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IN BRIEF



Ansals get 7-year jail for evidence tampering
 NEW DELHI
 A Delhi court on Monday sentenced real estate barons Sushil Ansal and Gopal Ansal and others to seven years' imprisonment for tampering with evidence in the 1997 Uphaar cinema fire case. Fifty-nine people were killed and 100 injured in the fire. The Supreme Court had earlier sentenced both brothers to a two-year jail term.
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Dengue cases cross 2,500 mark in Delhi

NEW DELHI
 The Capital reported 1,171 cases of dengue and three deaths over the past week (till November 6), a civic report said on Monday. While the death toll for the season has reached nine, the caseload stands at 2,708 — the highest since 2017. The total cases for November remain at 1,171, which is the highest for the month since 2018. Till October 30, Delhi had reported 1,537 cases of dengue and six deaths.
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SC proposes Lakhimpur Kheri investigation by an ex-HC judge

Court seeks U.P. govt. response, says the probe is not going the way it expected

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
 NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Uttar Pradesh Government's response to a proposal to appoint a retired High Court judge, possibly who served outside the State, to monitor the investigation into the Lakhimpur Kheri murders and violence. The court highlighted an urgent need to "infuse fairness and impartiality" into the probe.

"The investigation is not going the way we expected... We are here to see that a proper investigation takes place. There is a need to appoint a retired High Court judge to monitor it [investigation] without bias," Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana, heading a Bench also comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli, observed. Justice Kant said the retired High Court judge could independently monitor the probe till chargesheets were filed. The court refused to entertain suggestions from

Questions raised

Why did the SC suggest appointing a retired HC judge to oversee the probe?

- SC feels efforts are on to create an impression that the two separate FIRs — on the farmers' murders and the subsequent violence — "overlap"
- Several "eye-witnesses" had come forward saying they wanted to make statements to the police
- about the violence but later changed tack to depose in support of the accused in the farmers' deaths case
- Delay in getting the forensic lab reports
- Police status report in SC did not show all call record details of the accused

some lawyers to order the CBI to take over from the State police. "The CBI is not the solution to everything," Justice Kant remarked. Ashish Mishra, son of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Ajay Mishra, is a prime accused. The suggestion for a probe by a retired judge came after the court expressed its waning confidence about the fate of the investigation at the hands of the State police.

After more than a month since the Union Minister's convoy mowed down farmers attending a rally in Lakhimpur Kheri protesting the agricultural laws on October 3, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) has still not got hold of the forensic lab reports. "The lab reports are expected on November 15... We are following up regularly," senior advocate Harish Salve, for the State government, assured. The court noted that the

SIT had seized only one mobile phone from the 13 accused persons in the case. The movement of the accused at the time of the incident could be tracked from their phones. Mr. Salve responded, "Some accused said they do not have phones."

Justice Kohli asked, "Is it your statement then that none of the others have mobile phones?" Mr. Salve said accused at times threw away their phones and claimed they do not have one.

The court pointed out that call detail records of the accused persons' phones were not specifically listed as part of evidence in the status report. Moreover, videos showing the cars in the convoy running over the farmers were yet to be certified for use as evidence in the trial. Mr. Salve agreed that the videos, once certified, would be a "clinching proof" of the presence of the accused at the crime scene.

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CBI not investigating Rafale 'kickbacks', claims Mediapart

Middleman paid €7.5 million by Dassault, it alleges

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
 NEW DELHI

French portal Mediapart has alleged that Dassault paid at least €7.5 million to middleman Sushen Gupta from 2007 to 2012 through "over-billed" IT contracts with a shell company to secure the €7.87-billion Rafale deal with India.

It also alleged that despite the existence of related papers since October 2018, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has not yet taken up a probe.

A response from the CBI to the allegation is still awaited.

The probe agencies have accused Mr. Gupta of being instrumental in the routing of commissions in the 2010 AgustaWestland VVIP chopper deal via Mauritius-based shell company Interstellar Technologies Ltd. and several other such entities.

In March 2019, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested Mr. Gupta in that



The deal was for the purchase of 36 Rafale jets at a cost of €7.87 billion. •AFP

Cong. alleges duplicity

The Congress on Monday accused the Modi Government of duplicity saying Mr. Modi had once called the Italian firm Finmeccanica, the parent company of AgustaWestland — now known as Leonardo SpA — "corrupt" but was now ready to trade with the same firm. PAGE 12

case, based on disclosures made by Rajiv Saxena, who was deported from the United Arab Emirates.

The latter disclosed that Interstellar Technologies was controlled by Mr. Gupta and another accused, Gautam Khaitan. The funds were further transferred by him to other entities in different countries.

Documents sent to CBI

According to the French portal's report, the Attorney General's office in Mauritius had sent the documents to the CBI Director on October 11, 2018, in response to a let-

ter of request seeking information in the chopper deal case. A week earlier, on October 4, 2018, the CBI got a complaint alleging corruption in Rafale deal from lawyer Prashant Bhushan and former Union Minister Arun Shourie.

"...His (Sushen Gupta's) Mauritian company, Interstellar Technologies received at least €7.5 million from the French aviation firm between 2007 and 2012, thanks to IT contracts that were clearly overbills," said the Mediapart report.

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Flood-hit Chennai braces for intense spell of showers

IMD issues red, orange alerts for tomorrow and Thursday

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
 CHENNAI

For the second day, many parts of Chennai were inundated as intermittent showers continued through Monday. However, the water level had receded at several locations that reported severe inundation on Sunday.

The city and its neighbouring districts are likely to face more days of intense rain.

With a fresh weather system brewing in the Bay of Bengal, the India Meteorological Department has issued red and orange alerts particularly for coastal and adjoining interior districts on November 10 and 11 respectively.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin continued to inspect various waterlogged locations in the city, including Mullai Nagar in Perambur and Annai Sathya Nagar, for the second consecutive day. He distributed relief materials to residents in Royapuram and Mahakavi Bharathiyar Nagar and also instructed officials to take swift remedial action.



Safe exit: A family shifting children in an inflatable bath tub in Chennai on Monday. •R. RAGU

Most of the main roads in south Chennai were clear as the water drained gradually. However, residents of many parts of central and north Chennai struggled with waterlogging for the second day. Pulianthope, Kodambakkam and T. Nagar were among the worst-affected areas. Several localities also had to grapple with long power outages due to the incessant rain.

According to the Greater Chennai Corporation, water had receded in 140 out of the 317 locations that reported

flooding on Sunday. Of the 16 city subways that witnessed flooding, water has been drained in 14 of them and the remaining two would also be free of rainwater soon, the authorities said.

The civic body has allocated ₹4 crore for additional machinery to mitigate flooding and opened more lines for its helpline 1913. Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi visited flooded areas such as T. Nagar and Mambalam canal.

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4 CRPF jawans shot dead by colleague

ANUP DUTTA
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 BHOPAL/RAIPUR

In a case of fratricide, four Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were killed and three injured when their colleague opened fire on them at the paramilitary force's camp in Maraiguda Linglapalli in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh early on Monday. The accused constable has been arrested.

"The CRPF has ordered an inquiry to ascertain the cause of incident and suggest remedial measures. Prima facie, it seems that due to some emotional stress leading to sudden psychological disbalance, constable Reetesh Ranjan lost control and in a fit of rage opened fire on his colleagues," said the CRPF.

CRPF Director-General Kuldeep Singh is expected to visit Sukma on Tuesday with senior officials to take stock of the situation.

The incident took place at 3.25 a.m. when constable Ranjan of C-Company 50th Battalion opened fire.

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'Post monsoon' demand led to power deficit: Govt.

Shortfall reversed, says Power Ministry

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
 NEW DELHI

India's power deficit this year 'spiked marginally' to 1.2% due to the 'annual post-monsoon pressure' on output. This is also likely to normalise by the end of the year," the Power Ministry said in a statement, contrasting the figure with deficit levels of up to 16% some years ago.

"The current year, up till October, it (the power deficit)

has been -1.2%; the marginal spike being attributable to the annual post-monsoon pressure on power output. This is also likely to normalise by the end of the year," the Power Ministry said in a statement, contrasting the figure with deficit levels of up to 16% some years ago.

"India had a massive power deficit of -16.6% in 2007-08. Through the multi-pronged, comprehensive interventions of the government, this deficit is near about wiped out, consistently over the last three years:

-4% in 2020-21, -7% in 2019-20 and -8% in 2018-19," the Ministry said.

The Ministry attributed 'this transformation from an acutely power deficit country to a situation of demand being met to several schemes introduced by the government over the past six years' to 'address the unhappy situation'. "The augmentation to the installed power capacity in the country has been 1,55,377 megawatt in last approximately seven years," it concluded, citing schemes such as the Deen

Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana for setting up of transmission and sub-transmission systems in rural India and the Integrated Power Development Scheme to plug power infrastructure gaps in urban areas.

"The Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana scheme had the vision to take electricity to every household (willing), and has been able to supply electricity connections to 2.8 crore households which were hitherto in darkness," the statement noted.

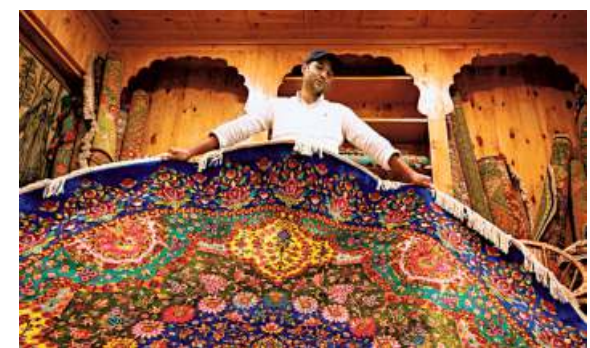
UNESCO picks Srinagar as creative city

It is a fitting recognition for its vibrant cultural ethos, says Narendra Modi

PEERZADA ASHIQ
 SRINAGAR

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has picked Srinagar among 49 cities as part of the creative city network under the Crafts and Folk Arts category.

"It is a proud moment for all of us. The process of nomination of Srinagar under the UNESCO 'Creative City Network' was undertaken and funded under the World Bank-funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project. This is the recognition of the historical crafts and arts of the city," said Chief Executive Officer, Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP), Abid Rashid Shah.



A carpet getting ready at a factory in Srinagar. •AFP

The inclusion is likely to pave way for the city to represent its handicrafts on the global stage through UNESCO. "It's a major recognition for Jammu and Kashmir," Dr. Shah said.


The network involves folk art, media, film, literature, design, gastronomy

and Chennai (Creative city of Music) in 2015 and 2017 respectively have so far been recognised as members of the UCCN for creative cities.

Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Director, Industries, said Srinagar has made it to the elite list. "This nomination is the global recognition to the rich craft legacy of Srinagar," Mr. Shah said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a tweet, said, "Delighted that beautiful Srinagar joins the UNESCO Creative Cities Network with a special mention for its craft and folk art. It is a fitting recognition for the vibrant cultural ethos of Srinagar. Congratulations to the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

Only Jaipur (Crafts and Folk Arts) in 2015, Varanasi



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Air quality improves marginally

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Delhi's air quality improved marginally to the 'very poor' level on Monday, after remaining in the 'severe' category for three consecutive days post-Deepavali, with an average AQI of 390, according to the Central Pollution Control Board's 4 p.m. bulletin.

Increase in wind speed has been attributed by forecasting agencies as the reason behind the improvement in the air quality.

Government-run monitoring agency SAFAR said 5,450 farm fires were recorded in neighbouring States on Sunday, which is the highest this season, but the share of farm fires in the city's air pollution reduced to 30% on Monday from 48% on Sunday. According to the forecast, Delhi's AQI is likely to remain in the 'very poor' category on November 9 and 10.

City sees 3 more dengue deaths as total cases cross 2,500 mark

Official death toll touches nine, excluding three fatalities at Safdarjung Hospital

MUNEER KHAN
NEW DELHI

The Capital reported 1,171 cases of dengue and three deaths over the past week (till November 6), a civic report said on Monday. While the fatality toll for the season has reached nine, the case-load stands at 2,708 – the highest since 2017. The total cases for November remain at 1,171, which is the highest for the month since 2018.

According to a civic official, the three deceased were a 63-year-old man from Rohini, a 12-year-old boy from Durga Vihar, and a three-year-old girl from Saurabh Vihar. "They were admitted to private hospitals in the city," the official said.

However, three deaths at the Central Government-run Safdarjung Hospital, which was reported by *The Hindu*



A municipal worker carrying out fumigation at Vishwas Nagar in east Delhi. • FILE PHOTO: SANDEEP SAXENA

on November 7, have not been added to the official death count.

Most cases in south Delhi South Delhi recorded the highest dengue cases last week at 404, followed by North Delhi with 394. In the previous week, north Delhi had reported 134 cases, followed by south Delhi with

127 cases. Till October 30, Delhi had reported 1,537 cases of dengue and six deaths, which was the highest for the season since 2018.

"The Delhi Government on October 14 declared dengue, malaria and chikungunya as notifiable diseases under the Epidemic Diseases Act. This led to addition of backlog cases from hospi-

tals, which had not shared them until then. Previously, there were 60-70 hospitals reporting cases of vector-borne diseases. But now, the number has gone up," a civic official, who did not wish to be named, said.

Another reason for the spread of dengue, the official said, is the influx of patients from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. "Prolonged rain in the city has also contributed to the rise in cases."

Delhi had recorded 1,072 cases and one death in 2020, 2,036 cases and two deaths in 2019, and 2,798 cases and four deaths in 2018.

"Almost every doctor sees 3-5 patients with dengue-related symptoms every day, which puts the total at 50-70. We are yet to see a dip in the number of cases," a doctor at Ganga Ram Hospital said.

Govt., Oppn. play blame game over Chhath Puja arrangements

Sisodia terms celebrations 'grand'; Tiwari cites toxic foam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Accusations of negligence and lack of adequate arrangements flew thick and fast on Monday as lakhs of residents in the Capital observed the first day of Chhath Puja.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the Delhi Government was the "only one in the country to have earmarked 800 ghats for the puja" even as North East Delhi BJP MP Manoj Tiwari argued that devotees were forced to take a dip in toxic Yamuna water because of lack of proper arrangements.

Revolving around the cultural sensitivities of Delhi's Purvanchali population – which numbers upwards of 20 lakh – the observance of Chhath Puja first became a political hot potato when the DDMA denied approval to the residents to perform the rituals at public places due to

Chadha blames U.P. for Yamuna frothing

NEW DELHI

DJB Vice-Chairman Raghav Chadha on Monday blamed the Uttar Pradesh and Haryana Governments for the frothing in the Yamuna and called upon them to "clean up their act". "It appears the Governments of U.P. and Haryana are not bothered about how they are releasing untreated waste water into the Yamuna," Mr. Chadha said. He said at the Okhla Barrage, which is under the U.P. Irrigation Department, water hyacinths grow all around and the froth is created when the plants decompose and release surfactants like phosphates.

the COVID-19 pandemic.

The issue snowballed into a full-blown controversy after the DDMA allowed the devotees to perform the puja at public places but prohibited them from doing so on the

banks of the Yamuna where it has traditionally been observed for decades.

"Despite all the hurdles, the Delhi Government had decided to celebrate the Chhath Puja in a grand manner. The way the celebrations started today, I can certainly say that our efforts for a grand celebration have borne fruit," Mr. Sisodia said.

However, Mr. Tiwari, who visited the locations where the puja was allowed, accused the Delhi Government of neglecting not just the arrangements but also the health of devotees who were forced to take a dip in toxic foam. He added that the abysmal condition of the Yamuna was fit to be taken suo motu cognisance by the Supreme Court to dismiss the Delhi Government for "lying" regarding its condition and promising to clean it over the last seven years.

High Court orders fresh probe into assault of two men at police station

'Let no one have to repeat last words of George Perry Floyd Jr.'

SOIBAM ROCKY SINGH
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has said that no one should have to repeat the tragic words of George Perry Floyd Jr. – 'I can't breathe', while initiating a fresh inquiry into the alleged beating and assault of two men in the precincts of a police station.

Justice Najmi Waziri made the remarks while hearing a plea by two men, who claimed that they had been illegally detained and beaten up by officials of Police Post Turkman Gate police station, Chandni Mahal, seeking a fresh preliminary inquiry by a senior police officer into

the incident.

Justice Waziri perused various photographs which showed the two men being assaulted by persons in police uniform on January 25.

"The said assault is questionable, as the law does not permit people to be beaten up in police custody even during interrogation," Justice Waziri said, adding, "punishment for an assault or a criminal act is to be determined by a court of law. The police cannot be a judge in its own cause".

Justice Waziri said, "Let no one have to repeat the tragic last words of George Perry Floyd Jr.: 'I can't breathe'."

The Delhi Government's counsel argued that there was an immediately preceding occurrence, which led to the strict action being taken against the two petitioners.

While an initial inquiry was conducted by the inspector (vigilance), the two persons said they were neither called for any inquiry nor were the injuries examined.

"To inspire confidence in an inquiry, fairness of the procedure adopted and examination of the substantive issues must be apparent," the High Court said, while ordering a fresh inquiry by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Vigilance).

Woman attacked with acid for refusing marriage proposal

Victim in critical condition; accused arrested from Bihar

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 26-year-old woman's hands were tied and acid was thrown at her face by a man she refused to marry, the police said, adding that the accused has been arrested. The incident was reported from the Bawana area.

DCP (Outer North) Brijendra Kumar Yadav said the accused has been identified as Montu, who was arrested from his home town in Bihar. The woman has suffered third-degree burns, he said.

The police said on November 3, they received a call that a woman had been at-

tacked with acid and admitted to a hospital in Bawana.

The victim – who is said to be critical – managed to give her statement to the police. She said she is married but Montu was pressuring her to marry him. The woman said she refused his proposal and started living with her husband in the Pooth Khurd area, where the accused followed her and started living in the neighbourhood. "On November 3, Montu called the woman to his room on some pretext and asked her to leave her husband for him but the woman refused. Reacting to this, Montu tied

both her hands and threw acid on her and ran away," Mr. Yadav said.

Based on the victim's statement, the police registered a case and arrested the accused from Bihar on November 6. "Montu had a country-made pistol which he said he had planned to use on the woman's husband. He whipped out the pistol and attacked the police party. The police fired in retaliation and a bullet hit his leg. He has been admitted to a hospital and is stable," Mr. Yadav said, adding that a separate case has been registered in this incident.

Woman raped, locked up inside hotel in Dwarka

Main accused on the run; manager held

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 22-year-old woman accused a man of raping her inside a hotel room in Dwarka, the police said. The hotel manager has been arrested while the prime accused is on the run.

A senior police officer said a call was received at Dwarka South police station wherein the caller said that her eye had been injured at Dwarka Sector 9 metro station. On reaching the location shared on WhatsApp, the police found it to be a hotel, which was locked from inside and the woman was seen crying in a second-floor balcony.

The police said they had to break the glass door of the hotel to rescue the woman who had an injury on her face. No manager or owner was present at the hotel.

The woman told the police that one Ankit Sehrawat had contacted her on the pretext of giving her a job. He picked her around 8 p.m. on Saturday and brought her to this hotel. "Inside the room, the woman said, the man forced her to drink and then raped her. He also beat her with his wrist band and locked her inside the room," the officer said. Based on the woman's statement, the police registered a rape case.

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Strike by transport corporation workers paralyses Maharashtra

Thousands of commuters left stranded

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PUNE

The strike by the staff members of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) over a number of grievances paralysed commute across the State on Monday, leaving thousands of travellers stranded at bus depots.

Operations at more than 220 of the 250 MSRTC depots remained closed since morning, with not a single bus stirring out of the depots. Till Sunday, 120 depots were shut across Maharashtra, but the number shot to 223 after midnight, with more staff members joining the agitation.

The main demands of the striking employees are the merger of the cash-strapped corporation with the State



MSRTC buses lined up inside Mumbai Central Depot in Maharashtra on Monday. ■ EMMANUAL YOGINI

Set up panel: HC to Govt.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Bombay HC on Monday directed the Maharashtra Government to constitute a high-level committee to address the issues raised by the MSRTC workers seeking

Government and the payment of their long-delayed salaries.

Although the demand for the merger is not new, the

to be treated as government employees. A Vacation Bench of Justices S.J. Kathawalla and S.P. Tavade ordered the government to set up the committee to submit recommendations to the CM.

delay in payment of salaries due to the COVID-19-induced lockdown and the suicides of over 30 employees since March 2020 triggered a spon-

aneous agitation last week. While the State government and the MSRTC did accept most of the demands following which many workers resumed work, a sticking point turned to be the merger issue, which resulted in an unannounced strike at some depots last week.

The intensity of today's strike was particularly felt in Pune and other districts including the Nashik division and Marathwada. The employees' unions have repeatedly complained about the mismanagement on part of the Maharashtra government despite Transport Minister Anil Parab having announced a financial package in November last year.

Bus operations from all the four stations in Pune - Wakdedwadi, Swargate, Chinchwad, Pune Station - remained suspended, affecting thousands of commuters who had booked return tickets.

AAMSU holds protest against 'selective eviction' in Assam

Minority students' body submits memorandum to PM

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The All Assam Minorities Students' Union (AAMSU) on Monday held a two-hour-long demonstration at Jantar Mantar in protest against the "selective evictions" and "religious atrocities" being carried out against the State's minorities, who, they said, are being deprived of basic amenities.

The protesters said the evictions carried out by the government have rendered thousands of Indian citizens homeless, "forcing them to lead a nomadic life in this pandemic situation".

The students' body said a large section of the religious minority community has settled on the banks of the river Brahmaputra and its tributaries and made use of the fertile soil, "however, they also face the wrath of the Brahmaputra as hundreds of hectares of land

gets submerged every year due to devastating flood and erosion leading to frequent migration of the minority community to habitable lands".

Referring to a recent eviction in Garukhuti of Darang district, the students' union said: "Such actions of the state without proper rehabilitation of its citizens has infringed the basic human rights of its citizens and more specifically have jeopardised women and child rights."

'Speed up NRC'
Mohd. Imtiaz, AAMSU general secretary, said the process of the NRC preparation has been put in cold storage and needs to be speeded up in order to ensure that those who have been excluded can avail the opportunity to appeal against their exclusions as per the rules.

He added the State's mi-

norities have been deprived of basic amenities due to the non-availability of Aadhaar cards. "It is a matter of concern that a large number of people have not yet been provided with Aadhaar cards in Assam under one pretext or another by depriving them of various benefits," he said.

The students' body has also demanded a university in the name of the 16th Century saint and cultural icon, Azan Pir, a sainik school in the name of Ahom General Bagh Hazarika and a campus of Aligarh Muslim University in Assam.

The association has also submitted a 12-point memorandum to the Prime Minister, seeking proper rehabilitation of the displaced persons, speeding up of the NRC process and an end to the atrocities on the religious minorities in the State.

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'Farmers' stir will hit BJP's poll prospects'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Former J&K CM and Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said the current agitation of farmers would impact the BJP's poll prospects in the near future.

"We see farmers agitating on the streets from the last one year. It does not impact the ruling regime. Is this not a display of pride? I believe times will change. Farmers will have an impact. The recent poll results are showing that people are expressing their anger. The BJP has to bite the reality," Ms. Mufti told journalists in Srinagar.

New order to give promotion benefit for more SC/ST staff

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In what is being described as having far-reaching consequences for those from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes in bureaucracy, the Karnataka Government has said people from these communities appointed to State jobs on merit basis should not be considered part of the reservation matrix for promotions.

It means more officers and employees from the SC/ST/OBC communities will now get reservation benefits

Karnataka circular solved 20-year-old problem: association

for promotions under the Karnataka Consequential Seniority Act. As per the Karnataka Civil Services Rules, 15% and 3% of promotions in departmental cadres are currently reserved for SCs and STs that are calculated based on their population, and promotions are effected based on a reservation roster. A circular issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms clarified that those from SC/ST/OBC communities appointed directly through merit or have had promotions subsequently based on merit should not be considered part of the reservation matrix.

"They should be considered general candidates and should not be counted in the reservation matrix," it added.

"This circular has solved a 20-year-old problem. In a 1999 order, meritorious candidates were brought under the reserved category, which has now been changed," said D. Chandrashekaraiya, president of the Karnataka State Government SC/ST Employees' Association.

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SUNITA RANI JAIN AND ORS Petitioner
vs
STATE & ORS Respondent
CITATION UNDER SECTION 283 OF THE INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT, 1925
Whereas an application under the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of Probate of the Will or for letter of Administration to the estate of LATE SH. SAGAR CHAND JAIN S/O SH. ASHA RAM JAIN R/O 116, KAPIL VIHAR, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034.
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Prisoner's autopsy shows bullet injury

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FARRUKHABAD

A post-mortem report on Monday confirmed that the man allegedly killed in a clash between the police and the prisoners at the district jail here had suffered a bullet injury.

The police had claimed that Shivam was suffering from an ailment and died while being taken to a hospital on Sunday. But in a purported video which surfaced on social media, Shivam claimed before his death that he suffered a bullet injury.

District Magistrate Sanjay Kumar Singh told PTI that the report confirmed that a bullet hit the prisoner.

The clash had erupted on Sunday following the death of a prisoner at Saifai Medical College due to dengue. About 30 policemen were also injured. Kanpur Division Commissioner Raj Shekhar said the government is being briefed about the issue.

Meanwhile, heavy police force brought the body of Shivam to his native Jainapur village after the post-mortem examination. Initially, his family members wanted to immerse the body in water but later agreed for cremation, Rajepur SHO Dinesh Gautam said.

In another development, the jailor of the district jail lodged a complaint in connection with the violence against 27 inmates, including the deceased, Shivam. Jailor Akhilesh Kumar said in the complaint that on Sunday at 8 a.m., Deputy Jailor Shailesh Kumar Singh Sonkar was sitting at his office when a "rumour was spread that inmate Sandeep Yadav had died in Saifai following laxity in treatment".

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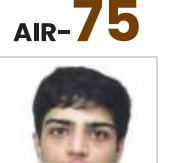






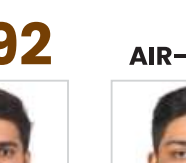
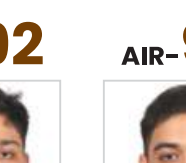

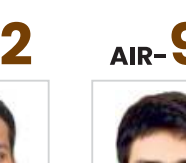


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Congress demands cut in fuel price, begins protest

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee K. Sudhakaran has said the people in the State want relief from the soaring fuel price rather than big-ticket projects like the SilverLine semi high-speed rail corridor. He inaugurated the Statewide motor stoppage protest outside the Secretariat on Monday in protest against the rise in petroleum prices.

TRS to stage dharnas against Centre's policies

HYDERABAD
The ruling TRS will organise dharnas in the headquarters of all Assembly constituencies on Friday demanding the Central Government to come clean on its demand to withdraw cess on petrol and diesel to pave way for reduction of their prices and buy entire quantity of paddy produced in Telangana, like in Punjab.

Process of nod to cut trees was already on

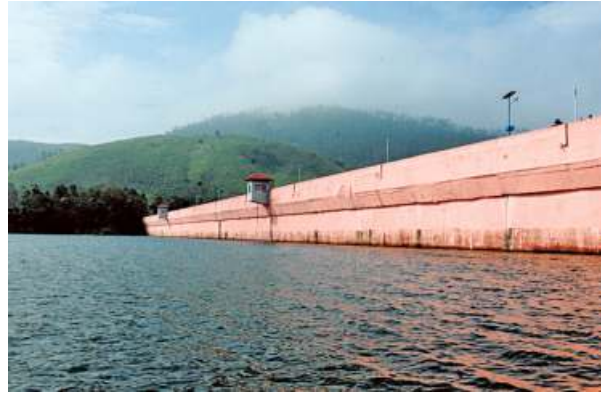
Kerala has frozen permission to T.N. to fell 15 trees near Mullaperiyar dam

S. ANANDAN
KOCHI

The process of granting the now-frozen permission to Tamil Nadu to fell 15 trees in a 40-cent area near the Mullaperiyar dam site to facilitate Tamil Nadu to strengthen the baby dam was going on for some time, suggest a set of documents accessed by *The Hindu*.

Records of the third secretary-level meeting between Kerala and Tamil Nadu to review the Parambikulam-Aliyar agreement, Pandiyar-Punnapuzha scheme, Mullaperiyar dam and other inter-State matters on September 17 indicate that Kerala's Principal Secretary for Forest and Wildlife told the meeting that "permission for cutting down the identified 15 trees is being processed".

This was also mentioned in the written submission



Dam row: A file photo of the Mullaperiyar dam on Kerala-Tamil Nadu border at Kumily, near Idukki.

made by Kerala before the Supreme Court in October. "It was agreed at the secretary-level meeting held on 17.9.2021 to give permission for transportation of materials to carry out balance strengthening measures of the Baby Dam by the Govt of Tamil Nadu and also cutting and removal of few trees. GoTN was asked to submit an application for tree cutting in proper format, but the same has not been submitted... (sic)," reads the note.

While the November 7 order issued by the Principal Secretary freezing the Chief Wildlife Warden's permission to cut the trees cites the need for clearances from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the standing committee of the National Wildlife Board, forest officials cite a 1997 communication from the Deputy Inspector General of Forests and an opinion given by then Attorney General to argue that no clearances are required under

Govt. conspiring to help T.N., says Opposition UDF

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) Opposition walked out of the Kerala Assembly on Monday, accusing the Government of conspiring to help Tamil Nadu in the Mullaperiyar dam dispute.

Congress legislator Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, who moved an adjournment motion to debate the matter, said the Forest Department had covertly allowed Tamil Nadu to cut 15 trees to strengthen the baby dam at Mullaperiyar.

der the Forest Conservation Act of 1980 for undertaking activities on forestland leased before October 25, 1980.

"The Periyar Lake Lease Agreement, originally executed in 1886 and marginally amended in 1970, therefore enjoys this exemption and the Chief Wildlife Warden's grant of permission is in order," said a senior official. According to this 1997 legal opinion, permission under the Forest Conservation Act is not required to carry out

any activity that does not involve breaking up or clearing of forestland.

Kerala's consent

Further, the minutes of the Supreme Court-appointed three-member Supervisory Committee's October 26 meeting show that Kerala agreed to expedite all pending forest clearances for maintenance of approach road and "carrying out balance strengthening measures of the baby dam" by Tamil Nadu.

Ansals get 7-year jail for evidence tampering

59 killed in 1997 Uphaar cinema fire

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Monday sentenced real estate barons Sushil Ansal and Gopal Ansal and others to seven years' imprisonment for tampering with evidence in the 1997 Uphaar cinema fire case.



Gopal Ansal & Sushil Ansal

Fifty-nine people were killed and 100 injured when fire broke out during the screening of Hindi movie *Border*, and the Supreme Court had earlier convicted and sentenced both brothers to a two-year jail term.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Pankaj Sharma said they deserved punishment. The court also imposed a fine of ₹2.25 crore each on both of them.

On October 8, the Ansal

brothers were convicted by a Delhi court under Sections 201 (tampering of evidence), 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant) and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code. The other accused, including a former court staff, who were sentenced were Dinesh Chandra Sharma, Prem Prakash Batra and Anoop Singh. They were slapped a fine of ₹3 lakh each.

Karnataka Cabinet nod for new sand rules

Price fixed at ₹300 per tonne in rural areas, ₹700 per tonne in urban areas

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Monday approved the Karnataka Minor Minerals Concessions Rules 2021, and fixed the sand price at ₹300 per tonne for consumers at the gram panchayat (GP) level. Similarly, price of sand extracted from riverbeds and streams and sold in urban areas/towns/cities has been fixed at ₹700 per tonne.

The Cabinet approved the new rules and fixed the price of sand extracted and sold at the GP level at ₹300 per tonne. A 25% of the royalty collected from the sale of

sand will have to be provided to the GP concerned through an appropriate Budget provision, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy told presspersons after the Cabinet meeting.

In the coastal regulation zone (CRZ) areas of coastal districts, the Minister said the Government had permitted extraction of sand by using traditional practices. It banned the use of machinery in extraction of sand in CRZ areas.

Under the new rules, sand extracted from local streams, tanks and lakes will

be permitted to be utilised for local community works, low-housing construction works or government works.

Sand for government construction works will be sold at concessional rates, according to the Minister.

Extraction of sand from patta land has been banned. Only the district sand committee will take a decision on granting permission to extract sand from patta land.

A person who holds a licence for extraction and stocking of sand should establish an office, computer facility, close-circuit television cameras, weigh bridge, se-

curity at the dump yard or stock yard of the sand.

Sand extracted from streams or rivers can be transported anywhere in the State. The period of extraction will be five years or exhaustion of permitted quantity, whichever is earlier, the rules specify.

The rules have envisaged constitution of the district sand committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner. The members of the 11-member committee include the ZP CEO, the Superintendent of Police, officials of the Water Resources, PWD, Forest, and other departments.

KCR dares Centre to take action against him

'There is no one here to be scared'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Nara Chandrababhan Nara on Monday dared the BJP-led Central Government to initiate any kind of action against him as he was clean in public life.

"I am offering myself for any inquiry. We will fight with anyone for any length of time", he said responding to threats of State BJP president Bandi Sanjay Kumar earlier in the day.

Mr. Rao was livid with Mr. Kumar for calling him anti-

national because he raised the issue of China making inroads into Arunachal Pradesh, and asked if the same could be applied to Meghalaya Governor Satyapal Malik and Varun Gandhi, both of whom were BJP leaders but supported the agitation of farmers against farm laws enacted by the Centre.

He said it had become a habit with the BJP to deploy the Central investigating agencies to probe the assets of Opposition leaders. "But, there is no one here to be scared".

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



M.P. Kumari

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **M.P. Kumari D/o Shri Rajkumar R/o Kilkari Rainbow Home, Chabi Ganj, Kashmere Gate, Delhi.** Age about 16 years, Height 5'2", Complexion Shallow, Round Face, Thin Built, Wearing Blue Salwar, White Kurta has been missing since 05.09.2019 from Bus Stand Near Church, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl, but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a case FIR No. 239/19 dated 05.09.2019 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

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See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ravi, S/o Sh. Rambir, R/o H-1/238, Sultanpuri, Delhi** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case **FIR No. 785/16, u/s 392, 394, 397/411/34 IPC and 25/27 Arms Act** has been registered at **P.S. Vasant Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Ravi** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ravi** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ravi of 785/16, u/s 392, 394, 397/411/34 IPC and 25/27 Arms Act at P.S. Vasant Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **15.12.2021**.

By order
Shri Suresh Kumar Gupta
Principal District & Sessions Judge
(North-West)
District Courts Rohini, Delhi

DP/1155/RD/2021(Court Matter)

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2ND CALL
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Tender Reference No. : RCD/KODERMA/1294/2021
दिनांक:-08.11.2021

क्र.	कार्य का नाम	अंदाजित/IRQP Work of Bagodar to Sariya Road from Km. 0.00 to Km. 13.50 under Road Division, Kodarma for the Year 2021-22
1.	प्रारम्भिक राशि	Rs. 9,72,19,016.00 (नौ करोड़ बहतर लाख उन्नीस हजार सोलह रुपये मात्र।)
2.	अग्रिम की राशि	Rs. 9,72,200.00 (नौ लाख बहतर हजार दो सौ रुपये मात्र।)
3.	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	06(छ) माह।
4.	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि।	09.11.2021, 10:30 बजे से।
5.	बिड प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि	18.11.2021, 12:00 बजे तक।
6.	बिड खुलने की तिथि	22.11.2021, 12:30 बजे।
7.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता।	कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, पं.नि.वि.पं., पथ प्रमण्डल, कोडरमा।
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Bid/ Package no. - NH/DEOGHAR/EPC/03/2021-22 Dated- 05.11.2021
RFP for Rectification of identified Accident Black Spots using Long term measures (i) from km 15.6000 to 16.000 near Doy Dholia bridge and (ii) from km 79.100 TO 79.200 near Sahakri on NH-133 in the state of Jharkhand on EPC Mode. (Job No.- NH-133/JHR/S&R(P&B)/RSC/2021-22/09)

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Optimising the fall

Despite falling COVID-19 cases, India must focus on improving vaccination and treatment

There is reason for optimism in India's battle against the COVID-19 pandemic. Daily new coronavirus cases have dipped to a nine-month low. There were 10,929 new cases reported in the previous 24 hours on Saturday morning. Though the latest numbers on Monday show a slight rise at 11,451, the key cause for optimism is that the country's active case load stood at 1,46,950 cases which was a 262-day low, according to the Health Ministry. The active cases were 0.43% of the total caseload and the lowest since the pandemic began in March 2020. The last few times daily cases went below 10,000 were on February 8, February 1, and before that on the January 25. Saturday's numbers bring the country's overall tally to 3.37 crore. Optimism however is a double-edged sword. The numbers may be at February levels but it should not be forgotten that India was hit by a lethal second wave – led by a dominating Delta variant – that saw daily cases climb to as many as 4,00,000 a day and excess deaths in several States many multiples of what was being reported by the Government.

Globally too, infections have not plateaued. The daily caseload has fallen by nearly a third since September but the virus continues to infect 50 million people every three months. On Monday, the world crossed a milestone of 25 crore cases since the pandemic began. However, the major difference between February and November is vaccination. About 74 crore first doses of the vaccine have been administered, which translates to 56% of the population. Close to 34 crore second doses have been administered which works out to a quarter of the population being fully inoculated. Coupled with results from serology surveys from States that show that many more have been exposed to the virus than official numbers indicate, this gives confidence that while the virus will continue to spread and infect, a smaller proportion of those infected will be seriously ill. The future demand for vaccination may depend more on adoption in children, or on the demand for booster shots from people worried about waning immunity. That the pall of fear has dimmed is apparent in the queues in airports, the crowds in tourist destinations and the rejuvenation in several indices of trade and economic activity. Whether all this socialisation – and the opening of schools in-person – will mean a surge in the coming months remains to be seen. The Government, while continuing to improve the last mile delivery of vaccines must not let up on advocating caution to avoid another wave of infections. It must continue to facilitate the upgrade of hospital infrastructure in every district; it should also shore up stocks of promising antivirals and ensure that vaccine companies increase supplies in line with their commitments.

The wall in front

Rahul Dravid will be expected to fetch India ICC trophies in his role as coach

Rahul Dravid's appointment as coach of the senior men's Indian cricket team had an air of inevitability about it. This was a natural progression for the former India captain, who, after his retirement in 2012, dabbled in commentary before slipping into the mentor-cum-coach template. He guided the India under-19 squad, the 'A' team and helmed the National Cricket Academy in his hometown Bengaluru. It was all building up to the Indian squad's coach's seat, which was falling vacant following incumbent Ravi Shastri's contract winding to a close at the culmination of the current ICC Twenty20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). However, much like his steady batting that earned him the moniker 'The Wall', Dravid was in no hurry. He prefers the measured step and it is a trait that defined him right from his school days to the time he became one among the sport's greatest batters, putting a heavy price on his wicket. A rounded personality, equally at ease on the ground or in the company of books, Dravid was always the team-man. He even donned wicket-keeping gloves in One Day Internationals just to lend balance to the playing eleven. He comes with the weight of great stature, the warmth of goodwill, and the pressure of expectations. This is not an easy position in a country where everyone has an opinion on everything about cricket.

Dravid the player batted with an in-the-trenches resolve defining his forays on the pitch. He was a remarkable close-in fielder too, an attribute that gets lost under his avalanche of runs. He remained an assertive captain and his act of declaring the Indian innings during the 2004 Multan Test against Pakistan, while Sachin Tendulkar neared his double century, remains one of the strongest team-first-records-later diktat ever issued in the annals of Indian cricketing history. But back then as a player or captain, Dravid was in control, but as a coach, his role is about getting the present skipper and the outfit ready for a contest besides finessing strategy. This is about transferring knowledge and hoping that his wards would deliver. It is tough, and in the past, men of pedigree such as Kapil Dev, Greg Chappell and Anil Kumble had a mixed run while evolving as the coach. India may have suffered a blip during the ICC T20 World Cup in the UAE, and yet this is a core-unit that has done well in the previous months, both at home and overseas. Seen in that light, Dravid inherits the right mix. Yet, there are missing links. Recently, India has not won any significant ICC silverware while the triumphs in 1983, 2007 and 2011 seem distant. This should offer enough food for thought while the 48-year-old dons the coach's hat.

Breaking down the hype around Metaverse

Its commodification in the hands of one corporation could be detrimental to the Web 3.0 decentralisation movement



KAIF SIDDIQUI & SHIFA QURESHI

The race between technology companies to build the 'metaverse' has officially started. On October 28, 2021, Facebook Inc. announced that it was restructuring and assuming the corporate name, Meta Platforms Inc., announcing that 'from now on, we're going to be metaverse-first, not Facebook-first'. 'Metaverse' is a broad term encompassing interconnected 3D virtual worlds made possible through advancements in technologies such as augmented reality (AR)/virtual reality (VR), artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchains, originating from Neal Stephenson's 1992 speculative science fiction novel, *Snow Crash*.

The metaverse space

Web 3.0 is the name given to the next generation of Internet architecture that will supposedly be free from the centralisation that is a part of today's Web 2.0 Internet systems, which are largely controlled by tech giants such as Google, Facebook and Amazon. Web 3.0 proponents advocate the use of technologies such as blockchains and tokens to create a decentralised Internet for online interaction and online payments, and a hypothetical metaverse run on these platforms could be a good example of what an ideal future digital environment could look like; hence the push for an 'Open Metaverse' by some organisations.

In an ideal world, the metaverse would be a truly open and inclu-

sive space for empowerment, expression and exploration. However, these are not likely to be the corporation's goals in the world we live in. If the corporation's previous products are anything to go by, the aim is likely to get to the next level of commodification of human interaction, where every single action, down to the tiniest levels, is tracked and surveilled for profits, and designed in a way to maximise data collection and keep the user coming back for more.

Facebook/Meta is not the only company that has been pushing for the idea of the metaverse to become a reality lately; although the branding exercise that has just begun will likely make millions believe so. The chosen name reflects an attempt to associate the idea of the metaverse with one particular corporation and turn it into a household name. Other companies that have similar metaverse-building goals, such as Epic Games, now face a huge disadvantage.

However, the metaverse in the hands of one corporation would surely be detrimental to the entire Web 3.0 decentralisation movement. Competitors are likely to pop up with their own versions of the technology, leading to a number of 'closed' metaverses, which would basically be the Web 2.0 system all over again. Oligopolies or monopolies in something as revolutionary as the metaverse space is a cause for concern and competition law regulators might have to look into them someday.

What could be on offer

What kind of economic systems would exist in Facebook/Meta's metaverse? Interoperability, or the ability to seamlessly transfer data between different virtual worlds is being promised, which allows for rich social and economic possibi-



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ties. One phrase that has been regularly coming up is the 'creator economy' that will become a reality in the metaverse thanks to the popularity of NFTs (non-fungible tokens) over the past year. NFTs will allow proof of ownership of digital assets, for example, virtual goods, paintings and memorabilia. However, the most common criticism of NFTs is that they are an attempt to create value and scarcity where there should not be – that they are nothing more than another new avenue for capitalist expansion. The arguments are that nothing in the virtual world is actually scarce, and any scarcity is actually by design. Artificially created scarcity helps drive profits and money-making. The debate continues. Metaverses have great potential to revolutionise fields such as education and health care, but as long as they are run purely from a profit motive, the benefits would likely be lesser.

Virtual economies might also develop around the customisation of metaverse 'avatars'. Recent whistle-blower revelations have unveiled that the corporation was well aware of the psychological effects Instagram was having on teenagers. One can therefore assume that metaverse 'avatars' will be the new version of showing off glamorous social media profiles – both masking who the person real-

ly is behind-the-scenes, perpetuating narcissism, mental health issues and insecurities.

Regulatory concerns

Privacy and security are, of course, significant concerns, and indeed, Facebook/Meta has acknowledged this, declaring its commitment to creating secure platforms. Yet, rampant health and biometric data collection are expected to continue in the metaverse, as real world identities will be more connected to the system than ever before. Data breaches and theft, thus, could prove even costlier. While Web 3.0 systems are supposed to give more power to users over their personal data, it still remains to be seen if corporations such as Facebook/Meta will follow Web 3.0 standards or come up with their own standards in closed corporate metaverses. Cybercrimes could also take on new forms in these new virtual worlds.

Facebook's role in promoting violent and hateful content to drive user engagement has been well documented. If left unregulated, something similar could happen on an even larger scale in immersive virtual worlds, through targeted advertising and propaganda. The corporation cannot be trusted to moderate its platforms properly if it goes against their economic incentives, as has been proven time and time again. Regulators need to step in right from the start when it comes to the metaverse, following a precautionary rather than a permissive approach instead of taking too long and allowing certain problematic and dangerous practices to get entrenched and difficult to deal with. The tussle between lawmakers around the world and Facebook still continues today.

Finally, metaverses will bring

up challenging questions of jurisdiction and governance. In the distant future, virtual worlds could even someday grow into alternatives to the nation state itself, as the rise of blockchain-based DAOs (decentralized autonomous organisations) seems to suggest. Big Tech firms already have GDPs higher than several small countries – if they all get to operate full virtual worlds of their own, it could necessitate large-scale rethinking of the very foundations of technology law.

Real world costs, impact

The metaverse, as it is promised, will combine the technologies of cloud computing, big data, advanced AI systems, AR/VR, blockchains, NFTs and much more. Each of these technologies requires tremendous processing power and, consequently, would lead to a great cost in terms of the environment. The level of resource extraction required to run such a huge system smoothly is too gigantic to comprehend. And that is not even taking into account the exploitation of millions of underpaid workers upon which a lot of the critical infrastructure and supply chains of Big Tech depend. This stark reality behind our everyday conveniences is unknown to many, and this could only intensify with a corporate project as huge as the metaverse. Ultimately, a corporation is beholden to its investors and not to the public at large. With the metaverse, possibilities are aplenty. But so are the dangers.

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A vital cog in Bongaigaon's response to malnutrition

Project Sampoorna's success in reducing child malnutrition is a model that can be easily implemented anywhere



M.S. LAKSHMI PRIYA

Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food'. This statement is often attributed to Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, and quite literally sums up Project Sampoorna which was conceptualised and successfully implemented in Bongaigaon district of Assam.

An interlink

The project has resulted in the reduction of malnutrition in children using near zero economic investment. Sampoorna is in tandem with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and those set by the UN Secretary General António Guterres in the Food Systems Summit (September 2021) including the need to have food systems and social protection that support resilience and food security. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also had identified health and nutrition as priority areas and reiterated the need for a 'Kuposhan mukt Bharat' (Malnutrition Free India) while launching the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment (POSHAN Abhiyaan) (National Nutrition Mission) in 2017-18.

It was during Poshan Maah (Nutrition Month) in September 2020 that 2,416 children were identified to be malnourished in the lush green Brahmaputra valley district of Bongaigaon. The National Fami-

ly Health Survey (NHFS)-5 has documented that the number of children under five who are stunted, wasted, underweight and the number of anaemic women and children in the district are higher than the national average – anaemia being a major determinant of maternal and child health.

These were corroborated by Project Saubhagya that was designed to reduce the maternal mortality rate and infant mortality rate of the district. A real time data sheet is updated by field-level doctors as and when a high risk pregnancy is identified, which is then followed up till safe delivery. The project has yielded encouraging results; maternal deaths for six months (April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 compared to April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021) have fallen from 16 to three and infant deaths from 130 to 63.

Addressing child nutrition

The highest risk factor for high risk pregnancy is anaemia which is usually nutritional. The vicious cycle of a malnourished child growing into an unhealthy adolescent, and then further into an anaemic pregnant young woman giving birth to an asphyxiated low birth weight baby; this baby then facing possible developmental delays, only to grow into a malnourished child; and this child who struggles further for nutrition and appropriate care while the world around her barely makes ends meet is the one that sucks in all possibilities of a healthy society.

This portrays the worst-case scenarios, but truth is indeed stranger than fiction. In order to break out of this vicious cycle, the



low-hanging fruit had to be targeted – children's nutrition.

Malnutrition, patriarchy

Bongaigaon has 1,116 Anganwadis with a total of 63,041 children below five. The massive exercise of plotting their weights and heights in World Health Organization growth charts revealed a total of 2,416 malnourished children; 246 cases of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 2,170 instances of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM).

District Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres, or NRCs, usually have up to 20 beds; and a monthly intake of 200 SAM children is not practical. Also, parents of the children who are admitted forgo their daily wages (which to an extent is compensated by the Government) and abandon their farmlands for 10 days. Back home, siblings of the SAM child are not taken care of and may become malnourished. The treated child could also slip back to a SAM state after being discharged and if not cared for.

We needed to innovate now. Based on the success of the community-based COVID-19 management model (Project Mili Juli), we launched Project Sampoorna targeting the mothers of SAM/MAM

children, the tagline being 'Empowered Mothers, Healthy Children'. In addition, we identified the mother of a healthy child of the same Anganwadi Centre (AWC) and paired her with the target mother; they would be 'Buddy Mothers' (2,416 pairs). They were usually neighbours and shared similar socio-economic backgrounds. The pairs were given diet charts to indicate the daily food intake of their children; they would have discussions about this on all Tuesdays at the AWC. Local practices related to nutrition would also be discussed.

The major hindrance to the project was patriarchy. Mothers had to be empowered financially for sustained results. Therefore, they were enrolled in Self Help Groups (SHGs) under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM). By the end of three months, 74.3% of mothers were enrolled in SHGs; by the end of six months, enrollment went up to 75.6% and by the end of a year, it was 90%. Meanwhile, we arranged for 100 millilitres of milk and an egg on alternate days for all 2,416 children for the first three months, giving time for their mothers to stabilise themselves in the newly found jobs. The large hearted people of Bongaigaon adopted Anganwadis and filled the tiny stomachs with the much needed proteins and their hearts with love.

A sea change

After three months of Project Sampoorna, out of 246 SAM children, 27 (11%) continued to be SAM, 28 (11.4%) improved to MAM and a whopping 189 (76.8%) became normal. Out of 2,170 MAM chil-

dren, 12 (0.6%) deteriorated to SAM, 132 (6.08%) stayed MAM and an unbelievable 2,015 (92.8%) became normal. The best was yet to come. Milk and eggs were stopped after three months but we continued to follow up to see how our Buddy Mothers Model and Women Empowerment Model were working. Mothers had done what institutions could not do for years. By March 2021, 84.96% of SAM children and 97.3% MAM children were normal; and by September 2021, 92.3% SAM and 98.9% MAM children were normal. Project Sampoorna had stood the test of time. Children who had not improved were checked and treated by doctors under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK). UNICEF, IIT Guwahati, Tezpur University and the Social Welfare Department lent their support in periodic course correction.

Project Sampoorna had prevented at least 1,200 children from becoming malnourished over the last year. The National Nutrition Mission and the State government recognised our project in the 'Innovation Category'. The Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sharma, has written an encouraging message for the project report which will be released soon. The model can easily be implemented anywhere in the world. We believe children everywhere have the right to stay healthy, and hope that the vicious cycle is broken sooner rather than later.

Dr. M.S. Lakshmi Priya, District Collector, Bongaigaon district, Assam, is a medical doctor turned IAS officer (2014 batch), from Kerala. The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Chennai and flooding

There is a "social media forward" that goes this way: "The story of a mega city is this. January to October: water scarcity; November and December: water scares the city." This sums up how Chennai and the monsoon are. The biggest issue most residents face is water logging (Tamil Nadu, Pages 1-4, November 8). One of the important reasons for flooding is the poor maintenance of roads. There is also the collection of garbage and plastic waste that ends up clogging water drains and channels. The Chennai Corporation should address these priority areas. The services of ex-service men and NGOs

can be sought. There needs to be a panel of experts to look into the state of the city before the rains.

VENUGOPALAN S.,
Chennai

While the State administration led by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has initiated timely relief measures, the significance of long-term solutions aimed at building a climate/disaster-resilient infrastructure cannot be lost sight of. Adoption of a zero-tolerance policy toward encroachments of the city's wetlands and indiscriminate dumping of waste in drains brooks no delay.

M. JEVARAM,
Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

That such a great city is left reeling after heavy rain is sobering. I had a great chance to live in Chennai for 12 years, and flooding during this time of the year is not something new. When it rains, a sense of helplessness prevails.

For a coastal city with wetlands and marshes, booming real estate activities and encroachments are factors to look into. The world is facing climate change and the administrators of Chennai must realise that it is time for concrete and practical steps to alleviate the suffering the people face. The sewerage lines and waterways created in North Chennai during the British

Raj are great examples of visionary steps before today's authorities.

JAYASEKHARAN V.P.,
Pavayalur, Kammur, Kerala

One wonders why various governments in Tamil Nadu have not been able to solve the problem of flooding and the draining of rain water. Crores of rupees are reported to have been spent on the construction of storm drains, but the problem has never been fixed. Don't we have efficient engineers and experts to offer a permanent solution to the perplexing problem of almost the entire city getting flooded during the rainy season?

N. RAMACHANDRAN,
Chennai

The UAPA chill

The draconian provisions of the UAPA do result in the prolonged violations of the fundamental rights of many of "the accused" (Editorial page, November 8). But one must add that it would be no exaggeration to say that the law and order agencies and at times the government in question sometimes fail to understand the law. The political class, irrespective of ideology, needs waking up to the nuances of the UAPA provisions in the absence of which social and student activists, political rivals and journalists and poets and priests who do not conform to the views of the governing class will continue to be at

the receiving end.

ABDUL ASSIS P.A.,
Kandassankadavu, Kerala

India's campaign ends

The bowling coach's reasoning is nothing short of an excuse (Sport page, November 8). The IPL was the most ideal platform for preparation just before the World Cup. Except for Pakistan, members of the other teams have participated in the IPL and have had no complaints. One mistake was not playing R. Ashwin from the beginning. By and large, there were mistakes on and off the field.

V. LAKSHMANAN,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

No quota without quantifiable data

There is lack of recent data on the representation of various communities in education and employment



T. RAMAKRISHNAN

The Madras High Court's recent verdict of quashing the 10.5% special reservation for Vanniyakula Kshatriyas within the overall 20% quota for Most Backward Classes (MBC) and Denotified Communities (DNC) has again highlighted the importance of quantifiable data as a prerequisite for reservation in education and employment.

Adopted on the last day of the previous State Assembly in February when the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) was in power, the special quota law, which envisaged 10.5% special reservation for the Vanniyakula Kshatriyas comprising seven sub-castes; 7% for 25 MBCs and 68 DNCs; and 2.5% for 22 MBCs, triggered controversy from the word go. Expectedly, the legislation was challenged before the High Court, which held it unconstitutional for a host of reasons. Even though the Court described the submission that the law was enacted only on the basis of "adequate authenticated data on population" of the MBCs and DNCs enumerated by the second Backward Classes (BC) Commission as the "main thrust" of arguments of Tamil Nadu's Advocate General, it concluded that "there is no data, much less quantifiable data, available with the State government before the introduction" of the law.

No exhaustive study

It is a fact that no exhaustive study has been done to collect quantifiable data on the representation of different communities in education and employment since the second BC Commission, popularly known after its chairman, J.A. Ambasankar, carried out one during its existence (1982-1985). Even the State BC Commission, in its report of July 2011 to the State government in justification of 69% reservation for BC, MBC/DNCs and Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST) under the 1994 Act, did not give any community-wise break up of representation in government services. It furnished



PMK cadres attend a rally by leader Anbumani Ramadoss demanding 20% reservation for the Vanniyar community in education and employment, in Salem. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

only the numbers of candidates belonging to the BCs and MBC/DNCs, who were chosen for the State Services and Subordinate Services during 2005-09, quoting the data furnished by the Tamil Nadu Public Services Commission, apart from those from SC/ST and Other Backward Classes selected by the Railway Recruitment Board, Chennai. Even though the mandate given to the BC panel was to come out with its defence of the 69% quota, the Commission could have provided the community-wise break up of recruitments made by the State government.

At least, now, with the High Court pointing to the absence of data as a reason to annul the 10.5% quota law, the State government should commission a study to compile the data on the way the benefits of reservation got distributed among BCs, MBCs and the DNCs. The study can be carried out either by the present BC Commission or by an exclusive panel, as decided by the previous AIADMK government in December

2020. When the existing BC Commission was set up in July 2020, one of the terms of reference was to examine the demand for internal reservation within the reservation provided for MBCs and make a recommendation on the matter. As made clear by the Court, the quantifiable data are required for providing any form of quota in favour of any community because the Constitutional stipulation of adequate representation in the services has to be met along with that of social and educational backwardness for any community to become eligible for reservation in employment.

Internal reservation

The need for internal reservation has been felt for more than one reason. Even in the 1970s and 1980s, two BC Commissions found certain sections of the communities more backward than others. The situation has got compounded in the absence of application of the creamy layer rule in reservation, a concept that is being opposed by political parties including

the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and the AIADMK. Ironically, the first BC Commission (1969-70), headed by A.N. Sattanathan, talked of having a device for "skimming off periodically" top layers of the communities. The Ambasankar Commission advocated compartmental reservation, by grouping the BCs on the basis of backwardness. It went to the extent of saying that the words, "any backward class of citizens" in Article 16(4) of the Constitution "contemplates [sic] a plurality of backward classes and consequent separate reservation for these classes."

The concept of quota within quota is nothing new to Tamil Nadu. In March 1989, a new category - Most Backward Classes and De-notified Communities - was carved out of the BCs and given 20% exclusively from the then quantum of 50%. In September 2007, Muslims in the BCs were provided with 3.5% and in January 2009, 3% for Arunthathiyars out of 18% quota for the SCs.

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It's time to engage in 'lawfare'

India has failed to fully appreciate the usage of international law as a means to advance its national security interests



PRABHASH RANJAN

Military experts, international relations academics, and practitioners like retired diplomats dominate the debates on global security in India. International lawyers are largely absent in these debates despite security issues being placed within the framework of international law. Today, international law covers a wide array of security issues ranging from terrorism to maritime security. Article 1(1) of the UN Charter recognises the maintenance of "international peace and security" as a principal objective of the UN. Notwithstanding the central role that international law plays in security matters, India has failed to fully appreciate the usage of international law to advance its national security interests.

Several misses

In recent times, several examples demonstrate India's failure to use an international law-friendly vocabulary to articulate its security interests. First, India struck the terror camps in Pakistan in February 2019, days after a dastardly act of terrorism in Pulwama was carried out by a Pakistan-based terror outfit. In justifying the use of force, India did not invoke the right to self-defence since Pakistan was unable or unwilling to act against the terrorist groups operating from its soil; rather, it relied on a contested doctrine of 'non-military pre-emptive action'.

Second, after the Pulwama attack, India decided to suspend the most favoured nation (MFN) status of Pakistan. Under international law contained in the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade, countries can deviate from their MFN obligations on grounds of national security. Instead of suspending the MFN obligation towards Pakistan along these lines, India used Section 8A (1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, to increase customs duties on all Pakistani products to 200%. The notification on this decision did not even mention 'national security'.

Third, India wishes to deport the Rohingya refugees who, it argues, pose a security threat. However, India's argument to justify this deportation is that it is not a signatory to the Refugee Convention. This is a weak argument since India is bound by the principle of non-refoulement (a customary international law principle that prohibits a country from returning refugees to countries where they face a clear threat of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, political opi-

nion, among others). National security is one of the exceptions to the non-refoulement principle in international refugee law. If India wishes to deport the Rohingya, it should develop a case on these lines showing how they constitute a national security threat.

Fourth, to put pressure on the Taliban regime to serve India's interest, India has rarely used international law. For instance, India could have made a case for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) using its implied powers under international law to temporarily suspend Afghanistan from SAARC's membership.

That being said, there have been some instances where India has ably used international law for its national security objectives, such as in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case when it dragged Pakistan to the International Court of Justice and also in developing international law to counter terrorism.

At the margins

There are several reasons for international law remaining at the margins of foreign policymaking in India. First, there is marginal involvement of international lawyers in foreign policymaking. B.S. Chimni, a leading Indian international lawyer, argues, "the Legal and Treaties Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, which advises the government on international law matters, is both understaffed and largely ignored on policy matters". Moreover, an international law expert has far greater incentive to join the government as a generalist diplomat than as an international lawyer. Second, apart from the External Affairs Ministry, there are several other Ministries like Commerce and Finance that also deal with different facets of international law. They have negligible expertise in international law. Third, there has been systemic neglect of the study of international law. Institutions created to undertake cutting-edge research in this discipline have institutionalised mediocrity and university centres mandated to develop the stream suffer from uninspiring leadership and systemic apathy. Fourth, many of the outstanding international law scholars that India has produced prefer to converse with domain experts only. Thus, they have failed in popularising international law among the larger public. If India wishes to emerge as a global power, it has to make use of 'lawfare' i.e., use law as a weapon of national security. To mainstream international law in foreign policymaking, India should invest massively in building its capacity on international law.

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STATE OF PLAY

A message from Hangal and Sindgi

The results of the Karnataka bypolls come as a warning for the BJP, Congress and the JD(S)

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The results of the just-concluded bypolls to two Assembly seats in Karnataka have exposed chinks in the BJP's armour and show what challenges lie ahead for the principal opposition party, the Congress, and the Janata Dal (Secular) ahead of the Assembly elections in 2023. In particular, the new Chief Minister, Basavaraj Bommai, has faced a setback as the BJP lost the Hangal seat located in his home district of Haveri.

Bypolls to the Hangal and Sindgi Assembly constituencies were necessitated by the death of the MLAs in these areas. While Hangal had earlier been represented by veteran leader C.M. Udasi, a close aide of former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, the Sindgi seat was held by the JD(S).

A mixed bag

The BJP, which is in the process of building a second line of leadership in Karnataka by replacing Mr. Yediyurappa with his own protégé, Mr. Bommai, as Chief Minister, had taken the decision not to give ticket to Udasi's family members. This was seen in political circles as an attempt by the BJP to loosen the Yediyurappa camp's hold over the party. In a balancing act, the party fielded a supporter of Mr. Yediyurappa from Hangal. The bypolls, though numerically insignificant, saw a high-decibel campaign with the Chief Minister himself leading from the front along with a battalion of his ministerial colleagues. Mr. Yediyurappa and his son B.Y. Vijayendra, who is keen to enter politics, also campaigned in both the constituencies.

But the results were a mixed bag: the BJP lost Hangal to Congress candidate Srinivas Mane while it managed to wrest Sindgi from the JD(S) with a sizeable margin. Though a defeat in one seat can in no way be a pointer to the mandate in the next Assembly elections, the ruling BJP and the Chief Minister appear to be concerned as the Hangal results have

indicated that the party has to take delicate measures to ensure that the supporters of Mr. Yediyurappa, who has considerable influence over the dominant community of Lingayats, wholeheartedly back the party. Some leaders have also said that the Hangal results could point to the possible impact of the BJP's turn to hardcore Hindutva politics on voters in a seat that has a sizeable number of minorities, Other Backward Classes and Dalits. On his part, Mr. Bommai has said that he and the party will introspect on the reasons behind the defeat and take corrective measures. He also admitted that the Congress candidate in Hangal had "earned the goodwill" of the people in the constituency by helping them during the pandemic. BJP National General Secretary and State in-charge Arun Singh is visiting Karnataka to analyse the reasons for the defeat and to incorporate the lessons from these bypolls into the party's strategy for 2023.

Lessons for Opposition

These results have certainly boosted the morale of the Congress that has won Hangal. However, the party is not devoid of problems as its strategy of importing the candidate from the rival JD(S) camp in Sindgi backfired. Admitting this, the Leader of the Opposition, Siddaramaiah, has said that there was an absence of co-ordination in the party as the candidate was a recent entrant.

For the JD(S), whose candidates lost deposit in both the seats, the bypolls have shown that the absence of a firm political stand and strategies by its leaders are leading to constant erosion of its vote share. The party's efforts to expand base beyond the Old Mysuru region of south Karnataka did not get a positive response from the people as its tally in north Karnataka has reduced further to five seats now.

The bypolls have come as a warning ahead of the 2023 elections and all the three political parties are expected to rework their strategies.

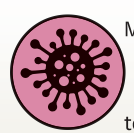
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DATA POINT

Lessons from Singapore's latest case surge

Singapore has been experiencing a sudden surge in COVID-19 cases since September after it began to relax some of the restrictions it had imposed to contain cases. The rise was mostly fuelled by the Delta variant. An increase in related deaths followed in October. Notably, cases and deaths have increased despite about 80% of the population getting fully vaccinated by October-end. However, data show that fatalities and hospitalisations among those fully vaccinated were significantly lower than those not vaccinated or partially vaccinated.

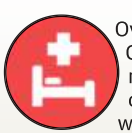
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More than 98% of the cases in Singapore as of October-end are due to the Delta variant



Overall, only 1% of those with COVID-19 among the fully vaccinated required oxygen supplementation or were in ICU care or died

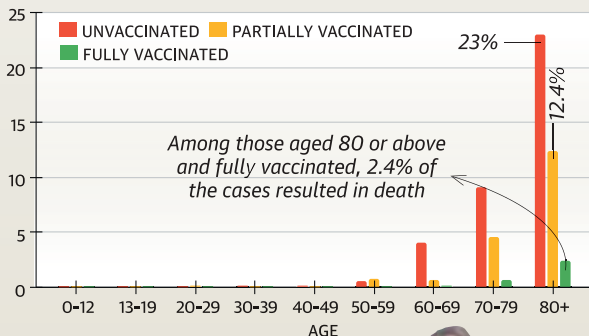


Overall, 7% of those with COVID-19 among the non-vaccinated required oxygen supplementation or were in ICU care or died



Shutters down: A stretch of hawker stalls at the Chinatown Food Street in Singapore during the pandemic • REUTERS

1. CASES AND DEATHS | The charts shows the seven-day average of daily confirmed cases (left axis) and daily recorded deaths (right axis) in Singapore

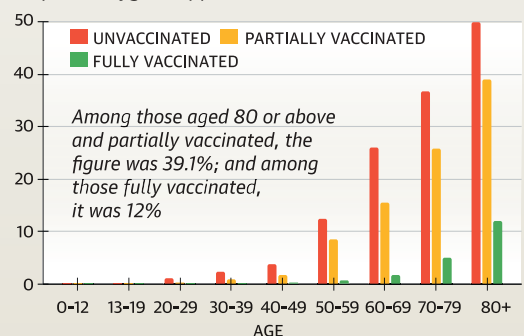


2. VACCINATION AND DEATHS | The graph shows % of COVID-19-positive persons who died in each category split by age and vaccination status. For instance, among those aged 80 or above and unvaccinated, 23% of the cases resulted in death. Among those aged 80 or above and partially vaccinated, 12.4% of the cases resulted in death



Source: OUR WORLD IN DATA, SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT

3. VACCINATION AND HOSPITALISATION | The graph shows % of COVID-19 patients who required oxygen supplementation or were in ICU care or died in each category split by age and vaccination status. For instance, among the 80+ and unvaccinated, 50% required oxygen supplementation/ICU care/died



4. VACCINATION COVERAGE | The graph shows the % share of the population fully vaccinated at any given point of time in Singapore. As of October 27, 80% of the population was fully vaccinated



NOTE: IN GRAPHS 2 AND 3, THE DATA PERTAINS TO THE PERIOD BETWEEN MAY 1, 2021 AND OCT. 15, 2021

The Hindu

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 9, 1971

Borlaug defends use of DDT

Dr. Norman Borlaug, U.S. winner of the Nobel Peace Prize last year for his work in developing high-yield cereals, to-day [Rome, November 8] denounced "hysterical environmentalists" for attempting to block the use of chemicals such as D.D.T. in agriculture. In a lecture at the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation here, Dr. Borlaug warned that fertilisers and chemicals like D.D.T. were vital for adequate food production. "If agriculture is denied their use because of unwise legislation that is now being promoted by a powerful group of hysterical lobbyists, who are provoking fear by predicting doom for the world through chemical poisoning, then the world will be doomed not by chemical poisoning but by starvation," he said. Dr. Borlaug's 18,000-word lecture at the opening meeting of the FAO's 16th Governing Conference was expected to initiate a major battle in the organisation over the use of D.D.T., FAO sources said. Opposition to his views may come on Tuesday when Dr. Sicco Mansholt of Holland, chief architect of the European Common Market's agricultural policies, is expected to call for a phasing out of D.D.T. and its replacement by pesticides which do less damage to the environment. Referring to the so-called "Green Revolution" in agriculture for which he won his Nobel Prize, Dr. Borlaug said the use of heavy doses of fertilisers played an important part in creating the high-yielding cereals which had raised hopes of solving the world's food problem.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 9, 1921

Malabar Special Tribunal

The Special Tribunal took up for hearing to-day [Calicut, November 8] a case in which seven Nayars and three Moplahs were charged with unlawful assembly and mischief by fire under sections 148 and 436 I.P.C. According to the prosecution the accused and 70 others mostly Hindus and some Moplahs went to a toddy shop of one Kandu in Muthidath Madanba... in Walluvanad taluk on the evening of 23rd August last shouting "Gandhi-ki-jai" and armed with sticks and knives broke all pots containing toddy and set fire to the shop. As soon as the toddy shop-keeper saw the accused coming towards his shop, he left it and went and remained at a distance of about 30 yards from the shop. As the shop was burning the mob shouted "Gandhi-ki-jai" and proceeded towards the west.

Winter session of Parliament to begin soon

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The winter session of Parliament will begin on November 29 and go on till December 23. The Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs has approved the dates. There will be 20 working days in the session.

Last year, the winter session could not be held due to the pandemic. The last three parliamentary sessions were also curtailed due to the COVID-19 scare. The coming session will also adhere to the COVID-19 protocols. Both Houses of Parliament - Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha - will hold proceedings simultaneously while ensuring that the members follow social distancing norms.

It is expected to be a heated session, as it comes on the eve of Assembly elections in Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur and Goa.

Deol does not have moral right to continue as A-G, says Sidhu

PCC president says lawyer shielded police after the Kotkapura firing incident

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In an unending crisis for the Congress in Punjab, the party's State president, Navjot Singh Sidhu, hit back at Advocate-General A.P.S. Deol, saying a lawyer who procured blanket protection for the police in the 2015 Kotkapura firing on a gathering of Sikh demonstrators did not have the moral or ethical right to continue in the post.

Two days ago, Mr. Sidhu withdrew his resignation as Pradesh Congress Committee president, but said he would resume work only if Mr. Deol and Director-General of Police Preet Singh Sahota, both appointees of Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, were removed.

On Saturday, Mr. Deol, in a brief statement, accused Mr. Sidhu of spreading misinformation to gain political



Trouble brewing: Navjot Singh Sidhu (left) wants officials appointed by Chief Minister Channi removed. ■ FILE PHOTO

advantage over his political colleagues.

In response to this, Mr. Sidhu, at a press conference in Chandigarh, questioned the police on the firing.

He said the Punjab and Haryana High Court had directed that the probe into the incident should be completed preferably within six months.

"Today, six months and one day have passed. Where is the chargesheet [in the matter]," he asked. He further

asked why a special leave petition has not been filed against the blanket bail given to former DGP Smedh Singh Saini, one of the accused in the firing incident.

Moral grounds

Technically, Mr. Sidhu stated, any lawyer could become the A-G and any IPS officer could become the DGP. But on moral and ethical grounds can Mr. Deol and Mr. Sahota continue, he asked.

"Can we appoint a lawyer who has procured blanket protection to the main accused persons in that case as the Advocate-General? Or can we have an IPS officer, who was the first investigating officer and gave a clean chit to the main conspirators as the DGP, especially when the case is still being investigated," he asked.

RLD chief rules out alliance with Congress in U.P. polls

Jayant Singh's meet with Priyanka Gandhi sets off rumours

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUZAFFARNAGAR

Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Jayant Singh has ruled out the possibility of an alliance with the Congress in the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly election.

He told presspersons in Shamli on Sunday evening that his party's alliance with the Samajwadi Party (SP) was in the "final stage".

The RLD leader recently met Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at the Lucknow airport, and later both of them left for Delhi on a chartered aircraft of the Chhattisgarh government, a development that set tongues wagging in political circles.

On being asked that the meeting was perceived as arm-twisting tactics of the RLD to exert pressure on the SP with regard to seat sharing for the election, a senior



Choosing sides: Jayant Singh (left) said his party's alliance with the SP is in the final stages. ■ FILE PHOTO

RLD leader said, "No pressure has been exerted by anyone."

'Informal meet'

"This was an informal meeting (*shishhtaachar bhet*), and it was prevalent among leaders of earlier times," he said.

"The BJP has changed this trend and people have become enemies of each other

in politics," he added.

Meanwhile, Mr. Singh said the RLD would fulfil all promises made in the party manifesto, including one crore jobs to youth, setting State Advisory Price (SAP) for sugar cane and guaranteed payments within 14 days, if it is voted to power in the State. He also opposed the proposed amendments to the Electricity Act, 2003.

Mamata has voids to fill in Govt.

Death of a Minister, non-availability of another pose challenges for the CM

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

Death of a veteran Minister and the non-availability of a senior Minister have put up a challenge before West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in addressing the leadership void in the Government.

Subrata Mukherjee, who held the key Panchayat Department, passed away on November 4.

Finance Minister Amit Mitra did not contest the Assembly election or the recent byelection, and by not getting elected to the Assembly, he is almost on his way out from the Cabinet.



Shoes to fill: Amit Mitra (left) has been the Finance Minister of West Bengal for the past 10 years. ■ FILE PHOTO

Key portfolios

Not only did the two veterans hold key portfolios but they also brought in huge experience and expertise on various issues.

Mukherjee had a political career spanning over five decades and was one of the youngest Ministers in the Siddhartha Sankar Ray Government in the 1970s. He was also the Kolkata Mayor.

He was behind the implementation of schemes at the grassroots levels, including the MGNREGA scheme.

Mr. Mitra, who has been the Finance Minister for the

past 10 years, played a key role in allocating funds to several populist schemes, which at times required allocation of huge resources.

He also held the portfolio of Industry and Commerce for a considerable period of time, trying to sell the industry-starved State as a favourable investment destination.

Adviser appointment

Despite the unavailability of Mr. Mitra, the Chief Minister is keen that her Government receives his counsel. She may appoint him an adviser

to the Government in some capacity.

The Chief Minister is already in charge of key portfolios such as Home and Hill Affairs, Health and Family Welfare, Information and Cultural Affairs, and Minority Affairs.

She may keep Finance with her, while the Panchayat Department may have a new Minister.

Political observer and psephologist Biswanath Chakraborty said that with the passing away of Mukherjee and Mr. Mitra's unavailability to

discharge functions as a Minister, there are not many in the Cabinet who are senior to Ms. Banerjee.

"The Government, particularly the Chief Minister, will miss the political acumen of Subrata Mukherjee and the economic wisdom of Mr. Mitra," said Professor Chakraborty, who is the Head of the Department, Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University.

Height of dominance

The Trinamool Congress has 217 MLAs in the Assembly, which has a strength of 294 legislators. Therefore, inducting new Ministers or giving additional responsibility to Ministers is not a tough task.

Political observers like Professor Chakraborty feel that the Trinamool Congress is at its height of political dominance in the State and its influence can be compared to the heyday of the Left Front.

Since people have overwhelmingly supported the Trinamool Congress in the recent Assembly polls, it will have to hand over ministerial responsibility of crucial portfolios such as Finance and Panchayat to the best of its leaders.

Taliban mentality won't be tolerated, says Adityanath

U.P. CM visits Kairana, rakes up 'exodus' of Hindus

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday invoked the "exodus" of Hindus from Kairana a few years ago, telling people in the western Uttar Pradesh town that those who shoot at traders now would be dispatched to the "next world".

At a public meeting in Kairana, he slammed the "Taliban mentality" saying it would not be accepted in the State.

He also attacked the Opposition saying those parties did not act when the houses of Hindus were being burnt and innocent youth killed in Muzaffarnagar, referring to the communal riots in the region in 2013.

The alleged exodus from Kairana was a big issue in the 2017 Assembly election as the BJP claimed then that scores of Hindu families had left the town after receiving threats from criminals.

The claim, however, was contested by others.

Ahead of next year's Assembly election, Mr. Adityanath visited the town and promised compensation to some families who were al-



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the launch of development projects in Rampur on Monday. ■ PTI

legedly forced to leave it between 2014 and 2016.

Mr. Adityanath said the Muzaffarnagar riots and the "exodus" were not election issues for the BJP.

'Issue of identity'

These are issues of our identity, honour and glory, he said.

"The criminals who had forced the traders and residents of Kairana to flee had in the past four-and-a-half years been forced to flee themselves.

"No criminal has the courage to walk with his head held high. And if a criminal dares to shoot a trader or a citizen, then the bullet will hit him and will send him to next world [*doosre lok*]."

Modi calls for development of Pandharpur

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

Calling for the temple town of Pandharpur in Maharashtra's Solapur district to be transformed into the cleanest pilgrimage site in India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that the *palkhi* (palanquin) highways would accelerate the development of the region.

He was speaking during the virtual ground breaking ceremony of 13 highway projects aimed at increasing connectivity to the iconic temple town in Solapur district.

Mr. Modi virtually laid the foundation stone for the widening of five sections of National Highway (NH) 965 and three sections of NH 965G to four lanes. NH-965 is popularly known as the Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj Palkhi Marg while NH 965G is also called the Sant Tukaram Maharaj Palkhi Marg.

The Prime Minister appealed to the locals to plant trees on both sides of the highways and establish drinking water facilities at regular stops so that the *warkaris* (devotees undertaking the pilgrimage or wari) could avail shade.

Week-long bike rally from Kathmandu to Varanasi

U.P. CM's homebase to be a stopover

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

The Indian Embassy in Nepal will organise a week-long bike rally from the Pashupatinath temple in Kathmandu to the Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi from November 11.

The people-to-people initiative comes days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi met his Nepalese counterpart Sher Bahadur Deuba in Glasgow on the sidelines of the COP26 summit. The rally will include a stopover at the Gorakhnath Math, a religious institution headed by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Adityanath.

The Ministry of External Affairs said the rally will be flagged off by Minister of Culture of Nepal Prem Bahadur Ale from the premises of the Pashupatinath temple on the morning of November 11 after religious rituals

which will be performed in the presence of Ambassador to Nepal Vinay Mohan Kwatra. The "Pashupatinath-Kashi Vishwanath Amrit Mahotsav Motorcycle Rally" between the two of the most important religious shrines of South Asia will draw participation from at least 50 bikers and is aimed at strengthening the connect, said the MEA.



The rally will be flagged off from the Pashupatinath temple on November 11.

The rally will visit Motihari associated with Mahatma Gandhi-led Champaran Satyagraha of 1917, Samath, the place of the first sermon of Lord Buddha and the Gorakhnath Math in Gorakhpur. The stopover at the Math of poll-bound Uttar Pradesh is significant as Mr. Adityanath is the chief pontiff of the religious establishment.

Mr. Deuba had sent former Foreign Minister Prakash Sharan Mahat as his emissary to India in October. He met Mr. Adityanath in Lucknow where both sides had discussed plans to strengthen people-to-people ties. It is understood that Mr. Adityanath's following in Nepal is expected to amplify his image as a leader ahead of the poll in Uttar Pradesh.

BJP workers, police clash in Kolkata

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

BJP supporters clashed with the police in Kolkata on Monday after they were stopped from taking out a rally demanding a reduction in VAT (value-added tax) on petrol and diesel by the West Bengal Government after the Union government slashed taxes on petrol and diesel.

Senior BJP leaders, including State president Sukanta Majumdar, Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari and party's national vice-president Dilip Ghosh were present outside the party headquarters at Murlidhar Sen Lane when the whole area was cordoned off by the police. The police refused permission for the BJP leaders to lead a rally due to the COVID-19 situation. There was a scuffle between party supporters and the police and several BJP leaders and supporters were detained.

Mr. Adhikari stated that he would raise the issue in the next session of the Assembly.

Ms. Banerjee said the Centre has collected about ₹4 lakh crore from petroleum products and was not giving anything to the States ruled by Opposition parties.

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Invitation of applications from retired persons for engagement of Contractual Senior Clerks in OISIP, JICA, OWSSB, Cuttack

The Odisha Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project (OISIP) intends to engage 02 Nos. of Senior Clerks on Contractual basis against the vacant posts for its project at Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.

Sl. No.	Name of the Contractual Post	Wages	No. of Posts	Qualification, Experience & Age Limit
1.	Senior Clerk (Contractual)	As per Finance Department Circular No.7022 dt.17.03.2018 the Contractual Senior Clerk is entitled to get Consolidated remuneration of Rs.13,000/- per month, which may change from time to time by Govt.	02 (Two) (At present 2 nos. candidates shall be engaged. Further a merit list shall be prepared to give engagement to the waitlisted candidates if vacancy arises in future)	1. He should have retired after working a Senior Clerk / Head Clerk in any office of Odisha State Govt. or Govt. of Odisha undertaking. 2. The candidate should have experience of working as Accounts Clerk, e.g. experience in maintaining cash book, checking of bills as per OPWD Code in any Engineering Division of Odisha State Govt./ Govt. of Odisha undertaking. 3. The candidate should be below 64 years of age as on 30.11.2021

Interested eligible candidates may apply in plain paper, along with their updated CV, showing the details of their experience as working as accounts clerk, maintaining cash book, checking of bills as per OPWD Code etc., Copy of educational qualification certificates and copy of pension payment order of final pension order issued by A.G. Odisha / Provisional pension order / copy of proof of retirement from Govt. of Odisha / Govt. of Odisha undertaking should be enclosed with the application in the above address by speed post / Regd. Post only, so as to reach this office on or before 29.11.2021. The candidates should furnish their correspondence address, contact phone no. and E-mail ID in their application for further communication. OISIP Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the candidates without assigning any reason therefor.

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Invitation for Expression of Interest from Recruitment Agencies

For recruitment on the post of Technical Helper-III in Power Sector Companies of Rajasthan (Govt. of Rajasthan Undertakings) Expression of Interest is invited from the reputed, renowned and experienced Recruitment Agencies capable for conducting recruitment through on-line competitive examination involving 50,000 or more candidates. For more details please visit <https://energy.rajabhawan.gov.in/jvnl>. Interested agencies may submit their Expression of Interest along with supporting documents upto 15/11/2021 in the O/o Chief Personnel Officer, Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Vidhut Bhawan, Jan Path, Jaipur- 302005 by post or in person or e-mail cpo@jvnl.org. The Expression of Interest received after 15th November shall not be taken into consideration.
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Zydus Cadila to supply one crore doses

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI**
Drug firm Zydus Cadila on Monday said it had received an order to supply one crore doses of its COVID-19 vaccine, ZyCoV-D, to the Government of India at ₹265 a dose.
“Zydus Cadila has received an order to supply one crore doses of ZyCoV-D, the world’s first plasmid DNA vaccine, to the Government of India at ₹265 per dose and the needle-free applicator being offered at ₹93 per dose, excluding GST,” the pharma firm said in a regulatory filing. The pricing has been decided in consultation with the Central Government, it added. The vaccine will be administered using a needle-free applicator as opposed to traditional syringes.

Painless delivery
PharmaJet is a needle-free applicator to ensure painless intradermal vaccine delivery which also leads to a significant reduction in major side effects.

“We are happy to support the Government’s vaccination programme with ZyCoV-D. The needle-free application of the vaccination, we hope, will motivate many more to vaccinate and safeguard themselves from COVID-19, especially children and young adults in the age group of 12 to 18,” Zydus Cadila Managing Director Sharvil Patel said.

ZyCoV-D is the first vaccine cleared by India’s drug regulator for inoculation of those aged 12 and above. Three doses of ZyCoV-D are to be administered 28 days apart.

The company has also sought approval for the two dose regimen of the vaccine.

90 Zika cases in U.P.; Delhi too on alert

Infected include 17 children; doctors say people should avoid non-essential travel to affected areas

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI**
With a rise in the number of Zika virus cases in Uttar Pradesh, doctors have advised people to avoid all non-essential travel to areas reporting cases. Currently, close to 90 persons, 17 of them children, have tested positive for the virus from the State. Delhi also has been placed on alert.

According to information released by the World Health Organization (WHO), a majority of those infected with the Zika virus disease either remain asymptomatic (up to 80%) or show mild symptoms of fever, rash, conjunctivitis, body ache and joint pains. The mosquito that transmits the virus, *Aedes Aegypti*, also transmits the



High alert: With no vaccine or drug available against Zika, the only step is prevention of mosquito breeding. ■ SANDEEP SAXENA

dengue virus and is widely prevalent in India.

With no vaccine or drug available to prevent or treat

the Zika virus disease at present, doctors have said that infections should be suspected in patients reporting with

acute onset of fever and maculo-papular rash, if they had travelled to areas with ongoing transmission during the two weeks preceding the onset of illness.

Based on the available information of previous outbreaks, severe forms of disease requiring hospitalisation are uncommon and fatalities are rare.

The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) had in its previous travel advisory said non-essential travel to the affected areas and countries should be deferred/ cancelled and pregnant women or women who are trying to become pregnant should cancel their travel to the affected areas. Encouraging the use of protective measures, espe-

cially during daytime, the NCDC added that persons with comorbid conditions (diabetes, hypertension, chronic respiratory illness, immune disorders and so on) should seek advice from the nearest health facility, prior to travel to an affected country.

Delhi Medical Association member Anil Bansal said, “There is no specific medicine for Zika virus disease and self-medication should be avoided. Also people should avoid using aspirin for treating fever and use paracetamol. Travel to areas that are seeing a rise in Zika cases is best avoided.”

The Union Health Ministry has also advised that people to control/prevent mosquito breeding.

Sena targets State Govt., Centre over hospital fire

Do not politicise the tragedy, it says

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE**
The Shiv Sena on Monday said the Ahmednagar hospital fire tragedy should not be ‘politicised’. It, however, targeted both the ruling tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition (of which it is a part of) as well as the Central Government over the incident in which 11 COVID-19 patients, mostly senior citizens, lost their lives.

In an editorial in its mouthpiece, *Saamana*, the Sena, which shares power with the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress and has its president Uddhav Thackeray as Chief Minister, said the upkeep of the public health system was the responsibility

of both the State and Union Governments. The NCP holds the Health portfolio.

It pointed out that several COVID-19 patients had lost their lives in similar hospital fire tragedies across the State in Gondia, Nashik, Mira-Bhayandar and Vasai-Virar and other places over the past two years. The editorial demanded that the Government tell the public what concrete steps it planned to take to prevent such accidents.

The editorial also mocked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and chastised the Centre for the “shambolic” state of the country’s health infrastructure. It rued the “paltry” spending on improving the facilities.

Autumn palette



Bed of leaves: Tourists at the Mughal Garden taking in the autumn air in Srinagar on Monday. The season, known as Harud locally, is the annual harvesting period in the Valley. ■ NISSAR AHMAD

Govt. officials to be trained in handling disability issues

Five training modules will be released for functionaries

**DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI**
Government functionaries, from ASHA and anganwadi workers at the grassroots level to senior officers and MPs at the national level, will soon be trained and sensitised regarding Central sector schemes and facilities for persons with disabilities, Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry officials said on Monday.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the Ministry will on Tuesday be releasing five training modules for different categories of Government officials, according to the officials concerned.

The Rehabilitation Council of India would be the nodal agency to coordinate the training sessions for Government departments, schools, colleges, health and allied



New norms: The sensitisation programme will start from the anganwadi level. ■ K.R. DEEPAK

professionals, ASHA workers and anganwadi workers through a network of 700 training colleges, a senior official said. The respective training modules would be shared with the stakeholders, who would also get financial support and the services of a resource person.

The training modules were drafted in simple language and would soon be translated into seven region-

ally languages after the launch of the English and Hindi versions by Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar on Tuesday, the official said. For senior Government officers, there would be half-day sessions, while school and college principals and health workers would have day-long sessions. The training for anganwadi and ASHA workers would be for two days, the official said.

+ Cong. alleges secret deal with Italian firm

Party says PM had called Agusta’s parent company corrupt, but was now ready to trade with the firm

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI**

A day after news reports about India lifting the ban on the Italian defence company involved in the AgustaWestland helicopter deal, the Congress on Monday attacked the Narendra Modi Government, alleging duplicity.

The procurement ban was lifted just days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s meeting with his Italian counterpart, Mario Draghi, on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Rome. The Congress said Mr. Modi and his Government had lost all the cases against AgustaWestland in international courts and did not even file appeals. The party asked if the



Is it now okay to deal with a company that Modiji and his government called ‘corrupt, bribe-giver, bogus’?
GOURAV VALLABH
Congress spokesperson

“fake bogey of corruption” raised just before the 2014 election against the UPA Government was being given a quiet burial.

Party spokesperson Gaurav Vallabh said that Mr. Modi had called Finmeccanica, the parent company of AgustaWestland, now known as Leonardo SpA, as “corrupt” but was now ready to trade with the same firm. On July

22, 2014, the company was removed from the blacklist and now the Government had lifted the procurement ban from it.

The UPA Government had decisively ordered investigations when media reports suggested corruption in the case, he said.

In February 2010, a global tender was issued to purchase 12 helicopters. This

was allotted to AgustaWestland for ₹3,546 crore. In February 2013, after allegations of corruption surfaced, the CBI started investigating the deal and finally, in January 2014, the UPA Government cancelled the contract to purchase 12 helicopters from AgustaWestland. Till then, a payment of ₹1,620 crore had been made to Agusta and three helicopters had been delivered.

On cancelling the contract, the UPA-Congress Government had encashed the bank guarantees worth ₹240 crore from AgustaWestland deposited with Indian banks.

“The UPA-Congress government had also filed a case against AgustaWestland

in Milan, Italy. On 23.5.2014, UPA-Congress government won the case for encashment of international guarantees of AgustaWestland to recover ₹228 million. The Congress-UPA Government recovered a total of ₹2,068 crore from Agusta Westland against the payment of ₹1,620 crore,” Mr. Vallabh said.

It was the UPA Government, he said, that initiated the process of blacklisting the AgustaWestland in February 2013.

The Congress questioned the Centre’s “secret deal” with the firm. Mr. Vallabh asked, “Is it now OK to deal with a company that Modi ji & his Govt called “corrupt, bribe-giver, bogus?”

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI**

More than a month after the controversial eviction drive in Gorukhuti in Darrang district, the Assam Government on Monday began another round, evicting encroachers from a reserve forest in Hojai district’s Lumding.

Local officials aided by about 1,000 security personnel, including four companies of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), used elephants, excavators and tractors to clear encroach-

ment on the 22,403-hectare Lumding Reserve Forest.

District officials said the eviction, being carried out in the direction of the Gauhati High Court, will continue till Tuesday. The court had on September 30 directed the State Government to clear the encroachment in a phased manner. Officials said there was no resistance unlike the one in Gorukhuti where two persons, including a minor, died in police firing.

About 1,410 hectares of the forest are under en-

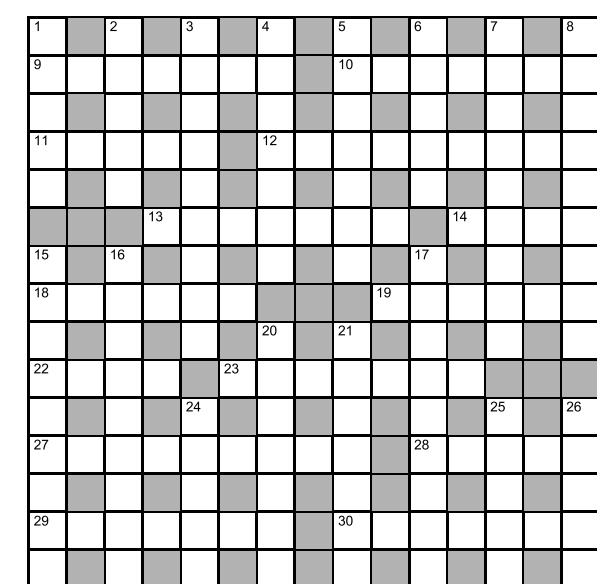
croachment, officials said.

“Many settlers vacated their houses while others are ready to leave. We are trying to convince a few who are refusing to budge,” Hojai’s Superintendent of Police Barun Purkayastha said.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said a few businessmen had encroached the forest and settled people from Barpeta and Dhubri.

The CPI (M-L) criticised the Government for issuing notices to people settled on sandbars in the Dhing area of Nagaon district.

THE CROSSWORD + 13397 Display keystrokes of genius. Type your answers in our online grids: @ <https://qr.go.page.link/jjpTn> SCAN TO PLAY



- 18 I may be a God trapped in a software application (6)
- 19 One about to leave studies for small parts in plays (6)
- 22 Reportedly transmitted a small amount of money (4)
- 23 Wall portion covering a hollow passage (7)
- 27 Fresh air! You and I must set off for this hot tourist destination (9)
- 28 Saint was persecuted by many inquisitorial leaders (5)
- 29 This subject with bit of effort and energy can become agreeable (7)
- 30 Beetle’s capacity to carry (7)

DOWN

- 1 Heave miserable chap having no work (5)
- 2 Right-wing journalism misrepresented a faith (5)
- 3 Official policy for celebration on border (5,4)
- 4 Extremely coy, I can panic and start to look pessimistic (7)
- 5 Put on a gloss, eliminating a social division is hard (7)
- 6 Clever gypsies returned quietly, unnoticed (5)
- 7 One tips regularly (9)
- 8 Iran tests bombs, causes irritability (9)
- 15 Tame filling for a pie (9)
- 16 Big red hun pillaged a highland town (9)
- 17 Henchman’s entry into Labour Party at last (9)
- 20 It echoes in almost empty palace (7)
- 21 Priest’s dark habit (7)
- 24 King is back with a degree! (5)
- 25 Brute Spooner’s laughing, sound you heard (5)
- 26 He believes in rebirth, in duality (5)

- ACROSS
- 9 Bliss at last! The magic is what yoga does internally! (7)
- 10 Chemical commonly transported on National Highway from Leh to Attari? (7)
- 11 Monitor gossip about Republican leader (5)
- 12 Secret demonstration could be given by this toad (9)
- 13 Clear about no insertion in charter (7)
- 14 It augurs return of popular clown fish (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13396

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Solution to yesterday’s Sudoku

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FAITH

Hymn for moksha

Adi Sankara shines as a beacon light in the spiritual firmament by virtue of his superior jnana, vairagya and bhakti apart from his impeccable scholarship in the scriptures. These are basic and essential for all those seeking salvation and the acharya addresses the issue to reach out to each one of them, whatever may be one’s spiritual attainment, pointed out Sri B. Sundarkumar in a discourse.

For instance, his excellent Basya granthas, the commentaries on the Prasthanatraya texts, the Upanishads, the Brahma Sutra and the Bhagavad Gita explore the nuances of the scriptures and establish the Advaita siddhanta on a firm footing. But his innumerable stotra granthas on many deities such as Rama, Krishna, Goddess Devi, Siva, Dakshinamurthy, Subramanya, Ganesha, etc, are valuable to the common simple folk who can chant these and find great solace in tiding over the sorrows and hurdles of life. The Subramanya Bhujanga celebrates the glories of the deity Muruga at Tiruchendur. The Sankara Vijayam, the biography on Adi Sankara, mentions the story behind the birth of this soul-stirring hymn. Once when the acharya is in Gokarna, a jealous scholar named Abhinava Gupta inflicts a painful disease on him. Being an atma nishta, the acharya is unconcerned about it though the disciples are concerned.

It is held that Siva appears in his dream and directs him to worship Subramanya at Tiruchendur. By his yogic power, the acharya goes to Tiruchendur and prays to be cured of the disease. The Lord is shown to be the most compassionate who is always ready to shower His boundless graces on all devoted souls. He grants all their rightful wishes necessary for crossing this life and also inspires them with the desire for salvation.

Communist Party plenum opens in China

The four-day conclave is expected to pass a resolution that will cement President Xi's grip on power

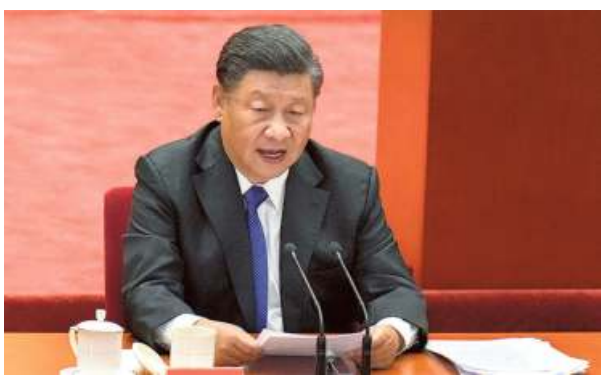
ANANTH KRISHNAN
HONG KONG

China's Communist Party on Monday began a key four-day conclave in Beijing, which is expected to pass a resolution this week that will further tighten General Secretary and President Xi Jinping's grip on power and likely ensure his dominance remains unchallenged as he begins a third term next year.

The 370 members of the Central Committee gathered in Beijing on Monday, and Mr. Xi "delivered a work report" and "made explanations on a draft resolution on the major achievements and historical experience of the CPC's 100 years of endeavours", the official Xinhua news agency said.

The focus of the gathering this week, an annual meeting called a plenum, is passing what will be only the third such resolution on the party's history in the past 100 years, following those passed by Mao Zedong in 1945 and Deng Xiaoping in 1981.

The resolution, expected to be made public on Thursday, is likely to largely hail the party's achievements. It,



In control: Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, in this file photo. *AP

is, however, not only about questions of history. It will likely emphasise Mr. Xi's contributions and establish his status in the party as a "core" leader on a par with Mao and Deng. This will translate into even greater political control for Mr. Xi in the months ahead, and leave his position unchallenged ahead of next October's once-in-five-year party congress, where he is expected to begin a third five-year term and appoint new officials to replace those retiring.

A meeting last month that announced the plenum noted that "Chinese Commu-

nists, with Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping, Jiang Zemin, and Hu Jintao as chief representatives, led the whole Party and people of all ethnic groups in achieving vital progress in the revolution, construction and reform, with precious experience accumulated".

At the core

"Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012," the announcement said, "the CPC Central Committee with Xi Jinping at the core has led the whole Party and people of all ethnic groups in making new notable achievements and accumulating

new precious experience".

Mr. Xi, who took over in 2012, has abolished term limits and ended the collective leadership model, and has declared the start of a "new era" for China, which the resolution will also likely mention, marking a phase of the country's "rejuvenation".

The document will "look back at key events in the Party's 100-year history, reinforce unity among the Party and strengthen the authority and leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Xi at its core, as well as determine the Party's direction for the next few decades", the Party-run *Global Times* reported on Monday.

Wang Junwei, a research fellow at the Institute of Party History and Literature of the CPC Central Committee, told the paper the two previous resolutions on history in 1945 and 1981 had "profound and long-term effects on unifying the thoughts and concentrating the strengths of the whole Party", adding that this resolution would have a similar effect. The 1945 resolution established Mao's ideology as the party's

dominant guiding philosophy, while Deng's in 1981 launched China's reform era.

"The third one will be similar in its significance and functions - to have a clear and authoritative conclusion on a series of questions or issues in history, and pave the way for the 20th CPC National Congress next year," Wu Xinwen of Fudan University in Shanghai told the paper, adding that "this one will cover more content compared to the previous two, as it aims to review and sum up the Party's 100-year history". He added it would provide an "authoritative conclusion" on debates about the party's history. Mr. Xi has sought to clamp down on precisely such debates during his term, for instance between neo-Maoists and those favouring greater reforms. Party scholars have recently called for putting an end to debates that contested the legacies of Mao and Deng, with the current emphasis firmly on party unity, ideological discipline, and, not to mention, unquestioningly following the current "core" leader at the helm, Mr. Xi.

Pakistan Taliban agree to 'complete ceasefire', says govt.

Month-long truce to be extended if both sides agree: TTP

REUTERS
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan and local Taliban militants have agreed to a "complete ceasefire", Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry said on Monday, after negotiations which the Taliban government in neighbouring Afghanistan helped to arrange.

The Pakistani Taliban aim to overthrow the government and govern the South Asian nation of 220 million by enforcing their own brand of harsh Islamic law.

The militants, also known as Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP, are separate from the Afghan Taliban.

"The ceasefire will keep on extending with the progress in the negotiations," Mr. Chaudhry said in a statement.

"The government of Pakistan and banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan have

Ban on radical party lifted

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's government has lifted a ban on a radical party that staged massive anti-France protests, after striking a deal with the group earlier this month.

In a notification

agreed on a complete ceasefire."

The negotiations would follow the law and Constitution of Pakistan, he said.

The militant group said the ceasefire would begin on Tuesday and run until December 9 unless both sides agreed to an extension.

The TTP is an umbrella organisation of al-Qaeda-linked Sunni militant groups that has waged a war against the state, in which tens of

published late on Sunday, the government said the move was in the "national interest", coming after seven police officers were killed in clashes during a days-long rally organised by Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) that began last month.

thousands of Pakistanis have been killed in the last two decades.

The Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan, where they ruled with an iron fist from 1996 to 2001, has emboldened Islamist militants in the region.

The TTP is now seeking concessions. According to sources, it has given the government a list of a number of its imprisoned leaders that it wants released.

Nicaragua's Ortega wins new term after opponents jailed

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MANAGUA

Daniel Ortega won a fourth consecutive presidential term on Monday in elections denounced by the U.S. as a "sham," with the long-term Nicaraguan leader deriding his opponents - most of them jailed or in exile - as "terrorists."

With ballots in 49% of polling stations counted, Mr. Ortega had 75% of votes, according to official partial results from the country's Supreme Electoral Council.

With seven would-be presidential challengers detained since June, the 75-year-old was assured a fourth consecutive five-year term - his fifth overall.

The five contenders he did face have been dismissed by critics as regime loyalists.

Late on Sunday night, some of Mr. Ortega's followers began to celebrate on the streets of the capital Managua even before the final result.

"Yes we did it, Daniel, Daniel!" they shouted in several



Daniel Ortega

neighbourhoods as fireworks went off.

Biden denounces poll

U.S. President Joe Biden said in a statement on Sunday

that the outcome was "rigged" long before the "sham" election.

"What Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega and his wife, Vice-President Rosario Murillo, orchestrated today was a pantomime election that was neither free nor fair, and most certainly not democratic," the President said, adding the pair now run Nicaragua "as autocrats."

Mr. Ortega, a former guerrilla hero, launched a new attack on his opponents on

Sunday, saying: "This day we are standing up to those who promote terrorism, finance war, to those who sow terror, death."

He was referring to Nicaraguans who took part in massive protests against his government in 2018, which were met with a violent crackdown that claimed over 300 lives in Central America's poorest country.

Some 150 people have been jailed since then, including 39 opposition figures.

ASSOCIATED PRESS
PARIS

France's Catholic Church agreed on Monday to financially compensate sex abuse victims in what the president of the country's Bishop Conference hailed as a "decisive step."

Conference President Eric de Moulins-Beaufort said that the Church has recognised its "institutional responsibility" and decided to go "on a path of recognition and reparation that paves the way for victims to get the possibility of a mediation and a compensation."

The Bishops Conference held its annual meeting a

month after a report estimated that some 3,30,000 children were sexually abused over 70 years by priests or other church-related figures.

"We felt disgust and horror inside us when we realised how much suffering so many people had lived and were still living," he said.

The Bishop did not provide details about the amount of the compensation and how the church intends to pay.

The report also described "systemic" cover-up by the Catholic Church, and urged the church to respect the rule of law in France.

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JERUSALEM

Security researchers disclosed on Monday that spyware from the notorious Israeli hacker-for-hire company NSO Group was detected on the cellphones of six Palestinian human rights activists, half affiliated with groups that Israel's Defence Minister Benny Gantz controversially claimed were involved in terrorism.

The revelation marks the first known instance of Palestinian activists being targeted by the military-grade Pegasus spyware.

ELSEWHERE



U.S. lifts travel ban, opens doors to visitors

PARIS
The U.S. lifted restrictions on Monday on travel from a long list of countries, including Mexico, Canada and most of Europe, allowing tourists to make long-delayed trips and family members to reconnect with loved ones after more than a year and a half apart because of the COVID-19 pandemic. AP

Ethiopia's Oromo rebels say victory 'very soon'

NAIROBI
A rebel leader fighting Ethiopia's government said his troops are near the capital and preparing another attack, as diplomats rush to negotiate a ceasefire. Jaal Marroo, commander of the Oromo Liberation Army, warned Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed that the rebels were very close to victory. AFP

Fertilizer row: Chinese firm asks Sri Lanka to pay for 'negligence'

Colombo had rejected a 'contaminated' consignment

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

A Chinese firm has demanded \$8 million from Sri Lanka for "negligence" in testing its fertilizer sample, escalating tensions persisting for weeks since Sri Lankan authorities rejected a "contaminated" consignment from the firm.

Further, Chinese diplomats are scheduled to meet Sri Lankan authorities on Monday [November 8], *The Morning* newspaper here reported, over the controversy that appears to be straining bilateral ties.

In a Letter of Demand to the National Plant Quarantine Service of Sri Lanka's Department of Agriculture, the Chinese firm accused authorities of making an "erroneous conclusion" in its test. In October, Sri Lanka



The firm accused officials of making "erroneous conclusion" in test. *AFP

barred a Chinese ship carrying organic fertilizer, after the National Plant Quarantine Service tested samples and confirmed presence of "organisms, including certain types of harmful bacteria".

China has reacted strongly to the development, even banning a top public sector

bank in Sri Lanka that held back payment to the company, after a court order restraining it. In a tweet with "clarifications" on behalf of Chinese company Qingdao Seawin, the Chinese Embassy on Sunday said the Ceylon Fertilizer Company, which received the fertiliser sample on July 28, should have tested it before giving the bid, signing the contract and getting the import permit.

The fertilizer row involving the Chinese firm comes months after Sri Lanka abruptly switched to an "organic fertilizer only" policy, widely criticised by farmers and experts as "short-sighted" and "ill-timed". Soil scientists have warned that the country's agriculture sector is heading towards a "catastrophe".

China builds mockups of U.S. Navy warships

It may be using them as training targets



Satellite image appears to show the mockup of a U.S. Navy warship. *AP/MAXAR TECHNOLOGIES

REUTERS
BEIJING
China's military has built mockups in the shape of a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier and other U.S. warships, possibly as training targets, in the desert of Xinjiang, satellite images by Maxar showed on Sunday.

China's efforts to build up anti-carrier capabilities, specifically against the U.S. Navy, as tensions remain high over Taiwan and the South China Sea.

The images showed a full-scale outline of a U.S. carrier and at least two guided missile destroyers in the Taklamakan Desert.

Chinese finish space walk outside future station

Woman scripts history with manoeuvre

REUTERS
BEIJING

Two Chinese astronauts completed a space walk on Monday outside the core module of a future space station, with 41-year-old Wang Yaping becoming the first Chinese woman to perform the manoeuvre, state media reported.

Zhai Zhigang, 55, mission commander of Shenzhou-13, opened the hatch of the core cabin Tianhe at 18:51 p.m. (1051 GMT) on Sunday, and was joined by Ms. Wang for a space walk that lasted 6-1/2 hours.

The duo returned to the module at 1:16 a.m. (1716 GMT Sunday) on Monday, CCTV said. A third astronaut, Ye Guangfu, assisted

the pair from inside the core module.

Crewed space exploration would be incomplete without the participation of women, Yang Yuguang, vice chair of the Space Transportation Committee for the International Astronautical Federation, told state-controlled *Global Times*.

Shenzhou-13 is the second of four crewed missions needed to complete China's space station by the end of 2022.

During the first such mission that ended in September, three other astronauts stayed on Tianhe for 90 days.

The current mission, launched on October 16, will last for six months.

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5:30 PM
My Life in Full: Work, Family, and our Future.

Indra Nooyi in conversation with Vinay Kamath

7:00 PM
Junglenama: A Story for our Times.

Amitav Ghosh in conversation with Somak Ghoshal

6:15 PM
Shashi & Sashi.
Shashi Tharoor in conversation with Sashi Kumar on Life, Literature, Language and Politics.

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A Viral World: Why Viruses are Necessary.

Pranay Lal in conversation with Ramya Kannan



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	08-11-2021	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,546	0.80
US Dollar	74.03	0.58
Gold	47,004	-0.02
Brent oil	83.22	----

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	730.45	16.75
Asian Paints	3138.00	-21.25
Axis Bank	751.05	-1.90
Bajaj Auto	3777.30	17.95
Bajaj Finserv	18319.75	725.75
Bajaj Finance	7673.65	148.55
Bharti Airtel	709.00	7.90
BPL	431.75	12.00
Britannia Ind.	3717.70	65.10
Cipla	913.70	3.00
Coal India	171.70	1.00
Divis Lab	4896.70	-311.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4788.75	22.60
Eicher Motors	2711.25	49.65
Grasim Ind.	1848.95	57.35
HCL Tech	1182.85	-0.25
HDFC	2979.55	79.85
HDFC Bank	1600.25	6.30
HDFC Life	703.25	6.85
Hero MotoCorp	2682.90	5.40
Hindalco	469.80	-2.80
Hind Unlefer	2431.90	9.05
ICICI Bank	780.15	-1.95
IndusInd Bank	1061.15	-127.95
Infosys	1737.50	28.80
IndianOilCorp	140.45	5.80
ITC	229.80	3.25
JSW Steel	685.85	7.20
Kotak Bank	2118.85	61.85
L&T	1924.55	15.60
M&M	859.50	-13.35
Maruti Suzuki	7684.60	-62.80
Nestle India Ltd.	19049.25	160.00
NTPC	140.30	3.15
ONGC	154.90	2.85
PowerGrid Corp	189.15	4.10
Reliance Ind.	2501.95	3.10
SBI Life	1200.65	18.90
State Bank	523.25	-7.20
Three Cement	29526.55	479.35
Sun Pharma	800.00	4.55
Tata Consumer	836.35	8.95
Tata Motors	501.40	11.70
Tata Steel	1343.25	17.35
TCS	3502.75	-5.90
Tech Mahindra	1556.20	50.35
Titan	2536.75	105.00
UltraTech Cement	8214.05	333.25
UPL	742.65	4.95
Wipro	658.35	4.65

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 08

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	73.82	74.14
Euro	85.40	85.77
British Pound	99.58	100.01
Japanese Yen (100)	65.08	65.36
Chinese Yuan	11.54	11.59
Swiss Franc	80.65	81.04
Singapore Dollar	54.72	54.96
Canadian Dollar	59.30	59.56
Malaysian Ringgit	17.75	17.85

Source: Indian Bank

IN BRIEF



UPS begins direct flight service to Europe

MUMBAI UPS said it has started a Boeing 747 flight connecting India directly to Europe and then providing connectivity to customers to North and Latin American markets five days a week. This doubles its previous capacity for small and medium-sized business customers looking to grow their revenue base. The service will connect Delhi to UPS's largest international hub at Cologne, it said.

Amit Jain joins Carlyle as managing director

MUMBAI Carlyle has announced that Amit Jain has joined the firm as a managing director based in Mumbai and co-head of the Carlyle India investment advisory team. Mr. Jain will lead the investment advisory team and oversee the team's investment strategy across a broad range of sectors. He will work with Neeraj Bhargava, who continues as co-head of the Carlyle India investment advisory team.

Karur Vysya Bank Q2 net profit jumps 44%

CHENNAI Karur Vysya Bank reported standalone Q2 net profit rose 43.5% to ₹165.45 crore from the year-earlier period on improved credit offtake in the retail and business segments. Net interest income improved 13.1% to ₹680 crore, net interest margin stood at 3.75%, and fee-based income (excluding treasury profit) rose to ₹144 crore from ₹119 crore, the private sector lender said.

Amazon Pay receives ₹1,000 cr. from parent

NEW DELHI Amazon has infused ₹1,000 crore into its payments unit in India, Amazon Pay, according to documents. The fresh infusion is expected to help the company compete more aggressively against rivals like PhonePe, Google Pay and Paytm. In a separate filing, Amazon Pay reported narrowing of loss to about ₹1,516.4 crore in FY21 from a loss of ₹1,868.5 crore in the preceding fiscal year. PTI

'India now ahead of China in financial inclusion metrics'

Need to fine-tune the Business Correspondent model: SBI Research report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

India is now ahead of China in financial inclusion metrics, with mobile and Internet banking transactions rising to 13,615 per 1,000 adults in 2020 from 183 in 2015 and the number of bank branches inching up to 14.7 per 1 lakh adults in 2020 from 13.6 in 2015, which is higher than in Germany, China and South Africa, as per a report.

States with higher financial inclusion / more bank accounts have also seen a perceptible decline in crime along with a meaningful drop in consumption of alcohol and tobaccos, according to the report pencilled by Soumya Kanti Ghosh, group



Added benefit: States with higher financial inclusion have also seen a perceptible decline in crime, says Ghosh. * K. R. DEEPAK

chief economic adviser at State Bank of India (SBI), on the fifth anniversary of the note ban. Under the no-frills accounts scheme, the number of persons with deposit accounts at banks has significantly increased, becoming

comparable with emerging economy peers and even some of the advanced economies, he said. In the use of digital payments also, there has been noteworthy progress. The number of no-frills bank accounts opened

has reached 43.7 crore with ₹1.46 lakh crore in deposits as of October 20, 2021. Of these, almost two-thirds are operational in rural and semi-urban areas and more than 78% of these accounts are with state-owned banks, 18.2% with regional rural banks, and 3% are opened by private sector banks.

Mr. Ghosh called for fine-tuning the banking correspondent (BC) model by making it uniform across all banks for, there is a need to make the BCs interoperable. The number of banking outlets in villages / BCs had risen from 34,174 in March 2010 to 12.4 lakh in December 2020, the report showed.

Reliance exits shale gas in N. America

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Reliance Eagleford Upstream Holding LP, a wholly owned step-down arm of Reliance Industries Ltd., has signed agreements with Ensign Operating III LLC to divest its interest in the Eagleford shale play of Texas, USA.

With this transaction, Reliance has divested all its shale gas assets and has exited from the shale gas business in North America.

"A purchase and sale Agreement has been signed between REUHL and Ensign. The sale is at a consideration higher than current carrying value of the assets," Reliance Industries said in a statement.

High double-digit sales growth likely: Hyundai

'Shift towards personal mobility helped'

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NEW DELHI

Hyundai Motor India said it expects to log high double-digit sales growth this year compared with 2020 and remains hopeful of repeating the performance next year as well, riding on the back of strong demand for personal mobility, a senior company official said.

The firm is counting on various positive factors such as the rapid pace of COVID-19 vaccination and improvement in the economy to achieve its business goals.

It, however, cautioned that it remain wary of a resurgence in COVID cases in Europe, and high fuel costs, which it said could offset business outcomes going



Tarun Garg

ahead. "When you compare with last year, obviously the numbers look much more positive. A high double-digit growth is round the corner. The shift towards personal mobility has really helped," Hyundai Motor India Ltd. director (sales, marketing, service) Tarun Garg said.

The firm has a customer booking backlog of almost 95,000 units, he added.

Indusind Bank shares tumble almost 11%

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Shares of Indusind Bank on Monday tumbled almost 11% after the lender said it disbursed 84,000 loans without customer consent in May owing to a 'technical glitch.'

The stock tanked 12.3% to ₹1,042.10 during the day on BSE. It settled at ₹1,061.45, lower by 10.7%.

On NSE, it tumbled 10.5% to settle at ₹1,063.95. Indusind Bank was the biggest laggard on both the benchmarks.

"The bank strongly denies the allegations of evergreening. All the loans originated and managed by BFIL are fully compliant with the regulatory guidelines," the bank said.

'Pharma study to help CCI take steps to raise drug affordability'

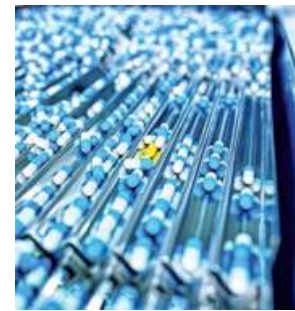
Currently, competition is based on brands, not price: Gupta

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NEW DELHI

Fair trade regulator CCI will identify measures to enhance competition in the country's pharmaceutical sector for ensuring affordability of drugs after analysing findings of its market study, which is likely to be completed within a month, according to its chief Ashok Kumar Gupta.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI), which keeps a tab on unfair, initiated the study after observing issues such as lack of 'effective consumer choice'.

"Currently, it appears that, when it comes to medicines, competition is primarily on the basis of brands and not prices. The study



will identify measures to increase competition for ensuring affordability of drugs," CCI chairperson said. Market studies had been initiated in pharmaceuticals and telecom, given their significance in the "new COVID-19-induced socio-economic milieu".

Mr. Gupta noted that the pharma sector study was in-

itiated "because of observable demand-side issues, such as lack of effective consumer choice".

'Imbalance in e-com'

In 2020, the CCI study of the e-commerce space revealed bargaining power imbalance and information asymmetry between platforms and their businesses as emerging issues.

"Exercising the advocacy mandate, CCI nudged e-commerce platforms to institute a set of self-regulatory measures over certain areas such as search ranking, collection / use / sharing of data, user preview mechanisms, revision of contract terms and discount policy," Mr. Gupta said.

'FPIs can invest in debt issued by InvITs, REITs'

Investments can be under MTF, VRR

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Monday said FPIs had been permitted to invest in debt securities issued by Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

Necessary amendments to Foreign Exchange Management (Debt Instruments) Regulations, 2019, had been notified in October. An announcement was made in the Union Budget 2021-22 that debt financing of InvITs and REITs by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) will be enabled by making suitable amendments in the relevant legislations.

Accordingly, it has been

Amendments to Foreign Exchange Management (Debt Instruments) Regulations, 2019, have been notified

decided to permit FPIs to invest in debt securities issued by InvITs and REITs, the RBI said in a circular.

"FPIs can acquire debt securities issued by InvITs and REITs under the Medium-Term Framework (MTF) or the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR)," it said.

Such investments shall be reckoned within the limits and shall be subject to the terms and conditions for investments by FPIs in debt securities under the respective regulations.

BNY Mellon cuts ties with Adani mine

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Bank of New York Mellon Corp has pulled out of providing financial services to Adani Group and its Carmichael coal mine in Australia, saying the venture is incompatible with its environmental, social and governance rules.

The U.S. investment bank is the latest global financial institution to distance itself from the project after a campaign by local indigenous people.

BNY Mellon said it had reviewed its relationship with the Adani Group and "has decided to resign from all legacy transactions with Adani in Australia and will not pursue additional transactions".

Sundaram Finance Q2 net profit rises 10%

'Business growth, collections improve'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Sundaram Finance Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the second quarter ended September 30, rose 10% to ₹211 crore from the year-earlier period.

Total revenue increased to ₹1,022 crore from ₹993 crore, while other income contracted to ₹3.35 crore from ₹4.90 crore, the firm said in a regulatory filing.

Gross and net NPAs rose to 3.85% (2.44%) and 2.48% (1.44%) respectively. Disbursements were up 14% at ₹3,621 crore. The company reported a capital adequacy ratio of 23.4%.

Executive vice chairman Harsha Viji said that the second quarter saw improvement on both business growth and collections. However, overall recovery to a new normal would take



Harsha Viji

time, he pointed out.

Customer sentiment had significantly improved, and the second half of the year would likely see broad-based recovery, he added.

"While stress continues in COVID-impacted sub-sectors, we remain focused on supporting our customers in resuming their business activity. Despite supply challenges due to the chip shortage, demand is improving across asset classes," said MD Rajiv Lochan.

EID Parry Q2 net profit contracts 17%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

EID Parry India Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the second quarter ended September contracted 17% to ₹73 crore on account of reduced export sales and lower release order quota allocation.

Total revenue from operations saw a 17% decrease to ₹438 crore. The company also received final dividend of ₹99 crore from subsidiary firm Coromandel International Ltd., EID Parry said in a filing.

On Monday, the board approved an interim dividend of ₹5.50 for FY22.

Standalone Nutraceuticals registered a reduction in profit from ₹4 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year to ₹2 crore in the current quarter on increased raw material cost.

Muthoot Finance Q2 net rises 11%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Muthoot Finance Ltd. reported standalone net profit rose 11% to ₹994 crore in the quarter ended September, compared with a year earlier.

"Loan assets stood at ₹55,147 crore compared to ₹47,016 crore in the same period last year, registering a growth of 17% YoY. Gold loan assets increased 5% to ₹2,613 crore," the firm said.

"We were able to maintain growth momentum... with all of our branches now open for business," said George Jacob Muthoot, Chairman, Muthoot Group.

"We are witnessing improved collections across micro finance, vehicle finance and home loans," Mr. Muthoot added.

ED seeks papers from Future on Amazon deal

Agency to check if laws were breached

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

India's financial crime-fighting agency has ordered Future Group to submit documents related to its 2019 deal with Amazon.com Inc. as part of a probe into possible breach of foreign investment laws, as per sources and a notice seen by Reuters.

The demand indicates heightened scrutiny of a deal at the heart of legal battles between Amazon and Future after the latter decided to sell retail assets to rival Reliance Industries for \$3.4 billion in 2020. That deal has been put on hold by an arbitrator and Indian courts after Amazon argued Future had violated its contracts with the U.S. company by

entering into the sale. Future denies that, and says Amazon is illegally exerting control over the Indian firm's business decisions. In a confidential notice, the ED asked a Future unit to submit all correspondence in respect of the investment in the U.S. firm made in Future two years ago.

Meanwhile, Future group firms, on directions by the NCLT, have deferred meetings of shareholders and creditors, called for on November 10 and 11, to seek approval for the proposed merger into Future Enterprises, as per filings, including by Future Retail, Future Enterprises, Future Lifestyle Fashions and Future Supply Chain Solutions. (With PTI inputs)

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India gives Shastri a perfect parting gift

Kohli ends his stint as T20 captain on a high after Jadeja, Ashwin set up easy win against Namibia

ICC T20 WC

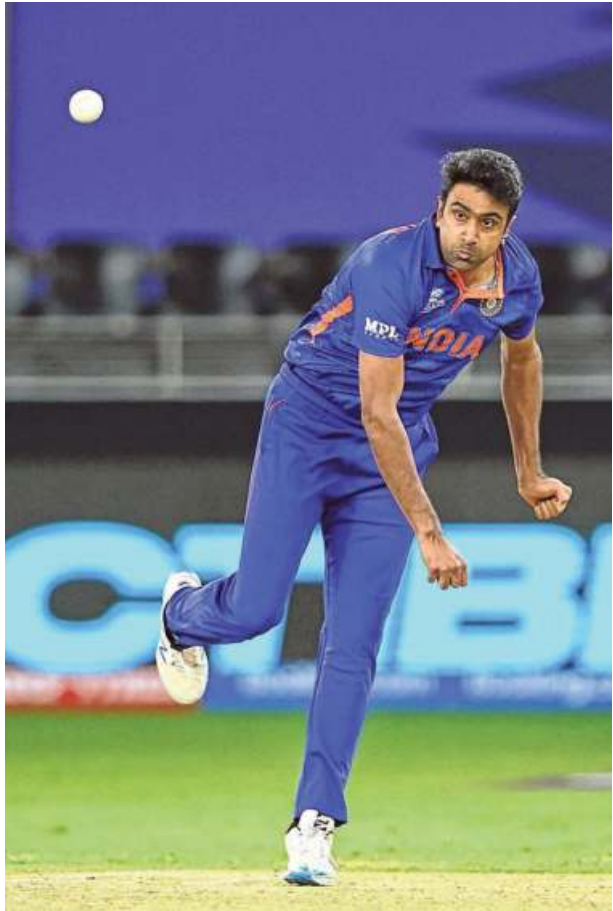
AMOL KARHADKAR
DUBAI

India gave head coach Ravi Shastri a perfect parting gift with a convincing victory against Namibia, ending its ICC T20 World Cup campaign on a winning note at the Dubai International Stadium on Monday.

The nine-wicket triumph also meant that Virat Kohli ended his stint as T20I captain with a win. The victory was again set up by the spin twins, Ravindra Jadeja (three for 16) and R. Ashwin (three for 20). The duo's spells ensured that Namibia, despite adding 37 in the last four overs, could only manage 132 for eight after being put in.

Rohit to take over
Rohit Sharma (56, 37b, 7x4, 2x6), who was informally unveiled as the next T20I captain by Kohli at the post-toss chat, and K.L. Rahul (54, 36b, 4x4, 2x6) put on 86 off just 59 balls as India won at a canter.

Even as Ashwin and Jadeja's skills were on display again, leggie Rahul Chahar,



Spinning success: The wily Ashwin mesmerised Namibia.

who replaced Varun Chakravarthy in the XI, went wicketless in his maiden appearance at the World Cup. Jasprit Bumrah was clinical as ever at the start and death, but Mohammed Shami had to bear the brunt of a late charge from Jan Frylinck and Ruben Truempelmann.

The shot of the day came

from Namibia opener Stephen Baard, who walked down the pitch and whipped Bumrah over wide long-on for six. Once Ashwin and Jadeja were introduced, it was a different ball game.

The players wore black armbands in memory of noted coach Tarak Sinha, who passed away on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

NAMIBIA
Stephan Baard lbw b Jadeja 21 (21b, 1x4, 1x6), Michael van Lingen c Shami b Bumrah 14 (15b, 2x4), Craig Williams st. Pant b Jadeja 0 (4b), Gerhard Erasmus c Pant b Ashwin 12 (20b, 1x4), Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton c Rohit b Ashwin 5 (5b), David Wiese c Rohit b Bumrah 26 (25b, 2x4), JJ Smit c Rohit b Jadeja 9 (9b, 1x4), Zane Green b Ashwin 0 (1b), Jan Frylinck (not out) 15 (15b), Ruben Truempelmann (not out) 13 (6b, 1x4, 1x6); Extras (lb-8, w-8, nb-1): 17; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 132.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-33 (van Lingen, 4.4 overs), 2-34 (Williams, 5.3), 3-39 (Baard, 7.4), 4-47 (Loftie-Eaton, 9.1), 5-72 (Erasmus, 12.3), 6-93 (Smit, 14.6), 7-94 (Green, 15.4), 8-117 (Wiese, 18.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Shami 4-0-39-0, Bumrah 4-0-19-2, Ashwin 4-0-20-3, Jadeja 4-0-16-3, Rahul Chahar 4-0-30-0.

INDIA
K.L. Rahul (not out) 54 (36b, 4x4, 2x6), Rohit Sharma c Green b Frylinck 56 (37b, 7x4, 2x6), Suryakumar Yadav (not out) 25 (19b, 4x4); Extras (lb-1): 1; Total (for one wkt. in 15.2 overs): 136.

FALL OF WICKET
1-86 (Rohit, 9.5).

NAMIBIA BOWLING
Truempelmann 3-0-26-0, Wiese 2-0-18-0, Scholtz 1-0-11-0, Smit 2-0-17-0, Frylinck 2-0-19-1, Loftie-Eaton 4-0-31-0, van Lingen 1.2-0-13-0.

Toss: India; **MoM:** Jadeja.
India won by nine wkts. with 28 balls to spare.

Final Points table

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
GROUP 1					
England (Q)	5	4	1	8	2.464
Australia (Q)	5	4	1	8	1.216
South Africa	5	4	1	8	0.739
Sri Lanka	5	2	3	4	-0.269
West Indies	5	1	4	2	-1.641
Bangladesh	5	0	5	0	-2.383
GROUP 2					
Pakistan (Q)	5	5	0	10	1.583
New Zealand (Q)	5	4	1	8	1.162
India	5	3	2	6	1.747
Afghanistan	5	2	3	4	1.053
Namibia	5	1	4	2	-1.890
Scotland	5	0	5	0	-3.543

After the India-Namibia match on Nov. 8 Q: Qualified

Innings scan

Namibia	India
58	Dots 28
8	Fours 15
2	Sixes 4
34/2	PP 54/0
6.60	RR 8.86

Fans will accept Djokovic's greatness eventually: Medvedev

'People will start to see and respect more and more what he's done'

TENNIS

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PARIS

The tide is turning in tennis legend Novak Djokovic's favour in gaining the respect he deserves from followers of the sport but he may have to wait for years post-retirement to be fully appreciated, says Daniil Medvedev.

World No. 2 Medvedev was speaking after Djokovic had come back from a set down to beat him 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the final in Paris for a record-breaking 37th Masters 1000 title on Sunday.

Milestone

This came a day after the 34-year-old Serbian won his semifinal to assure himself of another milestone - season-ending World No. 1 for a seventh time.

In doing so he ended Medvedev's slim hopes of topping him, two months after the Russian dashed Djokovic's dreams of a Grand Slam sweep in the US Open final.

Djokovic has spoken of



Not exactly a darling: Novak Djokovic has not really received affection from the stands despite his great achievements. • REUTERS

the love he felt from the US Open crowd that day which has not always been the case elsewhere - in the Wimbledon final this year he was riled on several occasions by spectators siding with opponent Matteo Berrettini.

For many years too he has been seen as the odd one out of the three great rivals who

have won 20 Grand Slams apiece.

Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal are generally loved but the intense, deep-thinking Serbian provokes lukewarm sentiments. Medvedev, though, believes the man he calls "his friend" will eventually get the recognition he

deserves for his

achievements.

"I have the feeling that people will start more and more to respect what he has done in tennis," said Medvedev. "Because, well, he continues to beat the records. I feel like unless they are real haters, which are not real fans, people start to see what he's done and to see that he's

able to do more."

Medvedev says this comprehension of just how great a player Djokovic is will not reach full bloom quickly.

"I think that maybe 10 years after he retires, because there is going to be people who will start watching tennis who will not have seen him play," said Medvedev.

When records speak

"Just like me, I didn't see (Pete) Sampras play, I was too young but I heard he was amazing - it's going to be the same. There are going to be new people coming to tennis who are just going to read in Wikipedia what were the results.

"Who was the World No. 1 for most weeks, for most times in the end, and they are going to see Novak everywhere.

"That's when people are going to start to understand, Okay, that's amazing what he has done," Medvedev said.

US Open champion Raducanu breaks into world top 20

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US Open champion Emma Raducanu moved into the top 20 of the world rankings for the first time on Monday.

The 18-year-old Briton, who is ranked 20th after reaching the quarterfinals of the Transylvania Open in October, became the first qualifier to win a Grand Slam when she triumphed in New York in September.

This week, Raducanu is top seed for the Linz Open in Austria and has a bye into Tuesday's second round.

Australian Ashleigh Barty remains number one after a week of the Billie Jean Cup, formerly known as the Fed Cup, but the competition's results do not count toward the rankings system.

The rankings: 1. Ashleigh Barty (Aus) 7582 pts, 2. Aryna Sabalenka (Blr) 6130, 3. Barbora Krejickova (Cze) 4708, 4. Karolina Pliskova (Cze) 4510, 5. Garbine Muguruza (Esp) 4310, 6. Maria Sakkari (Gre) 3760, 7. Ons Jabeur (Tun) 3455, 8. Anett Kontaveit (Est) 3396, 9. Iga Swiatek (Pol) 3286 (+1), 10. Paula Badosa (Esp) 3224 (+1), 11. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova



Steady climb: Emma Raducanu, the first qualifier to win a Grand Slam, is the top seed at this week's Linz Open. • GETTY IMAGES

(Rus) 3076 (+1), 12. Sofia Kenin (USA) 2971 (+3), 13. Naomi Osaka (Jpn) 2956, 14. Elena Rybakina (Kaz) 2855 (+2), 15. Elina Svitolina (Ukr) 2726 (-1), 16. Elise Mertens (Bel) 2690 (+2), 17. Angelique Kerber (Ger) 2671 (-8), 18. Petra Kvitova (Cze) 2660 (+1), 19. Jessica Pegula (USA) 2650 (+1), 20. Emma Raducanu (GBR) 2627 (+1).

Injured Roy out of T20 WC



Roy. • GETTY IMAGES

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Opening batsman Jason Roy has been ruled out of the rest of the T20 World Cup, the England and Wales Cricket Board announced on Monday.

Roy, 31, suffered a calf injury and collapsed to the ground while chasing a quick single in Saturday's 10-run loss to South Africa.

Roy will be replaced in the squad by James Vince ahead of England's last-four match against New Zealand in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday.

Roy has joined left-arm fast bowler Tymal Mills on the injured list in another blow to England.

Barcelona welcomes Xavi with special reception

The Catalan club would hope for a turnaround in fortunes

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands of fans arrived at the Camp Nou to welcome Xavi Hernandez as Barcelona's new coach on Monday, hoping he can turn the club's fortunes around after a dismal start to its first season post-Lionel Messi.

Xavi, who thrived in Barcelona's side for several years was officially introduced at a reception usually offered only to top players. Supporters chanted his name and waved club flags in the stands.

The 41-year-old Xavi, who has signed a contract until June 2024, waved back and sent kisses to the crowd after entering the field alongside president Joan Laporta.

Best in the world

"I am very excited," Xavi told the fans. We are the best club in the world and we will work hard to be successful. Barça can't be satisfied with draws or losses. We have to win every game."

He said he was moved by the welcome and chanted along with the crowd. Some

'I didn't have the belief I could do it'

Shastri thanks Srinivasan for backing and believing in him

AMOL KARHADKAR

DUBAI

Minutes after the Indian players bid an emotional farewell to Ravi Shastri, the head coach thanked former BCCI president N. Srinivasan for convincing him to take up the job as Team Director in 2014.

"It's been one heck of a journey for me. I know it is my last day in the dressing room, I just spoke to the boys... I would like to thank the BCCI for giving me this opportunity believing that I could do the job. I wish the coach coming after me [Rahul Dravid] all the luck," Shastri said.

Thanking "all the committees, including Vinod Rai and his team" which appointed him, Shastri singled out Srinivasan for praise. "One man I would like to give special mention - his name is N. Srinivasan. He was the man who insisted in 2014 that I do this job. In fact, I didn't have the belief I could do it. But he seemed to have more belief in my ability than I had.

"I hope I haven't let him down... so, sir, if you are listening, I got the opportunity and I did my work without any agenda."

Despite India achieving a lot of success in Tests, particularly overseas, Shastri's tenure ended with India failing to make the semifinal of the ICC T20 World Cup.

"We were disappointed



In sync: Shastri and Kohli pulled together for the team's cause, something that was reflected in the results.

When I took up this job, I wanted to make a difference and I think I have. Sometimes in life it's not what you accomplish but what you overcome

with the result in the first two games. Let's be honest here, I am not here to make any excuses," he said.

"We lacked the daring in the second game against New Zealand. It's something for the boys to learn and they will get a chance again next year. Not often you have two World Cups in 12 months... I hope they go out there and fire."

Earlier in the day, Shastri,

in a chat with former West Indies player Ian Bishop on *Star Sports*, had admitted that the players were "mentally and physically drained" during the World Cup and didn't even "try to win" as they weren't switched on during pressure situations in big games.

"Six months in a bubble... what we would have ideally liked was a bigger gap between the IPL and T20 World Cup... (because) when the big games come, when pressure hits you, you are not that switched on as you should be.

"We are not scared of losing. In trying to win, you will lose a game but here we didn't try to win because that X-factor was missing."

'Don't want to get too emotional, but we are the best in the world'

Xavi unveiled as Barcelona coach at Camp Nou

FOOTBALL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

MADRID

Xavi Hernandez was unveiled as Barcelona's new coach on Monday as thousands of fans welcomed the debt-ridden club's legendary former midfielder back to Camp Nou.

Xavi walked out to chants of "Xavi, Xavi" before signing his contract on the pitch, alongside his family and Barca president Joan Laporta.

"I don't want to get too emotional so I will just tell you one thing - we are the best club in the world," Xavi told the crowd of around 10,000 fans.

Win every game

"And we will work to the highest standards to have success. We cannot accept defeats or draws, we have to win every game."

Laporta said: "Today will be an historic day for Barca."



Historic day: Xavi, right, with Barcelona president Laporta. • AFP

Xavi is the first Barca coach to be presented on the pitch in front of fans at the 99,000-capacity stadium, with the routine usually only reserved for the club's biggest signings.

The return of the 41-year-old as coach, six years after he left Barcelona to play in Qatar, has generated huge excitement and raised hopes the club can begin a return to Europe's elite.

Xavi's appointment was confirmed in the early hours

of Saturday and he flew out of Doha a few hours later, before watching Barcelona at a distance as it threw away a three-goal lead away at Celta Vigo to draw 3-3.

Xavi's first training session in charge will be on Tuesday, although the squad is depleted by injuries and absentees away on international duty. Barcelona's first game with Xavi in the dug-out will be at home to local rival Espanyol on Nov. 20.



The legend is back: Xavi, moved by the fans' reception, told them that the club needs them 'more than ever' as it is in a difficult situation. • REUTERS

of his relatives were also on the field during his presentation. "We need you," Xavi told the fans. "Especially during the bad moments. We are in a difficult situation as a club. We need you more than ever."

Xavi was hired last week to replace Ronald Koeman, who couldn't get the squad going this season amid one of its worst-ever crises on and off the field.

He takes over with the club in ninth place in the

Spanish league and second in its Champions League group.

"It's a dream come true," Xavi told the Barcelona website earlier on Monday. "I know the club is going through a difficult moment but I feel like I'm prepared."

Ansu Fati and Eric Garcia are the latest players to be added to the club's injury list, joining Sergio Aguero and Gerard Pique among others.

Xavi faces a tough sche-

dule, with his first match in charge being the league derby against Espanyol on Nov. 20 at the Camp Nou.

The club next hosts Benfica in a match that could decide its fate in the Champions League, a competition in which it hasn't failed to advance past the group stage in nearly two decades.

Xavi will lead the squad in training for the first time on Tuesday, though most of the team's top players will be on international duty.

Hyderabad pips Delhi, goes top

Thyagarajan, Milind take the team home after a middle-order collapse

MUSHTAQ ALI

SPORTS BUREAU

Hyderabad overcame a middle-order slump to beat Delhi by three wickets in a nail-biting clash of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy at Sultanpur on Monday.

With Hyderabad struggling at 138 for seven chasing a target of 171, Tanay Thyagarajan (17 n.o., 10b, 2x6) and Chama Milind (14 n.o., 8b, 1x4, 1x6) added 33 off 17 deliveries to take the team home off the final ball. Hyderabad had slipped to 53 for six after Tanmay Agarwal (54, 34b, 6x4, 2x6) and Tilak Varma (37, 32b, 2x4, 2x6) had provided a solid foundation.

Fast bowler Pradeep Sangwan and off-spinner Shivank Vashisth claimed two wickets each between overs 11 and 18, with the former adding one more to his tally by getting rid of Hanuma Vihari.

Earlier, Anuj Rawat registered his third 40-plus score



Laying the foundation: Tanmay put Hyderabad on course with a 34-ball 54.

FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

in three innings, top-scoring for Delhi even as the rest of the top-order batters fell after playing cameos. Milind took two wickets but gave away 49 runs in his four overs; however, he made amends with the bat.

The result meant Hyderabad was at the top of the table with four wins in four games. Delhi and Saurashtra, which beat Chandigarh, have three wins each.

At Rohtak, Arpit Vasavada (72, 47b, 8x4, 3x6), Sheldon

Jackson (70, 40b, 4x4, 5x6) and Chetan Sakariya (3 for 25) were the chief architects of Saurashtra's 42-run win.

The 104-run partnership between Vasavada and Jackson took Saurashtra to 209 for four. Medium-pacer Jas-

Drying up the runs

Akshay Karnewar's spell of 4-4-0-2 for Vidarbha against Manipur is the most economical in men's T20s

He is the first bowler to not concede a run after delivering the full quota

Venkatesh Iyer's 4-2-2-2 (MP vs Bihar) is the fifth best spell in the shortest format

karandeep Singh and left-arm spinner Bhagmender Lather proved expensive, conceding 87 runs in their seven overs combined.

Manan Vohra, the century-maker on Saturday, fell in the first over of the chase. Arjit Singh (44, 32b, 3x4, 3x6) and Gaurav Puri (35, 16b, 4x4, 2x6) provided some resistance, but it wasn't enough.

Like Chandigarh, Uttarakhand fell to its fourth defeat in four games, losing to Uttar Pradesh by seven wickets.

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY SCORES & TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Elite A (Lucknow): Tamil Nadu 136/9 in 20 overs (Sanjay Yadav 38, Shrikant Wagh 4/36) lost to Goa 140/3 in 18.4 overs (Aditya Kaushik 41, Shubham Sharma 3/16, Ravi Bishnoi 3/20, incl. a hat-trick).

Maharashtra 193/3 in 20 overs (Yash Nahar 44, Naushad Shaikh 55, Kedar Jadhav 52 n.o., Azim Kazi 31 n.o.) bt Pondicherry 76 in 13.5 overs (Azim Kazi 3/18, incl. a hat-trick, Naushad Shaikh 3/9).

Punjab 189/4 in 20 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 40, Abhishek Sharma 30, Gurkeerat Mann 48 n.o., Ramandeep Singh 54) bt Odisha 129/7 in 20 overs (Abhishek Raut 74 n.o.).

Elite B (Guwahati): Services 90/8 in 20 overs (Devender Lochab 34 n.o.) lost to Bengal 91/1 in 10.5 overs (Sudip Chatterjee 50, Abhimanyu Easwaran 32 n.o.).

Chhattisgarh 157/5 in 20 overs (Akshil Herwadkar 53, Shashank Singh 57) bt Mumbai 156/5 in 20 overs (Ajinkya Rahane 69, Siddhesh Lad 46).

Baroda 134/7 in 20 overs (Bhanu Panja 36) lost to Karnataka 137/3 in 19.1 overs (Devdutt Padikal 56, Karun Nair 36 n.o.).

Elite C (Vadodara): Jharkhand 181/5 in 20 overs (Ishank Jaggi 51, Saurabh Tiwary 58 n.o.) bt Haryana 165 in 19.3 overs (Shubham Kumar Singh 3/43, Bal Krishna 3/34).

Rajasthan 149 in 20 overs (Ma-

hpal Lomror 69, C.V. Stephen 3/23, Pinninti Tapaswi 3/29) bt Andhra 138/8 in 20 overs (Nitish Kumar Reddy 38, K.V. Sasikanth 47 n.o., Shubham Sharma 3/16, Ravi Bishnoi 3/20, incl. a hat-trick).

Himachal 157/8 in 20 overs (Raghav Dhawan 47, Rishi Dhanwan 45 n.o., Auqib Nabi 3/35) bt Jammu & Kashmir 153 in 19.5 overs (Abdul Samad 55, Rishi Dhanwan 6/23).

Elite D (New Delhi): Assam 121/8 in 20 overs (Basil Thampi 3/21) lost to Kerala 122/2 in 18 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 56 n.o.).

Bihar 59 in 18 overs (Avesh Khan 3/6) lost to Madhya Pradesh 60/1 in 5.4 overs (Venkatesh Iyer 36 n.o.).

Railways 132/9 in 20 overs (Upendra Yadav 41, Hardik Patel 3/21) lost to Gujarat 133/2 in 12 overs (Priyank Panchal 43 n.o., Urvil Patel 59).

Elite E (Haryana): Delhi 170/5 in 20 overs (Anuj Rawat 41, Nitish Rana 34) lost to Hyderabad 171/7 in 20 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 54, Tilak Varma 37, Pradeep Sangwan 3/27).

Saurashtra 209/4 in 20 overs (Himalaya Barad 38, Arpit Vasavada 72, Sheldon Jackson 70) bt Chandigarh 167/6 in 20 overs (Arjit Pannu 44, Gaurav Puri 35, Chetan Sakariya 3/25).

Uttarakhand 124/7 in 20 overs (Jay Bista 37, Dikshanshu Negi 32) lost to Uttar Pradesh 125/3 in 17.3

overs (Karan Sharma 52, Rinku Singh 44 n.o.).

Plate (Vijaywada): Mizoram 109/5 in 20 overs (Uday Kaul 69) lost to Sikkim 112/0 in 17.4 overs (Codanda Ajit Karthik 61 n.o., Layan Khan 48 n.o.).

Tripura 146 in 20 overs (K.B. Pawan 33) lost to Meghalaya 147/0 in 18 overs (Chirag Khurana 54 n.o., Kishan Lyngdoh 85 n.o.).

Nagaland 165/7 in 20 overs (Joshua Ozukum 91, Tech Doria 3/33) bt Arunachal Pradesh 86 in 15 overs (Amliwati Lemtur 4/20).

Vidarbha 222/4 in 20 overs (Atharva Taide 46, Jitesh Sharma 71 n.o., Apoorv Wankhade 49 n.o.) bt Manipur 55 in 16.3 overs.

Elite A (Lucknow): Odisha vs Pondicherry; Punjab vs Tamil Nadu; Maharashtra vs Goa.

Elite B (Guwahati): Baroda vs Mumbai; Karnataka vs Bengal; Chhattisgarh vs Services.

Elite C (Vadodara): Himachal vs Andhra; J & K vs Jharkhand; Rajasthan vs Haryana.

Elite D (New Delhi): Gujarat vs Bihar; Railways vs Assam; MP vs Kerala.

Elite E (Haryana): Uttarakhand vs Chandigarh; Saurashtra vs Delhi; UP vs Hyderabad.

Plate (Vijaywada): Tripura vs Nagaland; Vidarbha vs Sikkim; Manipur vs Mizoram; Meghalaya vs Arunachal Pradesh.

IN BRIEF



Red-hot Durant guides Nets past Raptors

LOS ANGELES

Kevin Durant scored 31 points to post his 10th consecutive game of 20 or more points, as Brooklyn Nets routed Toronto Raptors 116-103 in NBA action on Sunday.

The results: Raptors 103 lost to Nets 116; Wizards 101 bt Bucks 94; Kings 91 lost to Pacers 94; Knicks 109 lost to Cavaliers 126; Magic 107 bt Jazz 100; Thunder 99 bt Spurs 94; Warriors 120 bt Rockets 107; Clippers 120 bt Hornets 106. AFP

Hovland keeps title; Lahiri ends tied 40th

PLAYA DEL CARMEN (MEXICO) Norway's Viktor Hovland defended his title at the Mayakoba Championship on Sunday for his second triumph of the year and third career US PGA Tour victory. Anirban Lahiri finished in tied 40th spot with a nine-under total. AFP



Korir and Jephchirchir win New York Marathon

NEW YORK Kenya's Albert Korir won the men's title and compatriot Peres Jephchirchir the women's crown at the 50th New York Marathon on Sunday. Korir, 2019 runner-up, finished in 2:8:22s. Jephchirchir became first reigning Olympic champion to win the women's race, claiming victory in 2:22:39s. AFP

Unbeaten Nihal and Harika impress

Firouzja takes title; Caruana qualifies for Candidates

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The unbeaten duo of Nihal Sarin and D. Harika emerged as the strongest Indian performers in their sections as 18-year-old Alireza Firouzja deservedly won the \$425,000 FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss chess tournament in Riga, Latvia, on Sunday.

Firouzja (France) collected \$70,000 for scoring 8 points from 11 rounds after drawing with Grigoriy Oparin (Russia).

Fabiano Caruana (USA) was runner-up with 7 points after a draw with Alexandr Predke (Russia). Firouzja

and Caruana qualified for next year's Candidates tournament.

Among the Indians, 41st-ranked Nihal finished a creditable 18th, worth \$5,000, with 6.5 points. Seventh seed P. Harikrishna also scored 6.5 points but was placed 30th, one ahead of K. Sasikiran, who finished with six points after his third loss in four games.

Fourth seed Harika (7 points) held the fifth spot, worth \$10,000 in the women's section where China's Lei Tingjie won with 9 points.

The results: 11th round: (Involving Indians):

Open: P. Harikrishna (6.5) drew with Yuriy Kuzubov (Ukr, 6.5);

Nihal Sarin (6.5) drew with Daniil Dubov (Rus, 6.5); K. Sasikiran (6) lost to Anton Korobov (Ukr, 7); Radoslaw Wojtaszek (Pol, 5.5) drew with Arjun Erigaisi (5.5); Raunak Sadhwani (5.5) drew with Hans Moke Niemann (USA, 5.5).

S. P. Sethuraman (4.5) lost to Aleksandr Rakhmanov (Rus, 5.5); D. Gukesh (5) drew with R. Praggnanandhaa (5); Surya Shekhar Ganguly (4.5) lost to Maksim Chigevay (5.5); B. Adhiban (4.5) bt Normunds Miezis (Lat, 3.5).

Women: Mariya Muzychuk (Ukr, 6.5) drew with D. Harika (7); Vantika Agrawal (6.5) drew with Natalija Pogonina (Rus, 6.5); Alina Kashlinskaya (Rus, 6) bt R. Vaishali (5.5); Elina Danielian (Arm, 5) bt Divya Deshmukh (4); Padmini Rout (4) lost to Meri Arabidze (Geo, 5).

New Look wins the Telangana Cup

HYDERABAD: New Look, ridden by apprentice jockey Gaurav Singh, won the Telangana Cup, the feature event of the opening day's races here on Monday (Nov. 8). The winner is owned by Kumar Digvijay Singh Shekhawat and trained by N. Ravinder Singh. Jockey Akshay Kumar rode three winners.

1. OWN OPINION PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III): FURIOUS FUN (Santosh Raj) 1, Golden Forza (R. Ajinkya) 2, My Master (Gaurav Singh) 3 and Turf Monarch (Surya Prakash) 4. 5. 1-1/2 and 1/2. Im. 13.43s. ₹38 (w), 14, 25 and 15 (p). SHP: 109, THP: 38, SHW: 24 and 47, FP: 538, Q: 277, Tanala: 1,604. Favourite: Amalfitana. Owners: Mr. K.S.V. Prasad Raju, Mr. Sheshadri Reddy Pochana, Mr. Mohit Jaju & Mr. Giri Prathamesh Mahadev. Trainer: K.S.V. Prasad Raju.

2. TENACITY PLATE (DIV. II) (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): SHOW ME YOUR WALK (Akshay Kumar) 1, Sweet Melody (C.P. Bopanna) 2, Muaser (Nakhat Singh) 3 and Ashwa Migsun (Koushik) 4. 3/4, 1/2 and 2. Im. 26.78s. ₹17 (w), 11, 132 and 41 (p). SHP: 829, THP: 95, SHW: 10 and

309, FP: 1,337, Q: 1,182, Tanala: 18, 027. Favourite: Show Me Your Walk. Owners: Mr. Peddi Reddy Prabhakar Reddy & Mr. P. Prabhakar Reddy. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

3. SRISAILAM PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): UNSUNG HERO (Akshay Kumar) 1, By The Bay (Mukesh Kumar) 2, N R 1 Sport (Nakhat Singh) 3 and Narakamie (C.S. Jodha) 4. Nose, 1-1/2 and 1/2. Im. 13.55s. ₹27 (w), 11, 15 and 18 (p). SHP: 38, THP: 37, SHW: 14 and 17, FP: 170, Q: 93, Tanala: 891. Favourite: Narakamie. Owner: Mr. Syed Abul Hasan Razvi. Trainer: Mir Faiyaz Ali Khan.

4. TENACITY PLATE (DIV. I) (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): BLUE ORIGIN (Akshay Kumar) 1, Red Snapper (Nikhil Naidu) 2, Nightmare (Mukesh Kumar) 3 and Morior Invictus (Ajesh Kumar) 4. Not run: Pacific Command. 2-3/4, 3/4 and 1/2. Im. 26.56s. ₹23 (w), 12, 108 and 123 (p). SHP: 317, THP: 38, SHW: 14 and 230 (p), FP: 1,753, Q: 961, Tanala: 6,701. Favourite: Flying Scotsman. Owners: Mr. Zavaray S. Poonawalla, Mrs. Behroze Z. Poonawalla, Ms. Simone Z. Poonawalla & Ms. Delna Z. Poonawalla rep. Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt. Limited, Mr. Rishad N. Pandole, Mr. Prabhakar Reddy & Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

5. AMARNATH GUPTA MEMORIAL CUP (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): MARKET KING (C.S. Jodha) 1, Watch My Stride (Akshay Kumar) 2, Kingston (Nakhat Singh) 3 and N R 1 Elegance (Mukesh Kumar) 4. 4, 2 and 2. Im. 11.21s. ₹17 (w), 14, 12 and 14 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 37, SHW: 13 and 23 (p). FP: 53, Q: 36, Tanala: 137. Favourite: Market King. Owner: Mr. Jatin L. Trivedi, Mr. Nitin H. Jain, Mr. Anel V. Lala & Mrs. K.N. Sunderji. Trainer: R.S.K. Sunderji.

6. SRISAILAM PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): BRILLIANT VIEW (Mukesh Kumar) 1, Angelita (Ajesh Kumar) 2, Thanks (Nakhat Singh) 3 and Rising Queen (B. Nikhil) 4. Nose, 2-1/4 and Nk. Im. 12.79s. ₹19 (w), 11, 68 and 16 (p). SHP: 150, THP: 46, SHW: 13 and 149, FP: 583, Q: 337, Tanala: 6,096. Favourite: Brilliant View. Owner: Mr. Teja Gollapudi. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

7. TELANGANA CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): NEW LOOK (Gaurav Singh) 1, Southern Prin-

cess (Mukesh Kumar) 2, Soloist (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Fire Power (Antony Raj) 4. 1/2, 2-1/2 and 3/4. Im. 25.59s. ₹88 (w), 22, 23 and 17 (p). SHP: 46, THP: 55, SHW: 46 and 43, FP: 1,351, Q: 687, Tanala: 9, 238. Favourite: Fire Power. Owner: Kunwar Digvijay Singh Shekhawat. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

8. OWN OPINION PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III): QUEEN BLOSSOM (Rohit Kumar) 1, Grand Duke (R.S. Jodha) 2, Winning Player (Ashad Asbar) 3 and Star Cruise (R. Ajinkya) 4. 3/4, 2 and 1/2. Im. 14.02s. ₹186 (w), 51, 19 and 19 (p). SHP: 75, THP: 65, SHW: 47 and 27, FP: 4,093, Q: 1,088, Tanala: 44,088. Favourite: Thunder Road. Owner: Mr. Rakesh Reddy Kondakalla. Trainer: Robin Reddy Kondakalla.

NOTE: Thunder Road (Mukesh Kumar up) who was leading the field in the last 150m of the race, suddenly shifted out and dislodged the rider. Jackpot: 70%: ₹4,88,734 (c/o) & 30%: 1,517 (138 tkts.); Treble: (i) 405 (116 tkts.), (ii) 249 (125 tkts.), (iii) 1,844 (6 tkts.); Mini Jackpot: (i) 88 (467 tkts.), (ii) 42, 750 (2 tkts.).

Verstappen cruises to victory

Hamilton second; Perez becomes first Mexican on podium

MEXICO GP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MEXICO CITY

Max Verstappen cruised to victory at the Mexico Grand Prix on Sunday leaving defending champion Lewis Hamilton to admit the Red Bull car "is far superior".

Hamilton clung on to finish second in his Mercedes holding off a late charge from Red Bull's Mexican driver Sergio Perez.

Verstappen, who grabbed the lead on the first corner, finished 16.555s ahead of Hamilton with Perez just over a second further back.

The Dutchman increased his lead in the world championship to 19 points from Hamilton with four races left.

Perez earned the first podium finish by a Mexican driver in the race.



The Bulls: Max Verstappen, left, celebrates winning the Mexico GP with third-placed Sergio Perez. REUTERS

The results: 1. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) 1:38:39.086s; 2. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) 1 lap; 13. Esteban Ocon (Alpine) 1 lap; 14. Lance Stroll (Aston Martin) 2 laps; 15. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) 2 laps; 16. George Russell (Williams) 2 laps; 17. Nicholas Latifi (Williams) 2 laps; 18. Nikita Mazepin (Haas) 3 laps. **Fastest lap:** Bottas 1:17.774, 69th.

DNF: Mick Schumacher (Haas), Yuki Tsunoda (AlphaTauri).

vinazzi (Alfa Romeo) 1 lap; 12. Daniel Ricciardo (McLaren) 1 lap; 13. Esteban Ocon (Alpine) 1 lap; 14. Lance Stroll (Aston Martin) 2 laps; 15. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) 2 laps; 16. George Russell (Williams) 2 laps; 17. Nicholas Latifi (Williams) 2 laps; 18. Nikita Mazepin (Haas) 3 laps. **Fastest lap:** Bottas 1:17.774, 69th.

India signs off with four titles

India won four singles titles — three boys' and one girls' — at the World Table Tennis Youth Contender, which concluded in Szombathely, Hungary on Sunday.

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

India won four singles titles — three boys' and one girls' — at the World Table Tennis Youth Contender, which concluded in Szombathely, Hungary on Sunday.

The results (finals):

Girls: U-19: Yangzi Liu (Aus) bt Lakshita Narang 9-11, 7-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-8.

U-17: Zhou Jingyi (Ggp) bt Yashaswini Deepak Ghorpade 11-7, 8-11, 12-10, 11-9.

U-15: Suhana Saini bt Veranika Varabyova (Blr) 11-8, 11-9, 11-5; **U-13:** Prisha Goel bt Theresa Faltermair (Ger) 11-2, 5-11, 9-11, 11-6, 13-11.

U-11: Dhaani Jain bt Maria Lytyvn (Ukr) 11-7, 13-11, 11-6.

Boys: u-13: Atherva Gupta bt Pavol Kovacek (Svk) 11-3, 11-7, 8-11, 11-8.

Milan miss out on top spot with derby draw

EURO LEAGUES

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MILAN

AC Milan missed the chance to go top of Serie A on Sunday after a 1-1 derby draw with Inter Milan which allowed Napoli to stay at the summit.

Stefano Pioli's unbeaten side is level with Napoli after a Stefan de Vrij own goal cancelled out Milan old boy Hakan Calhanoglu's 11th-minute penalty for Inter.

As it is Simone Inzaghi's Inter stays seven points behind the league's two front-runners in third place.

In the LaLiga, Real Sociedad reclaimed top spot with a 2-0 win away at Osasuna after Atletico Madrid conceded late to draw at Valencia.

In Pamplona, Mikel Merino's opener and an Adnan

Januzaj penalty in the last 20 minutes sealed victory for Sociedad. It moved a point ahead of Real Madrid at the top of the table, albeit having played one game more.

The results: Serie A: Lazio 3 (Immobile 31, Pedro 36, Luis Alberto 69) bt Salernitana 0; AC Milan 1 (De Vrij 17-og) drew with Inter Milan 1 (Calhanoglu 11-pen); Napoli 1 (Di Lorenzo 18) drew with Hellas Verona 1 (Simeone 13).

LaLiga: Real Mallorca 2 (Salva Sevilla 72-pen, Maffeo 90+5) drew with Elche 2 (Boye 68, 75); Osasuna 0 lost to Real Sociedad 2 (Merino 72, Januzaj 82-pen); Real Betis 0 lost to Sevilla 2 (Acuna 55, Bellerin 81-og).

Bundesliga: Cologne 2 (Modeste 7, 86) drew with Union Berlin 2 (Ryerson 9, Proemel 45+1); Greuther Fuerth 1 (Itten 90+1) lost to Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Rode 75, Borre 90+4).

Manush, Reeth win titles

India's Manush Shah and T. Reeth Rishya bagged the men's and women's singles titles in the ITTF Ecuador International Open table tennis tournament held in Cuenca recently.

Manush beat Juan Jesus Gomez of Mexico 11-7, 11-9, 11-13, 11-7, 11-9 in the men's final. Reeth, seeded fourth, became the first Indian woman to win a singles crown on the pro-tour when she beat compatriot Ankita Das 6-11, 11-4, 11-6, 16-18, 11-1, 11-6 in the women's final.

The pair of Sanil Shetty and Manush lost to Dario Arce and Juan Jesus Gomez of Mexico 7-11, 11-4, 11-3, 9-11, 8-11 in the men's doubles final. The women's pair of Reeth and Ankita lost to Arantxa Cossio and Clío Barcenas of Mexico 4-11, 11-6, 7-11, 13-15.

Recognising excellence



Honouring champions: The President of India Ram Nath Kovind conferred the Padma Vibhushan on M.C. Mary Kom (boxing), Padma Bhushan on P.V. Sindhu (badminton), and the Padma Shri on Oinam Bembem Devi (football), Tarundeep Rai (archery), M.P. Ganesh and Rani Rampal (hockey), and Jitu Rai (shooting) at a civil investiture ceremony in New Delhi on Monday. *PTI



Text & Context

NEWS IN NUMBERS



Cash still king

14.3 %: Cash to GDP in % terms as of March 2021, which is higher than the 11.9% in March 2016 (six months before demonetisation) and 8.5% in March 2017 (following the drastic measure that reduced cash in the economy). Specifically, the value of ₹500 in circulation is now ₹19.3 trillion, which is again much higher than the ₹7.9 trillion in March 2016 and ₹2.9 trillion in March 2017. One of the stated objectives for demonetisation was the push for digital payments in order to reduce the currency to GDP ratio.

Rise of crypto

\$65,121 : The price at which Bitcoin, the world's largest digital currency, traded on Monday. Bitcoin is up 50% since the start of October as investors have cheered last month's launch of a U.S. futures-based Bitcoin exchange-traded fund and sought exposure to an asset class sometimes regarded as an inflation hedge. Last week, New York Mayor-elect Eric Adams said he would take his first three pay cheques in Bitcoin. *Reuters*

Kohli's game

50 : The total number of international T20 matches Virat Kohli played as the captain of the Indian team, including the World Cup game against Namibia on Monday. India has not reached the knock-out stage of the tournament after losses against Pakistan and New Zealand. India won 63.8% of the 50 T20 matches played under his captaincy, the second-highest among captains with more than 40 games as skipper. Afghanistan's Asghar Stanikzai has a better record, but most T20 matches were against Associate nations

Zika cases rise

89 : The total number of people who have tested positive for the Zika virus in the Kanpur district of Sunday. The first case was reported on October 23. On Saturday, the Kannauj district, too, reported its first Zika virus case after a 45-year-old male staying at Shivrajpur village tested positive. First discovered in 1947, the mosquito-borne virus reached epidemic proportions in Brazil in 2015, when thousands of babies were born with microcephaly, a disorder that causes babies to be born with abnormally small heads and underdeveloped brains. *Agencies*

Young knights

71 : The total number of Indian Grand Masters in chess today, after 18-year-old Sankalp Gupta achieved his third Grand Masters norm at Arandjelovac, Serbia, on Sunday. In recent years, the share of younger Grand Masters from India has increased at a faster rate than in other countries. Between 2018 and 2020, India produced seven Grand Masters aged 15 or less, a feat unmatched by any other country. Overall, between 1950 and 2020, 16.4% of all Grand Masters from India were younger than 16 years when they received the title.

EXPLAINER

The long road to net zero

What does net zero mean? Can India achieve the goal by 2070? What are the interventions that can be taken to achieve it? Where does the country stand with regard to today's global emissions?

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The story so far: With the announcement of a net zero emissions target for 2070 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Glasgow, India has joined a high-profile group of countries. Others with net zero goals include major emitters such as the United States, the United Kingdom and the European Union with a 2050 target, and China aiming for 2060. A dozen countries besides the EU have a legal enactment towards the goal.

How can net zero be achieved? Net zero, which means balancing out man-made national greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by removing an equal amount from the atmosphere, can be achieved only through a structured programme that relies on sharp emissions reduction, wide support for clean energy innovation and adoption of green technologies.

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India's well-founded argument against committing itself to strict emissions goals is that it has historically been one of the lowest emitters of GHGs, and the impetus has to come from the developed economies that had the benefit of carbon-intensive development since the Industrial Revolution. The country represents about 7% of today's global emissions, and has committed itself to a net zero deadline 49 years away. According to the World Bank, in 2018, India had per capita emissions of 1.8 tonnes, which is markedly lower than 15.2 for the U.S., 5.4 for the U.K. and even the middle-income countries' average of 3.7 tonnes. A projected per capita emissions figure in 2030 for India is 2.4 tonnes under the Paris Agreement. India's absolute emissions volume stands third, after China and the U.S.

Mr. Modi's net zero plan, which he described as "panchamrit", or the five nectar elements, includes raising renewables capacity to 500 gigawatt (GW) by 2030,



share of power from renewables to 50%, and reducing carbon intensity of the economy by 45%. These represent a rise from the Paris Agreement pledge of 175 GW from renewables, 40% share of power, and reduction of emissions intensity of GDP by 33-35%.

What is the outlook for India's emissions?

Analysis of India's growth path points to rising GDP per capita, with a rise in carbon emissions in the short term, primarily from energy. There is pressure from absolute increase in population and consumption, but population growth is slowing. A greater share for services in GDP is positive for emissions cuts, but there is no indication of when India's emissions, heavily influenced by coal and other fossil fuel use, will peak.

In terms of sectoral GHG emissions, data from 2016 show that electricity and heat account for the highest share (1.11 billion tonnes), followed by agriculture (704.16 million tonnes), manufacturing and construction (533.8 million tonnes), transport (265.3 million tonnes), industry (130.61 million tonnes), land use change and forestry (126.43 million tonnes), other fuel use (119.04 million tonnes), buildings (109.2 million tonnes), waste (80.98 million

tonnes), fugitive emissions (54.95 million tonnes), and aviation and shipping (20.4 million tonnes).

What are the immediate interventions that can be made?

To align all national economic activity with emissions reduction with the aim of containing global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius or even 1.5 degrees Celsius (Paris Agreement goals), India needs to create a legal mandate for climate impact assessment of all activities. This can facilitate investment by dedicated green funds. Public sector institutions promoted by the government, co-operatives and even market mechanisms will participate.

The 500 GW renewables target needs a major boost, such as channelling more national and international climate funding into decentralised solar power. Rooftop solar, estimated at 7,701 megawatt (MW) installed capacity as of June 2021, could be scaled up by modernising unattractive State-level regulation. The problem with expansion of rooftop solar, which registered 53% year-on-year growth in 12 months, is resistance from State electricity utilities, although costs are reducing.

Another emerging sector is green hydrogen production because of its potential

as a clean fuel. India has a National Hydrogen Mission now in place. The fuel can cover major sectors such as power and steel production (shifting from coal) and automotive (fuel cell vehicles), while green ammonia, with potential uses in energy storage, shipping, and as a base for hydrogen production, are promising areas. This can steadily decarbonise big sources of emissions as industry leaders explained at COP 26. Since renewables will be at the core of green hydrogen production, India's solar power potential will help in exporting it to global steelmakers, for instance.

India's urban solid waste management will need to modernise to curb methane emissions from unscientific landfills.

These plans need a political consensus and support from State governments. Net zero will involve industrial renewal using green innovation, green economy support and supply chains yielding new jobs. It also needs low carbon technologies, zero emission vehicles, and renewed cities promoting walking and cycling. Industry will need to make highly energy-efficient goods that last longer, and consumers should be given a legal right to repair goods they buy. Preventing the release of stored carbon in the environment, such as trees and soil, has to be a net zero priority.

Future course: An aerial view of a solar park in Karnataka. ■ GETTY IMAGES

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EXPLAINER

Why are U.S. COVID-19 vaccines still out of reach in India?

How is the indemnity clause issue being handled? What are the manufacturers saying? Will this affect the pricing and availability of doses?

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The story so far: More than six months after the Government announced it would fast-track clearances for foreign COVID-19 vaccines to India, the indemnity clause is still holding up the import of all American vaccines to India, including those manufactured by Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson and Moderna. Without specifying a timeline, a senior Health Ministry official said talks are on and that the "indemnity clause is also being discussed."

What is indemnity?

Indemnity is a form of contract. Indemnity granted to any company in respect of a particular drug or vaccine can only be in the form of an indemnity bond executed on behalf of the Government of India, or a clause or set of clauses in any contract that the Government may sign with the supplier. There appears to be no precedent for any company getting such indemnity in India.

Section 124 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, defines a contract of indemnity as one by which one party promises to save the other from any loss caused to the latter. This would mean that if a particular vaccine is perceived to have caused death or any lasting damage to a



recipient, any claim of compensation arising from it will have to be met by the Government, and not by the company. In the event of a court ordering payment, the company could recover the amount from the government.

Is the demand for or grant of indemnity a standard practice?

Indemnity is essentially a contractual matter between the supplier and recipient, and therefore, a good deal of

confidentiality is attached to such agreements. Pfizer's global media relations head for Asia, Roma Nair, said the company had shipped more than two billion doses so far to 152 countries where the clause has been accepted and that indemnity talks with India were ongoing without a breakthrough yet.

Normally, it is the company applying for approval of a new drug or vaccine that submits itself to various conditions. Approvals in most countries come with

stringent conditions regarding conformity to national guidelines, quality standards, safety assessments and requirements regarding various phases of clinical trials. For imported drugs, a local clinical trial may not be required to do this if it has been approved and marketed in countries specified by the Central Licensing Authority and if no major adverse events have been reported.

However, given the peculiar situation arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the shortage of vaccines faced by countries such as India, some suppliers may be in a position to set conditions.

What have the overseas companies got so far?

The Drugs Controller-General of India has already taken a big step towards fast-tracking the import of vaccines by dispensing with the need for local trials. Earlier, the Centre had decided that foreign-produced vaccines that had been granted emergency approval for restricted use by the regulators in the U.S., the U.K., the European Union and Japan, or those included in the WHO's Emergency Use Listing, would be granted Emergency Use Authorisation in India. The condition was that there would be a post-approval parallel bridging trial. However, this condition has been waived.

The significance of this exemption is that both the delay attached to such trials and the risk of adverse events to participants in those trials has been avoided.

The New Drugs and Clinical Trial Rules, 2019 set down stringent regulations for grant of approval as well as for trials. Exemption from these trials has reduced the risk to overseas manufacturers. However, the companies probably fear that they would still be liable under the ordinary law of tort, arising from future claims by anyone adversely affected after receiving the shot.

What does India gain by giving indemnity?

In the absence of indemnity, overseas manufacturers may load the risk onto the price of the vaccines, making each dose more expensive. By indemnifying the companies in respect of these vaccines, the Government of India may be able to negotiate lower prices and higher volumes. It may help accelerate its national vaccination drive. On the flip side, the government may be forced to make it a level playing field for local makers too, by extending the indemnity to them, and thereby inviting upon itself the entire risk associated with more than a billion vaccine shots.

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Never-ending lines: Women of the Bonda tribe standing in queue to exchange their demonetised notes at Malkangiri district, Odisha, in 2016. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



ABSTRACT

To move or not to move?

How migration across regions generates greater economic benefits

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For a long time, economists have argued that free trade among countries encourages the movement of resources from regions where they are valued less to regions where they are valued more. For example, if apples are selling at a higher price in the U.S. than in Europe, entrepreneurs sensing an opportunity to make profits would buy apples in Europe and sell them in the U.S. This logic of arbitrage applies not just in the case of ordinary goods but also in the case of labour. People who live in low-wage countries tend to move to countries with higher wages. But such migration does not happen instantaneously. Various frictions can discourage people from moving to a different region even when the geographical differences in wages are much larger than moving costs. These frictions may be due to cultural differences, personal anxieties, barriers to free immigration, etc. So, in essence, there is significant scope for the misallocation of labour among various regions in the world.

In "The Gift of Moving: Intergenerational Consequences of a Mobility Shock", Emi Nakamura, Josef Sigurdsson, and Jon Steinsson investigate the long-term benefits of moving to a different region. In their paper published in the peer-reviewed journal *The Review of Economic Studies*, the authors study the earnings of a certain population that moved from the Westman Islands, located off the coast of Iceland. In January of 1973, a long dormant volcano in the island erupted and the houses of about a third of the residents were destroyed. Those whose houses remained intact after the volcanic eruption had more reason to stay back on the island, while the people who lost their homes to the volcano were more likely to move out of the island and start a new life elsewhere. As a result, they were also more likely to get fresh employment in more productive sectors than the island's traditional fishing sector.

Various earlier studies have already proven the economic benefits of migration, the researchers note. For instance, the children in Chicago who were forced to relocate after their houses were demolished were found to earn higher as adults compared to a similar population. But the volcanic incident at Westman islands offered these researchers an interesting natural experiment to test for the likely economic benefits of migration. They found that well over 80% of those who were under 25-years-old and were forced to move out of the island by the volcanic eruption earned higher than their peers on the island. This group of young people also got four additional years of education when compared to their peers. The researchers estimate that an 18-year-old who moved out of the island would have earned almost half a million dollars more over a lifetime when compared to his peers. Those who were over 25-years-old, who are likely to be parents of children, however, witnessed a slight decrease in their earnings. This could be due to the fact that older people are inflexible when compared to younger people, thus affecting their employability. The loss in earnings of older people, however, was more than compensated by the higher earnings of their children.

The researchers conclude that young people who are born in the wrong place, where their skills may not be best suited for various reasons, may be the most likely to benefit from migration. Yet, migration is not as widespread as it should be given the significant benefits that it offers. One reason could be the significant costs of migration itself. Not many people are financially capable to take on such a risk. Another reason could be barriers to the free movement of people raised by various governments.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The making of a mammoth tragedy

The real loss of demonetisation will be borne by the economically backward citizens of our country

MANMOHAN SINGH

On November 8, 2016, in an address to the nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that from midnight all currencies of ₹500 and ₹1,000 would be rendered illegal. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, in this piece for *The Hindu's* opinion pages, said the move would cause great distress to the poor who earn wages in cash. Edited excerpts:

It is said that "money is an idea that inspires confidence". At the stroke of the midnight hour, on November 9, 2016, the confidence of more than a billion Indians was destroyed. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had declared that more than 85% of the value of money held in notes of ₹500 and ₹1,000 was worthless overnight. In one impetuous decision, the Prime Minister has shattered the faith and confidence that millions of Indians had reposed in the Government of India to protect them and their money.

The Prime Minister in his address to the nation said, "There comes a time in the history of a country's development when a need is felt for a strong and decisive step," and propounded two primary reasons for this decision. One was to check "enemies from across the border... using fake currency notes". The other was to "break the grip of corruption and black money".

Both these intentions are honourable and deserve to be supported whole-heartedly. Counterfeit currency and black money are as grave a threat to the idea of India as terrorism and social division. They deserve to be extinguished using all the firepower at our disposal. However, the popular saying "the road to hell is paved with good intentions" serves as a useful reminder and warning in this context.

The underlying premise behind the decision of the Prime Minister to render ₹500 and ₹1,000 currencies as illegal overnight seems to be this false notion that 'all cash is black money and all

black money is in cash'. This is far from reality. Let us understand why.

Life thrown into disarray

More than 90% of India's workforce still earn their wages in cash. While the number of bank branches in rural areas have nearly doubled since 2001, there are still more than 600 million Indians who live in a town or village with no bank. They save their money in cash which, as it grows, is stored in denominations of ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes. To tarnish these as 'black money' and throw the lives of these hundreds of millions of poor people in disarray is a mammoth tragedy. It is the fundamental duty of a democratically elected government in any sovereign nation to protect the rights and livelihood of its citizens. The recent decision by the Prime Minister is a travesty of this fundamental duty.

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Black money in India is a genuine concern. This is wealth that has been accumulated over years by those with unaccounted sources of income. Unlike the poor, holders of black money have access to various forms of wealth such as land, gold, foreign exchange, etc. There have been various attempts by many governments in the past decades to recover this illicit wealth through actions by the Income Tax department, the Enforcement Directorate and schemes such as Voluntary Disclosure. Evidence from these past attempts has shown that a large majority of this unaccounted wealth is not stored in the form of cash. Against this backdrop, the decision by the Prime Minister is bound to have obverse implications by causing grievous injury to the

honest Indian who earns his/her wages in cash and a mere rap on the knuckles to the dishonest black money hoarder. This brazen policy measure has neither tackled the stock of black money holistically nor has it stemmed the flow of it.

It is no surprise that the logistical challenge of replacing billions of old currency notes with new ones is a monumental one. This is also one reason why most nations that have undertaken such currency swap operations have done so over a certain time period and not as a sudden overnight operation.

It is heartbreaking to see and hear of millions of poor Indians standing in long lines to withdraw some money for basic sustenance. As someone who has experienced long lines for rationed food during war time, I never imagined that one day I would find my own countrymen and women waiting endlessly for rationed money.

At a time when India's trade numbers are at multi-year lows, industrial production is shrinking and job creation is anaemic, this policy can act as a negative shock to the economy. It is indeed true that India's cash to GDP ratio is very high vis-à-vis other nations. But this is also an indicator of the Indian economy's dependence on cash. Consumer confidence is an important economic variable in a nation's growth prospects. The scars of an overnight depletion of the honest wealth of a vast majority of Indians combined with their ordeal of rationed access to new currency will be too deep to heal quickly. This can have ripple effects on GDP growth and job creation.

Unintended consequences

Black money is a menace to our society that we need to eliminate. In doing so, we have to be mindful of the potential impact on hundreds of millions of other honest citizens. Waging a war on black money may sound enticing. But it cannot entail even a single loss of life of an honest Indian.

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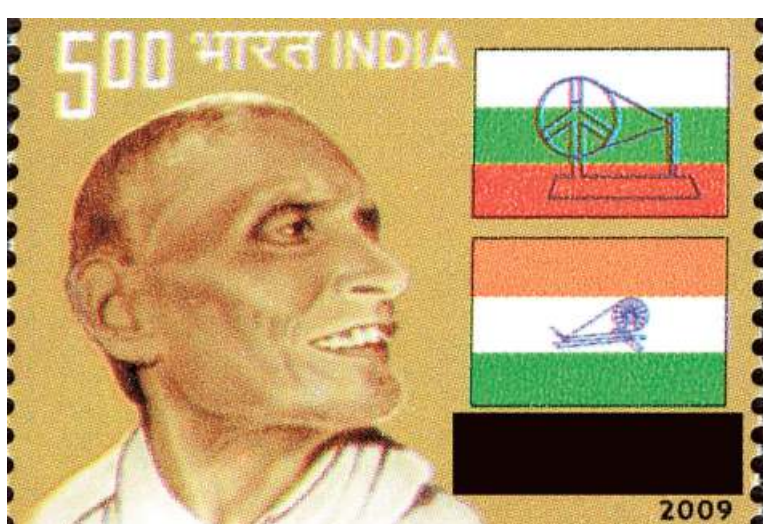
THE DAILY QUIZ

Flags are unique symbols used to identify nations, sports teams, political parties, etc. A quiz on the national flags to test the vexillologist in you!

- 1 In which country would one be if the flag had an AK-47 featured on it?
- 2 This European country's flag is said to have its genesis in the flag that fell from heaven in 1219 and hence holds the Guinness World Record for the oldest continuously used national flag. Name the country and what is the flag called?
- 3 Which natural feature appears on the flags of Bangladesh, Kiribati, and Niger?
- 4 In the 'Stars and Stripes', the stars represent the 50 States of the union. What do the 13 stripes stand for?

- 5 This country's flag has equal bands of blue and red. During peacetime, the blue is on top but when the country is at war, the bands are reversed. Name this Asian nation.
- 6 Name the only UN-member nation to have a map of the country in the national flag.
- 7 In what way is the Nepal flag different from other national flags?

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◀ This stamp honours the person credited with the design on which the Indian National flag is based. Name this freedom fighter.

Previous day's answers: 1. Ajanta and Ellora Caves, 2. Khangchendzonga National Park, 3. Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, Nilgiri Mountain Railway and the Kalka-Shimla Railway, 4. Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka, 5. Ahmedabad, 6. Keoladeo (Ghana) National Park, 7. Group of monuments at Pattadakal in northern Karnataka

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