating officer a scriptwriter who "literally wrote a novel". "No recovery, not present in Delhi, no violence attributed to me, no traces of funding," Mr. Pais told the court while opposing the police's allegations.

Forum to launch campaign to counter namaz disruptions

Gurugram DC sets up committee to resolve issue

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Gurgaon Nagrik Ekta Manch, a citizens' forum, on Tuesday announced that it would launch a public awareness campaign, countering hatred, fake news and false allegations with reason and facts on the controversy surrounding the offering of Friday prayers (Jumma Namaz) in the open.

Addressing a press conference, Manch co-founder Altaf Ahmad said Muslims were obligated to offer Jumma Namaz in a congregation and ideally, the prayer would be in a mosque. But there were

only a handful of mosques in the city.

He added that the community had voluntarily reduced the number of sites for Friday prayers to less than one-third in 2018, and none of the sites obstructed traffic or caused any inconvenience to others. "There is not a single case in any police station about namazis harassing women or indulging in crime," said Mr. Ahmad.

Meanwhile, office-bearers of Sanyukt Hindu Sangharsh Samiti held a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Yash Garg. Dr. Garg put forth the viewpoints of the administration and the Muslim community on the matter, and set up a joint committee with representations of all the three stakeholders to meet on Wednesday, said the Samiti

Samiti's president Mahavir Bhardwaj claimed that some Muslim groups had given their consent to not hold Friday prayers at public places, but their agitation would continue till the administration comes out with an official order. The Samiti leaders reiterated that they would go ahead with their programme to hold "Govardhan Pooja" at namaz sites on November 5

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Fake movers and packers firm busted

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Two former employees of Agarwal Packers and Movers have been arrested for allegedly creating fake websites of the company and duping customers by posing as representatives of the firm, Delhi Police said on Tuesday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Manoj C said the accused have been identified as Ashish Singh and Deepak Goel, and efforts are on to nab their associate - Suresh Chauhan.

Mr. Singh lost his job with the company during the lockdown in March last year. Later, he contacted Mr. Goel who stole data from the company's server. The data was then sent to Mr. Chauhan.

Cars damaged at parking facility

STAFF REPORTER

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Delhi Police on Tuesday said that a few cars were damaged after the electrically operated floor plates used to shift cars fell inside a multilevel parking facility in

for reopening of offline

coaching classes. Under the

scheme, 15,000 talented stu-

dents of Delhi have enrolled

themselves with the 46 em-

panelled institutes," the Mi-

A student can register for

the scheme at the institute

from where he/she takes

coaching. If that institute is

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Mr. Gautam said certain

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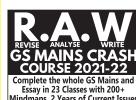
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JD(U) retains both Assembly seats in Bihar by-elections

Comfortable win in Kusheshwarsthan, close fight in Tarapur

AMARNATH TEWARY

The ruling Janata Dal (United) in Bihar retained both Assembly seats in the State on Tuesday by defeating Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) candidates. In Kusheshwarsthan, JD(U) won comfortably while in Tarapur it was a close contest. Bypolls to both seats were held on October 30.

Kusheshwarsthan (Darbhanga), Aman Bhushan Hazari (JD(U)) defeated Ganesh Bharti (RJD) by over 12,000 votes. In Tarapur (Munger) Rajeev Kumar Singh (JD(U)) won the seat against Arun Kumar Shah (RJD) by a thin margin of 3,821 votes. Mr. Hazari is son of Maheshwar Hazari, whose death resulted in the Kusheshwarsthan bypoll, while in Tarapur it was due to the death of Mewalal Choudhary.

Soon after the results were announced, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, who was camping at Darbhanga to monitor the result of Kusheshwarsthan, said: "We fought hard



JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar

at Kusheshwarsthan, where our party had never contested, but the JD(U) candidate got sympathy votes as well. We respect people's mandate as we believe in democracy but people of Bihar need change and change will come.'

The Congress has been contesting from Kusheshwarsthan as part of the mahagathbandhan. In the 2020 Assembly polls, Ashok Kumar (Congress) was defeated by Maheshwar Hazari by over 7,000 votes.

This time too the Congress wanted to stake claim to this seat but RJD chose to put up its own candidate, which widened the rift between the parties and they fielded their own candidates.

However, Congress candidates Rajesh Kumar Mishra and Atirek Kumar at Tarapur and Kusheshwarsthan managed to get only a few thousands votes. "We admit that people at both places did not take any notice of Congress but we'll mull and strengthen our position gradually," senior State Congress leader Prem Chandra Mishra said.

The bypolls had become a prestige issue for JD(U) and RJD. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and a host of JD(U) and BJP leaders campaigned hard in both constituencies. RJD chief Lalu Prasad too jumped into the ring and addressed two well-attended public meetings.

"Though, the Congress candidates couldn't do much at both places, the ruling party campaign managed to create confusion among voters by talking of the rift between RJD and Congress," said political analyst Ajay Kumar.

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The BJP has retained Khandwa LS seat and wrested Jobat (ST) and Prithivpur seats from the Congress. However, the Congress wrested Raigaon (SC) Assembly seat from the BJP.

Though there have been big gains for CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, there is some cause for worry as the BJP's 2019 victory margin of nearly 2.75 lakh votes in Khandwa has shrunk to 50,000.

The Congress's triple loss is the worst news for the Opposition after the Kamal Nath government fell in March 2020. Prithvipur and Jobat were last represented by Brajendra Singh Rathore and Kalawati Bhuria respectively.

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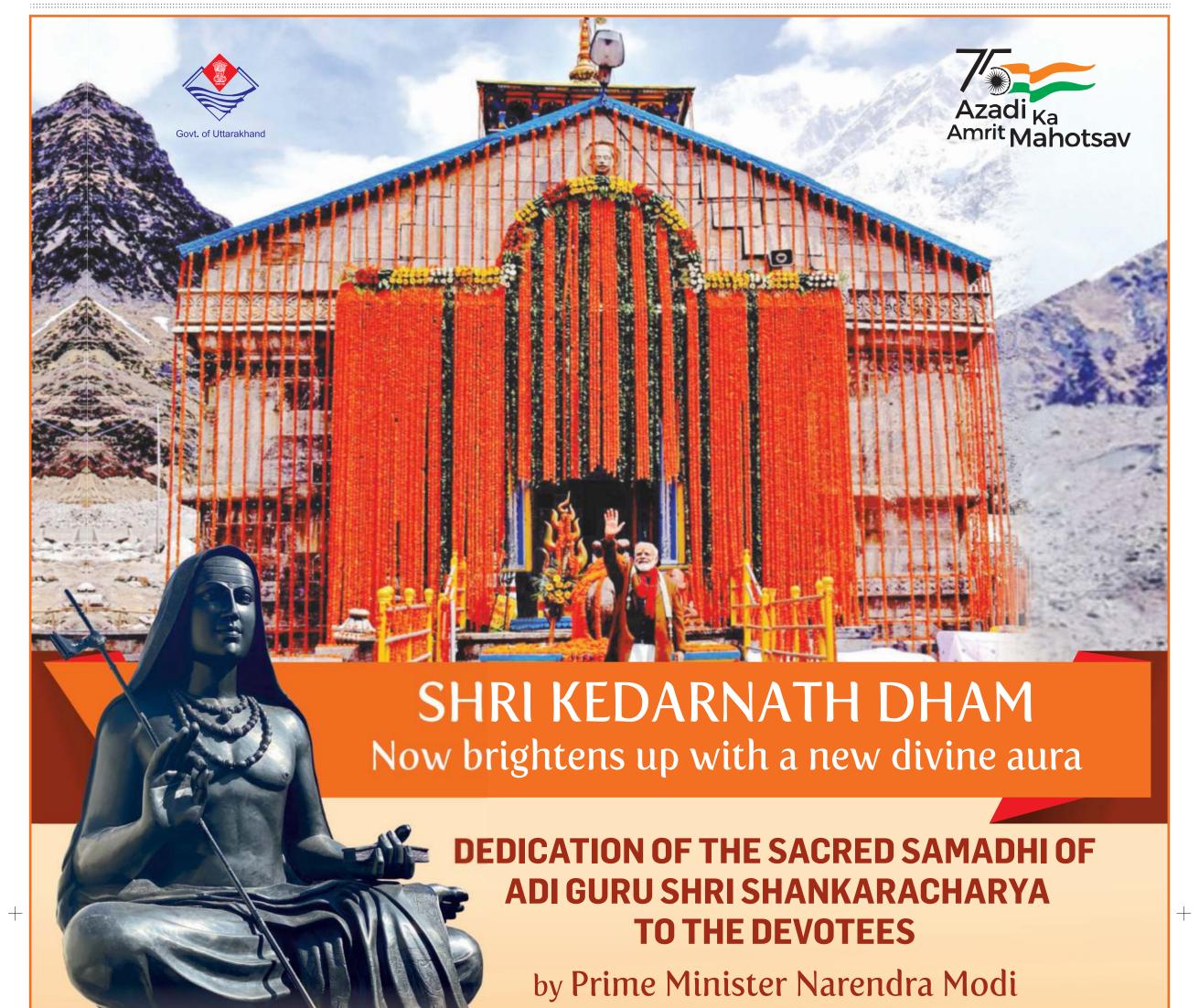
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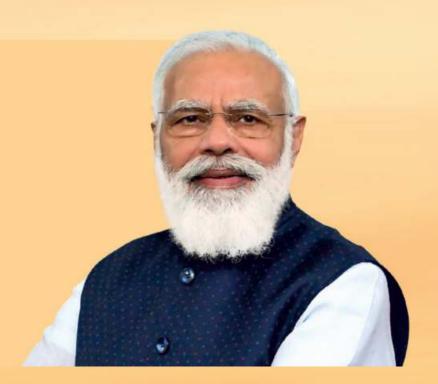
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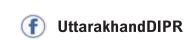
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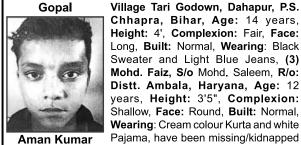
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Climate pledge

Nations must realise they are not in a competitive race but trying to outrun the clock

n a surprise move at COP26 in Glasgow, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that India will commit to ambitious, enhanced climate targets and cuts in carbon emissions in its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). There were promises to increase non-fossil fuel energy capacity to 500 GW, meet 50% energy from renewable energy, reduce emissions by one billion tonnes, and bring down the economy's carbon intensity below 45%, all by 2030. Finally, the PM made the much-awaited declaration: to reach Net Zero emissions by 2070. The announcement came as a surprise given that India had given no assurances to visiting western climate negotiators before the conference, and had not filed updated NDCs by the deadline last month. Earlier, the G20 summit in Rome ended without any new commitments on climate change, and India's G20 Sherpa and Minister Piyush Goyal had said that India could not "identify a year" for ending net carbon emissions (ensuring carbon dioxide emissions are absorbed by the use of technology and lowering output), unless the developed world committed to funding India's energy transition and enabled clean technology transfers on a much higher scale. Mr. Goyal even suggested that India could not switch to non-fossil fuel and end coal-based thermal plants unless it was made a member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group, where it is being blocked by China and a number of other countries.

Mr. Modi's pledges in 2021 will require an almost immediate shift in the Government's priorities if it wishes to meet its first few goals in just eight years. According to one estimate (the Centre for Science and Environment), the promise to reduce emissions by one billion tonnes would need a reduction in India's carbon output by a massive 22% by 2030. On Net Zero, the target of 2070 is two decades after the global goal at mid-century, and would require the world's other growing economies including China to peak emissions, preferably by 2030 itself. India meets about 12% of its electricity needs through renewable energy, and ramping that up to 50% by 2030 will be a tall ask too. If the Government realises Mr. Modi's promises in Glasgow, India will be a global beacon in fighting climate change and ensuring sustainable development. At the least, it is hoped the commitments will inspire other countries to keep their word, particularly the developed world that has lagged behind in fulfilling combined promises of billions of dollars to fund emerging economies, LDCs and the most climate vulnerable countries in the global South. When it comes to climate change, countries must remember they are not in competition with one another, but trying together to outrun the clock.

Quota without data

States should base reservation policies on

data, not political expediency n exclusive internal quota for a single caste group was always fraught with the danger of judalidation It is no surprise therefore that the Madras High Court has struck down the Tamil Nadu law that earmarked 10.5% of seats in educational institutions and jobs for the Vanniyakula Kshatriya community and its sub-castes. The court's foremost reason is that the State Assembly lacked the legislative competence to enact the law in February 2021, at a time when the Constitution 102nd Amendment, conferring exclusive power to identify backward classes on the President, was in force. That the Constitution 105th Amendment subsequently restored the States' powers to identify backward classes was not deemed relevant as, on the date of the enactment, the Assembly had been denuded of such power. The Bench of Justices M. Duraiswamy and K. Murali Shankar, also ruled that identifying one caste as a separate group for creating an exclusive quota, without any quantifiable data on its backwardness relative to others, amounted to giving reservation solely on the basis of caste and, therefore, impermissible under the Constitution. Further, it noted that the remaining 115 castes under the 'MBC and Denotified Communities' category were forced to share the remaining 9.5% (in two groups with 2.5% and 7%, respectively) of what used to be a 20% MBC/DNC quota. This amounted to discrimination.

The court also rejected the comparison with the subquotas enjoyed without hindrance by Backward Class Muslims and Arundhatiyars, a Scheduled Caste, noting that these two measures were backed by Census data and valid recommendations. What may cause some concern is that the court has said changes in the existing 69% quota classification cannot be made without amending the State's 1994 reservation protection law, which received the President's assent and was also included in the Ninth Schedule to put it beyond judicial review. This legal position may pose problems for the BC (Muslim) and SC (Arundhatiyar) quota too, as these were introduced through stand-alone laws that received only the Governor's assent without any amendment to the 1994 Act. That an impending agitation by the PMK, a restive ally of the then ruling AIADMK, was behind the Vanniyar quota law is known. The government did not wait for the report of a commission it had appointed earlier to gather quantifiable data to justify the State's 69% total reservation. The present DMK regime also backed the exclusive Vanniyar quota in court, and is likely to go on appeal. The Supreme Court has been asking governments to justify their reservation levels through quantifiable data. Instead of looking for shortcuts to popularity, regimes in all States should focus on compiling credible data both on the backwardness of sections of society and their level of representation in public services and educational opportunities.

Trade and climate, the pivot for India-U.S. ties

The two areas are interrelated and will lend additional strength to the foundation of a true partnership



MARK LINSCOTT & IRFAN NOORUDDIN

7hen the history of the 21st century is written, India and the United States and the strategic alliance they forge should play starring roles. Granted, it is far too early to predict how successful their joint efforts will be in creating a free and open Indo-Pacific - one that advances democratic values and confronts autocracies globally and locally. As 2021 closes, with COVID-19 still a present danger and China, the emerging superpower on the global stage, viewed by both as a strategic competitor, India and the U.S. have a long way to go before they can inspire confidence that this blossoming alliance will endure for the long

Areas of convergence

We believe that the fate of the grand strategic ambitions of the relationship may in fact depend substantially on how well they collaborate in two areas to which their joint attention is only belatedly turning - climate and trade. The first presents an existential threat while the second is too often dismissed as a secondary consideration, even dispensable in the name of pursuing larger strategic interests. Such thinking ignores

the lessons of history: strategic partnerships capable of re-shaping the international global order cannot be based simply on a negative agenda. Shared concerns about China provide the U.S.-India partnership a much-needed impetus to overcome the awkward efforts for deeper collaboration that have characterised the past few decades. What risks being lost is a reckoning with how interrelated climate and trade are to securing U.S.-India leadership globally, and how their strategic efforts can flounder without sincere commitment to a robust bilateral agenda on both fronts.

Some encouraging signs

There has been progress. The U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry, has visited India twice already, and India and the U.S. are collaborating under the Climate and Clean Energy Agenda Partnership. In parallel, there are hopeful signs that they are now prioritising the bilateral trade relationship by rechartering the Trade Policy Forum. Both countries are also taking leading roles, articulating their climate concerns and commitments. However, early signs suggest we might be headed for a replay of previous showdowns at COP26 in Glasgow: while India just announced a net zero goal for 2070 - a welcome development even if well after catastrophic climate scenarios may be baked in – it has called for western countries to commit to negative emissions targets. India's rhetoric of climate justice is likely to be received poorly by U.S. negotiators,

particularly if it aligns with China's messaging and obstructs efforts to reach concrete results. Likewise, the failure of the U.S. and India to articulate a shared vision for a comprehensive trade relationship raises doubts about how serious they are when each spends more time and effort negotiating with other trading partners. Protectionist tendencies infect the politics of both countries these days, and, with a contentious U.S. mid-term election a year away, the political window for achieving problemsolving outcomes and setting a vision on trade for the future is closing fast.

The interlinks

Climate and trade are interrelated in many ways, from commercial dissemination of cutting-edge carbon mitigation and adaptation products and technologies to the carbon emissions that come with the transport of goods and humans from one country to another. If governments, such as India and the U.S., coordinate policies to incentivise sharing of climate-related technologies and align approaches for reducing emissions associated with trade, the climatetrade inter-relationship can be a net positive one.

Work on early solutions

For example, India and the U.S. could find opportunities to align their climate and trade approaches better, starting with a resolution of their disputes in the World Trade Organization (WTO) on solar panels. As they have dithered in pursuing cases in the WTO and settling them, China has effectively captured the global market, leaving each dependent on a source they view as a threat. The two countries could also chart a path that allows trade to flow for transitional energy sources, such as fuel ethanol. India currently bans imports of fuel ethanol even as it seeks to ramp up its own ethanol blend mandates and build a domestic sector that can join the U.S. and Brazil in exporting to the world. Left unaddressed, this will be another missed opportunity for the two economies to work to mu-

Shared strategic interests will be undermined if India and the U.S. cannot jointly map coordinated policies on climate and trade. The most immediate threat could be the possibility of new climate and trade tensions were India to insist that technology is transferred in ways that undermine incentives for innovation in both countries or if the U.S. decides that imports from India be subject to increased tariffs in the form of carbon border adjustment mechanisms or "CBAMs". Climate-inspired trade tensions that might even lead to new trade wars can hardly bolster the strategic partnership.

A point to ponder over

Diplomats on both sides have worked hard over the past few years to paper over such differences so that they do not distract from the efforts to lay the foundations for a closer strategic partnership, but the fissures have not disappeared and ignoring them will not make them go away. Rather, the danger is that they will widen and deepen and come to undermine shared longer-term goals. A mutual failure to confront these issues and present a united front in relations with other countries will consequences.

So, even as they continue to embrace warmly in various strategic settings, U.S. President Joe Biden and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi might want to ask how this partnership is clearly falling short of its potential, and why. Concerted action on both the climate and trade fronts is mutually beneficial and will lend additional strength to the foundation of a true partnership for the coming

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COVID-19 as a tale of job hardship and marginalisation

The plight of Indian women migrant workers in West Asia highlights the lack of gender-centric, rights-based safeguards



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The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region - it is now known as the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the - that hosts about 23 million migrant workers (International Labour Organization, 2017) is riddled with problems that are particularly related to the discrimination of women migrant workers. Most of the migrant workforce which dominates the workspace of the GCC region – accounting for about three-quarters of the workforce of the region (ILO, 2017) – hails from the South Asian and South-east Asian countries, and are on temporary contracts and mostly engaged in low-wage occupations.

A thread of vulnerability

Women account for 39% of migrant workers in the GCC (International Labour Organization, 2017) and the feminisation of the workforce across multiple sectors of the economy demonstrates a growing trend. Women migrants, who are in the skilled category are mainly nurses in the organised health industry; those in the semi-skilled or unskilled category are domestic workers, care workers, cleaning crew, manufacturing workers, salon staff and salespersons. These workers are vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. For instance, domestic workers, who are mostly women, are greatly vulnerable to abuse owing to the very nature of their workspace.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the vulner-

abilities of women migrant workers. For health workers it is more about the deterioration of their working conditions than the problem of losing their jobs. While interviewing women working across the broad spectrum of jobs, a senior nursing staff said, "The government wanted nurses to be deployed at the COVID centres, and all the hospitals under the Ministry were asked to send their staff. The private hospitals on the other hand were asked not to function. This drastically increased the burden on the government hospitals." As a result, private hospital staff were asked to go on unpaid leave during the lockdown and the Ministry staff could not even take leave as the situation was declared

Stress in the health sector

In many countries, the work hours of nurses in many countries were extended from eight hours to 12 hours without overtime remuneration – that too in challenging working conditions. A government nurse in Kuwait, recounted, "Initially, our doctor asked us not to use excess gloves and masks because of the fear of falling short of these supplies. So only the nurses at the point of care were allowed to wear a mask. But then the cases started to increase, and we were allowed to wear a mask.'

Another one of them told us, I was assigned the triage area. The personal protective equipment (PPE) gown, mask, and face shield were there, but we were not using gloves; we were using sanitisers. I had to be there continuously every day for three months, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; I had to stand continuously, taking temperature for each patient. This was stressful for my back; this was difficult work for

One of our respondents, work-



"The area where I stay was completely locked down due to a large number of cases, we had just one open road. Many hospitals gave leave to staff staying there, but my hospital asked us to continue to commute to work. It was stressful not knowing whether we would catch the infection, as we were also exposing our children and other family members." A staff working in Kuwait, shared her anxiety. "We used to wear two N95 masks, but there was no social distancing. The staff from different wards travelled together to and from work. This was very risky as workers with asthma and respiratory problems travelled by the same bus."

Even in January 2021, many of these nurses from different countries had not taken leave, including their annual leave, except if they were COVID-19 positive. Even those who could manage to get off days could not travel home, which added to the immense mental stress. Amidst all the pandemic chaos, our respondents sounded relieved that they somehow kept a job and monthly pay; many of their spouses had lost jobs and had families waiting for their monetary assistance in India.

For semi-skilled workers

Many of the semi-skilled and unskilled workers found themselves in a bind when they lost their jobs, wages and their accommodation too. When we spoke to another

staff in early 2021, her visa was sa that had an insurance coverage about to expire, and she was searching for a job. She worked in a salon in Kuwait owned by a local woman who had provided her with shared accommodation, salary and decent working hours. The salon had 30 married women workers from South and Southeast Asia. The salon first closed temporarily in March 2020 and all the workers were given accommodation and food till October, which was deducted from their indemnity benefit. However, the salon soon went bankrupt in October and the workers had to vacate

A social worker we spoke to described the situation of women working in vulnerable sectors during COVID-19. The vulnerability of the workers has worsened during COVID-19 because of the severe restrictions to mobility. "These exploited women include domestic workers, beauty parlour workers and cleaning crew in hospitals and big companies. Those staying in employer's premises, especially housemaids are more vulnerable. They did not know what was happening outside, about [the] corona situation. Many women working here, especially housemaids, do not have any medium for getting news about the current situation. Some do not even have [a] phone, while most have only basic phones." Their communication to the outside world including family is restricted and it is difficult for an outsider to reach them, a hard truth we learned while trying to contact these women for this arti-

We spoke to a 60-year-old housemaid who had returned to India from the United Arab Emirates. She had health problems and her employer did not want to be saddled with her health problems during the pandemic. Her maid viof 600 dirhams, was just not enough to cover her health costs.

Other cases

Some of the more vulnerable workers were the ones working 'illegally'. For example, there was a woman who had emigrated on a child-care visa, but lost her job as her former employers were concerned about the safety of their child during COVID-19. The woman then started working as a housemaid with very low wages but was reluctant to ask for a raise, as she feared being reported. There was also another woman who emigrated as a housemaid in 2008, received her last salary in March 2020, after which her employer gave her the option to work without pay or to return home. Some who found themselves in more challenging situations have quit their jobs and returned home penniless; some have had to borrow money for the air ticket home. Situations such as these have made women workers more vulnerable and susceptible to exploitation.

Whether professionally skilled or unskilled, migrant women workers have not had it easy in a foreign land where the discrimination and exploitation they faced were compounded by the novel coronavirus pandemic. This definitely focuses light on the lacunae persisting in the creation of women-centric, rights-based policies to safeguard migrants.

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India's green push

One believes that the Prime Minister was not carried away by the surcharged environment around the COP26 summit before committing to the year 2070 as the country's targeted date for achieving zero net emission (Page 1, November 2). There is no doubt that we need to pay heed to the stark warnings on the disaster that looms over the world community In this, the developed nations should walk the talk. For India, the immediate priority should be to accomplish targets earmarked for renewable energy goals, electric vehicle change and increasing forest cover, to cite only a few examples.

Our dependence on coal-fired thermal power plants cannot be wished away in a day. New technologies in running these plants must be explored. The constitution of a task force to monitor progress at periodical intervals would help identify the grey areas that need attention. V. SUBRAMANIAN,

■ India's target year is not a believable statement. Climate change is for real and is already in effect. Kerala, Uttarakhand and Mumbai being examples of drastic change. Coal consumption should be reduced. Green cover has to be restored, with stringent

targets set and reviewed every few months. Every single day is important in addressing the dangers of climate change and warming. T. ANAND RAJ,

■ The world faces a cataclysmic future and has to act without any delay. Nations must now prepare for grassroots actions rather than make dubious commitments. After all, the earth is what all of us have in common. ANUBHAV NAUTIYAL, Patiala, Punjab

■ It is high time the governments of the world stopped running after the notion of growth and development which is

the Central and State governments of India are glossing over the necessary environmental checks. In Kerala for instance, the wrath of the elements does not seem to have created any awareness. Environmentally catastrophic projects such as the SilverLine high speed railway need to be shown the door. The proponents of unsustainable development should keep in mind what Clive Hamilton says in his ominous book, Requiem for a Species: Why We Resist the Truth about Climate Change: "Humanity's determination

unsustainable. In the name

of 'ease of doing business'.

to transform the planet for its own material benefit is now backfiring on us in the

most spectacular way so that

the climate crisis is for the human species now an existential one." SUKUMARAN C.V.,

On cryptocurrencies

The major objective of a monetary policy is to enable the stabilisation of prices and economic growth. India's central bank has done fairly well in this. When one comes to cryptocurrencies (OpEd page, "The crypto conundrum", November 1), there is need for regulation. To put it in simple words, the emergence of

cryptocurrencies in the midst of economic upheavals is like playing an IPL cricket match when regular formats of the game of cricket are in place. When speculative

tendencies exist there needs to be a framework of regulation. T. CHANDRAMOULI,

Team India

After a very disappointing performance that resulted in Pakistan inflicting a crushing defeat in the T20 World Cup match, the Indian team again put up an uninspiring display against New Zealand. There is probably much more than meets the eye. The BCCI, the coach and the captain. should make a sincere assessment. This is the least they owe to the ardent fans of Indian cricket. S.N. SRINIVASAN, Bengaluru

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Brands must stick to their stand

If companies capitulate to bullies and withdraw controversial ads, it will only fuel intolerance



KARTHIK SRINIVASAN

In a famous 1990s advertisement for chocolate, an Indian woman without a bindi is seen dancing unabashedly in public to celebrate her boyfriend's success. If that ad had come today, it would have hardly been surprising if it some had deemed it to be "against Indian culture".

Outrage over ads

A series of recent ads has sparked controversy. A JBL ad showing a woman using noise-cancelling headphones to shut out the noise of Diwali crackers caused consternation. Some wondered aloud how the agency could think of suggesting that Diwali should be peaceful and noisefree. An ACKO ad for automobile insurance annoyed some simply because it was set in a garage where a puja for a car was being performed and also contained slapstick comedy. "Why copywriter cannot think beyond targeting Hindu traditions," someone asked. A recent Fabindia ad got brickbats first because it used an Urdu phrase which means 'celebration of traditions' to refer to a collection being launched before Diwali; and second because some of the models in the ads were not wearing

Nowadays, anything, it seems, can become the basis for outrage. Voices are picked up from obscure corners of social media, relayed by the ultrapowerful on social media, and sometimes even seconded by the ruling party's ministers. Sure, such outrages used to happen earlier too, but the frequency with which this is happening now is alarming.

The connecting thread between all the above examples is that the ads "hurt Hindu sentiments". A lot of outrage can be manufactured using this framing. Strangely, even an ad that endorsed the bursting of crackers during Diwali sparked outrage. This was the Ceat ad featuring Aamir Khan. In the ad, Khan advises people in an apartment complex to avoid bursting crackers on roads after a cricket match and asks them to in-



Controversy erupted over a recent Fabindia ad because the ad used an Urdu phrase to talk of a collection that was being launched before Diwali and also because some of the models were not wearing bindis. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

stead burst crackers inside their apartment complex so that they don't disturb the flow of traffic. Many Ceat ads refer to objects or acts that hinder the movement of traffic. But people got angry. Some people, including a minister, said Muslims take up public spaces for namaaz and the company must "address that pro-

Two kinds of campaigns

All this anger seems to be rooted in the fear that advertisements have the potential to influence people whether it is about being casual with regard to religious rituals during Hindu festivals or about the intermingling of people from different religions. To stop ads from influencing people, people react in two ways. The first is by launching a coordinated campaign. Those participating in such a campaign argue that if brands can launch a coordinated campaign for a product, why can't people do the same by using the power of social media? Of course they can. This is entirely legitimate. To put across a counter-view to what the ads propagate is to show a civil disagreement with the ads. If there is a concerted backlash to an ad and if it occurs without threats or coercion, the brands could engage in a conversation with such people by putting forward their counterpoints. But advertising agencies have never been good at conversations; they are only good

at broadcasting. Zomato is perhaps the only brand that recently engaged with its critics after the ads starring Hrithik Roshan and Katrina Kaif were put out. Many people argued that the ads normalised the stressful working conditions of gig workers. Zomato responded that its ads were "well-intentioned, but were unfortunately

misinterpreted by some people." The

ads, it said, were "shot with the pur-

pose of making the delivery execu-

tive 'the hero'.' The second is through a coordinated boycott campaign. This too is legitimate but is an uncivil disagreement. Brands do not have a world view – brands rarely have world views except some such as Patagonia; only people do. Brands only have a sales view and invest money in ads accordingly. And brands advertise positive narratives - they do not ask anyone to boycott, hate, or hurt someone. The coordinated boycott campaigns are uncivil precisely because they elicit sentiments of hatred and divisiveness in response to brands asking people to come together and look beyond their differences or proposing newer ways of thinking – both of which are merely perspectives. We saw the first, i.e., a brand depicting togetherness, in the Tanishq Ekatvam ad. It showed a Muslim family preparing a traditional Hindu baby shower for their pregnant Hindu daughter-in-law. It attempted to "celebrate the coming together of people from different walks of life," Tanishq said in a statement after anger erupted, but withdrew the ad nevertheless. And we saw the second, i.e., a brand pushing us to think in new ways, in the recent Dabur ad depicting a homosexual couple celebrating Karva Chauth. In India, same-sex marriages are not legally recognised.

A chilling effect

At the most basic level, brands merely propagate a message in order to sell a product. Brands cannot impose anything on the people, unlike governments. If a person does not approve of or like a brand's ad or its message, they have the freedom to ignore the ad or message. They also have the freedom to disagree vocally and share a counterpoint. But when that disagreement is taken to an extreme level, such as calling for a boycott, that means that the aggrieved person wants to force the brand to comply with their line of thought. That is not just intolerance, it is bullying. This is bound to lead to self-censorship and inhibit the ideas and creativity of brands. It creates a chilling effect on companies.

To be sure, people have been taking offence citing "hurt sentiments" for a long time. This is certainly not a recent phenomenon. But earlier, in the quieter days when there was no social media, "sentiments were hurt" in small, isolated circles. Now, any counter-perspective is shared with the world within minutes. And the ones who say their sentiments have been hurt usually tag others who they know will espouse the same ideology or cause. If they all have a huge social media following, the post goes viral within hours or even minutes.

Brands should stand by their ideas and creativity. They must decide what is the best way to tell the story of the brand as long as they are not miscommunicating with consumers or misleading them. But that conviction seems to be missing these days. All we see is brands quickly capitulating to bullies and withdrawing their ads. This will only embolden the bullies to call for more boycotts in the assumption that all brands will submit meekly to every threat. This will only fuel intolerance.

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Data and the quest for truth

Looking for truth in the ocean of data available demands statistical expertise and also innovation



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Whenever I think about 'Data', I think of Brent Spiner. The android of *Star Trek* was self-aware, sapient, sentient, and had striven for his own humanity. Today, 'Data' is already 'Big' and ever-expanding and has the potential to influence every bit of human lifestyle. However, "There is terror in numbers," as Darrell Huff wrote in How to Lie with Statistics. The task of statisticians is to churn the data and obtain summary measures, diagrams and figures, rankings and indices, and make conclusions. Is this the much-desired 'human chip' to make 'Data' human?

Proper understanding of statistics

In reality, statisticians are often like the blind men of the parable, standing in front of an elephant. And inadequate or partial analysis of data may lead to an incorrect portrayal of the elephant. As H.G. Wells is known to have said: "Statistical thinking will one day be as necessary for efficient citizenship as the ability to read and write." Yes, understanding the meaning of statistical and probabilistic conclusions is very important. This was exemplified by the case of Stephen Jay Gould who explained how the statistic that peritoneal mesothelioma, the form of cancer with which he was diagnosed, has a "median survival time of eight months" is misleading given the distribution of that data, and relevant data regarding his individual prognosis. Gould showed a positive outlook to beat the odds. Some of the fighting spirit, he proposed, was the result of his proper understanding of statistics. For once, he argued, statistics manifested itself as a source of optimism, rather than the sterile methodology that most people associate with the term.

Misleading statistics maybe produced due to limitations of the concerned statisticians, or it may even be deliberate, or both. "Misinforming people by the use of statistical material might be called statistical manipulation," Huff wrote. Huff pointed out seven common tactics to knead statistical data into 'dough', which include polling a non-representative group, small sample sizes, and averaging values across non-uniform populations. Huff illustrated how statistical graphs could be used to distort reality. If the bottom of a line or bar chart is truncated, differences look larger than they are. Also, the proportion between the ordinate and the abscissa is sometimes changed for this purpose. With the

help of several real examples, Huff also discussed the 'post-hoc fallacy', which incorrectly asserts a direct correlation between two findings. In his 2001 book, Damned Lies & Statistics, Joel Best also used fascinating examples from leading newspapers and television programmes to unravel the use, misuse, and abuse of statistical information.

The goal of statistics is to search for 'truth' amid the randomness of nature. "Uncertain knowledge + Knowledge of the amount of uncertainty in it = Usable knowledge," wrote C.R. Rao in his book Statistics and Truth: Putting Chance to Work. Prof. Rao discussed how statistics can be used to judge whether a newly discovered poem is composed by Shakespeare or to mix blood samples from different persons together to test for certain rare diseases to reduce the number of tests.

Need for innovation

Churning for truth from the ocean of data sometimes demands finer statistical expertise. It also needs innovation. During the communal riots in Delhi after Independence, many people from a minority community took refuge in Red Fort, and some in Humanyun Tomb. The government had no exact count of the refugees, and contractors responsible to feed them charged high amounts. A team from the Indian Statistical Institute was asked to estimate the number. They estimated the number of persons inside a given area without having an opportunity to look at the concentrations of persons inside the area and without using any known sampling techniques for estimation or census methods. In fact, based on an idea suggested by J.M. Sengupta, they divided the quantities of rice, pulses, and salt used per day to feed all the refugees, as quoted by the contractors, by the respective per capita requirements of rice, pulses, and salt known from consumption surveys, and got three widely different estimates of the number of refugees. The estimate obtained by salt was the smallest and the estimate from the rice was the largest. As rice was the most expensive, its quantity was probably exaggerated. They proposed the quantity obtained from salt as an estimate of the number of refugees. The method was verified to provide a good approximation in the Humayun tomb.

The lesson is clear. In order to extract 'truths' by using statistics, one needs expertise and innovation from the concerned statisticians. Ideal statistical thinking and proper understanding of statistics of the common people, of course, is no less important. A pinch of salt is needed, indeed.

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STATE OF PLAY

Resisting patriarchy in politics

Allegations of patriarchy in the IUML in Kerala have set off demands for better representation of women

Just when its leadership was coming to terms with its poor performance in the Assembly polls, the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) saw a tussle break out between the men and women of its student organisation, the Muslim Students' Federation. Some 10 leaders of Haritha, the women's wing of MSF, accused the office-bearers of making sexist remarks against them in Kozhikode in June. In response, the IUML leadership dissolved the State committee of Haritha and said that the issue is a "closed chapter" but the case is still under investigation.

A label to shake off

Amid this controversy, Noorbina Rasheed, national general secretary of the IUML's women's wing, defended the party asserting that its ideology is minority politics and not gender politics. While maintaining that there is no discrimination between men and women in the party, Ms. Rasheed said that women in the IUML should not forget that they were "Muslims first and only then women". She said that her role model is Hajira Beevi, wife of Prophet Ibrahim, while former Haritha leader Fathima Thahiliya had stated that she drew inspiration from the legendary communist leader, K.R. Gowri Amma.

For the IUML, the label of patriarchy is not easy to shake off. It fielded a woman candidate (Kamarunnisa Anwar) in the Assembly elections for the first time only in 1996. The second time it fielded a woman candidate was 25 years later, in 2021. The candidate was Ms. Rasheed, who lost the election. Early last month, after Haritha leaders attacked the party leadership for being patriarchal, the IUML State working committee adopted a policy to reserve 20% of organisational posts for women in party-linked outfits despite the IUMLbacked Samastha Kerala Jamiat-ul-Ulema reportedly expressing its reservations about the move. And yet, no woman figured in the list of officebearers of the newly constituted committee of the Muslim Youth League, the IUML's vouth wing, over a week ago. The IUML leadership believes that its defectors are responsible for the Haritha controversy.

A snowball effect

Meanwhile, while the IUML grapples with the churn, the alleged misogyny in the party has triggered demands in other political parties for more representation for women. The newly constituted 56-member Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee has only five women leaders, including three general secretaries, which has become a subject of discussion. The party leadership was left embarrassed when a former District Congress Committee president, Bindu Krishna, burst into tears while demanding an assurance on her candidature in the Kollam seat in March, and the party's women's

wing president, Lathika Subhash, resigned from her post and shaved her head as a mark of protest against the denial of ticket to her at Ettumanoor. The CPI(M), despite its tall claims about gender equality in the State, faces awkward questions about representation at times, although women are assuming leadership roles

now in the party committee. It remains to be seen how many women will occupy positions in the State committee as well as the Central committee of the party. The BJP State unit underwent a revamp recently, but the party is still male-dominated. Not one of the general secretaries is a woman. The party vice-president, Sobha Surendran, often perceived as a disgruntled leader, was dropped from the reconstituted national executive committee.

Kerala has an impressive Human Development Index and has produced inspirational women leaders. But the representation of women in political parties in leadership and decision-making roles remains low. It is no wonder that the 140-member Legislative Assembly has only 11 women legislators. The recent developments are little steps towards change.

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DATA POINT

performance was the worst

The best-governed States in 2021

released Public Affairs Index (PAI) 2021. The index analyses governance performance using the three pillars of equity, growth and sustainability. It also assesses the

implementation of five centrally sponsored schemes including MGNREGS and the National Health Mission. The 2021 index has also taken into account each State's response to the pandemic. Among the large States, Uttar Pradesh scored the lowest. Among the small States, Sikkim was ranked first, while Manipur was placed last. Among the UTs, Puducherry ranked first, while A&N Islands ranked last

U.P. was ranked among the _bottomthree States in all pillars

Delhi was among the worst performers in equity and sustainability

U.P., Bihar and Odisha ranked last in overall performance

1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE | The table lists the States and their overall score and rank, according to PAI 2021. The higher a State's score, the better its governance performance. Kerala was ranked first among the large States while Uttar Pradesh was ranked last. Among the small States, Sikkim performed best while Manipur's

| periorii | performance was the worst | | | | |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Rank | Large States | PAI 2021 Index Score | | | |
| 1 | Kerala | 1.618 | | | |
| 2 | Tamil Nadu | 0.897 | | | |
| 3 | Telangana | 0.891 | | | |
| 4 | Chhattisgarh | 0.872 | | | |
| _5 | Gujarat | 0.782 | | | |
| 6 | Punjab | 0.643 | | | |
| 7 | Karnataka | 0.121 | | | |
| 8 | Andhra Pradesh | 0.077 | | | |
| 9 | Jharkhand | -0.071 | | | |
| 10 | Madhya Pradesh | -0.113 | | | |
| 11 | Rajasthan | -0.243 | | | |
| 12 | Maharashtra | -0.36 | | | |
| 13 | Haryana | -0.431 | | | |
| 14 | Assam | -0.459 | | | |
| 15 | West Bengal | -0.553 | | | |
| 16 | Odisha | -0.91 | | | |
| 17 | Bihar | -1.343 | | | |
| 18 | Uttar Pradesh | -1.418 | | | |
| Rank | Small States | PAI 2021 Index Score | | | |
| _1 | Sikkim | 0.907 | | | |
| 2 | Goa | 0.748 | | | |

Mizoram 0.659 Himachal Pradesh 0.318 -0.009 Tripura Meghalaya -0.146-0.258 Arunachal Pradesh 8 -0.317 Nagaland 9 Delhi -0.476 10 Uttarakhand -0.643 Manipur -0.783 PAI 2021 Index Score 1.345 Puducherry DNH,DD 5 -0.445

-0.302

-0.298

-0.696

0.396

Lakshadweep

Chandigarh

A&N Island

Jammu & Kashmir

2. EQUITY | The equity pillar analyses inclusiveness in policymaking. It is based on whether people feel that they have a say in governance. The table lists the three best and worst States in this category. Gujarat was ranked first among the large States, followed by Kerala, while Odisha and Karnataka were ranked last

| 1 | LARGE STATES | | SMALL STATES | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|--------|--|
| RANK | STATE | TATE INDEX RANK | | STATE | INDEX | |
| 1 | Gujarat | 1.409 | 1 | Sikkim | 1.617 | |
| 2 | 2 Kerala 1.36 | | 2 | Meghalaya | 1.144 | |
| 3 | Rajasthan | 1.199 | 3 | Mizoram | 1.123 | |
| RANK | STATE | TE INDEX RANK | | STATE | INDEX | |
| 18 | U.P. | -1.5 | 18 | Arunachal | -1.521 | |
| 17 | 17 Odisha -1.462 | | 17 | Delhi | -1.132 | |
| 16 Karnataka -1.161 | | 16 | Uttarakhand | -0.874 | | |

3. GROWTH | The growth pillar ranks a State based on the availability and optimal use of resources such as infrastructure. This, in turn, plays a crucial role in how a State performs in healthcare, education, poloyment, etc. Telangana scored the highest while Madhya Pradesh

| scored the lowest among the large States | | | | | | | |
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| | LARGE STATES | | SMALL STATES | | | | |
| RANK | STATE | INDEX | RANK | STATE | INDEX | | |
| 1 | Telangana | 1.38 | 1 | Goa | 1.533 | | |
| 2 | Kerala | 1.348 | 2 | Delhi | 1.334 | | |
| 3 | Jharkhand | 0.93 | 3 | Himachal | 0.745 | | |
| RANK | STATE | INDEX | RANK | STATE | INDEX | | |
| 18 | Bihar | -2.114 | 11 | Meghalaya | -1.222 | | |
| 17 | U.P | -1.521 | 10 | Nagaland | -1.187 | | |
| 16 | MP | -1 321 | a | Manipur | -0.963 | | |

4. SUSTAINABILITY | The sustainability pillar ranks States based on access to and use of resources. This has an impact on the environment, economy and humankind. The table lists the three best and worst States

| | LARGE STATES | | SMALL STATES | | | |
|------|--------------|--------|--------------|-------------|--------|--|
| RANK | STATE INDEX | | Rank | STATE | INDEX | |
| 1 | Kerala | 2.146 | 1 | Mizoram | 1.525 | |
| 2 | Tamil Nadu | 1.241 | 2 | Arunachal | 1.371 | |
| 3 | Chhattisgarh | 0.946 | 3 | Goa | 0.836 | |
| RANK | STATE | INDEX | RANK | STATE | INDEX | |
| 18 | U.P. | -1.234 | 11 | Delhi | -1.629 | |
| 17 | Bihar | -1.181 | 10 | Uttarakhand | -1.059 | |
| 16 | WB | -1.137 | 9 | Manipur | -0.965 | |

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 3, 1971

Decision soon on ties with China

New Delhi, Nov.2: After the Prime Minister's return, the Government of India is expected to take the policy decision soon to resume full diplomatic relations with China by reverting to ambassador-level representation in both the capitals as a first step towards a Sino-Indian detente in due course. The necessary soundings have already been made and the Government is now looking for a suitable person from public life or the foreign service for this key assignment. The Prime Minister's advisers on foreign policy feel that India should take advantage of the current Sino-Indian thaw and set the ball rolling for an early resumption of normal relations. They consider the present political climate in the country quite appropriate for closing the sad chapter of the sixties and establishing a more equitable relationship with China consistent with India's national interests. There is hardly any political party in the country which is now opposing the idea of normalisation of relations with China without a border settlement. Even the Jan Sangh is not demanding the vacation of Chinese aggression before the resumption of full diplomatic relations.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 3, 1921

We note the repressive activities of the Local

More Prosecutions

Government are on the increase. For the last few months a repressive campaign on an extensive scale has been carried on, and even now continues to be carried on, in the Andhra district where public workers held in great esteem like Mr. Gopalakrishniah and others have been run down under the vague security sections of the Criminal Procedure Code. Within the last two or three weeks, more than one prosecution for sedition have been undertaken. Mr. Yakub Hassan, Dr. Varadarajulu Naidu and Mr. Subramania Siva have all been proceeded against for sedition. The latest victim of this policy is Mr. Abdul Majid Sherer, a Muslim public worker of sober views who has always thrown his weight on the side of moderation. When, after the Tanjore Khilafat Conference of which he was the President, the "Madras Mail" represented him as advocating "Jihad," Mr. Sherer wrote to the paper repudiating the suggestion and adding that, as a member of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema, he was bound by its ordinance proscribing religious war. The form of "Jihad" which he spoke of was "Jihad" with "Mal" or property and not "Jihad" with "Jan" or lives.

FROM PAGE ONE

'Set up police complaints bodies'

The burden of proof to explain the injury lies on the authority concerned.

The core group also recommended making the legal framework technologyfriendly to speed up the criminal justice system. "Presently the legal framework is not suitable for adoption of technology in the criminal justice system," the minutes said.

The group also recommended that the Supreme Court's December 2020 order to install CCTV cameras with night vision in all police stations should be "implemented immediately" to ensure accountability. Among the recommendations were the involvement of trained social workers and law students with police stations as part of community policing and incorporating community policing in police manuals, laws and

ed by the Home Ministry to the Lok Sabha in March, 16 States and UTs had implemented police complaints

Pak. NSA to skip Indian meet on Afghanistan

Iran, which did not include India in a meeting of Foreign Ministers from Afghanistan's neighbouring countries and is believed to have taken External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's participation in a quadrilateral with Israel-UAE-U.S. amiss, "welcomed the invitation", said a source, indicating it is likely to send a delegate.

Blames India

Mr. Yusuf also blamed India for holding up regional security processes, while declining India's invitation.

"I think the region's obstacles are in front of you, there is no need for debate on this. On one hand India, [...] unfortunately [because of] the government's behaviour and ideology there, I don't see how this [peace] process will move forward - not just for Pakistan but the region," Mr. Yusuf was quoted saying by the Dawn

The Ministry of External Affairs declined a request for a response to Mr. Yusuf's remarks.

Invitations to the regional conference on November 10-11 were sent out in October by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) through each counAccording to data provid-

tries' embassy in Delhi. Officials said plans for the two

day conference were in full swing, including a dinner event hosted by Mr. Doval. The sessions would discuss regional and shared threats of terrorism emanating from groups in Afghanistan, as well as the problem of drug trafficking, refugees, and connectivity amidst a growing economic and humanitarian crisis in

Afghanistan. **Tension remains**

The government has not invited any officials from the acting Taliban government in Kabul, which has not been formally recognised by any country. However, officials did not rule out the presence of Afghans associated with the dialogue process based in Doha.

Significantly, a delegation led by Turkmen Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov met with Taliban Prime Minister Mullah Hassan Akhund in Kabul over the weekend to discuss the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project.

The invitations sent by the NSCS to both Pakistan and China had raised eyebrows given deep tensions.

DAC clears proposals worth ₹7,965 cr.

Naval guns deal from U.S. cancelled over high cost, limited technology transfer, say sources

NEW DELHI

The Defence Acquisition Council, which met on Tuesday, cancelled a tender for procurement of naval guns from the U.S. and added the quantity to an existing upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM) being manufactured by Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL). The council accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition and modernisation proposals estimated at ₹7,965 crore.

A defence source said the SRGM was earlier proposed to be procured under the U.S. Foreign Military Sales (FMS) category. "But now this will be given to BHEL to promote 'Make in India'. This measure will result in a saving of ₹3,000 crore," the source said.

"Key approvals of procurement from domestic



Air power: The indigenously developed light utility helicopter. • FILE РНОТО

sources include 12 light utility helicopters from Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), Lynx U2 fire control system from the Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL), which will en-

hance the detection, tracking and engagement capabilities of warships and mid-life upgradation of the Dornier aircraft from HAL to increase the naval capacity of coastal surveillance...," the Defence Ministry said.

In November 2019, the U.S. had approved the sale of 13 MK-45 127 mm naval guns built by BAE Systems estimated at around \$1 billion. These bigger guns with larger range and firepower over the current main gun on warships were to become the mainstay of frontline ships under construction at various shipyards in India.

The deal for which the contract negotiations were under way has been cancelled because "the cost has gone by over 50% from the estimated price and there is also limited technology transfer", the source said.

Niche capabilities

"These SRGMs provide niche capabilities of engaging fast manoeuvring targets using guided munitions and range extensions and are to be fitted on the warships of the Navy. All of these proposals are under 'Make in India' with focus on design, development and manufacturing

Assets linked to Ajit Pawar attached

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Income Tax Department has provisionally attached assets worth ₹1,000 crore allegedly linked to Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

The move follows the searches last month on businesses and properties belonging to Mr. Pawar's relatives and aides.

The assets include a sugar factory in Satara (₹600 crore), a residential property in South Delhi (₹20 crore), an office in Mumbai's upmarket area (believed to be Nirmal Tower in Nariman Point, ₹25 crore), a resort in Goa (₹250 crore) and land in different parts of the State, said sources, adding that the department had seized the properties under the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988.

DCW notice on threat to

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Kohli's child

The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) on Tuesday issued notice to the Cyber Crime Cell of the Delhi Police regarding online rape against threats Indian cricketer Virat Kohli's daughter on social media.

DCW chief Swati Mali-

wal, in a press note, said that the commission took suo motu cognisance of media reports stating that Kohli's daughter has been receiving threats after India's loss to Pakistan in the T20 World Cup. The Indian captain lashing out against those trolling pacer Mohammed Shami on the basis of his religion has further infuriated them.

In the notice given to Delhi Police, DCW has asked for a copy of the FIR against those who issued rape threats and other details pertaining to the accused persons.

ED arrests Deshmukh in corruption case

Former Minister to be held in ED custody till Nov. 6

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

Former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday on charges of corruption and money laundering.

A holiday court in Mumbai remanded him in ED custody till November 6. Senior advocate Vikram Chaudhary represented Mr. Deshmukh before holiday Judge P.B.

On Monday, Mr. Deshmukh had appeared before the ED and was questioned for 12 hours.

Investigations by the ED had reportedly revealed 13 companies directly controlled by members of Mr. Deshmukh's family. Another set of 14 companies in the names of the family's close associates and controlled by



Anil Deshmukh being taken for a medical check-up after his arrest in Mumbai on Tuesday. • PTI

the family members have also come to light. It has been alleged that Mr. Deshmukh parked his money in these

The remand application submitted by the ED stated, "By virtue of his position as Home Minister, he has received amounts of ₹470 crore collected from Orchestra Bar owners/managers for smooth functioning of bars and the said bribe money was used by him through his son Hrishikesh for providing cash to Delhi-based paper companies and, after layering, the same was routed to a Trust in the garb of donation, managed and controlled by Mr. Deshmukh"

Assam, Meghalaya CMs to visit areas of friction

Border disputes to be settled amicably

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Chief Ministers of Assam and Meghalaya are expected to visit some of the disputed areas along the boundary between the two States towards a permanent settlement.

There are 12 areas of dispute along the 884.9-km border but the Governments have targeted six of the "less complicated" areas for resolving.

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said he had a telephonic conversation with his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma. 'We will choose one or two locations for a joint visit by November 15," he said.

The two Governments had, a few months ago, formed regional committees comprising the local MLAs and officials. These committees were tasked with meeting the villagers in the disputed areas, recording their views and submitting reports for perusal and discussion at a higher level.

Submission delayed

The reports were scheduled to be submitted on October 30, but got delayed because of the byelections to eight Assembly seats in the two

They are likely to be submitted after the two Chief Ministers visit any two of the three locations both have listed.

The joint visit has been planned as a confidencebuilding measure, officials

Assam and Meghalaya have agreed to resolve the boundary disputes amicably under a give-and-take + policy. The six areas of differences are Tarabari, Gizang, Hahim, Boklapara, Khanapara-Pilangkata and Rata-

Schools fully open in 22 States, U.T.s

92% of teachers, 86% of non-teaching staff have been vaccinated, says Pradhan

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Schools have reopened for Classes 1 to 12 in 22 States and Union Territories, the Education Ministry said on Tuesday, adding that 12 States and UTs have opened schools for older children. The only States where schools are still completely closed are West Bengal and Manipur.

Over 92% of schoolteachers across the country have been vaccinated, and 86% of non-teaching staff schools, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said



resumed in Tamil Nadu on Monday. • LAKSHMI NARAYANAN E.

the vaccination status.

after conducting a review of at-scale in the country, we are looking at a future with "With rapid vaccination restored normalcy and vi-

brancy in our schools and other educational and skilling institutions", he said, in a tweet, after the review.

Schools in Ladakh, Punjab, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu have opened for Classes 6-12, while those in Jammu and Kashmir, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Puducherry, and Andaman and Nicobar have opened for Classes 9-12 only. Apart from West Bengal and Manipur, where schools remain closed, all remaining States have opened schools for all classes.

'Procedural delay of bail unacceptable'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Delay in releasing undertrials from jail merely because the court order granting them bail has not been either received or processed on time by jail authorities is a travesty of justice, Justice D.Y. Chan-

drachud has said. Chandrachud was speaking at the e-inauguration of virtual courts and the e-Sewa Kendra at the Allahabad High Court and the district court. He also highlighted the problem of huge pendency in the lower courts.

The Supreme Court judge said the issue has to be addressed on a warfooting. "This touches upon the human liberty of every undertrial,"he said.

Mr.Chandrachud referred to an initiative of the "e-custody certificate" launched by Orissa High Court Chief Justice S. Muralidhar. The certificate would electronically contain the details of an undertrial and would immediately convey the information to grant bail to the prison authorities and thus speed up the process.

Centre to scrap caste-based payments for MGNREGA

Ministry directed to revert to single Fund Transfer Order

PRISCILLA JEBARAJ NEW DELHI

The Centre has decided to scrap the system of castebased wage payments in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme after complaints from State Governments.

In an order dated Novem-

ber 1, the Finance Ministry directed the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) to "revert to the previous system of generating single muster, single FTO [or Fund Transfer Order] and transferring money into a single NeFMS [or National Electronic Fund Management System] account".

However, a revised accounting procedure will now be implemented to allow expenditure to be captured under three Minor **Heads for Scheduled Castes** and Tribes and others, through a single FTO, said the order, which The Hindu has seen a copy of. The MoRD has been told to set a date on which the new process will come into effect.

The Hindu had reported



MGNREGA work in progress at Kusugal village in Dharwad district. ■ FILE РНОТО

that the Centre planned to revoke its controversial caste-based wage system after the State Governments warned of rising social tensions in an October 11

meeting. The contentious directive issued on March 2 by MoRD, on instructions from the Finance Ministry, had asked the States to generate three separate FTOs for each of the three caste groups for every muster roll at an MGNREGA worksite. Three sanctions would then be generated and then payments would be made into three separate accounts of

the State Government.

In a meeting with the Finance Secretary and Expenditure Secretary on October 11, MoRD Secretary N.N. Sinha said that "many States have conveyed difficulties being faced by them due to the new process", said a note attached to the Finance Ministry order. "This has not only multiplied the work at all levels but also resulted in payments going at different times to different communities," it added.

In many villages, there were social frictions among communities who got paid as much as two months later than others from the same muster roll, according to reports from workers' unions. A study by LibTech India analysing 18 lakh FTOs over the last six months in 10 States found that SC and ST workers were getting paid significantly faster than those from other communities. Several State governments, including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, raised the issue with the Central go-

FB official to meet panel of Delhi House

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Facebook India's representative has been allowed to appear before the Delhi Assembly's Committee on Peace and Harmony on November 18 since the company requested an extension of 14 days to find the right person "best placed to provide the Committee

with the data required". According to the Delhi Assembly, in a response to the summons issued by it to the social media giant on October 27, Facebook India has requested an extension of 14 days to appear before the Committee on Peace and Harmony headed by MLA Raghav Chadha.

The committee is examining what it termed "unprecedented communal disharmony and violence in Delhi" in February 2020.

As schools reopen, study warns of deepening divides

72% of elementary age students missed studies, it says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

As almost 26 crore children return to physical classes after 18 months of school closures, a business as usual approach will lead to a deepening of existing educational inequity, warned the National Coalition on the Education Emergency in a report released online on Tuesday.

The NCEE cited data from the recent SCHOOL survey conducted in 15 States, which showed that 72% of elementary age children did not do any regular studying by any method during the lockdown, with only 8% of rural children able to access online classes. An NCEE survey of teachers in a sample of Karnataka schools found

that 85% of Class 8 teachers thought that most of their students were not at their grade level in mathematics and language. Three-fourths of Class 10 teachers agreed. The worst affected are children of the rural and urban poor, migrants, minorities, Dalit, adivasi and other backward communities, many of whose families faced a health and livelihood crisis during the lockdown apart from a lack of educational "When schools reopen, it

cannot be about pouncing

on children to make them

learn the three R's. We can't

just go on from where they

left off two years ago, or ex-

pect them to match up to the

regular syllabus at their new

grade level with some sort of

short bridge course", said Shantha Sinha, former head of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, speaking at the report of the release. "So much has happened since then, and there needs to be a focus on children's mental health and self-esteem before anything else" The report, "A Future At

Stake -- Guidelines and Principles to Resume and Renew Education", suggests specific ways to bring children back to school, communicate with parents and teachers and processes to support the most disadvantaged. Till lower secondary level, curriculum need to be redesigned with a focus on socioemotional development, language and maths skills.

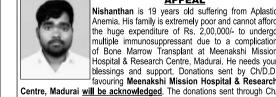
Bokaro firm places lowest bid for V-P house

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

A Bokaro-based firm, Kamladityya Construction Pvt. Ltd., on Tuesday emerged as the lowest bidder for the Central Public Works Department's project to construct a new residence for

the Vice-President. The firm bid 3.52% below the CPWD's estimated cost of ₹214.03 crore with a bid of ₹206.49 crore, beating five other

The new complex is proposed to come up near Rashtrapati Bhavan.



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Punjab CM, Sidhu visit Kedarnath

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief Navjot Singh Sidhu on Tuesday put up a united face by visiting the Kedarnath shrine together.

On a day when the Punjab Cabinet had announced a cut of ₹3 per unit of electricity, Mr. Sidhu said people didn't want "lollipops", but development. Mr. Channi hit back by reversing his decision on Advocate-General A.P.S. Deol who had reportedly resigned, one of the key demands of Mr. Sidhu. "At Kedarnath, the heavenly abode of Lord Shiva," Mr. Sidhu tweeted, along with a photograph of him with Mr. Channi.

Weapon must for dacoity conviction: SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has held that possession and display of a deadly weapon to strike terror in the hearts of victims is essential to convict a person of dacoity with intention to murder.

A Bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and M.R. Shah was interpreting Section 397 (robbery/dacoity with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The judgment pertained to an appeal filed by a man who claimed he did not have a deadly weapon in his hands during an attempted robbery.

bypolls bring mixed bag

Party faces questions on reasons for the worrying losses

NISTULA HEBBAR

Bypoll results on Tuesday brought mixed results for the BIP – a victorious sweep of all five Assembly seats in Assam to the worrying trend in Himachal Pradesh where the party lost all three Assembly and the one Lok Sabha seats up for grabs. Questions on whether the losses were all about intra-party factionalism or the effect of high prices of fuel and edible oils are also being raised.

Party leaders countered the argument that the BJP lost in Himachal Pradesh due to the high cost of fuel and edible oil, to point to the narrowing of the lead of Abhay Singh Chautala in Ellenabad in Haryana (the epicentre of the farmers protest) from 12,000 votes to just over 6,000 votes.

"Bypolls are largely fought on local issues. If price rise can be termed an issue in Himachal, can Mr. Chautala's narrow margin of victory and the Congress coming third in Ellenabad not be termed as the waning of the farmers movement," said a national office-bearer.

Prestige seats

The loss in Himachal Pradesh, however, will rankle in the BJP for a while as it lost not just the three Assembly seats in the fray, but also the Lok Sabha seat of Mandi. previously held by the party.

Mandi is the home district of Chief Minister Jairam Thakur and Himachal Pradesh is the home State of BJP national president J.P. Nadda. While local leaders are attributing the loss to issues such as price rise, the intra-party wrangling is being pointed



Victory sign: Sushanta Borgohain, the BJP candidate from Thowra in Assam, after winning the bypolls on Tuesday. • PTI

out by senior leaders in Delhi. "The seat in Jubbal-Kotkhai was lost as Chetan Bragta was not given the ticket and he turned rebel. It was not handled well," said a senior leader, while no explanation was given for the loss in Mandi. The party needs to introspect on why the Congress, considered enfeebled in Himachal Pradesh, was able to defeat the ruling BJP, and this introspection needs to take place before the State goes in for the Assembly

election in late 2022. In Karnataka, too, newly appointed Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai faced embarrassment when the BIP could not win the Hangal seat in the home district of the Chief Minister and where he had invested much

Gracefully acknowledging the defeat in Hangal and thanking party workers for their work in both Sindgi (where the BJP won handsomely) and Hangal, Mr. Bommai gave due credit to the Congress candidate, Srinivas Mane, who, he said, had been rewarded by the people for his work during the COVID-19 pandemic. On the question of his own leadership and the mixed results for the party, he pointed to former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's own patchy bypoll record in the past.

"Mr. Siddaramaiah also faced such loss and wins, so elections pertain to a particular time and particular issues and are not a verdict on the entire tenure." But the reference to Mr. Mane's work during the pandemic is an important pointer to where Mr. Bommai should expend his energies.

The victories in Assam (five seats), Telangana (one seat, Huzurabad) and Madhya Pradesh (where the BJP managed to win the Jobat Assembly seat, a Scheduled Tribe seat where the party had managed to win only twice in the last 70 years), brought some cheer to the party, with BJP general secretary (organisation) B.L. Santhosh tweeting his congratulations to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

This year, which saw a procession of BJP Chief Ministers make their way to various Raj Bhawans to tender their resignations, the question remains whether the bypolls will restart that queue before the Assembly elec-

Warning bells for BJP as 'Results reflect mood against Centre'

Himachal, Rajasthan cheer up Congress, but losses in Assam a cause of worry

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The clean sweep in the Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan bypolls and the wins in Karnataka and Maharashtra on Tuesday prompted the Congress to claim that the results reflect the mood against the Narendra Modi Government.

With Himachal Pradesh scheduled to have its Assembly election around November next year, the bypoll results are of special significance for the party since the State witnessed a direct contest between the ruling BJP and the Congress.

"The win in the Mandi Lok Sabha seat, which was not only a BJP stronghold but also part of the Chief Minister's home district, indicates that the vote is against the Union Government, If you look at the data of the Lok Sabha elections in Himachal Pradesh, the BJP had got a 70% vote share. We have not only bridged that deficit,



Celebration mode: Congress candidate for the Mandi Lok Sabha seat Pratibha Singh celebrating in Shimla. • PTI

but got more to win a seat," All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge for Himachal Rajeev Shukla said at a press conference.

Most leaders attributed the BJP's loss to "runaway inflation, all-time high fuel prices and the three farm

Party Deputy Leader in the Rajya Sabha and senior leader from Himachal Pradesh, Anand Sharma, said the victory, despite "the massive use of power, authority and resources", was a clear rejection of the anti-people policies of the BJP and a betrayal of the mandate.

"The tide has turned, and the countdown has begun for the BJP," Mr. Sharma, said on Twitter.

The Congress said even in the Opposition's defeat in Bihar, there was a lesson to be learnt. "It is a self-evident reality that if the Opposition stavs united, its victory is sure," Mr. Shukla said at a press briefing, referring to

INLD's Abhay Chautala defeats

the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) losing both the seats.

The RJD leadership, including Lalu Prasad, had slammed the Congress for demanding one seat to contest. Eventually, the Congress contested both the seats that were won by the ruling party in Bihar.

While the results were encouraging in Rajasthan amid the ongoing leadership tussle, the most worrying news came from its previous stronghold, Assam.

Of the five seats that went to the polls in Assam, the party not only failed to retain the two seats it won in May but also registered a blank.

In fact, the Congress MLAs of these two seats -Thowra and Mariani – who switched to the BJP within months of winning on the Congress ticket, managed to retain their seats for the BJP.

"We have been hollowed out as an organisation," said a leader from Assam.

'Modi, former **CAG** must apologise'

STAFF REPORTER

Slamming former Comptroller and Auditor-General (CAG) Vinod Rai after his apology to former Congress MP Sanjay Nirupam, the party on Tuesday demanded that Mr. Rai apologise to the nation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi should also join Mr. Rai as he, too, was part of the "sinister plan" to destabilise former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Government, the party said.

BJP to retain Ellenabad seat Congress finishes a distant third

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GURUGRAM

Indian National Lok Dal's (INLD) Abhay Singh Chautala on Tuesday defeated his nearest rival and BJP nominee, Gobind Kanda, by over 6,000 votes in a close contest to retain the Ellenabad Assembly seat in Harvana. However, the BJP managed to narrow the margin of defeat to almost half compared

The Congress's Pawan Beniwal polled 20,904 votes to finish a distant third.

In an election fought under the shadow of the farmers' agitation, Mr. Chautala had a clear edge over his rivals, with Ellenabad being the fortress of the Chautala clan.

However, Mr. Kanda, the joint candidate of the BJP-JJP (Jannayak Janta Party), put up a tough fight, with the margin of votes between the two narrowing down to less than 3,000 after the tenth round of counting. While Mr. Chautala polled 65,992 votes in 16-round counting of votes, Mr. Kanda got 59,253 votes, as per the Election Commission of India

Campaigning against the BJP-JJP nominee, Samyukt Kisan Morcha leader Rakesh Tikait had, in a broad hint, asked the voters to ensure victory for Mr. Chautala with an improved margin.

In the first reaction to the results, Home Minister Anil Vij said, "Abhay Chautala has won this election technically, but lost on moral grounds".

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CBI charges six for leaking confidential information

Case relates to submarines programme

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed two chargesheets against six persons, including a serving Navy commander and two retired officers, for allegedly sharing confidential commercial information related to the Kilo Class submarines' refit and upgrade programme to unauthorised for illegal persons gratification.

"In the first chargesheet, Commander (retd.) S.I. Singh and Commodore (retd.) Randeep Singh have been arraigned. The agency had seized about ₹2.40 crore in cash, including ₹2.90 lakh that the retired Commodore was handing over to Commander (retd.) Singh," said a CBI official. Commander Singh worked for a Korean company.

The second chargesheet has been filed against six persons, including the two

Anti-terror

agency set

up in J&K

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The J&K Government has

set up a new State Investi-

gation Agency (SIA) for

"speedy and effective in-

vestigation and prosecu-

tion of militancy-related

retired officers and one serving Commander, Ajit Kumar Pandey. The other three accused are directors of Hyderabad-based Allen Reinforced Plastics Private Ltd. They have been identified by the agency as T.P. Shastri, N.V. Rao and K. Chandrashekar Rao. The CBI has invoked various provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act against the accused. The Navy is also conducting an internal in-

In September, the CBI arrested five persons and also searched locations in Delhi, Noida, Mumbai and Hyderabad. Commander Jagdish, who was arrested on September 21, has not yet been chargesheeted as the agency has 18 more days before the 60-day time limit expires. The serving commanders were posted at the Western Naval Command headquarters.

quiry into the allegations.

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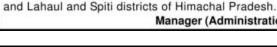
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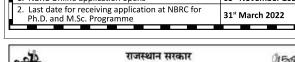
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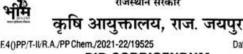
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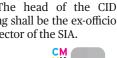
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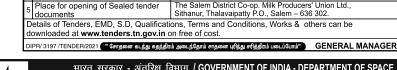
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cases in the Union Territory". However, the Peoples Alliance for the Gupkar Declaration, a conglomerate of regional parties, has expressed concern over its formation.

The SIA will be a nodal agency for coordinating with the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and other Central agencies, a Government Order said on Monday.

The head of the CID wing shall be the ex-officio Director of the SIA.





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India to help countries prone to climate change

Modi launches 'Infrastructure for Resilient Island States', says climate threats are a matter of life and death for them

GLASGOW

India on Tuesday launched an ambitious initiative for developing the infrastructure of small island nations, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying it will give a new hope, a new confidence and satisfaction of doing something for the most vulnerable countries facing the biggest threat from climate change.

Mr. Modi was joined by his British counterpart Boris Johnson on the second day of the COP26 climate summit here. The launch of Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS) was also attended by Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

"The last few decades have proved that no one is untouched by the wrath of climate change. Whether they are developed countries or countries rich in natural resources, this is a big threat to everyone," Mr. Modi said.

Stating that the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) face the biggest threat from climate change, Mr. Modi said it was a matter of life and death for them, it



Leaders' group: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his counterparts from Mauritius, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth (left), from Fiji, Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama (second from left), and from Jamaica, Andrew Holness, in Glasgow on Tuesday. • AP

was a challenge to their existence.

Mr. Modi congratulated the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) for the initiative, saying for him the CDRI or IRIS is not just about infrastructure thing but it is part of a very sensitive responsibility of human welfare

The Prime Minister said India has made special arrangements for cooperation with the Pacific islands and Caricom countries in the wake of the threat of climate

He said India's space agency ISRO will build a special data window for them to provide them timely information about cyclones, coral-reef monitoring, coastline monitoring through satellite.

Describing the launch of IRIS as "very important", Mr. Modi said through this initiative, it will be easy for SIDS to mobilise technology, finance necessary information faster. "Promotion of quality infrastructure in Small Island States will benefit both lives and livelihoods there," he

Britain's gratitude

"I assure you that India will fully support this new project, and will work closely with CDRI, other partner countries and the United Nations for its success," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, British Prime Minister Johnson said he was "very grateful to my friend, Narendra Modi - the Prime Minister of India, for his leadership on the Coalition for Disaster Resilient infrastructure. He has been out in front on this for a long time.

"Last year, 600 billion tonnes of ice melted away in Greenland. It's incredibly cruel that these incredibly small island states are right in the frontline of the loss and damage that is caused by global warming," he said.

"They have done virtually nothing to cause the problem, they didn't produce the huge volumes of CO2 to be pumped into the atmosphere," Mr. Johnson said as he urged countries to join this campaign and help.

Mr. Johnson said that the U.K. is contributing financially to the initiative IRIS. "We are stomping up as well." The Australian Prime Minister thanked India and the U.K. for their leadership of the CDRI. "I acknowledge the Quad support, including the U.S. and Japan support for India's CDRI," Mr. Morrison said.

The IRIS initiative is a part

of the CDRI that would focus on building capacity, having pilot projects, especially in developing small island states.

"That would also involve in some senses, setting up norms and standards for resilient infrastructure... with infrastructure loss from cyclones etc, especially small island states and coastal areas are vulnerable to these ravages of climate change, and this [IRIS] is an effort to try and equip countries that are particularly vulnerable to climate change," Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said.

Small islands

The new initiative is the result of cooperation between India, the U.K. and Australia and included the participation of leaders of small island nations such as Fiji, Jamaica and Mauritius.

India's Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) welcomed the launch of IRIS as a recognition of the severity of climate risks which can unravel decades of development, especially for the most vulneracountries

India calls for hike in climate finance to \$1tn

2009 levels not enough, says Yadav

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

India on Tuesday said that climate finance cannot continue at the levels decided in 2009, and emphasised that it should be at least \$1 trillion to meet the goals of addressing climate change.

Speaking at the Ministerial meeting of Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) at the 26th international climate conference under way in Glasgow, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav also called upon the LMDC countries to work closely to protect their interests.

"Climate finance cannot continue at the levels decided in 2009. It should be at least \$1 trillion to meet the goals of addressing climate change and there should be a system to monitor climate finance as we have for monitoring mitigation," Mr. Yaday said at the meeting.

The meeting, attended by representatives from China, Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela and others, was presided over by Bolivian President Luis Alberto Arce Catacora.

Underlining the unity

and strength of LMDCs as fundamental in the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) negotiations to preserve the interest of the Global South in the fight against climate change, Mr. Yadav highlighted that recognition of the current challenges being faced by developing countries required intensified multilateral cooperation, not intensified global economic and geopolitical competition and trade wars.

The Minister requested the LMDC members to join hands with India to support the global initiatives it has pioneered, including the International Solar Alliance (ISA), Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT).

He also appreciated the efforts of the Third World Network (TWN) for its support to LMDC, and expressed the need to ensure resources to TWN.

The countries collectively underscored that it needs to be ensured that the voices of the LMDC countries are heard loud and clear.

Modi holds discussions with Nepal PM Deuba

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held two important bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Nepal and Israel on the sidelines of the COP26 meet in Glasgow on Tuesday. The meeting between In-

dian and Nepalese Prime Ministers was the first since Sher Bahadur Deuba was appointed by the Supreme Court of Nepal in an extraordinary judicial intervention in July.

The two leaders noted the excellent cooperation between India and Nepal

during the pandemic particularly through the supply of vaccines, medicines and medical equipment from India to Nepal," said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in a statement.

The meeting is being interpreted as a significant one as both sides are in talks for high-level visits.

Mr. Modi also met Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett for the first time.

Mr. Modi invited the Israeli leader to visit India to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of full diplomatic relations between India and Israel.

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endorse initiative

On the second day of COP26, an initiative by India and the United Kingdom to tap solar energy and have it travel seamlessly across borders was announced.

It includes a group of Governments called the Green Grids Initiative - One Sun One World One Grid group – and was announced at COP26 by summit host United Kingdom's Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Prime Mi-

In the presence of other heads of government, including U.S. President Joe Biden, the two Prime Ministers presented the One Sun Declaration, endorsed by more than 80 countries, setting out the group's aims.

Clean energy

"All the energy humanity uses in a year is equal to the energy that reaches the earth from the sun in a single hour," Mr. Modi said.

"The sun never sets - every hour, half the planet is bathed in sunshine. By trading energy from sun, wind and water across borders. we can deliver more than



earth," Mr. Modi added. Mr. Modi said at the gath-

ering that the Indian Space Research Organisation (IS-RO) had developed an application that could compute the potential solar energy at any point on earth and help decide if it would be suitable for solar energy installations.

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Members of the group The Ministerial Steering

Group includes France, India, the United Kingdom and the United States, and will also have representatives from Africa, the Gulf, Latin America and Southeast Asia, said an accompanying press statement by the Green Grids Initiative.

Germany attended the first meeting as an observer, while post-election negotiations on a new government

Research support for the Green Grids Initiative is being provided by the Climate Compatible Growth consortium of universities, which includes Cambridge, Impe-

rial College, Oxford and Un-

continue, as did Australia.

iversity College London. The Green Grids Initiative Working Groups made up of national and international agencies have already been established for Africa and for the Asia-Pacific region.

Their membership includes most major multilateral development banks, such as the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Asian Development Bank (ADB)

India's climate commitments are bold, but meeting them will be a challenge, say experts

The scenario will become clear only when the country spells out how it plans to go about achieving its targets, they say

ЈАСОВ КОЅНҮ

India's headline announcement at COP26, to become carbon neutral by 2070, suggests that it has committed itself to decisive action to curb runaway greenhouse gas emissions from mid-century.

However, experts say that much will become clear only after India submits its updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

This document spells out the minutiae on how exactly it plans to go about achieving these targets.

India's five-fold plan, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi spelt out on Monday, says India's non-fossil energy capacity will reach 500 GW by 2030; it will meet 50% of its energy requirements with renewable energy by 2030; it will reduce its total projected carbon emissions by a billion tonnes by 2030; and reduce the carbon intensity of its economy to less than 45% and achieve net zero by 2070. Net zero is when a country's carbon emissions

are offset by taking out equivalent carbon from the atmosphere, so that emissions in balance are zero.

Peaking year

However, achieving net zero by a specific date means specifying a year, also called a peaking year, following which emissions will start to reduce.

Though there is no clarity yet from the Government, experts in the run-up to COP26 have wrestled with these questions.



Trouble billowing: Smoke rising from a coal-powered steel plant in Hehal village near Ranchi, in Jharkhand. • AP

A March 2021 study by analyst Vaibhav Chaturvedi at the Council for Energy, Environment and Water suggested that for a 2070 net zero year and peaking year of

2040, India would have to reduce the emissions intensity (emissions per unit GDP) by 85% – it has so far reduced it to 24% from the 2005 levels.

The share of non-hydro re-

newable energy has to increase to 65% from the 11% today; the share of electric cars in passenger sales has to go from 0.1% today to 75% by 2040; and the share of fossil energy in primary energy has to decrease from 73% to

For a peaking year of 2030, these targets would be

India, as part of its NDC in 2015, had committed itself to installing 175 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2022. Till February 28, 2021, the country had achieved 94 GW, comprising 25% share in total installed capacity for power generation. If large hydro installed capacity is included (45 GW by February 2021), then India's non-fossil energy capacity is 139 GW close to 38% of installed capacity – according to the Centre for Science and Environment.

Diplomatic compulsions likely forced India to announce a net zero date as it was the only one among major economies not to have specified a net zero year until now. India, however, should have said that it will reach net zero by 2070, only if other developed countries themselves commit to reaching net zero before 2050, said Navroz Dubash, Profes-

sor, Centre for Policy search, New Delhi.

There is also no clarity on how many of the announced targets are unconditional and how conditional.

Professor Dubash said the billion tonnes of carbon dioxide reduction in the next decade also needed more clarity. The billion tonnes would be premised on a reference point that shows what the emissions would be in a business-as-usual scenario. "We don't yet know what scenario has been considered. This is the time we should have more careful and broad modelling," he noted.

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15 Wrongly tag French water and cake (6) 18 Apt to fret like a guitar tuned under the influence? (6,6)

21 Green vegetable salads often retain raw evergreen leaves for starters (6)

Display keystrokes of genius.

22 Fang still very rounded inside, eh? (3,5) 23 Strays devoured the last bit of leftovers, following Indian madam (8) 24 So, shedding tears eventually to get closure, initially nervous about

1 Joke about idiotic dope, pun essentially, killed (5,3)

2 Cop out and about — officer — gangster absconding near Central, Minnesota

3 Posh politician hugged by sweetheart, abandoning essentially hearty short

4 Jam ingredient obtaining mixture of nip, etc. (6) 6 Mac operated by company accountant, discontented without Internet at first

7 Coat in fact an explosive (6)

8 Rio takes shelter for a little bit (4) 12 Attractive charisma's not gross (8)

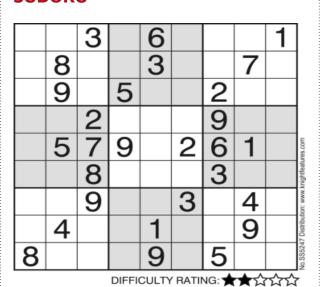
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FAITH

Nandagopa's good fortune

Lord Narayana took the Krishna avatara so that people could enjoy His saulabhya, said M.A. Venkatakrishnan in a discourse. Rama too captured the hearts of people. Valmiki, in Ayodhya Kanda, says 'pumsaam drishtichitta apahaarinam'. In other words, Rama attracted the eyes and thoughts of those who beheld Him. In the case of Krishna, the attention came automatically, without Kishna having to do anything. Moreover Rama was the son of a king, and so, naturally, people would have maintained a certain distance from Him. But with Krishna, there were no such barriers. And yet, not

all had the good fortune of witnessing His childhood pranks. Krishna was born as Vasudeva's son, and Vasudeva had the boon of seeing Krishna with four hands. But beyond that, he had nothing, for soon Krishna was taken away and left at Gokula. Vasu means wealth, and to Vasudeva was born the unimaginable wealth, namely Krishna. But Vasudeva did not enjoy this wealth, just as many rich men never get to enjoy their riches. There is a story about a man who was given eight pots of gold by a devata. He found seven were full but one only half full. The man spent the rest of his life trying to fill this pot; by the time it was full, he died, without

having enjoyed the gold in the other pots. Nanda means joy, and Nandagopa had the joy of watching Krishna's leelas. Two terms are used to describe the Supreme One – Atmadaa and baladaa. Atmadaa means the Lord giving Himself to someone. Baladaa means the Lord giving strength to someone to enjoy His deeds. To Vasudeva, He gave Himself, but was soon parted from him. To Nandagopa, He gave the bala to enjoy Him, and so Nandagopa was as joyous as his name suggests.

ACROSS

5 English Queen returning to castle, King removed fur coat (6) 7 Brent typically phony, operated by controlling people and 9 Very exciting finale full of energy, where you might take note of

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25 killed in Kabul hospital attack

More than 50 injured as blasts, gunfire hit military facility in Afghanistan's capital

At least 25 people were killed and more than 50 wounded in an attack on Afghanistan's biggest military hospital on Tuesday which saw two heavy blasts followed up by gunmen assaulting the site in central Kabul, officials said.

The explosions took place at the entrance of the 400bed Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan hospital and were followed immediately with an assault by a group of gunmen, Taliban spokesman Bilal Karimi said. Four of the attackers were killed by Taliban security forces and a fifth was captured, he said.

The blasts add to a growing list of attacks and killings since the Taliban completed their victory over the Western-backed government in August, undermining their claim to have restored security to Afghanistan after de-



Seeking help: A boy who was injured in the blast lies on a stretcher at the entrance of a hospital in Kabul. • REUTERS

cades of war. There was no immediate claim of responsibility but the operation was typical of the complex attacks mounted by the Islamic State. It follows a string of bombings by the group which has emerged as the biggest threat to Taliban control of Afghanistan.

A Taliban security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least 25 people had been killed and more than 50 wounded in the assault but there was no officially confirmed casualty

Photographs shared by residents showed a plume of smoke over the area of the blasts near the former diplomatic zone in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of the city and witnesses said at least two helicopters flew over the area as the assault went on.

A health worker at the hospital, who managed to escape, said he heard a large explosion followed by a couple of minutes of gunfire. About 10 minutes later, there was a second, larger explosion, he said.

He said it was unclear whether the blasts and the gunfire were inside the sprawling hospital complex.

The Islamic State, which has carried out a series of attacks on mosques and other targets since the Taliban's seizure of Kabul in August, mounted a complex attack on the hospital in 2017, killing more than 30 people.

The group's attacks have caused mounting worries outside Afghanistan about the potential for the country to become a haven for mili-

Jihadists kill 10 civilians in Burkina Faso

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Suspected jihadists killed around 10 civilians in northern Burkina Faso, officials said on Tuesday, while four people were suspected to have been kidnapped.

ANANTH KRISHNAN

COVID-19 test.

resort.

outbreak.

The longest line at Shang-

hai's Disney Resort this past

weekend was not for one of

its popular rides but for a

on Sunday night had to take

tests and wait for the results

for several hours before be-

ing allowed to go home, af-

ter it emerged that one posi-

tive case had visited the

dia in China as underlining

the country's capacities to

tackle its current COVID-19

reported in the past two

han in December 2019 and

That strategy, coupled with

the patience of the public, is

now being tested to the limit

with the current outbreak.

The numbers so far reported

by authorities are relatively

low, but the spread across at

least 16 provinces is driving

the alarm, leading to more

than

January 2020.

stringent

measures.

Stringent steps

With more than 400 cases

More then 30,000 visitors

"Around 10 civilians were executed" after armed men, likely belonging to the region's Islamic State branch, attacked residents of Dambam heading to market, a military official said.

The attack took place on Monday near the border with Niger.

A local official said the "terrorists set up a checkpoint between Dambam and Markoye and intercepted all those heading to the market". He said the assailants targeted people on foot, motor cycles and oth-

400 COVID-19 cases reported in 2 weeks across provinces

Virus alert: A health worker watches over travellers at the Yantai railway station in Shandong province on Tuesday. • AFP

The mass testing at Disney, and the largely orderly way it was conducted with Beijing, the capital, is esthe tens of thousands waitsentially being cordoned off ing patiently for their results from the rest of the country - they all tested negative after it reported two more has been framed by the mecases on Tuesday, taking the

total to 35. The Beijing Health Commission on Monday asked residents not to leave the city and those "who have not returned to Beijing to postpone" their Part of the reason for the

China battles new outbreak

with sweeping measures

weeks across several provinces in a country that has been following a "zero COmeasures in Beijing is its hosting of a major Commu-VID" strategy, the country's authorities are deploying nist Party conclave starting now familiar sweeping mea-November 8, which will be sures of multiple lockdowns. among the last significant mass testing and quarantinmeetings of the Central ing tens of thousands of peo-Committee, called a pleple in designated facilities. num, before next year's all part of the playbook that once-in-five-year congress has broadly worked to allow where President Xi Jinping is China to escape a major seexpected to begin a third cond wave after the initial five-year term. outbreak that began in Wu-

The stringent COVID-19 measures, including continuing restrictions on international travel into China even as the world opens, are likely to continue at least until next October's congress. Authorities are also concerned about the upcoming Winter Olympics which Beijing will be hosting starting February 4.

Last week, authorities took the extraordinary measure of stopping two trains en route to the capital and

placing hundreds of passengers in quarantine. The moves were triggered by crew members emerging as close contacts of a positive

Severe lockdown Among the more extreme

measures have been deployed in Ruili, a town in southwest Yunnan province near the Myanmar border, which has been put under repeated lockdowns because of imported cases. In recent days, residents have taken to social media to complain about the severity of the lockdown, with reports that one toddler, as part of the repeated testing, was made to undergo as many as 74 tests over the past few months.

Responding to the flood of social media posts, including by one former city official who wrote that the outbreak had dashed people's incomes and "mercilessly robbed this city and squeezed dry its last signs of life", the local government announced new measures to improve quarantine conditions as well economic subsidies.

Health authorities have defended the stringent "zero COVID" approach.

GOP Senators support CAATSA waiver for India

The amendment seeks to make it harder for the government to impose sanctions on a Quad member

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN WASHINGTON

Three Republican Senators have introduced an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act FY2022 an annual defence budget Bill - to make it harder for the executive branch of the U.S. government to impose sanctions on members of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) for buying Russian arms.

The move comes as India is expected to take delivery of the S-400 Triumf missile defence system from Moscow – possibly this month or next, potentially attracting sanctions under U.S. domestic law, the Countering Adversaries

Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) of 2017.

The latest legislation. called the Circumspectly Reducing Unintended Consequences 15 Impairing Alliances and Leadership (CRUCIAL) Act of 2021, requires the U.S. President to certify to "appropriate congressional committees" that a U.S. Quad partner country (India, Australia, Japan) is not cooperating on "security matters critical to the United States strategic interests," prior to applying CAATSA sanctions on entities from that country. Effectively, this would mean the administra-

tion would have to say the

Quad is dysfunctional, be-

fore imposing invoking

CAATSA sanctions on its members.

The amendment is sponsored by Ted Cruz, a Republican Senator from Texas who is part of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and co-sponsored by Republican Senators Todd Young (Indiana) and Roger Marshall (Kansas).

If the amendment goes through, this certification requirement will be in effect for 10 years from the date of its passage. While it is not certain that

the amendment will pass, its introduction is one of several recent signals that some U.S. lawmakers have recently been sending the administration to convey their desire

not to see India sanctioned under CAATSA.

Wrong time

"Now would be exactly the wrong time for President Biden to undo all of that progress through the imposition of these sanctions, which were meant to deter Russia. Doing so would accomplish nothing except undermining our shared security goals of combatting China's aggression and forcing India to become dependent on Russia," Mr. Cruz said in a statement.

Speaking to The Hindu, a Senate Republican aide said lawmakers recognised the security situation India has

India is at the "centre" of

the Quad countries "cooperating to counter China", the aide said, and is "the only Quad member that actually shares a border with China, the only Quad member that has actually lost soldiers in combat with China."

However, the authors' intent is to also see a change in India's procurement practices within a ten year time

"So I think I the consideration is that 2033-2034 and beyond, if India is still going to Russia, and is not taking steps to deepen ties with the Quad, I think that's when it would be a different conversation," the aide said. "So I do think there needs to be steps taken over time."



Death toll rises to 15 in Lagos high-rise collapse

Nigerian rescue crews dug for more survivors in the rubble of a collapsed Lagos high-rise building on Tuesday, a day after the disaster killed at least 15 people and left many more trapped inside. Rescuers said they had recovered 15 bodies so far and managed to pull nine survivors from the wreckage of the 21-storey under construction building in the wealthy Ikoyi district. AFP

Pakistan frees protesters after deal with Islamists

Authorities in Pakistan released hundreds of detained supporters of a banned Islamist party on Tuesday after a deal was struck with the group to end clashes that left seven policemen dead. The Tehreek-e-Labbaik (TLP) was protesting over the detention of its leader, arrested in April when the group was outlawed by authorities, and was demanding the expulsion of the French Ambassador

from Pakistan, AFP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

U.S. Internet services com-

pany Yahoo said on Tuesday

it has pulled out of mainland

China, becoming the latest

tech firm to withdraw as a

crackdown by Beijing on the

after American gaming giant

Epic said it will shut its popu-

lar game "Fortnite" follow-

ing the imposition of strict curbs on the world's biggest

The move comes just days

industry gathers pace.

Leaked SMS sharpens Australia-France sub row

Canberra used inelegant methods: Paris

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

rrance on Tuesdav accused Australia of using "very inelegant methods" after a text message sent by President Emmanuel Macron to Australian leader Scott Morrison was leaked in an apparent bid to imply that he knew about the collapse of a major submarine deal earlier than he maintains.

Media in Australia and Europe reported on the SMS which the French leader sent to Mr. Morrison two days before Australia announced that it had torn up a decade-old multi-billiondollar contract with France to build a new fleet of submarines.

France, which reacted furiously to the cancellation, has always said it had been blindsided by the announcement, and Mr. Macron added to the furore at the weekend by accusing of Mr. Morrison of lying to him.

But the revelation of the text message on Tuesday can be seen as suggesting Mr. Macron was less surprised by the cancellation than he has admitted.

clampdown on a number of

industries in a drive to tight-

en its control of the econo-

my, with tech firms taking

The push has seen a num-

ber of U.S.-based companies

withdraw major products

from China in recent weeks,

with Microsoft in October

announcing the closure of its

career-oriented social net-

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the brunt.



Emmanuel Macron

"Should I expect good or bad news for our joint submarine ambitions?", reads the SMS sent to Mr. Morrison 48 hours before the official contract cancellation announcement which was made at a news conference. A source close to Mr. Ma-

cron, who asked not to be named, said the leak was proof of "very inelegant methods". Standing by earlier assu-

rances that Mr. Macron had not been given advance warning of the cancellation, the source said the SMS did not undermine that narra-

"On the contrary, this SMS shows that the President did not know that they were going to cancel the contract," the claimed.

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ted to the rights of our users

and a free and open internet.

We thank our users for their

have long walked a tightrope

in China, forced to comply

with strict local laws and go-

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tent. Google shut down its

search engine in China in

2010, refusing Beijing's re-

quirement to censor search

results.

Foreign tech companies

"Yahoo remains commit-

said in a statement.

Yahoo pulls China services as crackdown bites

Firm blames 'increasingly challenging business and legal environment' in China

knifeman at Paris station

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

The French transport police shot and gravely wounded a man at a Paris railway station who threatened them with a knife while shouting "Allahu Akbar" (God is Greatest) in Arabic, the police and the prosecutors said Tuesday.

The man rushed at the

Shot twice

The source added that the man drew a knife from a bag as he shouted "Allahu Akbar". "The two officers used their service weapons to defend themselves and neutralise him. wounded individual was taken care of by the emergency services," said a spokesman for France's na-

known as Suge in France.

Police shoot

police just before midnight on Monday at Saint-Lazare, one of the capital's busiest train stations, said a police source who asked not to be named.

tional rail operator SNCF.

Paris prosecutors said the man's life was in danger after being shot twice by the transport police,

Reports in 2018 of a plan

by Google executives to ex-

plore reopening a site in China sparked a backlash from

rights groups and Google

employees warning that a

censored search engine

would set a "dangerous

launched in 1999, when the

company was among the

world's most important in-

ternet firms. Its presence in

the country has shrunk in re-

cent years, with Yahoo shut-

ting down its Chinese mail

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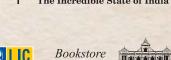








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MARKET WATCH

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Delhivery files papers for ₹7,460-crore IPO

Logistics firm Delhivery has filed papers with SEBI to enter the capital market with an IPO size of ₹7,460 crore.

RBI panel on ARCs proposes norms for valuers, reserve price

Committee recommends creation of online platform for sale of stressed assets

To streamline the functioning of asset reconstruction companies (ARCs), a Reserve Bank panel has come out with a host of suggestions including the creation of an online platform for the sale of stressed assets and allowing ARCs to act as resolution applicants during the IBC process.

The committee, headed by former RBI Executive Director Sudarshan Sen, suggested that the scope of Section 5 of the SARFAESI Act be expanded to permit ARCs to acquire financial assets from all regulated entities, including AIFs, FPIs, AMCs



Efficacy mantra: The panel suggests that ARCs be allowed to act as resolution applicants in the bankruptcy process. • PTI

making investment on behalf of MFs and all NBFCs including HFCs. The performance of the ARCs has so far remained lacklustre, both in ensuring recovery and in re-

vival of businesses. Lenders could recover only about 14.29% of the amount owed by borrowers in respect of stressed assets sold to ARCs in the 2004-2013 period. To improve the performance of ARCs, the RBI had appointed the committee to examine the issues and recommend measures for enabling ARCs to meet the growing requirements of the financial sector. Stakeholders can send comments on the report to the RBI by December 15.

For accounts above ₹500 crore, two bank-approved external valuers should carry out a valuation to determine liquidation value and fair market value. "Also, the final approval of the reserve price should be given by a high-level committee that has the power to approve the corresponding write-off of the loan," the report said.

IL&FS on track for 62% debt resolution'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) said it had so far addressed ₹52,200 crore debt and would achieve aggregate resolution of ₹61,000 crore of the total debt of ₹99,000

"We will be able to achieve 62% of debt recovery," said Uday Kotak, chairman, IL&FS, said as part of the firm's update on the progress of the ongoing IL&FS Group resolution process.

"This... estimate is significantly higher than the average recovery observed under IBC since its inception," he added. The Group estimates it would resolve ₹57,000-crore debt

RBI issues revised PCA framework for banks

'Asset quality, capital key areas of watch'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The RBI on Tuesday issued a revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for banks to enable supervisory intervention at "appropriate time" and also act as a tool effective market discipline.

Capital, asset quality and leverage will be the key areas for monitoring in the revised framework, the banking regulator said.

The revised PCA framework will be effective from January 1, 2022.

"The objective of the PCA framework is to enable supervisory intervention at an appropriate time and require the supervised entity to initiate and implement remedial measures in a timely objective is to enable supervisory intervention at an appropriate time

The framework's

manner, so as to restore its financial health," the central bank said.

The central bank also stressed that the PCA framework does not preclude the RBI from taking any other action as it deems fit at any time, in addition to the cor-

rective actions prescribed. "Indicators to be tracked for capital, asset quality and leverage would be CRAR/ Common Equity Tier I Ratio, Net NPA Ratio and Tier I Leverage Ratio, respectively," according to the revised framework.

Rane Q2 net profit jumps to ₹16.53 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Rane Holdings Ltd.'s consolidated net profit for the second quarter ended September 30, rose threefold to ₹16.53 crore on strong growth. Total revenue rose 33% to ₹697 crore from the year-earlier period, the company said. "Increase in commodity prices impacted the profitability," said L. Ganesh, CMD.

lam Financial Holdings

CFHL net rises Separately, Cholamanda-

Ltd. reported consolidated net profit for the quarter ended September 30 rose 29% to ₹652 crore from a year earlier. Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Co. Ltd. reported a net pro-

Bharti revenue grows on ARPU, user additions

Telco turns profit on one-time gain

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Bharti Airtel on Tuesday announced net profit of ₹1,134 crore for the second quarter ended September, helped by a one-time gain.

This compares with a loss of ₹763 crore a year earlier. On a sequential basis, consolidated net profit rose almost four times from ₹284 crore in the April-June quarter. Revenue climbed about 19% year-on-year to ₹28,326 crore.

"We continue to maintain a high degree of financial flexibility," said Gopal Vittal, MD and CEO, India & South Asia. "As a result, we have now achieved Nil bank debt for our India businesses. We will continue to evaluate all options to maintain a comTo maintain financial flexibility, the telco's India units have paid back all bank debt

fortable leverage profile and manage associated costs," he added. "During the quarter ended September 30, net gain on account of transfer of spectrum right to another telecom operator of ₹7,221 [million]. Tax charge due to this exceptional item [was] ₹1,817 million," the company said in a filing.

Bharti said India revenue grew 18.3% to ₹19,890 crore, with mobile revenue rising 20.3% due to an increase in average revenue per user (ARPU) and 'strong' 4G customer addition. ARPU came in at ₹153 (₹143), it said.

Sun Pharma net rises 29% to ₹2,047 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. reported secondquarter consolidated net profit surged 29% to ₹2,047 crore against the adjusted net profit of the year-earlier period. Gross sales increased 13% year-on-year to ₹9,557 crore.

India sales at ₹3,188 crore were 26% higher over the same quarter last year and U.S. finished dosage sales grew 8% to \$361 million over Q2 last year. "Following our good Q1

performance, we have sustained the positive momentum in Q2 with a topline growth of 13% y-o-y, driven by broad-based growth across multiple geographies," said managing director Dilip Shanghvi.

'Plan to boost electronics manufacturing on anvil'

Role in global value chain is key: Min

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

To make India a global electronics export and manufacturing hub, the focus has to be on building scale and exports via participation in global value chains (GVCs) by 'lead' firms and their tier 1, 2 and 3 manufacturers, Minister of State for Electronics & IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Tuesday.

GVCs are international production chains in which production is broken down into tasks carried out in different countries. "We are preparing a 1,000-day plan to broaden and deepen electronics manufacturing, exports and share in GVCs," the Minister said, speaking at the release of 'Vision Document' by India Cellular &



Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Electronics Association in collaboration with MeitY.

These firms help train local manpower and their experience of setting up production and processes, operating high-tech manufacturing with customised machinery and in supplychain procurement are valuable, he said.

SF Holdings to raise stake in Italy's Mind

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Sundaram Finance (SF) Holdings Ltd. has planned to invest up to €2 million in its portfolio company Mind S.r.l., Italy, to augment working capital needs and for further growth.

Last year, SF Holdings had entered the carbon fibre market and invested ₹23.71 crore to pick up 40.6% in the Italian firm.

With the fresh investment, the stake is expected to increase to 48.9%. The Italian company produces carbon fibre components for the automotive industry in Europe.

Separately, SF Holdings posted an almost threefold rise in standalone net profit to ₹11 crore for the quarter ended September 30.

Messi out of PSG's clash with Leipzig

Argentine has a left hamstring problem, a painful knee

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Lionel Messi will miss Wednesday's Champions League clash with RB Leipzig due to injury, Paris Saint Germain announced on Tuesday.

The 34-year-old six-time Ballon d'Or winner has a left hamstring problem and a painful knee.

PSG's statement said the Champions four-time League winner was suffering from "a pain in his hamstring in his left thigh and a painful knee due to bruising."

Messi may also be a doubt for Saturday's Ligue 1 clash between table-topper PSG and struggler Bordeaux.

PSG will also be missing influential midfielder Marco



Injury woes: Messi will miss a match for the third time this season. • REUTERS

Verratti – who has a hip injury – but welcomes back Kylian Mbappe who missed the match against Lille. PSG is on top of its group with seven points from three

Wednesday's fixtures: Real Madrid vs Shakhtar: AC Milan vs Porto (both 11.15 p.m.); Sporting vs Besiktas; Dortmund vs Ajax; Sheriff vs Inter Milan; Liverpool vs Atletico; Manchester City vs Brugge; Leipzig vs PSG (all 1.30 a.m.).

Moon's Blessing wins Royal Calcutta Turf Club Cup

BENGALURU: Sarainaga Racing Private Limited's Moon's Blessing (Akshay K up) won the Royal Cal-cutta Turf Club Cup, the main event of the races held here on Tuesday (Nov. 2). The winner is trained by S. Attaollahi

1. INAUGURATION PLATE (DIV. II). (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over: GAZEBO TALK (S. Shareef) 1, Chul Bul Rani (D. Patel) 2, Raw Gold (Vivek) 3 and Iconic Princess (Shreyas Singh) 4. Not run: Akasi. Shd, 1-1/4 and Nose. 1m, 15.65s. ₹38 (w), 13, 131 and 29 (p), SHP: 354, THP: 66, FP: 3,042, Q: 2,855, Trinella: 9,333 and 21,776 (carried over), Exacta: 28,940 (carried over). Favourite: Iconic Princess Owners: Mr. Clinton Miller, Mr Sujay Chandrahas, Mr. Dean Stephens & Mr. Martin Alan

Wheeler. Trainer: Neil Devaney.
2. NOVICE PLATE (1,100m) maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): DE VILLIERS (P.S. Chouhan) 1, Sacrament (Ranieet Singh) 2. Domina (Antony) 3 and Demeter (Akshay K) 4. Nose, 1/2 and 5. 1m, 07.30s ₹11 (w), 10, 16 and 37 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 96, FP: 52, O: 63, Trinella:

350. Favourite: De Villiers. Owners: Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra, Mrs. Rina Mahindra, Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni & Mr. P. Prabhakar Reddy. Trainer: S.

Attaollahi. B. INAUGURATION PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over: MARCO POLO (J.H. Arul) 1, Augustina (Nazerul) 2, Caesars Palace (S. Shareef) 3 and Super Gladiator (Chetan K) 4. 1-1/2, 3/4 and 3/4. Im, 15.39s. ₹39 (w), 23, 24 and 39 (p), SHP: 75, THP: 71, FP: 442, Q: 206, Trinella: 3,547 and 1,216, Exacta: 27,157 and 3,879. Fa-

vourite: Adela. Owners: Mr. Rajan Aggarwal, Mr. Gautam Aggarwal & Mrs. Geeta Trainer: Pradeep

VEDAVATI PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over: ALMANACH (J.H. Arul) 1, Four Wheel Drive (Akshay K) 2, Morganite (Ashhad Asbar) 3 and Christopher Wren (Arshad) 4, Not run: Twinkle Feet. 1-1/2, 1-1/2 and Shd. 1m. 27.06s. ₹108 (w), 17, 19 and 42 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 97, FP: 1.009, O: 178, Trinella: 31,164, Ex-

Defeat allows for necessary changes in India's T20 culture

topher Wren. Owners: Mr. Rajan Aggarwal, Mr. Gautam Aggarwal & Sohna Stud Farm Pvt Ltd.

Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.
5. RACING PATRONS CUP (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over: WATCHMYSTARS (P.S. Chouhan) 1, Silver Dew (Kiran Rai) 2, Alberetta (Alex Rozario) 3 and Harmonia (J.H. Arul) 4. 2, Lnk and 1-3/4. 1m, 13.35s. ₹13 (w), 10, 20 and 53 (p), SHP: 49, THP: 100, FP: 72, Q: 73, Trinella: 857 and 560, Exacta: 3,491 and 2,244. Favourite:

Watchmystars. Owners: Hyperion Bloodstock Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. Zaheer F. Ratton-sey, Mr. Ramesh Chandra Mehta & Mr. R. Shiva Shankar. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

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6. ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB
CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o only, (Terms):
MOON'S BLESSING (Akshay K) 1,
Knight In Hooves (Yash) 2, Perfect
Empress (Ashhad Asbar) 3 and Defining Power (Dhanu Singh) 4. 3, 2 and Nk. 1m, 25,36s, ₹43 (w), 21 and 13 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 46, FP: 132, O: 51, Trinella: 624 and 688, Exacta: 9,158 and 1,472. Favourite: Knight In Hooves, Owner: Sarain-

DUDHSAGAR FALLS PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45: STOCK-BRIDGE (Antony) 1, Mistletoe (Dhanu Singh) 2, Pissarro (Akshay K) 3 and Antibes (S. John) 4. Not run: Jokshan. Hd, 1-3/4 and 3-1/2. 1m, 38.14s. ₹65 (w), 17, 12 and 17 (p), SHP: 45, THP: 44, FP: 184, Q: 7, Trinella: 330 and 138, Exacta: 1,481 and 552. Favourite: Mistle

Owner: United Racing & Bloodstock Breeders Ltd. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.
8. VEDAVATI PLATE (DIV. I),

(1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over: ALLABOUTHER (Antony) 1, Iack Ryan (Arshad) 2, Katana (Ak shay K) 3 and Karadeniz (H.M. Akshay) 4. Not run: Jokshan. 1/2, 1-1/2 and Hd. 1m, 26.66s. ₹86 (w), 22, 16 and 13 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 55, FP: 403, Q: 139, Trinella: 898 and 400, Exacta: 12,341. Favour ite: Classic Charm

Owner: Dr. Suresh Chintamaneni. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar. Jackpot: ₹40,668 (one tkt.); Runner up: 2,905 (six tkts.); Treble (i): 1,090 (six tkts.); (ii): 2,410 (five

TV PICKS

Men's T20 World Cup: Star

Champions League: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 11.15 p.m.; Sony Ten 1, 2, 3 & Sony Six (SD & HD), 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)

IN BRIEF

DeRozan stars for Bulls

DeMar DeRozan (37 points) helped Chicago Bulls beat Boston Celtics 128-114 in the NBA on Monday.

Other results: Cleveland 113 bt Charlotte 110; Indiana 131 bt San Antonio 118: Philadelphia 113 bt Portland 103; Atlanta 118 bt Washington 111; Toronto 113

Denver 97: Orlando 115 bt Minnesota 97; LA Clippers 99 bt Oklahoma 94. REUTERS

Sasikiran shares top spot

CHESS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

K. Sasikiran, continuing his good run, overpowered Russia's Alexandr Predke and joined four others in the lead at 4.5 points after six rounds of the \$425,000 FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss chess tournament in

Riga, Latvia, on Mondav. Predke resigned in 53 moves when Sasikiran threatened to win the Russian's bishop. The victory with black pieces put Sasikiran in the company of Alireza Firouzja, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (both France), Evgeniy Najer (Russia) and Alexie Shirov (Spain).

Nihal Sarin, after a third straight draw, was among those trailing the leaders by half a point. Raunak Sadhwani upstaged D. Gukesh to join P. Harikrishna at 3.5 points. R. Praggnanandhaa

and Arjun Erigaisi lost.

D. Harika's third successive draw kept her a point behind leader Lei Tingjie

The results (sixth round, involving Indians): Open: Nihal Sarin (4) drew with David Navara (Cze, 4); Alexandr Predke (Rus, 3.5) lost to K. Sasikiran (4.5); Matthias Bluebaum (Ger, 3.5) drew with P. Harikrishna (3.5): Alexev Sarana (Rus. 4) bt R. Praggnanandhaa (3): D. Gukesh (2.5) lost to Raunak Sadhwani (3.5); Volodymyr Onyshchuk (Ukr, 3.5) bt Arjun Erigaisi (2.5); Rauf Mamedov (Aze, 2.5) drew with Surya Shekhar Ganguly (2.5); S. P. Sethuraman (2) lost to Anton Demchenko (Rus, 3); Aleksandra Goryachkina (Rus, 2) drew with B. Adhiban

Women: D. Harika (4) drew with Nino Batsiashvili (Geo, 4.5): Alexandra Kosteniuk (Rus. 4) bt Vantika Agarwal (3): R. Vaishali (3) drew with Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kaz, 3.5); Antoaneta Stefanova (Bul, 3) bt Padmini Rout (2); Divya Deshmukh (2) lost to Alina Bivol (Rus, 3).



BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

S port cannot exist in a vacuum, divorced from what is happening in the world around. Gestures made on the field of play focus strongly on gestures not made. If the Indian cricket team took a knee in support of Black Lives Matter – a noble gesture – they were simultaneously telling us about the lives

(Dalit Lives Matter), and MLM (Muslim Lives Matter), but players hide behind the cliche: sport and politics ought not to mix. But they do, whether we like it or not. Decades ago George Orwell declared that all art is politics. Perhaps all sport is politics too. Cricket is often diplomacy (or war) by other means.

Black lives do matter in India where cricketers from the West Indies have often complained about racist abuse from both spectators and colleagues. Dalit lives, Muslim lives, women's lives, tribal lives, farmers' lives mat-

Had our players taken a knee (or made some other gesture) in support of either DLM or MLM, they would have emerged bigger heroes than if they had won the tournament. Maybe I am being unfair here, falling into the trap of expecting a small group of sportsmen and Bollywood stars to draw attention to national issues when their primary focus is on their professions. And while those better

placed to do so seldom do. But then consider the impact of Virat Kohli's statement in support of Mohammed Shami, a Muslim trolled shamelessly by those whom look up to him as a cricketer) that his team will not let such behaviour affect them.

"Our brotherhood, our friendship within the team, nothing can be shaken," he said, a line that every Indian sick and tired of the sickening trolling of public figures, especially if they are Muslim, ought to take in the larger context of the nation itself. We stand by you is a powerful sentiment, and some consolation

for those who whatever their religion, have been falsely accused, thrown into jails and treated inhumanely.

Kohli has plunged head first into a national conversation, and that is admirable. It doesn't matter when he said it, but the message is clear. He wasn't making excuses for the defeat, he was standing up for a teammate. That's what captains do.

Predictably, Kohli himself has now attracted the trolls for taking such a stand. His wife hasn't been spared either, the mixture of non sequiturs and irrelevancies barely disguising the nastiness of the attacks.

And he can expect worse from his fansturned-trolls. The World T20 wasn't his greatest tournament; it was a jaded, collapsing Inagain. Too much cricket, too many days spent contributed to India's poor showing. They managed to take only two wickets in the first two matches, and hit just six sixes.

"Sometimes bubble fatigue, mental fatigue creeps in when you're doing the same thing again and again," Jasprit Bumrah said after the New Zealand match, and one can sympathise.

But this defeat might be the best thing that

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could have happened to India in T20 cricket. It might lead to a change in culture. It means the new captain and the new coach will have a free hand to change the essentially conservative nature of India's approach. T20 is a young man's game, calling for a young captain who is not a safety-first, risk-averse lead-

er but takes chances. It would be a mistake to hand over the captaincy to Rohit Sharma who is older, and belongs to the Kohli school. K.L. Rahul is on the cusp of 30. In many ways, the ideal choice would be Rishabh Pant.

He is young (he just turned 24), evolved as a player when T20 was already a thriving sport and not something one had to adjust to, and is the side's most dangerous batsman. Teams tend to build themselves around the captain's image (as both player and person), and a Pant-like T20 team is what India needs.

This also means a change in personnel, with selectors shaking off conservatism and choosing players from T20 tournaments regardless of their performances either in first class or Test cricket. T20 calls for specialists and they need to recognise this.

Kohli is only 33 himself. He has built a tightly-knit side that any young captain will be happy to inherit.

that don't matter back home. who feel more 'Indian' that way. Here's a dian team he was leading and not all the Dho-The World T20 has been as much about the young man, a national icon calling out the act nis nor all the Shastris could put it together cricket as about gestures made and not made. for what it is, and reminding the disaffected, In India, we must remind ourselves of DLM the insecure, the Islamophobes (many of in bubbles, poor strategy, bad planning all

Men in Blue need to get their act together

Face a tough test against Afghanistan, which has emerged as one of the most fearless teams in the last few years

ICC T20 WC

AMOL KARHADKAR

ABU DHABI

Abu Dhabi, despite being the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), was till not long ago referred to as the 'sleeping giant'.

It would be interesting to see if the 'sleeping giant' of the ICC T20 World Cup - India – wakes up from its slumber and opens its account at the Zayed Cricket Stadium on Wednesday night.

Brave opponent

It wouldn't be an easy task, however. After being demolished by New Zealand in Dubai on Sunday, skipper Virat Kohli said that his batters hadn't been brave enough. That makes the next test, against Afghanistan, a tough one for the Men in Blue.

Despite being a war-torn country, Afghanistan, over the last few years, has emerged as one of the most fearless cricket teams in the international arena.

It even secured a direct berth unlike Sri Lanka and Bangladesh which had to take the qualification route.



Will it roll in our favour? The Indian players, captain Kohli in particular, will be keen to grab a win, finally. • AFP

While the Afghan batters would be itching to use the long handle against a bowling line-up that has failed to fire, the Indian batters' struggles against the Kiwi spinners would encourage Rash-

id Khan and Co. India needs to get it right on several fronts. First, it has to find the ideal combination and the best batting order.

Kohli would also hope that the batting and bowling units

click finally. It would be interesting to see if Suryakumar Yadav, having recovered from a back spasm, is included along with Ishan Kishan. The Ishan experiment – he opened with K.L. Rahul -

failed miserably; so did the rejigged middle-order.

It remains to be seen if India sticks to any of the two combinations it has used so

Jasprit Bumrah has had lit-

Want to win remaining three games: Rathour

'Looking to play well, sort out issues'

AMOL KARHADKAR ABU DHABI

TODAY'S MATCHES

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ABU DHABI, 7.30 P.M. IST

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tle support from his bowling group. With mystery spinner

Varun Chakravarthy failing to work his magic, India may

be tempted to give either leg-

gie Rahul Chahar or veteran

likely, but a win on Wednes-

day would at least revitalise

the players and the fans.

A semifinal spot looks un-

R. Ashwin a chance.

Afghanistan

New Zealand

India is focused on executing its plans and getting some points on board when it takes on Afghanistan, said batting coach Vikram Rathour.

"We need to win first before we get into the run rate part," said Rathour. " The focus is to play good cricket, to win the remaining three games."

Rathour, who revealed that he had re-applied for the batting coach post, elaborated on what led to the losses in the first two games. "We were not able to execute our plans the way we wanted to... that has been the issue, not preparation.

"When you bat first on these surfaces, there is variation in pace and bounce. So strike rotation became an issue," he added.

Points table

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|-----|---------------------------|----------|----------|---|-----|--------------|
| _ | England | 4 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 3.183 |
| | South Africa | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 0.742 |
| U P | Australia | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | -0.627 |
| 0 | Sri Lanka | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | -0.590 |
| ~ | West Indies | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | -1.598 |
| ט | Bangladesh | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | -1.435 |
| 2 | Pakistan (Q) | 4 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 1.065 |
| | Afghanistan | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3.097 |
| | New Zealand | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.765 |
| 0 | Namibia | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | -1.600 |
| ~ | India | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | -1.609 |
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South Africa keeps qualification hopes alive

Makes short work of Bangladesh

AYAN ACHARYA

Kagiso Rabada (3-20) and Anrich Nortje (3-8) registered career-best T20I figures as South Africa humbled Bangladesh by six wickets in a Group 1 Super 12 match of the ICC T20 World Cup on Tuesday.

Chasing a paltry 85, South Africa stuttered before a 47run stand between Temba Bavuma and Rassie van der Dussen guided the side home with 39 balls to spare. This win gives South Africa's net run rate a boost (0.742) and keeps its qualification

An unchanged South Africa won the toss and chose to field. Opener Mohammad Naim was caught off Rabada in the fourth over, trying the slog across the line. Soumya Sarkar, in at No. 3, was given out lbw off the next ball, upon review.

With Rabada swinging the ball at a good pace, Bavuma gave him an extra over inside the first six, and the pacer didn't disappoint. He had Mushfiqur Rahim caught at gully with a lifter from short of a length.

There was no let-up for Bangladesh. If Rabada ran through the top-order, Nortje and Dwaine Pretorius carved out the middle-order. Nortje got Mahmudullah caught at point with a pacy short ball before Pretorious castled Afif Hossain for a golden duck. Bangladesh crept to 40 for five - the lowest score after 10 overs in the Super 12s.

Liton Das made a steady 24 but soon joined the procession of shell-shocked Bangladesh batters when left-arm wrist-spinner Tabraiz Shamsi (2 for 21) trapped him in front. Shamim Hossain and Taskin Ahmed followed suit. Nortje then wrapped up the innings with two wickets in the 19th



Takes two to tango: Rabada and Nortje ripped through the Bangladesh line-up. • GETTY IMAGES

SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH Mohammad Naim c Hendricks b Rabada 9 (11b, 1x4), Liton Das lbw b Shamsi 24 (36b, 1x4), Soumya Sarkar lbw b Rabada O Mushfiqur Rahim c Hendricks b Rabada O (3b), Mahmudullah c Markram b Nortje 3 (9b), Afif Hossain b Pretorius O (1b), Shamim Hossain c Maharaj b Shamsi 11 (20b), Mahedi Hasan c & b Nortje 27 (25b, 2x4, 1x6), Taskin Ahmed run out 3 (5b), Nasum

Total (in 18.2 overs): 84. **FALL OF WICKETS** 1-22 (Naim, 3.5 overs), 2-22 (Sarkar, 3.6), 3-24 (Mushfigur, 5.3), 4-34 (Mahmudullah, 7.6), 5-34 (Afif, 8.1), 6-45 (Liton, 11.3), 7-64 (Shamim, 15.2). 8-77

(Taskin, 17.2), 9-84 (Mahedi,

Ahmed hit wicket b Nortie O

(1b), Shoriful Islam (not out) 0

(Ob); Extras (lb-1, w-4, nb-2): 7;

Maharaj 4-0-23-0, Rabada 4-0-20-3, Nortje 3.2-0-8-3, Pretorius 3-0-11-1, Shamsi 4-0-21-2. **SOUTH AFRICA**

Quinton de Kock b Mahedi 16 (15b, 3x4), Reeza Hendricks lbw b Taskin 4 (5b, 1x4), Rassie van der Dussen c Shoriful b Nasum 22 (27b, 2x4), Aiden Markram c Naim h Taskin O (4h) Temba Bavuma (not out) 31 (28b. 3x4. 1x6), David Miller (not out) 5 (2b, 1x4); Extras (b-4, lb-1, w-3): 8; Total (for four wkts. in 13.3 overs): 86.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-6 (Hendricks, 0.6), 2-28 (de

Kock, 4.5), 3-33 (Markram, 5.5), 4-80 (van der Dussen, 12.6). **BANGLADESH BOWLING**

Taskin 4-0-18-2, Shoriful 4-0-15-0. Mahedi 2.3-0-19-1. Nasum 2-0-22-1, Sarkar 1-0-7-0.

Toss: South Africa. **SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING** Man-of-the-Match: Rabada. South Africa won by six wickets with 39 balls to spare.

| Innings scan | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| BANG- LADESH | | SOUTH AFRICA | | | |
| 59 | Dots | 46 | | | |
| 4 | Fours | 10 | | | |
| 1 | Sixes | 1 | | | |
| 28/3 | PP | 33/3 | | | |

6.37

Next assignment Bangladesh: Nov. 4 vs Australia, Dubai,

3.30 p.m. IST South Africa: Nov. 6 vs England, Sharjah, 7.30 p.m. IST

Relentless Pakistan strides into semifinal

The prolific Babar-Rizwan combine sets up the team's fourth successive win

AYAN ACHARYA

Pakistan rode on Babar Azam's measured fifty and Mohammad Rizwan's power-hitting to seal a place in the ICC T20 World Cup semifinals with a 45-run win over Namibia in a Group 2 Super 12 game on Tuesday.

Chasing 190, Namibia lost Michael van Lingen early to Hasan Ali before Stephan Baard and Craig Williams took the side to 34 for one in six overs.

With the asking rate climbing, Williams hit Mohammad Hafeez for a six in the ninth over before a misunderstanding led to Baard being run out. Skipper Gerhard Erasmus hit Shadab Khan for a six and four to take the side to 70 for two in 10. He was caught off Imad's bowling in the 13th over and Williams fell for 40 in the next. David Wiese remained unbeaten on 43, smashing a six off Rauf in the 19th over and a massive six that landed on the grass banks plus a four off Afridi in the 20th.

Earlier, Babar won the toss and decided to bat. Ruben Trumplemann and Wiese were economical upfront. Rizwan survived a review for lbw in the fifth over. Jan Frylinck and Ben Shikongo dried up the boundaries between overs 7-9 before leggie Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton



Momentum shift: Rizwan upped the tempo in the final overs, scoring 24 in the 20th bowled by Smit. • AFP

came into the attack in the 10th. Babar immediately

drove him for four. Pakistan, 59 for no loss in 10 overs, then shifted gears. It collected 12 and 18 from the 11th and 12th overs, with

Babar reaching yet another 50 off 39 balls. Rizwan got a move on, hitting Trumpelmann for a six and four before smacking Loftie-Eaton for a second six

Rizwan and Babar be-

Next assignment

Namibia: Nov. 5 vs New Zealand, Sharjah, 3.30 p.m. IST

Pakistan: Nov. 7 vs Scotland, Sharjah, 7.30 p.m. IST

came the first pair to register five century partnerships in T20Is before the latter fell for a 49-ball 70.

Fakhar Zaman got out in the next over, thanks to a stunning catch by wicketkeeper Zane Green. Hafeez, at No. 4, struck a 16-ball 32 before Rizwan hit four fours and a six off JJ Smit as Pakistan plundered 24 off the 20th to finish with 189. It proved too steep for Nami-

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN

Mohammad Rizwan (not out) 79 (50b, 8x4, 4x6), Babar Azam c Frylinck b Wiese 70 (49b, 7x4), Fakhar Zaman c Green b Frylinck 5 (5b), Mohammad Hafeez (not out) 32 (16b, 5x4); Extras (lb-3): 3; Total (for two wkts. in 20 overs): 189.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-113 (Babar, 14.2 overs), 2-122 (Fakhar, 15.4).

Loftie-Eaton

NAMIBIA BOWLING Trumpelmann 4-1-36-0, Wiese 4-0-30-1. Smit 4-0-50-0.

Frylinck 4-0-31-1, Shikongo 2-2-0-20-0.

NAMIBIA Stephan Baard run out 29 (29b,

1x4, 1x6), Michael van Lingen b Hasan 4 (2b, 1x4), Craig Williams c Hasan b Shadab 40 (37b, 5x4, 1x6), Gerhard Erasmus c Shadab b Imad 15 (10b, 1x4, 1x6), David Wiese (not out) 43

(31b, 3x4, 2x6), JJ Smit c Fakhar b Rauf 2 (5b), Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton (not out) 7 (7b); Extras (lb-2, w-1, nb-1): 4; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 144.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-8 (van Lingen, 1.3), 2-55 (Baard, 8.4), 3-83 (Erasmus, 12.3), 4-93 (Williams, 13.6), 5-110 (Smit, 16.5).

PAKISTAN BOWLING

Afridi 4-0-36-0, Hasan 4-0-22-1, Imad 3-0-13-1, Rauf 4-0-25-1, Shadab 4-0-35-1, Hafeez 1-0-11-0. Toss: Pakistan; MoM: Rizwan.

Pakistan won by 45 runs.

| Innings scan | | | | | |
|--------------|---------|------|--|--|--|
| PAKISTAN | NAMIBIA | | | | |
| 34 | Dots | 56 | | | |
| 20 | Fours | 11 | | | |
| 4 | Sixes | 5 | | | |
| 29/0 | PP | 34/1 | | | |
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IN BRIEF



Umpire Gough banned for bio-bubble breach

English umpire Michael Gough was banned from officiating in the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup for six days and placed under quarantine for an alleged bio-bubble breach. PTI



Yuvraj hints at comeback

World Cup-winning former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has decided to come out of retirement in February next year "on public demand". more than two years after he called it quits. It is not clear if he wants to return to the Indian team or play in T20 leagues. PTI



PARIS MASTERS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andy Murray blew seven match points and lost his Paris Masters opener to lucky loser Dominik Koepfer of Germany 6-4, 5-7, 7-6(9). Murray was let down by

his serve – nine double faults and landing only 49% of his first serves - and 36 unforced errors. The two-time Olympic champion got off to a poor

start and dropped the opening set with a shanked forehand return. Koepfer led 6-4, 5-3 but Murray raised his game and won four straight games to level the set score. In the decider, Koepfer

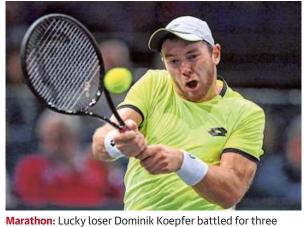
saved two match points at

5-4 with a smash and a back-

hand winner before saving

five more in the tiebreaker. They went for three hours. "I didn't deserve to win the match. I didn't play well

enough to win," Murray said. Ranked 144th in the world, Murray received a wild card in his stuttery quest to come back from hip surgery and improve his



hours to outlast Andy Murray. • GETTY IMAGES

ranking and get easier draws next season.

His singles win-loss record is 13-13 this year. Murray was initially scheduled to play American qualifier Jenson Brooksby. But Brooksby withdrew because of abdominal pain and was replaced by Koepfer.

The results: First round: Karen Khachanov bt Mikael Ymer 6-4, 7-5; Carlos Alcaraz bt Pierre-Hugues Herbert 6-7(4), 7-6(2), 7-5; Grigor Dimitrov bt Richard Gasquet 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; Taylor Fritz bt Lorenzo Sonego 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Alexei Popyrin bt Alex De Minaur 6-0, 6-3.

Reilly Opelka bt Filip Krajinovic 6-3, 7-6(4); James Duckworth bt Roberto Bautista 6-4, 5-7, 7-6(4); Felix Auger-Aliassime bt Gianluca Mager 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; Tommy Paul bt Jan-Lennard Struff 6-3, 6-4. Dominik Koepfer bt Andy

Murray 6-4, 5-7, 7-6(9); Alexander Bublik bt Dan Evans 2-6, 7-5, 7-5; Adrian Mannarino bt Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-2, 6-4; Hugo Gaston bt Arthur Rinderknech 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Ilya Ivashka bt Albert Ramos 6-3, 7-

Canada stuns France

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada won the decisive doubles to upset defending champion France 2-1 in the Billie Jean King Cup finals

Spain staged a comeback to beat Slovakia 2-1 for the first time after two losses, in-

cluding the 2002 final. Also, the Czech Republic prevailed in the doubles to overcome Germany 2-1 in Group D, and Belgium beat Belarus 2-1 on the hard courts at the O2 Arena on Monday.

The results: Group A: Canada bt France 2-1; Group B: Belgium bt Belarus 2-1; Group C: Spain bt Slovakia 2-1; Group D: Czech Republic bt Germany 2-1.

Lakshya progresses

round.

Ashwini-Sikki duo, too, moves up

HYLO OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SAARBRUCKEN (GERMANY)

Young Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen stormed into the second round of the HYLO Open Super 500 tournament with a 21-17, 21-14 win over Thomas Rouxel of France here on Tuesday.

In women's doubles, seventh-seeded Ashwini Ponnappa and N. Sikki Reddy advanced with a 21-8, 21-13 win over Ukraine's Mariia Stoliarenko and Yelyzaveta Zharka in 24 minutes.

The other Indians in action all exited in the first

The results (first round): Men: Lakshya Sen bt Thomas Rouxel (Fra) 21-17, 21-14; Rasmus Gemke (Den) bt Ajay Jayaram 21-14, 19-21, 21-16; **Doubles**: Ben Lane & Sean Vendy (Eng) bt Manu Attri & B. Sumeeth Reddy 21-9, 21-11.

Women: Maria Ulitina (Ukr) bt Sri Krishna Priya Kudaravalli 21-18, 21-14; Doubles: Ashwini Ponnappa & N. Sikki Reddy bt Mariia Stoliarenko & Yelyzaveta Zharka (Ukr) 21-8, 21-13; Mixed doubles: Niclas Nohr & Amalie Magelund (Den) bt B.

Sumeeth Reddy & Ashwini Ponnappa 21-12, 21-13; Daniel Lundgaard & Mathias Thyrri (Den) bt Tarun Kona & Shivam Sharma 21-16, 21-18.

Akash on song, assures first medal for India

Beats Rivas 5-0, makes 54kg semifinal



Smashing away: Akash pounded Rivas into submission. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BELGRADE

Debutant Akash Kumar (54kg) secured India's first medal at the ongoing AIBA World men's boxing championships here on Tuesday after advancing to the semifinals with a superb victory over former Olympic silvermedallist Yoel Finol Rivas of Venezuela.

The 21-year-old Akash prevailed 5-0 in a fabulous performance during which his punching and showmanship were outstanding.

tacks with a non-existent guard and taunted his opponent, all this while staying out of his range with terrific pace and footwork. "My strategy was to attack right from the start, I

He scored on counter-at-

won the first round with that," Akash said. Narender Berwal (+92kg)

lost to Azerbaijan's Mahammad Abdullayev while Shiva Thapa (63.5kg) went down to Turkey's 19-year-old Kerem Oezmen in the quarterfinals, both by 0-5 margins.



Sergio Aguero out for 3 months after heart tests

BARCELONA Barcelona striker Sergio Aguero has been ruled out for three months following cardiac evaluation, the Spanish club said on Monday. The Argentine international received medical assistance on the pitch after he complained of chest pain in LaLiga match against Alaves on Saturday and had to be taken to hospital. REUTERS



Tottenham appoints Conte as manager

Tottenham on Tuesday announced the appointment of former Chelsea and Inter Milan boss Antonio Conte as its new manager following the sacking of Nuno Espirito Santo. He will be on a contract until the summer of 2023, with an option to extend. Conte has won titles in Serie A, including a hat-trick of Scudettos with Juventus, the Premier League and also managed Italy, leading the Azzurri to the quarterfinals of Euro 2016. AFF



Former England seamer Igglesden passes away

English county Kent has condoled the demise of former England seamer, Alan Igglesden, who has died at the age of 57. Igglesden made seven appearances for **England across both Tests** and ODIs, taking eight wickets, including Mark Taylor and Steve Waugh on debut in the sixth Test of the 1989 Ashes series. ANI

Prainesh shocks Daniel

INDIANS ABROAD

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Gunneswaran Prajnesh knocked out second seed Taro Daniel 6-7(2), 7-6(5), 6-2 in the first round of the \$52,080 Challenger tennis tournament at Charlottesville, United States.

In the \$15,000 ITF women's event in Monastir (Tunisia), lucky loser Jennifer Luikham reached the second round with a 6-4, 7-6(5) victory over Milana Zhabrailova of Russia. Other result:

\$15,000 ITF men. Monastir. Tunisia: Singles (first round): Guy Den Ouden (Ned) bt Dharmil Shah 6-2, 6-3.

Wolves pile on the misery for Everton

In LaLiga, Rayo Vallecano's winning run at home halted by Celta Vigo

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE LONDON

Wolves condemned Everton to a third successive Premier League defeat as Max Kilman and Raul Jimenez scored in a 2-1 win at Molineux on Monday.

Bruno Lage's side took control in the first half thanks to Kilman's first ever Wolves goal and a clinical finish from Jimenez.

Alex Iwobi reduced the deficit in the second half, but Wolves held on to extend their unbeaten run to five league games.

With four wins in that impressive streak, Wolves have climbed to seventh, while Everton dropped down in

Everton has won just one of its last six league games to shatter the optimism created by their four-match unbea-



Joy unplugged: An ecstatic Raul Jimenez celebrates after netting Wolves' second goal against

ten start to Benitez's first sea-

Radamel Falcao was held scoreless as Rayo Vallecano's

winning run at home was halted by Celta Vigo in the

veteran Colombia

striker scored the winner in Rayo's win against Barcelona in the previous round, but chances in drawing with Celta 0-0.

The result ended Rayo's five-match winning streak at its Vallecas Stadium this season, keeping the promoted Madrid club in sixth place, five points behind leader Sociedad after 12 matches.

Bologna moved up to midtable after beating lastplaced Cagliari 2-0 in Serie A. Lorenzi De Silvestri and Marko Arnautovic scored second-half goals as Bologna ended a three-match winless run.

The results:

Premier League: Wolves 2 (Kilman 28, Jimenez 32) bt Everton 1 (Iwobi 66).

LaLiga: Rayo Vallecano O drew with Celta Vigo O; Levante lost to Granada 3 (German 7, Suarez 38, Puertas 69).

Serie A: Bologna 2 (De Silvestri 49, Arnautovic 90+6) bt Ca-



F1 plans six qualifying sprints

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Formula One is planning to double the number of qualifying sprint races to six next season, the sport's managing director Ross Brawn said on Monday.

The two that have been

trialled so far this season at Silverstone and Monza have been generally well received, with a third scheduled for Brazil later this month. Brawn suggested further tweaks to the system to make it more attractive were in the pipeline.

couldn't capitalise on his Blatter, Platini charged with fraud

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former FIFA officials Sepp Blatter and Michel Platini were charged with fraud and other offences by Swiss prosecutors on Tuesday after a six-year investigation into a controversial \$2 million payment.

The 85-year-old Blatter and 65-year-old Platini now face a trial within months at federal criminal court in Bel-"This payment damaged FIFA's assets and unlawfully enriched Platini," Swiss federal prosecutors said in a statement.

The case from September 2015 ousted Blatter ahead of schedule as FIFA president and ended then-UEFA president Platini's campaign to succeed his former mentor.

The case centers on Plati-



Tough times: Blatte and Platini now face a trial. • FILE РНОТО

ni's written request to FIFA in January 2011 to be paid backdated additional salary for working as a presidential advisor in Blatter's first term, from 1998-2002.

Blatter authorised FIFA to make the payment within weeks. He was preparing to campaign for re-election against Mohamed bin Hammam of Qatar, where Platini's influence with European voters was a key factor.

Both Blatter and Platini have long denied wrongdoing and cited a verbal agreement they had made, now more than 20 years ago, for the money to be paid.

No stopping BMW-Deutsche Motoren

Wins 9-6.5 in the final; Kapil's heroics not enough for K. Devils

GOLF

RAKESH RAO

Despite Kapil Dev's scintillating performance for K. Devils, BMW-Deutsche Motoren eased to a 9-6.5 victory and clinched the inaugural Delhi Golf Club League title.

In the best of seven-match contest, Devils' tally included 1.5 points from winning the 'byes' from three decided matches but that was not enough to deny its rival.

BMW stayed ahead of Devils, pulling to leads of 2-0 and 3-1. Though Kapil and Rakesh Goel closed the gap by winning the fifth match, Jayant Kumar and Harinain Singh Malik ensured the triumph by winning the sixth



Cruising home: BMW-Deutsche Motoren was in complete control in the summit clash. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

match. The final encounter ended in a deadlock The results (final): BMW-Deutsche Motoren bt K. Devils 9-6.5 (Atul Nath-Simran Bajaj bt Sandeep Khanna-Gia Lamba on

Gulati bt Samshergill-Arun Sahgal on 13th; Anirudh Chaudhary-Jagat Bedi lost to Keshav Kapoor-Ravinder Zutshi on 18th; Puneet Kai Suri-Hiransh Singh bt Arvind Khanna-Anuj Chandra on

deep Singh Chopra lost to Kapil Dev-Rakesh Goel on 14th; Jayant Kumar-Harinain Singh Malik bt Prem Duggal-Upi Kashyap on 17th; Aman Bajaj-Vikram Malhotra all square against Ajay Sirohi-Chaman Lal Jain).

Radha proud of Indians' show at WBBL

Believes the experience will help Indian team at World Cup

CRICKET

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Dadha Yadav of late has **1** Nbeen rather busy catch ing – the white cricket ball and the attention.

at the Women's Big Bash League have hit the hea-

On Sunday, Melbourne Renegades' Harmanpreet Kaur, India's T20 captain, and all-rounder Deepti Sharma of Sydney Thunders were named the player of the matches. Indian opener Smriti Mandhana had scored 50 for Thunders in the same game, against Hobart Hurricanes.



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Shafali Verma (Sydney Sixers), Jemimah Rodrigues (Melbourne Renegades), Richa Ghosh (Hobart Hurricanes) and Poonam Yadav (Brisbane Heat) too have made their presence felt at the WBBL.

"It is great that our players have come (to the competition) and put up great

tual interaction with select media on Tuesday. "It makes me proud. I hope we could continue performing like this and try to win the World

She believes the expe-

Radha added she enjoyed playing alongside her Sydnev Sixers teammates Ellyse Perry and Alyssa Healy. "They are legends in the game," she said. "I am learning a lot from them."

About her two catches that won her a lot of praise, she said it felt good taking them. "I had worked hard on my fitness," she said. "Hopefully I will take some more catches like those."

Her two brilliant catches

dlines, and her left-arm spin has been pretty effective for Sydney Sixers, too. Radha is glad that not just she, but the entire large Indian contingent is doing well at the extremely competitive T20 women's league Down Under.



Radha Yadav.

Great display

shows," Radha said in a vir-

Cup (early next year)."

rience of playing in the WBBL will indeed help the Indian team at the World Cup, to be held in New Zealand in February-March. "A lot of world-class players are playing at the WBBL, so that will help us a lot," she said.

Rohan Bopanna Academy excels in Nationals

Investing time in training coaches and trainers is the key, says Balachandran



Remarkable: Rohan Bopanna Tennis Academy has seen success across all levels under chief coach M. Balachandran. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

TENNIS

KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Niki Poonacha may be the most prominent face of the Rohan Bopanna Tennis Academy, winning the national title for the second time, but the academy has seen success across all

levels. "All four finals in men's and women's events, we had a presence and won three titles.

"Prior to that, Suhitha Maruri had won the under-16 girls' title and finished runner-up in under-18," said the chief coach of RBTA, M. Balachandran. Poonacha had won the

doubles with S.D. Prajwal Qualifier Sharmada Balu, who also coaches at the

men's singles title and the

academy, made the women's final, and won the doubles title with Sravya Shivani.

Good team

"We have a good team of coaches with us.

"It was gratifying to find Rohan and Sujith (Sachidanand) appreciating the efforts," said Balachandran, who plays a stellar role in having a system in place, and had conducted 37 sessions online for coaches during and after the lockdown.

"Investing time in training coaches and trainers is the key. [It is] Easy to put up a tennis court or buy few equipment," he observed.

"All coaches work on similar lines. There is a structure in place, with coaches having a plan for each session with focus."

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