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IN BRIEF

Sidhu and Amarinder clash over farm laws

As the turmoil within the Congress's Punjab unit continues, party State chief Navjot Singh Sidhu and former CM Captain Amarinder Singh (retd.) engaged in a sharp exchange of words on Thursday over the farm laws. **NEWS** ▶ PAGE 9

Man booked on conversion charges in Uttar Pradesh

A man from Fatehpur district in U.P. was booked under the new anti-conversion law in the State for trying to convert his wife to Islam. **NEWS** ▶ PAGE 9

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SC says farmers have right to protest, but can't block roads

Farmers blame police, seek nod to protest at Ram Lila Maidan, Jantar Mantar

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said public roads could not be blocked to hamper free movement even as farmers and the Government verbally clashed during the physical hearing, over who is responsible for the nearly two-year blockade.

Farmers, represented by senior advocate Dushyant Dave and advocate Prashant Bhushan, said roads were deliberately blocked to turn public sentiments against them. They should be allowed to enter the Ram Lila Maidan and Jantar Mantar to continue their protests against the agricultural laws.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for Haryana, reminded the court about the Red Fort violence in January that left several hundreds injured and others killed.

A Bench led by Justice S.K.



Impasse continues: Farmers staging a protest in Noida on Thursday. • PTI

Kaul acknowledged that "there is a problem with movement, we are not going to accept there is no pro-

A solution should be found for the impasse between farmers and the Government, it said.

The court noted that it

had laid down the law in the Shaheen Bagh protests case that the right to protest should not hamper the right to movement of the public. Justice Kaul observed, "The law is laid down. There is no reason for the SC to lay down

the law again and again..." Mr. Dave said the right to protest was a fundamental right. The roads were blocked by the police. The government's view on violence by protesters seemed to be skewed, he said

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India crosses 100 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses

PM congratulates healthcare workers for the milestone

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

India completed 100 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines on Thursday, in about nine months since the drive be-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his gratitude to doctors, nurses and all those who worked on crossing the milestone. He tweeted, "India scripts history. We are witnessing the triumph of Indian science, enterprise and collective spirit of 130 crore Indians. Congrats India on crossing 100 crore vaccinations."

"The vaccine has brought pride and protection in the lives of our citizens," Mr. Modi noted. He visited the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital here and interacted with healthcare workers and people receiving the vaccine.

To mark the occasion, the Union Health Ministry held a

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court on

Thursday asked the Govern-

ment if it wants to revisit the

limit of ₹8 lakh annual in-

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Sections (EWS) category for

Dose progression The chart shows the days taken for total COVID-19 vaccination doses in India to cross every 100 million dose mark: It took 19 days for the 80 total doses to cross one 70 billion from 900 million 14 EN 60 50 DAYS 30 40 0-100 | 200-300 | 400-500 | 600-700 | 800-900 100-200 300-400 500-600 700-800 900-1,000

series of events and released a two-minute video on the nation's fight against CO-

Hailing the achievement, UNICEF India representative Yasmin Ali Haque said, "As Indian families recover from the recent devastating CO-VID-19 wave, for many, this milestone means hope."

Do you want to revisit ₹8 lakh

of reservation.

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South-East Asia Poonam Khetrapal Singh also termed it an extraordinary feat.

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Organised crime charges valid in Gauri case, says SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court on Thursday revived the organised crime charges against a man accused of harbouring the alleged killers of journalist Gauri Lankesh, whose murder four years ago struck a deadly blow to the freedom of speech and expression in the country. Gauri was shot dead outside her home in Bengaluru in 2017.

A three-judge Bench, led by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar, upheld the appeal filed by Kavitha Lankesh, Gauri's sister, that the prior approval given by the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner to invoke offences under the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act against accused Mohan Nayak was legally valid. Ms. Kavitha's appeal before the top court came after the Karnataka High Court dropped the organised crime charges against Nayak earlier this year.

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PM to attend climate meet in Glasgow

Delegations from U.S., EU, and U.K. visit Delhi to discuss India's climate goals

SUHASINI HAIDAR JACOB KOSHY NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to Glasgow on October 31 to attend the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), India has conveyed to the British Government this week, sources confirmed. The decision comes even

as climate negotiation delegations from the United States, the European Union and the United Kingdom travelled to Delhi to discuss India's climate goals. Mr. Modi and U.K. Prime

Minister Boris Johnson are expected to jointly launch the "one world, one solar, one grid" initiative at the summit where at least 120 world leaders have confirmed their attendance.

British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss will land in Delhi on Friday, and will meet with Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav to finalise details of Mr. Modi's programme.

Meanwhile, a senior U.S. delegation led by Robert Blake, a retired diplomat ap-



Colourful message: Artists in Glasgow painting a mural near Scottish Events Centre, venue for the summit. ■ GETTY IMAGES

pointed by U.S. Special Envoy John Kerry to coordinate with India on the climate financing and clean energy partnership, is also in Delhi for talks with the Environment Ministry.

On his previous two visits to India, Mr. Kerry had pressed hard for India to update its climate goals, as only a few countries have done thus far after the Paris climate accord, and also to announce a deadline for phasing out coal and achieving a "Net Zero" carbon emission

Mr. Blake's visit coincides with that of European Union Executive Vice President for the "European Green Deal" Frans Timmerman, who has been in Delhi for the International Solar Alliance.

'A positive sign'

Mr. Modi's decision to attend the summit in Glasgow, where he will fly directly from the G-20 summit in Rome (October 30-31) is seen as a positive sign that India will announce an updated plan at the conference, diplomats said. India

Nationally Determined Commitments (NDCs) to reflect its ambition to install 450 GW of renewable energy by 2030, but the deadline for submitting updated NDCs to the United Nations, ahead of the Glasgow summit, was passed on October 12 with out the announcement. "The truth is, apart from

was expected to update its

China, India, as a growing economy, and a major contributor to carbon emissions, is also the most important country in terms of ensuring the world meets its deadlines on countering climate change, and all eyes are on the clear time-bound commitments Prime Minister Modi will make at the COP26 in Glasgow," a western diplomat told The Hindu, explaining the rush of delegations to Delhi this

Both Mr. Kerry and COP-26 President-Designate from the U.K., Alok Sharma, have also made two visits each to India this year with this on the agenda.

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No raid at Shah Rukh's house, says NCB

It was for collection of material related to investigation in Aryan's case: agency

STAFF REPORTER

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Thursday visited 'Mannat', actor Shah Rukh Khan's house, to collect certain material related to the investigation in the case of his son, Aryan Khan, who is in judicial custody over his alleged chats related to drugs on WhatsApp.

The agency on Thursday also summoned actor Ananya Pandey to record her statement after her name appeared in the WhatsApp chats. She visited the NCB office in the afternoon along with her father and actor Chunky Pandey. Earlier in the day, Mr. Khan visited his son at Arthur Road Jail.

NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede, in a press release, said, "Today on 21



Khan leaving Arthur Road Jail after visiting Aryan. ■PTI

October, a team of NCB Mumbai Zonal Unit officials visited Mannat, the residence of Shri Aryan Khan in connection with Cr 94/21 for seeking certain material related to the investigation of the case from Mr. Sharukh Khan, F/o Aryan Khan by following due procedure of notice etc. It wasn't a raid as erroneously reported in certain sections/channels of

Fresh allegations Continuing his series of alle-

gations against Mr. Wankhede, Nationalist Congress Party leader and Maharashtra Minister Nawab Malik said the extortion money collected by the NCB from Bollywood was collected in the Maldives when the officer's relatives, including his sister, Jasmeen Wankhede, also known as Lady Don, were there when many Bollywood stars, too, were in that country. "Was he also there?" the Minister said.

Mr. Malik also released

photographs of Ms. Wank-

hede when she was in the

Maldives.

October 26 SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

HC to hear

bail plea on

The Bombay High Court on Thursday said it would hear actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan's bail petition on October 26. The special Narcotic

Drugs and Psychotropic

Substances Act court extended the judicial custody of Mr. Aryan and co-accused Arbaaz Merchant and Munmun Dhamecha till October 30. Mr. Aryan was arrested on October 3.

'Act on illegal construction in Kaziranga' RAHUL KARMAKAR

GUWAHATI

The Central Empowered Committee (CEC), constituted by the Supreme Court, has asked the Assam government to act on illegal construction in the identified wildlife corridors of the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve.

In a letter to the State's Chief Secretary on October 6, CEC Member-Secretary Amarnatha Shetty said an action taken report should be submitted to the panel within four weeks. The CEC had taken note

of an inspection report on violation of the court's order, which disallowed new construction on private lands that form part of the nine animal corridors.

Is ₹79 crore enough for hybrid courts infrastructure, asks HC

Court asks Registrar General to find out if the Govt.'s revised estimate is feasible

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday asked its Registrar General to find out if the city Government's revised estimate of ₹79.48 crore from an earlier projection of over ₹220 crore for setting up infrastructure for hybrid hearings in district courts here was feasible.

A Bench of Justices Vipin Sanghi and Jasmeet Singh said the response of the Registrar General should be duly supported with expert

Earlier estimate: ₹220 cr. The court pointed out that an earlier estimate of over ₹220 crore, which was submitted by the High Court registry to the Delhi Government, was



brought down to ₹79.48 crore on account of lowered specifications of the infrastructure proposed to be installed for hybrid hearings.

"You (Government) have put a ceiling of ₹79 crore at your end. Has anyone applied his mind to say that ₹79 crore is good enough for virtual court? How can you go to the IT Department later?"

the Bench asked.

Delhi Government's counsel said the revised estimate of ₹79 crore has received "in principle" approval of the Finance Department and after the receipt of a proposal from the relevant authorities, it will be sent to the IT Department of the Delhi Government for further approval.

The counsel said IT experts were "taken into confidence" while deciding the revised estimate and in case the infrastructure needs an upgrade, the same will be

The High Court, which was hearing two pleas by lawyers Anil Kumar Hajelay and Manashwy Jha seeking various prayers including conducting hybrid hearings in district courts on physical hearing days because of the COVID-19 pandemic, posted the case for further hearing on November 9.

It sought status reports from the Delhi Government after it receives approval from its IT Department as well as on the outcome of its meeting with the representatives of tribunals functioning under it on the infrastructure required for hybrid hearings. In the previous hearing,

the High Court had asked the Delhi Government for a timeline for putting the system in place in the trial courts here. It had said that the purpose of the exercise was to ensure that no inconvenience is caused to advocates and litigants in case of a third wave

Domestic help, cousin held for staging robbery of ₹5 lakh

'Duo planned to steal employer's money to start own venture'

ARNABJIT SUR

A domestic help has been arrested from north Delhi's Wazirabad for allegedly staging a robbery of ₹5 lakh, belonging to his employer, in order to start his own venture. His cousin brother has also been arrested for allegedly assisting him in the crime.

According to the police, they received a PCR call on Monday from the accused, Deepak, 34, who alleged that two bikers had robbed him of his mobile phone and cash worth ₹5 lakh.

After a police team reached the spot, Deepak claimed that he had collected ₹5 lakh from Sector 3 in Rohini around 5.45 p.m. on the instructions of his employer, Rajeev Bansal. He told the police that he had kept the



Accused Deepak and Aslam in police custody. • SPECIAL

money in his scooty and was going to deliver it at Seelampur when around 6.20 p.m., near the Burari flyover, two men on a bike threw red chilli powder in his eyes, forcing him to stop the scooty. The pillion rider caught hold of Deepak and snatched his mobile phone and the money, the accused told the police.

However, when a police

team inspected the crime scene, it found no red chilli powder at the spot or on the clothes of the complainant. "He was also changing his statement frequently. His employer was called to the spot and during technical probe, the complainant's version was also not matching his timing," DCP (North) Sagar Singh Kalsi said.

After Deepak was interrogated, he allegedly broke down and disclosed that in order to open a new business he hatched a plan with his cousin, Aslam, 39, to stage a fake robbery and steal his employer's money. He also allegedly disclosed that he had worked with Bansal for five to six years without a police verification and was involved in previous criminal cases of similar nature.

Air quality improves to 'moderate' category

STAFF REPORTER

The air quality in the city improved to the higher end of "moderate" category on Thursday from the "poor" level on Wednesday and it is expected to worsen in the next two days, as per official data.

The air pollution had increased to the "poor" category for the first time this season on Saturday and improved to the "good" level on Monday.

On Thursday, the contribution of stubble burning to PM2.5 in Delhi was estimated to jump to 15% and the number of active fire counts was 1,234, according to SAFAR. "However, local winds are moderate and that enhances dispersion of pollutants keeping the AQI in moderate category."

13.8 kg tumour removed from man's chest

STAFF REPORTER

A tumour bigger than the "size of a football" and weighing 13.8 kg was removed from the chest of a 25-year-old man, according to a private hospital. The tumour had occu-

pied more than 90% of the chest area of the person, reducing the lung function by 90%. "It was a four-hour surgery, which involved opening of both the sides of the chest and cutting the chest bone in between," said Dr. Udgeath Dhir, head of cardiothoracic and vascular surgery, Fortis Hospital, Gurugram.

Students stage protest seeking reopening of schools, colleges

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Several student groups under the banner of All India Forum for Right to Education (AIFRTE) staged a protest outside the Ministry of Education building on Thursday, demanding reopening of all educational institutions. They said their prolonged closure has led to disruption in the education

system. The protesters said that despite governments opening markets, malls, bars, hotels and cinemas, no steps have been taken to ensure that educational institutions are opened with sufficient health checks in place to assure students, parents and

teachers of their safety.

"The tragic consequence of this unnecessary closure is that lakhs of school and college students have simply had to drop out of educational institutions," the students said.

They added that that Union and State Governments are concerned about how exams are going to be held and not about how the academic activities of the students are going to be restored.

The students also protested the recommendations of a government-appointed panel that has suggested doing away with the non-NET (National Eligibility Test) fellowship offered to research students at Central universities.

Oppn. hits out at North civic body over delay in property tax waiver

'Talks on with other corporations to implement it together'

MUNEEF KHAN NEW DELHI

square metres".

A ruckus erupted at the North Delhi Municipal Corporation's monthly meeting on Thursday with Opposition leaders alleging that the BJPled civic body had "failed to implement the tax waiver for houses measuring up to 50

The North civic body had approved a proposal to waive property tax for houses measuring up to 50 square metres in approved colonies, rural areas and unauthorised colonies. The move was aimed to benefit three lakh property owners.

Congress councillor Mukesh Goel said, "We were told that a preamble would be brought forward regarding the waiver but nothing of the sort has been done. If they can make the announcement, then they should stick

Leader of Opposition from the Aam Aadmi Party, Vikas Goel, said that it was evident how the BJP "has been misleading the people of Delhi".

"They (BJP) had also put up hoardings all over Delhi congratulating this move. However, it pains me to inform you that in the House today, the Mayor himself, as well as the Commissioner, have admitted that no such proposal has been made," he

Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh said he was "waiting for the Commissioner's approval" to issue a notification regarding the tax waiver.

"We are in talks with the South and East civic bodies in order for them to implement the waiver as well. We want the three civic bodies to implement the tax waiver as a Diwali gift for the people of

Delhi HC tells police not to harass restaurants, bars

'Can conduct checks for herbal hookah'

STAFF REPORTER

The Delhi High Court on Thursday told the city police not to "harass" restaurants and bars, which have filed pleas seeking permission to serve herbal-flavoured hookahs, by parking their vehicles outside the premises.

Justice Rekha Palli said the police can conduct random checks in restaurants and bars to see if hookahs are being served but can't keep police personnel posted outside the premises as it will affect business. The counsel for Delhi pol-

ice said the force will not

park vehicles outside the premises but it will conduct random checks on to ensure that they don't serve hookahs till an order is passed by the court on their petitions.

The court was informed that the order of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority, prohibiting the use of herbal hookahs in public places to contain the spread of COVID-19, will continue to be in force till further orders. The court asked the Delhi

Government to reconsider the issue within five days. In case it still feels that prohibition is necessary, it should file an affidavit, the HC said.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one female was admitted in Safdarjung Hospital and Expired on 09.10.2021. In this regard a DD No. 68-A Dated 09.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Kishangarh, New Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as

Name: Dora Rego, W/o: SG Rego R/o: H.No. 58B, Ground Floor, Ber Sarai, New

Delhi Age: 55 Years, Height: 5'2" Feet, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Hair: Black, Wearing: Unknown Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the

information about the dead female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead female please inform the undersigned.

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Dengue situation under control in Delhi: Minister

STAFF REPORTER

The dengue situation in Delhi is completely under control and an adequate number of beds are available in hospitals. Health Minister Satyendar Jain said on Thursday.

"Patients from outside Delhi are also being treated here. At present, 25% of the total dengue patients in Delhi hospitals are from outside the city," Mr. Jain said.

The percentage of beds reserved for CO-VID-19 patients has been reduced to 10% so that there will be enough beds for dengue patients, the government said.

"There are about 11,000 beds in Delhi government hospitals, but only 221 patients are admitted there," a statement said.

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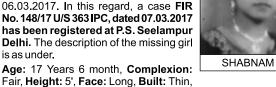
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The threat within

As the annual NCRB report puts Delhi in the top spot in crimes against the elderly in 2020, old vulnerabilities remain: senior citizens are most at risk from their closest circle, be it maid, watchman, or kith and kin

FEAR FACTOR

ARNABIIT SUR

"I asked her to accompany us to my sister-in-law's nouse that day but she refused and said she would go some other time. That is what cost her life," Sunita (35) said, referring to her 65-year-old motherin-law Rajwati, who was stabbed to death by a man inside her house in north Delhi's Burari in June.

The accused, Shubham (27), used to work at Sunita's husband Pramod's shop and knew that the couple had left their home in the evening, leaving Rajwati alone. "Around 9 p.m, he came to our house and asked for a glass of water. Soon after my mother-in-law went inside, Shubham entered the house and began opening the cupboards in one of the rooms," Sunita said.

After the elderly woman saw Shubham, she raised an alarm following which he took her to another room, pushed her to the floor, and stabbed her multiple times in the neck, eventually killing her.

"After robbing some of our cash and jewellery, he burnt our identity documents. He even wanted to burn my mother-in-law's body but failed to do so as smoke started emanating from the house and neighbours raised an alarm, following which he fled the spot," the daughter-in-law said.

In another latest instance, 78year-old Uma Jain's house in Pandav Nagar was attacked in the early hours of October 3 by three bike-borne men who fired four rounds at the front door before speeding off.

"I have never faced such an incident in the 45 years that I have lived here," the septuagenarian said. "It would be better if I am provided some form of police security." The National Crime Records Bu-

reau report of crime in India in 2020 has put the spotlight on crimes against senior citizens, with Delhi topping the chart among 19 metropolitan cities. As per the data, 906 such crimes against elderly persons were recorded last year, of which 405 cases were of theft, 108 cases of forgery, cheating and fraud, 37 cases of simple injury, eight cases of assault on women to outrage their

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against elderly persons. Of the 906 cases in 2020, chargesheets were filed in only 131 cases, the lowest among all metro cities at 25.3%.

Significantly, Delhi was the only ci-

ty reporting four cases of rape

However, there has been a reduction in such crimes in 2020 as compared to 2019 when the number had gone up to 1,076. Mumbai had secured the first spot in crimes against senior citizens in 2018 and 2019.

In light of this, *The Hindu* spoke to victims, police officers, and Resident Welfare Associations (RWA) to get an idea how such crimes are planned and executed and how elderly persons have become vulnerable not only from outsiders but even from their own family members.

Modus operandi

A senior police officer, requesting anonymity, said, "These crimes mostly occur in posh and upscale localities where the accused know that the elderly person is affluent and has been staying alone with children living either out of the city or abroad."

The officer said that usually there exists a well-organised nexus of maids, drivers, watchmen, among other employees, who keep tabs on which house can be easily targeted.

"This has mostly got to do with the inefficient system of background checks of such people. Most residents don't think twice TOTAL CRIMES UNDER INDIAN PENAL CODE IN 2020: 906 CASES Rape: 4 Theft: **405** Extortion: 1 & Robbery: 31

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and fraud: **108**

Forgery, cheating

crimes: 285 SOURCE: NATIONAL CRIME RECORDS BUREAU before hiring such persons; there should always be a foolproof police verification," the officer said.

Other

Another police officer said the offence becomes heinous when the said residents raise an alarm or refuse to succumb to the demands of the accused. Just three months ago, Kitty

Kumaramangalam, the 70-yearold wife of former Union Minister P.R. Kumaramangalam, was murdered in a robbery bid at her house in south Delhi's posh Vasant Vihar by her laundryman and his two aides.

Domestic disputes "There are also cases of intra-fami-

ly disputes which affect senior citizens mentally and physically. We have seen recurrent cases where the elderly person is harassed by the son or daughter-in-law over property and subsequently threatened with dire consequences," a senior police officer from South district said.

"Elderly persons are easy tar-

gets for online fraudsters as the

former are technologically backward and might easily fall for fake offers and websites," another police officer said. Delhi Police has a designated se-

nior citizen cell which caters to grievances raised by elderly persons registered with them. "In most cases, where we are approached on our helpline number, elderly persons raise intra-family issues but in case we receive a serious case, we direct it to the local police for legal action," an officer from the cell said.

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Ajit Pawar hits out at BJP after raids

SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE

After enduring Income Tax raids on businesses owned by his relatives and aides earlier this month, Deputy Chief Minister and senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Ajit Pawar on Thursday hit out at the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) allegations that he had purchased the Satara-based Jarandeshwar sugar factory through shell companies.

Mr. Pawar said that he has data of around 60-70 such sugar factories being purchased by builders, politicos, big farmers and that he would reveal all in a press conference soon.

"It is not only about the Jarandeshwar factory, but I have all the records of other factories which are being sold and purchased in the State and I will reveal this in a detailed press conference tomorrow in Pune. The number of such factories are 60-70... I will give information about how many factories were sold in the State from the beginning, at what price, and in whose tenure," said the Deputy Chief Minister.

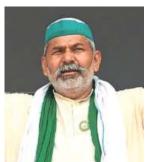
Farmers' protest to continue at Ghazipur border, says BKU

'Tent removed to dispel the notion that farmers are blocking the road'

After the Supreme Court's observation on indefinite blockage of roads during the ongoing farmers' agitation against three contentious farm laws, the Bharativa Kisan Union (BKU) removed a tent from the service lane that connects Delhi to Uttar Pradesh.

BKU national spokesperson Rakesh Tikait reiterated that they never blocked the road and it was the Delhi Police that had been preventing them from moving inside Delhi by putting a seven-layered barricade.

"We have been waiting at the border for 11 months. It seems the SC feels that we have been blocking the road so we have cleared this road. Delhi Police should allow us



to move into Delhi," Mr Tikait told reporters.

When asked where do the farmers want to proceed, he said, "to the place where these laws had been made."

Yudhvir Singh, general secretary, BKU, said only one tent that housed the media centre for some time had been removed. "There is a misconception that we have concluded the protest at the Ghazipur border. The tent has been removed to dispel the notion that we are blocking the route. The protest is very much on," he said.

On the postponement of the Lucknow mahapanchayat scheduled for October 26, Mr Singh said the mahpanchayat has been pushed by a month because of unseasonal rains. "Farmers have suffered loses because of the rains and we don't want to push them into the protest at this time," he said.

'Centre-State tussle'

However, senior sources in BKU said they could sense a tussle between the Central and State government on the farmers' issue and they wanted to "wait and watch"

'The way Yogi Adityanath handled the Lakhimpur violence showed his positive intent before the polls. He sent his best officers to the ground and allowed access to Rakeshji to Lakhimpur. It saved the situation from going out of hand and the immediate demands of farmers were met. In contrast, the central government is not dismissing the minister who is accused in the case. It appears that the Centre wants to weaken the Yogi government as part of BJP's internal tussle," said a senior BKU leader on condition of anonymity. "In fact, all State governments, including that of Haryana are against the farm laws but the Centre has made it an ego issue," he added.

Court allows polygraph test of 'Pakistani' terror accused

Delhi police said he was not cooperating in investigation

HEMANI BHANDARI

Days after an alleged Pakistani national was arrested for living in India on fake identity and planning a terror strike, a Delhi court has granted permission to the police to conduct a polygraph test of the accused.

The Delhi Police Special Cell had arrested Mohammed Ashraf, who allegedly had been living in India for 15 years as Ahmed Ali Noori, from East Delhi's Laxmi Nagar on October 11.

Advocate Deepak Tyagi, who is representing Ashraf, said the police had sought permission for a polygraph test and the court granted the same on Thursday. "In their application, the police said Mohammed Ashraf was not cooperating in the investigation and they needed to conduct the

'Important case'

Police sources said the reason cited for the polygraph test was to extract more information and take the investigation further "as it's an important case". The polygraph test, also known as lie detector test, has no evidentiary value in court.

The police said they had recovered an AK-47 rifle with two magazines, 60 sophisticated pistols with 50 rounds and a hand grenade at Ashraf's instance from near the Yamuna, buried under the soil.

He was a resident of Pakistan's Punjab who and had come to India nearly 15 years ago; he was living with fake documents which had a Bihar address, said the police.

Ashraf, according to the police, stayed at a house in Laxmi Nagar's Aram Park for less than a year about a decade ago. He took documents from the then landlord to get his Aadhaar card made.

The accused was sent to 14-day police custody. During interrogation and investigation, the police said, it was found that Ashraf was involved in the 2011 High Court blasts. In 2007, he had married a woman and left her after three to four months.

"The reason to marry was to acquire goodwill in society and in-turn identity documents," an investiga-

Chandrababu Naidu begins protest, slams Andhra Govt.

'Attacks on TDP offices acts of State-sponsored terrorism'

STAFF REPORTER

TDP national president N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday began his 36-hour protest against the recent attacks on his party offices.

Calling them acts of "Statesponsored terrorism," Mr. Naidu sought the Union Government's intervention in the matter to restore peace.

'Retrograde policies'

Addressing cadres at the TDP headquarters near Mangalagiri, which had been ransacked by a mob on October 19, Mr. Naidu said the attacks were a fallout of the criticism of the Andhra Pradesh Government's "failure to curb the smuggling of drugs, and its negligence in probing the links to the recent haul of heroin at the Mundra Port in Gujarat."

"Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan



TDP chief N. Chandrababu Naidu on protest near Mangalagiri on Thursday. •

Mohan Reddy is getting impatient over the growing public resentment against his Government's ineptitude in curbing the drug menace, its retrograde policies, and attacks on democratic institutions and constitutional authorities," Mr. Naidu said.

Maintaining that the destruction of the party's main office was not a sporadic one, Mr. Naidu alleged that it was "well organised attack

meant to intimidate the TDP

leaders raising their voice against the Government's

"It is a culmination of twoand-half years of lawlessness and anarchy that has been prevailing since the YSRCP came to power in 2019," Mr. Naidu alleged.

The Union Government should note that the drug mafia extended their business to Gujarat, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and a few other States, the TDP president said.

"Youth have to be protected, lest the drug abuse would become a major scourge," he cautioned.

Insisting that the situation was ripe for imposition of President's rule, Mr. Naidu said, "The TDP is forced to demand it to save the State from Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy's autocratic regime."

Remembering dad



during the National Police Commemoration Day in Bhopal on Thursday. • PTI

151 'criminals' shot dead in encounters since 2017: Yogi

We have a policy of zero tolerance against crime, says U.P. CM

OMAR RASHID

Ever since the BJP-led Government came to power in Uttar Pradesh in March 2017, the State police have shot dead 151 suspected criminals in alleged exchange of fire, officially termed as 'encounters,' Chief Minister Yogi Aditvanath said here on Thursday.

"We have a policy of zero tolerance against crime and criminals," said Mr. Adityanath at the Police Smriti Diwas Parade.

The Chief Minister also said 3,473 suspected criminals were injured in these



U.P. CM Yogi Adityanath

operations. During the same period, from March 30, 2017 to October 10, 2021, 13 police personnel were killed while 1,198 were injured, he

Mr. Adityanath also said the police had taken action against 45,603 persons under the Gangsters Act and against 657 under the National Security Act, and seized, demolished or freed from illegal occupation property worth ₹1,500 crore from 25 persons designated as 'mafia' criminals and their gang members.

"It has sent a good message in society. The credit for creating fear of law among criminals goes to the tough action under law, action plan and hard work of the U.P. police," said the Chief Minister.

Modi comes to the rescue of 'beleaguered' Lal Ishould have

He praises Haryana government led by the CM as 'honest' and 'most innovative'

Harvana Chief Minister Manohar Lal came in for some lavish praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at a virtual event on Thursday for heading an "honest" "innovative" and

government. Inaugurating the Infosys Foundation rest house at AI-IMS National Cancer Institute in Jhajjar, Mr. Modi said that Haryana had got an "honest government under the leadership of Manohar

Lal, deliberating about the

bright future of the State round-the-clock". The Prime Minister added that Mr. Lal's government would be adjudged as the most innovative and



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the virtual inauguration of Infosys Foundation's rest house in Jhajjar on Thursday. • PTI

one with a vision if the performance of successive Haryana governments over past five decades was ever

In the headlines

Mr. Lal has been making headlines for all the wrong of late for his statements on how to tackle the ongoing farmers' agitation, and also for unemployment, corruption, and incidence of rising

crime in the State.

The Chief Minister has been under attack from his own party leaders. Union Minister of State and the Lok Sabha MP from Gurugram Rao Inderjit Singh had spoken of the party's poor performance at the Assembly polls at a recent ral-

Mr. Lal's strained rela-

tions with Home Minister Anil Vij have also been making headlines.

In August, Mr. Lal had fuelled speculations of a shake-up within the party's State unit with his remarks hinting that newly-appointed Union Cabinet Minister, Bhupender Yadav, could take up the leadership baton from senior leaders in

Against this backdrop, Mr. Lal's supporters now construe Prime Minister's remarks as a response to his detractors and a stamp of approval on his "style of working".

This, they feel, also puts to rest all speculations on any change in State leadership.

been invited. says Hooda

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Congress Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Hooda on Thursday strongly objected to not being invited to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's virtual programme for the inauguration of Infosys Foundation's rest house at AIIMS National Cancer Insti-

tute in Jhajjar. In a press statement, Mr. Hooda said he would have made an appeal to the Prime Minister for the completion of ten more institutes at the cancer institute if invited for the event. He said these were approved during the UPA rule and he was dutybound to raise the demand for their completion.

'U.K., India joint military exercise is to keep peace and stability'

Aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth aims to strengthen cultural ties with India as well: CSG top officer

ALOK DESHPANDE

MUMBAI As the United Kingdom's Carrier Strike Group (CSG) gets ready for one of the biggest joint exercises - Konkan Shakti – with India's armed forces, its aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth has an added task - it aims to strengthen military as well as cultural ties with India with an intent to "demonstrate that democracies that have similar views of the world want to work together to

Amid reports that the joint exercise may not be appreciated by China, which could see it as an answer to its might, the CSG's top officer said peaceful negotiations re-

keep peace and stability".

mained the only answer but like-minded nations must stand together to protect free flow of trade "But what is really impor-

tant is the nations, I mean India, the United Kingdom and Japan and many others, in that region are maritime trading nations. Have been for hundreds of years. We rely on the free flow of trade, unencumbered and that is hugely important to us. And I think if anybody tries to stymie that or stop that, the likeminded nations would want to come together and stand against it," Commodore Steve Moorhouse OBE, CSG Commander, told reporters onboard HMS Elizabeth.



An F-35B fighter jet on the deck HMS Queen Elizabeth in the Arabian Sea off Mumbai coast on Thursday. • AFP

He stated that was what lot of these exercises were about. "They demonstrate that democracies that have similar views of the world want to work together to keep peace and stability. That could be in the South China Sea or the western Indian Ocean or the Gulf of Aden or the North Sea," he observed. Stationed 50 miles off the

Mumbai coast, this is the first aircraft carrier in the world, designed from the outset to operate fifth generation combat aircraft, which will be hosting members from industry, trade, science and technology in coming days, including a chef.

"Specifically with India, there is a whole comprehensive and strategic partnership that the two Prime Ministers have signed and visioned out at Roadmap 2030. We are one part of it. I am the expert in military field. There are other areas of partnership with India that

we are looking to strengthen and take forward." Commodore Moorhouse noted.

Common protocols

Referring to the one of the biggest exercises with India, he pointed out that it was very few times that the U.K. as a nation held an exercise of maritime, land and air at the same time. "Can the British Army quickly and securely set up communication with the Indian Army? Can we do that with the Indian Navy. Traditionally speaking, we can't. We got to go beyond that. Common protocols are needed so that Indian ships can replenish from British ships and vice-versa," he



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To, M/s. Shashank Minerals, Rep. by its Proprietor and the Propriet of M/s Shashank Road Lines, Sri Sanjay Pandey, Son of Shriram Pandey Hindu, aged about 46 years, residing at Ring Road No.2. Tata Motor Lane Bhanupuri, Raipur - 493 221. Chhattisghar State.

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Scribe, father acquitted of treason charge

Duo was accused of having links with Maoists

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

A city court here on Thursday acquitted Vittal Malekudiya, a journalist, and his father, Lingappa Malekudiya, seven years after they were charged with treason. The case had drawn national attention back in 2012.

Additional district and sessions judge B.B. Jakati acquitted the son and the father of the charges of having links with Maoists. The police had booked and arrested them for offences under Sections 120 B, and 124 A of the Indian Penal Code and under Sections 19 and 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. They were released on bail later.

In March 2012, Anti-Naxal Force (ANF) personnel, led by sub-inspector Sachin Lawrence, searched the house of Mr. Vittal at Kutlur in Belthangady taluk, under the Kudremukh National Park limits, Dakshina Kannada district, and seized, among other things, a book on Bhagat Singh and some articles related to Maoist activities. The sub-inspector arrested Mr. Vittal, who was then a postgraduate journalism student in Mangalore Un-

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iversity, and his father.

Mr. Vittal and his father were in judicial custody for about three months. It was during this period that he took permission of the court to write the first year journalism course examination. Mangalore University had not declared his result because of shortage of attendance. After his release on bail in July 2012, he attended classes for the first year and subsequently completed the course. Mr. Vittal is presently working in a Kannada daily in Bengaluru.

23 witnesses examined The son and father were mentioned as accused no. six and seven while absconding Maoist leaders Vikram Gowda, Pradeepa, John, Prabha,

and Sundari were men-

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tioned as accused no. one to five. As accused no. one to five remained absconding, the court split the case and tried charges against the son and father. A total of 23 witnesses were examined between November 2019 and September 2021.

On Thursday, Mr. Vittal Malekudiya told reporters that a false case had been foisted against him and his father as he was leading the cause of Malekudiya tribals who were against displacement from the forest. "I knew we would come clean," he said.

State president of the Democratic Youth Federation of India Muneer Katipalla said the State Government had to pay compensation to the two for foisting a false case of treason against them.

Former Sena leader ioins Congress in Goa

Former vice-president of the Shiv Sena's Goa unit Rakhi Prabhudesai Naik, who recently resigned from the party, joined the Congress here on Thursday. Ms. Naik was inducted into the party in the presence of Goa **Pradesh Congress Committee** president Girish Chodankar.

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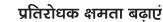
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Scripting history

India must not lose sight of the goal of vaccinating all eligible adults by year-end

ndia scripted history on Thursday with its COVID-19 vaccine doses administered crossing the one-billion mark – accomplished in just about nine months after the vaccination programme rollout on January 16. What is even more outstanding is the targeting of adults. Unlike the established universal immunisation programme, for infants and children, India has never undertaken any massive universal adult vaccination programme. That this exercise involving thousands of health-care workers and others was carried out even while in the midst of a huge number of daily cases in April-May during the second wave makes it even more remarkable. It became possible only because vaccine manufacturers, the Serum Institute and Bharat Biotech, were able to ensure uninterrupted vaccine availability even if supply was limited in the beginning. If the Serum Institute had the foresight to begin manufacture in advance, Bharat Biotech's capability to quickly develop an indigenous vaccine with the ICMR ensured that India did not have to endlessly wait for vaccine supplies from other countries. If there was hesitancy initially even among health-care workers, who were the first to be eligible to receive the vaccines, the deadly second wave led to a huge leap in vaccine uptake; vaccination was opened up to all priority groups and to everyone above 18 years before the second wave peaked in early May. India could have probably reached this grand milestone earlier had time not been wasted in asking States to procure vaccines directly from the two manufacturers at a higher cost to vaccinate the 18-44 age group.

While basking in glory, it is important not to lose sight of the bigger goal of vaccinating all eligible adults by the year-end. Even as vaccine supply is increasing, the pace of the vaccination drive has to be speeded up to meet the objective. If over 75% of the eligible adults have already been vaccinated with one dose, the proportion of adults who are fully vaccinated is only 31%. Since vaccination with two doses is necessary to increase the protection level, efforts should be directed at increasing the pace of second dose vaccination. China has already administered over 2.2 billion doses and fully vaccinated over 75% of the eligible population even by mid-September. Crossing the one-billion mark became possible as India stopped the export of vaccines, impacting most low- and middle-income countries. On October 14, nearly six months after halting exports, India finally supplied vaccines to four countries; further supplies will depend on production and demand. It is imperative that vaccine production is quickly ramped up to meet demand. Any more delay in meeting international obligations will greatly hurt India's credibility as a reliable vaccine supplier to the global South.

Engaging the Taliban

India and regional powers should ensure that the Afghan rulers respect their people's rights

India's participation in a meeting of 10 nations with Taliban officials in Moscow and the signing of a joint ▲ statement that recognised the "new reality" in Afghanistan signal a decisive shift in the country's approach towards the Islamist group. India had earlier taken a strong position against any kind of engagement with the Taliban. In recent months, when the Taliban were making steady advances towards Kabul, India had established contacts with the Taliban's political office in Doha, Qatar, but this is the first time India met a top Taliban delegation, which included Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Salam Hanafi, and, according to a Taliban spokesperson, promised to send aid. India has vital interests in Afghanistan. Over the 20 years, it has made investments worth billions of dollars which it would want to be protected. Last time the Taliban, which have close ties with anti-India terrorist groups such as LeT and the JeM, were in power, India saw a rise in violent incidents in Kashmir as well as the hijacking of an Indian plane to Kandahar. Now the Taliban say they will not allow Afghan soil to be used by any terrorist organisation. It is in India's interest to make sure that the Taliban walk the talk. It would also not like to see an isolated Taliban being a Pakistani satellite. To meet these goals, given the new reality in Afghanistan, engagement with the Taliban looks a strategic necessity.

But this is a policy that needs to be pursued more through regional diplomacy than bilateral engagement. Bilaterally, India does not have much clout with the Taliban. But Afghan's new rulers, who are struggling with an economy on the brink of collapse, are keener this time to engage with regional powers. So the Moscow 10, which includes China, Pakistan, Iran and the Central Asian republics, has some leverage. These countries also have shared interests in seeing the Taliban severing its terror ties and Afghanistan being stabilised. If not, instability could, once again, spread beyond Afghanistan's border. For this, the Taliban should be ready to open up their government, share power with other political and ethnic communities, and start respecting the fundamental rights of Afghans. The last 40 years of Afghanistan's history are a brutal example of what could go wrong if one party or group tries to amass all powers in its hands. Despite these historical precedents, the Taliban have shown little readiness to change their ways. In the joint statement, India and the others asked the Taliban to keep their commitment on forming an inclusive government and ensure that their territory is not being used by terrorist groups. These calls should not end with the statements. While India and other regional countries should help Afghans during this period of economic miseries, they should also use their collective economic and political clout to mount pressure on the Taliban to make political concessions at home.

Responding to adversity with achievement

India's success in its landmark vaccination drive belongs to Team India, demonstrating that democracy can deliver



ndia has completed vaccination of 100 crore doses on October **1** 21, 2021, in just about nine months since starting vaccination. This has been a tremendous journey in dealing with COVID-19, especially when we recall how things stood in early 2020. Humanity was dealing with such a pandemic after 100 years and no one knew much about the virus. We remember how unpredictable the situation appeared then, as we were faced by an unknown and invisible enemy mutating rapidly.

The scale and trust

The journey from anxiety to assurance has happened and our nation has emerged stronger, thanks to the world's largest vaccination

It has been a truly bhagirath effort involving multiple sections of society. To get a sense of the scale, assume that each vaccination took just two minutes for a health-care worker. At this rate, it took around 41 lakh man days or approximately eleven thousand man years of effort to reach this landmark.

For any effort to attain and sustain speed and scale, the trust of all stakeholders is crucial.

One of the reasons for the success of the campaign was the trust that people developed in the vaccine and the process followed, despite various efforts to create

mistrust and panic. There are some among us who only trust foreign brands, even for simple every day necessities. However, when it came to something as crucial as the COVID-19 vaccine, the people of India unanimously trusted 'Made in India' vaccines. This is a significant paradigm shift.

India's vaccine drive is an example of what India can achieve if the citizens and the Government come together with a common goal in the spirit of Jan Bhagidari. When India started its vaccination programe, there were many people who doubted the capabilities of 130 crore Indians. Some said India would take three to four years. Some others said people will not come forward to get vaccinated. There were those who said there will be gross mismanagement and chaos in the vaccination process. Some even said that India will not be able to manage supply chains.

But just like the Janata Curfew and subsequent lockdowns, the people of India showed how spectacular the results can be, if they

are made trusted partners. When everyone takes ownership, nothing is impossible. Our health-care workers traversed hills and crossed rivers across difficult geographies to vaccinate people. Our youth, social workers, healthcare workers, social and religious leaders, all deserve credit for the fact that India faces minimal vaccine hesitancy when compared to even developed nations.

An equitable scheme

There was a lot of pressure from different interest groups to give preferential treatment to them in vaccination. But the Government

ensured that, like our other schemes, there is no VIP culture in the vaccination drive either.

Preparing early

In early 2020, when COVID-19 was rampaging across the world, it was clear to us that this pandemic will have to be eventually fought with the help of vaccines. We started preparing early. We constituted expert groups and started preparing a road map right from April

Till today, only a handful of countries have developed their countries are dependent on an extremely limited pool of producers, and dozens of nations are still waiting for the supply of vaccines, even as India has crossed 100 crore doses! Imagine the situation if India did not have its own vaccine. How would India have secured enough vaccines for such a large population and how many years would that have taken? It is here that credit should be given to Indian scientists and entrepreneurs for rising to the occasion. It is due to their talent and hardwork that India is truly Aatmanirbhar when it comes to vaccines. Our vaccine manufacturers, by scaling up to meet the demands of such a

large population, have shown that they are second to none.

In a nation where governments used to be known as a roadblock impeding forward movement, our government has instead been an accelerator and enabler of progress. The Government partnered with the vaccine makers right from day one and gave them support in the form of institutional assistance, scientific research, funding, as well as accelerated regulatory processes. All Ministries of the Government came together to facilitate the vaccine makers and remove any bottlenecks as a result of our 'whole of Government' approach.

Logistics, the platform

In a country of the scale of India, it is not enough to just produce. Focus has to be on last mile delivery and seamless logistics. To understand the challenges involved, imagine the journey taken by one vial of vaccines. From a plant in Pune or Hyderabad, the vial is sent to a hub in any of the States, from where it is transported to the district hub. From there, it reaches a vaccination centre. This entails the deployment of thousands of

trips taken by flights and trains. During this entire journey, the temperature has to be maintained in a particular range which is centrally monitored. For this, over one lakh cold chain equipments were utilised. States were given advance notice of the delivery schedule of the vaccines so that they could plan their drives better and vaccines reached them on the predecided days. This has been an unprecedented effort in the history of independent India.

mented by a robust tech platform in CoWIN. It ensured that the vaccine drive was equitable, scalable, trackable, and transparent. This ensured that there was no scope for favouritism or jumping the queue. It also ensured that a poor worker could take the first dose in his village and the second dose of the same vaccine in the city where he works, after the required time interval. In addition to a real-time dashboard to boost transparency. the QR-coded certificates ensured verifiability. There are hardly any examples of such efforts not only in India but also the world.

An example of team work

In my Independence Day Address in 2015, I had said that our country is moving ahead because of 'Team India' and this 'Team India' is a big team of our 130 crore people. People's participation is the biggest strength of democracy. If we run the country through the participation of 130 crore Indians, our country will be moving ahead 130 crore steps every moment.

Our vaccination drive has yet again showed the power of this 'Team India'. India's success in its vaccination drive has also demonstrated to the whole world that 'democracy can deliver'. I am optimistic that the success achieved in the world's largest vaccination drive will further spur our youth, our innovators and all levels of Government to set new benchmarks of public service delivery which will be a model not only for our country but also for the world.

Narendra Modi is the Prime Minister

the Ladakh border crisis, the Go-

Squaring off again in the Himalayan heights

Beijing seems to have taken the Modi prescription of 2014, of 'Inch towards miles', rather literally on the disputed border



SUSHANT SINGH

The winter is setting in in the icv cold deserts of Ladakh and there is no respite for Indian and Chinese soldiers who will remain deployed against each other. Even if it is a period of calm at the tactical level, the rarefied atmosphere, low temperatures and high altitude take their toll on both men and materiel. In the last 10 months the Chinese Western Theatre Command has seen four commanders, two of them - Generals Zhang Xudong and Xu Qiling, both 'rising stars' of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) - moved out for serious health issues.

An aggressive focus on India

This ought to have raised wider concerns in the PLA about the health and well-being of its men in the theatre, leading to quick deinduction of its forces from eastern Ladakh. However, going by the obstinate Chinese stance in recent weeks, the PLA seems singularly uninterested in ending the prolonged deployment. The verbal attacks have been matched by massive infrastructure construction, induction of a large quantity of modern equipment, and a sharp increase in the number of military exercises directed towards India. These actions are not limited to Ladakh but have also been initiated in the middle and eastern sectors of the 3,488-kilometre long Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The PLA incursion into Barahoti in Uttarakhand in August was a significant pointer to the renewed Chinese aggression against India. Even though Barahoti is a disputed area between the two sides, it has been a demilitarised zone. No persons in uniform enter the area. This was violated when PLA soldiers came deep into Indian territory in uniform and damaged some infrastructure. The forays of Chinese patrols in Arunachal Pradesh have also increased in fre-

quency and duration, denoting the PLA's intention to keep the Indian military under pressure. Such hostility carries the risk of triggering an unintended escalation, as was the case after 200 PLA soldiers were stopped by an Indian patrol in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang earlier this month.

Western scholars with Chinese connections point to two major drivers for the PLA's aggressive approach against India. The first is its institutional interest as the 'army of the revolution' which is now losing its primacy to the PLA Air Force and PLA Navy when it comes to Taiwan or the South China Sea. With China having resolved its boundary disputes with most countries, the only major adversary available for the PLA to reassert its importance is India. Even under President Xi Jinping, the PLA remains a major actor in the Chinese political system and can promote actions that further its institutional interests.

The second driver is the PLA's view that the Indian military has been registering a greater presence on "Chinese territory" in the border areas in the last 10-12 years. After the United Progressive Alliance government decided to build infrastructure and raise additional forces for the China border, a larger number of Indian patrols have been going more frequently into areas which they would rarely, if ever, visit. The Doklam stand-off of 2017, when Indian soldiers walked onto Bhutanese territory claimed by China, was a turning point in the PLA's appreciation of Indian designs, reinforcing its apprehensions about territorial losses. Western scholars say that there is a strong constituency in the PLA that wants to put India in its place, evoking an eerie parallel to the discourse in Mao's China after 1959.

New Delhi's response

In response to the PLA's actions on the LAC, the Indian military has also inducted more modern military platforms and systems on the China border which has been backed by infrastructure construction. Despite these accretions, the quantitive and qualitative asymm-



etry with the Chinese has widened in the past 20 months. Senior Indian commanders hope that this gap can be offset to some extent by the vast operational experience of Indian troops in hostile climactic and terrain conditions but recognise the very formidable nature of

The Indian military always maintained a defensive deterrence against the PLA which worked for nearly three decades before breaking down completely in 2020. The new troop deployments and equipment inductions, along with infrastructure creation – showcased extensively to the Indian media – are trying to reconstruct that deterrence. India's advantage in dissuading a major military conflict with China is that as a lesser power, it has to only deny an outright military victory to the PLA for the top Chinese leadership to lose face. Only time will tell whether this reconstructed deterrent will work for India but a lot will depend on factors that are beyond the remit of the Indian military.

Impact on modernisation The foremost among them is the sharp decline in the Indian economy after demonetisation, further battered by the Government's poor handling of the novel coronavirus pandemic. It means that New Delhi is unable to generate enough resources for military modernisation. Ashley Tellis had calculated in 2016 that the Indian Air Force (IAF) would need about 60 fighter jet squadrons by 2020 for a serious two-front threat from China and Pakistan but is down to 30 and losing numbers sharply. The Indian Navy Chief's pleas for another aircraft carrier have been rebuffed for want of funds. The parliamentary standing committee on defence has repeatedly warned

about the abnormally high share of vintage equipment in the Indian Army's profile. So rapidly is the technological asymmetry with the PLA increasing, that in a few years it is feared that India and China will be fighting two different generations of war.

The second factor is the increasingly divisive majoritarian politics practised by the ruling party that has left India vulnerable. The ruling ideology has also held captive the country's foreign policy in the neighbourhood, adversely affecting Indian interests. The United Arab Emirates-brokered backchannel deal with Pakistan fell through apparently because of reactivating the challenge of a twofront collusive military threat. The ceasefire on the Line of Control is barely holding up, with infiltration from the Pakistani side adding to the local Kashmiri youth willing to pick up the gun, opening another half-front for the military. The recent fracas with Bangladesh on the treatment of religious minorities or the ongoing turmoil over the influx of Myanmar refugees in Mizoram has left India, internally unbalanced, weaker in the region to deal with China. The third is the geopolitics arising out of the great power competition in the Indo-Pacific. Many strategic commentators in India had pinned their hopes on the external rebalancing via the Quad (India, the United States, Australia, Japan) but the grouping does not have a 'hard power' agenda yet. That role seems to have devolved upon the AUKUS (the trilateral security pact between Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States). Closer ties between Washington DC and New Delhi, short of an alliance, leave the questions of actual support during a Sino-India military crisis unanswered. With the Chinese border assertions, is it now that India needs the U.S. more than the U.S. needs India?

The executive's shadow

Finally, the lack of institutional checks and balances on the political executive, which imposes an even bigger cost in decision-making on national security issues. In vernment and its supporters were in denial about the Chinese ingress into Indian territory for months, including the Prime Minister's statement that no one had entered Indian territory. Use of euphemisms like 'friction points' for places of Chinese ingress or the removal of an official report about +Chinese presence across the LAC from the Defence Ministry's website or non-acknowledgement of Indian soldiers in Chinese captivity after the Galwan clash have been done to evade political accountability. Parliament has not been allowed to ask questions or seek clarifications; nor has the parliamentary standing deliberated upon the issue. Large sections of Indian media have been complicit in this cover up, keeping the public in the dark and blocking the feedback loop that keeps democratic governments honest and responsive. The costs and consequences of a government taking decisions after buying its own spin on national security issues will be inconceivable for

Looking ahead

The amplitude of New Delhi's stance on the Sino-India border crisis in the last 20 months has oscillated between denial and bluster. Dampening the oscillations, New Delhi's avowed aim is to restore the status quo on the LAC in Ladakh that existed before May 2020. That has not happened so far. In areas of disengagement, a new status auo has been created which curtails Indian patrolling rights while the PLA remains ensconced on Indian territory in Depsang, Hot Springs and Demchok. Having publicly rebuffed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2015 offer to delineate the LAC, Beijing seems to have taken his 2014 prescription of 'Inch towards miles' rather literally on the disputed border. India now has no choice but to be prepared for all eventualities on the Sino-India border.

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Vaccination high point It is a spectacular and

remarkable achievement that India has crossed the one billion mark as far as COVID-19 vaccine doses are concerned. The virus has caused deep losses in almost every field. It is a feather in the cap of the Indian government, scientists, health workers and the citizens of India in

this exercise of equitable vaccine distribution. K.V. SEETHARAMAIAH,

Truth and justice

Ever since October 3, 2021, the day the Lakhimpur Kheri incident occurred, pro- and anti- government groups and the media have been hyperactive – one trying to downplay the

draw political blood. Who has succeeded is a million dollar question right now, but as the matter has become *sub judice* further vocal talk might attract contempt of court provisions. However, the remark by the highest court of the land that the Uttar Pradesh government is dragging its feet on the

incident and the other to

issue is not misplaced if one might understand the sequence of events (Page 1, October 21). The alleged involvement of the son of a Union Minister has become the crux of it all. One wonders why the Union Minister concerned has not tendered his resignation. As they say, truth must prevail. GOVARDHANA MYNEEDU,

Fresh Afghan outreach India's decision to extend

humanitarian assistance to the people in war-ravaged Afghanistan is timely, imperative and commendable (Page 1, October 21). Humaneness dictates that it is unwise to link the horrific backdrop of the Taliban and humanitarian assistance for the

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war-battered people. In fact, India's aid should extend beyond food-related essentials, particularly, in the areas of infrastructure development, health care, and the social and economic empowerment of the Afghan people. V. JOHAN DHANAKUMAR,





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The first PSU sale in 18 years is a positive sign but the window of opportunity may be short

Earlier this month, the Tata Group emerged as the winning bidder for Air India, the debt-laden national carrier. In this year's Budget, the government unveiled a hold new disinvestment policy that envisages a bare minimum presence of government-owned businesses even in the strategic sectors. The government is also pursuing the sale of its entire stake in public sector firms such as BPCL, Shipping Corporation of India, IDBI Bank, two other public sector banks and one general insurance company this financial year alone. Given India's recent disinvestment record, this is an ambitious target. Ashok Chawla and Arvind Mehta discuss the implications of the sale of Air India for the future of India's public sector, in a conversation moderated by Vikas Dhoot. **Edited excerpts:**

 $How\ did\ things\ come\ to\ such\ a$ pass at Air India? What do you think stalled previous attempts to initiate reforms or even sell

Ashok Chawla: About three de-

cades ago, Air India was one of the world's premier airlines. Then it slowly but steadily went into a spin. While an attempt was made in the early 2000s to see if it could be sold based on the recommendations of the then Disinvestment Commission, that didn't move very far. Then, the Civil Aviation Ministry took the view that it would be good if two airlines – Air India and Indian Airlines – were merged. The merger took place in 2007 with a lot of euphoria but slowly it came to pass that such mergers are easy on paper but don't work without cultural and operational synergies. The financial bills of the airline kept getting bloated and the model of a full-service airline became difficult to handle in the domestic sector with low-cost airlines coming in and overtaking Air India in a price-sensitive market. Air India could never recover. We are now told it was losing ₹20 crore each day, which is the ultimate nadir for the airline.

Arvind Mehta: I was part of the transaction team that was looking at the divestment of Air India and Indian Airlines in 2001. There were many factors that kept playing out. There was strong buyer interest, including from a corporate house which did not have aviation experience. There was muddying of the waters by some private airlines that feared competition if the transaction went through. To cut a long story short, in the ensuing confusion that happened amid lobbying of various kinds, there was also advice that the enterprise value of the airlines would increase if there was a merger, so when the divestment takes place, later you will get a better value. The government agreed and put the sale on the back burner. When the merger finally happened much later, it led to greater losses instead of better value.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said in 2014 that the government had no business to be in business. But over the last seven years, no public sector unit (PSU) sales materialised. Would the Air India sale, the first such transaction in 18 vears, break the recent taboo associated with disinvestment in our political economy?

AC: It's certainly a long-awaited pos-

itive signal regarding the public sector, and more so for domestic and foreign investors. In the last 18 years, irrespective of the government in power, there's been share sales or transfer of shares from one pocket to the other but no genuine privatisation. There is euphoria and expectation, but as one can appreciate in all such matters, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. So, the euphoria needs to be tempered a bit. While the broad policy is there, once you get into the details, one doesn't know whether there will really be a fairly robust pipeline of public sector entities which are up for offer with a symmetry between what the government offers and what the investors are really interested in. Second, there is the parallel track which the government is pursuing for fiscal mathematics, which is the monetisation track. If you push the disinvestment and monetisation tracks aggressively. then the issue of whether there is



The whole process will get

further energised if it isn't

government wants to do

because it doesn't have

mentum. And then, of course, the

philosophy of divestment became

entirely different with a coalition go-

vernment supported by the Left.

The real value I see in this Air India

sale now is that again, there is clari-

ty of thought. The government feels

that whether it's a loss-making or a

profit-making Central PSU (CPSU), it

is willing to make a strategic exit.

That the DIPAM (Department of In-

vestment and Public Asset Manage-

ment) has found a mechanism for

the strategic sale of a loss-making

unit like Air India is also a positive,

because it's easy to sell something

like BPCL that will attract buyers

based on its enterprise value and

profits. I hope that many other loss-

making units that are continuously

bleeding the taxpayers also find

strategic buyers through the right

criticism from trade unions and

sale. But do you fear that hiving

Left parties on the Air India

off profitable PSUs will again

attract a wider groundswell of

AM: There is the possibility that as

and when profitable PSUs are sold,

there will be stronger ideological

battles and questions about why

there is a need to sell the family sil-

ver, something which is giving good

Inoculation rate continues to fall

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We have heard the usual

Opposition criticism?

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perceived as something the

the other side of the table will arise. Third, we have to appreciate that the process of disinvestment is longdrawn and complicated. It was the case even in the first round 20 years ago and not much has changed in that regard. Finally, I think there is the elephant in the room which one cannot ignore – what is the window of opportunity? The general elections are coming up in 2024. So, the window of opportunity for either this kind of disinvestment or for monetisation is, at best, 18 to 20 months. So, whatever the government can do with that to fulfill its broad objective of actually pulling back from business where it does not need to be in business, let's hope it is able to do a fair amount... That would really be a welcome step for the stakeholders, the economy and the people at large.

Between 1999 and 2003, the **National Democratic Alliance** privatised 17 firms. Can we look at a similar streak in the window we have before the next Lok Sabha polls?

AM: In the [Atal Bihari] Vajpayee era, the commitment to privatisation was very strong. It started with the loss-making Modern Foods, then Balco, IPCL, the share sale of Maruti which gave controlling interest away... there was a momentum building up. But when the government finally came to the BPCL sale, the pushback started happening with many in Parliament questioning the sale of a profit-making central PSU, whereas you could possibly have a reason for doing it for loss-making PSUs. With that kind of pushback, there was a loss of modividends, etc. It's far more difficult to justify those kinds of sales; it would be easier to justify the lossmaking sales.

AC: There will be the usual noises when profit-making enterprises are sold, but if the government clearly articulates its policy on what it wants to sell and what it wants to retain, I think the general consensus across the political spectrum would be that the public sector need not occupy the commanding heights of the economy. While people may object for the sake of objecting, as long as the process is run in a very transparent manner, I think there will not be too much objection.

Should some sectors like coal be a no-go area for divestment, even though the government has said it will retain bare minimum presence in strategic sectors? Should people be worried that one or two groups may get a lot of assets under their control as is happening, for instance, in airports and ports?

AM: The previous Finance Minister, Arun Iaitley, made a famous comment about the Air India sale. He had said that if you wait too long, there will be no airline left to sell. But yes, there is a role for certain kinds of countervailing mechanisms in a calibrated fashion... We shouldn't do any fire sales and there has to be a watch on the market appetite. We don't want those kinds of sales which happened in certain countries where oligarchs came and just lapped up all the public sector assets and then became billionaires at the cost of the social good.

Of the 17 PSUs that were privatised, not a single sale was undertaken where the Cabinet Minister was in charge of a PSU with operations in their home State, as per a study. Do you expect such tendencies to crop up this time round?

AC: I guess that's been the case in all the major economic moves to some extent. But 2021 is very different from 20-30 years ago. It's not much of a problem now because the political resolve is strong. The whole process will get further energised if it isn't perceived as something the

government wants to do because it doesn't have money. The perception is that the government is pressed to the wall; that it is trying to push privatisation and monetisation because 'paisa nahi hai (there is no money)' and it needs money for welfare programmes. With DI-PAM under the Finance Ministry, unlike earlier when disinvestment was a separate ministry, it sends a signal about balancing the books. There should be a separate ministry or commission which reports directly to the Prime Minister's Office. That will make things far simpler for the mechanics of implementing disinvestment plans, and minor political issues of whether a particular minister is happy or unhappy will not really come to the surface. The focus should now be totally on efficiency, productivity increases, not the fiscal focus on balancing the books.

AM: For a strategic sale, it used to

always be difficult to convince the concerned ministry in charge of a PSU to come fully on board, because for them, it was a sense of loss. There would always be various reasons they would give for why it's not the appropriate time. They had no problem with part share sales as long as ownership control did not go out of the ministry's hands. So, that kind of a problem always remained and that's why I said strategic sales are far more difficult than part sales of shares. But I think the mood has changed now. The Prime Minister has said that the government has no business to be in business. He has made it clear that he doesn't want to see IAS officers and others running a PSU and being changed from time to time. I think that kind of mindset earlier where a ministry could try and sabotage a strategic sale... I don't think we are going to see that kind of resistance in this time period. But what worries me actually is the narrative that goes out that the government is doing the sales because it needs to cover its fiscal deficit. That narrative is very damaging because then in the public perception, it is simply a sale of the family silver. So, I would be happier with a narrative that does not talk about the monetary aspects so much but is one that simply says that we are convinced that society is better off by having this not being a

interview online The poor conditions of protectors

Despite the onerous nature of their duties, the police are a neglected lot

M.P. NATHANAEL

In December 2020, Deputy Commandant Vikas Kumar of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)'s elite unit, CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action), was seriously injured when an IED planted by Maoists went off in Sukma district, Chhattisgarh. He succumbed to his injuries the next day.

A month earlier, in Chintagufa area of Sukma, Assistant Commandant N. Purushottam Bhalerao was seriously injured along with nine other commandos when an IED went off during an anti-Maoist operation. Bhalerao succumbed to his injuries.

In April this year, two police constables - Omkar Raika and Pawan Chaudhary – of the Rajasthan Police were shot dead by suspected drug smugglers when they were carrying out routine checks of vehicles at checkpoints in Bhilwara district.

Paying tributes

In memory of these and other colleagues killed, all the police forces of the State and Centre observe October 21 as Police Commemoration Day. This year, tributes were paid to 377 personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty between September 1, 2020, and August 31, 2021. As the CRPF is deployed in the highly disturbed areas of Jammu and Kashmir, the Northeast and the Left-Wing Extremist-affected States, the highest casualties (82) were seen in this force. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), which guards the border from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh at forbidding heights, lost 54 of its personnel, while the Border Security Force lost 47 personnel. Among the State Police forces, Chhattisgarh, which is combating the Maoist menace, lost the most personnel (32) followed by J&K (17) and Karnataka (17).

October 21 is observed as Police Commemoration Day as it was on this day in 1959 that a pitched battle was fought against the Chinese in Ladakh close to the border. The Chinese opened fire killing 10 CRPF personnel. They took seven as prisoners, while three escaped. The incident went down in the history of the forces as an example of unflinching loyalty to the nation, dedication to duty and daring of the highest order.

Year after year, a contingent of the police comprising personnel of all ranks from all States and paramilitary forces of the country visit Hot Springs to pay homage to those who lost their lives that day. A memorial at the spot is testimony to the sacrifices made by our forces. On it is etched the famous epitaph by John Maxwell Edmunds: "When you go home/ Tell them of us/ And say/ 'For your tomorrow,/ We gave our today'." A company of the ITBP stands guard here even today in the extreme cold, guarding the border within visual distance of Chinese soldiers deployed across the border.

Don't let sacrifices go in vain

Despite the onerous nature of their duties, the police are a neglected lot. They get paid low salaries, have a poor quality of life and are often deprived of basic facilities. Yet they risk their lives to protect citizens. The morale of the paramilitary personnel is not of the desired level. Those who cleared recruitment exams in 2003 but joined the force in 2004 or later are not eligible for pension under the old norms. Canteen and medical facilities are dismal. Items sold through the Central Police Canteens are not exempted from GST. It is high time the government takes note of the grievances of the police and paramilitary personnel and not let their sacrifices go in vain.

There are notable variations in the ex-gratia amounts given to the next of kin of the police who are killed. While certain States like Delhi and Tamil Nadu pay ₹1 crore, several other States dither to pay even half that amount. The Centre and the States need to bring about uniformity in the amount paid. While the Centre pays ex-gratia to the families of the Central Armed Police Forces which may be short of ₹1 crore, the balance should be borne by the States as ₹1 crore is reasonably sufficient to see the family through hard days. Care should be taken to ensure that the next of kin are not deprived of a decent living. Payments from the public exchequer need to be made judiciously.

M.P. Nathanael is Inspector General of Police (Retd), CRPF

DATA POINT

doses were administered on average daily in the country compared to the 6.2 million administered in the previous 10 days. The avg. rate of vaccinations has been declining since mid-September. Between October 11 and 20, the average daily doses administered decreased significantly in several major States such as T.N., U.P. and Bihar. Only minor increases were recorded in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and M.P. By The Hindu Data Team **CONTINUES** From October 11 to 20, only 4.7 million doses were administered daily on

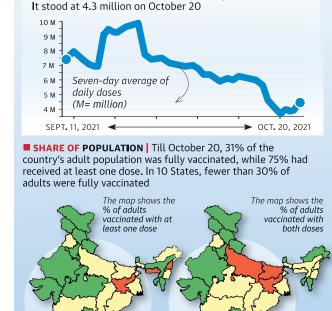
after peaking in the September 11-20 the end of the year, 12.2 million doses

The rate has consistently declined period. To innoculate all adults by need to be administered on average daily starting October 21

■ SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE | The seven-day rolling average of

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FROM THE ARCHIVES FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 22, 1971

Literature Nobel to Chile diplomat

government-run entity anymore.

Mr. Pablo Neruda, Chilean poet, diplomat and a strong marxist, was to-day [Stockholm, Oct. 21] awarded the 1971 Nobel Prize for Literature. Mr. Neruda, 67, who is his country's Ambassador in France, was cited by the Swedish Academy for "a poetry that with the action of an elemental force brings alive a continent's destiny and dreams". The 450,000 crowns (Rs. 6,60,000) prize award added one more triumph to the controversial poet-politicians, a one-time Stalin Prize winner and political exile whose convictions carried him to a top post this year after the marxist regime of Mr. Salvador Allende came to power. Mr. Neruda is the second Chilean to receive a Nobel Prize for Literature. The first was his high school teacher and helper, Gabriela Mistral, awarded in 1945. The Secretary of the Swedish Academy, Mr. Karl Ragnar Gierow, who is still in the midst of the controversy surrounding last year's laureate, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, in a prepared radio address acknowledged that the prize in Mr. Neruda "has a recipient who is a controversial author". Mr. Gierow said: "Besides being the subject of debate he is in some people's eyes debatable, not to

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 22, 1921

Yakub Hasan arrested

Mr. Yakub Hasan was arrested in Madras yesterday evening and taken to Tanjore for trial for offences alleged to have been committed by him in his speech delivered, it is said, as President of the Provincial Conference. Before the Khilafat question came into prominence, Mr. Yakub Hasan was a Moderate in politics and was a member of the Madras Liberal League. We do not know what exactly are the expressions in his speeches on which a prosecution for the offences of sedition and class hatred has been launched. Prosecutions of offences of this description cannot be instituted except with the sanction of the Governor in Council. The last mentioned requirement is based or ought to be upon well considered legal opinion. In the discussion in the Imperial Legislative Council where the scope of the offence of sedition was enlarged, Sir Harold Stuart who was then Home Secretary said that the fact that the previous sanction of the Local Government was required for the initiation of prosecutions was an ample safeguard against Executive officers light-heartedly embarking upon them.

FROM PAGE ONE

Farmers can protest but not block roads, says SC

Mr. Dave asked why farmers were not being allowed at Jantar Mantar when Tuesday saw massive protests organised by the BJP in the area over the attack on Hindus in Bangladesh during Durga Puja. "The solution is allow us to agitate at Jantar Mantar," he said.

Mr. Mehta submitted, "Last time they came, it became a serious issue... something much more than a serious issue". He insinuated that "sometimes it is felt the farmers' agitation is not for the cause but for something else..."

Mr. Dave retorted that

farmers felt the same way about the Government's agricultural laws. "We also feel that the farm laws are not for the farmers but for something else... If you are going to make allegations against the farmers, we will make allegations against you." He repeated that the only solution to the problem would be to allow farmers' entry to the Ram Lila Maidan.

The court issued notice on new petitions filed by other private citizens seeking the removal of the blockades. The Bench posted the hearing on December 7.

PM to attend climate meet in Glasgow

India, though the third-largest carbon greenhouse gas emitter but with among the per-capita emissions, had in 2015 committed to increasing the share of non-fossil fuel sources to 40% and reduce its emissions intensity per unit of GDP by nearly 33-35% of 2005 levels and create a carbon sink of 2.5-3 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent.

India has maintained that it is the only G20 country to keep its climate goals on track to achieving the Paris Agreement of keeping global temperature from rising beyond 2 degrees Celsius. Though it hasn't committed to a 'net zero' target, unlike major emitters, the United States and China, India says that developed countries are far from making good on their commitments to deliver adequate finance, technology and themselves cut emissions enough to reflect their historical contribution to the climate crisis.

Mr. Yadav said all such important pending issues "should be resolved mutually taking into account national priorities and circumstances.'

Independent analysts say that the West's insistence on net zero targets could mean differences will emerge at the meeting in

Glasgow.

"For the developed world, significant outcomes would be net-zero pledges and enhanced NDC ambition, hard targets on coal phase-out by countries that have not done so yet, and some progress on methane reduction plans. For the developing world, it would be delivery on climate finance for both mitigation and adaptation, legacy carbon credits, technology transfers, and introducing equity in the net-zero debate. If the developed world continues hammering on the net-zero, coal or methane reduction issues while dragging feet on climate finance, legacy carbon credits, and tech transfer issues, we could end up seeing Copenhagen 2.0," said Vaibhav Chaturvedi, Fellow, CEEW.

Meanwhile, a senior U.S. delegation led by Robert Blake, a retired diplomat appointed by U.S. Special Envoy John Kerry to coordinate with India on the climate financing and clean energy partnership, is also in Delhi for talks with the **Environment Ministry.**

'NGOs cannot get unbridled foreign funds'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

The Centre has told the Supreme Court that NGOs have no fundamental right to receive "unbridled foreign contributions" without regulations.

It was responding to petitions challenging amendments made in the Foreign Contributions Regulations law in 2020. The petitions had argued that the amendments severely restricted the use of foreign funds by the NGOs for their activities. The petitioners had also found it cumbersome that the new law expected 23,000 NGOs to open accounts in the main branch of the State Bank of India (SBI) in the capital to receive their foreign funds.

The Centre said the amendments were meant to ensure that foreign funds were not used to impinge upon the functioning of parliamentary institutions, political associations and other organisations in India.

64 killed in Uttarakhand floods

Timely warning by Centre saved many lives, says Home Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday that so far, 64 people had been found dead in the Uttarakhand floods, and more than 11 were missing.

Mr. Shah, who did an aerial survey of the flood-affected region in the hill State, said 535 people had been rescued, and more than 16,000 people evacuated.

He said due to the timely weather warning by the Centre, the State Government could prepare better, and many lives could be The Home Minister said

80% of the phone lines had been restored, but some roads had been completely washed away. "New roads will have to be

constructed by cutting through the mountains. A portion of the railway track has also been washed away; efforts are on to fix it," he

The Minister, flanked by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Tough terrain: NDRF personnel carrying out rescue operations in a landslip-affected area at Dungree in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. •PTI Dhami and Rajya Sabha asked to stay indoors, this member Anil Baluni, briefed minimised the loss of lives,"

he said.

Trekking teams

Of the two trekking teams that were missing, one had been tracked and efforts were on to rescue them, he said. Electricity had been restored in 60% of the area affected.

A team of officials from the Home Ministry will soon

visit the State to assess the damage. Mr. Shah said that a few days ago, ₹250 crore was released to the State for dis-

aster management.

The Minister added that 17 teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and 60 of the State Disaster Response Force, 15 companies of the Provincial Armed Constabulary and 5,000 policemen were involved in relief and rehabilitation work.

SKM suspends Yogendra for a month

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) on Thursday decided to suspend its core committee member, Yogendra Yadav, from all its activities for one month because he visited the family of one of the BJP workers who died in Lakhimpur Kheri.

"It was a collective decision taken by all members of the SKM to take this action against him for going to the BJP worker's house and for his tweet about it also," said Rashtriya Kisan Mahasangh leader Abhimanyu Kohar, who attended the general body meeting at the Singhu border. "Many farmers had expressed concern and were hurt... We took note of it and acted," he added.

Mr. Yadav defended his actions during the meeting. "I was asked to say that I made a mistake by going there. I refused to say that. I said that for me, it is a matter of principle and policy," he said.

SC has physical hearing after 18 months

Judges sat behind glass partitions, court staff behind a second glass divide

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL NEW DELHI

Nearly 18 months after the pandemic forced it to go virtual, the Supreme Court opened its courtrooms for its first day of full-fledged physical hearings on Thursday.

The court's long corridors once again saw some brisk activity. Additional waiting rooms had lawyers sitting patiently for their cases to be called from inside the courtrooms. Entry for media persons

into the courtrooms faced initial hiccups from the security personnel manning the courtroom doors. However, the court, it is learnt, is working to make coverage of proceedings seamless. The judges sat behind

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

In the past one year, as many

as 377 police personnel died

in the line of duty, Intelli-

gence Bureau Director Ar-

vinda Kumar said on

Over 3.54 lakh police per-

sonnel were infected with

COVID-19 since last year,

while 2,548 died of the infec-

at a function to mark Police

Mr. Kumar was speaking

Thursday.

tion, he said.



glass partitions. The court staff worked behind a second glass divide. Junior lawyers were seen passing case documents to the court through partially opened glass doors on the

The atmosphere inside the courtrooms was sub-

dued, compared to the pre-COVID jostle and bustle. However, lawyers and judges were heard expressing relief at the return to normalcy. Justices S.K. Kaul and D.Y. Chandrachud said they were happy to have lawyers once again argue in person.

the media after the aerial

survey. He said the Char

Dham Yatra had been res-

umed, and none of the pilgrims were missing or killed

"This was possible be-

cause of advance alert sent

by the Centre. Alert was sent

around 2.30 p.m. on October

16, mobile phone users were

alerted and people were

in the floods.

Modified SOP

The court took the first step by modifying its standard operating procedure on October 7 to have mandatory physical hearings on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

However, the SOP did meet with reservations from some lawvers, including senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who had urged Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana to not make physical hearings a two days. It is reliably learnt that Chief Justice Ramana and other senior judges held an extensive meeting with Mr. Sibal, Attorney General K.K. Venugopal, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president Vikas Singh, senior advocate C.U. Singh, Bar Council of India chairperson Manan Kumar Mishra and other office-bearers of lawyers' bodies on the issue on Thursday.

"hard-and-fast rule" on the

Sources said the CJI has asked the Supreme Court Registry to tweak the SOP so that the Bench could consider and approve a lawyer's genuine request for a virtual hearing on Wednesdays and

System to track prisoners on parole

States told to use 'ePrisons'

S. VIJAY KUMAR CHENNAI

The Union Home Ministry has advised the States to update recent photographs of prisoners released on parole/furlough/premature release in the "ePrisons" and Interoperable Criminal Justice System database to generate immediate alerts and facilitate easy tracking in the event of their violating the In an advisory sent to the

Chief Secretaries, the Ministry said the States and the Union Territories were advised to review the existing practices and procedures governing grant of parole, furlough and premature release to inmates, as per provisions under the Model Prison Manual, 2016, and guidelines issued by the Home Ministry, the National **Human Rights Commission** and the Supreme Court. It was also advised that in order to ensure that the inmates released on parole, furlough and premature release do not violate law, systems must be put in place for monitoring and followup of each such case.

Generate alerts

Taking into account the importance of initiating timely action in the event of any inmate absconding/escaping

from custody/prison, it was considered necessary to have recent photographs of the prisoners updated in the system and also generate immediate alerts which would enable tracking of such inmates by the law enforcement agencies. The 'ePrisons' and 'Interoperable Criminal Justice System' platforms could be deployed to address such is-

Prison departments were told to update the details of any escape from the prison/ custody on 'ePrisons' on a real time basis. Quick availability of this information would facilitate police and other authorities concerned in nabbing the escapee/absconder. States/Union Territories should leverage 'ePriapplication for updating the profile of inmates on a regular basis, the advisory said.

The Ministry called for appropriate systems to be put in place for monitoring and follow-up of each case of an inmate released on bail, parole, furlough and premature release etc. so that they do not indulge in criminal activities. "Any person who either attempts to escape from prison or absconds from custody should not be considered for grant of bail, parole or furlough."

Do you want to revisit ₹8 lakh slab, asks SC

Organised crime charges

valid in Gauri case: court

"Can the Supreme Court strike down the criterion if no study was undertaken?" the Bench asked.

In the previous hearing on October 7, the Government assured the court that it would file an affidavit on oath explaining the reasons and statistics which led to the figure of ₹8 lakh as the annual income criterion to identify EWS among forward classes of society for grant of 10% reservation in medical admissions under the all-India quota.

The Supreme Court's query is significant as the One

The High Court said he was

not engaged in "continuing

unlawful activity" to be a

part of a gang involved in or-

The prosecution had ar-

gued that Nayak had taken a

house on rent on the in-

structions of co-accused

Amol Kale in the guise of

running an acupressure clin-

ic. The house was, in fact,

meant to accommodate the

killing crew. Gauri's assas-

sins hid out in the same

house after the murder, the

prosecution version said.

ganised crime.

Hundred and Third Constitutional Amendment of 2019, which introduced the 10% EWS quota, is itself under challenge before a larger

The Amendment is under question for making economic criterion as the sole ground for grant of reserva-

The court was hearing a batch of petitions filed by NEET aspirants challenging a July 29 notification of the Centre announcing 27% quota to OBCs and 10% reservation to EWS in the All India Quota category.

Young World painting contest to be held online

Portal closes on November 23

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Club Mahindra and The Hindu Young World have announced the national painting competition 2021 to be held online.

The topics for the prelims are as follows:

Sub-juniors (Classes 3-5): My best holiday memory, Best resort holiday with family, The perfect holiday destination. Juniors (Classes 6-8): Ho-

Best recreational activity at a resort, My favourite holiday memory with cousins. Seniors (Classes 9-12): The best view from our resort room, My dream desti-

nation, An unforgettable ho-

liday with grandparents,

liday memory with friends. Participants can choose any one of the above topics as per their category and paint on a blank A3 size (11.7 16.5 inches) drawing sheet. They may log on to www.ywc.thehindu.com/ clubmahindra for registra-

tion and other details. The online registration



pants should ensure that their physical art work reaches the nearest The Hindu office before November 25. If the participant qualifies for the finale, the date and details will be intimated through the registered email ID.

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Gene editing guidelines facing delay PRISCILLA JEBARAJ since it does not involve in-

A proposal from IARI is pending with an appraisal committee for almost 2 years

NEW DELHI

Even as the Centre investigates allegations that unauthorised genetically modified (GM) rice was exported to Europe, it is yet to decide on a research proposal from its own scientists which would allow plants to be genetically modified without the need for conventional transgenic technology.

Scientists at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute are in the process of developing resilient and highyield rice varieties using such gene editing techniques, which have already been approved by many



for high-yielding rice.

countries, and they hope to have such rice varieties in the hands of the Indian farmers by 2024. However, the proposal for Indian regulators to consider this technique as equivalent to conventional breeding methods,

serting any foreign DNA, has been pending with the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee for almost two vears.

The IARI has previously worked on golden rice, a traditional GM variety which inserted genes from other organisms into the rice plant, but ended trials over five years ago due to agronomic issues, said Director A.K

The Institute has now moved to newer technologies such as Site Directed Nuclease (SDN) 1 and 2. They aim to bring precision and efficiency into the breeding

process using gene editing tools such as CRISPR. "In this case, you are just

tweaking a gene that is already there in the plant, without bringing in any gene from outside. When a protein comes from an outside organism, then you need to test for safety. But in this case, this protein is right there in the plant, and is being changed a little bit, just as nature does through mutation," said Dr. Singh. "But it is much faster and far more precise than natural mutation or conventional breeding methods which involve trial and error and multiple breeding cycles."

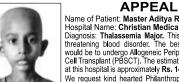
HC rejects CISF officer's plea against his dismissal

STAFF REPORTER

The Delhi High Court has rejected the petition of a former Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) officer, who was discharged from service after being found under the

influence of liquor during duty, noting that his behaviour reflects indiscipline".

A Bench declined to interfere with the CISF order directing the removal of Pradeep Kumar from service.



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syndicate" behind the crime. He just needed to be prima facie satisfied about it after looking at the material

Justice Khanwilkar said the Police Commissioner, while giving approval, need-

ed only to focus on whether there was credible information before him about the involvement of an "organised before him. It was not necessary at that point of approval to look into the role of the individual offenders.

It noted that the High Court had examined the circumstances of the Police Commissioner's approval by applying "erroneous scale". The High Court had "glossed over the core and tangible facts".

Besides, the top court said the Police Commissioner's approval seemed not to "suffer from any inssfirmity including qua Nayak having noted his intimate nexus with the brain behind the entire event, being none other than Amol Kale and master-arms trainer Rajesh D. Bangera, who are part and parcel of an organised crime syndicate and committed organised crimes as

and submission portal closes on November 23. Partici-

'377 policemen died while on duty last year' Commemoration Day. The day is observed in the memory of 10 Central Reserve Police Force men who were

killed on October 21 in 1959

in an ambush by Chinese

troops in Ladakh's Hot Spring area. Since Independence (till August, 2020), 35,780 police personnel had laid down their lives in the service of

the nation. Mr. Kumar said. Without naming China,

Minister of State for Home

days ago, "Our troops gave a befitting reply to the expansionist activities of our neighbouring country and neutralised their attempt successfully. This gave a message that India will never compromise on its sovereignty and security". The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) deployed along the Line of Actual Control made a "vital contribution" during this action.

Nityanand Rai said a few

Mr. Rai, along with another Minister of State in the Home Ministry Ajay Kumar Mishra and chiefs of various police organisations and forces, laid a wreath at the police memorial in honour of the personnel killed in the line of duty.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said in a Twitter message that the nation bows to the brave police personnel who laid down their lives to protect the country.

Final report on data Bill to be out in Nov.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Joint Parliamentary Committee (IPC) on the Personal Data Protection Bill has completed its deliberation on the long-pending Bill and will be submitting the final report in the upcoming winter session in November.

The Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha in December 2019 and was referred to the JPC. It got its fifth extension in the monsoon session in July.

Sources said the contentious Clause 35 of the legislation, which, in the name of "sovereignty", "friendly relations with foreign states" and "security of the state", allows any agency under the Union Government exemption from all or any provisions of the law, had been retained.

More than 10 MPs in the panel had objected to it.

"While the clause will remain, the committee has recommended that the reasons for seeking such an exemption should be submitted in writing by the Government," one of the members said. The draft report would be circulated among the members in the next few days.

Pakistan retained on FATF's 'greylist' again

Prove investigations targeted terror groups, Islamabad told

DEVESH K. PANDEY NEW DELHI

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on Thursday retained Pakistan in the 'greylist' yet again, observing that it needed to further demonstrate that investigations and prosecutions were being pursued against the senior leadership of UN-designated terror groups, which include the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

At a press meet, FATF President Marcus Pleyer said Pakistan remained under increased monitoring.

"The Pakistan Government has two concurrent action plans with a total of 34 action plan items. It has addressed or largely addressed 30 of the items. Its most recent action plan from June this year, which largely focused on money laundering deficiencies, was issued after the FATF's regional partner APG, that is the Asia-Pacific Group, identified a number of serious issues," said Dr. Pleyer.

Stating that Pakistan was making good progress over-



Marcus Pleyer

all on the new action plan, in which four of the seven items had been addressed or largely addressed, Dr. Pleyer said regarding the earlier action plan, which focused on terrorist financing issues and dated back to June 2018, Pakistan was still assessed to have largely addressed 26 of the 27 items. The FATF also announced the 'greylisting' of Jordan, Mali and Turkey, following the conclusion of the Plenary session.

At the previous Plenary in June, the FATF had kept Pakistan in the list of "jurisdictions under increased monitoring" owing to its failure in prosecuting the top operatives of the Security Councildesignated terror groups.

"The FATF recognises Pa-

kistan's progress and efforts to address these CFT [Combating the Financing of Terrorism] action plan items and notes that since February 2021, Pakistan has made progress to complete two of the three remaining action items on demonstrating that effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions are imposed for TF [Terror Financing] convictions and that Pakistan's targeted financial sanctions regime was being used effectively to targeted terrorist assets," it had said.

The FATF had asked Pakistan to work on the remaining recommendation by demonstrating that terror financing investigations and prosecutions targeted leaders and commanders of UNdesignated terror groups. It had advised that Pakis-

tan should continue to work to address its six strategically important deficiencies, which included enhancing international cooperation by amending the money-laundering law and demonstrating that assistance was being sought from foreign countries in implementing the UNSCR 1373 designations.

Hindu man booked on conversion charges in U.P.

He had recently been granted bail by the Allahabad HC

OMAR RASHID

A man from Fatehpur district in Uttar Pradesh was booked by the police under the new anti-conversion law in the State for trying to convert his wife to Islam.

The Allahabad High Court had recently granted bail to the accused, a truck driver by profession. In the High Court, he had pleaded that he and his wife were both Hindus.

On June 26, an FIR was lodged against Vijay Kumar Sonkar, 28, at Khakhreru police station under Sections 3, 5 (1) of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance 2020. Mr. Sonkar was also booked under Indian Penal Code Sections 295 (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 506 (crimi-

nal intimidation). Rajesh Kumar, Additional Superintendent of Police, Fatehpur, said that Mr. Sonkar was booked on a complaint lodged by his wife Poonam Devi, 22, who accused her husband of putting pressure

Mr. Sonkar was booked on a complaint lodged by his wife Poonam Devi, who accused her husband of putting pressure on her and her family to convert to Islam

RAJESH KUMAR

on her and her family to convert to Islam. Mr. Sonkar had allegedly befriended a Muslim truck diver and accepted Islam as his faith, Mr. Kumar said in June. On July 6, a local court refused bail to Mr. Son-

Abused, thrashed

According to details in the bail rejection order, Poonam Devi said that her husband wanted her to convert. On June 25, she alleged, Mr. Sonkar abused and thrashed her to force her to convert. She added that her father-in-law did not intervene when her husband hit her.

Mr. Sonkar's lawyer told the court that he was falsely implicated in the case. The accused stated that on the day of the alleged incident, the couple had a domestic dispute. Some people in the neighbourhood who bore animosity against him maliciously persuaded his wife to file an FIR on fabricated charges.

Mr. Sonkar also submitted that he was happily married with Poonam and that the allegation of use of force or inducement to get her converted to Islam was false and unfounded.

The lawyer arguing the case for the State opposed the bail and submitted that police had recovered the Quran and other articles from the accused.

Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Kumar Chaurasia denied bail to Mr. Sonkar saying the charges against him were "very serious in nature".

Mr. Sonkar then approached the Allahabad High Court. On September 27, Justice Sanjay Kumar Pachori granted him bail without expressing opinion on the merit of the case. Mr. Sonkar submitted in the High Court that he and his wife were both Hindus by religion and that she was living with him.

Police to further probe death of Jaya's driver

STAFF REPORTER

The Salem rural police on Thursday took up an old case pertaining to the death of C. Kanagaraj, former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa's driver, for further investigation.

Kanagaraj, 36, was killed in a road accident near Attur in April 2017. On the day of the accident, Kanagaraj was reportedly on his way to Thalaivasal, on the Salem-Ulundurpet Highway, on a two-wheeler.

When he took a right turn to move to the service lane, a car heading towards Perambalur allegedly hit his vehicle, and Kanagaraj was thrown off. He was rushed to the government hospital at Attur where doctors declared him

Kanagaraj was named the prime accused in the murder of the watchman at the Kodanad Estate bungalow of Jayalalithaa. Kanagaraj's family members have been demanding a detailed probe into his death, alleging that he was murdered.

Superintendent of Police M. Sree Abhinav confirmed the development.

Turmoil continues as Sidhu and Amarinder clash over farm laws

Former CM an architect of controversial laws, says Sidhu

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

As the turmoil within the Congress's Punjab unit continues, the party's State president, Navjot Singh Sidhu, and former Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh (retd.) engaged in a sharp exchange of words on Thursday over the farm laws.

Mr. Sidhu tweeted an old video clip of Capt. Singh and accused the former Chief Minister of being an architect of the three farm laws. "The Architect of 3 Black Laws ... who brought Ambani to Punjab's Kisani ... who destroyed Punjab's Farmers, Small traders and Labour for benefiting 1-2 Big Corporates!!" he said in his tweet.

Hitting back, Capt. Singh said Mr. Sidhu was clueless about Punjab and the farmers' interests. "What a fraud and cheat you are @sherryontopp [Navjot Sidhu]!

Court rejects

Kangana's plea

to transfer case

A court here on Thursday

rejected actor Kangana Ra-

naut's petition seeking a

transfer of the criminal de-

famation case filed against

her by lyricist Javed Akhtar.

The actor filed the

transfer petition before the

chief metropolitan magis-

trate last month, stating

that she had "lost faith" in

the magistrate's court

hearing the case as it had

indirectly "threatened"

her with a warrant if she

failed to appear before it in

a bailable offence. Mr. Ak-

htar had earlier opposed

the petition, stating that it

After hearing both sides,

was "devoid of all merits".

the court rejected Ms. Ra-

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leading Punjab. How dreadful if that ever happens!" he added.

Capt. Singh also questioned Mr. Sidhu's timing in posting the video. "And it's hilarious @sherryontopp said on Twitter. "It's obvious that you've chosen to post this video at a time when @INCPunjab govt is going all out to promote its upcoming Progressive Punjab Investors' Summit. Or are you opposed to that too?" he ad-

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President attends Bihar House's centenary event

Soil of Bihar is *ratnagarbha*: Kovind

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

President Ram Nath Kovind said on Thursday that he was delighted to have got an opportunity to carry forward the legacy of the first President, Rajendra Prasad, who was also from Bihar.

"The soil of Bihar is ratnagarbha [a treasure trove]. I have always been moved by the affection showered by its people. And this is why a visit here always brings me joy," said the President in his address as the

chief guest at an event to mark the centenary of the State's Assembly building.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Governor Phagu Chouhan, and Deputy Chief Ministers Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha and Chairman of the Legislative Council Awadhesh Naravan Singh were among a host of leaders and dignitaries present. The Chief Minister welcomed Mr. Kovind, calling him a "Bihari Presi-

No poll events in areas near byelection seats, says ECI

Enforcement of MCC, COVID-19 norms must apply, it says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday told political parties not to hold election events in areas adjoining the constituencies where byelections are being

The ECI said its existing instructions on the model code of conduct (MCC) provided that it would be applicable to the district comprising the Assembly or Lok

Sabha constituency where by elections are being held. In case the seat was in State capitals, metropolitan cities and municipal corporations, then the MCC would be applicable in the area of the constituency concerned only. "In all other cases, aforesaid instructions would be enforced in the entire district(s) covering the Constituency going for byelection (s)," an ECI statement said. It

advised parties not to organ-

ise any activity directly related to the bypolls, which would be held on October 30, in adjoining areas.

The ECI also "clarified that if any electioneering activities connected to ongoing byelection are organised anywhere within the district, then all instructions related to enforcement of + MCC, COVID and expenditure monitoring shall apply as done in case of political



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A Mirage 2000 aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed in Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh on Thursday. "An IAF Mirage 2000 aircraft experienced a technical malfunction during a training sortie in the central sector this morning. The pilot eiected safely." the IAF said An inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident. The aircraft had taken off from the Maharaipura airbase at Gwalior in the morning, an

DA hike for Union Government employees

NEW DELHI The Union Cabinet on Thursday approved an increase of dearness allowance (DA) given to Central Government employees and dearness relief (DR) to pensioners from 28% of the basic pay or pension to 31%. The Cabinet, at a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the release of an additional instalment of DA and DR with effect from July 1 to compensate for price rise, a government statement said "This will benefit about 47.14 lakh Central Government employees and 68.62 lakh pensioners," a statement said. The combined impact on the exchequer would be ₹9,488.7

Minors stone six-year-old to death in Assam

The police in central Assam's Nagaon district arrested two minor "porn addicts" who allegedly stoned a six-year-old girl to death for resisting sexual abuse. An eight-year-old boy was also arrested for abetting the crime along with the parents of one of the two boys, both aged 11, for trying to suppress the incident and tamper with evidence. The girl was killed on October 18 at a village under the Uluoni police station. Found lying unconscious inside the toilet of a stone-crushing mill, she was declared dead on arrival at a local hospital.

Court upholds death penalty of 9 in Odisha

A local court in Odisha on Thursday upheld the death penalty imposed on nine persons, who killed three members of a family by injecting them with pesticide in 2016. The three were killed on the suspicion that they practised witchcraft. The crime took place in the remote Kitum village under the Putasingh police station limits in Rayagada district on September 9, 2016. The additional district judge, Gunupur, convicted the nine persons on April 11, 2018, and handed out the death sentence. Those convicted had filed an appeal against the sentence.

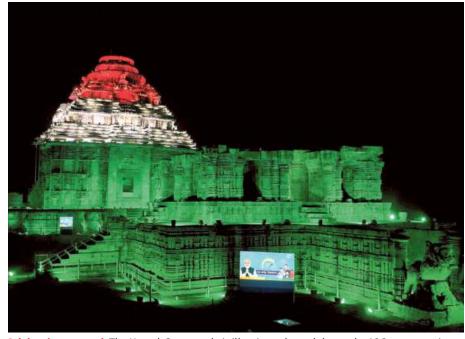
Fix accountability for deaths: Congress

Party congratulates health sector workers for helping India administer 100 crore vaccine doses

The Congress on Thursday congratulated health sector workers for helping India achieve the milestone of administering 100 crore vaccine doses but posed several questions to the Narendra Modi Government and demanded an "impartial commission" to fix accountability of political leaders and officials whose "criminal negligence" had led to the deadly second wave of the pandemic. At a press conference,

Surjewala said though the Government's own figures had put COVID-19 deaths at 4.53 lakh, most independent surveys and assessments put the figure between 40 lakh and 65 lakh deaths. The Congress also asked for a fresh survey to ensure a wider coverage of compensation to all those who had lost their loved ones to the novel coronavirus. "All parties should be consulted to set up an impartial commission that will include health experts, an honourable judge and all those who went out of their way to help fight corona. Many countries appointed such

chief spokesperson Randeep



Celebrating a record: The Konark Sun temple is illuminated to celebrate the 100 crore vaccine milestone and pay tribute to frontline and health workers in the country. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

commissions... Is no one responsible for the 4.53 lakh deaths that even Modiji admits to. Is no one responsible for the 40 to 65 lakh deaths that independent surveys have talked about and published in the media. Were these people responsible for their own deaths?" Mr. Surjewala asked.

He said that among the top 20 nations that had vaccinated their populations with both doses, India

Many still waiting

ranked 19th as only 21% of

the eligible population had

been covered so far.

He said about 32 crore adults were yet to get any dose and

about 42 crore were waiting for the second dose.

Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury tweeted, "A billion vaccinations is a landmark. But celebrations? Modi Govt. has abandoned it's own target of fully vaccinating all adults by year end. Only 21% are fully vaccinatSPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

illuminated

100 monuments

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on Thursday illuminated 100 monuments in the tricolour to celebrate the milestone of 100 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses. Thanking frontline workers, the ASI said in a statement that 100 monuments, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites - Red Fort, Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar in Delhi, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri in Uttar Pradesh, Konark Temple in Odisha and Mamallapuram Rath temples in Tamil Nadu -

were lit up.

ed. Unless this reaches 2/3rd of India, dangers loom large. Accelerate vaccinations.'

CPI secretary D. Raja said, "Time has come now for public spending on health to go up and the Centre should ensure adequate supply of vaccines to State Governments so that people have access to

WHO, UNICEF hail vaccine milestone

'It is a tremendous achievement'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

As India hit a milestone of administering 100 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines on Thursday, Regional Director of WHO South-East Asia Poonam Khetrapal Singh termed it an extraordinary feat. This would not have been possible in a short span without a strong political leadership, intersectoral convergence, dedicated efforts of the entire health and frontline workforce and the people themselves, she said.

"India's progress must be viewed in the context of the country's commendable commitment and efforts to ensure that these life-saving vaccines are accessible globally," she said.

UNICEF India representative Yasmin Ali Haque welcomed the strides India had made in recent months to ramp up vaccination. She said. "This is a tremendous achievement, given the logistical complexity of administering 1 billion doses in less than a year, in a country as vast and diverse as India. As Indian families recover from the recent devastating

COVID-19 wave, for many, this milestone means hope.'

"UNICEF has supported these efforts by procuring and supplying over 4,195 pieces of electrical cold chain equipment, including walk-in coolers, freezers, ice-lined refrigerators, and deep freezers. We also supplied more than 4,20,000 pieces of cold chain boxes and vaccine carriers."

"As part of the Risk Communication and Community Engagement response, UN-ICEF continues to actively support the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through national communication campaigns to promote behaviours to prevent COVID-19 and speed up India's vaccine drive."

UNICEF India was in the process of procuring millions of syringes and other equipment as per the needs of the Government of India, the statement added.

Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Biotech Krishna Ella observed that reaching the one billion mark of vaccination in just nine months was a remarkable achievement for the na-

'Govt. failed to measure scale of hunger to tailor its responses'

Steps taken to check the problem inadequate: experts

JAGRITI CHANDRA

While the Government has launched a scathing attack against the publishers of the Global Hunger Index for India's poor ranking, experts argue that not only were steps taken by the Government to check rising levels of hunger in a pandemic year inadequate, it also failed to measure the scale of hunger to tailor its responses.

Following the launch of the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2021, which ranks India 101 out of 116 countries, and worse than Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, the Government questioned the methodology used. It also enumerated various schemes it announced since the pandem-

ic to counter hunger. But how was the coverage and were these schemes adequate? Purnima Menon. Senior Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IF-PRI), says there are no answers to these questions because India didn't conduct a data collection exercise. "I think what was promising was that nutrition was at a high point in terms of political agenda and visibility before the pandemic hit. In the minds of frontline



Children did not have access to mid-day meals during the

workers and everyone else the idea that you need to continue to do things for nutrition was helped by the fact that pre-pandemic it was a strong agenda systemwide. There was a response from the Government too, be it food allocation from the Centre or more nuanced State government responses. But we don't know whether that was adequate or inadequate. And the only way to know is to relentlessly measure to determine who is hungry, what is the nature and depth of food insecurity, what is it that people want, etc? What we need are population-wide rapid surveys and to make such data available in the public domain," says Dr. Menon.

When data were available, they were concealed,

says economist Jayati Ghosh, who criticised the Government for its response to the GHI. "A responsible Government should acknowledge the problem and say we will do something about it. They suppressed the consumption data of their own National Sample Survey because they didn't like the results," Ms. Ghosh says.

"We should have given 10 kg of foodgrains and not five kg, and we should have been continuing to offer them today. We should immediately bring back functional anganwadis providing food, and open schools and provide mid-day meals. These are steps that should have been taken months ago. We should also look at the issue of livelihoods, by massively expanding the rural employment guarantee scheme," demands Ms. Ghosh.

Dipa Sinha, Member of the Right to Food Campaign and Assistant Professor (Economics), Ambedkar University, questions the Government defence that there were only 3.9% malnourished children identified across various anganwadis.

"This can only mean that the Government has not been able to carry out growth monitoring and re-

West Bengal sees a slow rise in COVID-19 cases

Doctors flag positivity rate

BISHWANATH GHOSH KOLKATA

West Bengal is witnessing a small but steady rise in the number of COVID-19 cases following Durga Puja festivi-

On Thursday, the number

of daily cases recorded in the State stood at 867, from 726 on Wednesday and 690 on Tuesday. Positivity rate stood at

2.43% on Thursday, and had even climbed up to 3% last "Positivity rate had fallen

to below 1% but it is rising again. This is clearly connected to the Durga Puja celebrations. We had cautioned the State government well in advance," said Pu-

nyabrata Gun, convener of the West Bengal Doctors' Forum. Koushik Lahiri, a founding member of the forum and a well-known skin specialist, said, "In contrast to other States, the positivity rate is rising in West Bengal. The next couple of weeks are going to be crucial. We are doing less number of tests but the number of cases is still over 800."

ENT specialist Arjun Dasgupta attributed the current rise in cases to the pre-puja shopping crowds.

Internal medicine specialist Rahul Jain said that the rise in the number of cases was modest and that most patients showed only mild symptoms.

Special vaccination drive in Maharashtra colleges

Minister says State tops in double dose

STAFF REPORTER MUMBAI

A day after colleges opened in Maharashtra, Health Minister Rajesh Tope on Thursday announced a special drive to vaccinate students between the age group of 18 and 25. Addressing a press confe-

rence, Mr. Tope said the drive would start from October 25 and would continue till November 2. "We have given three days to colleges to collect data on how many students have received the first dose. Based on that, we will make our assessment on the doses required to fully vaccinate the students," he said. Higher and Technical Education

Minister Uday Samant was also present. Talking about the State's

overall performance with regard to COVID-19 vaccination, Mr. Tope said Maharashtra had the highest number of people who had been given both doses of the vaccine. "Around 6.4 crore people in the State have been given one dose, while 2.9 crore have got the second dose," he said.

The Minister added that +since restrictions on various activities and movement were being lifted and the festive season was in progress, a possible third wave post-Deepavali could only be countered by increased vaccination.

International flights not to resume fully

Official cites tepid demand, strict visa regime

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Government is unlikely to allow full resumption of international flights in the near future as it believes that demand for foreign travel is still tepid, according to the Civil Aviation Ministry.

"The current frequencies

available under the bubble arrangements are adequate to meet the demand. There isn't much demand for international routes, as the visa regime is very restrictive. On certain sectors such as the U.S. and Canada, airlines have 30% to 40% load factors [seat occupancy] for mid-December 2021. We can surely consider opening once the demand nears the pre-CO-VID-19 levels," Rajiv Bansal, Secretary, Ministry of Civil

Aviation, told *The Hindu*. The comment comes at a

time when it is widely believed in the tourism and travel industry that the Government could reopen international flights fully after it announced free tourist visas to those arriving on chartered planes from October 15 and on non-chartered planes from November

Mr. Bansal is also in charge of Air India as its Chairman

and Managing Director. In his first comments on the privatisation of Air India, he observed, "Disinvestment of Air India will lead to further growth of the airline in a professional manner as it will allow an upgrade of services such as in-flight catering, seats, onboard Wi-F connectivity." Investment on maintenance of aircraft would enbetter utilisation, resulting in more flights to

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SCAN TO PLAY

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26 Phoney Guru hugged young Chinese national (5)

27 Fix duct for dental procedure (4,5)

28 Made listener join again (8) 29 Finishes with zero wickets and leaves (6)

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6 He stays away from Jack's teacher without reading (9)

7 Fibre bed's the current fashion (6)

8 It represents the tree of knowledge. Why? At the end, it has pain (1-5)

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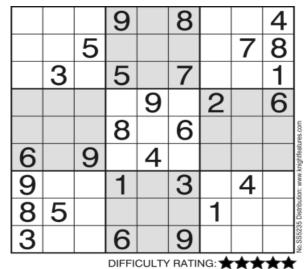
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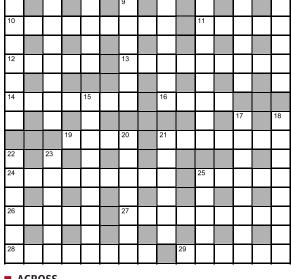
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Lord Rama's regret

Kulasekhara Azhvar, in his Thillai Thiruchitrakootam pasurams, expresses his longing to see Rama. He sings of the events of Rama's story, for Lord Govindaraja of Thillai has enabled him to view events that took place in a distant yuga. Serving the Lord was more appealing to Kulasekhara Azhvar than being king, said Akkarakkani Srinidhi in a discourse. He bows before those who serve the Lord. Rama is not One who savours the pomp and glory of kingship. The Lord too values service done to Him, however little it might be. Rama refers to a tree as Sriman Vanaspati. Sriman is a prefix used out of regard for people. How did a tree merit such an honour? Because, when Rama and Sita were in the forest, the tree had afforded them shelter.

Lord Rama also saw kingship as a burden. When Vibhishana sought refuge at Rama's feet, there was one worry that Rama had. He was not too keen on ruling in Ayodhya. That being the case, what if Vibhishana, after the slaying of Ravana, requested Him to take over Lanka as well? Taking charge of Ayodhya was unavoidable. But why add to His responsibilities? So went Rama's thoughts. And, so when He promised the kingdom of Lanka to Vibhishana and it was accepted, Rama heaved a sigh of relief. It was as if He had been relieved of a fever.

But there was one fever that abided with Him. Rama had requested Indra to bring back to life every monkey killed in the Lankan battle, and as Rama saw monkeys coming back to life, and was happy about it, His thoughts went to Jatayu. He Himself had performed the last rites for Jatavu. Had He not done so, and brought Jatayu to battlefield, then Jatayu too would have been revived by Indra. Now that chance was lost, and this was a regret Rama carried with Him always.



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- 12 Team's strategic dialogue which includes India (5)

13 Storytellers quickly moved back with artist to the upper house (9) 14 Not in favour of strong move over preserving visibility (4-3)

25 Philosopher's company in bar (5)

Trump to launch social media platform

The app, TRUTH Social, is expected to roll out across the U.S. in the first quarter of next year

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN

Former U.S. President Donald Trump, banned from social media platforms Facebook and Twitter since the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, has announced that he is launching a social media company, TRUTH Social, to "stand up to the tyranny of Big Tech".

"We live in a world where the Taliban has a huge presence on Twitter, yet your favorite American President has been silenced," Mr. Trump said in a statement released via email by the Trump Media and Technology Group (TMTG).

FB says it will

press for news

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Facebook said on Thursday

it had reached an agree-

ment with some French

newspapers to pay for

news content shared by its

users, months after Google

announced plans to re-

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The company said it

would also launch Face-

book News in January to

"give people a dedicated

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Social" app, with Donald Trump in the background. • AFF

The platform will be made possible via the merger of TMTG and Digital World Acquisition Group, the email said, with TMTG eventually becoming a publicly listed

A booster dose of the CO-

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The app is expected to roll out across the U.S. in the first quarter of next year, with a beta version being launched next month.

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'It is 95.6% effective against the virus, including Delta strain'

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65 and older, those at risk of

severe disease and those

who are exposed to the virus

Jefferies analyst Michael

Yee said the trial results add

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The agency previously

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inoculation as a booster.

"I am excited to send out my first TRUTH on TRUTH Social very soon. TMTG was founded with a mission to give a voice to all. I'm excited to soon begin sharing my thoughts on TRUTH Social and to fight back against Big Tech. Everyone asks me why doesn't someone stand up to Big Tech? Well, we will be soon!" Mr. Trump said. Presumably, a 'TRUTH' is the equivalent of a message or a tweet on Twitter.

TMTG also announced

While as President, Mr.

Trump had a penchant for tweeting throughout the day, though his tweets were normally concentrated in the early morning hours. Some of his messages often indicated shifts in foreign policy, others served as marketing messages for his presidency and campaign.

known to call his political rivals names on Twitter. Since being expelled from social media sites, Mr. Trump has sought to restore his voice online in various ways. In July this year, he sued Twitter, Facebook and Google, saying he was the

Pfizer, BioNTech say COVID-19 in Moscow

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin on Thursday ordered the closure of all non-essential services in the Russian capital between October 28 and November 7 to curb the spread of infections as virus deaths soared.

the city of Moscow must stop," Mr. Sobyanin said as

A day earlier, President Vladimir Putin announced a week-long nationwide paid holiday starting Oc-

will remain open.



UN unveils fund for 'people's

economy' in Afghanistan

Achim Steiner

are simply unable to stay on their land, in their homes, in their villages and survive. The implications of that are not difficult to understand," he said.

Economy set to contract

The International Monetary Fund said on Tuesday that Afghanistan's economy is set to contract up to 30% this year and this is likely to further fuel a refugee crisis that will affect its neighbouring countries, Turkey and

save livelihoods," Mr. Steiner The Islamists' takeover "Because otherwise we saw billions in central bank assets frozen and internawill confront indeed a scenario through this winter and tional financial institutions into next year where milsuspend access to funds, lions and millions of Afghans although humanitarian aid

has continued. Banks are running out of money, civil servants have not been paid and food prices have soared.

Mr. Steiner said the challenge is to repurpose donor funds already earmarked for Aghanistan.

"Discussions over the last few weeks have focused on how we do find a way to be able to mobilise these resources in view of the economic implosion that is now unfolding and the international community's repeated commitment not to abandon the people Afghanistan," he said.

Kanni Wignaraja, director of UNDP's regional bureau for the Asia Pacific, said that cash will be provided to Afghan workers in public works programmes, such as drought and flood control programmes, and grants given to micro-enterprises. Temporary basic income would be paid to the vulnerable elderly and disabled, she said.

The UNDP had costed activities to be covered over the first 12 months at approximately \$667 million, she

Pak. Foreign Minister, ISI chief hold talks with Taliban in Kabul

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, along with the chief of spy agency ISI, Lt. Gen Faiz Hameed, held talks with the Taliban leadership in Kabul and vowed to provide humanitarian aid worth Rs. 500 crore to Afghanistan.

Mr. Oureshi met interim Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund, and underlined that Pakistan wanted lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan.

Mr. Qureshi said Pakistan was determined to help the Afghan people, who are staring at an economic crisis.

He said Pakistan would

provide humanitarian aid worth Rs. 500 crore to Afghanistan and would also allow duty free import of fresh fruits and vegetables from Afghanistan.

Mr. Qureshi said that he held result-oriented discussions with the Taliban leadership, Dawn newspaper reported.

+ No 'respect' for Navalny's Sakharov prize: Kremlin

Putin critic won the top EU award

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

The Kremlin said on Thursday it had no respect for a European Parliament decision to give the EU's top human rights award to jailed Russian opposition politician Alexei Navalny.

"We respect this body. but no one can make us respect such decisions," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, referring to the European Parliament.

On Wednesday, the European Parliament awarded its Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to President Vladimir Putin's bestknown domestic opponent.

Mr. Peskov said the decision "significantly devalues the meaning" of words like freedom of thought.

The 45-year-old Opposi-

tion politician last year survived a poisoning attack with Novichok nerve agent that he blames on the

After returning to Russia in January from Germany. where he was treated, he was arrested and convicted on old embezzlement charges. He is now serving a twoand-a-half-year prison sentence in a penal colony outside Moscow

Mr. Navalny said he felt honoured to receive the award. "This is not only an honour, but also a great responsibility," Mr. Navalny, whose social media accounts are run by his team, said on Twitter. "I am very grateful to the European Parliament for appreciating our work so highly. We will continue to do our best."

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Railways / any State or Central Govt. Organization.

Date: 21.10.2021 INVITATION FOR TWO COVER TENDER (IFT) (Short Term Tender Notification) (Two Cover Tender)

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only) The Executive Engineer (K.R. Pura) invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the works details in the table given below. The Tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the table in appropriate class registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike / CPWD / KPWD .

SI. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Comprehensive development of roads, drains and other improvement works (Consisting of 3 Works) at T.C. Palya Main Road from V.B. Layout to Relience Fresh and Brindavana Layout Cross Roads, Kote Temple Main and Cross Roads and Anandapura Main Roads Anandapura Cross Roads at Ward No. 52, K.R. Pura (Package-1).	372.00
2	Improvements to roads and drains at RMS Colony & Manjunatha Layout Main & Cross Roads at Bhatarahalli in Ward No. 52 , K.R. Pura.	72.00
3	Improvements to roads and drains at Sacred Heart Main Road and Pavithra Layout at Ward No. 52 , K.R. Pura.	56.00
4	Improvements to roads and drains at Jai Bhuvaneshwari Layout Cross Roads at Ward No. 52 , K.R. Pura.	100.00
5	Improvements to roads and drains at R.R. Temple Cross Roads, Tent Road, Bheemaiah Layout, Masjid Road, Surrounding areas in Ward No. 55 , Devasandra.	200.00
6	Improvements to roads and drains at Ramakrishna Reddy Layout, Kamadenu Layout, Singaiahnapalya and B. Narayanapura Surrounding areas in Ward No. 55 , Devasandra.	200.00
7	Construction of Indoor Shuttle Badminton Court and Gym Center in Ward No. 55 , Devasandra.	200.00
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Calendar of events: (1) Availability of RFP documents date: 26.10.2021 onwards. (2) Pre bid meeting will be held on 30.10.2021 at 11:30 a.m. in the Executive Engineer Office, K.R. Pura. (3) Last Date for submission of tender documents on or before 06.11.2021 at 4:00 p.m. (4) Technical bids will be opened on the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in in the office of the Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division on 08.11.2021 at 4:00 p.m. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division, BBMP COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE

Follow Physical Distancing

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS:TIRUPATI MARKETING DEPARTMENT

e-TENDER-CUM-REVERSE AUCTIONING / REVERSE TENDERING NOTICE e-tenders are invited for procurement of "2,25,000 Kgs (i.e. 75,000 Kgs / Month x 3 months = 2,25,000 Kgs. for a period of thee months quantity in three spells' by the Marketing Department, T.T.D., Tirupati, through online e-Tender-cum Reverse Auctioning / Reverse Tendering process. Tender Notice and Tender details log on to the web site http://www.tirumala.org and https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in Click on current Tenders & select 'more" and "Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams-Marketing". For further details ontact phone numbers: 0877-2264079, 2264555, Fax No. 0877-2264554,

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No.	Name of the item	Period	Technical Bid	Reverse Auction/ Reverse Tendering
1.	75,00,000 Kgs of Cashew Splits 'S' Grade	1 Month	29-10-21	30-10-21 @ 02.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.
2.	75,00,000 Kgs of Cashew Splits 'S' Grade	1 Month	29-11-21	30-11-21 @ 02.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.
3.	75,00,000 Kgs of Cashew Splits 'S' Grade	1 Month	28-12-21	29-12-21 @ 02.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER PROJECT, PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, JODHPUR Tel.0291-2651700 E-mail: rj_cejod@nic.in

No.CE(P)/PHED/Ju/21-22/9034-80

Date: 11/10/202 Notice Inviting Bid (NIB No.08/2021-22)

Bid for Execution of works related to "Coverage of 10 villages by providing Functional house Hold Tap connection(FHTC) by retrofitting of RWSS Malar-

JodHindalGol Scheme of block Phalodi and Bap of District Jodhpur "viz. RCC OHSRs, P/L/J of Pumping mains, Cluster distribution system, Village distribution system. Construction of Boundary wall, and civil, mechancial electrical & instrumentation works and Operation & maintenance for 10 years (upto VTC) after 1 year defect liability period under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is invited from interested bidder up to 14:00 hrs, 02/11/2021. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rai.nic.in) of the state: and http://dipr.raiasthan.gov.in and http://

UBN: PHE2122WLOB08422

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Chief Engineer Project PHED Jodhpur

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कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, सम्भाग कोटा निविदा सूचना संख्या 19/2021-2022

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that it is launching a subscription video on demand programme, featuring 'nonwoke' programming.

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There were no reported cas-

es of severe disease, suggest-

ing robust protection from

infection with only the prim-

ary vaccination series, Mr.

Pfizer had said its two-

shot vaccine's efficacy drops

over time, citing a study that

showed 84% effectiveness

from a peak of 96% four

months after a second dose.

Thursday the median time

between the second dose

and the booster shot or the

placebo in the study was

around 11 months, adding

there were only five cases of

COVID-19 in the booster

group, compared with 109

cases in the group which re-

ceived the placebo shot.

The drugmakers said on

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Yee said.

The former President was

REUTERS

The United Nations said on

Thursday it had set up a spe-

cial trust fund to provide ur-

gently-needed cash directly

to Afghans through a system

tapping into donor funds

frozen since the Taliban ta-

With the local economy

"imploding", the aim is to in-

ject liquidity into Afghan

households to permit them

to survive this winter and re-

main in their homeland des-

Achim Steiner, the UN De-

(UNDP) administrator said

that Germany, a first con-

tributor, had pledged €50

million (\$58 million) to the

fund, and that it was in

touch with other donors to

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economy' and in addition to

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AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

"During this period the work of all (these) organisations on the territory of Russia reported a record 1,036 deaths in a single day on Thursday.

tober 30.

Mr. Sobyanin said all non-essential retail and venues of sport and entertainment must close. Restaurants and pharmacies

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ई-निविदा आमंत्रण हेतु सूचना NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

हस्ता Sd/- Project Director, NFC-Kota

Tayyip Erdogan on Thursday threatened to expel the U.S., German and eight other Western Ambassadors after they issued a rare joint statement in support of a jailed civil society leader. Parisian-born philanthropist and activist Osman Kavala, 64, has been in jail without a conviction since 2017, becoming a symbol of what critics see as Mr. Erdogan's growing intolerance of Joint statement The 10 Ambassadors issued a highly unusual joint state-

ment on Monday - distri-

buted widely on their Tur-

kish social media accounts -

saying Mr. Kavala's conti-

nued detention "cast a sha-

dow" over Turkey.

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

"I told our Foreign Minis-ISTANBUL ter that we cannot have the Turkish President Recep luxury of hosting them in our country," Mr. Erdogan told reporters in comments published by Turkish Mr. Kavala has faced a

Erdogan threatens to

expel 10 Western envoys

They had supported a jailed activist

ment protests and a failed military coup in 2016. In their statement, the U.S., Germany, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden

called for a "just and speedy

resolution to (Kavala)'s

string of alternating charges

linked to 2013 anti-govern-

case". The 10 envoys were summoned to the Turkish Foreign Ministry on Tuesday.

"Is it within your boundary to teach such a lesson to Turkey? Who are you?" Mr. Erdogan reportedly demanded to know.

MARKET WATCH

	21-10-2021	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,924	-0.55
US Dollar	74.87	0.00
Gold	46,503	
Brent oil	84.06	-1.33

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Bajaj Auto		
Bajaj Finserv		
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Indian OilCorp		
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L&T to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040

L&T said it will achieve

carbon neutrality by 2040, ahead of Paris Agreement's deadline of 2050, and water neutrality by 2035.

'Need strategic reserves of coal and gas'

Kumar moots a month's stock to guard against supply shocks, govt. asks States to boost hydel output

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Centre has asked States to lift their hydropower output in a bid to conserve scarce coal supplies, Power Secretary Alok Kumar said on Thursday, stressing the need to build strategic reserves of imported coal and gas as was being done for petroleum products.

"At least in the foreseeable 10 years or so, all the countries, especially major economies, will be dependent on fossil fuel supplies for base load and for grid balancing," Mr. Kumar noted. "We will never be able to insulate ourselves from these supply shocks of imported fuel," he added, referring to the major supply disruptions due to the soaring global prices of coal, gas and oil.

"Let us start discussing about keeping a strategic re-



High wire: India's 17,000 MW based on imported coal, 24,000 MW of gas-fired plants get hit when prices rise. • K. K. MUSTAFAH

serve of these fuels – gas, oil, imported coal... so that economies are able to adjust and over these supply shocks for about a month or so. That will be a small cost vis-à-vis the cost of these disruptions," he said at the South Asia Power Summit hosted by the Confederation

of Indian Industry (CII). Noting that even China, U.K., Europe and Singapore had faced supply challenges, Mr. Kumar said high prices made energy security challenging. India, he pointed out, had 17,000 MW of power plants based on imported coal and 24,000 MW of gasfired plants, which virtually go out of play when prices rise too high.

'Crunch time'

"Many countries have started keeping strategic reserves, because when it comes to a crunch, every country will meet its needs first. Russia has curtailed gas supply to Europe because they want more gas to be consumed within their country," he said, making a case for South Asian countries to build up similar reserves.

Mooting the need to diversify the energy basket to cope with the fossil fuels' supply crunch, the official said: "For the last one week, we are generating extra hydropower on off-peak days to conserve our coal. We have talked to States and said wherever you have water reservoir, or higher water levels, please generate more hydropower so that we can

A surge in power demand combined with a fall in imports due to high global coal prices have led to supply disruptions and power cuts lasting up to 14 hours a day despite record supplies from state-run Coal India. Most of India's 135 coal-fired power plants have fuel stocks of less than three days. Coal accounts for more than 70% of India's power generation.

India, the world's second largest coal importer with the world's fourth largest reserves, must also compete for supplies with China.

"High prices will make energy security very challenging if we don't have a well thought out strategy," Mr. Kumar said.

(With inputs

Coal scarcity still a looming risk, says Crisil

'Stock build-up is a must for summer'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Centre's steps to regulate coal supplies to nonpower sectors may have helped tide over the immediate threat of a major power crisis, but coal scarcity remains a looming risk for corporate India and domestic consumers, rating agency Crisil said in a report.

"The threat still looms when power demand picks up from here... Coal stocks are unlikely to improve to the previous level of 15-18 inventory anytime soon. Also, availability of rakes and a pickup in power demand in March-May will be the key monitorables from here," it noted, emphasising that a build-up in coal inventories by February 2022 is critical to avert outages in the coming summer.



Crisil noted that power demand had surged almost 20% in industrial States such as Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat in the first half of FY22, even as dependence on coal-based power has grown. Coal stocks are at most critical levels in Bihar, followed by Karnataka, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, the rating agency said.

"Coal-based power generation rose 19.1%, while [that] from other conventional sources saw a 15.5% on-year decline," it pointed out.

PSU banks may get more capital in Q4

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The Centre is likely to pump capital in public sector banks during the last quarter of the current financial year to meet the regulatory requirements.

The government, in Budget 2021-22, made an allocation of ₹20,000 crore for capital infusion in the state-owned banks.

The capital position of banks would be reviewed in the next quarter, and depending on the requirement, the infusion will be made to meet the regulatory needs.

Going forward, sources said, the rise in stressed assets would determine capital requirement.

Sharp economic revival underway, says Goyal

'Energy security is core to self-reliance

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

All indicators point to a clear and sharp recovery underway in the Indian economy, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal asserted on Thursday, adding that energy security is the core driver for India's drive towards self-reliance.

"GDP has grown a record 20.1% in the first quarter. Make-In-India is now making for the world. For the first time, in the second quarter, our exports crossed 100 billion dollars, forex reserves have now grown to \$638 billion dollars, FDI in the first four months are 62% higher than the corresponding figure last year. All



Piyush Goyal

these point to the growing confidence towards India," Mr. Goyal said in an address to the India Energy Forum hosted by CERAWeek.

Citing the sharp drop in electricity costs in recent years, he said the price of solar power had come down from ₹8-₹10 per unit about 6-7 years ago to just ₹2.40.

Cabinet okays implementing PM GatiShakti

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

A week after PM Narendra Modi unveiled the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan for improving multimodal connectivity projects' outcomes, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Thursday approved an institutional framework for its implementation.

"The PM GatiShakti masterplan has been approved with a three-tier monitoring system led by an empowered group of secretaries headed by the Cabinet Secretary," Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said after the meeting of the Cabinet and the CCEA.

Court asks Zee to call shareholders' meeting

Any resolution at EGM to be on hold

REUTERS NEW DELHI

A court on Thursday asked Zee Entertainment Enterprises to call a meeting of shareholders, as sought by top investor Invesco, which is pushing for the removal of the TV network's CEO and a board revamp. Any resolution passed at

the extraordinary general meeting will be put on hold, however, until the Bombay High Court decides on the legality of Invesco's request for such a meeting. Zee and Invesco did not

immediately respond to a request for comment. Invesco, which owns al-

most 18% of Zee via two funds, wants a shake-up at



corporate governance concerns at a time when the company is planning a merger with the local unit of Japan's Sony Group.

That move is set to create India's biggest broadcaster, but Invesco has raised concerns about options given to Zee's founding family to raise their stake in the merged company to 20%.

TVS Motor O2 net jumps 29% to ₹234 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

TVS Motor Company on Thursday posted a 29.19% increase in consolidated net profit to ₹234.37 crore for the second quarter ended September.

The company had reported a net profit of ₹181.41 crore in the July-September period of the previous fiscal

Revenue from operations rose to ₹6,483.42 for the second quarter as compared with ₹5,254.36 in the year-earlier period, TVS Motor Company said in a regulatory filing.

For the six months ended September 30, the company posted a consolidated net profit of ₹219.65 crore.

+ Corporate frauds to rise in next 2 years: Deloitte-IOD

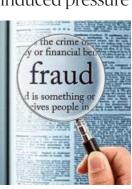
Study cites pandemic induced pressure

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Corporate fraud cases will rise in the next two years because of COVID-19 related pressures, 63% of independent directors (IDs) said in a

This is because COVID-19 has significantly disrupted business environments, leading to change in business models, cash flow crunch, and remote working environment, which have exposed organisation and individuals to increased fraud-related vulnerabilities, the survey by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP (DTTILLP), in association with the Institute of Directors (IOD), revealed.

Cybercrimes (23. 90%), financial statement fraud including incorrect business valuations (20.96%) and



leak of sensitive information (12.87%) are the most likely fraud schemes to be experienced in the near future, according to the findings.

"Our survey results brought to the forefront that independent directors are ready to be part of a board that has previously experienced/reported fraud," said Nikhil Bedi, partner and leader, Forensic, Financial Advisory, DTTILLP.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

A majority of organisations

are uncertain if they can re-

cover from a ransomware

attack and the situation is

likely more dire than earlier,

given that enterprises glo-

bally are managing more

than 10 times the amount of

data they did five years ago,

a Dell Technologies survey

Dell Technologies 2021

Global Data Protection In-

dex (GDPI) findings revealed

that organisations were fac-

ing several data protection

challenges driven by the

constant threat of ransom-

ware and the consumption

of emerging technologies

such as cloud and artificial

showed.

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Amazon Prime membership to get 50% costlier

Amazon is set to increase the price of the annual membership of its Prime programme in India by 50% to ₹1499.

fee of Prime membership, which offers users access to Amazon Prime Video and one-day delivery on millions of items on the ecommerce platform, is also being increased.

"The price of Prime memberships in IN [India] is being revised from ₹999 to ₹1,499 [annual plan], ₹329 to ₹459 [3-month plan], and ₹129 to ₹179 [monthly plan]," an Ama-

The company spokesperson added that compaa later time.

Firms unsure of recovery

Data grew 10-fold in 5 years, poll finds

from ransomware: Dell

Rising prices restrain consumer mood in festive season

REUTERS

For Delhi resident Suman Milind, rising prices are casting a long shadow over the upcoming Deepavali festival.

The 33-vear-old homemaker is tightening her fruits during festivals, but vember and marks the counpurse strings, thanks to soar- now we hardly get one or try's busiest shopping sea-

ing costs of fuel, transport and many manufactured items, coupled with stagnant due to incomes pandemic.

"Earlier we used to get four or five boxes of dry two because of the high prices," said Ms. Milind.

Millions of Indian households are facing similar strains on their budgets ahead of Deepavali, which this year falls in early Noson for consumer goods.

Many are foregoing bigticket purchases such as television sets and jewellery, according to half-a-dozen people Reuters spoke to and a consumer survey by Mum-

an economy recovering from the worst of COVID-19.

Pump prices of petrol and diesel are up nearly 35% from a year ago and cooking gas by more than 50%, severely hitting more than bai-based consultancy Axis three-quarters of house-

TVS MOTOR COMPANY LIMITED

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

(Rs. in Crores)

			Standalone			Consolidated	1
S.	Particulars	Quarte	r ended	Year ended	Quarte	r ended	Year ended
No	Particulars	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	31.03.2021	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	31.03.2021
		(Unau	idited)	(Audited)	(Unau	idited)	(Audited)
1	Total income	5622.90	4616.58	16783.51	6491.18	5269.59	19468.04
2	Net Profit (before Tax, Exceptional items)	376.91	267.42	826.24	344.19	256.83	830.99
3	Net Profit before tax (after Exceptional items)	376.91	267.42	826.24	343.22	255.41	821.63
4	Net Profit after tax (after exceptional items)	277.60	196.25	612.04	234.37	181.41	607.50
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	243.46	224.22	719.13	180.94	186.34	723.24
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	_	_	4123.44	-	_	3779.10
8	Security Premium Account			- NOT APP	LICABLE -		
9	Networth	4460.83	3686.82	4076.32	3916.84	3285.81	3730.13
10	Outstanding Debt (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	1663.82	2010.29	1106.38	2222.41	2585.92	1775.99
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares		L	- NOT APP	LICABLE -		ı
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.9	1.3	0.7
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	5.84 5.84	4.13 4.13	12.88 12.88	5.10 5.10	3.79 3.79	12.51 12.51
14	Capital Redemption Reserve			- NOT APP	LICABLE -	1	ı
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve			- NOT APP	LICABLE -		
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	6.3	6.6	5.2	3.7	3.2	3.1
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	11.8	7.6	6.8	8.1	5.7	5.8

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

For TVS Motor Company Limited Place: Chennai Sd/-Chairman

Date: 21st October 2021 "As we move further in the data era, the amount of ness challenges.

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Realty sector sees demand revival: CII-JLL

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Despite COVID-19 related challenges, the Indian real estate sector is seeing demand revival, a report by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and JLL said.

"The pandemic did halt much of the industry's growth, however there are lots of green shoots emerging and transforming the future of all asset classes with multi-fold opportunities," Radha Dhir, chairperson, CII Realty & Infrastructure Conclave, and CEO & Country Head, India, JLL, said in the report.

"Commercial real estate has shown resiliency in 2021 and is likely to gain momentum in 2022. The office segment will remain the centre of the work ecosystem," she said.





various factors such as continuation of remote working culture, higher adoption of emerging technologies etc," said Ripu Bajwa, director and GM, Data Protection Solutions, Dell Technologies India. About 68% of IT decision makers in India were concerned their existing data protection solutions won't meet all future busi-

Scotland creates history, makes it to Super 12s

Coetzer's men ease past Oman to top group with all-win record, book a second-round berth for the first time

T2O WORLD CUP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Scotland reached the T20 World Cup second round for the first time with a thumping eight-wicket win over Oman on Thursday.

The Scots comfortably chased down their target of 123 with 18 balls to spare to register their third win in three matches in qualifying.

Captain Kyle Coetzer topscored for Scotland with 41 off 28 balls with three sixes and two fours despite taking a nasty blow on his hand.

Richie Berrington finished the game with a huge six and remained unbeaten on 31. Matthew Cross (26) was Berrington's partner as the Scots crossed the finish line.

Scotland will go into Group 2 of the Super 12s alongside Afghanistan, India, New Zealand. Pakistan and the runner-up from qualifying Group A - likely to be either Ireland or Namibia.

"This is an opportunity for

Scotland to test themselves against the best," said Coetzer. "There's a real togetherness among our squad, through thick and thin.

"The group we were in was a mighty tough group so the next one will be tougher. We will go into every game full of hope and belief that we can win more games," he added.

"What a day for Scottish cricket, the boys are buzz-

POINTS TABLE

ROUND 1

Sri Lanka (Q)

Netherlands

Scotland (Q)

Bangladesh (Q)

Papua New Guinea

GROUP A

Ireland

Namibia

GROUP B

ing," said seamer Josh Davey, who took three for 25 and Man-of-the-Match.

The scores: Oman 122 in 20 overs (Aqib Ilyas 37, Zeeshan Maqsood 34, Josh Dave 3/25, Michael Leask 2/13, Safyaan Sharif 2/25) lost to Scotland 123/2 in 17 overs (Kyle Coetzer 41, Richie Berrington 31 n.o.).

Scotland won by eight wickets with three overs to spare

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■ The top two from each group qualify for Super 12s

Friday's matches: Namibia vs Ireland (3.30 p.m. IST);

W L PTS NRR



Great Scot! Kyle Coetzer's side dominated the first round to join India and Pakistan, among others, in Group 2 of the Super 12s. • TWITTER/CRICKETSCOTLAND

Shakib dazzles as Bangladesh advances

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Shakib Al Hasan smashed 46 and took four for nine as Bangladesh crushed Papua New Guinea (PNG) by 84 runs to qualify for the Super 12 stage on Thursday.

Chasing 182 for victory, PNG was bowled out for 97 in 19.3 overs to hand Bangladesh its second straight win in round one. PNG exited with three losses.

Bangladesh back from an opening loss to register two convincing wins and the last one would have been bigger had it not been for Kiplin Doriga's un-

PNG was never in the chase after losing the openers, including skipper Assad Vala, for six, and Shakib's introduction made matters worse for the debutants.

Equalling Afridi

The left-arm spinner struck twice in his first over and then took two more to equal Pakistan's Shahid Afridi as the leading wicket-taker



Shakib. • AFP

with 39 scalps in T20's showpiece event.

Earlier, skipper Mahmudullah (50) and Shakib took Bangladesh to 181 for seven after it chose to bat. The scores:

Bangladesh 181/7 in 20 overs (Shakib Al Hasan 46, Mahmudullah 50. Kabua Morea 2/ 26. Damien Ravu 2/40. Vala 2/ 26) bt Papua New Guinea 97 in 19.3 overs (Kiplin Doriga 46 n.o., Mohd. Saifuddin 2/21, Taskin Ahmed 2/12, Shakib 4/9). Bangladesh won by 84

Sri Lanka looks to get its act together

Sri Lanka vs Netherlands (7.30 p.m. IST)

The Dutch have a long way to go before making the big league

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

A Super 12 spot secured, Sri Lanka's struggling top-order batters will look to utilise their final Group A league game to get back into form in the match against the Netherlands here on Friday.

Sri Lanka beat Namibia and Ireland to make it to the tournament proper, but the lack of form of Kusal Perera and Dinesh Chandimal is still

Playing without the pressure of having to qualify should help the batters even as the bowlers have shaped up well. The pacers - Chamika Karunaratne and Dushmantha Chameera - have shown control and leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga has



Key player: Wanindu Hasaranga has established himself as an allrounder of value for Sri Lanka. • AFP

also been in his element. Hasaranga has not only contributed with the ball but

with the bat as well, scoring

a fiery 71 against Ireland on Wednesday.

Making a lethal combina-

Maheesh Theekshana. The Netherlands, on the other hand, has still not looked good enough for top flight competition.

The bowlers' inexperience was evident when they let Namibia's David Wiese snatch the match from them on Wednesday. Batting has also been a big

let down with only opener Max O'Dowd making an impression.

Ryan ten Doeschate's form has hurt them the The Dutch would have so-

mething to cheer about before they leave the UAE if they at least put up a good

Match starts at 7.30 p.m.

Ireland and Nambia in battle for survival

The winner of Friday's contest will qualify for the next stage

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Their future in the tournament at stake, Namibia and Ireland will look to put their best foot forward when they clash in a Group A game here on Friday.

With Sri Lanka already through to the Super 12s stage and the Netherlands out of the equation, the winner of Friday's clash will become the second side to advance. Ireland will hope for a bet-

ter display with the bat. The Irish made short work of the Dutch in their campaignopener, but failed to cope against the formidable Sri Lankan attack.

Pacers Curtis Campher (four wickets), Joshua Little



(five) and Mark Adair (five) have done well and Ireland will be counting on them



David Wiese. • AFP

Namibia will be high on confidence having completed its highest successful T20I Cup win on Wednesday against the Netherlands.

Having been bowled out for 96 in their opener, the Namibian batters did well to overhaul the target of 165 with one over to spare against the Netherlands.

Chief contributor The chief contributor with

the bat was David Wiese, who displayed his sensational power-hitting skills.

With openers Stephan Baard and Zane Green failing in the two games so far, Wiese alongside skipper Gerhard Erasmus and Craig Williams will need to shoulder the responsibility of scoring

Match starts at 3.30 p.m.

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time winning goal three

weeks ago, won 4-1 against

Young Boys to lift the Europa

League champion from last

A 0-0 draw between Lille

and Sevilla dragged down

the average goals to three per

game with 24 in total one day

after a 35-goal rush in the

The results: Group E: Benfica O

lost to Bayern Munich 4 (Sane

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Group F: Manchester United 3

(Rashford 53, Maguire 75, Ro-

naldo 81) bt Atalanta 2 (Pasalic

15, Demiral 29); Young Boys 1

(Elia 77) lost to Villarreal 4 (Pi-

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to second in the group.

eight games Tuesday.

BCCI eyes a multi-billion-dollar bonanza from IPL broadcast rights

The BCCI is set for a windfall of gigantic proportions as the IPL broadcast rights (TV and digital) could fetch up to \$5 billion for the next five-year cycle (2023-2027) while some high-profile interest is being seen in the bidding process for the two new teams.

The current five-year rights for IPL (2018-22) are with Star India, but the valuation - ₹16,347.50 crore (\$2.55 billion) – could more than double and reach \$5 billion, it is learnt.

Interest from the US

A leading US-based company had shown interest in bidding for IPL media rights, according to a BCCI source. Also, with 10 teams playing from 2022, the number of matches will go up to 74 and the valuation too.

The BCCI normally cate-



The coveted IPL Trophy.

gorises broadcast deals into TV, digital (streaming), radio and social media, but it allowed separate as well as composite bids last time.

The BCCI is set to release the Tender invitation in Dubai on Oct. 25, the day the two new IPL teams will also be announced. The board is expecting robust bidding from both Star India and So-

ny, which would like to ge the IPL property back in its

The source also confirmed that the Glazer family, which owns Manchester United, has picked up a bid document for a new franchise.

Whether it's interested in a new franchise or in buying stakes in an existing team is not known, the source revealed. The BCCI is expecting ₹7,000-10,000 crore from the team bidding.

Some of the major players who could be bidding for new teams are the Adani Group, Kotak, pharma majors Aurobindo and Torrent group, and the RP-Sanjiv Goenka group.

The BCCI is allowing consortiums and companies with annual turnover of over ₹3,000 crore to bid for teams. The base price for new IPL teams is pegged at

Ronaldo caps classic Manchester United comeback

His 81st-minute strike helps Solskjaer's team pip Atalanta; Bayern, Juventus and Chelsea cruise home

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cristiano Ronaldo's late winning goal capped a classic Manchester United comeback win in the Champions League.

In a less chaotic manner,

Bayern Munich and Juventus also recorded typical trademark wins to top their groups with three straight victories and no goals conceded.

Trailing 2-0 at half-time at home against Atalanta, with Paul Pogba left on the bench, United's wild season under manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer appeared ready to derail with last place in the group beckoning.

Ronaldo put the club back on top, 3-2, in the 81st minute after goals from Marcus Rashford and Harry Maguire to deliver a second straight



Big moment: Cristiano Ronaldo, right, peels away in delight, and relief, after scoring United's third goal in the come-from-behind win over Atalanta. • AFP

Trafford in the competition.

Bayern routed Benfica 4-0 with late goals including one from Robert Lewandowski after standout saves by Ma-

come-from-behind win at nuel Neuer in the Lisbon stadium where it won the 2020 title 14 months ago.

It was an efficient 1-0 win for Juventus at Zenit St. Petersburg thanks to an 86thminute goal by Dejan

Kulusevski.

Chelsea also cruised to a 4-0 win, against Malmo, but lost strikers Romelu Lukaku and Timo Werner to injuries. Villarreal, which was bea-

89, Chukwueze 90+2). Group G: Lille O drew with Sechampion Defending

dowski 82).

Group H: Chelsea 4 (Christensen 9, Jorginho 21-pen, 57-pen, Havertz 48) bt Malmo O; Zenit St. Petersburg O lost to Juventus 1 (Kulusevski 86).

Sharath underlines his class, emerges champion

Beats Soumyajit in the final; Prapti fights back to overcome Swastika in women's title clash

TABLE TENNIS

RAKESH RAO

CHANDIGARH Showing glimpses of his class, Sharath Kamal stopped a resurgent Soumyajit Ghosh to win the UTT National-ranking table tennis

title on Thursday. In the presence of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, Sharath changed gears at will during his 6-11, 11-5, 11-2, 11-7, 6-11, 9-11, 11-6 victory over a fellow former National

In the women's titlematch, featuring two firsttime finalists, Prapti Sen fought back thrice from deficit to overcome her good friend Swastika Ghosh 4-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-6, 8-11, 11-9, 15-13 at Punchkula's Devi Lal Stadium.

Though the men's titleclash went the distance, Sharath never looked in serious danger of losing even after Soumyajit battled back from 1-3 to draw level.

After Soumyajit won the sixth set after being 0-5 down, it was Sharath who moved from 0-2 to 8-2 in the decider to ensure there was no more drama.

"I was surprised by the sharpness of some of Ghosh's shots," acknowledged Sharath as he looked back at the final.

Good workout "This was good practice for

me ahead of the events in Tunisia and Slovenia. I must ad-



mit that I have not been in great mind-space after what transpired following the Tokyo Games. But I surprised



with the challenges here." Sharath's first ranking title since the 2016 South Zone event at Visakhapatnam fetched him ₹84,000. Soumyajit, who said he was playing at almost 90% of

gained ₹42,000. Prapti was richer by ₹72,000 and Swastika collected ₹36,000.

his form of early 2018,

The results: Men: Final: Sharath Kamal bt Soumyajit Ghosh 6-11, 11-5, 11-2, 11-7, 6-11, 9-11, 11-6.

Semifinals: Sharath bt Harmeet Desai 11-8, 8-11, 4-11; 7-11, 11-4, 11-9, 12-10; Soumyajit bt Manav Thakkar 14-16, 11-5, 11-6, 13-11, 6-11, 9-11, 14-12. Women: Final: Prapti Sen bt

Swastika Ghosh 4-11, 11-8, 9-11,

11-6, 8-11, 11-9, 15-13. Semifinals: Prapti bt Takeme Sarkar 15-13, 6-11, 11-9, 11-9, 12-10: Swastika bt Anusha Kutum-The results: bale 11-9, 12-10, 11-7, 11-6.

Sindhu enters the quarterfinals PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

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Thursday.

P.V. Sindhu reached the quarterfinals of the Denmark Open Super 1000 tournament, after overcoming Busanan Ongbamrungphan of Thailand 21-16, 12-21, 21-15 in 67 minutes, here on

In men's singles, K. Srikanth bowed out after losing his round of 16 match to Japan's Kento Momota 21-23, 9-21.

It was curtains for the mixed doubles pair of Dhruv Kapila and N. Sikki Reddy as it went down fighting against Tang Chun Man and Tse Ying Suet of Chinese Taipei 17-21, 21-19, 11-21.

Men: Kento Momota (Jpn) bt K.



Digging deep: P.V. Sindhu needed three games to get past Busanan Ongbamrungphan. • FILE РНОТО

Srikanth 23-21, 21-9. Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Busanan Ongbamrungphan (Tha) 21-16, 12-21, 21-15.

& Tse Ying Suet (Tpe) bt Dhruv Kapila & N. Sikki Reddy 21-17, 19-21, 21-11.

Mixed doubles: Tang Chun Man

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BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL CP(CAA)/24(CHE)/2021 (Connected with CA/14/CAA/2021) In the Matter of Section 230 to 232 of The Companies Act, 2013

And In the Matter of Composite Scheme of Amalgamation and Arrangement (Demerger)

Sundaram Industries Private Limited, T.S. Rajam Tyres Private Limited, TVS Mobility Private Limited (Formerly known as T.S. Rajam Distribution Services Private Limited), Southern Roadways Private Limited, Southern Roadways (Madurai) Private Limited, T.V. Sundram Ivengar & Sons Private Limited, Trichur Sundaram Santhanam and

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And Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors

Sundaram Industries Private Limited Having its Registered Office at TVS Building, West Veli Street, Madurai, Tamil Nadu 625001

... Petitioner Company

NOTICE OF PETITION

A Petition under Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanction of the Composite Scheme of Amalgamation and Arrangement (Demerger between Sundaram Industries Private Limited (Demerged Company

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Dated at Chennai on this the 20th day of October, 2021

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Southern Roadways (Madurai) Private Limited Having its registered office at Lakshmi Building, Usilampatti Road, Kochadai, Madurai Tamil Nadu - 625016

Petitioner Company NOTICE OF PETITION

A Petition under Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanction of the Composite Scheme of Amalgamation and Arrangement (Demerger between Sundaram Industries Private Limited (Demerged Company I/ Transferor Company 1) and T.S. Rajam Tyres Private Limited (Resulting Company 1) and TVS Mobility Private Limited (Formerly known as T.S. Raiam Distribution Services Private Limited) (Resulting Company 3) and Southern Roadways Private Limited (Demerged Company 2/ Transferor Company 2) and Southern Roadways (Madurai) Private Limited (Resulting Company 2) and T.V. Sundram Ivengar & Sons Private Limited (Transfere Company 1/Demerged Company 3) and Trichur Sundaram Santhanam and Family Private Limited (Resulting Company 4) and TVS Sundram Fasteners Private Limited (Resulting Company 5) and Madurai Alagar Enterprises Private Limited (Resulting Company 6) and SB TVS Industrial Ventures Private Limited (Formerly known as SB Industrial Ventures Private Limited)(Resulting Company 7) and Cheema Industrial Ventures Private Limited)(Resulting Company 7) and Cheema Industrial Ventures Private imited (Resulting Company 8) and TVS Holdings Private Limited (Formerl known as TVS Investments and Holdings Private Limited) (Resulting Company 9) and TVS Investments Private Limited (Transferor Company 3 and Geeyes Family Holdings Private Limited (Transferee Company 2) and their Respective Shareholders and Creditors was presented by the Petitioner on 25/06/2021 and the said Petition is fixed for hearing before the National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench on the 03/11/2021.An person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to he Petitioner's Advocate, notice of his intention, signed by him or his Advocate with his name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner's Advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the Petition. Where he seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition o copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL CHENNAI BENCH CP(CAA)/30(CHE)/2021 (Connected with CA/14/CAA/2021)

In the Matter of Section 230 to 232 of The Companies Act, 2013

And
In the Matter of Composite Scheme of Amalgamation and Arrangement (Demerger)

between
Sundaram Industries Private Limited, T.S. Rajam Tyres Private mited, TVS Mobility Private Limited (Formerly known as T.S. Rajar Distribution Services Private Limited), Southern Roadways Private imited, Southern Roadways (Madurai) Private Limited, T.V. Sundrar Iyengar & Sons Private Limited, Trichur Sundaram Santhanam and Family Private Limited, TVS Sundram Fasteners Private Limited,

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Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors Trichur Sundaram Santhanam and Family Private Limited Having its Registered Office at 67, Chamiers Road, R.A Puram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, 600028 . Petitioner Company

NOTICE OF PETITION

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Arrangement (Demerger)
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Family Private Limited, TVS Sundram Fasteners Private Limited, Madurai Alagar Enterprises Private Limited, SB TVS Industrial /entures Private Limited (Formerly known as SB Industrial Ventures Private Limited), Cheema Industrial Ventures Private Limited, TVS Holdings Private Limited (Formerly known as TVS Investments and Holdings Private Limited), TVS Investments Private Limited and Geeyes Family Holdings Private Limited

And Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors

TVS Sundram Fasteners Private Limited Having its registered office at No.79, Poes Garden, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, 600086

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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In the Matter of Section 230 to 232 of The Companies Act, 2013 And

In the Matter of Composite Scheme of Amalgamation and Arrangement (Demerger) between

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And Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors

SBTVS Industrial Ventures Private Limited Formerly known as SB Industrial Ventures Private Limited) Having its registered office at 11, Patullo's Road, Chennai - 600002, Tamil Nadu, India

NOTICE OF PETITION

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Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors

Cheema Industrial Ventures Private Limited Having its registered office at 1, Patullo's Road, Chennai - 600002, amil Nadu, India

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NOTICE OF PETITION

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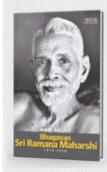










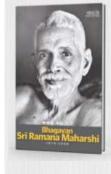
















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TVS Mobility Private Limited

(Formerly known as T.S. Rajam Distribution Services Private Limited) Having its registered office at No.10, Jawahar Road,

.. Petitioner Company

Chokkikulam, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, 625002

NOTICE OF PETITION

Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors

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Holdings Private Limited (Formerly known as TVS Investments and Holdings Private Limited), TVS Investments Private Limited and Geeyes Family Holdings Private Limited And Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors

T.V. Sundram Iyengar & Sons Private Limited Having its registered office at TVS Building, ... Petitioner Compan West Veli Street, Madurai Tamil Nadu - 625001

NOTICE OF PETITION

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Geeyes Family Holdings Private Limited Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors

Madurai Alagar Enterprises Private Limited Having its registered office at No. 81 First Main Road, R A Puram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600028 Petitioner Company

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Badminton: Star Sports 3 (SD & HD), 3.30 p.m. **Men's T20 World Cup**: (first round): Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 3.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m. Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 12 a.m. (Saturday) Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD), 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

IN BRIEF

Hima Das recovers from COVID-19

NEW DELHI Star Indian sprinter Hima Das on Thursday announced she had tested negative for COVID-19, a week after contracting the virus at the National camp at Patiala. ". Can't wait to get back on track. Hope everyone is safe and healthy. #TestedNegative ButStayingPositive #BackOnTrack," she wrote on

Sandeepti to meet Renne in final

Twitter. PTI

Sandeepti Singh Rao beat second seed Reshma Maruri 6-3, 6-3 to set up a title clash against top seed Renne Singla, who beat Suryanshi Tanwar 6-3, 6-2, in the ₹100,000 AITA women's tennis tournament at the Joygaon Academy on Thursday.

Cmde P.K. Garg appointed TOPS CEO

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) on Thursday appointed Commodore P.K. Garg as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of its Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS). Garg will assume office on October 25. replacing Commander Rajesh Rajagopalan, who held the post from 2018 till the Tokyo Olympics. PTI

Shillong to host TT **Nationals**

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHANDIGARH

Shillong will host the National table tennis championship from January 21 to 29, 2022. The Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) also finalised the schedule of rest of the Nationals and ranking events the season Thursday.

The schedule: Dec. 7-13: National-ranking championship at Dehradun: Dec. 20-27: National-ranking championship (South Zone) at Puducherry.

Jan. 3-9, 2022: Nationalnampionship (Central Zone) at Indore: Jan. 11-17: National youth (under-13 and under-15) at Indore; Jan. 21-28: National championship at Shillong; Feb. 6-13: National youth (under-17 and under-19) at Thiruvananthapu-

Continental GT 650 to make its debut

JK Tyre National racing championship to be held at the Kari Motor Speedway this weekend

MOTORSPORTS

RAYAN ROZARIO

With sporting events resuming, IK Tyre is hosting its 24th edition of the FMSCI National Racing Championship at the Kari Motor Speedway here this weekend.

Interestingly, the event will mark the entry of the Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup. Built on Royal Enfield's most capable racing motorcycle, the Continental GT 650 will further add weight and thrill to the whole show.

The Continental GT Cup is India's first retro racing format aimed at building accessible entry into track racing for new entrants as well as experienced racers.

The first ever season has seen an overwhelming response from enthusiasts across the country. From a list of 300 aspirants, 100 racers were shortlisted and invited to showcase their ta-



Ready to roar: The rider representation for the Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup, which will be run for the first time at the 24th JK Tyre National racing championship. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

lent for the selections held here earlier this week. And, a final grid of 18 riders were identified for the weekend

Close competition

The qualifying rounds indicated a close competition. Topping the time charts in the category was Anfal Akdhar (Thrissur). He clocked

1:23.126 and proved to the fessional guidance and saferest what he is capable of tv controls. The entire grid was within along with other well-known riders like Anish Damodara 2.75s of each other on the

Shetty. However, it was Lani timing sheet, which shows Zena Fernandez (Puducherthe level of competence, ry) who took the track by skill and quality of talent that has made the grid. Raivat Dhar of Jammu, With a well-known brand

like Royal Enfield to be part of the JK Tyre event, which spreads over four rounds comprising eight races, the season will be watched with utmost interest.

The four-wheeler category will witness the FLGB4 cars. These cars designed at home have withstood the test of time and given drivers ample chance to showcase their skills. This time around, it's a full grid with 26 cars in fray.

Bopanna & Qureshi lose in quarterfinals

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Rohan Bopanna and Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi of Pakistan lost 7-6(4), 5-7, [10-8] to Ilya Ivashka and Pedro Martinez in the doubles quarterfinals of the \$779,515 ATP tennis tournament here Thursday.

The results: \$779,515 ATP, Moscow, Russia: Quarterfinals: Ilya Ivashka (Blr) & Pedro Martinez (Esp) bt Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi (Pak) & Rohan Bopanna 7-6(4), 5-7, [10-8].

€44,820 Challenger, Losinj, Croatia: Quarterfinals: Victor Vlad Cornea (Rou) & Ergi Kirkin (Tur) bt Geoffrey Blancaneaux (Fra) & Arjun Kadhe 6-3, 1-6, [10-4]; Jamie Cerretani (USA) & Fabian Fallert (Ger) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 7-5, 6-3.

\$15,000 ITF men, Doha, Qatar: First round: Radu Florin Macovei (Rou) bt Tushar Madan 6-1, 7-6(4); Digvijay Pratap Singh bt Abdulhamid Mubarak (Kuw) 6-1, 6-1; Aleksandre Bakshi (Geo) bt Anurag Agarwal 6-0,

Men: First round: Louis Tessa (Fra) bt Sidharth Rawat 6-3,

Women: Second round: Jenniver Luikham bt Astrid Cirotte

(Fra) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, \$25,000 ITF women, Seville, Spain: Quarterfinals: Diane Parry (Fra) & You Xiaodi (Chn) bt Sapfo Sakellaridi (Gre) &

Sathwika Sama 6-2, 6-4.

\$25,000 ITF women, Hamburg, Germany: Second round: Mallaurie Noel (Fra) bt Zeel Desai 6-3, 6-4. Doubles: Quarterfinals: Olivia Gadecki (Aus) & Sada Nahimana (Bdi) bt Isabelle Haverlag (Ned) & Karman Kaur Thandi 6-4, 6-4: First round: Himari Sato (Jpn) & Yue Yuan (Chn) w/o Ioana Loredana Rosca (Rou) & Prarthana Thombare: Isabelle Haverlag & Karman Kaur bt Anna Popescu (GBr) & Chiara Scholl (USA) 1-6, 6-4, [11-9].

\$15,000 ITF women, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt: Second round: Ho Ching Wu (Hkg) bt Shreya Tatavarthy 6-2, 6-1; First round: Sandra Samir (Egy) bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-1, 6-2; Shreya Tatavarhty bt Anastasiya Apalikhina (Rus)

Apeksha on the double, clinches two golds

Rewrites 50m breaststroke record registered in the heats, wins 200m butterfly

AQUATICS

SPORTS REPORTER BENGALURU

Maharashtra's Apeksha Fernandes won two golds, one of them with a new National record, on the third day of the sub-junior and junior National aquatic championships at the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre on Thursday. Apeksha added to her

gold in 200m IM on day one. She set a new record in girls' Group I 50m breaststroke, winning in 34.44s to better her own mark recorded in the heats. Apeksha took the 200m

butterfly gold in 2:21.63s for her second yellow metal of the day.

Ridhima, Dhinidhi shine Karnataka's Ridhima Veerendra Kumar set another record, this time in 50m backstroke for Group II girls, clocking 29.94s to erase Maana Patel's mark of 30.37s

from 2014.

Fellow swimmer Dhinidhi Desinghu continued her good run, clocking 2:33.36 to win the 200m IM for Group III girls and rewriting Vania Kapoor's record of 2:37.99 set in 2013.

Elsewhere, Yadesh Babu (Group I, boys) broke the Na-



made it to the final grid. The

qualifying selection round

was conducted under pro-

Making a splash: Apeksha Fernandes took her gold tally to three on Thursday. • FILE РНОТО

tional record in 50m breaststroke in the heats by coming home in 29.99s, but could only manage fourth place in the final.

Gujarat's Arvan Panchal produced the other recordbreaking performance of the day, in 200m butterfly for Group I boys. He won in 2:03.52s, bettering Supriya Mondal's record of 2:03.63s from 2014.

The results:

Boys: Group I: 1500m frees-

tyle: Aneesh S. Gowda (Kar), 16:07 97: 50m backstroke: Utkarsh Santosh Patil (Kar), 27.87: 50m breaststroke: Meet Makhija (Mah), 30.04; 200m butterfly: Aryan Panchal (Guj),

2:03.52 (NMR; OR: 2:03.63, Supriya Mondal (Ben), 2014). Group II: 400m freestyle: Pavan Dhananjaya (Kar), 4:25.93;

50m breaststroke: Krish Jain (Har), 29.12; 200m breaststroke: Krish Sukumar (Kar), 2:32.54; Group III: 50m freestyle: Akshaj Thakuria (Kar), 29.08; **200m IM:** M.S. Nitheesh (TN), 2:33.20; Group IV: 50m breaststroke: Tirthankar Mondal (Ben), 40.52; 100m butterfly: Sharan Sridhara (Kar), 1:14.47: Group V: 50m breaststroke: Jas Singh (Kar), 42.18; 100m butterfly: P. Monish Naidu (TN), 1:19.59.

Girls: Group I: 50m backstroke: Nina Venkatesh (Kar), 30.89; 50m breaststroke: Apeksha Fernandes (Mah), 34.44 (NMR; OR: 34.57, Apeksha, 2021); 200m butterfly: Apeksha, 2:21.63; Group II: 400m frees-Hashika Ramachandra 4:41.65: 50m backstroke: Ridhima Veerendra Kumar (Kar), 29.94 (NMR; OR: 30.37, Maana Patel (Guj), 2014); 200m breaststroke: A.K. Lineysha (Kar), 2:44.27.

Group III: 50m freestyle: Tanishi Gupta (Kar), 28.93; 200m IM: Dhinidhi Desinghu (Kar). 2:33.36 (NMR; OR: 2:37.99, Vania Kapoor (Kar), 2013); Group lani (Mah), 42.61; 100m butterfly: Anwesha (Asm), 1:18.53.

Group V: 50m breaststroke: Adriza Chetia (Asm) 41.41; 100m butterfly: Janani Venkadeswaraperumal (Kar), 1:27.89.

Jamuna, Nikhat advance in style

Anjali bests Vinodhini in tight contest

BOXING

SPORTS BUREAU

World Championships medallist Jamuna Boro and Asian medallist Nikhat Zareen returned to action in style by recording comprehensive wins in their respective first round matches in the National women's boxing championships at the St. Joseph's International School here on Thursday.

Jamuna defeated Jyothi Valla of Andhra Pradesh in a

54kg bout when the referee stopped the contest in the first round. Nikhat also secured an

identical verdict in her favour in a 52kg bout against Siya Walke of Goa. In an edge-of-the-seat thriller, Madhya Pradesh's

Anjali Sharma beat Tamil

Nadu's V. Vinodhini 3-2 in a

52kg contest. Important results:

50kg: Nikita Kumari (Bih) bt Nikitha Baby (Ker) 4-1, Komal (Pun) bt Sonia Gauni (Utk) 5-0, Hemlata (Del) bt Mantasaha

Kumari (Asm) 4-0.

Poonam (Raj) 4-0, Manju Basumatary (Asm) bt Tanuja Kumari (HP) RSC-R3, Nikhat Zareen (Tel) bt Siya Walke (Goa) RSC-R1, Anjali Sharma (MP) bt V.Vinodhini (TN) 3-2. 54kg: Gayatri Kasnyal (Utk) bt

52kg: Himani Pant (Utk) bt

Poonaima Rajput (MP) 4-1, Jamuna Boro (Asm) bt Jyothi Valla (AP) RSC-R1, Renu (Har) bt Arshi Khanam (Rai) 3-2. Siksha (RSPB) bt Sinsha R.K. (Ker)

57kg: Radha Patidar (MP) bt Khushbun Hussain (Mah) 5-0.

Anupama wins, Amee second

SNOOKER

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Tamil Nadu's Anupama Ramachandran and Madhya Pradesh's Amee Kamani clinched the first and second positions in the women's (1st leg) round-robin league of the GSC World Snooker Oualifiers. Both Anupama and Amee

finished with five wins each, but the former, with a slender frame difference (frames won 17, frames lost 7) of 10 as compared to Amee's frames difference (FW 15, FL 6) of 9, grabbed the pole position, a media release issued here on In the final round of

matches, India No. 4 Anupama Ramachandran defeated Delhi's Keerath Bhandaal 3-1 (57-23, 73-30, 45-63 and 59-10), while India No. 2 Ameewith a fine effort of 64 points in the second frame, scored a confidence-boosting 3-0 win against national champion Vidya Pillai.

Vidya and Varsha Sanjeev of Tamil Nadu, with 4 wins to their credit, were placed third and fourth respectively.

In the men's competition, ace cueist Pankaj Advani (PSPB) stamped his authority with a classy 4-1 win against national champion Aditya Mehta (PSPB) in the final round-robin match.

Advani constructed an 84 points break in the third frame and cantered to a 72-58 (66-23, 55-45, 94(84)-26, 30-68) victory to finish un beaten in the 7-player league.

Aditva and India No. 3 Laxman Rawat (PSPB), having suffered two defeats each, claimed the second and third positions.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL CHENNAI BENCH CP(CAA)/36(CHE)/202 (Connected with CA/14/CAA/2021) In the Matter of Section 230 to 232 of The Companies Act, 2013

In the Matter of Composite Scheme of Amalgamation and

Arrangement (Demerger)
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And
Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors

Having its registered office at No.249 A, Ambujammal Street, Off TTK Road, Alwarpet, Chennai - 600018, Tamil Nadu, India ... Petitioner Company

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Polyanskiy banned for three years

ATHLETICS

ASSOCIATED PRESS LAUSANNE (SWITZERLAND)

Thursday.

In the first formal disqualification of a Tokyo Olympics athlete for doping, Russian Igor Polyanskiy has been banned for three years, World Triathlon said on

Polyanskiy admitted doping with EPO, an endurance boosting hormone, ahead of the Olympics and is banned until during the 2024 Paris Games.

World Triathlon added Polyanskiy did not dispute his positive test in a sample taken at a training camp in Vladivostock, Russia, five days before he began

The positive test was notified after he placed 43rd in the men's race and helped the Russian Olympic Committee quartet finish 14th in the mixed relay. He was 31st in the men's event at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

He and the Russia team were disqualified and their Tokyo results annulled, World Triathlon

Because the 31-year-old Polyanskiy admitted the charge, he got a one-year reduction from the potential four-year sanction by a World Triathlon tribunal.

He is cleared to compete again on Aug. 10, 2024, one day before the Paris closing ceremony.



Igor Polyanskiy admitted doping with EPO. • REUTERS

Fournier does the star turn for Knicks

NBA

REUTERS NEW YORK

Evan Fournier scored a careerhigh 32 points and hit the goahead 3-pointer with 56.1 seconds left in the second overtime on Wednesday night for host New York Knicks, who squandered an 11-point lead late in the fourth quarter before edging the Boston Celtics 138-134 in an entertaining season opener for both teams.

Julius Randle scored 35 points and added nine assists and eight rebounds for the Knicks, which made the playoffs last year for the first time since 2012-13.

The results: Charlotte 123 bt Indiana 122; Chicago 94 bt Detroit 88; New York 138



decisive three-pointer that helped New York put it past Boston. •AP

bt Boston 134 (OT): Washington 98 leans 97: San Antonio 123 bt Orlando 97; Utah 107 bt Oklahoma bt Toronto 83: Memphis 132 bt Cleveland 121; Minnesota 124 bt Hous-City 86; Denver 110 bt Phoenix 98; ton 106; Philadelphia 117 bt New Or-Sacramento 124 bt Portland 121.

Indian women lose to Swedish club

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The Indian women's football team conceded an own goal after twice frittering away its lead to suffer a 3-2 defeat to Swedish top-tier side Hammarby IF in a friendly on Wednesday.

The result: Hammarby IF 3 (Nina Jakobsson 36, Amanda Sundstrom 52, Ranjana Chanu 78-og) bt India 2 (Indumathi 30, Manisa Panna 40).

Harmeet Singh in final

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Harmeet Singh beat top seed Dilip Mohanty 6-2, 6-3 in the over-35 semifinals of the ITF seniors tennis tournament at the Roots Academy in Zirakpur, on Thursday. In the final, Harmeet will play fourth seed Raj

Kumar. The results (semifinals):

Men: Over-35: Harmeet Singh bt Dilip Mohanty 6-2, 6-3; Raj Kumar bt Varun Makkar 6-4, 6-0; Over-45: Yogesh Kohli bt S Venkataraman 6-3, 6-2; Monty Roy bt Shiyam Jagat 6-1, 6-3; Over-55: Nirmal Kumar Ranjan bt Sanjai Kumar 6-3, 3-1 (retired): Ajeet Bhardwaj bt Kuldeep Singh 6-2, 6-0; Over-65: Narender Jamweia bt Mridulal Barkakoti 6-4, 6-1; Murthati Suresh ht Vinayak Gujrathi 6-3, 6-4.

Amazing to watch our bowlers dominate, says Smriti Mandhana



Lights out! Even players like Alyssa Healy struggled against the accurate and incisive Indian attack. • GETTY IMAGES

Opener feels it was one department where India was way better than Australia

CRICKET

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Though the series was lost, opener Smriti Mandhana feels the Indian women's cricket team gained quite a lot from its recent tour of Australia, the biggest positive being the lion-hearted performances of the bowlers in the multi-format rubber.

India lost the series 5-11 after going down in the whiteball leg and drawing the lone

Lot of positives

"We had a lot of positives. Everyone did well, especially the bowling. It was one department where we were wav better than the Aussies, which is a huge thing for the team," Smriti said during a Clubhouse session on 10 years of Red Bull Campus Cricket during which its firstever women's edition was

"To come to Australia and outplay their bowlers and outplay their pacers was so

amazing to watch. The way Jhulan di (Goswami), Pooja (Vastrakar) and Renuka (Singh) and Shikha di (Pandey) bowled in the T20 format... It was amazing to watch our bowlers dominate the Australian batters, that was the biggest positive."

Smriti, who had one of her best away series where she scored 86 in an ODI followed by a majestic 127, her first century in Tests, and then a 52 in the final T20I, added that had rain not played spoilsport, the series could have gone India's way.

"If results would have gone in a different way it would have been even more better for India. Rain played spoiltsport in the Test and the first T20I in which we were in a very good position to win.

"Maybe things would have been different if there was no rain," Smriti, who is currently playing for Sydney Thunder in the Women's Big Bash League, said.

The 25-year-old added the team is working on improving its batting depth and the recent performances by the lower middle order is testament to that.

"It is a conscious effort to have batting depth, especially in T20 and ODI format because in white-ball cricket we might lose a few wickets and it shouldn't always be top heavy. We should have a lot of contributors.

"Our lower middle order is contributing a lot and has done amazingly well in the recent series. Jhulan di finished the match for us in the third ODI. It showed we are all working very hard on

Multi-format series

The limited overs vice-captain backed the idea of multiformat series.

"I'm absolutely in love with this multi-format series. I think it gives substance to all the matches we play, whether it is three ODIs, one Test and three T20Is.

"Sometimes you lose two matches and think the series is lost, but in multi-format series you go in every match thinking there are two points to gain."

India, which was in a good position to win, drew its first day-night Test against Australia which was curtailed due to rain.

"We just love playing red ball cricket and now with the pink ball. It will be cool to have a lot more of Tests, especially multi-format series. It will also give a lot of substance to the only Test match because it has four points," Smriti said.

Indian had also played a Test against England during the summer. "It was a good experience of playing one in England and one here.

New challenge

Verstappen pushing Hamilton

"Day-night was a new challenge for all of us, we really didn't get time to practice with the pink ball. We got only two days before the match. I never thought I'd get a chance to play with the pink ball. The experience under lights in whites was a dream



Experience to the fore: The Australians found Jhulan too hot

And yet this title fight with

Hamilton has been packed

with drama. The two have

crashed twice so far this sea-

son. In their dust-up at Mon-

za, the two raced wheel-to-

wheel, made contact and

Verstappen's car sailed over

Hamilton and landed on the

In Austin, he'll be racing a

circuit where Hamilton has a

Nationals back with big purse

TENNIS

KAMESH SRINIVASAN

The Fenesta National tennis championship will revive the big purse for champions with the current edition scheduled from Monday.

The DCM Shriram group had stayed away from the game during the pandemic, keeping the safety of the players in mind.

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) had conducted the 2020 edition of the National championship in March this year, albeit with a truncated prize purse.

Arjun Kadhe and Shrivalli Bhamidipaty, who had won

the men's and women's titles then at the Tennis Project in Gurugram, won about ₹60,000. The Fenesta National champions are all set to get ₹3,00,000 prize each for the men's and women's events, with the total prize money amounting to about

Lot of action

₹21,55,000.

With a series of men's and women's ITF events scheduled to be held in Indore, Delhi, Gurugram, Bengaluru, Solapur, Pune and Navi Mumbai with a total prize purse of \$125,000 in November and December, the Nationals will signal the start of a lot of tennis action in the

Niki Poonacha, Ishaque Eqbal, Nitin Kumar Sinha, Paras Dahiya, Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam, Dalwinder Singh, Prithvi Sekhar, S.D. Prajwal Dev, V.M. Ranjeet will be the leading men's

In the women's section, Zeel Desai, Vaidehi Chaudhari, Sravya Shivani, Soha Sadiq, Sai Samhitha, Shrivalli Bhamidipaty, Mihika Yadav, Arthi Muniyan, Prerna Bhambri will be the main players. While the runnersup will pocket ₹2 lakh, it will be only ₹40,000 for the semifinalists.

The qualifying events, starting on Saturday, will have a 64-player draw for

Yuvan Garg enters final

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Qualifier Yuvaan Garg beat top seed Parth Tyagi 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 to set up a title clash against second seed Anay Pandey in the AITA talent series under-12 tennis tournament on the clay courts of the Dhyan Chand National Stadium Thursday. In the girls final, Shivangi Alsisaria will play Kaavya Kala.

The results (semifinals): Under-12 boys: Yuvaan Garg bt Parth Tyagi 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Anay Pandey bt Aditya Nain 7-6(3), 7-5; **Under-12 girls**: Shivangi Alsisaria bt Shweta 6-1, 6-1; Kaavya Kala bt Eklavivaa Grover 6-4, 6-1.

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Red Bull's Max Verstappen, like most of the F1 drivers in the paddock, has been on a whirlwind tour of the country ahead of this weekend's U.S. Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas here.

Back in Texas for a ninth time, F1 has a new championship leader in Verstappen who may be somewhat unknown to the American

The 24-year-old is at last having a breakout season he has a career-high seven wins so far – and is pushing Lewis Hamilton more than

the seven-time champion has been challenged in quite some time.

Verstappen has a sixpoint lead over Hamilton with six races remaining in a tense title fight that has tilted back and forth all season. This season's push by Ver-

es in years. And yet Verstappen is a bit of a mystery in However, his focus only on what's turned into a ca-

stappen has given F1 one of

its most enthralling title rac-

reer-best season. "I'm just a normal guy

town," Verstappen said. "All these things, the dra-

not my world.

decided advantage. Hamilton has won five of the eight races held on the permanent road course, while Verstap-

Mercedes.

The edge

pen in five visits has scored and I grew up in a small two podiums and only finished ahead of Hamilton once, in 2018 when he edged ma, it's just not for me. It's

EFI starts season with Asiad trials

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The Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) on Thursday said it has started the 2021-22 season with eventing, dressage and show jumping selection trials for 19th Asian Games, to be held in Hangzhou, China next vear.

The first phase of the season has started in Jaipur and Bengaluru on Wednesday and will conclude next Tuesday.

Over 75 prominent riders and 100 plus horses are likely to participate



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