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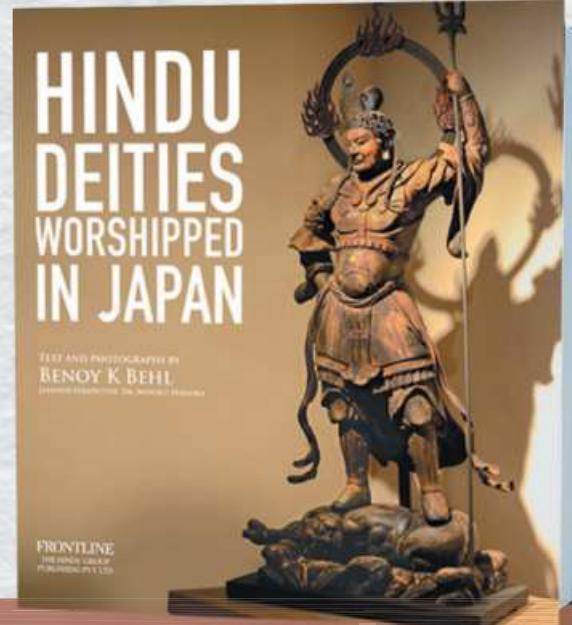
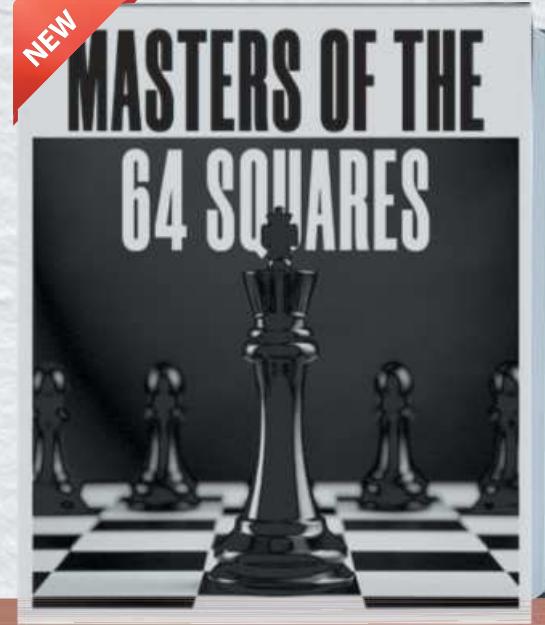
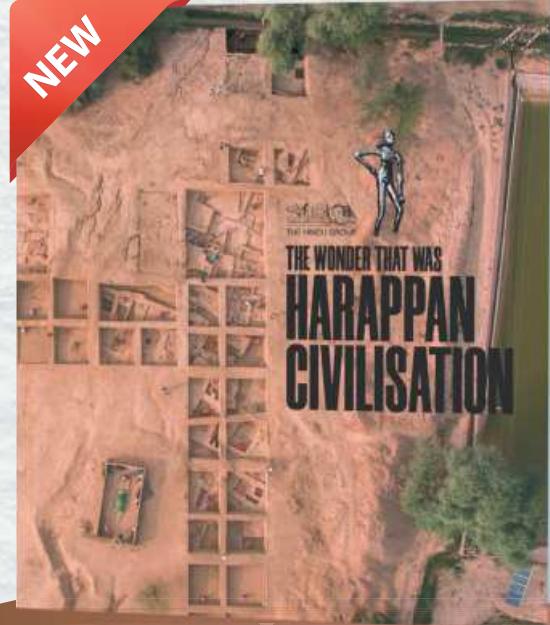
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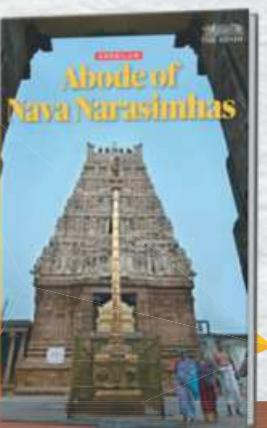
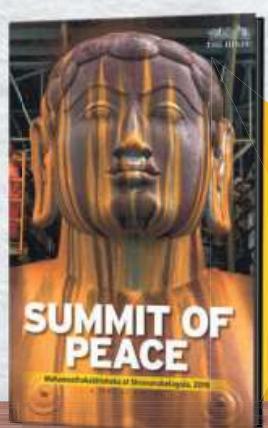
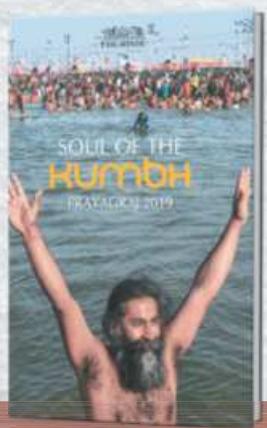
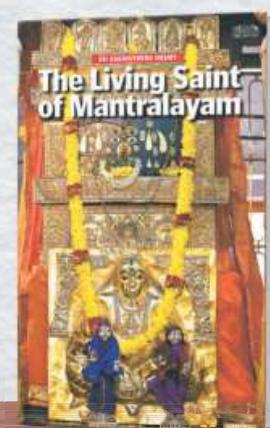
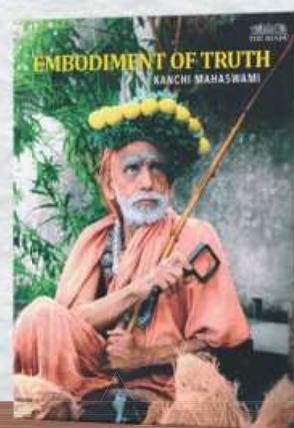


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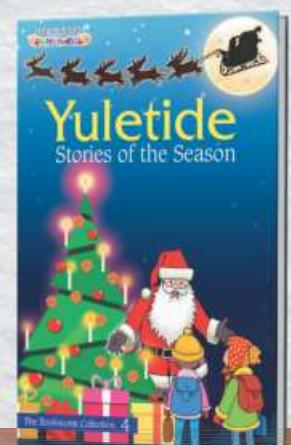
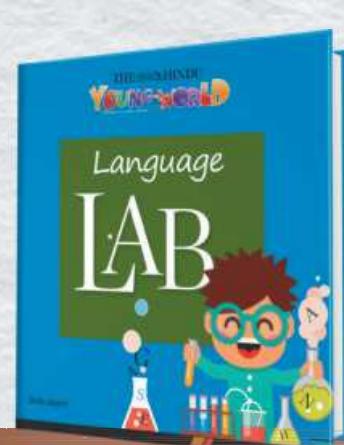
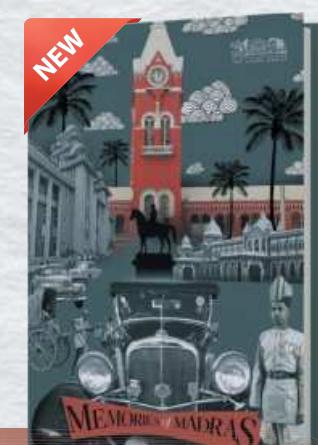
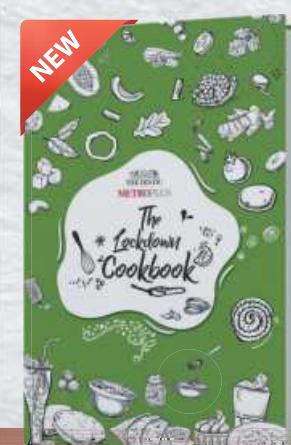
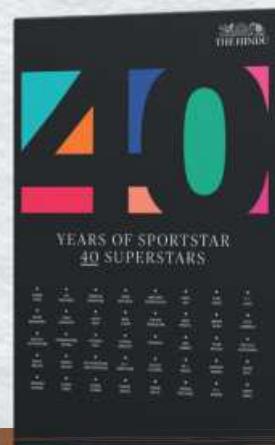
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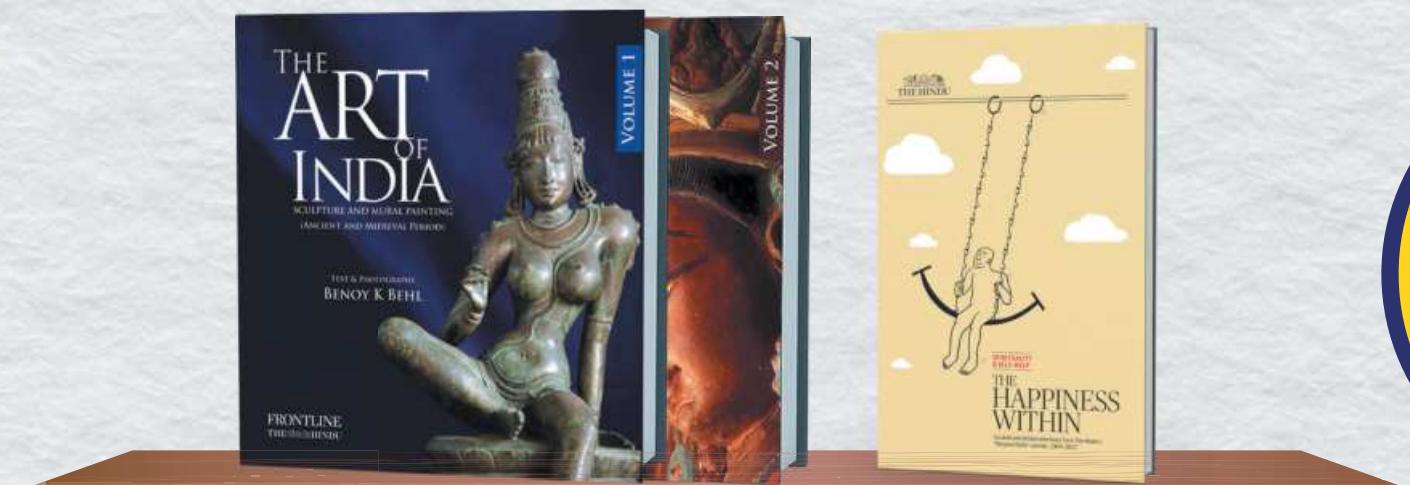


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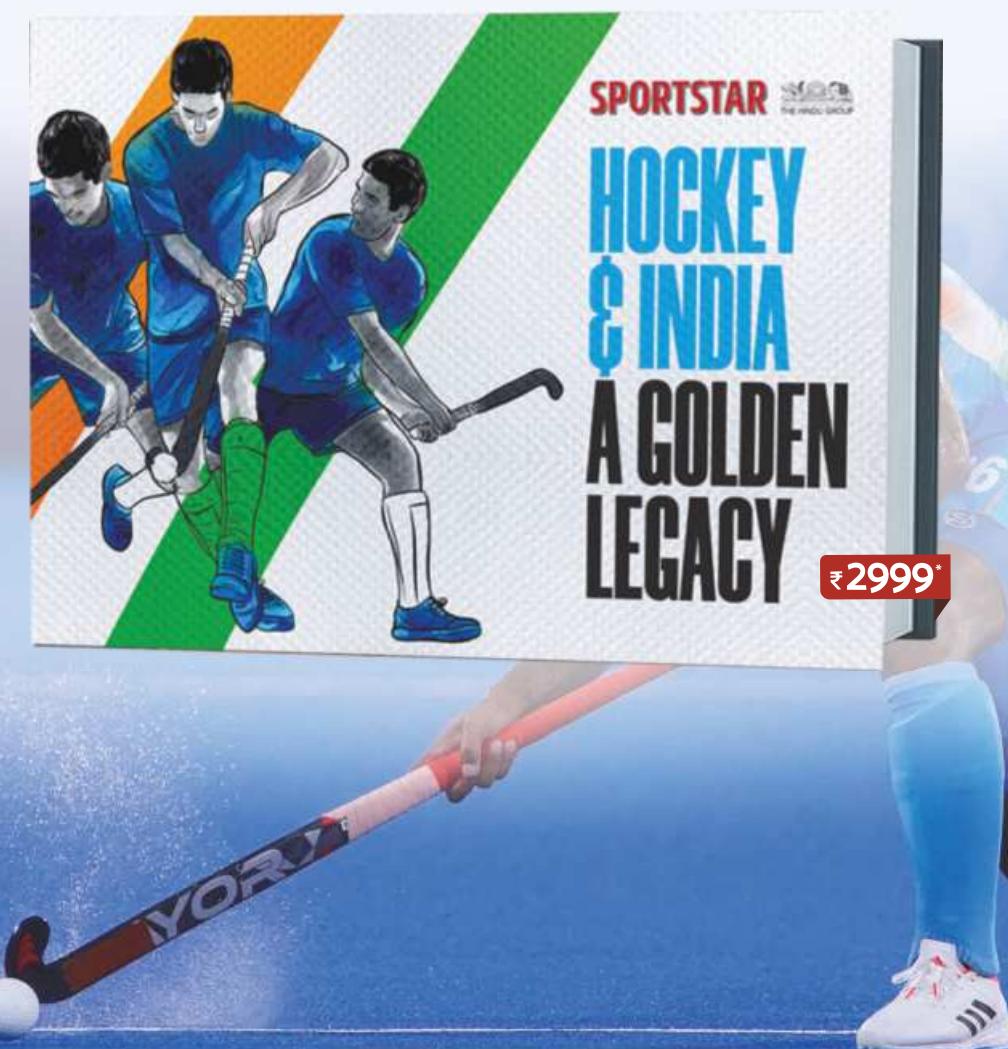
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The U.S. said it will send 31 M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine.

**U.S., Germany to provide battle tanks to Ukraine**

**Associated Press**

BERLIN

Germany and the United States said on Wednesday they will send battle tanks to Ukraine, the first stage of a coordinated effort by the West to provide dozens of the heavy weapons to help Kyiv break combat stalemates as Russia's invasion enters its 12th month.

President Joe Biden said the U.S. will send 31 M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine.

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## Multiple creeds and languages essence of India, says Murmu

President lauds architects of the Constitution, says their collective wisdom has guided India's transformation from a poor nation to a confident one

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI



**Path ahead:** President Droupadi Murmu addressing the nation on the eve of the 74th Republic Day on Wednesday. PTI

India has succeeded as a democratic republic because many creeds and languages have united and not divided the country, President Droupadi Murmu said on Wednesday, in her address to the nation on the eve of its 74th Republic Day.

"That is the essence of India. That essence was at the heart of the Constitution, which has withstood the test of time," she said in her first Republic Day address as President.

Lauding the architects of the Constitution, Ms. Murmu said India's transformation from a largely poor, illiterate nation into a confident one would not

have been possible but for the "collective wisdom" of the Constitution makers. Their vision continues to guide the republic, she said.

"While Babasaheb Ambedkar and others gave us a map and a moral framework, the task of walking that path remains our responsibility. We have largely

remained true to their expectations, and yet we realise that much remains to be done to realise Gandhiji's ideal of *sarvodaya*, the upliftment of all."

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Left list out, Manik Sarkar not to contest Tripura poll

**Sved Sajjad Ali**  
AGARTALA

CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Manik Sarkar, Tripura's Chief Minister from 1998 to 2018, will not contest the February 16 Assembly poll.

The Left Front released a list of 47 candidates on Wednesday after hammering out a seat-sharing formula with pre-poll ally Congress. The CPI(M) also dropped former Minister Badal Choudhury on grounds of ill health.

Addressing a press conference in Agartala, Left leaders said eight sitting MLAs have been dropped. The CPI(M) kept the bulk of the seats – 43 – while the Revolutionary Socialist Party, CPI and Forward Block got one each, with Independent candidate Purushottam Roy Barman contesting from the Ramnagar constituency.

The Congress is expected to announce its list of 13 nominees on Thursday.

## Adani shares fall as short-seller flags its 'substantial debt'

**The Hindu Bureau**  
AHMEDABAD



An office of the Adani Group in Ahmedabad.

Shares of the Adani Group's listed companies, including its recently acquired cement and media units, fell across the board on Wednesday with losses ranging from 1.5% to 8% in the wake of U.S.-based short-seller Hindenburg Research raising concerns about the Gujarat-based conglomerate's "substantial debt" that had put the entire group on a "precarious financial footing".

**Two-year probe**  
"Today we reveal the findings of our 2-year investigation, presenting evidence that the... Adani Group has engaged in a brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud scheme over the course of decades," Hindenburg Research said in its report published on its website on Tuesday.

"Our research involved

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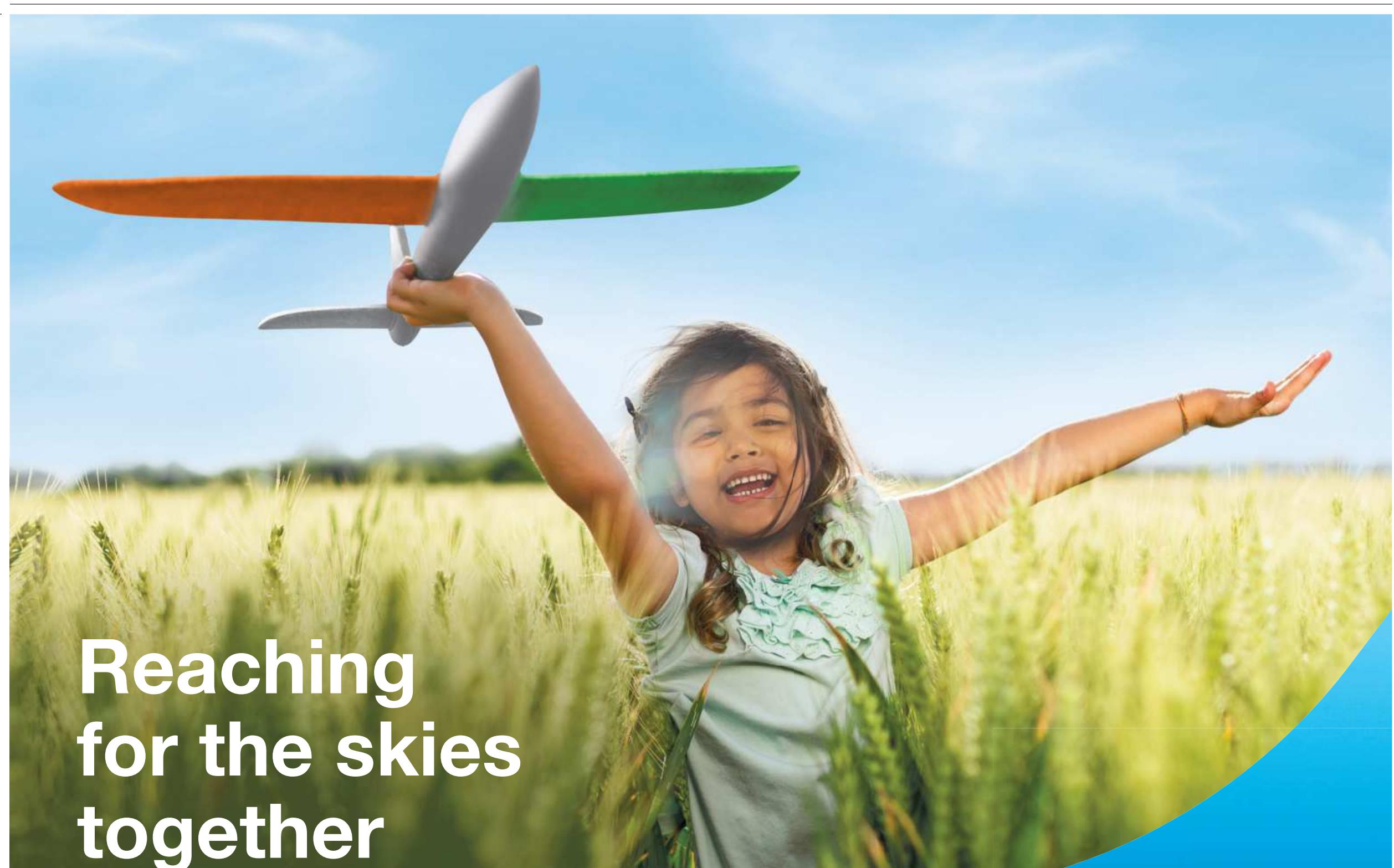


**At R-Day event, CM trains guns on Centre, L-G**

**NEW DELHI**  
At a Republic Day event on Wednesday, the Delhi CM targeted the L-G and the Centre by saying Governors have been impeding the work of elected governments and it is the duty of every Indian to boycott China. » Page 2

## FIR over slogans raised during anti-*Pathaan* stir

**RAIPUR**  
Indore Police on Wednesday registered an FIR against "unidentified persons" after a group of men, said to be Bajrang Dal activists, allegedly raised slogans against Prophet Muhammad while protesting against the screening of the film *Pathaan*. » Page 3



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# With no Mayor elected, major MCD decisions to be delayed

**Muneef Khan**  
NEW DELHI

Major decisions to be taken by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's executive wing will be delayed since a Mayor is yet to be elected, more than 50 days after the civic poll results were declared, according to senior MCD officials.

On Tuesday, the MCD House failed to elect a Mayor for the second time after the meeting was adjourned amid a ruckus that broke out just as the election process was about to begin. The incident comes more than two weeks after the maiden House meeting was adjourned due to clashes between AAP and BJP councillors.

While a date for the next meeting is yet to be fixed by the L-G's office, a senior MCD official said the civic body was likely to propose a date in the first week of February. When contacted, a senior AAP leader said the party wants the Mayor to be elected at the earliest.

## The long haul

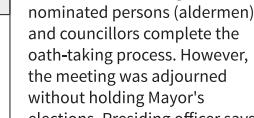
More than 50 days after Delhi residents elected 250 councillors to run the MCD, the city is yet to get its Mayor

■ November 4, 2022: State Election Commission announces dates for MCD elections — voting on December 4, 2022, results on December 7



■ December 7, 2022: Poll results see AAP emerge victorious after winning 134 seats, out of 250, followed by the BJP with 104 seats

■ January 6, 2023: Maiden meeting of the MCD's newly elected House adjourned without administering oath to councillors and holding mayoral elections due to clashes (in pic) between BJP and AAP councillors



MCD officials said the special officer will continue to remain in his post till the Mayor is elected. But major decisions related to policy matters and development works that require major financial investment will have to wait till the procedures, including the constitution of the Standing Committee, are completed. "The special officer holds the power to take such decisions. But we want to

avoid conflict with the councillors who may or may not be on board with the decision. Day-to-day work will continue," said the official. However, deadline-bound decisions — such as the civic body's annual budget that has to be cleared by February 15 as per the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act — will have to be taken by the special officer, if the current scenario prevails.

# At Republic Day event, Kejriwal trains guns on Centre and L-G

**BJP flays Chief Minister for 'misusing his formal Republic Day speech' to criticise the Central government and to attack Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena; CM says India's trade with China has risen despite aggression**

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday said the Governors of different States have been obstructing the work of elected governments and, thereby, the aspirations of the people. Addressing a Republic Day celebration event organised by the Delhi government, Mr. Kejriwal called it a "mockery" of democracy.

His statements come amid an ongoing power tussle between the AAP government and Centre-appointed Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena.

Responding to Mr. Kejriwal's remarks, BJP's Delhi unit president Virendra Sachdeva slammed the Chief Minister for "misusing his formal Republic Day speech" to criticise the Central government and to attack the L-G.

Training his guns on the Centre, the Chief Minister also raked up the China question and said it's the duty of every Indian to boycott China, but instead



**Fighting spirit:** Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at an R-Day celebration on Wednesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

there is a 50% rise in trade with China.

### Boycott China

"Today a newspaper has reported that China has occupied some of our land. This is a cause for worry. Our soldiers are bravely facing China on the border. So, it is our duty to stand with them in this fight. It's our duty to boycott China and give them a strong message," the CM said.

"But what have we done

in the past few years? On one hand, China is occupying our land and, on the other, we are increasing our trade with China. We are making China richer and they are using our money to buy weapons, recruit more soldiers to fight against us," Mr. Kejriwal said.

The Chief Minister went on to remind everyone of the freedom fighters' contribution and said they liberated the country and es-

tablished democracy, but in the last few years democracy has been put under threat. "Delhi is one such State where the elected government has passed many legislations, but the Governor is not ready to sign them," he said. "Can one man change the verdict of the public? You cannot let one man hold democracy hostage," he added.

According to reports of the Central government, he continued, Delhi has be-

come number one across the country in terms of start-ups, Electric Vehicles (EVs), education, health, CCTVs and green cover. "The inflation rate in Delhi is 3% while it is 7% in Gujarat, 7.8% in Haryana, 7.5% in Madhya Pradesh and 6.8% in Uttar Pradesh," Mr. Kejriwal said and also appealed to the Centre that people should be given relief from inflation by removing GST from food items and the GST regime should be simplified.

He also commented on the ongoing turf battle between the Centre and the judiciary. "Nowadays, I'm seeing that they [the Centre] are fighting with the judiciary. What is the need to fight with the judiciary and judges? This doesn't send a good message to the country," he added.

Mr. Sachdeva retorted saying that the CM "only knows how to create problems and has no concern for finding solutions to issues". He said the Republic Day event was not the right forum to raise issues like GST on food items.

## CM announces ₹1 crore each to kin of 8 martyrs

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday announced the names of eight martyrs — from police officers to Army personnel — who died in the line of duty, whose family members will be given a compensation of ₹1 crore each.

"In the last seven-eight

years, we have given ₹1 crore as aid to families of many martyrs. I myself have gone to the homes of many and given cheques. Today I am announcing the names of eight such martyrs. The Delhi government has decided to give their families a 'sammam rash' of ₹1 crore each," the Chief Minister said in a video statement.

In the last seven-eight

## Delhi Police ramps up security ahead of R-Day celebrations

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Republic Day celebrations, Delhi Police has stepped up anti-sabotage checks, verification drives and patrolling in the national capital to thwart any untoward incidents, officers said on Tuesday.



Security personnel at Kartavya Path on the eve of Republic Day. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Around 6,000 security personnel have been deployed, and 24 help desks have been set up in the New Delhi district for the celebrations, the police said.

In high footfall areas, bomb disposal teams, along with dog squads,

have been conducting anti-sabotage checks. "Around 150 CCTV cameras with facial recognition facility have been installed in vital areas, and police visibility has also been enhanced,"

an officer added.

Around 60,000-65,000 people are expected to take part in the celebrations. "Entry will be based on QR codes on the pass. Those without a ticket or pass will be denied entry," the officer said.

Anti-drone team releases of the NSG and DRDO have also been deputed, the police said.

**Traffic advisory issued**  
On Wednesday, Delhi Traffic Police released an advisory. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. from Vijay Chowk and will proceed to the Red Fort ground.

## Snatchers held while trying to 'return' cell phone to owner

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

Three snatchers were arrested from Seemapuri when they tried to return a mobile phone to its owner in exchange for money, the police said on Wednesday.

The three accused — identified as Sajan, Sonu and Vinay — allegedly snatched the mobile phone of Uday Kumar, a labourer, near Deer Park on January 20. "When the complainant made a call on his number, the accused demanded ₹2,000 to return the phone," Shahdara DCP Rohit Meena said.

A senior police officer said, "Since he [complainant] did not have the money, we gave him ₹2,000 and asked him to go to Deer Park, where the accused had called him."

Policemen in civvies surrounded the park and one officer accompanied Mr. Kumar. "The accused got suspicious and threatened to attack the victim with blades. They tried to escape, but we nabbed one of them on the spot," said the officer. The other two were arrested later.

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## Kerala HC suspends conviction, sentence imposed on Faizal

The Hindu Bureau

KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Wednesday suspended the conviction and sentence of 10-year rigorous imprisonment (RI) awarded by the Kavaratti sessions court to disqualified Lakshadweep MP Mohammed Faizal in a case of attempt to murder Mohammed Salih, son-in-law of former Union Minister P.M. Sayeed, during the 2009 Lok Sabha election.

Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas, while allowing his petition seeking to suspend the conviction and sentence, observed that the case of Mr. Faizal falls within the category of rare and exceptional circumstances warranting a suspension of the conviction.

**Financial burden'**  
The court observed that if the election to the constituency of Lakshadweep was to be held immediately on account of the conviction and consequent disqualification of Mr. Faizal, the financial burden upon the government and indirectly upon the people was immense.

"The societal interest in averting an expensive election, that too when the elected candidate can continue for a limited period alone if the fresh election is conducted, cannot be brushed aside by this court. The societal interest and the need to have purity in politics and elections will have to be balanced," said the court.



Mohammed Faizal

It added that the consequence of not suspending the conviction is drastic not only for Mr. Faizal but also for the nation. The scope of administrative exercises required for the conduct of an election will inevitably lead to various developmental activities in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep coming to a halt for a few weeks.

The court, however, suspended only the sentence of the other three accused in the case. It declined to suspend their conviction.

**Judgment against facts'**  
P. Vijayabhanu, counsel for the convicted MP, contended that the trial court judgment was against the facts and evidence.

The evidence was "partisan" and without any corroboration. The weapons allegedly used were not recovered. The benefit of the presumption of innocence will have to be accorded to Mr. Faizal as he had filed an appeal against the sessions court's order, said the counsel.

## Objectionable slogan during anti-Pathaan protest triggers fury

Indore police register FIR against 'unidentified persons'; video showing slogans being raised surfaces, counter-protests also staged in the city

Shubhomoy Sikdar

RAIPUR

**T**he Indore police on Wednesday registered a first information report (FIR) against "unidentified persons" after a group of men, said to be Bajrang Dal activists protesting over the screening of the film *Pathaan*, allegedly raised objectionable slogans against Prophet Muhammad.

Even as anti-*Pathaan* protests rocked different parts of Madhya Pradesh, including Bhopal and Gwalior, the one outside Kastur Deluxe theatre in Indore took a communal turn.

A video in which the protesters are purportedly raising objectionable remarks against the Prophet, as well as another slogan that is alleged to have sparked the 2020 Delhi riots, has surfaced.

As per a complaint filed with the police, the protest was led by Tannu Sharma, the divisional coordinator of the Bajrang Dal.

Mr. Sharma, however, said that their objection was to actor Shah Rukh Khan, who plays the titular protagonist in the film.

"We will request people and make other efforts [to stop them from watching the film] and make them understand. If they don't listen, we will hit them



Protests being held in Indore on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

too," he said.

The slogans, however, sparked a counter-protest, with a group of Muslim residents staging demonstrations outside at least two police stations – Chandan Nagar and Chhatrapura – and demanding strict action against those who raised the slogans.

"We are not bothered about the protest against the film of Shah Rukh Khan or any other Muslim movie hero for that matter. But every now and then, Bajrang Dal activists and similar elements create a bad atmosphere in the city with such acts. In the recent past, too, they had raised slogans in Chandan Nagar. Today, while protesting against *Pathaan*, they raised objectionable slogans against Prophet Sa-

heb and we have gathered to protest against it," said Rafik Khan, a local politician.

A police complaint was filed by community leader Sayeed Sabir Ali naming Mr. Sharma.

**None named**

Based on the complaint, the police registered a case under Section 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) of the Indian Penal Code at the Chhatrapura police station but haven't named anyone till Wednesday evening.

"We will identify people after viewing the footage and all those visible will be named. We will also act against those raising the slogans and those provoking them," said a police officer.

## Main accused in attack on Punjab police office held

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday arrested Deepak Ranga, the alleged main accused in rocket-propelled grenade attack on the Punjab police intelligence headquarters at Mohali in May 2022.

The accused, who had absconded after the incident, was tracked down to Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. He belongs to Surakpur village in Haryana's Jhajjar.

The NIA alleges that Deepak is a close associate of Canada-based gangster-turned-terrorist Lakhbir Singh Sandhu aka Landa and Pakistan-based gangster-turned-terrorist Harvinder Singh Sandhu aka Rinda. The accused has been involved in several other incidents of crime and terrorism, including violent killings. He received "terror funds" and logistical support from Rinda and Landa.

The agency had registered the case *suo motu* on September 20 last year after it "emerged that that terrorist outfits and terror elements based abroad were operating in tandem with leaders and members of organised criminal gangs operating in northern States to commit targeted killings and violent criminal acts". According to the NIA, the terror-gangster-drug smuggler syndicate was also engaged in the smuggling of arms and ammunition.

## IN BRIEF

State Cabinet expansion not discussed with Shah: Fadnavis

A day after his meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday refuted speculation that they had discussed plans of an expansion of the State Cabinet. Speaking to reporters in Aurangabad, Mr. Fadnavis said the much-delayed second phase expansion would be carried out "at an appropriate time". "Our meeting was focused on issues pertaining to the cooperative sector and sugar industry," he said.



## SP MLA's son detained in building collapse case

Uttar Pradesh police detained the son of Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA Shahid Manzoor on Wednesday and brought him to Lucknow from Meerut in the Alaya apartment building collapse case. At least three were killed and a dozen people injured after the five-storey apartment complex collapsed in Hazratganj area's Wazir Hasan Road in Lucknow on Tuesday. The 12-year-old building built on about 4,000 square feet area was owned by the MLA's son, Nawazish Shahid.

## Senior journalist Sonny Abraham passes away

Sonny Abraham, 65, a prominent Delhi-based journalist, Founder of Netindian and former Editor of United News of India (UNI), died of COVID-related complications late on January 24. Abraham was posted as UNI's Chief of Bureau of the Middle East at Dubai for seven years. A well-travelled journalist, he also reported on the PMO. He is survived by wife Rachel, son Vivek and daughter Vinita.

## + Man dies in police custody, relative alleges foul play

The Hindu Bureau

PATNA

Sanjay Kumar Chakravarti, a relative of Krishna Prasad alias Pahlu, who allegedly died in police custody at Telhada in Nalanda district, has written to the Chief Minister, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the State DGP, accusing the police of foul play and trying to convert a murder into a suicide case.

On January 17, 50-year-old Pahlu was arrested in connection with the murder of Lalit Yadav, the husband of Korawan Jalalpur village deputy sarpanch Leela Devi.

He was found dead on

## Uphaar: HC seeks reply from Ansals on plea to enhance punishment

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

which claimed 59 lives.

The tampering with evidence was detected for the first time on July 20, 2002. A local court had awarded seven-year jail term to the convicts on November 8, 2021. However, on July 19, 2022, a sessions court modified the order on sentence and ordered their release.



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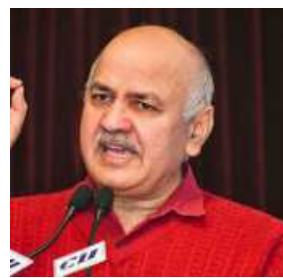
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## Delhi excise policy case: ED attaches assets worth ₹76.54 cr.

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The probe is based on the case registered by the CBI on August 17, 2022, against Manish Sisodia and others.

The Enforcement Directorate has attached assets worth ₹76.54 crore of several persons and entities in connection with the money laundering probe into the Delhi excise policy case allegedly involving Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and others.

The attachment order includes properties worth ₹35 crore of accused Sameer Mahandru and his wife Geetika in Delhi's Jor Bagh; a Gurugram residential premises worth ₹7.68 crore of Amit Arora and a ₹1.77-crore Mumbai property of Vijay Nair, who was the communication in-charge of the Aam Aadmi Party.

Three restaurants of Dinesh Arora and a land parcel worth ₹2.25 crore owned by Arun Pillai in Hyderabad, 50 vehicles worth ₹10.23 crore owned by Mr. Mahandru's Indospirit Group and bank ba-

lance/fixed deposits/financial instruments valued ₹14.39 crore have also been attached.

The ED has alleged that the policy, formulated in a conspiracy with Mr. Nair and others, led to the loss of at least ₹2,873 crore to the exchequer.

The ED has so far arrested Mr. Nair, Mr. Mahandru, Mr. Arora, P. Sarath Chandra Reddy, Benoy Babu and Abhishek Boinpally. They are currently in judicial custody. The ED has also filed two chargesheets in the case.

The money laundering probe is based on the case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation on August 17, 2022, against Mr. Sisodia and others. It alleges that the Expert Committee's recommendations for the excise policy were modified to "generate illegal funds".

advance.

The ED alleged that Mr. Nair, on behalf of the party leaders, received ₹100 crore from the "South Group", whose prominent persons were "Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, Raghav Magunta, Sarah Reddy and K. Kavitha".

The group's partners were allegedly given 65% stake in the wholesale licensee, Indospirit, in a conspiracy with Mr. Mahandru, so that they could recover the paid money, the agency said in one of the charge-sheets. It also alleged that at least 36 accused persons/suspects destroyed or used 170 phones to evade detection.

## Hold R-Day celebrations as per Centre's guidelines, High Court tells Telangana

The judge gave the interim direction after hearing a writ petition seeking to declare as illegal and arbitrary the action of the State government in not conducting Republic Day celebrations

**The Hindu Bureau**

HYDERABAD



The Assembly building illuminated in the Tricolour on the eve of Republic Day in Hyderabad on Wednesday. NAGARA GOPAL

gal and arbitrary.

A businessman, K. Srinivas of Hyderabad, filed the plea by moving a lunch motion petition seeking instruction to the State to

conduct Republic Day celebrations in its true spirit.

Senior counsel T. Suryakaran Reddy, appearing for the petitioner, informed the Bench that in a

letter dated January 19 the Union Ministry of Home Affairs had told all the State governments and Union Territories to hold Republic Day celebrations in addition to the events being held at Delhi.

Advocate-General B.S. Prasad, appearing for the State, told the Bench that the State had already issued a memo on January 21 explaining that it would organise Republic Day event as it did in 2022. As per that memo, the Governor would unfurl the national flag at Raj Bhavan. Chief Secretary, Director-General of Police and other top officials would attend the programme, the AG said.

## Khandwa BJP corporator booked for murder

**Press Trust of India**  
KHANDWA (M.P.)

The police have registered a case against a BJP corporator in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa on the charge of killing his 63-year-old woman relative, who succumbed to injuries after being beaten by him earlier this month, an officer said on Wednesday.

Pawan Goswami, the BJP corporator from ward 37 of the Khandwa Municipal Corporation, was booked on charges of murder on Tuesday, the officer said.

## People confront TMC MLAs, MPs during Mamata's new mega outreach initiative

**Shiv Sahay Singh**  
KOLKATA

From MPs to Ministers to local panchayat functionaries, representatives of the Trinamool Congress are facing a tough time during the ruling party's new mega outreach programme *Didir Suraksha Kawach* (Didi's protection shield).



I want the people to air their grievances in front of me: CM Mamata Banerjee.

Under the initiative, the representatives of the party, named *Didir Doot* (Didi's emissary/messenger), reach out to the people. But almost everyday, the situation is turning ugly owing to the public resentment.

In some cases, it is going out of control and the police intervention is required.

Party MLA Ashis Banerjee, as a *Didir Doot*, was recently confronted by some people claiming to be the residents of the Moham-

only complained about the 'missing' public representatives but also alleged irregularities in the implementation of welfare schemes.

They say they have been denied benefits of the 'PM Awas Yojana' and several other Central welfare schemes.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee broke her silence and said the incidents should not be seen as "demonstrations or protests".

"It is not possible that everyone will like me. It is not possible I will have no critics. I want people to air their grievances in front of me," she said.

BJP State president Sukanta Majumdar said the TMC won the Assembly election in 2021, but has lost all respect and goodwill of the people in a short span of time.

## Nitish Kumar again demands special status, grant for Bihar

**Amit Bhelari**  
PATNA

Ahead of the Union Budget on February 1, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday urged the Centre to give special grant to the State for developmental works. He also reiterated the long-pending demand for special status to the State. Mr. Kumar alleged that the Centre has also put a restriction on the procurement of loans.

"We have been demanding special status for a long time. In 2011, 2012 and 2013, we held several meetings but nothing happened. If the Centre wants development of the country, States should also develop... for that we need more grants and funds, but

**'Bihar has been demanding special status since Jharkhand was carved out... we have not even received special package'**

the Centre has put restrictions on the procurement of loan as well," Mr. Kumar said.

"Bihar has been demanding special status since Jharkhand was carved out of it. But forgot the special status, the State has not even received any special package."

A few days ago, Mr. Kumar had demanded separate budget for the Indian Railways to be presented in Parliament.

He once again reiterated the demand.

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## Necessary disclosure

Law Minister's objection to Collegium sharing intelligence inputs has no merit

**T**here is nothing wrong, or that warrants grave concern, as claimed by Union Law Minister, Kiren Rijiju, in the Supreme Court Collegium disclosing portions of reports by intelligence agencies on prospective candidates for judicial appointments. If anything, the Collegium's disclosure of the nature of the objections raised by the government has only helped make the discussion transparent. It is difficult to agree with the assumption that reports by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) on names recommended or considered by the Collegium are inherently sensitive in nature. RAW is cited in the Collegium's disclosure as raising the issue of the suitability of an advocate for appointment because his partner is a foreign national. The IB reports appear to have highlighted social media posts by two other lawyers to raise doubts about their impartiality. While reiterating the earlier recommendations, the Collegium had to address the government's objections on a point-by-point basis. There was nothing improper about the disclosure of the details, which were incidental to the purpose of rebutting the claims. In the three recent instances, there is no startling revelation in the intelligence reports concerning lawyers whose names have been recommended for appointment in different High Courts; nor is there any sensitive information that could compromise the identity of officers or their undercover work.

It is not clear on what basis Mr. Rijiju has claimed that intelligence officers will "think twice" in future if their reports are made public, when only a summation of their reports is out in the public domain. In fact, it is questionable whether the government should quote intelligence reports in its communications with the Collegium. Objections based on political views or social media posts could have been raised by the government on its own, without citing any agency by name. It is part of the appointment process that names are vetted by intelligence agencies to look for possible criminal antecedents or misdemeanours, and raising such issues need not be specifically attributed to any agency. It is also quite rich that the government, which has been assailing the collegium system of appointments for its opaqueness, should be worried about excessive disclosure by the Collegium. It cannot be forgotten that the government is also contributing to the opaqueness by its silence and inaction regarding some recommendations, and demonstrating urgency in approving other names. It raises the question of suitability of some candidates based on some posts critical of government policy, but ignores the fact that lawyers with strong political affiliation to the ruling party also make it to the Bench without any impediment.

## On the mat

Politicians in charge of sporting bodies create a stifling environment

**I**n an unprecedented move generating much heat, India's leading wrestlers cutting across the gender divide took to the streets last week. Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia led the sit-in protest at Jantar Mantar and their ire was directed at the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Vinesh levelled sexual harassment allegations against Brij Bhushan and stated that she had even contemplated suicide. Sakshi and Punia too stressed that not all was well with the functioning of the WFI. The federation meanwhile denied all allegations and hinted at a 'Haryana lobby' trying to discredit the president in the run-up to the association elections. Brij Bhushan, who is also a Bharatiya Janata Party Member of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh, stuck to his denial while the aggrieved athletes dug their heels in, repeated their sit-in protest for another day besides having multiple meetings with Sports Minister Anurag Thakur. Though for now this is a case of furious allegations and flat denials, the incident highlights the inherent flaws in India's sporting underbelly. In a largely patriarchal country, the rural woman athlete's first exposure to a male outside the immediate family environment is often the coach or a sports administration official. If this trust is violated, the athlete is scarred for life.

There are the rare ideal coach-athlete equations based on mutual respect, but there are also exploitative tales simmering under the surface. The deafening silence had to end and the medal-winning and much-feted wrestlers have taken the first step. Now, the five-member oversight committee set up by the Sports Minister has to follow up on the allegations and arrive at the truth. That the responsibility has been given to Olympian Mary Kom, who heads the committee, should put both sides at ease. Mary Kom and her fellow-members have to both reveal empathy and a firm quest for the truth. That Brij Bhushan hails from the ruling party should not become a burden and the Sports Ministry did well in forcing the WFI president to step aside from the day-to-day functioning of the association. That politicians cutting across party lines are part of India's sports administrative ecosystem is a known fact. Drawn by the soft power of sport and the goodwill it generates, most sporting bodies have politicians in vital positions. The power that they wield within these federations and the phone calls that they could place back to New Delhi, do create a stifling environment. The wrestlers need to back their allegations with proof and the latest episode offers an opportunity to clean up the administration.

**T**he Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has blocked over 50 tweets on Twitter that carried a link to the BBC documentary, "India: The Modi Question". In an order on January 20, 2023, the government used emergency powers under the Information Technology Rules, 2021 and Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 to direct Twitter and YouTube to disable access to the documentary within India and prevent its re-upload. Limited information about the blockage is available coming primarily from statements made by officials and reporting by Twitter to the Lumen Database that tracks takedown requests. There are concerns over natural justice, the constitutionality of the direction, and how the IT Rules that are in a perpetual state of proposed amendment.

**Opacity supersedes natural justice**  
Natural justice is a fundamental principle in public law when decisions affect fundamental rights such as the freedom of speech. The Supreme Court of India, in the case of Cricket Association of Bengal, recognised that, "[t]he right to receive and impart information is implicit in free speech".

Therefore, any restriction must ordinarily issue a show cause notice, provide the opportunity of defence to the author, and record reasons in an order that is made publicly. Providing reasons allows for the author or publisher, as well as the recipient of the information, to seek judicial remedies and act as a check for constitutionally permitted censorship. So, was such a procedure followed for the 45 people whose tweets were blocked? Were they provided a chance for a hearing, or a copy of the blocking order? Has it been made public? No.

Such practice is contrary to the directions of the Supreme Court in the case of Shreya Singhal vs Union of India. In the case it upheld that blocking powers under Section 69A subject to "reasons have to be recorded in writing in such blocking order so that they may be assailed in a writ petition". However, blocking orders are marked as "secret" or "confidential", then transmitted directly to service providers, making it difficult for the authors an opportunity of defence and the general public to challenge them.

This is why Twitter has approached the High Court of Karnataka. This is also why movie critic Tanul Thakur, whose satirical website was blocked, approached the High Court of Delhi and was able to obtain a copy of the blocking order. Instead, press releases are selectively issued



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instead of disclosing the text of orders. This type of "transparency when convenient" becomes a form of opacity. This writer's colleague, Prateek Waghré, looked at eight press releases over a period and discovered that the tally within them is far lower than the one provided for by the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting in Parliament in July 2022. The disclosures when made have been related to populist issues such as blocking Pakistani content related to the armed forces, or on Jammu and Kashmir. Notably, there has been no official press release for the online blocking of the BBC documentary.

**On whether it is a perpetual emergency**  
The blocking has been made under Rule 16(3) of the IT Rules and Section 69(A) of the IT Act, 2000 that allow for "emergency blocking". However, the term "emergency" itself is not legislatively defined, but following the dictionary meaning would mean "a dangerous situation requiring immediate action". It permits an expedited process that weakens the already minimal checks by bypassing a committee and also eliminating the opportunity to be heard. It is important to note that these rules have been challenged in courts. In August 2021, the Bombay High Court, in a petition by The Leaflet and Nikhil Waghle, suspended Rules 9(1) and 9(3) that establish a code of ethics for online news platforms and a three-tier grievance redress mechanism headed by the central government. In its interim order it counselled, "it is healthy to invite criticism of all those who are in public service for the nation to have structured growth".

A month later, on September 17, 2021, the Madras High Court in a petition by musician and author T.M. Krishna noted, "there is substantial basis to the petitioners' assertion that Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution may be infringed in how the Rules may be coercively applied". The central government's response to the more than 20 challenges filed in High Courts was to seek their transfer to the Supreme Court. On May 9, 2022, the top court issued notice, even stayed existing proceedings, but refused to interfere with these interim orders. It means that the directions of the High Courts still hold the force of law. Given this, we would imagine officials to be prudent and avoid undermining their letter and spirit.

However, we have witnessed an increased use of emergency powers, as seen in the eight press releases referred to earlier on questionable grounds. For instance, the BBC documentary has been described by public authorities as

"propaganda" reflecting "a colonial mindset". Even on accepting such an assertion, it cannot be understood how it qualifies as an emergency.

### An 'everything law'

The IT Rules first notified on April 11, 2011 by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) have undergone a radical change. This can be attributed to a centralisation of executive power rather than a rapid metamorphosis of the subject matter for regulation. On February 25, 2021, the rules were amended drastically to increase government control over online platforms and news publishers. Other changes included the creation of grievance officers for social media companies and traceability requirements to increase censorship and break privacy-protecting technologies such as encryption. It also required news publishers to follow a vague moral code of self-censorship that permitted grievances to be escalated to the government, leading to stay orders by High Courts.

On October 28, 2022, rather than address such constitutional concerns, another set of amendments created a government censorship body sitting in appeal of all content moderated by social media companies. This year started with more proposed changes. On January 2, 2023, MeitY wanted to create a self-regulatory system for online gaming and gambling companies, which is illegal on several grounds, including federalism, given that legislation on it is a State subject. Despite reasoned criticism, MeitY pushed ahead. A new provision was proposed on January 17, 2023, which was the last date of this public consultation and modelled as an extension.

Another week was provided to respond to a draft that gave the Press Information Bureau a general mandate and any central government ministry as per their allocated area of business, the power to fact-check and take down any online content without defining the term "fake". This led to swift condemnation by journalist associations and editorial positions were taken against it by most national newspapers. Only three days later the BBC's documentary was blocked. Here, events bear witness to the inexorable expansion of IT Rules into the 'everything law'.

Today it clothes violations of fundamental rights by creating the pretence of a procedure which permits unlimited censorship powers that are often left to an unbounded imagination and capriciousness. On Republic day, it leaves us to ask a wider question: where do we place free debate and expression in a digital and democratic India?

## India's juggernaut of censorship



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There has been a gradual and inexorable expansion of IT Rules into an 'everything law', leading one to ask where free debate and expression is in a digital and democratic India

## Torpedoing a submarine rumour



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collaborators is the requirement that the AIP be a proven system. So, except for the South Korean firm Daewoo, no vendor that bid for the P-75I has a proven AIP system. Ironically, the DRDO's AIP is itself unproven. Back in March 2021, the DRDO tested a land-based prototype of the AIP but has reportedly made little progress since. The expectation that the DRDO's AIP will be installed on the first Kalvari-class submarine when it comes in for refit in 2024 is unrealistic given that it has yet to be tried in field conditions. The Navy is reportedly in the process of designating a Kilo-class submarine as a "test bed" for the indigenous AIP, but the process of installation and testing at sea is likely to be protracted.

### The need for a 'home-grown' project

Second, the contention that the cancellation of the P-75I and a repeat order of Project-75 submarines would further 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' is inaccurate. The Navy's leadership has in the past acknowledged that the Naval Group, the French company that built the Scorpene-class submarines, transferred insufficient technology during Project 75. While the MDL has developed valuable submarine-building expertise – which supporters of a P-75 repeat order rightly argue must be leveraged in future projects – the skills obtained ought to be used in a home-grown project such as the P-75I, where foreign collaborators would be contractually bound to transfer technology in ways that would enable Indian shipbuilders to construct future submarines without external help. A repeat of the Scorpene-class submarines at the altar of the P-75I would mean the abandonment of the strategic partnership model. That is bound to adversely impact the Navy's indigenisation initiative. It would also be a blow to the confidence of private shipbuilders, who have

invested considerable fiscal and human capital in developing capabilities to build warships and submarines in the hope of contributing to the creation of a defence industrial base.

### The issue of battery technology

Third, the claim that lithium-ion batteries are better than AIP – as media reports suggested – is flawed. Lithium batteries, while offering better efficiency, power, and charge and discharge dynamics, are unstable and suffer from thermal runaway, fire, and explosion risks. Regardless of the use of lithium batteries in Japan's new submarines, lithium-ion fuel cell technology has still not reached a stage of maturation for the Indian Navy to consider it reliable.

There is also the larger question of whether the DRDO's phosphoric acid fuel cell (PAFC)-based AIP is suitable for Indian submarines. The issue is not as clear-cut as many imagine. PAFC technology is certainly more rugged than other fuel cell types and does offer longer life and efficiency. But it is expensive, complex, and difficult to maintain. In fact, PAFCs are not used for submarine propulsion by any navy in the world. The only fuel cell technology known to work is the proton exchange membrane (PEM) used in German and South Korean submarines.

This is not to cast aspersions on India's defence scientists and their efforts to find a solution to the AIP problem in conventional submarines. Their attempts are indeed laudable. The aim of this account is only to point out that speculation in the media that Project 75I is ill-suited for the Navy is tendentious misinformation aimed ostensibly to influence the defence decision-making process. There are no signs yet that the Navy is about to – or indeed should – abandon the P-75I.

The attempt being made to show that the Project-75I submarine project does not suit the Indian Navy is misinformation aimed at influencing the defence decision-making process

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Constitution imperilled

The statement of the Union Law Minister, Kiren Rijiju, that the Supreme Court Collegium has hijacked the Constitution is one aspect of the matter. One should not fail to notice that the statements of both the Vice-President of India and the Law Minister that there should be parliamentary supremacy betray the real intention of the party in power. Their claim for parliamentary supremacy is only to implement a divisive agenda. It is clear that the government of the day wants to go back to the

earlier state of affairs even though the Supreme Court in the Kesavananda Bharati case clearly laid out that any law made by Parliament is subject to the basic structure of the Constitution which includes secularism, federalism, independence of the judiciary and other democratic norms. The Union government cannot drumbeat that Parliament is supreme just because it has secured a majority in Parliament. It cannot overlook the fact that majoritarianism is subject to constitutional

values which the founders of the Constitution laid emphasis on. It appears that the agenda of the Law Minister and the Vice-President is to hijack the Constitution.

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**Describing an elephant**  
It was disheartening to see the terms "rogue", "their enemy", "enslaved" and "beast" being used to describe a wild elephant in conflict with humans and human settlements in a report, "Rogue elephant PT-7 captured in a 'textbook

operation' in Palakkad" (Inside pages, January 23). Such terms may convey to this newspaper's wide readership, especially urban children who have not seen an elephant in the wild, that an elephant is an animal to be feared, suspected and to be trapped. The reasons for man-animal conflicts across India have been well-documented in scientific and journalistic literature, more so in *The Hindu* which has published several reports specifically dealing with elephant deaths in the Palakkad-Coimbatore

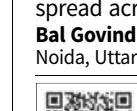
corridor after collisions and accidents with passenger and goods trains. Using such disparaging terms to describe a beast that is gentle in the wild, follows group dharma in general and which stays in harmony with nature, is a big disservice to elephants and humans. Even while highlighting the agony and the anger of the affected people, the majestic wild elephant does not need to be burdened with an additional negative impression.

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### Shock exit

India's premature exit from the hockey World Cup is a shock. Was the Tokyo medal a flash in the pan? Hockey India under Dilip Tirkey must get to the root cause of this debacle. The Odisha and Punjab models must spread across India.

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# Contesting the hegemony of the dollar

The fact that the multipolar international system is fast unfolding is reinforced by clear trends in polycentric global geopolitics. There is significant trade within the Global South; currency swap agreements; trade in national currencies bypassing the dollar; steps towards trading oil and gas in national currencies; the promotion of such arrangements by regional organisations; the setting up of special accounts for internationalising national currencies; and the setting up of financial communications systems. Is this multipolarity irreversible? Can the dollar hegemony be challenged?

Countries outside the West say they are operating in a multipolar system and are developing mechanisms for alternate currency exchanges to reduce risks and their dependence on the dollar. Trade wars against China since 2018 have set China on this path. The Russia-Ukraine war has hastened this development since Russia trades oil and commodities in ruble and national currencies, in a model similar to the rupee-ruble trade of earlier years.

**Economic diversification**  
The steady but unequal growth of the 'emerging economies' is the base for economic diversification. For example, the combined GDP of China, India, Russia, South Africa, Indonesia, Brazil, Iran and Turkey exceeds that of the G7.

Inter-Asian consumption is driving high levels of trade between Asian countries. India's trade with Asian countries is higher than with the West. China's trade with Asian countries more than doubled in the last few years, beating its trade with the West. The UAE, Iran, Turkey, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia are trading in local currencies with regional partners. Bilateral currency swaps among ASEAN countries, China, Japan, South Korea are \$380 billion and rising. Similarly, the



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New supply chains and alternate currency chains are enabling dual/multiple circulation systems

South African rand is used by several African countries. The Latin American countries are moving towards greater inter-regional trade. With high exchange rates of the dollar, emerging economies have initiated trade in national currencies bypassing the dollar. Asian central banks have over \$400 billion of local currency swap lines and trade amongst themselves. Since 2019, India has been paying Russia for fuel, oil, minerals and specific defence imports in rupees on an informal basis. It has worked out local currency trade with the UAE, Japan, Turkey, Korea and South Asian countries. In July 2022, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) unveiled a rupee settlement system for international trade by allowing special vostro accounts in designated Indian banks, a step towards internationalising the rupee.

China developed the Renminbi in 2015 and offers clearing and settlement services for participants in cross-border yuan payments and trade. The yuan is being internationalised as the International Monetary Fund has given it Special Drawing Rights status in the currency basket. Russian banks have started using the China-based Cross-Border Interbank Payment System for international payments, as they are debarred from the SWIFT international system.

The BRICS's New Development Bank encourages trade and investment in national currencies by disbursing up to 50% of its loans in national currencies since 2015. Other regional groupings such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Eurasian Economic Union and partner-countries of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership are setting up processes to conduct trade, investments and settlements in national currencies. The process of creating a common payment infrastructure and connecting national systems for the transmission of financial

information is being put in place. A serious challenge to the petrodollar comes from moves to trade oil and gas outside the dollar zone. This move can cut into the monopoly of the dollar that the U.S. has since the 1970s. But while many oil producers, refiners and buyers such as Russia, India, China, Venezuela and Iran have initiated trading hydrocarbons in national currencies, this process is yet to achieve full force. India's vostro accounts enable rupee payments for Russian crude and, as former RBI governor D. Subbarao said, India can save up to \$4 billion a month in forex outgo. China is using the yuan-ruble route for Russian oil since 2020. China is in talks with Saudi Arabia and the Gulf countries to trade oil in yuan.

**What this means**  
What do these trends amount to? First, despite speculation, there is no move towards de-dollarisation. The challenge for national currencies is that these are not fully convertible. Thus, despite the rise of alternate systems of trade, and multiple currency circulation systems, the dollar still dominates. Further rocking the dollar boat will expose these countries that have trillions of dollars as reserve currency. Second, the dollar makes up 60% of the global currency, the euro 20%, the yen 5.8% and the yuan 3%. To make an alternate system operational requires a longer and sustainable effort. Third, the diversification of national currency in trade is increasing. Trade and buying food and oil in national currencies gives countries outside the collective West options that were not available earlier. In the contemporary international system, nation states of the Global South are determined to choose their own allies. In this environment geopolitics and geoeconomics are merging, and new supply chains and alternate currency chains are enabling dual/multiple circulation systems. This is the material basis of the multipolar system.

# Where small parties play a big role

In Telangana, smaller parties could have a bearing on the election outcome

## STATE OF PLAY

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Telangana  
the BSP could play a role in deciding the fate of the large parties in some constituencies.

The large parties cannot ignore the smaller parties as the elections may be keenly contested. Who will bear the brunt of the split in the Opposition votes is the question.

Ms. Sharmila has been focusing on the old Khammam district, which has a mix of Telangana and Andhra culture.

YSRTP chief Y.S. Sharmila, the daughter of united Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, has entered the fray. Given her determination, some people are speculating about which party will pay the price for her party's presence in the electoral fray.

Similarly, actor Pawan Kalyan's JSP too is contemplating the idea of fielding candidates in at least a dozen constituencies. Mr. Kalyan enjoys a huge fan following in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Former IPS officer-turned-politician R. S. Praveen Kumar, State chief of the BSP, has been focusing on the plight of the Dalits and has used every opportunity to raise their woes much to the chagrin of the ruling dispensation. He has carefully mobilised former students of the State-run social welfare residential institutions under the banner of SWAROES (Social Welfare Heroes, which is Greek for sky) as his party's brand ambassadors. His meetings draw large crowds. Going by his claims,

party has pockets of interest. But ultimately, we may try our luck in a dozen seats," a top JSP leader said, adding that unlike in Andhra Pradesh, where the BJP is its poll partner, no such understanding has been reached in Telangana.

In the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections, the JSP withdrew from the fray to back the BJP. The understanding was that the BJP would provide a road map to work jointly on issues and constitute a joint coordination committee for Telangana, but the proposal is still to fructify. It appears as if the JSP is not keen to sail with the BJP in Telangana. BJP leaders too maintain that they have not officially or unofficially entered into any alliance with the JSP.

It is the BRS that is likely to benefit in this scenario. A split of opposition votes among the three smaller entities is likely to give a lifeline to the BRS, which has been facing strong opposition from the Congress and the BJP. The BRS leadership is also maintaining a strategic silence against Ms. Sharmila's attacks against the government and Mr. Praveen Kumar's accusations of corruption and failures to come to the rescue of the downtrodden.

Mr. Pawan Kalyan's tour of north Telangana, where he visited temples and showcased his campaign vehicle 'Varahi', Ms. Sharmila's vow to resume her padayatra from January 28, and Mr. Praveen Kumar's mass contact programmes have once again brought to the centre stage their determined efforts to make a mark. Evangelist K.A. Paul's Praja Shanti Party is also a party to watch out for. Meanwhile, the Telugu Desam Party, Telangana is trying to create a space for itself in the already overcrowded political landscape of Telangana.

# A brief history of artificial intelligence

Computers and AI have fundamentally changed what we see, what we know, and what we do

## DATA POINT

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How rapidly the world has changed becomes clear by how even recent computer technology feels ancient to us today. Mobile phones in the 1990s were big bricks with tiny green displays. Two decades before that, the main storage for computers was punch cards. In a short period, computers evolved so quickly and became such an integral part of our daily lives that it is easy to forget how recent this technology is. The first digital computers were only invented about eight decades ago, as Timeline 1 shows.

Since the early days of this history, some computer scientists have strived to make machines as intelligent as humans. Timeline 2 shows some notable artificial intelligence (AI) systems and describes what they were capable of.

The first system is the Theseus. It was built by Claude Shannon in 1950 and was a remote-controlled mouse that was able to find its way out of a labyrinth and could remember its course. In seven decades, the abilities of AI have come a long way. The language and image recognition capabilities of AI systems have also developed rapidly. Chart 3 shows how we got here by zooming into the last two decades of AI development. The plotted data stem from a number of tests in which human and AI performance were evaluated in five different domains, from handwriting recognition to language understanding.

Within each of the five domains the initial performance of the AI system is set to -100, and human performance in these tests is used as a baseline that is set to zero. This means that when the model's performance crosses the zero line the AI system scored more points in the relevant test than the hu-

mans who did the same test. Just 10 years ago, no machine could reliably provide language or image recognition at a human level. But as the chart shows, AI systems have become steadily more capable and are now beating humans in tests in all these domains.

Outside of these standardised tests, the performance of these AIs is mixed. In some real-world cases, these systems are still performing much worse than humans. On the other hand, some implementations of such AI systems are already so cheap that they are available on the phone in your pocket: image recognition categorises your photos and speech recognition transcribes what you dictate.

Chart 3 showed the rapid advances in the perceptive abilities of artificial intelligence. AI systems have also become much more capable of generating images. A series of nine images (Graphic 4) shows the development over the last nine years. None of the people in these images exist; all of them were generated by an AI system. The series begins with an image from 2014 in the top left, a primitive image of a pixelated face in black and white. As the first image in the second row shows, just three years later, AI systems were already able to generate images that were hard to differentiate from photographs.

In recent years, the capability of AI systems has become much more impressive. While the early systems focused on generating images of faces, these newer models broadened their capabilities to text-to-image generation based on almost any prompt. The image in the bottom right shows that even the most challenging prompts – such as "A Pomeranian is sitting on the King's throne wearing a crown. Two tiger soldiers are standing next to the throne" – are turned into photorealistic images within seconds.

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## Age of bots

The timelines and images are sourced from Our World In Data. The website compiled the data for chart 3 from Kiela et. al (2021) - Dynabench: Rethinking Benchmarking in NLP



Timeline 2 | A timeline of notable artificial intelligence systems

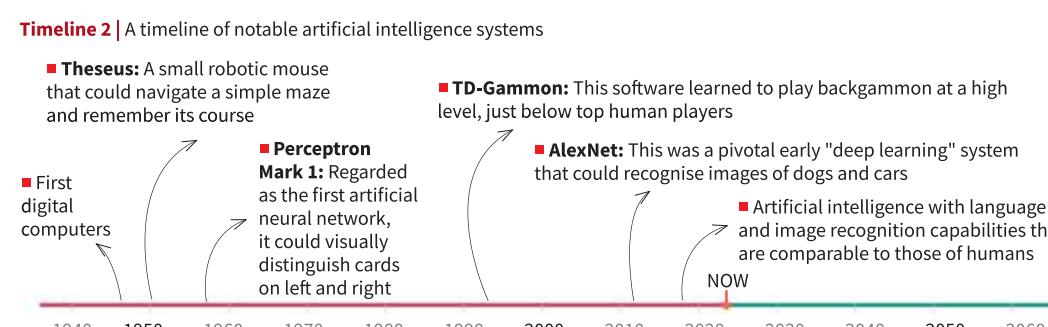
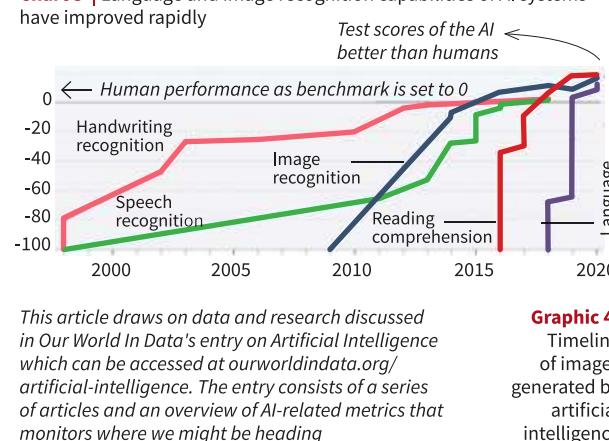


Chart 3 | Language and image recognition capabilities of AI systems have improved rapidly



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

**The Hindu**

FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 26, 1973

### President asks Andhras to end violence

New Delhi, Jan. 25: The President, Mr. V.V. Giri, to-day made a fervent appeal to the people of Andhra Pradesh to desist from further violence and bring back life in the State to normalcy by resorting to a calm atmosphere in the quickest possible time. In his broadcast to the nation on the eve of Republic Day, Mr. Giri stressed that the complex problems involving the future of the State called for the most careful considerations and they could be settled only through a "full, free and frank exchange" of all points of view without any pre-conditions or reservations. The President said: "It is only when all points of view are heard and differences ironed out dispassionately that we can arrive at a satisfactory and lasting solution to any problem." As an old trade unionist and negotiator of experience, as he described himself, Mr. Giri pointed out that he had constantly held that there was no such thing as the last word in negotiations. It was always open to the people to advocate a cause for finding a way out of any difficult situation. "In our system of Government," the President emphasised, "there is no question of any decision being arrived at through compulsion or coercion or under threat of force."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 26, 1923

### Nickel coins

Delhi, Jan. 24: In the Legislative Assembly today, there was no question for answer today, but one question was replied to, of which private notice had been given by Mr. K.N. Mitter drawing attention to the fact that for some days past in Delhi there have been rumours that four anna nickel pieces had been withdrawn from circulation and that the coins were being refused in the local market causing inconvenience to businessmen and citizens. He asked the Government to give authentic information on the point. Sir Basil Blackett welcomed the opportunity of contradicting the rumours that the four anna and eight anna nickel pieces had now been withdrawn from circulation, in local bazaar and stated that the position had now improved and the annas were being freely accepted. The Government had also asked local authorities to place placards in prominent places in the city contradicting the rumour.

# Text & Context

THE HINDU

## NEWS IN NUMBERS

**Government to sell wheat from buffer stock under the OMSS**

**30** In lakh tonnes, the amount of wheat from its buffer stock that the Union government will sell in the open market under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) to control the rise in prices of wheat and wheat flour (atta), according to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The average price of atta has risen to around ₹38 per kg. PTI

**Cases of stone pelting on moving trains on the rise, says Railways**

**1,503** The number of cases of stone pelting on moving trains recorded across the country in 2022, with over 400 people arrested for the offence, according to the Indian Railways. Vande Bharat trains have also suffered damage due to stone pelting. Several awareness drives are being made to educate residents near the track. PTI

**CBI officers awarded police medals on Republic Day eve**

**30** The number of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officers, including those who supervised cases related to child sexual abuse material, awarded police medals on the eve of Republic Day. Six officers were awarded the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPMDS) while 24 were awarded the Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PMMS). PTI

**BCCI earns big for the sale of five teams in the inaugural WPL**

**4,669.9** In ₹ crore, the amount earned by the BCCI for the sale of five teams in the inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL) with Adani Sportsline buying the most expensive team for ₹1,289 crore. Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore bid at ₹912.99 crore and ₹901 crore respectively. PTI

**U.S. reroutes aid for wages for Lebanese army, police**

**72** In \$ million, the amount of assistance, the U.S. is rerouting to Lebanon to help the country's cash-strapped government boost the wages of its soldiers and police officers, according to the U.S. ambassador. Washington is a key donor of the Lebanese Army, providing over \$3 billion in military aid since 2006. AP

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## The next leg of the Russia-Ukraine war

Why is Ukraine asking for more weapons and military equipment from NATO allies? Why was Germany reluctant to send its Leopard 2 tanks? What all regions are now under Russian control? Why did the U.S. initially refuse to send its Abrams tanks?

### EXPLAINER

#### Stanly Johny

##### The story so far:

As Russia's Ukraine invasion enters its 12th month, all sides are gearing up for a major escalation in the conflict. Russia, which suffered some setbacks last year after its initial thrust into Ukraine, is trying to build battlefield momentum with minor advances. Ukraine, whose troops are struggling to defend the frontlines in the east and south, is asking for heavier weapons from its NATO allies. While Germany's early resistance to sending its Leopard 2 battle tanks to Ukraine created a rift within NATO, it has now finally agreed to send the tanks and allow other countries to re-export German-built tanks to Ukraine. The U.S., after initial reluctance, is also sending its M1 Abrams tanks to Kyiv.

##### What is the current state of the war?

After Ukraine, which launched a counteroffensive in September, recaptured swathes of the Kharliv Oblast in the northeast and Kherson city in the south, (the only provincial capital the Russians had taken since the war began) the conflict had turned into a war of attrition – until recently.

Russian troops, predominantly the private military Wagner Group, have been trying to seize Bakhmut, a city in Donetsk in the Donbas region which Moscow now claims as its own, for the past six months. As those efforts did not bear fruit, in recent weeks, Russia's focus shifted to Soledar, a town that lies just 18 km from the city of Bakhmut. Russian troops tore through the Ukrainian defences in Soledar rather quickly, taking the town, and making further advances towards Bakhmut.

In the south, Moscow claimed that its troops have pushed through the frontlines in Zaporizhzhia, one of the four Ukrainian provinces Russian President Vladimir Putin unilaterally annexed in September. As of now, Russia controls only parts of the Zaporizhzhia province, including its eponymous nuclear plant, Europe's largest. But by pushing through the frontlines in the east and the south, Russia is mounting enormous pressure on Ukraine's army, which set alarm bells ringing in Kyiv and western capitals.

Ukraine now demands urgent supplies and the West is scrambling for weapons.

##### Who is supplying Ukraine?

Supplies from the West are vital for Ukraine in the conflict. The U.S., Ukraine's largest defence supplier, has committed to sending Kyiv more than \$27 billion in military aid since the war began. It is sending ammunition, howitzers, helmets, Humvees and HIMARS rocket systems. The U.S. has also promised to send Stryker combat vehicles and deploy a Patriot missile defence battery.

The U.K. and Germany are the next two big suppliers of military equipment and arms for Ukraine. Earlier this month, London announced that it would provide 14 Challenger 2 battle tanks to Kyiv, while France said it would ship AMX-10RC armoured vehicles, known as the tank killer, to Ukraine. While Ukraine thanked its allies for these commitments, they also said these were not enough to beat the Russians.

They wanted more tanks for the coming land war. NATO allies wanted Germany to send its Leopard 2 tanks, considered one of the most advanced battle tanks built for European conditions. But Germany was initially reluctant to provide Leopard to

### Status of the Russia-Ukraine war

All sides are gearing up for a major escalation in the conflict. Russia, which suffered some setbacks last year after its initial thrust into Ukraine, is trying to build back battlefield momentum. This has left Ukraine desperately in need of heavier weapons from its NATO allies



### The availability of Leopards across NATO

Leopard 2 tanks are considered one of the most advanced battle tanks built for European conditions. They are available in large numbers in Europe.



Ukraine despite frantic calls from Kyiv and other allies.

##### Why was Germany reluctant to send its tanks?

Ever since the war began Germany has sent multiple offensive weapons to Ukraine, from self-propelled howitzers to rocket launchers. But Chancellor Olaf Scholz initially refused to send tanks to Ukraine, saying such a move would escalate the conflict further, which was not in Berlin's interest. Germany, being geographically closer to Russia and lacking its own nuclear deterrent (say, unlike France and the U.K.), sees itself in a disadvantageous position in the event of a direct confrontation between NATO and Russia.

tion between NATO and Russia. Both Mr. Scholz's party and the public are divided on the tank question.

According to a December poll, some 50% of Germans opposed sending tanks to Kyiv against 38% who favoured it. Berlin was also worried that Russians could capture the tanks and gain insights into its technology. Moreover, German officials told the media, that Mr. Scholz was sensitive to the historical context – during the Second World War, German tanks rolled over into today's Ukraine, which was part of the Soviet Union, as Hitler ordered his disastrous Russian invasion. But Germany also came under heavy pressure from its allies, especially the U.S. and Poland, to

### THE GIST

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Russian troops seem to have regrouped and built stronger defensive positions across the frontline, stretching from the borders of Kharkiv to Kherson. If Russia takes Bakhmut in the east and Zaporizhzhia in the south, it could boost its logistical capabilities to make deeper inroads into Ukraine. Kyiv wants to stop this by launching its own offensive.

**Supplies from the West are vital for Ukraine in the conflict. The U.S., Ukraine's largest defence supplier, has committed to sending Kyiv more than \$27 billion in military aid since the war began on February 24, 2022**

take a quick decision.

After the initial caution, the U.S.'s risk appetite in the conflict has steadily increased with the Biden administration beefing up Kyiv's military capabilities. Berlin said it would consider sending Leopard if the U.S. agreed to send its Abrams tanks. The U.S. had initially ruled it out, saying Abrams, run on jet fuel, were complex systems which would require months to train Ukrainian troops. A meeting last week at the Ramstein Air Base in Germany of the Ukraine support group ended without a decision on tanks, showing signs of rifts in the NATO alliance. But back channel diplomacy continued.

On Wednesday, Germany announced that it would send 14 Leopard 2 tanks to Kyiv and allow other NATO members to re-export German-made tanks to Ukraine. Biden administration officials said in Washington that the U.S. would also send Abrams tanks to Kyiv.

**Why does Ukraine want Leopards?** Ukraine has a limited number of tanks, most of which are from the Soviet era. Ukrainian leaders have said that they believe Moscow is planning a major offensive in the coming months.

The lack of advanced tanks could put Kyiv in a disadvantageous position in Ukraine's open terrain, especially when Russia has deployed its modern T-90s. Ukraine has asked for 300 tanks. Leopards, with a range of 500 km and a top speed of 68 km an hour and armed with a 120mm smooth bore gun and two coaxial light machine guns, could bolster offensive capabilities. Leopards are also available in large numbers in Europe.

More than 2,000 Leopard 2s have been deployed across Europe and if Germany allows their re-export, NATO members can ensure smooth supply to Ukraine.

##### What next?

It was after Russia's back-to-back battlefield victories in Donbas (Mariupol, Sevodonetsk and Lysychansk) that the U.S. agreed to send its advanced rocket systems (High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems or HIMARS and Multiple Launch Rocket Systems or MLRS) to Ukraine. These weapons played a critical role in Ukraine's counteroffensive that saw Russian troops retreat from Kharkiv and Kherson.

Now, Russian troops seem to have regrouped and built stronger defensive positions across the frontline, stretching from the borders of Kharkiv to Kherson. With some 3,00,000 new conscripts joining its forces, Russia is likely to make another push. The recent advances it made in Soledar and Zaporizhzhia could be signs of what is coming.

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If Ukraine reverses Russia's gains in Zaporizhzhia and cuts deeper into the south, it could sever the Russian-controlled south and east, sabotaging Moscow's land bridge to Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula that Mr. Putin annexed in 2014.

With more heavy weapons coming from the West, Ukraine wants to be better prepared for the Russians.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



The legend lives on: Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi at his residence in Ahmedabad in 2018. AFP

## An architect for India: Balkrishna Doshi, an artist rooted to his surroundings

B. V. Doshi has played the role of practitioner and educator, artist and teacher, producing buildings that were as much architectural as social and cultural – projects aligned to prevailing movements, as well as highly personal

**Gautam Bhatia**

*B. V. Doshi, a pioneer of Indian modernist architecture and the only Indian architect to have been awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize, passed away on January 24 at the age of 95. In this article dated March 10, 2018, Gautam Bhatia traces the legacy of the esteemed artist.*

In 1955, a young Indian was often pictured in group photos taken in Le Corbusier's studio in Paris. Hovering behind Le Corbusier or at a drawing table discussion, it was hard to predict that half a century later, this young man would be as influential and dominant as the French master himself, if not on the world stage, at least in India. Balkrishna Doshi, along with Mumbai's Charles Correa and Delhi's Raj Rewal, has without a doubt been a remarkable force in Indian architecture since Independence.

In a career that has spanned almost seven decades, the slight man in the Paris studio used his international associations, working later with Louis Kahn at the Indian Institute of Management at Ahmedabad, to cement a career in architecture after he returned to India in the 1950s. Obviously Mr. Doshi's link to Le Corbusier was in itself sufficient to establish his place in Indian architectural history, but the artist in him emerged in diverse ways to give unusual direction to buildings being constructed by Doshi the architect.

In the six decades since then, Mr. Doshi has played the role of practitioner and

educator, artist and teacher, producing buildings that were as much architectural as social and cultural – projects aligned to prevailing movements, as well as highly personal. "I learned from Le Corbusier to observe and react to climate, to tradition, to function, to structure, to economy and to the landscape," he admits.

**Understanding of context**

Obviously, few architects can single-handedly effect any significant change in society. Thus to say that Mr. Doshi, recipient of this year's Pritzker architecture prize, has changed or radically altered the course of Indian architecture would be inaccurate. But in his collective of works, in various projects, built and un-built, there are clues to help define the kinds of settings we would like to live in, to make an architecture for India. In buildings that derive a great deal from traditional living patterns, his interest in designing and constructing is not merely to fulfil the requirements of a house or an office, a factory or school, but through material, assembly and planning, light and texture, to draw the user into a thoughtful collusion with space.

His earliest work was done in a brutal and frank exposure of stark geometry and cement surfaces; Ahmedabad's Tagore Memorial Hall and the Institute of Indology suggest something of the Corbusian modernism of his career. A palpable shift came later after his association with Kahn. The Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) campus at Ahmedabad was

founded on the principle of collaborative learning, and has grown and evolved over 40 years. The simple brick and concrete construction with its exposed structure and pivot doors opens completely and connects to the surrounding landscape. In his architecture, Mr. Doshi has consciously crafted elements that establish links to local methods of design and detail. Historical references are used not simply to recall a cultural memory, but to suggest a deeper understanding of context. Even today, the string of brick structures on campus continues to spread low profiles around courtyards and shadowy neem trees.

Architecturally, these profiles are represented in a consistent reinterpretation of traditional spaces: courtyards, verandahs and loggias, where the link between ground and sky, breeze and shadow, all become elements to explore the poetic resolve of the architecture. There is of course nothing new about courtyards and loggias, light wells and space open to the sky.

Throughout history such elements have been used to organise space, from medieval complexes at Fatehpur Sikri and Mandu, to the humbler designs of a house. But their transformation to contemporary usage becomes an expression of Mr. Doshi's artistry. And a persistent refrain in his work that never falls to stylistic trends and fashions.

"Over the last two decades I have found many buildings seem foreign to me and out of milieu; they don't have their roots in the soil." Mr. Doshi speaks often of architecture that neglects its natural

associations. In the last few decades he has retreated into the quieter reclusion of private art, rethinking architectural ideas, writing and reassessing architecture's engagement with culture. In 1995, he even collaborated with artist M.F. Husain on an unusual project. Part architecture, part art, the Gufa is an underground hive of domes and cavities that sprawls along one edge of the CEPT campus. The conspicuous fusion of painting into building that is itself more sculpture than architecture reflects in large part Mr. Doshi's own ease with all forms of art, dance, theatre, and mural painting, all of which originate from the same private impulse to express.

**Catalytic agents**

"Most of us," wrote Mr. Doshi in his private sketch book, "irrespective of personal beliefs, are moved when visiting a temple. And I have been trying to understand this 'moving' experience in architectural terms with the objective that in contemporary design practices it could be applied to create built-forms of lasting value. To my understanding such forms have the following attributes: the pauses, transitional spaces and thresholds act as catalytic agents for the built-form and the individual or the community to enter into a dialogue at their level of comprehension. And this dialogue gives direction to the community at large. Buildings which generate such holistic experience finally become the institutions of man."

*Gautam Bhatia is an architect and sculptor*

**THE DAILY QUIZ**

A quiz on events, births, and deaths that happened on January 26

**V. V. Ramanan****QUESTION 1**

The first European settlement in Australia was established on this date in 1788 with Arthur Phillip hoisting the British flag near which bustling modern-day city?

**QUESTION 2**

Name the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, based on Gaston Leroux's novel, that debuted on this date in NYC and went on to become the longest-running show in Broadway history?

**QUESTION 3**

Name the American actor, known for his good looks and philanthropy, who won an Oscar for *The Color of Money* and signed off as the voice of

Doc Hudson in Pixar's *Cars* born on January 26, 1925.

**QUESTION 4**

On January 26, 1926, which Scottish inventor gave the first public demonstration of a true television system in London?

**QUESTION 5**

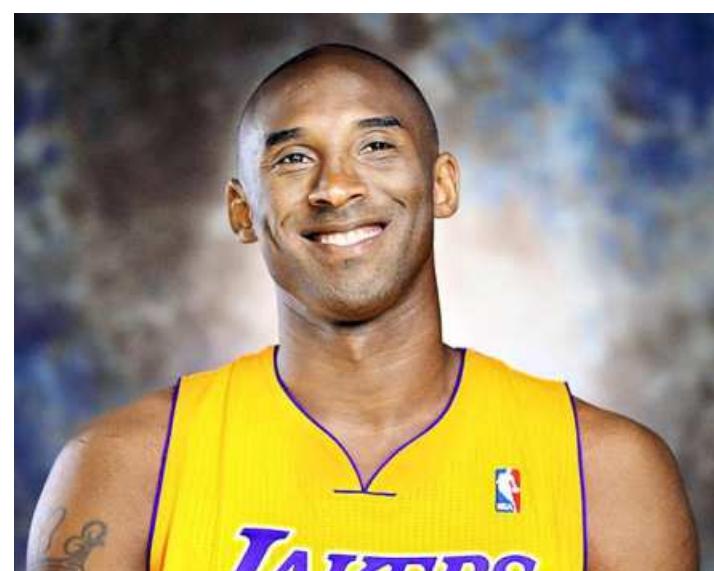
Known as "The Great Lakes State", which State became the 26th State to join the U.S. on January 26, 1837?

**QUESTION 6**

At which session in 1930 did the Indian National Congress pass the historic 'Purna Swaraj' (total independence) resolution?

**QUESTION 7**

Conceptualised and constructed after the India-Pakistan War of 1971, what was inaugurated on January 26, 1972?

**Visual question:**

This basketball legend, who won five NBA championships with the Los Angeles Lakers, died in a helicopter crash on January 26, 2020 at the age of 41. Name him. REUTERS

**Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:** 1. This publishing house was established by British authors Leonard Woolf and Virginia Woolf. **Ans:** Hogarth Press

2. Considered one of Woolf's best-known novels, this book details a day in the life of this fictional upper-class woman in post-First World War England. **Ans:** Mrs Dalloway; Clarissa Dalloway

3. This play written by Edward Albee examines the structure of the marriage of an American middle-aged academic couple. **Ans:** Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

4. This test is a measure of the representation of women in film and, by extension, in fiction in general. **Ans:** The Bechdel test

5. This is an extended essay by Virginia Woolf, based on two lectures Woolf delivered in 1928. **Ans:** A Room of One's Own

Visual: This poster is of an Oscar-winning 2002 film, which portrays three generations of women affected by one of Woolf's classic novels. **Ans:** The Hours

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

## Know your English

"It was mentioned in this column that 'French leave' means 'leave taken without permission'. Prof. K. Viswanathan of Waltair writes to say that such leave is referred to as 'English leave' by the French."

"It is true. I suppose it is fit for tat. The French expression is 'filer à l'anglaise'."

"Mr. A. Brito of Bangalore thinks that the word 'chit-chat' that has been absorbed into English is rather awkward."

"'Chit-chat' is an English word. It is from 'chat'. 'Chit-chat' means 'light conversation or gossip'. It is used informally. 'Chit-chat' is a reduplicated form of 'chat'. Reduplication is the process through which a new word is coined by doubling a syllable or a letter in a word. Examples: chit-chat, dilly-dally, hocus-pocus, see-saw."

"Mr. N. Sampath of Madras wants to know which of the following is correct: (a) I myself am a stranger to this place; (b) I myself am a stranger to this place."

"'I myself am a stranger to this place' is correct. I am a stranger, I myself am a stranger. You never say 'I' is a stranger or I myself is a stranger."

"Mr. C. V. Vasudevan of Madras wants to know whether it is correct to write 'the late Sri X'."

"'Late' is not followed by 'Sri' or 'Mr.' or 'Ms' or 'Mrs.' The late Paul Johnson and not 'the late Mr....'. Also when a person refers to himself, he should not use 'Mr'. For example, you shouldn't say 'I am Mr. Krishnan speaking'. You should say 'I am Krishnan speaking'."

"Mr. K. Sanjay of R. T. Sanatorium, Periyar District, wants to know the meaning of 'wool gathering'."

"'Wool-gathering' means 'day-dreaming, absent-mindedness, purposeless thinking'. It refers to the old practice of 'gathering fragments of wool torn from sheep by bushes, etc.' When you go about collecting such fragments, your mind is likely to wander."

You seem to be wool-gathering. Pay attention to what I am saying.

A wool-gatherer is a dreamy, absent-minded person."

"Mr. P. V. Ramana of Vizianagaram wants to know the pronunciation of 'lounge'."

"It is pronounced 'lounj'/'loun' rhymes with 'town'. The final sound is like the first sound in 'jet' and 'jam'."

**Word of the day****Vestibule:**

a large entrance or reception room or area; any of various bodily cavities leading to another cavity

**Synonyms:**

hall, antechamber, anteroom, foyer, lobby, entrance hall

**Usage:**

To reach my office, you have to first climb the stairs and then walk through the vestibule.

**Pronunciation:**

[bit.ly/vestibulepro](http://bit.ly/vestibulepro)

**International Phonetic Alphabet:**

/vestibju:l/

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**From Page One****'Multiple languages and creeds essence of India'**

Talking about India's emergence as the world's fifth largest economy in the backdrop of economic uncertainties created by COVID-19, the President asserted that the country had shaken off the effects of the pandemic that has now entered its fourth year. "Most sectors of the economy have shaken off the pandemic effect. India has been among the fastest-growing major economies. This has been made possible by timely and pro-active interventions from the government. The 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, in particular, has evoked great response among people at large," she said.

Reflecting on India's Presidency of the G-20, the President said it would be an opportunity to promote democracy and multilateralism, and would be the right forum for shaping a better future for the world.

"As G-20 represents about two-thirds of the world population and around 85% of global GDP, it is an ideal forum to discuss and find solutions for global challenges. To my mind, global warming and climate change are the most pressing among them," she said. Ms. Murmu noted that tribal communities, in particular, have rich lessons to offer in many areas, from protecting the environment to crafting a more cohesive society. She also commended the Union government's approach to empowering women and marginalised communities, including the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. "With the economy on a sound footing, we have been able to begin and carry forward a series of praiseworthy initiatives. The ultimate goal is to create an environment in which all citizens can, individually and collectively, realise their true potential and prosper. As education builds the right foundation for this purpose, the National Education Policy has introduced ambitious changes."

**Adani shares fall as short-seller flags its debt**

The Adani Group dismissed the report terming it a "malicious combination of selective misinformation and stale, baseless and discredited allegations". "The timing of the report's publication clearly betrays a brazen, *mala fide* intention to undermine the Adani Group's reputation with the principal objective of damaging the upcoming follow-on Public Offering from Adani Enterprises," Group CFO Jugeshinder Singh said in a statement.

The group's flagship company Adani Enterprises is set to tap the market with a ₹20,000 crore follow-on public offering that opens to the public on January 27.

**U.S., Germany to send battle tanks to Ukraine**

The U.S. decision follows Germany agreeing to send Leopard 2 A6 tanks. After weeks of hesitation that created impatience among Germany's allies, Chancellor Olaf Scholz said his government would send 14 Leopard 2 tanks and clear requests by other countries to do the same. The goal is for Germany and its allies to provide Ukraine with 88 of the German-made Leopards, which comprise two battalions. "This is the result of intensive consultations, once again, with our allies and international partners," Mr. Scholz said in an address to German lawmakers. "It was right and it is important that we didn't let ourselves be driven [into making the decision]," he added. It is not clear when or how soon they could have an impact on the battlefield. Military analysts have said Russian forces are thought to be preparing for a spring offensive.

Russia's Ambassador to Germany, Sergey Nechayev, called Berlin's decision "extremely dangerous".

**Second part of the BBC documentary 'The Modi Question' airs in the U.K.****Sriram Lakshman**  
LONDON

The second part of a two-part controversial documentary series, *India: The Modi Question*, aired on Tuesday evening, examining the evolution of the Modi government's relationship with India's Muslims as well as communal relations in the country since 2014.

The government had denounced and banned the first part of the documentary, which aired last week in the U.K. and described a British government report that held Prime Minister Narendra Modi, then Chief Minister of Gujarat, responsible for the 2002 Gujarat riots. The government criticised the programme, saying it lacked objectivity, reflected a "continuing colonial mindset" and was "propaganda".

The second part, which aired on BBC Two at 9 p.m. local time, starts with a repeat of introductory scenes shown in part I. The second episode seeks to trace the evolution of the relationship between the Modi government and India's Muslim minority. The series is sprinkled with graphic videos and images – starting with a 2017 lynching in Jharkhand.

**Stronger mandate**  
It discusses the BJP's unprecedented victory in 2019 and what it means to have a government with a stronger mandate.

The series then moves to August 5, 2019, and the changes to the legal status of Jammu and Kashmir (i.e., the abrogation of Article 370). It shows scenes of what are described as protests in Jammu and Kashmir. There is then a discussion

on the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the anti-CAA protests and the riots in Delhi in 2020.

The episode includes scenes of security forces beating protesters who are lying semi-conscious and being forced to sing the national anthem, even as they plead that they are "Bharatvasis" (Indians).

There are interviews with protesters, families that have been detained under the NRC and the kin of those who died at the hands of the police in the Delhi violence of 2020.

There are also scenes from Mr. Modi's rally in Ahmedabad with then U.S. President Donald Trump in February 2020.

"Under Narendra Modi, India has been transformed. He remains enormously popular and huge-

ly divisive," the narrator says towards the end of the program.

**Subject of discussion**  
The documentary has become the subject of some discussion among U.K. law-makers.

Uganda-born Indian origin peer in the House of Lords, Dolar Popat, wrote to the director-general of the BBC, Tim Davie, on Tuesday condemning the documentary as "one-sided" and asking him to stop the BBC from airing the program to "avoid exacerbating [sic] the already tense situation" between British Hindus and Muslims. The "false representation has old wounds [sic] by creating hatred between British Hindus and Muslims by attempting to paint India as an intolerant nation where Muslims are persecuted", Mr. Popat said.

**India and Egypt ties elevated to a 'strategic partnership'**

PM welcomes Egyptian President, who will be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations; scope for cooperation in relations, especially in fields of defence and security, is 'unlimited', he says

**Kallol Bhattacharjee**  
NEW DELHI

**I**ndia and Egypt agreed on Wednesday to elevate their bilateral ties to a 'strategic partnership' that covers political, security, defence, energy and economic linkages.

Welcoming Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, who will be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations on Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the abuse of cyberspace by extremist forces was a "growing threat", and that both sides agreed to intensify cooperation in this regard.

The two sides also discussed "platforms and equipment" to enhance defence partnership.

"India has invited Egypt as a special guest for the G-20 summit, which shows our special friendship. We have decided that under the India-Egypt strategic partnership, we will create a long-term structure of cooperation on political, security, economic and scientific areas," he said.

He added that the scope



**Boosting the bond:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Egypt President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

for cooperation in Indo-Egypt relations, especially in the fields of defence and security, was "unlimited".

Mr. Modi argued that "despite global changes", the India-Egypt relation had stayed on track and defence partnership between the two countries would help stabilise the region around the Arabian Sea.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who visited Cairo in October 2022, called on the visiting Egyptian leader and said the exchange "adds a new vi-

gour" to the bilateral friendship.

In his remarks, President El Sisi said the relations between the two civilisations date back to antiquity, and said that Egypt wishes to welcome more Indian tourists.

The two teams signed five memorandums of understanding (MoU) covering culture, cooperation on youth matters, cybersecurity, information and technology, and public broadcasting. The two delegations launched a commemorative stamp to mark

the 75th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relation.

"I have requested Prime Minister Modi to create permanent channels to enhance digital connections between small and medium-scale industries, and that will help in improving life of common people. Defence cooperation was part of today's discussion and our joint military exercise is an example of that cooperation," Mr. El-Sisi said.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said the two sides took up sub-elements of defence cooperation like "defence training, defence exercises, cooperation both in the fields of platforms and equipment and industrial partnerships between the two countries to forge a stronger base for defence partnership".

He said Egypt is "among one of the key strategic partners of that region but we also enjoy strong and robust partnership with the region as a whole".

Mr. El-Sisi also invited Mr. Modi to visit Egypt. Mr. Kwatra said the Prime Minister's visit to Egypt will be a "priority".

**Media Authority of Egypt, Prasar Bharati to exchange content**

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

**India and Egypt sign pact to facilitate capacity building, co-productions between the two broadcasters**

change their programmes of different genres like sports, news, culture, entertainment and many more areas on bilateral basis. The programmes will be broadcast on their radio and television platforms.

The agreement was signed by Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur and Sameh Hassan Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Egypt, exchanged between the two countries in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Egyptian President Abdel Fatah el-Sisi following the delegation-level talks between the two.

"The MoU is part of the efforts by Prasar Bharati to expand the reach of DD India channel to showcase the country's progress through programmes focused on economy, technology, social development and also the rich cultural heritage," said a government statement.

Under its ambit, both the broadcasters will ex-

**Supreme Court to hear Rana Ayyub's plea on January 31**

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked a Ghaziabad special judge in Uttar Pradesh to adjourn the summons proceedings scheduled against journalist Rana Ayyub on January 27 in a money laundering case.

A Bench of Justices Krishna Murari and V. Ramasubramanian listed Ms. Ayyub's writ petition for detailed hearing on January 31.

Ms. Ayyub has moved the Supreme Court challenging the jurisdiction of the Ghaziabad court, saying the alleged offence, if there is any, occurred in Mumbai.

The Bench made it clear that they had posted the case on January 31 owing to the paucity of time on Wednesday. The Supreme Court said its request to the



Ghaziabad court to adjourn the hearing was not a reflection on the merits of the case against Ms. Ayyub.

The Ghaziabad police had registered the case in September 2021 with respect to the money raised through fundraiser campaigns via an online crowdfunding platform, Ketto.

It was also alleged that Ms. Ayyub had received overseas donations without registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act.

Changes made in election laws a year ago have

**Electoral reforms only after consultation with political parties, says Law Minister**

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Wednesday said that any electoral reform would be carried out only after consultations with all stakeholders, including political parties.

His remarks come against the backdrop of the Election Commission deferring the demonstration of its recently developed prototype Remote Electronic Voting Machine (EVMS) after opposition from most political parties.

Mr. Rijiju said that the Law Ministry was in constant touch with the Election Commission for bringing forth electoral reforms like the recent amendment to the Act facilitating voter registration throughout the year.

Changes made in election laws a year ago have

resulted in addition of over 1.5 crore new voters on the electoral list. Four cut-off dates instead of the one earlier has helped young eligible citizens to register as voters once they turn 18, the Minister said addressing the 13th National Voters Day celebrations here.

He said that consultations and discussions were a "symbol" of a vibrant democracy. Mr. Rijiju added that all the decisions were being taken after due consultation with support of all political parties. He said there were many unsung heroes like security forces in areas prone to violence who enabled the demo-

cratic process to move on in the country and they needed to be remembered.

President Droupadi Murmu observed that rural voters were more enthusiastic than their urban counterparts, and urged all citizens to consider voting as their contribution to nation-building.

It is a great achievement of our election process and our democracy that the active participation of women in the democratic process is continuously increasing, she added.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said though electors in India had increased from about 17 crore in 1951 to over 94 crore now, many more are still left out. "The EC is committed to ensuring that those still left out are also able to vote and for this we need to complete electoral rolls," he said.

**Amartya Sen flays letter by Visva-Bharati on land issue**

**Press Trust of India**  
KOLKATA

Lashing out at the Visva-Bharati for asking him to hand over parts of a plot he

was allegedly occupying "unauthorisedly" at Santiniketan, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen on Wednesday said he did not understand why the Central university suddenly had become "so active" in trying to drive him out of that place.

A day after getting a letter from the varsity, he said he did not understand "the politics" behind the move.

He asserted that most of the land he is holding on the Santiniketan campus was purchased from the market by his father while some other plots were taken on lease.

Mr. Sen said if the varsity thinks that the land belongs to it, the authorities should move court and he would give his reply there.

**Samridhi Tewari**

NEW DELHI

A day after chaos erupted in Jawaharlal Nehru University over students watching the controversial BBC documentary about Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 13 students at Jamia Millia Islamia University were detained by police ahead of a screening of the documentary that was scheduled to be held on their campus on Wednesday evening.

The police said that no screening had taken place in Jamia. Deputy Commissioner of Police (South East) Esha Pandey said that 13 students were detained around 4 p.m. to ensure peace in the area, adding that the university administration had informed the police that students were found to be creating a ruckus in the area. Heavy



Police personnel detain an SFI activist during a protest at Jamia Millia Islamia in New Delhi on Wednesday.

police deployment was witnessed in the area ahead of Republic Day.

The JMI administration had warned that disciplinary action would be taken if the documentary was screened without permission.

According to the students, the screening was slated to begin at 6 p.m. near the A.J.K. Mass Com-

munity Research Centre's lawns. However, entry to the lawns was denied by the administration.

The students had proposed to stage a protest at 4 p.m., for which permission was denied by the Delhi Police.

Some students raised slogans, and were then detained by the police.

JMI Vice-Chancellor Naj-

No FIR has been registered yet.

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# Posthumous Padma Vibhushan for SP founder, ORS pioneer

The list of top civilian honours to recognise distinguished service includes nine Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri awards; 19 of the 106 awards will go to women; seven are posthumous honours; personalities from poll-bound States feature on list

## The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

**S**amajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh, on the opposite side of the ideological spectrum to the BJP, architect Balkrishna Doshi and Dilip Mahalanabis, a doctor from West Bengal, will be honoured with the Padma Vibhushan posthumously, the country's second highest civilian award announced on the eve of Republic Day.

A citation said Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis popularised the use of Oral Rehydration Solution while serving at a refugee camp during the 1971 Bangladesh War.

Mr. Yadav, a socialist leader who passed away last year, was the founder



Honour roll: Mulayam Singh Yadav and Dilip Mahalanabis

of the Samajwadi Party and served thrice as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

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Personalities from poll-bound Tripura, Nagaland

and Karnataka feature among the list of awardees.

Industrialist Kumar Mangalam Birla and Sudha Murty, chairperson of the Infosys Foundation, were honoured with the Padma Bhushan. Eight people from poll-bound Karnataka have been chosen for this year's awards, including Mr. Krishna and Kannada novelist S.L. Bhyrappa.

The 90-year-old Somnath Malliah Krishna, who has served in various positions including that of External Affairs Minister, Maharashtra Governor and Chief Minister of Karnataka, is credited with building Brand Bengaluru. Mr. Bhyrappa, one of the most celebrated and prolific novelists in Kannada, has been translated into nearly

every Indian language, besides English.

Ramkuiwangbe Newme (75), a Naga social worker from Dima Hasao in Assam, won the Padma Shri.

Composer M.M. Keeravani, who recently won the Golden Globe, has also been recognised with the Padma Shri.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "Congratulations to those who have been conferred the Padma Awards. India cherishes their rich and varied contributions to the nation and their efforts to enhance our growth trajectory."

Online coverage  
For full list of awards, go to  
[bit.ly/padmahonour](http://bit.ly/padmahonour)

CBI bags honour of 30 Police Medals

## 901 Police Medals to celebrate bravery, distinguished service

## The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation has bagged 30 President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service and Police Medals for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Republic Day.

Among those honoured with the medals for distinguished service are Joint Directors Viplav Kumar Choudhary and Sharad Agarwal; Additional Superintendents of Police Satya Narayan Jat and Thanglian Mang M.; and Head Constables Adu Ram and Goutam Chandra Das.

The medals for meritorious service have been given to Deputy Inspector General Gagandeep Gambhir, SP Pravin Mandloi, Additional SP Kaushal Kishore Singh, Deputy SPs Jagrup Singh, Darvin KJ, Bikash Chandra Chourasia, Javed Akhtar Ali, Kumar Abhishek, Manoj Kumar, Girish Soni, Jagadev Singh Yadav and Mukesh Kumar.

## The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

A total of 901 police personnel will be honoured with Police Medals, a statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said on the eve of Republic Day.

The Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG) has been awarded to 140 police personnel, the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPM) to 93 personnel, and the Police Medal for Meritorious Service

(PM) to 668 personnel.

As many as 80 out of 140 gallantry awards have been conferred on police personnel deployed in areas affected by Left-wing extremism.

### Gadchiroli encounter

As many as 19 Maharashtra Police personnel received gallantry medals for their bravery during the May 21, 2021 encounter in the Paudi forest area in Gadchiroli district, where 13 Maoist cadres, including a senior

member Satish, were killed.

For their gallant action in the Jammu and Kashmir region, 45 personnel will be honoured.

Among those receiving gallantry awards, 48 are from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), 31 from Maharashtra Police, 25 from J&K Police, nine from Jharkhand Police, and seven each from Delhi Police, Chhattisgarh Police and the Border Security Force.

## The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, in an address on the eve of Republic Day, urged the country to stand united against the "onslaught on the judiciary". The comment comes against the backdrop of many adverse statements from Law Minister Kiren Rijiju against the collegium system.

Mr. Kharge said the Con-

## The Hindu Bureau

### The honours include

6 Kirti Chakras, 15 Shaurya Chakras, 93 Sena Medals and 7 Vayu Sena Medals

for meritorious service to Indian Coast Guard personnel.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved 62 Mentioned in Despatches to armed forces personnel.

These include 55 Chief of Army Staff Recommendations: 27 for Operation Rakshak, 13 for Operation Snow Leopard, two for Operation Orchid, six for Operation Rhino, one for Operation Nongkee and six others. This also includes seven Chief of Air Staff Recomendations.

Major Shubhang and Naik Jitendra Singh will receive the Kirti Chakra while Commander Nishant Singh from the Navy, who lost his life in a MiG-29 fighter crash, will be remembered with the Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry).

The awards include six

Kirti Chakras (four posthumous), 15 Shaurya Chakras (two posthumous), 93 Sena Medals (Gallantry) (four posthumous), one Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry) posthumous, seven Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry), 29 Pa-

medals (Devotion to Duty) and 128 Vishisht Seva Medals.

Two of the Kirti Chakras and seven of the Shaurya Chakras were for Army personnel. The President has also awarded one Pre-

President's Tatrakshak Medal for distinguished service, three for gallantry and one

Major Shubhang is from the Dogra Regiment and was with 62 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) and Naik Jitendra Singh is from Rajput Regiment and with 44 RR. Their awards will recognise counterinsurgency operations in Kashmir.

## Unite to protect Constitution and face onslaught on judiciary: Kharge



Mallikarjun Kharge

never believed in the Indian Constitution, never respected it, spoke and acted against it are the ones busy weakening every constitutional institution," he said.

Mr. Kharge listed instances of what he termed unconstitutional acts of the government, including toppling government through the back-door and intimidating the Opposition by filing false cases.

"The Prime Minister

and his government are not interested in anything other than speeches, campaigning and elections," he said.

Mr. Kharge said that next year, the country would celebrate the 75th anniversary of being a Constitutional Republic and that it was more important than ever to strengthen the Constitution and Constitutional institutions. "Stand against the onslaught on the judiciary," he said.

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## STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022

(Rs. In Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated			
		Quarter ended	Year ended	Quarter ended	Year ended		
		31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2022	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2022
1	Total income from operations	505.45	427.17	1,836.86	8,485.93	6,930.64	25,625.15
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period ( before Tax, Exceptional items)	27.01	9.44	177.89	442.60	369.46	1,196.15
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	48.32	20.23	2,300.49	463.20	379.80	1,184.20
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	34.18	16.36	2,276.69	288.86	253.21	824.49
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	34.33	16.80	2,273.57	373.32	268.78	824.30
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Rs.5/- each)	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	2,890.24	-	-	5,069.12
8	Security Premium Account	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42
9	Networth	3,005.41	2,263.89	2,893.66	5,459.03	4,379.15	4,950.88
10	Outstanding Debt (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	739.93	717.38	732.64	3,507.40	2,160.36	3,065.81
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares			- NOT APPLICABLE -			
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times) (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary, including exceptional items)	0.24	0.31	0.25	2.35	1.57	2.00
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs. 5/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	16.89 16.89	8.09 8.09	1,125.29 1,125.29	61.20 61.20	62.93 62.93	217.84 217.84
14	Capital Redemption Reserve			- NOT APPLICABLE -			
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve			- NOT APPLICABLE -			
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	1.56	1.63	1.97	4.04	5.75	3.08
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	5.57	4.15	7.57	10.96	12.93	6.90
18	Current Ratio (Times)	1.04	1.00	0.98	1.07	1.19	0.93
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	4.60	4.06	5.79	2.83	1.55	3.69
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.60	0.59	0.62	0.55	0.57	0.63
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.33	0.40	0.38	0.58	0.42	0.57
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	6.82	6.96	6.74	20.31	18.70	19.89
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	2.97	2.37	2.58	10.03	8.73	9.06
25	Operating Margin (%)	12.14	10.74	13.25	8.49	11.67	11.68
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	3.61	1.30	8.39	3.23	3.44	3.27

Notes:  
1 The Board at its meeting held today, declared an interim dividend of Rs.59/- per share (1180%) absorbing a sum of Rs.119 Cr. for the year 2022-23 and the same will be paid to those shareholders who hold shares in physical or in electronic form and whose names appear in the Register of Members and / or Depositories respectively, as at the close of working hours on 3rd February 2023 (Record Date).  
2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)) and on Company's website ([www.sundaram-clayton.com](http://www.sundaram-clayton.com)).  
3 The Company has prepared these standalone and consolidated financial results in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.

For Sundaram-Clayton Limited

R.Gopalan  
Chairman

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MADRASI HIGHWAYS, PROJECTS CIRCLE**

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**WELLINGTON**

**Jacinda Ardern replaced by Chris Hipkins as New Zealand PM**



Hundreds gathered to applaud Jacinda Ardern as she left New Zealand's Parliament to resign as Prime Minister on Wednesday, before Chris Hipkins was swiftly sworn in as her replacement. Mr. Hipkins, while being sworn in by Governor-General Cindy Kiro, said he was "energised and excited by the challenges ahead". AFP

**JOHANNESBURG**

**Hundreds protest prolonged energy crisis in South Africa**



Hundreds of people took to the streets in Johannesburg on Wednesday to protest a prolonged energy crisis causing record power cuts in South Africa. The demonstrators gathered in the centre of the financial capital to march on the headquarters of the ruling African National Congress party. AFP

**PYONGYANG**

**North Korea locks down capital over 'respiratory illness': report**



North Korea has ordered a five-day lockdown in the capital over "respiratory illness", a report said on Wednesday, in what appears to be the first citywide restrictions since August 2022. Residents of Pyongyang have been ordered to stay in their homes from Wednesday to Sunday, Seoul-based NK News reported. AFP

**JERUSALEM**

**Israeli troops kill Palestinian after attempted stabbing in West Bank**



Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday, Palestinian officials said, the latest death in a surge of violence. The Israeli military said the Palestinian tried to stab a soldier. The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the man shot as Aref Abdel Nasser Lahlouh, 20. AFP

# Ukraine 'sincerely grateful' to Germany for battle tanks

**Spain says it is ready to send some of its German-built Leopards to Kyiv; Moscow warns against U.S. sending tanks to Ukraine, says it would be a blatant provocation against the Russian Federation'**

**Agence France-Presse**

KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday thanked German Chancellor Olaf Scholz for Berlin's decision to deliver powerful Leopard tanks and grant approval for other countries to send some from their own stocks.

"German main battle tanks, further broadening of defence support and training missions, green light for partners to supply similar weapons. Just heard about these important and timely decisions in a call with Olaf Scholz," Mr. Zelensky said on Twitter, adding that he was "sincerely grateful to the Chancellor and all our friends".

Mr. Scholz, who had faced fierce accusations of dithering over whether to send the tanks, decided to send 14 Leopard-2 tanks and allow other countries to re-export German-built



**Bolstering fight:** Berlin has decided to send 14 Leopard-2 tanks to Ukraine in its first batch. AFP

tanks to Ukraine.

The Kremlin warned on Wednesday that if Western countries supply Ukraine with heavy tanks they will be destroyed on the battlefield. "These tanks burn like all the rest. They are just very expensive," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

**Kremlin's warning**

The Kremlin's warning came as a Moscow-backed official said Russian forces had advanced in Bakhmut,

to send some of its German-made Leopard tanks to bolster Ukraine's fight. "Spain is ready... to deal with our allies in any way necessary, whether that means sending Leopards, training in the use of Leopards or help in their maintenance and upkeep," Defence Minister Margarita Robles said.

Russia's ambassador to the United States, Anatoly Antonov, responded to reports about Washington potentially sending battle tanks by saying such a move would show "the real aggressor in the current conflict".

"If the United States decides to supply tanks, it will be impossible to justify such step using arguments about 'defensive weapons,'" he said, according to a post on the Russian Embassy's official Facebook page.

"This would be another blatant provocation against the Russian Federation."

a town in eastern Ukraine that Russia has been trying to capture for months.

Amid the fierce fighting in eastern Ukraine, Kyiv and several of its allies have been urging Germany for weeks to allow the delivery of the Leopards, but a U.S.-led meeting of Kyiv's allies in Germany last week failed to yield a decision.

After Berlin made the announcement, European leaders welcomed the decision.

Spain said it was ready

# Pope criticises laws that criminalise homosexuality

**Associated Press**

VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis criticised laws that criminalise homosexuality as "unjust," saying God loves all his children just as they are and called on Catholic bishops who support the laws to welcome LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) people into the church.

Pope Francis acknowledged that Catholic bishops in some parts of the world support laws that criminalise homosexuality or discriminate against the

**Catholic teaching holds that homosexual acts are 'intrinsically disordered'**

LGBTQ community, and he himself referred to the issue in terms of "sin." But he attributed such attitudes to cultural backgrounds, and said bishops in particular need to undergo a process of change to recognize the dignity of everyone.

"These bishops have to have a process of conver-

sion," he said, adding that they should apply "tenderness, please, as God has for each one of us."

On Tuesday, Pope Francis said there needed to be a distinction between a crime and a sin with regard to homosexuality. "It's not a crime. Yes, but it's a sin," he said. Catholic teaching holds that while gay people must be treated with respect, homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered."

Pope Francis has not changed that teaching, but he has made reaching out to the LGBTQ community a hallmark of his papacy.

# Pak. arrests senior leader from Imran Khan's party

**Associated Press**

ISLAMABAD

Police in Pakistan arrested early on Wednesday a senior leader of former Prime Minister Imran Khan's political party on charges of threatening the chief of the elections overseeing body and other government officials.

The arrest of Fawad Chaudhry is a major setback for the party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, in which he serves as vice president.

# Earth's inner core rotating slower: study

**Agence France-Presse**

PARIS

Earth's inner core, a hot iron ball the size of Pluto, has stopped spinning faster than the planet's surface and might now be rotating slower than it, research suggested on Monday.

Roughly 5,000 kilometres below the surface we live on, this "planet within the planet" can spin independently because it floats in the liquid metal outer core.

New research published in the journal Nature Geos-

cience analysed seismic waves from repeating earthquakes over the last six decades.

"We believe the inner core rotates, relative to the Earth's surface, back and forth, like a swing," the study's authors, Xiaodong Song and Yi Yang of China's Peking University, said.

The inner core started rotating slightly faster than the rest of the planet in the early 1970s.

But it had been slowing down before coming in sync with Earth's rotation around 2009, it said.

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222313 006462	Steaming (Non-Coking)Coal in Bulk ( Imported ) with 4200 GR of Indonesian origin	09.02.2023 upto 03:00 PM
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222313 006496	Procurement of Sulphuric Acid for Unit - I and Unit - II	09.02.2023
222313 006495	Procurement of Sulphur Di Oxide for Unit - I and Unit - II	10.02.2023
222313 006456	Supply of LT Power and Control Cables for Revamping of RB#3 in TNPL Unit - I	09.02.2023
222313 006526	90 GSM Plain Kraft Sheets of various sizes for Unit - I	10.02.2023
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**ENTERPRISE CONNECT**

**BHEL bags order for Renovation & Modernisation of Steam Turbines at Utkal Thermal Power Station in Gujarat**

In the face of stiff competitive bidding, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has won an order for the Renovation & Modernisation (R&M) of steam turbines at Utkal Thermal Power Station (TPS) in Gujarat. Valued about Rs.300 Crore, the order for R&M of the 200 MW Unit 3 and the 210 MW Unit-5, has been placed on BHEL by Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited. Significantly, BHEL is also the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of these turbine sets which have been successfully operating for around 40 years, before being taken up for R&M. The R&M work being undertaken by BHEL will not only extend the life and reliability of Units-3&5 at Utkal TPS, but also improve the efficiency levels of these turbines addressing the problems of technical obsolescence, thereby making them more environment friendly. BHEL's scope of work in the contract includes design, engineering, manufacturing, supply, dismantling, erection, testing and commissioning of the steam turbines and associated auxiliaries.

The equipment for the project will be supplied by BHEL's manufacturing units at Hardiwari, Trichy, Bengaluru and Bhopal while the execution on site will be undertaken by the company's Power Sector - Western Region, Nagpur. BHEL has successfully executed R&M projects of over 35,000 MW thermal power till date comprising of comprehensive R&M, retrofit works including Boiler retrofits, C&I retrofits, ESP retrofits, combustion modification packages, etc. The company's customers include all major Central and State utilities like NPCIL, DVC, NLC, MAHAGENCO, RVRNL, UPRVL, TANGEDCO, TSGenco, APGENCO, etc. With its vast portfolio of 1.32,000 MW of coal-based power plants installed in the country (~57%), BHEL is the undisputed market leader in thermal utility projects as well as a lead player for R&M of old sets for achieving efficient upgradation and increase in lifespan as well as reliability. The company with its experience of working with a wide range of customers, offers ready availability of spares and quality services along with comprehensive R&M for thermal as well as hydro sets.

**J&K Bank Q3 net profit up 79% YoY to Rs 312 Cr**

We remain committed to sustained improvement in our overall functioning and the operating results: Baldev Prakash Srivastava, Jan 23: J&K Bank Net Profit witnessed 79% rise year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 311.59 crore for the December Quarter of FY 2022-23 as against Rs 173.95 Cr registered for the same period last financial year. The bank announced the results after its Board of Directors reviewed and approved the numbers for third quarter and nine-months ended December 2022. In a meeting held today at Bank's Gurugram Office in Delhi, Well on its trajectory to meet annual profitability targets, the bank's profit for nine-months is up 85% to Rs 721.05 Cr from Rs 389.73 Cr clocked during nine-months of the last fiscal. Performance Highlights-Bank's Net Interest Income (NII) surged by 27% YoY to Rs 1257.38 Cr for the December quarter when compared to Rs 993.30 Cr recorded last year, while growing 19% YoY for nine-months to Rs 3495.73 Cr. The bank's Operating Profit grew by 65% YoY to Rs 544.11 Cr for the December quarter, 2022. The bank's NII has also improved by 54 basis-points (bps) YoY to 4.10% - the highest in last seven years - while the Return on Assets rose to 0.92% for the December quarter from 0.57% recorded last year. With Yield on Advances improving by 90 bps to 9.34%, the bank's steadily moderating cost-to-income ratio has come down further to 63.71% for the third quarter. Commenting upon the quarterly growth numbers, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash said, "Driven largely by improving asset-quality through better SMA management and vigorous recoveries, we have achieved a better set of numbers in our December quarter. And we remain committed to sustained improvement in our overall functioning and the operating results as communicated in our financial-year guidelines." Improved Asset-Quality The Gross NPA Ratio of the bank has further come down to 168 bps YoY and 42 bps QoQ to 7.25% for the quarter, while the Net NPA ratio has moderated YoY by 94 bps to 2.08%. Provision coverage ratio (PCR) of the bank stood at 84.83% for the quarter ended December, 2022. Through an ensured institutional focus on the asset-quality, we have brought down our Net NPAs to 2.08%, which is the lowest in last eight years. While each quarter

**A Business Initiative****Agence France-Presse**

**Ukraine toughens penalty for desertion from Army**

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday signed a controversial law toughening punishments for disobedience or desertion from the armed forces amid Russia's invasion.

Stronger sanctions will also apply to offences such as threatening commanders, fleeing the battlefield, or consuming alcohol, according to the law published on the Ukrainian Parliament's website.

The new law also prohibits courts from giving reduced or suspended sentences to soldiers found guilty. Soldiers could face up to 12 years in prison for desertion, up to 10 years for disobedience or refusal to fight, and up to seven years for threatening a super-

**ENTERPRISE CONNECT****IndianOil sets up Ethanol Pavilion stall at Auto Expo 2023**

IndianOil had set up a modern, digital and interactive stall on the theme 'We Develop Solutions' showcasing IndianOil's green roadmap for ethanol blending and production processes at the Ethanol Pavilion at Auto Expo 2023 organized from January 11-18, 2023. For the first time, an Ethanol Pavilion was conceptualized at the Auto Expo to facilitate the propagation of ethanol. The stall was inaugurated by Mr Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs on January 13, 2023. Mr Puri was accompanied by Mr S M Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil; Dr SSV Ramakumar, Director (R&D); Mr Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra, Director (HR); Mr V Satish Kumar, Director (Marketing); Mr D S Nanavare, Director (Pipelining) and Mr Sujoy Choudhury, Director (P&BD). Mr SM Vaidya led the IndianOil team in welcoming Mr Puri who was taken around the stall for a glimpse into the Corporation's initiatives to achieve the target of the E20 mandate as well as measures to enhance biofuels portfolio via several sustainable technological solutions such as biodiesel, biofuels, biogas (biomethane), SAF etc. In line with the initiative, IndianOil had put up large working models depicting the production process of compressed biogas and 2G ethanol based on its indigenously developed technologies at the Auto Expo exhibition stall. Through the National Biofuel Policy 2018, the Government of India is pushing for increased availability and use of ethanol for blending with gasoline & diesel in the country. In line with the Government mandate, IndianOil has taken the lead in the adoption of ethanol through expensive investment in logistics across the complete supply/marketing chain.

**Punjab and Sind Bank records Net Profit of Rs.373 Cr against a Net Profit of Rs.278 Cr (QoQ), posting growth of 34.17%**

Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 31st December 2022 PRESS RELEASE Key Highlights (Q3 FY 2023) • Net Profit stands at Rs.373 Cr against Net Profit of Rs.301 Cr for Dec 2021 and Rs.278 Cr for Sept 2022, a growth of 23.92% and 34.17% respectively. • Operating Profit up by 8.18% (QoQ) and 3.61% (Yo-Y). • Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio reduces by 608 bps on Yo-Yo basis to 8.36%. • Net Non-Performing Assets (NPNA) ratio reduces by 99 bps on Yo-Yo basis to 2.02%. • Capital Adequacy ratio (CRAR) at 15.57% with Common Equity Tier 1 (CE1-T1) ratio of 12.79% at the end of December 2022. • Return on Assets (RoA) improves to 1.11%, improvement of 13 bps (Yo-Y). • Net Interest Income grows by 6.20% on Yo-Yo basis. • Yield on Advances improves by 8.11%, improvement of 42 bps (Yo-Y). • CASA Deposit grows by 11.33% on Yo-Yo basis and its share in Total Deposit stands at 33.30%, improvement of 67 bps. • RAM (Retail, Agriculture & MSME) Advances up by 19.07% (Yo-Y). • Retail advances up by 32.31% to Rs.14739 Cr (Yo-Y). • MSME advances up by 14.92% to Rs.13929 Cr (Yo-Y). • Agriculture advances up by 9.63% to Rs.11288 Cr (Yo-Y). • Credit - Deposit (CD) ratio improves to 7.10%, improvement of 452 bps (Yo-Y). • Slippage rate improves to 0.36% for Q3 FY2023 from 0.52% for Q2 FY2

## IN BRIEF



## Job layoff threat worries one in 4 Indians: Kantar survey

Every one in four Indians is concerned about the threat of job loss while three out of four are worried about rising inflation; yet half of them believe the economy will grow in 2023, according to a survey by marketing data and analytics firm Kantar. In its India Union Budget survey, Kantar found consumers expect policy changes with respect to income tax, with an increase in basic income tax exemption limit from the current ₹2.5 lakh being the most common expectation. PTI

## Norway fund drops China firm, BEL over Myanmar weapons

Norway's sovereign wealth fund, the world's biggest, has excluded two firms from China and India for selling weapons to Myanmar, the Norwegian central bank said. The fund divested from AviChina Industry & Technology and Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) due to the "unacceptable risk that the companies are selling weapons to a State that uses these weapons in ways that constitute serious and systematic breaches of the international rules on conduct of hostilities." AFP

## TVS Credit Services Q3 net surges 75% to ₹97.97 crore

Non-banking finance company TVS Credit Services Ltd. has reported a net profit of ₹97.97 crore for October-December, the company said. The city-based company, a part of the TVS Group, reported a net profit of ₹55.88 crore during the year-earlier period. Net profit for the nine-month period ended December 31, was at ₹278 crore (₹58 crore). Total income during Q3 went up to ₹1,094.13 crore (₹723.60 crore). PTI

## + Dr. Reddy's Q3 net surges on U.S., Russia

## The Hindu Bureau

HYDERABAD

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories on Wednesday reported consolidated net profit increased more than 75% year-on-year to ₹1,243.9 crore in the December quarter aided by a robust growth in the key North America as well as Russia markets for its generics.

New products, increase in volumes and favourable forex movement were behind the improved performance, the firm said.

While gains in North America were partly offset by price erosion, in the Russia business an in-

## New products, increase in volumes and favourable forex movement enhanced the performance

crease in prices, besides the volume, contributed to the growth.

The surge in net profit came on a 30% rise in net sales to ₹6,635.3 crore. Total income at ₹6,848.5 crore was 27% higher, according to the results prepared as per Indian Accounting Standards.

Shares of DRL closed 1.1% lower at ₹4,204.55 apiece on the BSE.

## Shanthi Gears Q3 net grows 29%; interim dividend at ₹3

## The Hindu Bureau

CHENNAI

Murugappa group company Shanthi Gears Ltd. standalone net profit for the quarter ended December grew 29% to ₹18 crore compared with a year earlier.

Revenue from operations rose 21% to ₹15 crore, the firm said in a filing.

The company generated free cash flow of ₹6.5 crore and had an order book worth ₹120 crore, according to the filing.

The company's board declared an interim dividend of ₹3 per share.

## Indian Bank Q3 net profit climbs twofold

## The Hindu Bureau

CHENNAI

Indian Bank standalone net profit for the quarter ended December has more than doubled to ₹1,396 crore from the year-earlier period on account of an increase in net interest income, credit growth and better asset quality.

"The bank is in a better financial health, well capitalised and the asset quality is continuously improving," said Shanti Lal Jain, MD & CEO.

"We have done well in all parameters. Slippages has been coming down quarter on quarter, while

## Sundaram Clayton Q3 net more than doubles

## The Hindu Bureau

CHENNAI

cash recoveries are up. In the last nine months, we have made cash recoveries of ₹6,500 crore against the target of ₹8,000 crore."

Net interest income rose 25% to ₹5,499 crore. Gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) as percentage of gross advances slid to 6.53% from 9.13%. Net NPAs fell to 1% (2.72%).

## 'Rising cost of data, a matter of concern'

## The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Rising prices of data and devices are a concern for the rapid proliferation of digitisation, said Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

The comments have come in the backdrop of a rise of about 57% in the minimum monthly recharge plan by the country's second-largest telecom firm Bharti Airtel.

The Minister said he was not exactly aware of the rise in mobile services rates by Bharti Airtel and the Ministry may approach telecom regulator TRAI to

## MARKETS

## MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,205	-1.27
US Dollar	81.65	-0.02
Gold	56,972	-0.43
Brent oil	86.63	-1.16

## NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter.	3,388.90	-53.05
Adani Ports	713.15	-48.05
Apollo Hosp	4,224.35	-80.65
Asian Paints	2,775.00	-35.60
Axis Bank	892.35	-17.85
Bajaj Auto	3,717.40	-30.90
Bajaj FinServ	1,314.35	-18.35
Bajaj Finance	5,795.90	-59.15
Bharti Airtel	776.50	0.85
BPCL	346.75	-2.20
Britannia Ind	4,388.15	-7.90
Cipla	1,035.25	-26.90
Coal India	226.15	-1.45
Dixi Lab	3,335.70	-20.35
Dr Reddy's Lab	4,200.95	-51.80
Eliecer Motors	3,213.85	-12.70
Grasim Ind.	1,593.75	-9.45
HCL Tech	11,227.55	-15.10
HFDC	2,710.60	-64.80
HFDC Life	1,648.65	-46.85
Hero MotoCorp	2,785.00	-13.10
Hind Unilever	2,622.35	-21.85
ICICI Bank	855.10	-15.45
IndusInd Bank	1,156.15	-56.15
Infosys	1,543.00	-8.90
ITC	339.25	0.30
JSW Steel	724.65	2.60
Kotak Bank	1,749.80	-10.45
L&T	2,174.70	-32.80
M&M	1,311.50	-12.40
Maruti Suzuki	8,784.10	-85.30
NestleIndia	19,235.50	-55.20
NTPC	165.90	-0.15
ONGC	152.45	0.30
PowerGrid Corp	219.40	-1.55
Reliance Ind	2,382.55	-33.40
SBI Life	1,257.45	-15.80
State Bank	568.70	-25.65
Sun Pharma	10,405.00	-0.65
TataConsumerProd- uct	740.05	-0.85
Tata Motors	419.05	-3.10
Tata Steel	121.00	0.60
TCS	3,429.75	-6.55
Tech Mahindra	1,051.55	-19.45
Titan	2,356.60	-14.15
UltraTech Cement	6,705.10	-104.60
UPL	737.95	-8.00
Wipro	401.55	-5.05

## EXCHANGE RATES

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.39	81.71
Euro	88.44	88.79
British Pound	100.10	100.49
Japanese Yen (100)	62.57	62.81
Chinese Yuan	12.00	12.05
Swiss Franc	88.22	88.57
Singapore Dollar	61.80	62.06
Canadian Dollar	60.82	61.09
Malaysian Ringgit	19.09	19.19
Australian Dollar	57.69	57.92

Source: Indian Bank

## Vikas Dhoot

NEW DELHI

**T**he rate increases on some small savings schemes for this quarter could make it tougher for banks to raise deposits and compel them to lift rates, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

For the January-March 2023 quarter, the government has raised interest rates on eight of 12 small savings instruments, including a minimal 20 basis points (bps) increase for the National Savings Certificate and Kisan Vikas Patra

## Tough competition

Central bank reiterates concerns about impact of high small savings rates on bank deposit rates

**■** In 2021, the RBI had flagged this issue four times in its bulletins, stressing this was affecting monetary transmission as well as making it tough for banks to raise retail deposits

**■** Small savings rates were higher than formula-based rates at the time, but the cycle had turned in 2022

and a 110 bps higher return on one-, two- and three-year time deposits. One basis point equals 0.01%.

Returns on the Public Provident Fund and the Sukanya Samridhi account scheme were left un-

changed at 7.1% and 7.6%, prevalent since April 2020. Interest rates on small savings schemes are fixed on a quarterly basis with a spread of 0-100 bps over and above the yields on government securities of comparable maturities.

The returns for the October-December 2022 quarter were 44-77 bps lower than the formula-determined rates, the RBI said in its October bulletin, though it doesn't share details in its latest release on exactly how the revised rates square up with the formula

the previous quarter, the central bank said.

## No data for comparison

Though the RBI has not elaborated on how the revised small savings rates square up with the formula-based returns in its latest bulletin, the central bank reiterated concerns about the implication of the increase for banks.

The returns for the October-December 2022 quarter were 44-77 bps lower than the formula-determined rates, the RBI had said in its October bulletin.

"The increase in rates on small savings schemes may pose competition to banks for raising deposits, and banks may be prompted to further increase retail deposit rates," it observed.

## Freeze import duties, reduce customs slabs'

## Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

## The suggestions will prepare India to meet the challenging global economic environment

confusion and minimise litigation. These suggestions will prepare India adequately to meet the challenging global economic environment, it said.

India should announce a five-year duty freeze in the backdrop of countries worldwide having turned inwards to brace for the tough global conditions.



## Kishore Biyani exits Future Retail's board

## Reuters

BENGALURU

Debt-ridden Future Retail Ltd. said Kishore Biyani had resigned as the executive chairman and director of the company, effective January 23.

## Tata Motors turns Q3 profit of ₹2,960 crore

## The Hindu Bureau

MUMBAI

Tata Motors Ltd. reported third-quarter consolidated net profit of ₹2,957.71 crore compared with a loss of ₹1,516.14 crore in the year-earlier period.

The company attributed the profit to rising demand for all its products. It reported profit in the most recently ended quarter for the first time in two years.

Total revenue from operations rose 22.5% to ₹8,488.59 crore. JLR revenue grew 28% to ₹6 billion reflecting bet-

ter supplies, strong model mix and pricing, according to a filing. Tata Commercial Vehicles' revenue climbed 22.5% to ₹16,900 crore. Tata Passenger Vehicles' revenue jumped 37% to ₹11,700 crore, reflecting higher volumes and realisations.

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+ Banks may raise deposit rates to compete with small savings: RBI

+ Job layoff threat worries one in 4 Indians: Kantar survey

+ Norway fund drops China firm, BEL over Myanmar weapons

**NEARLY THERE**

**Sania & Bopanna reach the mixed doubles final**



Playing the last Grand Slam tournament of her career, Sania Mirza earned the chance to win her seventh major title by reaching the Australian Open mixed doubles final with Rohan Bopanna. The unseeded Indian pair knocked out third seeds Desirae Krawczyk and Neal Skupski 7-6(5), 6-7(5), [10-6] in the semifinal.

**EMOTIONAL MANAGEMENT**

**Had to stop letting misses and mistakes define me, says Linette**



"All through my life I've been taking mistakes and losses very personally, so I had to disconnect those two things. It was really difficult, because I felt a lot of times that the misses, the mistakes, were defining me," said Linette on her continuing "emotional management."

**WATCH OUT!**

**Djokovic says he 'sent a message' with his last two dominant wins**



Novak Djokovic said he "sent a message" through his wins in the last two rounds. "Playing against two guys who were in form and to beat them dominantly in three sets is something that I definitely want at this moment, something that sends a message to all my opponents," he said. "With this kind of game, the confidence level rises."

**NEW APPROACH**

**I used to go for crazy shots to get out of tough situations: Sabalenka**



Aryna Sabalenka is benefiting from a different approach when facing adversity on court. "Before I was trying to go for aces, go for crazy shots to get out easily from tough situations," she said. "Right now I keep saying: 'no, work for it, it's not going to be easy.'" Sabalenka will play Magda Linette for a place in Saturday's final.

# Windfall for BCCI as women's T20 league finalises franchises

The Board richer by ₹4,670 crore as Adani Sportsline, Indiawin Sports, Royal Challengers Sports, JSW GMR Cricket and Capri Global Holdings win bids; the players' auction likely in early February; tournament to be held in March

**WPL****Amol Karhadkar**

MUMBAI

The women's cricket ecosystem in India got a major fillip on Wednesday as the sale of franchises for the IPL-styled Women's Premier League (WPL) fetched the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) a cumulative total of ₹4,670 crore.

Of the 16 bidders who turned up at a plush hotel in south Mumbai for acquiring one of the five WPL franchises on offer, the Adani Group – which lost out in the battle for an IPL team in October 2021 – paid a whopping ₹1,289 crore for the Ahmedabad-based Gujarat Giants.

Besides the Adanis, Capri Global Holdings Pvt. Ltd., which has made a foray into non-cricket leagues in India and in cricket through the Sharjah Warriors in the ILT20 in the UAE, was the other non-IPL franchise owner, shelling out ₹757 crore for the Lucknow franchise.

The other three owners were IPL team owners. IndiaWin Sports Pvt. Ltd., from the Mumbai Indians Reliance Industries Ltd. stable, bought the Mumbai franchise for ₹913 crore. The owners of Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals added a women's league to its fold by paying ₹901 crore and ₹810 crore respectively.

**Red-letter day**  
Terming the response to the WPL franchise bidding

## All about the Women's Premier League

**Ownerspeak**

**QQ** The launch of the Women's Premier League is a historic moment and I am proud that India is at the forefront of this change. As we bring the MI experience and best practices into the women's game, we look forward to seeing our women's team excel and inspire future generations of female athletes

**NITA AMBANI**  
Owner, Mumbai Indians

**QQ** We held back all our investments in overseas teams to own a team that aligns with this philosophy and core value, and it gives us immense pleasure to have marked this accomplishment positively

**PRATHMESH MISHRA**, Chairman, RCB

as "another red-letter day," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said the development is in sync with BCCI's policy of women empowerment.

"Right now, you know it's the age of women empowerment, so I think people are very keen to invest in women."

"Out of this, we will get good girls out of districts, cities and states (to increase the talent pool)"

IPL chairman Arun Dhumal hoped the WPL turns out to be at par with men's league, if not better," Dhumal said.

*The Hindu* understands that the four existing IPL franchises who lost out in

it that the faith that has been deposited on BCCI, we work extra hard to make sure that the WPL turns out to be at par with men's league, if not better," Dhumal said.

*The Hindu* understands that the four existing IPL franchises who lost out in

**The owners**

Amount	City	Owner
1,289 cr.	Ahmedabad	Adani Group
912.99 cr.	Mumbai	IndiaWin Sports (Mumbai Indians)
901 cr.	Bengaluru	Royal Challengers Sports Pvt. Ltd.
810 cr.	Delhi	JSW-GMR Cricket Pvt. Ltd. (Delhi Capitals)
757 cr.	Lucknow	Capri Global

**The numbers game**

**4669.99 crore:** Total revenue through franchise sale

**22:** Total matches in each of the first three seasons

**12 crore:** Likely team purse for the first season

**18:** Maximum squad size for each team

**5:** Overseas players allowed per team, if one of them is from Associate nations

**Tentative dates: March 6 to 26**

■ The first season will be played in Mumbai, and possibly Pune

■ The player auction is scheduled between February 1 and 10

■ Each team will play each other twice in the league. The top team will qualify for the final. The second- and third-placed teams will play the Eliminator

# Grambusch brothers and Danneberg star as Germany shoots out England

**HOCKEY WORLD CUP****Uthra Ganeshan**

BHUBANESWAR

Forty seconds was all it took for Germany to score twice and first equal, then knock out England from the World Cup on Wednesday in shootouts, reiterating its credentials as one of the most dangerous teams in world hockey and making its first semifinal since finishing runner-up in 2010.

England led 2-0 with three minutes to go but the teams finished level on 2-2 before Jean-Paul Danneberg, coming in as substitute goalkeeper in his first game of the competition, made the two crucial saves of his as yet brief seven-match international career while Germany converted all four of its attempts to go through.

**Unlikely result**

It was a result that looked highly unlikely all through the game that England dominated with a defensive masterclass and iron-clad control of the midfield.

For most of the first half, the game was restricted to the midfield as the teams played percentage hockey, seeking to test the opponent and making only occasional forays into each other's circles.

One of those in the 11th minute saw Stuart Rushmore being put through at the backline and, juggling in the air with impressive 3D skills, transferred the ball to Zachary Wallace who slapped it into the net.

Germany was hardly gi-



**Jean-Paul the hero:** Substitute goalkeeper Danneberg rose to the occasion for Germany in the shootout. BISWARANJAN ROUT

ven any space to move in a closed game and with its key players including Christopher Ruhr, Niklas Wellen and Marco Miltkau hemmed in all the time, the team lacked its usual pace. It improved in the second quarter and despite England's solid defence, managed to earn two penalties. Peillat failed to score.

The game picked pace post the break as Germany shifted to shorter and more diagonal passes to break through, but England upped its attack as well to earn back-to-back PCs and go 2-0 up two minutes after resumption.

With five and half minutes to go, German coach Andre Henning took out the goalkeeper in search of a goal and was rewarded with a penalty stroke in the 56th minute that incredibly saw Ruhr hit the crossbar.

Luck seemed to be favouring England but that was before Wallace picked up a card a minute later. Reduced to nine versus 11 outfield players, England

first saw Mats Grambusch reduce the margin, then concede another stroke, brother Tom making no mistake this time. Germany even earned a PC in the last 28 seconds but it had to wait till after the shootout to celebrate.

Later, the Dutch took time to get going with a nippy Korea pushing them hard, but took control as the match wore on, winning 5-1 in search of their fourth straight World Cup medal.

The Germans will next take on Australia in the semifinals in a repeat of their clash at the Tokyo Olympics, hoping to avenge their defeat 18 months ago and make their first final in 13 years while the Dutch will play Belgium in a replay of last edition's title clash.

**The results (quarterfinals):**  
Germany 2 (Mats Grambusch 57, Tom Grambusch 58) drew with England 2 (Zachary Wallace 11, Liam Ansell 32) (Germany won 4-3 on penalties); Netherlands 5 (Koen Blijen 27, 31, Justen Blok 36, Steijn van Heijningen 50, Teun Beens 58) bt Korea 1 (In woo Seo 51).

# Djokovic crushes Rublev, Sabalenka rolls into semifinals

**AUSTRALIAN OPEN****Agence France-Presse**

MELBOURNE

Novak Djokovic was two wins away from a 22nd Grand Slam crown after bulldozing into the Australian Open semifinals on Wednesday, while Aryna Sabalenka was equally impressive in reaching the women's last four.

The Serb delivered a masterclass to crush Russian fifth seed Andrey Rublev 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 and set up a meeting with Tommy Paul for a place in the final.

Djokovic's quest to go level with great rival Rafael Nadal on a leading 22 major titles carries an air of inevitability.

The 35-year-old has struggled with a hamstring injury in the early rounds at Melbourne Park but was dominant during his fourth-round demolition of

CM YK

Alex de Minaur and was equally clinical against the outclassed Rublev.

"I cannot be happier with my tennis, honestly," Djokovic told an adoring Rod Laver Arena.

"I've been playing very solid from the back of the court and I really love playing in these conditions and this court."

Victory for the red-hot favourite propelled him into a 44th Grand Slam semifinal to close the gap on Roger Federer's all-time record of 46.

Anything other than a rampant win for Djokovic against unseeded Paul would amount to a massive upset, albeit at a tournament that has seen numerous shocks in the men's and women's draws.

Paul defeated his fellow American Ben Shelton 7-6(6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

**THE RESULTS**  
**Quarterfinals: Men**: 4-Djokovic (Sr) bt 5-Rublev (Rus) 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; 5-Paul (USA) bt Shelton (USA) 7-6(6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

**Women**: Linette (Pol) bt 30-Pliskova (Cze) 6-3, 7-5; 5-Sabalenka (Blr) bt Vekic (Cro) 6-3, 6-2.

## The day in numbers



# Deflated India takes on Japan for a chance to play for 9/10 spots

**Aashin Prasad**

ROURKELA

While the party continues in Bhubaneswar, the host will be far away from it, forced to go through the embarrassment of the classification battle in the World Cup. A deflated India will take on Japan here at the Birsa Munda International Stadium on Thursday for a chance to play in the 9/10 place classification match.

No pre-match press conference was scheduled and head coach Graham Reid refused to entertain the media post their closed-door training late on Wednesday.

With the pressure off their backs, Reid will hope his team plays freely and rectifies the mistakes from

the matches against Wales and New Zealand. While it improved on its decision-making in front of goal in the loss to the Black Sticks, concerns will remain over its penalty corners conversion rate – five goals from 26 attempts – and getting turned over in possession in its own half.

Of the five penalty corner goals, two were from rebounds and one without a goalkeeper as skipper Harmanpreet Singh's drag-flicks have underwhelmed.

With an expectant home crowd, India will seek to give them a reason to cheer against the tournament's lowest-scorer Japan (two goals). It will seek inspiration from the wins over India in the Asian Champions Trophy (2021) and Asia Cup (2022).

## IN BRIEF



## Siraj becomes the top-ranked bowler in ODIs

India pacer Mohammed Siraj on Wednesday became the No. 1 in the ICC rankings for ODI bowlers, a testament to his rapid rise in international cricket. Siraj went past New Zealand's Trent Boult and Australia seamer Josh Hazlewood to become the top-ranked ODI bowler for the first time.

## Tamil Nadu girls continue unbeaten run

Tamil Nadu girls continued their unbeaten run with a 97-60 defeat of Chhattisgarh in the second round of the Junior National basketball in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

**The results:** Men: Rajasthan 86 (Ayush Choudhary 28, Mohit 14) bt Mizoram 50 (Lalrinhluita 12); Chandigarh 67 (Abhishek 16, Udit Ravish 13, Himanshu 13) bt Tamil Nadu 59 (S. Pragalath 20, B. Subin Vel 14); Madhya Pradesh 79 (Bhagat Singh 20, Vikas Sharma 18) bt Punjab 69 (Shaibjith Singh 24, Harmanjot Singh Cheema 13); Uttar Pradesh 94 (Aman Kaushik 27, Kushal Singh 20, Harsh Dagar 19, Mohd. Kaif 18) bt Karnataka 66 (S. Sanketh 19 Nihal 17, N.M. Vishnu 15).

**Women:** Punjab 72 (Manmeet Kaur 22, Kavya Singla 17, Karanveer Kaur 17) bt Kerala 47; Maharashtra 68 (Ananya Bhavsar 26, Gunjan Mantri 15, Richa Ravi 13) bt Madhya Pradesh 58 (Khushi Pal Singh 25, Osheen Singh 15); Tamil Nadu 97 (K. Satya 30, R. Deepthi 24, A. Nitika 16) bt Chhattisgarh 60 (D. Kirti 20, Moni Adla 16, Riya Pramod 10); Uttar Pradesh 87 (Shimla Gupta 26, Aanavi Anand 22, Vidhi Yadav 15) bt Chandigarh 54 (Arpita Dey 15, Anshu 11).

## LIVE TELECAST

**BWF Indonesia Masters:** Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 a.m.  
**Ranji Trophy:** Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.  
**Hockey World Cup:** SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 11.30 a.m., 2, 4.30 & 7 p.m.  
**Australian Open:** Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 & LIV, 2 p.m.  
**I-League:** Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.  
**ISL:** SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

## Manish enters second round

## Sports Bureau

Manish Sureshkumar beat Yaroslav Demin of Russia 6-3, 6-7(1), 6-3 to make the pre-quarterfinals of the \$25,000 ITF men's tournament in Manacor.

**Other results:** First round: \$25,000 ITF men, Al Zahra, Kuwait: Bor Artnak (Slo) bt Mukund Sasikumar 6-3, 6-4. \$15,000 ITF men, Jakarta, Indonesia: Shauhan Shin (Kor) bt Siddharth Vishwakarma 6-2, 6-0; Karan Singh bt Gunawan Trismuwanta (Ina) 6-2, 6-3; Wishaya Trongcharoenchaikul (Tha) bt Niki Poona (Tha) 6-4(5), 6-3; Siddharth Rawat bt Derek Pham (Aus) 7-6(5), 7-5; S.D. Prajwal Dev bt Anthony Susanto (Ina) 6-1, 4-6, 6-0; Moerani Bouzige (Aus) bt Abhinav Sanjeev Shamugam 7-6(5), 6-7(5), 7-6(9). **Doubles:** Ishaque Eقبال & Karan Singh bt Rishabh Agarwal & Sai Karteeck Reddy Ganta 6-1, 7-6(5); SD Prajwal Dev & Rishi Reddy bt Lucky Kurniawan & Tegar Wibowo (Ina) 6-3, 6-1; Yunseok Jang & Woobin Shin (Kor) bt Tushar Madan & Siddharth Vishwakarma 6-4, 6-4; Rithvik Bolipalli & Nikil Poonacha bt M. Rifqui Fitriadi & Achad Maruf (Ina) 7-5, 6-2.  
**\$15,000 ITF men, Monastir:** Nazim Makhlouf (Alg) & Samuel Ruggeri (Ita) bt Parth Aggarwal & Rishabdev Raman 6-1, 6-1.  
**\$15,000 ITF men, Cairo:** Dragos Madaras (Swe) bt Adil Kalyanpur 6-3, 2-0 (retired). **Doubles:** Mirko Martinez (Sui) & Adil Kalyanpur bt Akram El Sallaly & Mohamed Safwat (Egy) 6-3, 2-6, [10-8].

## Prithviraj tops trap National squad

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Prithviraj Tondaiman tops the list for trap in the National squad announced by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Olympic quota winner Bhowneesh Mendiratta follow in the second and third place which could mean the three making the team for the forthcoming World Cups.

Manavjit Singh Sandhu has also got into the national squad after staying away for some time. Kyann Chennai, Vivaan Kapoor, Aryavansh Tyagi, Lakshay Sheoran and Bakhtyar Uddin are the other trap shooters in the squad. In women's trap, Shreyasi Singh, Preeti Rajak and Rajeshwari Kumari are the top three, and followed by Manisha Keer, Sabeera Haris, Shagun Chowdhary, Kirti Gupta, Aadya Tripathi and national champion Kiran.

In skeet, Angad Vir Singh Bajwa finds himself in the fourth place behind Mairaj Ahmad Khan, Anantjeet Singh Naruka and Gurjot Kanghara. They are followed by Man Singh, Sheeraz Sheikh, Abhay Singh Sekhon, Gurnihal Singh Garcha and Bhavteg Singh Gill. In women's skeet, Ganemata Sekhon, Maheshwari Chauhan and Darshna Rathore make the top three, followed by Areeba Khan, Raiza Dhillon, Parinaaz Dhaliwal, Sanjana Sood, Zahra Mufaddal Deesawala and Yashasvi Rathore.

## Badoni, Dhull keep Delhi in hunt for first innings lead

The former remains unbeaten on 78 while the skipper contributes 72 as the visitors reach 223 for five chasing Hyderabad's 355; Rohit Rayudu stands apart for the hosts with a classy unbeaten 153

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**A**yush Badoni compiled a stroke-filled unbeaten 78 (85b, 11x4, 2x6) after his captain Yash Dhull scored a brilliant half-century (72, 74b, 16x4) to keep Delhi's hopes of taking the first innings lead alive against Hyderabad on the second day of the four-day Ranji Trophy Elite Group-B match at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Wednesday.

First, it was Dhull who treated the Hyderabad bowlers with disdain, essaying glorious cover drives and shots in the 'V' with a blend of arrogance and elegance.

When Dhull was at the crease with opener Dhruv Shorey (30, 44b, 6x4), the bowling looked clueless. Even the normally consistent pacer Kartikeya Kak struggled and debutant pacer Praneeth Raj looked ordinary. Praneeth pitched the ball short on the off-stump repeatedly and was also warned for running on to the danger area by the umpires.

Just when it looked Delhi was in a hurry to go after the first objective of taking the lead, medium-pacer Ajay Dev cleaned up Shokeen with a change of pace and movement.

Then, the expensive left-



Poor judgement: Delhi's Himmat Singh shoulders arms only to see his stumps rearranged by Hyderabad pacer Ajay. V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM

arm spinner G. Aniketh Reddy got rid off Hrithik Shokeen (4), caught behind by Rahul Radesh to make it 96 for two in 19.1 overs.

Later, Dhull and Ayush Badoni added 39 in less than four overs before Aniketh seemed lucky to earn a caught-behind decision to send back the dangerous-looking Dhull.

Then, a suicidal run-out by Vaibhav Rawal (20) in the 39th over opened the window of opportunity for Hyderabad and Ajay Dev then got rid off Himmat Singh (0), who misread the movement of the first ball he faced and was bowled.

Delhi was in trouble at 192 for five. However, a fighting 31-run stand bet-

ween Badoni and an extremely uncomfortable Lalit Yadav ensured that there were no more setbacks for Delhi before stumps.

Earlier, Rohit Rayudu stood apart from the rest of the crowd with a classy unbeaten 153 (295b, 14x4, 3x6) to help Hyderabad post a far more respectable 355 in the first innings.

The scores: Hyderabad — 1st

innings: Tanmay Agarwal c

Himmat b Vijayan 23, Rahul

Radesh c Rawat b Mehra 41, K.

Rohit Rayudu (not out) 153, K.

Nitesh Reddy c Rawat b Mehra 0,

Chandan Sahani c Dhull b

Shokeen 67, T. Santosh Goud lbw

b Mehra 10, Shashank Lokesh lbw

b Rana 17, Ajay Dev Goud c

Rawat b Vijayan 10, G. Aniketh

Reddy c Lalit b Shokeen 8,

Kartikeya Kak c Badoni b Rana 1, S. Praneeth Raj lbw b Rana 0;

Extras (b-9, lb-11, nb-4, w-1): 25;

Total (in 124 overs): 355

**Fall of wickets:** 1-55, 2-90, 3-90,

4-222, 5-248, 6-292, 7-308, 8-319,

9-330.

**Delhi bowling:** Rana 26-5-63-3,

Mehra 24-7-45-3, Vijayan

26-6-74-2, Shokeen 30-4-101-2,

Lalit 14-145-0, Badoni 4-1-7-0.

**Delhi — 1st Innings:** Yash Dull c

Radesh c Aniketh 72, Dhruv

Shorey b Ajay Dev 30, Hrithik

Shokeen c Radesh b Aniketh 4,

Ayush Badoni (batting) 78,

Vaibhav Rawal run out (Lokesha)

20, Himmat Singh b Ajay Dev 0,

Lalit Yadav (batting) 7; Extras

(b-7, lb-5): 12; Total (for five wkts. in 50 overs): 223

**Fall of wickets:** 1-83, 2-96 3-135,

4-192, 5-192.

**Hyderabad bowling:** Kak

13-47-0, Praneeth 10-0-45-0,

Ajay Dev 11-3-42-2, Aniketh

16-1-77-2.

## RANJI TROPHY SCORES

**Elite (Round Seven, Day Two):** **Group-A:** At Kolkata: Odisha 265 in 98 overs (Shantanu Mishra 42, Subhranshu Senapati 67) vs Bengal 39/2 in 15 overs.

**At Raipur:** Chhattisgarh 531/9 decl. in 155 overs (Harpreet Singh 96, Shahbaz Hussain 40,

Vashudev Bareth 48 n.o., Ravi Kiran 46 n.o.) vs Goa 51/1 in 17 overs.

**At Vadodara:** Baroda 561/6 decl.

in 128 overs (Vishnu Solanki 179, Atit Sheth 140 n.o., Mitesh Patel 41 n.o.) vs Nagaland 130 in 45.5 overs (Hokaito Zhimomi 44, Bhargav Bhatt 5/40) & 19/3 in 7 overs.

**At Puducherry:** Pondicherry 371

in 127.3 overs (Paras Dogra 159, Arun Karthik 85, Akash Kargave 48, Jalal Saxena 5/75) vs Kerala 111/3 in 43 overs.

**At Jodhpur:** Services 178 &

181/2 in 60 overs (Ravi Chauhan 97 batting) vs Rajasthan 136 in 45.4 overs (Pulkit Narang 5/39).

**Group-D: At Indore:** Tripura 384 in 134.3 overs vs Madhya Pradesh 98/1 in 35 overs (Shubham Sharma 53 batting).

**At Ahmedabad:** Railways 508 in 116.4 overs (Upendra Yadav 79, Yuvraj Singh 50, Chintan Gaja 4/106, Hardik Patel 4/94) vs Gujarat 188/9 in 56 overs (Himanshu Sangwan 4/64).

**At Mohali:** Vidarbha 88/2 in 31 overs vs Punjab.

**At Chandigarh:** Chandigarh 18

for no loss in 6 overs vs Jammu & Kashmir.

**Plate (Final, Day One):** Bihar

392/4 in 90 overs (Sachin Kumar 45, Sakibul Gani 191 batting, Bipin Saurabh 117 batting) vs Manipur.

Jharkhand 164 & 85/2 in 28 overs vs Karnataka 300 in 89.1 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 114, B.R. Sharath 60, Shahbaz Nadeem 5/141).

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