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PM Modi promises people of poll-bound Rajasthan that Cong govt's welfare schemes will be 'improved and continued' if BJP wins, and claims CM Ashok Gehlot has conceded 'defeat' by appealing for such programmes to be continued, P 18

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Two days into new job, help flees with ₹2cr in cash, jewels

Just two days after being hired by a family living on Pusa Road, a help allegedly fled with cash and jewellery worth Rs 2 crore last week. No arrest has been made till now. Ranjana Oberoi (50) stays with her 80-year-old father in the house. Oberoi said Rajesh Das, who was hired just two days ago, had taken all the jewellery and cash that was kept in an almirah. **P 3**

NIA raids in 2 states net alleged Maoist

NIA Monday arrested C N Narasimhulu, a state executive committee member of a frontal CPI (Maoist) outfit, and seized weapons, Rs 13 lakh in cash and incriminating material during raids in 62 locations across Andhra and Telangana. **P 11**

Intel posts to come up along China border

Border posts of the ITBP along the India-China frontier from Ladakh to Arunachal will have an additional team of intel officers for surveillance. A highly placed source said the Centre has approved a proposal for establishing the Border Intelligence Posts. **P 11**

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The draft of a DGCA proposal bars airline crew from taking "any drug or using any substance such as mouthwash/tooth gel/perfume that has alcoholic content" so that they don't test positive during pre- or post-flight breathalyser tests. **P 18**

Stones, rods on track stop Vande train

An alert loco pilot saved Udaipur-Jaipur Vande Bharat Express from a major accident Monday when he stopped the train in the nick of time after noticing stones and iron rods on the track between Gangaraj and Soniyana section. **P 7**

Total shutdown in Manipur district

A bandh called on Monday against the arrest of four suspects over the disappearance and suspected killing of two Imphal students crippled Manipur's Churachandpur even as a court in Guwahati granted CBI five-day custody of the suspects. **P 7**

West heads east to learn art of shaadi planning

It's a \$130 billion business and such is its market power it's upended a standard labour market feature – young westerners are coming to India to learn the trade. Ask Saara, Emma and Mart-

EDITOR'S PICK

ha, all of whom spent weeks in Rajasthan as interns to learn how to organise a lavish shaadi to cater to diaspora demand, reports Ashish Mehta. They come to Rajasthan because, globally, it's the best-known Indian venue for splashy weddings. **P 10**

OBC, EBC, SC, ST make up 85% of Bihar's population

Caste Count Puts Muslims At 17.7%; Gen 15.5%

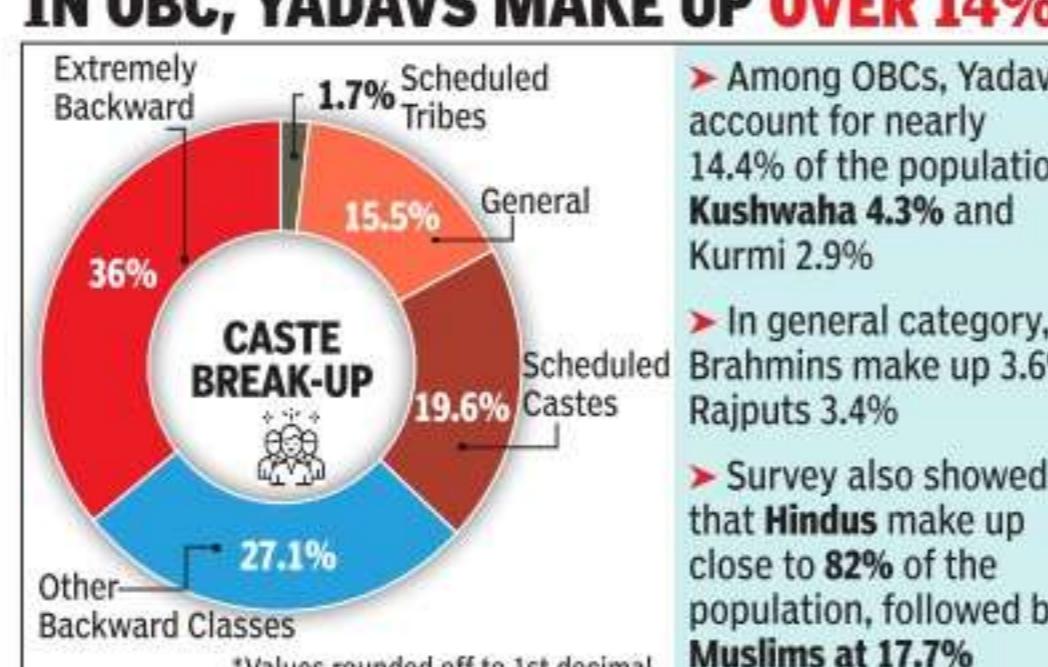
Abhay Singh | TNN

Patna: The Bihar government released on Monday its statistical data on the caste-based headcount done in the state this year, which may have significant implications for Bihar's electoral politics in days to come.

The data shows that the politically sensitive 113-caste group known as the extremely backward classes (EBCs) constitute the largest portion at 36%, along with the other backward classes at 27%, which amounts to 63% of the total 13.07 crore population of the state; together they constitute the social hefty segment of backward classes. Muslims constitute 17.7% of the state's population, comprising 12.9% from backward class and 4.8% from 'upper caste' Muslims.

CM Nitish Kumar and his deputy, Tejaswi Yadav, decided to term it a "caste-based headcount" – and not a "caste census" – to escape a legal tangle as Union junior home min-

IN OBC, YADAVS MAKE UP OVER 14%



Need nationwide caste count: Rahul

The Bihar count shows the need for a nationwide exercise, Rahul Gandhi said, adding, "jimtaabadi utma haq" is Congress' pledge. The party has lately made "caste census" and "removal of 50% quota cap" its campaign planks. **P 8**

ster Nitin Rai had informed Lok Sabha in July 2021 that it would not be legally tenable to hold a "caste census" in the country since the law provided for only counts of SC and ST groups.

The caste-wise breakup in

► Grand alliance, P 18

the state shows that "upper caste" groups among Hindus, considered BJP's mainstay, account for only 10.6% — Brahmins 3.7%, Rajputs 3.4%, Bhumihaars 2.9% and Kayasthas 0.6%.

► Union minister Giriraj Singh called the caste count "false" and an "eyewash"

even as BJP said it would respond after going through the report. There are thousands of castes but the count is based on a few, Singh said. **P 8**

► Survey also showed that Hindus make up close to 82% of the population, followed by Muslims at 17.7%.

Three suspected terrorists, all engineers, arrested by city cops

'Module Planned Blasts In Ayodhya, Delhi & Mumbai'

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BTECH FROM NIT, IED SPECIALIST

► Shah Nawaz Alam (in pic), a BTech in mining from NIT, made IEDs & tested them. Escaped from custody this year. NIA placed ₹3L reward on his head
 ► Anti-terror sleuths shocked by his 'level of refinement & knowledge' in making 'clean IEDs' using ordinary chemicals
 ► Aide Arshad Warsi, a BTech in mechanical engineering &

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Alam had made it to the "most wanted" list and NIA had announced a reward of Rs 3 lakh for his arrest after he escaped during a raid in Pune this July. Special commissioner HGS Dhaliwal said Alam and his associates – Arshad and Mohammed Rizwan Ashraf – are engineers, and Warsi is pursuing a PhD from Jamia. TOI had reported last week the agencies had closed in on the module.

► Chems, timers seized, P 2

24 die within 24 hrs in Maha govt hospital

The Nanded civil hospital reported 24 deaths, including that of 12 newborns, between Saturday and Sunday, sparking concerns over healthcare availability at the facility and prompting the Maharashtra government to order a probe. When asked about lack of lifesaving medicines, hospital superintendent Dr S Wakode said, "There was no me problem." **P 7**

Couple poison 3 daughters; bodies found in trunk

Three missing minor daughters of a migrant couple from Bihar were found dead Monday in a trunk in their one-room rented accommodation in Punjab's Jalandhar. They were allegedly poisoned by their parents due to poverty. The couple have been arrested. Police claimed Sushil Mandal was "inebriated" when earlier detained for questioning. **P 10**

5 of UP family, attacker killed in land dispute

Five members of a family, including two women and two kids, were killed in Fatehpur village of Deoria in UP when a man from another family attacked them over a land dispute which was allegedly resolved seven years ago. The attacker, who was also killed, knocked on the doors of the victims at 6.45am Monday and a fight broke out after an argument. **P 10**



Parul Chaudhary
Preeti Lamba

Med Nobel for scientists behind mRNA Covid vax



Katalin Karikó & Drew Weissman

mas yet. "No. Who's Tomas?" he replied. Karikó told him that Tomas was from the Nobel committee. He was looking for Weissman's phone number.

Karikó, the 13th woman to win the prize, languished for many long years without funding or a permanent academic position, keeping her research afloat only by latching onto more senior scientists at UPenn. She was forced to retire from the university a decade ago, she said. **AGENCIES P 19**

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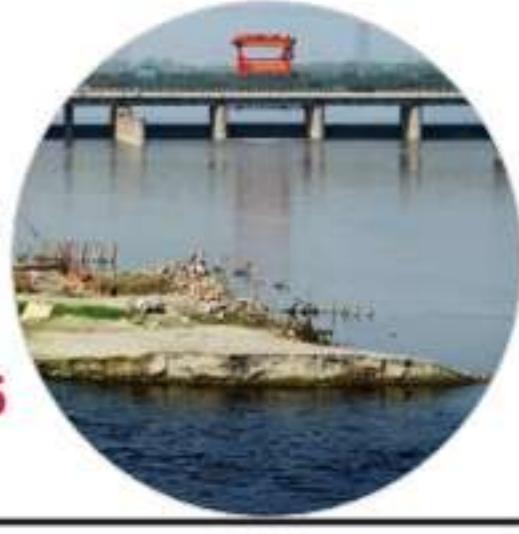
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but it remains
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How Three Terror Suspects Engineered Nefarious Plan Using Tech Know-How

Prime Accused Has Unique Ability To Make Clean IEDs From Ordinary Chemicals: Sleuths

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New Delhi: Mohammed Shahnawaz Alam possesses the unique ability to prepare a clean, refined improvised explosive device (IED) using ordinary chemicals, say the cops. The extensive knowledge of explosives of the 31-year-old mining engineer, arrested by Delhi Police's Special Cell for suspected terror activities, has surprised even the hardened sleuths of the anti-terror unit.

During interrogation, police found that Alam had read extensive material on blasting, blast designs and rock blasting operations during his BTech course at NIT Visvesvaraya, Nagpur, in 2016 and had allegedly been using this knowledge to create IEDs. From his phone, the cops have retrieved several recipes of IEDs using easy-to-procure chemicals. They mention commonly available materials like hydrogen peroxide, acetone and hydrochloric acid and an elaborate procedure to make crystallised explosives which, when detonated, can affect an area within a radius of 60 metres.

The resume of his arrested associate, Arshad Warsi, 29, is even more impressive. Warsi earned a BTech in mechanics following which he completed an MBA in marketing & operations. He was currently pursuing his PhD in Islamic principle in management from Jamia Millia Islamia. "He also works as a physics teacher at an institute in Jamia Nagar and provides home tuition in science and mathematics," special commissioner of police HGS Dhaliwal said.

Alam, the cops revealed, came to Delhi in November 2016 and stayed at Abul Fazal Enclave in southeast Delhi. He used to listen to religious lectures at Shaheen Bagh and later got influenced by the ideolog-

MODULE WANTED TO CARRY OUT STRIKES IN DELHI, AYODHYA

Photo: Rajesh Mehta

► Special Cell has busted an 'ISIS-inspired' terror module, arrested three members and claimed it was in final stage of carrying out terror strikes



► Module wanted to carry out high-intensity blasts in Delhi (Akshardham) and Ayodhya

► All three arrested men are engineers, one of them was on NIA's most wanted list with a reward on his head

► Incriminating material, including chemicals used for fabrication of IEDs, seized from them

► TOI had reported last week that the agencies had closed in on this module

3 Men From Delhi Wanted For Planning Terror Strikes For IS'

Countrywide Raids On, NIA Sleuths Say Closing In On One Of Them

Sept 30



Shahnawaz, Warsi and Rizwan have been arrested

MAIN CHARACTERS

Mohammed Shahnawaz Alam

- BTech in mining from NIT Visvesvaraya, Nagpur, in 2016
- Stayed in Abu Fazal Enclave in Delhi, got radicalised on Telegram
- Was arrested in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, in multiple cases of dacoity and theft in 2019 and remained in jail for 8-9 months
- In December 2020, he got bail from jail
- Started communicating with a foreign-based handler on Telegram
- Got married to Baanti Patel in Aligarh in 2022
- Prepared IEDs and tested them in Delhi and Rajasthan
- Met with other Pune module members in April
- Got caught during a raid in July in Pune, escaped from custody
- NIA declared a reward of ₹3 lakh on his arrest

Arshad Warsi

- BTech in mechanical stream, moved to Delhi and studied at Jamia Millia Islamia
- Completed his MBA in marketing & operations (2016-18)
- Was currently pursuing PhD from Jamia in Islamic principles in management
- Also working as a physics teacher at Orchid Institute, Jamia Nagar; provided home tuitions in science and mathematics
- Warsi came in contact with Shahnawaz during religious programmes in Jamia Nagar

Mohammed Rizwan Ashraf

- Born in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in a middle-class family
- Completed BTech (IT) from a college in Ghaziabad in 2017
- He took a pledge to join ISIS through his Pak-based handler

SEIZURES Plastic canes containing chemicals, glass bottles containing acid, small steel balls, matchstick boxes, iron pipes, electronic weighing machine, thermometer, raw material like powder of different colours, electrical tapes, remote key, LED decoration lights, 2 batteries of 9 volts and connectors, timer watch, crackers, mobile phones, maps of India

logy of terror organisation Islamic State. The same year, he met Mohammed Rizwan Ashraf and became friends with him. They started following various pro-ISIS entities on Telegram and other channels.

Warsi revealed to the cops that after pursuing his BTech from Aligarh Muslim University he came to Delhi in 2016 for further studies and lived in Jamia Nagar. He came in contact with Alam while attending some programmes.

Additional commissioner Pramod Kushwaha said, "Rizwan Ashraf, 28, was born in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in a middle-class family. His father worked with a shipping company. He completed the Alimiyat in Ara-

bic (equivalent to Class XII) in 2009 and pursued his BTech in information technology in Ghaziabad/Noida in 2017."

Soon, Alam and Warsi began communicating with a foreign handler who claimed to be from IS. On his instructions, Alam conducted a reconnaissance of some potential areas in various states where IEDs could be planted and target killings carried out. Rizwan, police said, was in contact with the same foreign handler and had taken a pledge to join ISIS.

On the instructions of their handler, the module members started scouting for forested spots to set up a base where they could prepare, test and store

IEDs. "They visited Lavasa, Maharashtra; Goa, Hubli, the Saraswati wildlife area in Karnataka, Udupi, Kerala, Valsad wildlife sanctuary Nallamala mountain ranges and Chandauli to find suitable hideouts and base in the Western Ghats," said an officer.

The cops have recovered geographical maps of India and found markings that show these spots. The suspects also had the map of west Rajasthan locating the IED testing point. During interrogation, Alam and Warsi revealed that they first prepared some sample IEDs and tested them in remote locations in Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.

In March 2021, Alam got married to a girl from Aligarh called Basanti Patel, who later converted and changed her name to Khadeeja Maryam.

When police raided the men's hideouts on Sunday, they found a range of material used to fabricate IEDs. "There were glass bottles of acid apart from plastic canes containing chemicals, powders of different colours, etc., which have all been sent for forensic examination," revealed Kushwaha.

For making the IEDs, the module used small steel balls to cause extensive damage upon explosion, said an officer. The module members apparently collected the phosphorus on matchsticks and crackers to fill the IEDs. "We have recovered a lot of matchboxes. The prepared mixture was filled in iron pipes and secured with electrical tapes," the officer said, elaborating on the recoveries.

For detonation, the module simply used Chinese LED decoration lights, many of which come with a remote. A timer watch was also used in the IEDs being prepared by the men. The cops have also seized batteries and connectors besides mobile phones from the suspects.

"Credible inputs revealed that in order to carry out terror activities in India and simultaneously hide its role to circumvent scrutiny by international agencies, ISI created a façade of an India-focused ISIS," said Dhaliwal.

The fact that the suspects were allegedly indulging in maoist-gana-mat — collecting funds through

Delhi-centric suspects.

"Be careful when buying weapons from arms smugglers. Many of them work as double agents. They sell you weapons but at the same time they can be agents of government agencies. The jihadi brothers should maintain a distance from the terrorist brothers who are released from jail as the agencies keep them under scrutiny for a long time."

Chems, timers, remotes & batteries among 'incriminating' items seized

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During their probe, the cops claimed to have found that the duo was planning to carry out terrorist activities in Delhi and adjoining areas and was in an advanced stage of planning

Khan and Yunus Saakai — had been arrested in Pune but Alam had managed to escape from police custody. It was later established that an important member of the module, Rizwan Ashraf, was in contact with Alam.

During their investigation, the cops claimed to have found that the duo was to carry out terrorist activities in Delhi and adjoining areas and was in an advanced stage of planning. They had allegedly procured arms, ammunition and explosives and set up a base in Delhi. Their movement was monitored.

On September 1, raids were conducted at multiple locations in Delhi, Dehradun, Aligarh, Lucknow, Moradabad and Praya-

gra in coordination with central agencies that led to the busting of the module.

Arshad Warsi was arrested from Delhi and he disclosed that he and Alam were accomplices in the conspiracy to carry out terrorist activities in Delhi and adjoining areas. He also revealed that Alam had procured arms, ammunition and explosives and rented a room in Delhi," additional CP Kushwaha said.

Subsequently, Ashraf was also arrested from Lucknow. He is claimed to have disclosed that he was in communication with a foreign-based handler and remaining members of this module and had taken a pledge to join ISIS.

Thereafter, a raid was conducted in Delhi around 10pm on Sunday at the instance of Warsi and Alam was arrested from his rented accommodation after a brief scuffle with the police team.

The components used in making IEDs were allegedly seized from the rented room of Alam, said Kushwaha.

Hunt on for other woman used by murder suspect to create false alibi

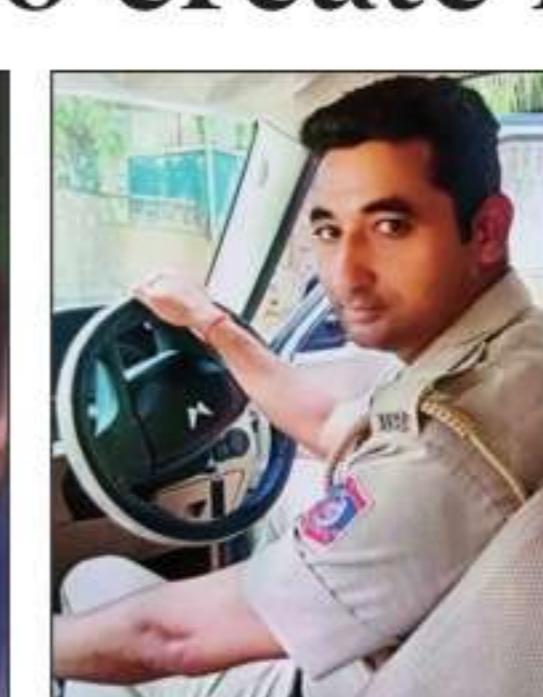
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New Delhi: Investigators probing the 2021 murder of woman constable Monika Yadav are looking for a woman who was seen accompanying the alleged murderer, constable Surender Singh Rana, and his brother-in-law Ravin to a dhaba to create the false impression that Yadav was alive.

Cops have questioned a dhaba owner and a shopkeeper who identified two of the suspects — Rajpal, who had issued a fake SIM, and Ravin, who was present in a dhaba with a woman.

Rana told the investigators that he had encountered the woman while she was standing on a road and subsequently took her to a dhaba in Rohtak. "From there, he took the woman to visit his brother-in-law, Ravin. The sleuths have identified the location of her initial pickup as GT Karnal Road near Budhpur in outer Delhi," a police source said.

Police said the two men took the woman to the eatery to establish an alibi. The 60-year-old owner of the dhaba, Samunder Singh, was interviewed



Constable Surender Singh Rana is accused of killing ex-colleague Monika Yadav (left). Cops are exploring the possibility that Rana had taken the other woman to different hotels in Punjab, Shimla and Haryana to give the impression that Yadav was alive

and he identified Ravin.

Rana allegedly instructed the woman to conceal her face once in the eatery. "According to the accused, the woman was paid Rs 3,000-4,000 for her role. We have launched a search in various places to trace the woman as she can be one of our crucial witnesses," an officer said.

The investigators are exploring the possibility that

the woman may have been taken to other hotels in Punjab, Shimla and Haryana.

Rana deliberately scattered copies of Yadav's identification documents at various locations, creating the misleading impression that he had travelled to certain places.

The police also questioned Anil Kumar, the owner of a shop in Atela, Haryana, who identified Rajpal, who

had fraudulently obtained a SIM card and given it to Rana. A team has been dispatched to Sangrur in Punjab for further inquiry, a senior police officer said.

So far, the investigation has shown that Rana did not employ any specific application to manipulate Yadav's voice to use it after her death. Instead, he played some recorded audio in speaker mode while using another phone to capture the desired words.

The inquiry has revealed that the accused frequently visited the location where Yadav's body had been buried to check if the body had floated up in the drain. Rana also claimed that he planned the murder by drawing inspiration from a crime serial on an entertainment channel.

The police at Mukherjee Nagar police station had received a complaint regarding Yadav's disappearance on October 20, 2021. Yadav was missing since September 8 that year.

Two years after the local police failed to trace the woman, an FIR of abduction was registered in April this year and the case transferred to crime branch.

Hidden in every paragraph is a small reward

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The household help-turned-serial bahu who took their breath, and houses, away

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Ghaziabad: A woman who came to a household as a domestic worker and left as a 'bahu' is at the centre of a probe. Police are investigating the activities of a gang that usurped houses and grabbed land illegally across NCR.

Preeti (25) — who is said to have been involved in at least five fake marriages in Ghaziabad, Delhi and Sonipat — finally came under police scanner after the daughter of a former chancellor of a management college lodged a complaint, alleging she was trying to transfer the two-storey Muradnagar house in which she was employed in her name.

On Monday, police arrested a man named Sachin from Masuri. It was Sachin, the cops said, who had introduced Preeti to Sudha Singh, the 70-year-old owner of the Muradnagar house that is worth ₹5 crore.

The preliminary probe revealed that Sachin led the gang that was involved in grabbing properties. Last year, he came to know about Singh, who lived in the house with her 28-year-old son, who is currently challenged. Her husband died several years ago.

An ideal target, thought Sachin, he struck up a conversation with the former college professor through his sister, Parvez. A few days later — when Singh told Sachin about her failing health and requested him to find her a domestic help who could look after her son — he sensed the opportunity.

"That is when Preeti entered the scene. Sachin introduced her to Singh and she was hired," said DCP Vikas Yadav.

It did not take much time for Preeti to ingratiate herself with Singh and her son. She earned their trust and love, and insidiously took control of the kitchen and daily expenses of the family.

As Sudha's health continued to deteriorate and she became bedridden, Preeti secretly married her son, Shivam, in a private ceremony. She took care to keep the marriage under wraps — probably waiting for the opportune moment.

After Singh passed away in August last year, her daughter Akanksha — who lives with her husband in another part of the city and is currently the chancellor of the same college that her mother once headed — offered to take care of Shivam. She told Preeti her services were no longer needed.

But that was not the end of Preeti's story. It was the beginning of the family's ordeals.

Asked to pack up and leave, Preeti dropped the bomb. She told Akanksha she was married to Shivam for the past few months and furnished photos of the two exchanging garlands. She said she would not leave without a share of the house and other properties the family owned.

Some other cases of fraud linked to Preeti have come to the fore, police said.

By The Women, For The Women: 15 PCR Teams Ward Off Danger

During 9-Hour Shifts, They Take Split-Second Decisions, Shatter Stereotypes

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New Delhi: As the red alert light on the dashboard comes to life, constable Sarita of the Oscar-4 vehicle swiftly shifts gears. "A crash has been reported on DDU Marg, a woman injured," the radio crackles with a burst of static. Sarita is part of the 15 all-woman police control room vans in the city, strategically deployed in areas that see a big presence of women — colleges, markets, malls, etc.

Scrolling through tablets packed with maps, statistics and databases, the policewomen juggle long duty hours with family requirements. While spending a day with these cops, TOI observed how the women, skilfully navigating through traffic and making split-second decisions, are shattering stereotypes, one emergency call at a time.

Like the regular PCR van, the all-woman ones are also staffed by a team of three comprising a designated driver, gunner and the PCR operator. In Oscar 4, Sarita is the driver, constable Manisha the gunner and head constable Savita, the operator. The three women begin their nine-hour shift at 9 am and end the day in the van patrolling sensitive areas and those prone to crimes against women.

They check with the dispatch, follow up on radio chatter and start their routine inspection. The trio's first stop is outside a women's college where the van's presence often acts as a deterrent to law breakers. The van cruises past alleys and deserted lots, the women, their trained instincts on high alert, scanning the surroundings intently.

The control room had informed them of the vehicle collision. Savita's van reaches the site and determines the sequence of events, compiles the names of those involved and prepares the *halat* report, which is forwarded to the central station for official record. "Depending on the gravity of the situation, local police are called for further investigation," the head constable revealed.

As the day wears on, the radio crackles back to life with a report of a quarrel at ITO. The team of three drive to the scene swiftly and defuse the heated argument there among a group of people. Sa-

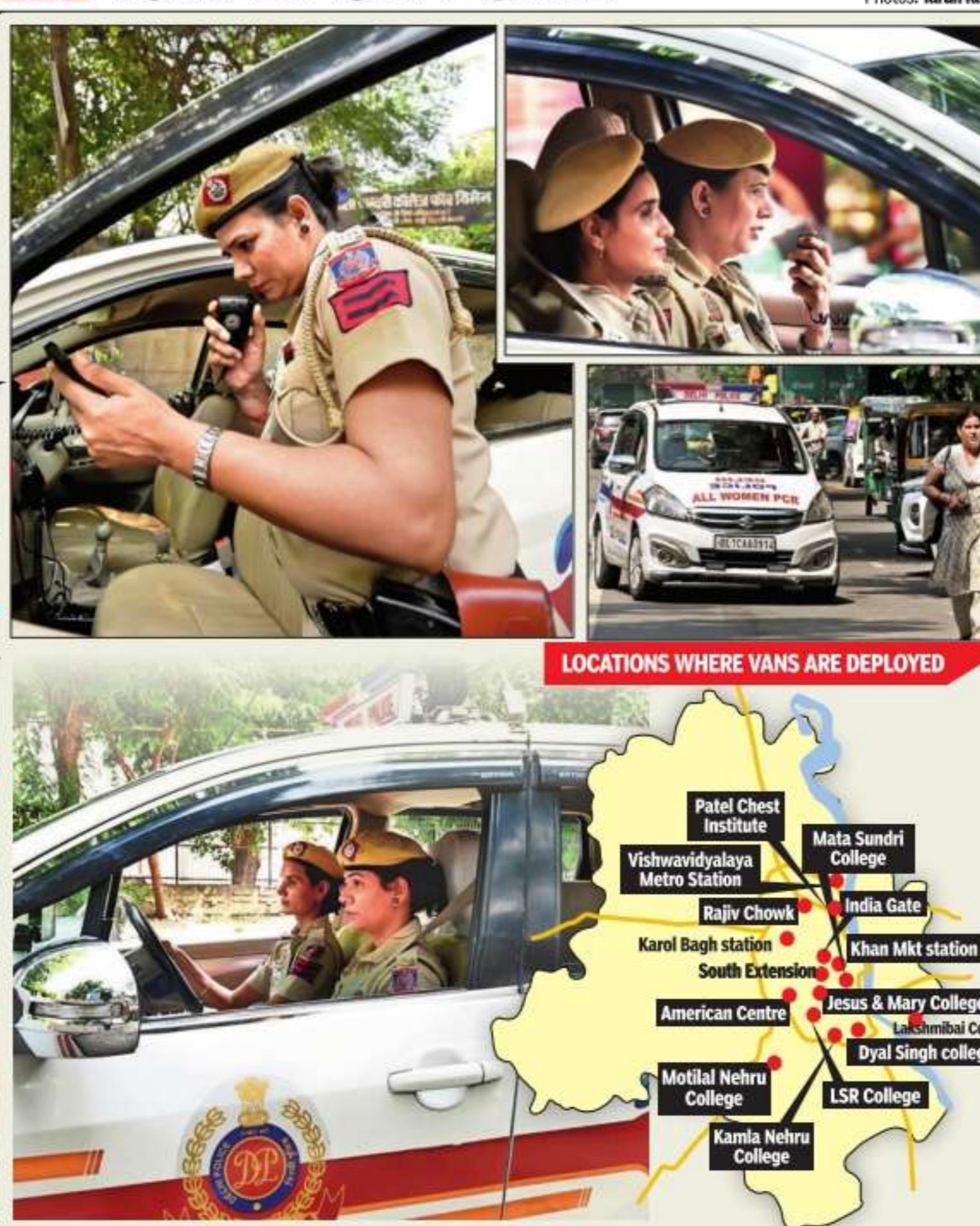
WOMEN AT WHEEL TO KEEP CITY SAFE

OBJECTIVE

- All-woman police control response teams strategically deployed in areas that see high footfall of women, primarily colleges, malls and markets
- Tackled with countering women-centric instances of harassment, molestation and other forms of assaults with more readiness
- To instil trust and sense of security among women
- To facilitate complaint registration

FACTSHEET

All-woman PCR vans	Approx strength	Calls received in last 6 months
15	90	1600+
Average calls per day	Average response time	
10-15	5-6 mins	



vita, mother of three and the officer in charge, approaches them with a calm but authoritative demeanour and de-escalates the tension.

After that, they drive to their primary patrol areas, those that see women gathering in substantial numbers. They keep a watchful eye for subtle cues about danger, paying special attention to behaviour like loitering and staring or at suspicious vehicles.

"A lot of our job depends on following our intuitions and having the presence of mind to deal with anything out of the ordinary," said Sarita, who considers her work not a job but her life's calling. "We watch out for people in distress or any large gathering on the streets."

Calls reporting disputes are common and later into

the night, these give way to calls about incidents more heinous in nature. The three women officers share that a large part of their job involves counselling and guiding. "We receive a number of calls about domestic violence, and

of the PCR unit, said, "Savita's van rushed to the spot, clothed the victim who they discovered in an unconscious state and provided her first aid before rushing her to the local hospital."

In the last six months, the all-woman PCR vans received over 1,600 calls, averaging 10-15 calls a day, revealed Anand Mishra DCP (PCR).

"The mobile data terminal at the control room is monitored throughout the day. The calls pertaining to women-centric problems are forwarded to the 15 vans closest to the site from where the report came."

The all-woman PCR vehicle is a trailblazer in traditionally male-dominated policing and provides a much-needed intervention in women-centric emergencies in the city. In addition to the 38 mandated

items, like a regulation SAF carbine rifle for the gunner, the van is also equipped with supplies tailored to the needs of women, such as sanitary napkins, ensuring readiness for a wide range of situations.

The patrol officers spend more time in their squad cars than at home, forging strong bonds with each other within the confines of the vehicle. In between calls, they share stories about their lives as perhaps do those in the other 14 vans.

Constable Sarita spoke of her early days in the force, with Savita listening intently. Checking in on colleagues and their families, discussing life and addressing problems have become a vital way of passing their time. They also told TOI that the van was their sanctuary amid the uncertainty of urban policing.

we find people fighting over money or children or other resources that aren't available to them. We often take up the role as mediator in these situations," said Savita.

On August 16, the van received a call from the control room about a woman lying in a semi-naked condition lying among the bushes near the Wazirabad crematorium. Seema Yadav, head instructor

Delhi govt may pay ₹415cr as last instalment of RapidX share soon

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New Delhi: Delhi government is likely to make the payment of its last instalment of Rs 415 crore as its contribution towards the construction of the Delhi-Meerut corridor of RapidX, the rapid rail transit system.

Sources said the transport department has already sent the file to the finance department. Delhi government's contribution to the construction of the 82.15-km corridor — from Sarai Kale Khan in the capital to Modipuram in the Meerut — was estimated at Rs 1,180 crore. The government has already paid Rs 765 crore and the remaining Rs 415 crore and nearly Rs 80 crore towards go-

ods and services tax would be released within a few days.

A stretch of 13 km of the corridor is within Delhi. Sarai Kale Khan will be the biggest transport hub in the city.

Sources said this amount will also be paid from the environment compensation charge (ECC), which was collected from goods vehicles entering the capital.

Apart from the Delhi-Meerut line, two more corridors — Delhi to Alwar and Delhi to Panipat — are being planned to connect the satellite towns with the national capital through the high-speed rail system to cut down on travel time, reduce congestion on highways and the resultant pollution.

The Supreme Court had in April allowed the Delhi go-

The remaining ₹415 crore and nearly ₹80 crore towards GST would be released within a few days

vernment to utilise the ECC fund to pay for its share for the first corridor. It was only after Supreme Court's nudge that the Delhi government had made the payment of the first instalment of Rs 265 crore in March.

A senior Delhi government official said the city's finances were stretched for funds after the discontinuation of GST compensation since July last year and it had no choice but to use the ECC to pay for its share.

"We told this to the court

as well as the Centre earlier this year. The apex court agreed to our request and allowed us to use the ECC. That charge is collected from goods vehicles entering the city only to improve transportation facilities only," the official said.

The apex court had also asked the Centre and the states of Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan to make suitable budgetary allocation for the other two corridors connecting Delhi with Alwar and Panipat.

As per the detailed project report submitted to the Centre, the Delhi-SNB section is likely to cost Rs 37,000 crore. The Delhi-Panipat corridor would require Rs 29,000. Delhi's share would be calculated as per the total part of the two corridors in the city.

Centre won't take up 2 new RapidX projects without MoUs with Delhi

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New Delhi: The Centre will not take up the two regional rail (RRTS) projects, now known as RapidX — one connecting Delhi with Panipat and the other linking Delhi and Alwar — without signing of memorandum of understanding (MoUs) with the Kejriwal government.

A Union housing and urban affairs ministry official said the Delhi government has not even signed the MoU for the Delhi-Meerut project.

The signing of MoUs by the respective states is essential so that stakeholder government entities share liabilities such as payment of loans and sharing losses, if any, and provide all assistance for project execution. "We have gone ahead with the Meerut corridor without Delhi government signing the MoU, but won't do so in future projects so that there is no obstacle in project execution," said the official.

Currently, the Delhi-Panipat (103 km) and Delhi-Alwar (164 km) projects are under consideration and have not been placed before the Public Investment Board.

As per estimate, the Delhi-Panipat RRTS would cost at least Rs 21,600 crore. It will connect towns such as Sonipat, Gurgaon and Samalkha in Haryana. It will have 16 stations, including Sarai Kale Khan. The initial study has estimated the daily ridership on this corridor is estimated at around seven lakh.

The Delhi-Gurgaon-SNB Alwar RRTS will pass through the industrialised areas of Haryana and Rajasthan. The corridor would cost around Rs 38,000 crore. The corridor will start from Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi and will connect Munirka, Aerocity, Gurgaon, Sotanaula and Rewari to terminate at Alwar in Rajasthan. The work on the 82-km Delhi-Meerut corridor of RapidX is in full swing and the first priority section is ready for inauguration.



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EV Sales Gain In City At Expense Of Diesel

20% Y-O-Y Jump In First Six Months Of Year

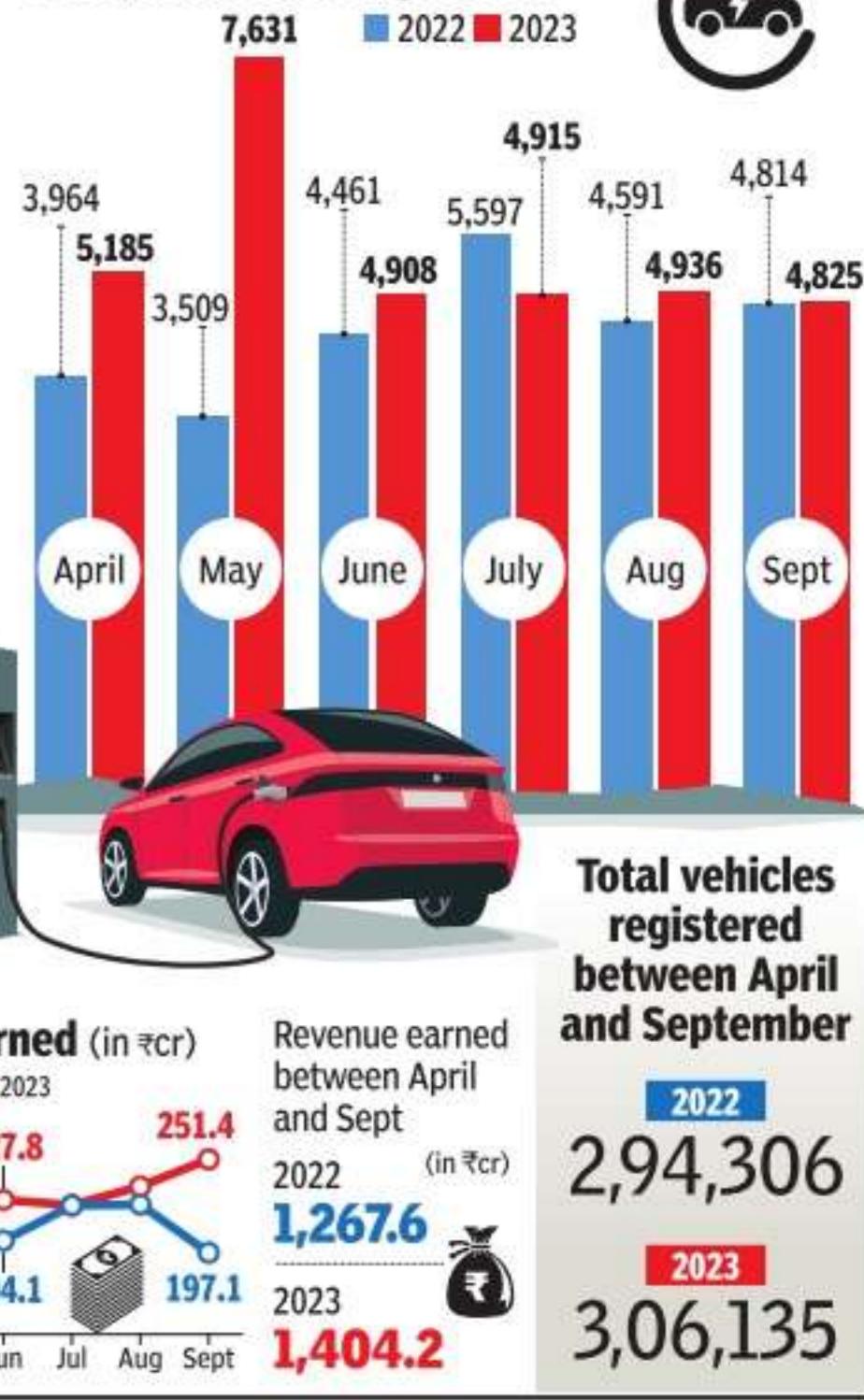
TAKING THE ECO-FRIENDLY ROUTE

Vehicle registrations (April to September)

No. of vehicles registered

	2022	2023
April	51,778	48,029
May	47,418	53,027
June	46,522	48,343
July	51,796	51,023
Aug	52,025	54,026
Sept	44,766	51,679

Electric vehicles registered



Total vehicles registered between April and September

2022: 2,94,306

2023: 3,06,135

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and September 30.

A Delhi government official confirmed feedback from automobile dealers indicated that people were looking for newer models and EV variants while the interest in diesel-run cars was waning.

"People have started realising that diesel-run cars are not only costlier, but also less environment-friendly. That's

Delhi's revenue collection from the registration of new vehicles and road tax in the first two quarters of 2023-24 was recorded at ₹1,404 crore, an increase of 11%

why electric cars and bikes are becoming more popular now. We are constantly strengthening our public charging network too," said an official.

"To make buying electric vehicles financially more prudent and far-sighted, we are making our EV 2.0 more attractive," the official added.

The EV policy was launched for three years in August 2020. Since the revised policy is still in the making, it was extended

for six months last month. When the policy was launched, Delhi government had set a target of registering five lakh new e-vehicles in five years and by 2025, registering 25% of the new vehicles sold as electric.

Between April and September this year, nearly 11% of the total vehicles registered in the capital were electric. Delhi's revenue collection from the registration of new vehicles and road tax in the first two quarters of 2023-24 was recorded at Rs 1,404 crore, an increase of about 11% compared with Rs 1,267.6 crore, the previous fiscal's earnings in the same period.

Delhi government had expected an earning of Rs 3,000 crore from registration and road tax on motor vehicles in the current fiscal. Though the collection so far has not been as per estimates, officials said the sale of new vehicles is always higher in the second half of the financial year when the festive season begins in October and November and dealers offer attractive schemes and discounts.

"In 2022-23, we had estimated a collection of Rs 2,000 crore and the actual collection was Rs 2,691 crore. More than 53% of the revenue was collected in the third and fourth quarters of the fiscal," an official said.

Teen dies, 3 hurt as dumper hits them on closed expressway

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New Delhi: A 15-year-old girl died and three of her friends were injured when they were hit by a dumper truck on the under-construction Dwarka Expressway during warm-up for taekwondo practice early on Sunday morning. No one has been arrested.

The deceased was identified as Arundhati, who lived in Shyam Vihar. The injured teens, Naina Joshi, Rajesh, and Supriya, are receiving treatment. All of them age between 15 and 18 years.

After being informed at 5.30am, a police team reached the spot and took all four to a hospital, where Arundhati was declared dead. The complainant, 17-year-old Anurag, told the cops that he was a BTech second-year student, and had come to Dwarka Expressway to learn taekwondo with his friends. "They were doing warm-up when the dumper came from the Gola village side, hit his four friends and fled," police said.

The inquiry revealed that the dumper was being driven negligently at a high speed. "The driver was not able to control the vehicle and hit the teenagers. We have not found any CCTV camera on the spot and are scanning the footage collected from nearby cameras," police said.

A case has been registered under sections of 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or safety of others), 279 (rash driving or riding on a public way) and 304A (causing death by negligence) of IPC at the Chhawla police station.

Cops are probing whether any dumper used for taking and dumping construction materials from the area was involved in the incident.

School Buzz



Shalom Group of Schools, Gurugram celebrated its Founder's Day. School founder and chairperson Dr Lilly George was welcomed by the school fraternity. The event saw felicitation of achievers of classes X and XII along with teachers who helped the students achieve 100% in the board examination. The grand performances unfolded as the students illuminated the stage with the ethereal harmony of choir songs and the symphonic enchantment of the band, filling the air with their uncanny talents that went on with a graceful classical dance, an eloquent poetic pro-



appreciation for the dedicated efforts of the young scholars, teachers, and parents. Dr Sujata Sharma, Indian structural biologist, biophysicist, writer, and esteemed professor at AIIMS in Delhi, graced the felicitation ceremony. She not only congratulated the students on their achievements but also offered valuable advice to parents, urging them to allow their children the freedom to pursue their dreams rather than burdening them with excessive expectations. The programme concluded with a presentation by a group of sports enthusiasts.



The Indian School-Second Shift, Josip Broz Tito Marg hosted its annual exhibition. The theme for the year: 'Reclaiming My Planet', prompted ingenious ideas and hands-on demonstrations. Spectacular displays of functional models, informative diagrams, and charts, with live demonstrations, showcased the in-

ventiveness of the young minds. The programme was inaugurated by a Saraswati Vandana followed by an address by the headmistress declaring the exhibition open. Various live performances like the Maharashtrian folk dance, 'Lezim,' thought provoking nukkad natak and melodiously sung songs 'Ek Di Baat' and 'Aao Hum Sab Hath Milay,' perfectly aligned with the theme of the year. The occasion was graced by school vice chairperson Dr Nayana Goradia, principal Brinda Shroff, headmistress Tanja Joshi, Sheeba Menon, Neena Maini and the PTA body. The outstanding feature of the exhibition was its multidisciplinary approach to teaching and learning.

(pic-bbps-grh-parliament) **Bal Bharati Public School, GRH Marg** organised the 'National Youth Parliament 2023' as per the DoE guidelines. Fifty-four students from classes IX-XII took part in this invigorating event. The occasion was graced by the presence of

Harshdeep Mathotra, member of BJP, ex-Mayor, East Delhi Municipal Corporation as the chief guest; and Bratin Sengupta, former Rajya Sabha member, as the guest of honour. The event commenced with the lamp-lighting. The hour-long session commenced with introduction of the new members from different constituencies. This was followed by debates over important matters concerning the nation. In his address, Mr Mathotra, who greatly appreciated the efforts of the students, encouraged them to be aware of and interested in the workings of the government, and different matters pertaining to the country. School vice principal Vinita Dhawan proposed the vote of thanks.

Court directs FIR on 'illegal activities' at parking near mall

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New Delhi: A court has directed Delhi Police to register an FIR to unearth alleged illegal activities, including overcharging and extortion by a parking racket, near a south Delhi mall.

The court of metropolitan magistrate Aviral Shukla was hearing an application filed by two advocates under Section 156(3) of Code of Criminal Procedure seeking directions to police for the registration of an FIR against an alleged parking mafia near Select City Mall in Saket.

"It is further noted that when the allottee of the parking site was called upon to join in the inquiry, no one appeared on behalf of the firm. It can also be noted from various replies of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) that employees and agents of the allottee have been regularly overcharging and failing to adhere to norms such as wearing proper uniforms," the court said in a recent order.

Noting that the investigation officer and the assistant commissioner of police concerned had confirmed that there was overcharging at the

'Green War Room' to work 24x7

New Delhi: Delhi government's control centre to monitor air pollution and redress complaints—Green War Room—will start functioning round-the-clock from October 3, officials said.

Launched in 2020, the Green War Room has state-of-the-art air quality monitoring equipment and a team of experts, including scientists and data analysts. They keep an eye on

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Despite ₹705cr Budget, Najafgarh Drain Project On The Back Burner

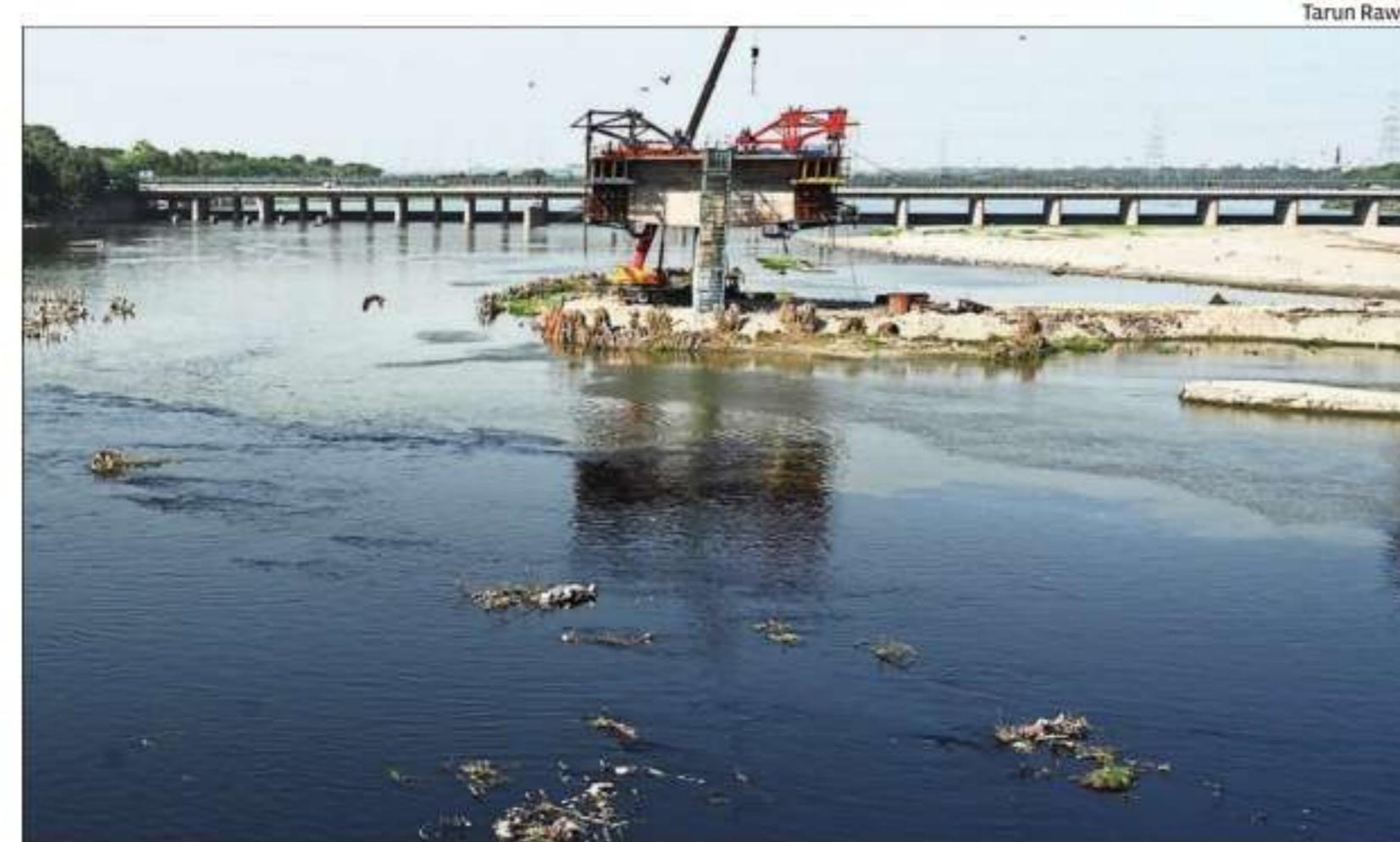
Interceptor Drain Work Is Among Key Projects That Have Been Delayed

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New Delhi: In its 2022-23 budget, Delhi government had earmarked Rs 705 crore for cleaning the Najafgarh drain. But the 58km channel from Dhansha in southwest Delhi to the Yamuna at Wazirabad continues to remain polluted. So unclean is the stinking drain that when it falls into the river near Signature Bridge, there is a visual distinction between its water and that of the Yamuna.

According to officials, a private consultant was hired to help clean the drain, but the progress — and spending of allocated funds — got stalled due to problems such as a change in the leadership overseeing the work. "A consultant was hired to clean the Najafgarh drain, primarily by using floating wetlands and aerifiers. However, in January this year, the National Green Tribunal appointed the lieutenant governor as head of a high-level committee on the Yamuna, due to which the workflow underwent changes," claimed a Delhi government official. "Some months later in July, the Supreme Court stayed the LG's appointment."

Between Najafgarh lake, which awaits legal protection,



NOT A PRETTY PICTURE: The stinking drain is so unclean that when it falls into the river near Signature Bridge, there is a visual distinction between its water and that of the Yamuna

and the Yamuna, the drain is joined by 44 additional drains, among them being those from Palam, Vikaspuri, Sayed Nangloi, Keshopur, Subhash Nagar, Khyaleti and Wazirabad. Around 23 of these carry untreated sewage. Delhi generates a total sewage of 792 million gallons per day (MGD), of which the Najafgarh drain alone transports over 450 MGD, with more than 100 MGD originating in Haryana. In March 2022, Manish Si-

sodia, then the deputy chief minister in charge of the finance department, allocated Rs 705 crore in the state budget to rejuvenate the Najafgarh drain, which is a major source of pollution of the Yamuna.

Calling the drain by its original name of Sahibi river, Sisodia said the government wanted to develop it as a tourist destination through several in-situ cleaning projects. He said the target of cleaning the Yamuna in two ye-

ars from 2022 could be met by treating the water in all the drains falling into the river.

Officials also pointed out that though the capacity of several sewage treatment plants had been augmented and more drains were being trapped, there was delay in some crucial projects, like the interceptor drain work, which should have been made operational four years ago. The interceptor project was meant to trap the major Shahdara, Barapul-

Under the mend again: Traffic hit by repair work at Pragati tunnel

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New Delhi: The ongoing drainage repair work at Pragati Maidan tunnel has adversely affected vehicular movement in the area as a large portion of the stretch on the route from India Gate to ITO has been closed for the past one week.

An official said the drain covers in the tunnel were damaged by vehicular stress and the Public Works Department was replacing the old concrete covers with steel ones. The official added that the repair work was being carried out in parts and half of the cross drain network in the tunnel was currently being patched.

"Once the covers are replaced, they need time to set and vehicles cannot be driven over them immediately. Hence, we are diverting the traffic for a few days," added the officer.

However, the congestion at the intersection where the tunnel divides into two lanes



PWD has started drainage repair work inside the Pragati Maidan tunnel

TIMES VIEW: Traffic jams, waterlogging, even an armed robbery — the Pragati Maidan tunnel has often been in the news for the wrong reasons since it was hastily opened last summer. This is another such instance where the commuter is being inconvenienced. Authorities must ensure that the repair work not only causes minimum congestion but is also finished quickly. A thorough review of its design and drainage system is needed. The project cost over Rs 900 crore. Public money cannot be used in such a casual and cavalier manner.

towards ITO and Noida and Ghaziabad is very bad for now as PWD has placed red cones around the maintenance site, limiting space for motorists.

The tunnel is equipped with a fully automated drainage pumping system. The engineers took into account the data of rainfall patterns in Delhi for the past 25 years and the sumps and drainage

systems were accordingly designed. In addition to this, PWD had made interventions with different types of design measures on the roads surrounding the tunnel in order to avoid any flooding.

The tunnel, however, has been waterlogged on several occasions since its inauguration in June last year. A few months ago, it was put out of order for several days after it was deluged by rains. The department had to drain the water out with the help of temporary pumps.

Also, as the tunnel is constructed on the Yamuna floodplain where the water table is quite high, there are frequent cases of water leakage inside the tunnel, affecting its utility and durability.

PWD to repair 26 roads in west Delhi

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New Delhi: The Public Works Department (PWD) is planning to take up repair of 26 roads in west Delhi, spanning 30 km in length.

PWD has floated a tender to hire a consultant architect to prepare the detailed project report for the plan.

The execution involves strengthening and recarpeting roads by scraping old layers and laying fresh ones, using milled material from scraping, PWD said. This will be done as and when required, based on the assessment of the department. The aim is to ensure that the roads remain in a condition to provide "a good road riding experience," the tender document said.

The roads include Pankha Road, Ram Mandir Marg, Dabri Road, Major Deepak Tyagi Marg, 60 Foot Road, Mora Singh Road and some portions of Najafgarh Road and others.

The PWD has decided to have the roads under constant surveillance with the help of artificial intelligence-based monitoring.

"The project aims to ensure that the road surface remains defect-free... between five and seven years or more," the initial plan said.

PWD has a road network of 1,400 km. Maintenance of surfaces, footpaths, central verges and horticulture belts are its responsibility.

For AI-based monitoring, the department has hired an agency to do surveys of roads with the vehicles fitted with CCTV cameras. The data will be presented to officials for further action. The monitoring will provide data on reasons for traffic congestion.



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TIMES VIEW: The highly-polluted Najafgarh drain is an environmental nightmare. A few months ago, it was reported that its water quality had shown signs of improvement. The stalling of the critical and costly project work is a matter of concern. The task should continue, irrespective of changes in the high-level committee.

lah and Najafgarh drain, while also catering to around 100 minor drains.

"The interceptor drain was started around 2010 and a lot of money has gone into it. It was supposed to link with all untrapped drains. Had it become functional, much would have been achieved by now," said an environmental expert working on with Yamuna-related projects.

The expert also opined that the LG being removed from the high-level committee on the Yamuna shouldn't affect the cleaning work. "The LG was removed as the panel head by the Supreme Court a court, but simultaneously, the bureaucracy has come under the LG's control. So, whatever the LG was doing will continue because the chief secretary answers to him," argued the expert.

Woman constable dies by suicide

New Delhi: A 26-year-old woman constable allegedly died by suicide in her house at Mehrauli on Monday.

She was from Mizoram and lived at a rented accommodation in Gadwal Colony. She was attached to Fourth Battalion of Delhi Armed Police (DAP) since 2013.

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Speeding vehicle crushes 30-year-old man to death in Gurgaon

Gurgaon: A 30-year-old pedestrian died in a road accident when an unidentified speeding vehicle allegedly hit him from behind near IKAT company in KMP Expressway on Saturday night, police said.

A complaint was filed at Farrukhnagar police station on Sunday by constable Ranbir

Singh, who was operating an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV), and was on duty when the accident happened at the spot. An FIR was registered under sections 279 (rash driving) and 304A (death by negligence) on Sunday. "The body was sent to the district mortuary. His identity is still unknown," said ASI Anil Kumar. TNN

Cop held for rape on pretext of marriage

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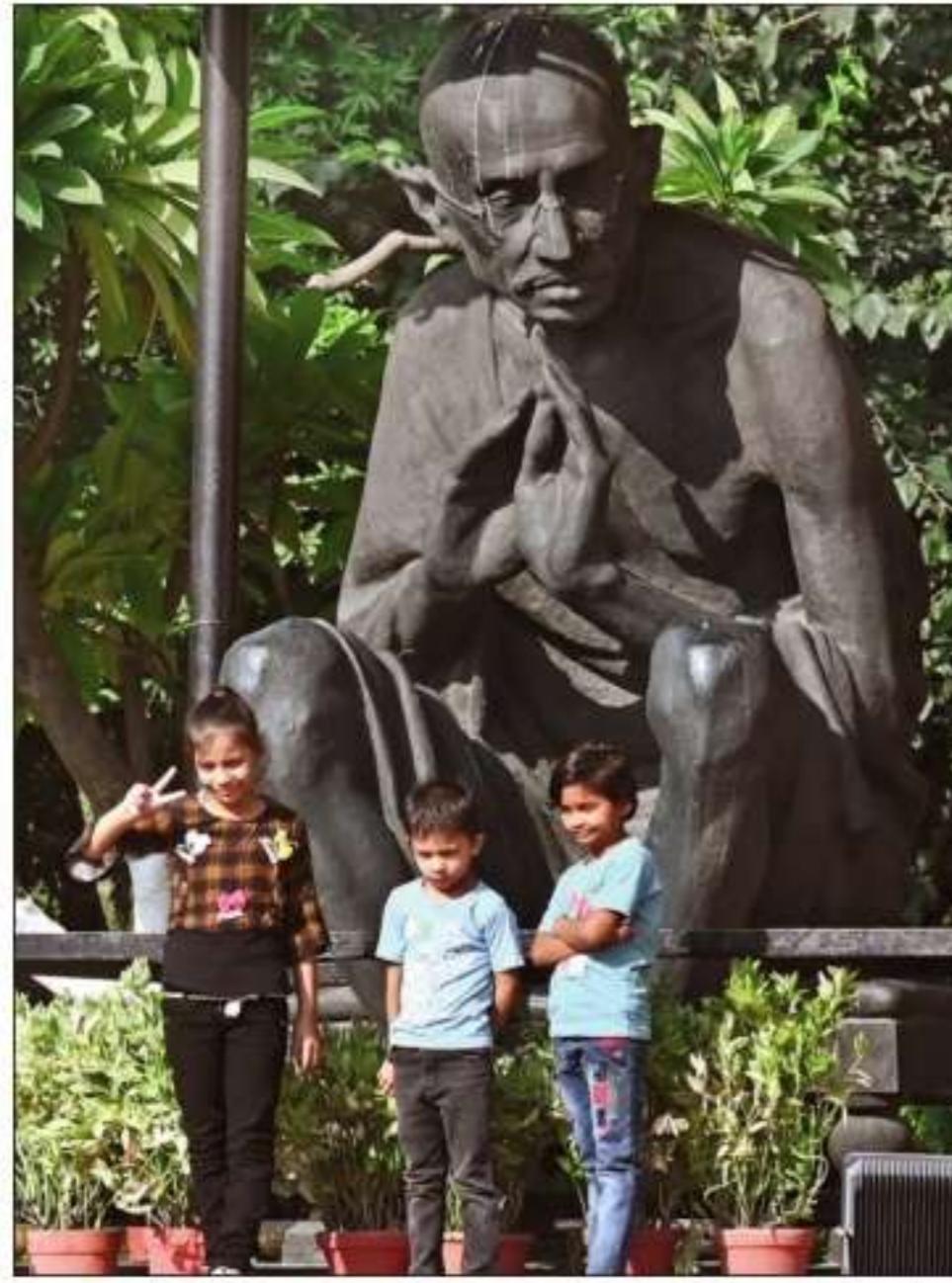
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New Delhi: The water supply in several areas of South Delhi, including Kalkaji, Okhla, Lajpat Nagar, Maharani Bagh, East of Kailash, is likely to be affected on 4-5 October as repair work is to be carried out at the Wazirabad water treatment plant.

"Residents are advised to store sufficient quantities of water in advance as per requirement. Water tankers will be available on request" stated an alert issued by DJB on Monday.

According to DJB, no evening supply of water will be available in Kalindi Colony, New Friends Colony, Ishwar Nagar, Sukhdev Vihar, Zakir Nagar and adjoining areas on October 4. The ESI area will also be affected on October 5, where there will be no morning water supply. **TNN**

At Gandhi Darshan, a towering message of unity in diversity



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New Delhi: From university students and foreign visitors to families, scores of people from diverse backgrounds converged on Rajghat to explore Gandhi Darshan — a museum dedicated to the Mahatma's life and vision — on his 154th birth anniversary on Monday.

There were minor traffic disruptions in the area, but they did not seem to deter the visitors. The 12-foot-tall statue of Mahatma Gandhi outside the museum was one of the big draws. Keshwar Rao Thakre, a 72-year-old visitor who had come all the way from Nagpur, told **TOI**, "My son lives in Delhi and brought the entire family here for a holiday. It's nice to see so many people near Gandhi's statue, but I wonder if they truly reflect on his journey. Gandhi is the inner voice of conscience, and I pass his wisdom to my granddaughter."

On the lawns outside the museum, families shared space and freedom stories as they picnicked. An army man was seen discussing the importance of Gandhian ideals with his daughter. "Gandhi believed that politics is shaped by one's inner moral power rather than irrational violence," he said, when asked what inspired him the most, stressing on the need for a similar "vision of the alternative".

At another end, Haider Ali, who is originally from Karnataka, was busy folding his prayer rug after namaz. Gandhi, he said, regarded Hindus and Muslims



Some of the visitors acknowledged that with the relentless pace of modern life, they often struggled to follow the Gandhian ideals of truth and non-violence

to be one quan, or nation. "No other leader devoted as much time and energy to unite Hindus and Muslims as he did, as it was more important to him than swaraj itself. He believed that neither of the communities should be repressed in an independent India," said Ali.

Several visitors were seen marvelling at the museum that showcases India's freedom struggle. Some of them acknowledged that with the relentless pace of modern life, they often struggled to follow the Gandhian ideals of truth and non-violence. It was a challenge, but one worth pursuing, they said.

Riku, a researcher from Japan, who was trying to

find his way among the crowds, told **TOI**: "Gandhi is a global leader. He is seen as a saint among the masses, and rightfully so. Gandhi Jayanti is also celebrated as International Day of Non-Violence, but I believe non-violence is effective only when it is aligned with truth. But, finding what is true is a complicated process today."

As she finished her melting ice-cream at Gandhi Vatika, Priya Agarwal (19) said, "I studied about Gandhi's teachings and his principles of ahimsa and satyagraha, which he used to fight not only the British, but also racial discrimination and untouchability. But I don't know if his philosophy is practical today."

Reema Yadav, a software engineer from Gurgaon, said, "This place is a stark contrast to the corporate world I inhabit. It's a reminder of the simplicity and humility Gandhi advocated."

According to Madhulika Rai, a third-year DU law student, "Gandhi's self-awareness of his failures and to continue persevere, be it the Quit India movement or civil disobedience. Gandhi's life itself is truly a message."

Children, meanwhile, were busy taking selfies with statues of Gandhi's Three Monkeys and the chakra. "I thought the place was a temple and Gandhi ji a god to be worshipped," said 10-year-old Rohan.

Vijay Goel, vice-chairman, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, said, "Our objective is to propagate the life, mission and thought of the Mahatma through socio-educational and cultural programmes. We are conducting quizzes and distributing free books to students to satiate their curiosity."

Gangster held for opening fire at shop

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Holiday Cheer Chokes Central Delhi

Zoo Sees Heavy Footfall As Entry Free For Kids, Huge Rush On Roads Leading To India Gate

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The zoo (L) and Kartavya Path were thronged by visitors who had come with their near and dear ones to make the most of the extended weekend

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JNU committee to probe anti-national slogans on campus

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mediately after the surgery, one ovary was found missing, whereas just before the operation, the size with specific dimensions of both the ovaries can be seen," said advocate Shashi Shankar, the complainant's counsel. The doctor realised her mistake later when the specimen was sent by the hospital for his pathological examination, he claimed.

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Shocked, the couple told the doctor that her both ovaries were intact before the operation and they were visible in various ultrasound tests conducted years after 1990-91.

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Doc at pvt hosp told to pay ₹5L for 'negligent service'

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First tree census to be conducted next year

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New Delhi: The forest department is likely to start its first tree census next year with city forests, taking volunteers along with volunteers should start the census soon."

The parameters for tree census include GPS coordinates of every tree will be recorded along with its location, land type (private or government), girth from ground and health of tree. The surveyor will also take pictures of tree, bark and leaves. "During the census, diseased, damaged or concreted trees will be marked so that corrective action can be taken," said another official.

A forest official said, "As animals come out of hibernation in monsoon, it is not advisable to do the census in this season. It will be difficult to carry out the census during winter as Delhi is prone to cold wave conditions. We will start the tree census from next year beginning with the city forest."

However, activists said tree census should be the priority. Bhavreen Kandhari, an activist, said, "A tree census will help in controlling illegal tree felling and ensuring green-

nery of the city. However, such proposals were discussed several times in the past too, but no census was conducted. We want that the department along with volunteers should start the census soon."

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A census is conducted to record the number of trees in a colony, their age, health, and conditions. It helps residents and authorities to understand, prioritise, plan and act what needs to be done.

TOI had earlier reported that a group of 13 residents in Saket's D block conducted a census in 2022, and by residents and activists in Vasant Vihar in 2016-17, Sarvodaya Enclave in 2016-17, Gulmohar Park in 2013 and GK-2 in 2015-16.

Police said call records showed Sumit Kumar (24) had spoken to Pinky just hours before she was killed with repeated blows of a brick in the head and face. Sumit, who had lost his job two months earlier, would often ask Pinky to bear his expenses. After her marriage was fixed with another man, things allegedly turned murky between the two.

Around 6.30 am on Sunday, Pinky's family found her dead in a room that was hardly used by anyone. Her mother, sister and niece were asleep in another room of the building's second floor when she was killed.

After her father passed away years ago, Pinky would rent out rooms to people to sustain the family. Pinky's family has rented out 48 rooms in three buildings in the area.

"Pinky and Sumit were friends for the past two years. He would often come home to meet her," said Suniti, DCP (central Noida).

Sumit visited Pinky a little after Saturday midnight. "Both had an argument. Sumit picked up a brick lying nearby and smashed Pinky's head and face with it and smashes out of the room," the DCP said.

Cops said Pinky tried to fight off her attacker as things were strewn on the floor.

Sumit was traced through his phone's location and arrested on Monday. A murder case was registered against him at Ecotech-3 police station.

Display environmental costs at all central govt project sites, says HC

Photo for representation



DEVELOPMENT AT WHAT COST?

Prasad said in a recent order: The court's direction came on a plea seeking to enforce a verdict of the Central Information Commission in 2011, directing authorities to make public the details of permissions given for felling and pruning of trees, the number of trees, locations, the environmental cost, indica-

tus of applications received for the purpose and the details of complaints received on illegal cutting and pruning.

The CIC had also directed all civic agencies doing any construction work to display along with monetary costs and details of the project, the environmental cost, indica-

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E-tenders have been invited by the Director of Fisheries, West Bengal as per table mentioned below from the bonafide agencies for the following works during the year 2023-2024. Bid submission start date and end date for all the Tenders are 04.10.2023 & 03.11.2023 respectively. Other details may also be seen at <https://wbtenders.gov.in>

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2	South 24 Parganas	Sd/- Director of Fisheries, West Bengal	Fabrication and Deployment of Artificial Reef in 15 (Fifteen) locations in South 24 Parganas District of West Bengal

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K'TAKA CM SIDDHA SLAMS VIOLENCE OVER RELIGIOUS PROCESSION; COPS ARREST 60

ODISHA CM PATNAIK TAKES DIG AT OPPN, SAYS IT'S NOT HAPPY WITH STATE'S PROGRESS



Manipur tribal areas observe bandh, seek release of 4 arrested

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Guwahati/Imphal: Several tribal organisations called a bandh on Monday in Manipur's Churachandpur against the arrest of four persons over the disappearance and alleged killing of two Imphal students even as a special court in Guwahati granted the CBI five-day custody of the suspects.

The dawn-to-dusk bandh for the release of the four crippled life in the tribal-inhabited district. The four are Paominlun Haokip and Smalsawm Haokip, and two women, Lhingneichong Baitekuki and Tinneilheng Henthang. They were flown to Assam after their arrest on Sunday. The protesters are also demanding the release of Seiminlun Gangle — a Churachandpur resident arrested by the NIA on Saturday over allegations of a transnational conspiracy.

Phijam Hemanjit (20) and Hijam Linthoingambi (17) had gone missing on July 6. Photos purportedly showing their bodies surfaced on September 25, leading to violent protests.

In Guwahati, the special court said prima facie enough material exists to send the four to CBI custody till October 7. CBI officials had reached Manipur on September 27 to monitor and help the probe after the photographs purportedly showing the duo's bodies went viral on September 25.

The Guwahati special court also ordered the district child welfare officer of Kamrup to ensure proper care of two minor daughters of an accused who were brought along with them from Manipur for safety reasons.

In Churachandpur, the ITLF, a conglomerate of tribals of Manipur, had called an indefinite shutdown from 10am

If no in-law of a woman has a govt job, will she be eligible for extra marks in test for Group C post in Haryana? HC to decide

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chandigarh: Punjab & Haryana high court will decide if a woman married in a family where nobody has a government job is entitled to additional marks under the socio-economic criteria in Haryana, while applying for a Group C post.

On a petition filed by a Bhiwani woman challenging her rejection for the job, Justice Dahiya issued a notice to Haryana government seeking

its reply within four weeks, and adjourned the matter for October 13.

The state government rules provide an award of additional 5% marks to applicants under the socio-economic criteria, if they have no family member in a government job and their annual family income does not exceed Rs 1.8 lakh.

Savita Devi contended that her candidature was wrongly rejected on the ground that she gave wrong information — that none of her kin

held a government job — to claim the 5% marks. Her mother was in a government job, authorities claimed.

The petitioner, however, pointed out that as per a state notification, the family of a married woman includes herself, her husband, father-in-law, mother-in-law, and children. Claiming that she had applied for the job after marriage, the petitioner said once she had moved to her matrimonial home, she could not be deprived of the benefit.

Girl kills self after loan humiliation

A 17-year-old girl from a village in Jharkhand's Chatra district died after consuming poison on Friday night after she was allegedly humiliated over a few hours' delay in paying the monthly instalment of Rs 585 against a loan her brother had taken from a private microfinance company. Cops have initiated a probe, even though an FIR had not been registered yet.

Sources said the girl's brother had borrowed Rs 25,000 from Caspor Micro Finance Company three months ago. The firm sent one of its employees to the village on Friday to collect the amount, but the minor's family failed to pay the instalment as her brother was not home at the time.

After a few hours, the girl went to the firm's office to deposit the money where an employee, identified as Sunil Kumar Paswan, allegedly grabbed her hand and verbally abused her for the delay in paying the instalment amount. Humiliated, she returned home and allegedly consumed poison later that night. TNN

12 newborns among 24 dead in 24 hours in Maha govt hospital

Average Of 10-12 Deaths Reported Daily: Hosp Superintendent

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Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: The Nanded civil hospital reported 24 deaths, including those of 12 newborns, between Saturday and Sunday, sparking concerns over its facilities and a Maharashtra government probe.

State medical education minister Hasan Mushrif said of the 12 children, six had been admitted to Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Nanded, more than two days ago, while the remaining six minors were hospitalised 24 hours ago.

"Seven were critical patients. Two patients died due to snakebite and poisoning. The hospital has adequate staffers and officials would soon visit it," the minister said in Kolhapur confirming the probe.

Hospital superintendent Dr SR Wakode told TOI: "Of the 12 newborns who died, six were girls. Eight of the newborns died within zero to three days of their birth, while four were referred in critical condition from private health hubs, including some from



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the neighbouring districts."

A senior official said 70 critical patients were currently admitted to the civil hospital. On average, Dr Wakode said, 10-12 deaths were reported daily at the hospital.

The superintendent admitted to "some problems" following a recent transfer of staffers but asserted that these "did not affect services".

Asked about allegations related to the lack of essential and lifesaving medicines, Dr Wakode said: "Some medicines were supposed to be purchased from Haffkine Institute, but it did not happen. As a result, there was some prob-

lem. The sanctioned budget for medicines also falls short due to the heavy flow of patients from neighbouring districts, including the ones in areas bordering Telangana."

He added: "We always ensure that a patient does not lose life due to lack of essential medicines at our hospital. In such situations, we purchase medicines from the local budget. We cannot deny the occasional shortage of medicines for non-serious ailments."

Records available with the hospital revealed that of the 12 adults who died in the 24-hour period, four suffered heart attack, one had food poi-

Given 'phenyl' instead of vitamin, infant dies

A 11-month-old infant died after he was allegedly given phenyl by a nurse instead of vitamin syrup at Sharda Hospital in Ahmedabad. Cops have sent the 'medicine' for forensic analysis. A police officer said if negligence was found during the investigation, a case would be registered against the errant hospital staff or the doctor concerned. TNN

soning, two were kidney patients, one woman had complications following delivery, three were critically injured following accidents and one had stomach ailment.

Former CM Ashok Chavan called the situation "worrisome". "Nurses have been transferred. However, there has not been adequate replacements. Posts of doctors are also vacant," Chavan added.

Legislative council leader of opposition Ambadas Danve claimed government hospitals across the state lacked essential medicines.

(With inputs from Abhijeet Patil in Kolhapur)

Alert pilot averts disaster on Vande Bharat Express

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur: An alert loco pilot saved the Udaipur-Jaipur Vande Bharat Express from a major accident on Monday morning, when he stopped the train in the nick of time after noticing stones and iron rods on the track. The incident took place between Ganagar and Soniyana section, officials of the North Western Railway (NWR) told TOI.

"Around 9.55am, after the train had crossed Chittorgarh, the driver noticed the stones, pebbles and clips used for connecting the tracks, and immediately applied the emergency brakes. There was no damage and the train resumed its journey after the

track was cleared... The Railway Protection Force is conducting an inquiry into the incident," said a NWR official.

Senior police and railway officials reached the spot and inspected the area and a case has been registered.

The semi high-speed Vande Bharat Express on the

TRACK OBSTRUCTION

Udaipur-Jaipur section was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month.

There have been several instances of Vande Bharat trains being targeted across the country. In May, NWR had recorded 13 instances of stone pelting on the Ajmer-Delhi Cantt Vande Bharat train.

CISF jawan dies after being hit by BMW at Mum airport

Mumbai: A CISF constable succumbed to severe head injury a day after a speeding car knocked him down at a checkpost of Mumbai airport on Sunday morning, reports V Narayan. Sahar police arrested the 19-year-old college student, Hruday Sajjanraj Kawar, who was driving his father's BMW when he allegedly hit the barricade before knocking down CISF

constable Rahul Sharma.

A medical test of Kawar showed no alcohol trace.

"The accused has a valid driving licence," said an officer.

Cops said around 4am, Kawar and his friends came to pick up a friend who had arrived from abroad. Kawar did not stop at the check post and tried to speed away, but knocked down a plastic barricade and then hit Sharma.

After 13 days, Nashik onion traders call off strike, auctions at all 15 APMCs from today

Nashik: Onion traders in Nashik called off their 13-day-old strike on Monday evening following a meeting with Nashik guardian minister Dada Bhuse, reports Tushar Pawar. Onion auctions in all the 15 Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs) in Nashik district will resume on Tuesday.

Around 1.5 lakh quintals of onions are auctioned daily at all 15 APMCs in Nashik district, including at Lasalgao APMC, the country's largest wholesale onion market.

But the 13-day strike affected onion auctions worth Rs 325 crore. Bhuse said the decision will provide huge relief to thousands of onion farmers in Nashik, who can again sell their produce at the APMCs from Tuesday.

Khandu Deore, president of Nashik District Onion Traders' Association, said: "Considering the interest of farmers, we have called off our strike, but we are still firm on our demands. We will wait for a month and strike again if our demands are not met."



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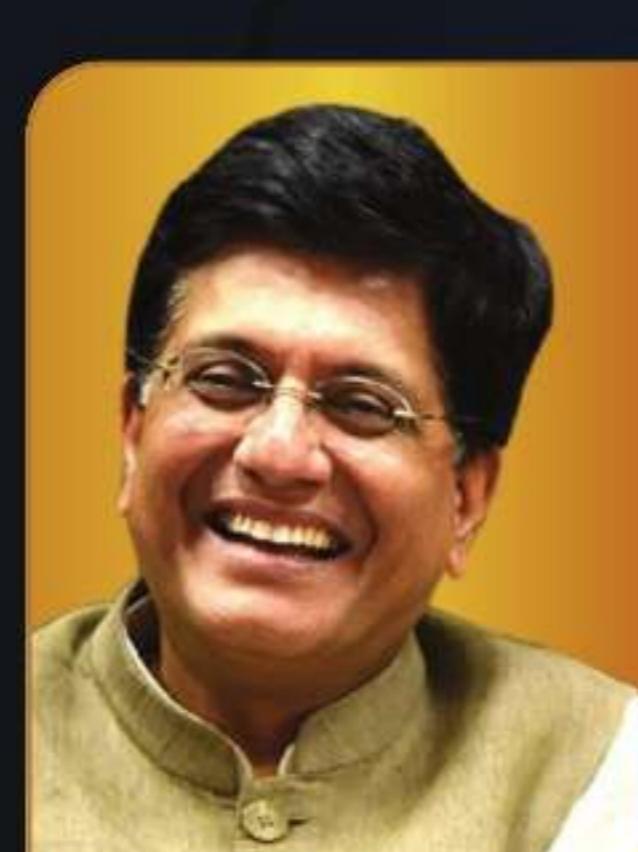
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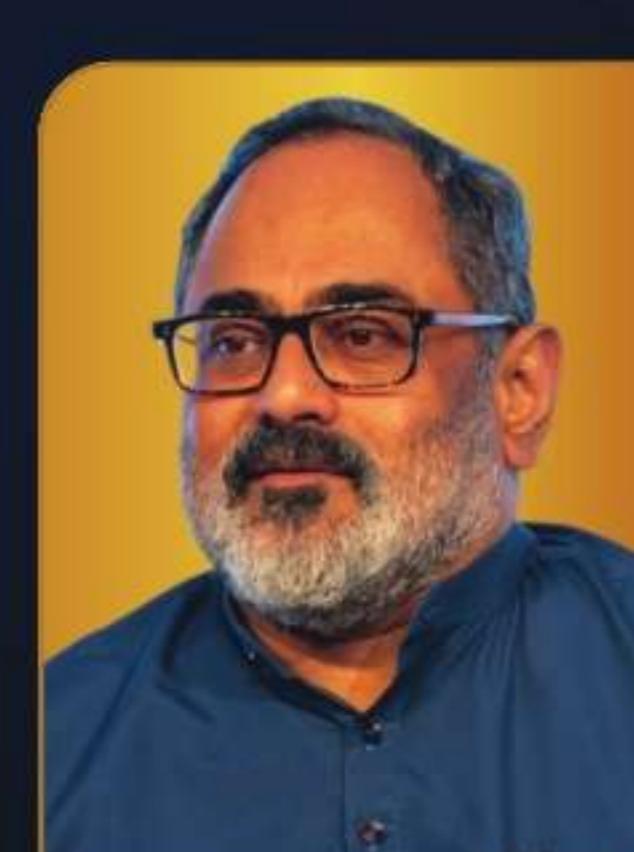
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Report false, bid to create confusion: Giriraj

Sushil Modi: BJP Had Consented To Caste Study

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: On the day the Nitish Kumar government in Bihar released details of the caste census, the BJP chose to tread cautiously even as senior party leader and Union minister Giriraj Singh termed the report "an eyewash" and an effort to create confusion in society.



Former deputy CM and Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Modi said the decision to conduct caste survey in Bihar was taken by a government in which 15 MLAs of BJP were ministers. He said the survey was conducted on 27 points including economic and social condition. He said the government should issue a detailed report on all these points with village-level data.

He said the state government had formed the Most Backward Class Commission last year to provide quota in municipal bodies. "Why has this report been suppressed till now?" he asked.

Asked about the data, Union minister Anurag Thakur said he would respond only after going through the report in detail.

However, Giriraj Singh did not hold back and told reporters in Begusarai, "The caste survey is just an eyewash. There are thousands

of castes in Bihar; but the Nitish Kumar government has released data based on only a few of them. The report published today is false."

He said the Bihar government should have released data on the number of jobs it has given to people instead of releasing caste survey report.

"It would have been more meaningful had the state government released data on how many poor people have got employed, or how many poor people have become rich. Instead, the state government is cheating people by releasing data based on on-

a few castes," Singh said.

State BJP president Samrat Chaudhary emphasised that his party had "given its consent" for the exercise and would make an assessment of the findings which have now been made public.

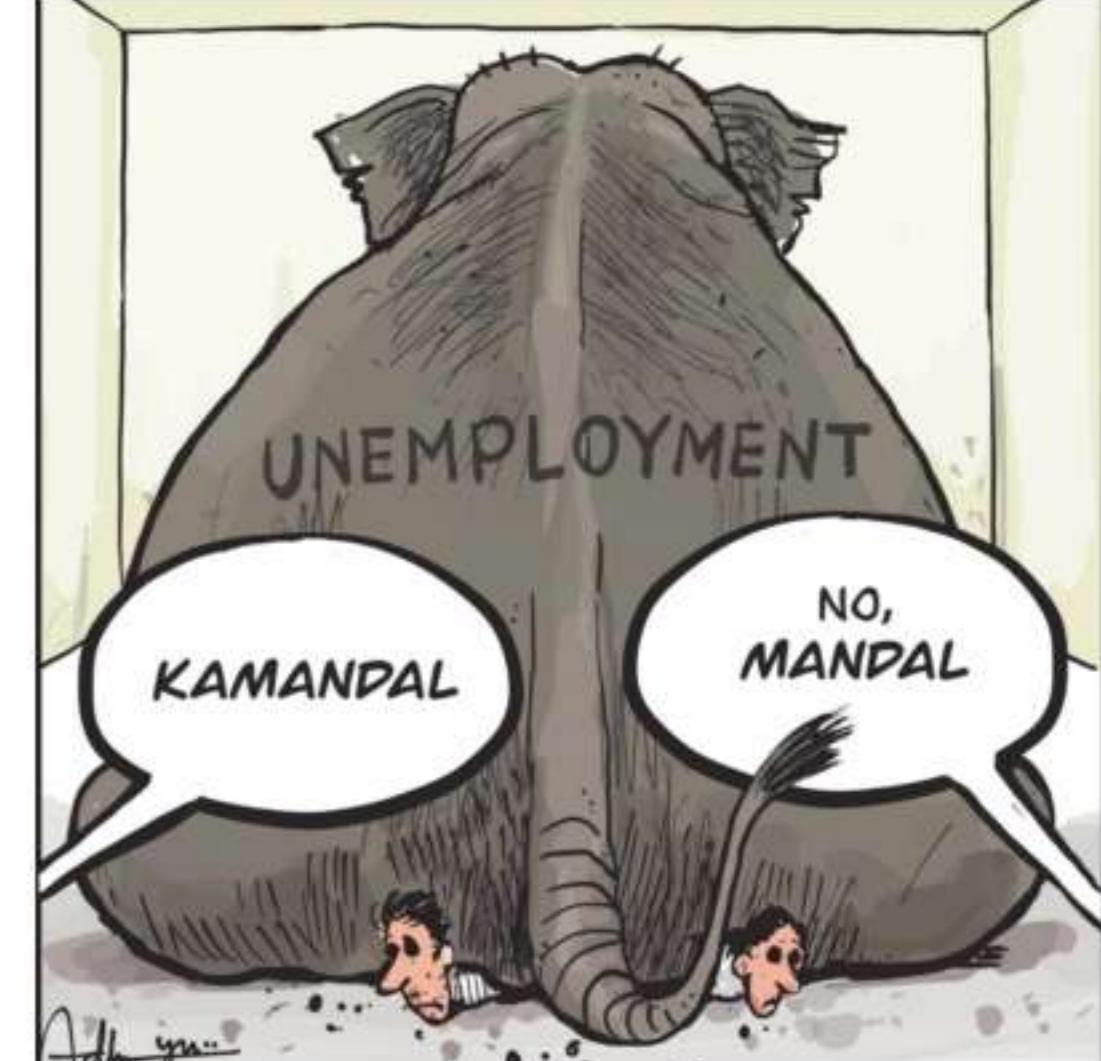
"The BJP will give a statement on the findings after studying the same. However, we wish the survey had studied the social and economic conditions of different castes and placed these on record. We need to take into account the changed social and economic realities," Chaudhary told reporters in Patna.

Bihar survey reveals BJP need for tie-ups

Party's Discomfiture Music For Grand Alliance

Abhay Singh | TNN

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'Underprivileged will decide future of politics'

Bihar's caste survey is the arithmetical basis of social justice and has established that PDA (pichhde, dalit, alpsankhyak) will decide the future of politics in India, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said on Monday.

He said that the caste census was the way ahead to ensure the country's progress and it was not about a conflict between 85% and the remaining 15%. "It will open new options for all those who are not dominant. People who propagate the idea that every individual is entitled to his due, will not only back such an exercise but will welcome it as well," the former UP CM said.

prising JD(U), RJD, Congress and three Left parties.

Their problem lies in AI-MIM led by Asaduddin Owaisi, whose party had won six assembly seats in the 2020 assembly elections. Being a polarising ideologue, Owaisi's party might just take away a segment of their Muslim support. It is another matter that five of the six AIMIM MLAs joined RJD, later.

In the circumstances, in Bihar, BJP might have to walk the extra mile to win over other smaller parties not in NDA, like Vikashel Insaan Party (VIP) led by former minister and MLC from the BJP quota Mukesh Sahani. The count of his caste-based kindred groups, like the Kewats (boatmen) and Mallahs (fishermen), is 3.3%. BJP might also have to draw up a strategy to build better chemistry with its supporting parties.

Also, BSP chief Mayawati, whose support lies among the Chamar and Mochi castes from the SC segment, will also queer the pitch for BJP.

She is outside NDA, and caste-based support for her party stands at 5.3% of the total population.

Lalu, Nitish promise all-India caste census if INDIA forms govt

Patna: Hailing the caste survey findings, Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar said his government would share the data with all the nine political parties that had MLAs — JD(U), RJD, BJP, Congress, CPI-ML, CPM, CPI, HAM(S) and AIMIM — at a meeting at 3.30pm Tuesday.

Report on the economic status of various communities would also be released during the meeting. "Information about the economic condition of each family has also been collected with the caste data," Nitish said.

"Further steps will be taken on the basis of advice from these parties," he added.

Asked if steps could be taken to increase the percentage of quota in proportion to the population of a particular caste/social group, Nitish said a decision would be taken based on the suggestions from the political parties.

However, he made it amply clear where JD(U) stood on the issue, asserting that people should get representation proportional to their population. "We have been asserting this since long," he said.

JD(U)'s alliance partner RJD, too, backed this position. RJD president Lalu Prasad said: "When our government is formed at the Centre in 2024, we will initiate caste-based census across the country."

Nitish, too, expressed confidence that the Bihar survey would provide an impetus for a nationwide caste census. TNN

Citing Bihar report, Rahul justifies call for nationwide study

New Delhi: Charging ahead with a social justice agenda on the lines of Mandal outfits, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Monday held up Bihar's caste survey attesting the numerical supremacy of the backward classes as justification of his own shrill demand for a nationwide caste census, reports Subodh Ghildiyal.

Congress saw the Bihar survey as a boost for its campaign that is aimed at polarising the backward communities in its favour in the heartland states that go to polls in December, with BJP as the direct rival. A success here would strengthen the Congress outreach for the Lok Sabha contest, in which the OBCs have in the past thrown their weight behind the governing BJP.

Rahul Gandhi said the caste census of Bihar has revealed that 84% of people in the state are OBCs, SCs and STs.

"Out of 90 secretaries of the central government, only three are OBCs, who handle only 5% of India's budget. Therefore, it is important to know the caste statistics of India. 'Jitna aabadi, utna haq' is our pledge," he said, implying that reservations should be in proportion to the population.

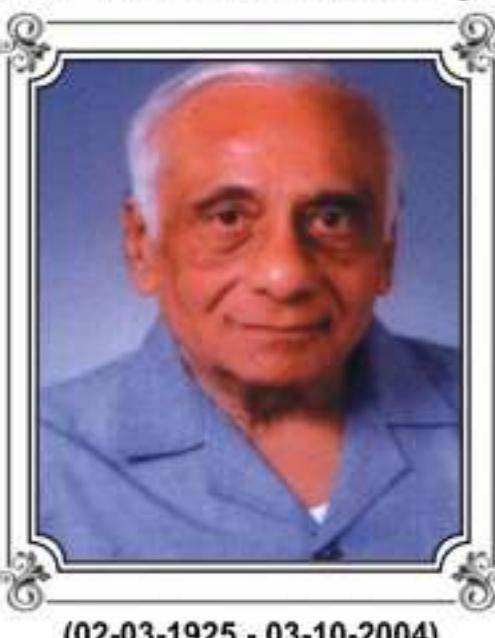
Moving from its decades-old centrist stance, Congress has lately made "caste census" and "removal of 50% cap on quotas" as its campaign planks.

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Tuesday, 3rd October 2023 at 1:00 PM at Girraj Government Degree College, Nizamabad, Telangana



5 of family among 6 killed in UP 'land dispute'

8-Year-Old Boy Of The Family In Critical State

Arjunand Bano | TNN

Deoria: Six people, including two women, were killed in violence apparently stemming from an already resolved land dispute in Fatehpur village, 20 km from the district headquarters, on Monday morning. Five of the deceased were from the same family. Fourteen people have been detained by police.

Post-mortem examinations of the six bodies had been conducted by late Monday evening. Police sources privy to the probe claimed that one man, Satya Prakash Dubey, had been shot in the chest from point-blank range. "Blackening and tattooing formed on the right side of his chest, which was the cause of death," a police officer said. The other deceased had suf-



Top officials visit the crime site in Deoria. Cops have detained 14 people

fured multiple injuries, including those inflicted with sharp-edged weapons, the officer added, his description based on the post-mortem.

Late Monday evening, the police filed an FIR on the complaint of Satya Prakash's daughter Nisha Dubey, who lives in Deoria town. She has named 20 people in connection with the murder of her family members.

Police said two families had been involved in a land dispute that was resolved seven years ago. Investigators are now trying to ascertain the immediate provocation that led to the murder of one person and, in retaliation, the bludgeoning to death of the accused and four members of his family, while his son is battling for life in hospital.

Taking serious note of the incident, UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath directed principal secretary (home) Sanjay Prasad and special director-general of police (law and order) Prashant Kumar to visit the crime scene for a first-hand ground report.

Reports said at around 6.45am, one Prem Yadav (45)

of Fatehpur arrived at the house of Satya Prakash Dubey (55) in the same village.

Locals told police Yadav was riding a motorcycle and was seen repeatedly knocking on Dubey's doors. When Dubey opened, the two engaged in a heated exchange. Dubey allegedly attacked Prem with a stick. Even after Yadav fell to the ground, Dubey kept assaulting him, smashing his head and face, police said.

As soon as Yadav's family learned of the attack, they rushed to Dubey's house. They were joined by relatives and other local associates who found Yadav lying dead in a pool of blood. Tempers ran high and Yadav's family allegedly attacked Dubey, whose family members came to his rescue. Once the mob left, locals found Dubey lying dead and his wife Kiran (45), daughter Shalini (18), a second daughter (12), and two minor sons, aged 15 years and 8 years, lying in pools of blood.

Dubey's eight-year-old son is in critical condition. Dubey's eight-year-old son is in critical condition.

Parents kill 3 girls with poison, blame 'poverty'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jalandhar: Three missing minor daughters of a migrant couple from Bihar — aged 4, 7 and 9 — were found dead Monday in a trunk in their one-room rented accommodation in Punjab's Jalandhar, allegedly poisoned by their parents due to poverty.

Sushil Mandal and his wife Manju have been arrested. They have two other children, a two-year-old daughter and a son who is one. Police

When neighbours went to the house, the accused pulled out a trunk and said the kids probably slid into it while playing. But the neighbours saw froth on their mouths and called the police

claimed Mandal was "inebriated" when detained for questioning early Monday.

Jalandhar (Rural) SSP Mukhwinder Singh Bhullar said Surinder Singh, their landlord in Kahanpur village, called the police late Sunday night to report the three daughters of his tenant were missing since morning.

When Surinder and three neighbours went to Mandal's house on Monday, he pulled out the trunk and said the kids were lying dead in it. Mandal claimed they "probably slid into the trunk while playing and died due to asphyxia". But the neighbours spotted froth on the kids' mouths and called the cops.

"When he (Mandal) was questioned about the suspicious circumstances surrounding the kids' deaths, he told us that he and his wife Manju had committed a grave mistake by lacing the girls' milk with poison on Sunday morning and then stuffed their bodies into a trunk. He said they had taken the extreme step as he was unable to feed the kids," the SSP said.

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Flyer tries to open aircraft door, held

A 36-year-old employee of a private firm was arrested by Bengaluru Police for allegedly trying to open the emergency door of a Bengaluru-bound IndiGo aircraft which was about to take off from Nagpur on the midnight of September 30.

The accused, Swapnil Holey, was later released on bail.

IndiGo said in a statement that at no point was the safety of the flight compromised. TNN

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President, PM lead nation in paying homage to Gandhi

India Also Remembers Lal Bahadur Shastri On Birth Anniv

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New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary.

Modi paid floral tributes to Gandhi and said his timeless teachings "continue to illuminate our path".

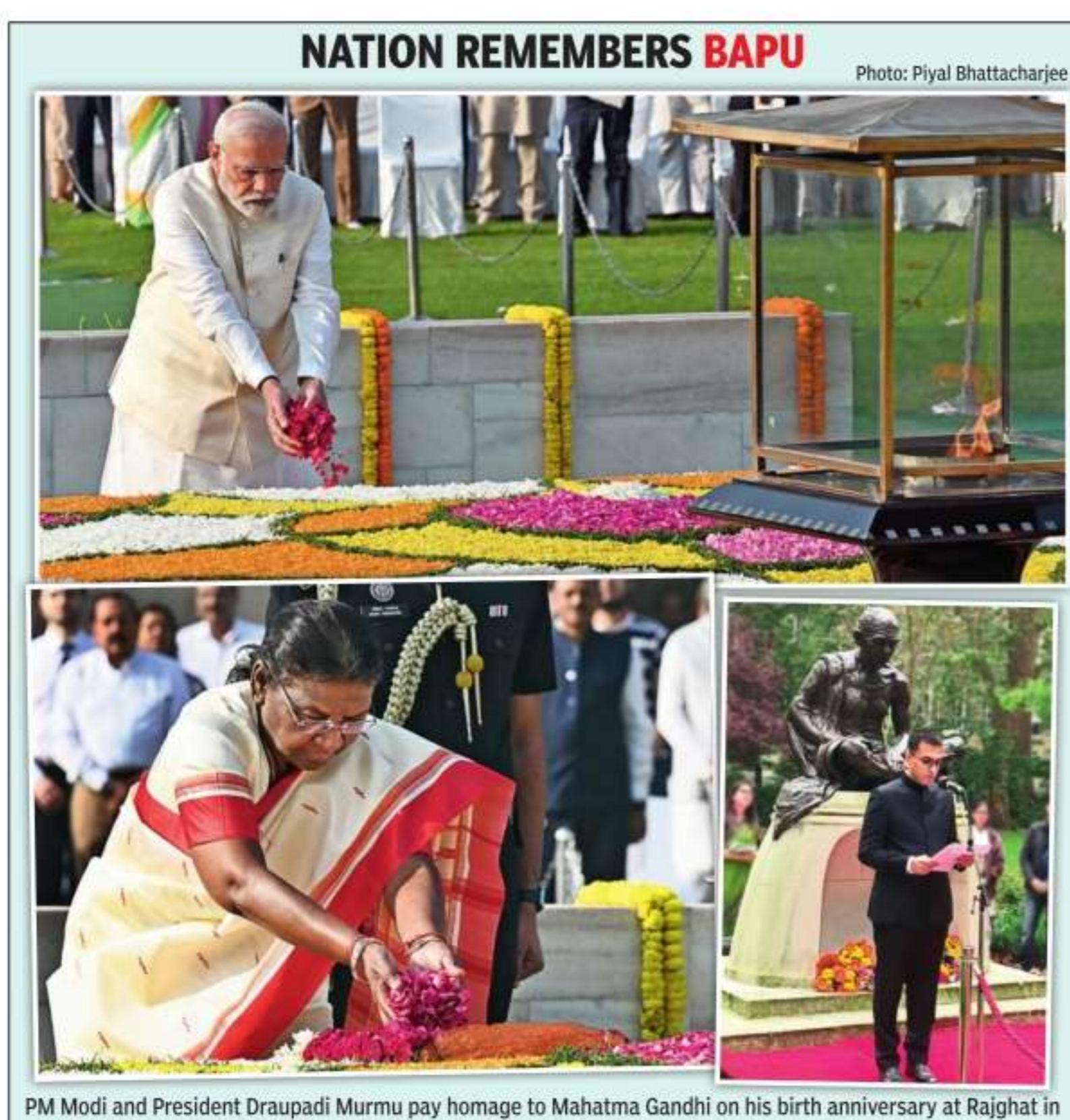
The nation remembered Bapu and former PM Lal Bahadur Shastri, both of whom were born on October 2. Modi also paid floral tributes to Shastri at Vijay Ghat early in the morning. Monday marks the 154th birth anniversary of Gandhi, hailed as the Father of the Nation, who led India to freedom through the path of non-violence, and continues to be a globally revered figure.

Modi reached Rajghat around 8 am and offered petals to the Mahatma's memorial. An interfaith prayer service was held at Rajghat where Gandhi's favourite devotional songs were played.

"I bow to Mahatma Gandhi on the special occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. His timeless teachings continue to illuminate our path. Mahatma Gandhi's impact is global, motivating the entire humankind to further the spirit of unity and compassion," Modi posted on X.

The PM also posted a video of German singer Cassandra Mae's rendition of Gandhi's favourite prayer 'Vaishnava Jana To', saying his thoughts struck a chord with people all around the world.

Modi also hailed Shastri



PM Modi and President Draupadi Murmu pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary at Rajghat in New Delhi on Monday. CJI DY Chandrachud (bottom right) at the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations in London

on X, saying his iconic call for 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' resonated even today.

Several Union ministers and bureaucrats were present on the occasion at Rajghat, situated on the banks of Yamuna. Murmu and Dhankhar attended a 'Bhajan Sandhya' at Gandhi Smriti, formerly Birla Bhavan

where Gandhi was assassinated on January 30, 1948.

On the occasion, a message from UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres was read out. October 2 is observed as the International Day of Non-Violence.

"On this International Day of Non-Violence, we commemorate not only the

birth of Mahatma Gandhi but also the timeless values he championed: mutual respect and understanding, justice, and the power of peaceful action," the message read.

Vijay Goel, vice chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, was also present in the programme.

Abhishek leads TMC's Rajghat dharna seeking release of funds to WB

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



TMC's Abhishek Banerjee along with party MPs and MLAs hold dharna at Rajghat on Monday

New Delhi: Trinamool Congress MPs, MLAs and workers led by party general secretary and Lok Sabha MP Abhishek Banerjee sat on a dharna at Rajghat on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary on Monday, demanding the release of funds for West Bengal by the Centre.

Some of the protestors held black placards that said, "Release funds for Bengal", and "Bengal Deprived: 1 lakh 15 thousand crore families, Rs 15,000 crore owed". Trinamool Congress has accused the Centre of withholding Rs 15,000 crore in dues to the state under MGNREGA and PMAYA.

Biswajit Dev, a TMC spokesperson and member of the party's state committee, accused the Centre of destroying the rural employment scheme and said it was an insult to Mahatma Gandhi, after whom the scheme is named. "Is this democracy? Centre is using schemes for

political benefits," he said, adding, "This is an insult to poor people and to Mahatma Gandhi after whom MGNREGA is named."

Chaiti Barman Barua, a TMC leader, said that they had come to Delhi to make their voice heard. "People are suffering and the central government has not paid any attention to the issue," she said.

Jay Banerjee, who came from Purulia, claimed that many trains and flights by which TMC leaders were scheduled to reach Delhi were cancelled.

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No. 3836] NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023/BHADRA 22, 1945
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 12th September, 2023

S.O. 3998(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, number S.O. 4830(E), dated 07 Oct 2022, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder etc.) maintenance, management and operation of National Highway No. 94 in the stretch of land from Km. 76.000 to Km. 110.00 (Nakot Laga Jaulangi to Ratwari) in the district of Tehri Garhwal in the state of Uttarakhand.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Dainik Jagran" (Hindi) and "Times of India" (English) both dated 16 Oct 2022; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas no objections has been received from any person by the competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government; Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structures for building (widening /two lane with paved shoulder etc.) of National Highway No. -94 in the stretch of land from Km 76.000 to Km 110.000 (Nakot Laga Jaulangi to Ratwari) in the district of Tehri Garhwal in the state of Uttarakhand

State: UTTARAKHAND District: TEHRI GARHWAL

S. No.	Survey /Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectares)	Name of Land Owner/ Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6

Taluk: Tehri Garhwal**Village: Palyan**

1	105	Private	Agriculture	0.0150000	Abdul Kadir S/o Abdulla, Mohd. Zakir S/o Abdullah, Mohd. Ismail S/o Abdulla, Jamil S/o Asraf, Mustakim S/o Asraf, Haja Begum W/o Asraf, Hameed S/o Naviwax, Rafik S/o Ismail Nati Mohammad Vaks, Ayuf S/o Noormohamad, Muneer Mohamad S/o Noormohamad, Mujival Rahaman S/o Noormohamad, Mohd. Nazim S/o Mohd. Ali, Mohd. Naseer, S/o Mohd. Ali, Majidan W/o Mohd. Ali, Hasandeep S/o Safimohamad Nati Aladiya, Sakir S/o Safimohamad Nati Aladia, Waheed S/o Safimohamad Nati Aladia, Mohd. Sanowar S/o Yasin, Saidan Begum W/o Yasin, Mohd. Jauhar S/o Aziz, Mohd. Gulfan S/o Aziz, Zahuran Begum W/o Aziz, Mohd. Shakir S/o Indu , Rajusen S/o Indu, Shafiq S/o Indu, Mohd. Salim S/o Rasoolbaks, Mohd. Tufail S/o Rasoolbaks, Alabandi Veva Rasoolbaks
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2	106	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Abdul Kadir S/o Abdulla, Mohd. Zakir S/o Abdullah, Mohd. Ismail S/o Abdulla, Jamil S/o Asraf, Mustakim S/o Asraf, Haja Begum W/o Asraf, Hameed S/o Naviwax, Rafik S/o Ismail Nati Mohammad Vaks, Ayuf S/o Noormohamad, Muneer Mohamad S/o Noormohamad, Mohd. Nazim S/o Mohd. Ali, Mohd. Naseer, S/o Mohd. Ali, Majidan W/o Mohd. Ali, Hasandeep S/o Safimohamad Nati Aladiya, Sakir S/o Safimohamad Nati Aladia, Waheed S/o Safimohamad Nati Aladia, Mohd. Sanowar S/o Yasin, Anwar S/o Rahim Vaksh, Akhtar S/o Rahim Vaksh, Sameen S/o Rahim Vaksh, Aslam S/o Rasool Baksh, Rasidan S/o Rasool Baksh, Juntari W/o Samasudyin
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3	107	Private	Agriculture	0.0150000	Abdul Kadir S/o Abdulla, Mohd. Zakir S/o Abdullah, Mohd. Ismail S/o Abdulla, Jamil S/o Asraf, Mustakim S/o Asraf, Haja Begum W/o Asraf, Hameed S/o Naviwax, Rafik S/o Ismail Nati Mohammad Vaks, Ayuf S/o Noormohamad, Muneer Mohamad S/o Noormohamad, Mohd. Nazim S/o Mohd. Ali, Mohd. Naseer, S/o Mohd. Ali, Majidan W/o Mohd. Ali, Hasandeep S/o Safimohamad Nati Aladiya, Sakir S/o Safimohamad Nati Aladia, Waheed S/o Safimohamad Nati Aladia, Mohd. Sanowar S/o Yasin, Saidan Begum W/o Yasin, Mohd. Jauhar S/o Aziz, Mohd. Gulfan S/o Aziz, Zahuran Begum W/o Aziz, Mohd. Shakir S/o Indu , Rajusen S/o Indu, Shafiq S/o Indu, Mohd. Salim S/o Rasoolbaks, Mohd. Tufail S/o Rasoolbaks, Alabandi Veva Rasoolbaks
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4	110	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Ratan Singh S/o Nagchand
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5	111	Private	Agriculture	0.0120000	Ratan Singh S/o Nagchand
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6	113	Private	Agriculture	0.0090000	Habib S/o Rahim Vaksh, Akbar S/o Rahim Vaksh, Anwar S/o Rahim Vaksh, Akhtar S/o Rahim Vaksh, Sameen S/o Rahim Vaksh, Aslam S/o Rasool Baksh, Rasidan S/o Rasool Baksh, Juntari W/o Samasudyin
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7	114	Private	Agriculture	0.0080000	Habib S/o Rahim Vaksh, Akbar S/o Rahim Vaksh, Anwar S/o Rahim Vaksh, Akhtar S/o Rahim Vaksh, Sameen S/o Rahim Vaksh, Aslam S/o Rasool Baksh, Rasidan S/o Rasool Baksh, Juntari W/o Samasudyin
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8	115	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Abdul Kadir S/o Abdulla, Mohd. Zakir S/o Abdulla, Mohd. Ismail S/o Abdulla, Jamil S/o
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39	7330	Private	Agriculture	0.0250000	Singh S/o Jeet Singh Urf Fajitu, Juppa Devi W/o Jeet Singh Urf Fajitu, Bhola Singh S/o Shyam Singh
40	7331	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Gambhir Singh S/o Jeet Singh Urf Fajitu, Puran Singh S/o Jeet Singh Urf Fajitu, Man Singh S/o Jeet Singh Urf Fajitu, Juppa Devi W/o Jeet Singh Urf Fajitu, Bhola Singh S/o Shyam Singh
41	7332	Private	Agriculture	0.0150000	Surat Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Lakan Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Vikas S/o Kulman Singh, Rahul S/o Kulman Singh, Asha W/o Kulman Singh, Daulat Singh S/o Chatar Singh, Uttam Singh S/o Chatar Singh, Tara Devi W/o Chatar Singh, Sabbal Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Gajendra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Ravindra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Bhagwani Devi W/o Bhagwan Singh
42	7333	Private	Agriculture	0.0260000	Kushal Singh S/o Raghunath Singh, Pancham Singh S/o Raghunath Singh, Yashpal Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Jaspal Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Dharmpal Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Dabbi Devi W/o Kundan Singh, Madan Singh S/o Jura Singh Nati Nagchand, Shiv Singh S/o Ratan Singh, Ram Singh S/o Ratan Singh, Ashad Singh S/o Sunder Singh, Autar Singh S/o Sunder Singh, Kalam Singh S/o Sunder Singh, Pratap Singh S/o Sunder Singh
43	7334	Private	Agriculture	0.0060000	Surat Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Lakan Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Vikas S/o Kulman Singh, Rahul S/o Kulman Singh, Asha W/o Kulman Singh, Daulat Singh S/o Chatar Singh, Uttam Singh S/o Chatar Singh, Tara Devi W/o Chatar Singh, Sabbal Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Gajendra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Ravindra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Bhagwani Devi W/o Bhagwan Singh
44	7335	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000	Surat Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Lakan Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Vikas S/o Kulman Singh, Rahul S/o Kulman Singh, Asha W/o Kulman Singh, Daulat Singh S/o Chatar Singh, Uttam Singh S/o Chatar Singh, Tara Devi W/o Chatar Singh, Sabbal Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Gajendra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Ravindra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Bhagwani Devi W/o Bhagwan Singh
45	7336 A	Private	Agriculture	0.0080000	Surat Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Lakan Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Vikas S/o Kulman Singh, Rahul S/o Kulman Singh, Asha W/o Kulman Singh, Daulat Singh S/o Chatar Singh, Uttam Singh S/o Chatar Singh, Tara Devi W/o Chatar Singh, Sabbal Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Gajendra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Ravindra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Bhagwani Devi W/o Bhagwan Singh
46	7336 B	Private	Agriculture	0.0060000	Vikram Singh S/o Daleb Singh, Yogesh Singh S/o Daleb Singh, Taradevi W/o Daleb Singh, Pawan Singh S/o Prem Singh, Suvadei W/o Prem Singh, Gulab Singh S/o Mangal Singh, Karn Singh S/o Mangal Singh, Gaurav Singh S/o Bachan Singh grandson Mangal Singh, Vivek Singh S/o Bachan Singh Nati Mangal Singh, Ujjala Devi W/o Bachan Singh, Shoorveer Singh S/o Bali, Pratap Singh S/o Bali, Govind Singh S/o Juna Urf Indra Singh, Shyama Devi W/o Juna Urf Indra Singh
47	7337	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000	Surat Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Lakan Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Vikas S/o Kulman Singh, Rahul S/o Kulman Singh, Asha W/o Kulman Singh, Daulat Singh S/o Chatar Singh, Uttam Singh S/o Chatar Singh, Tara Devi W/o Chatar Singh, Sabbal Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Gajendra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Ravindra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Bhagwani Devi W/o Bhagwan Singh
48	7338	Private	Agriculture	0.0090000	Kushal Singh S/o Raghunath Singh, Pancham Singh S/o Raghunath Singh, Yashpal Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Jaspal Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Dharmpal Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Dabbi Devi W/o Kundan Singh, Madan Singh S/o Jura Singh Nati Nagchand, Shiv Singh S/o Ratan Singh, Ram Singh S/o Ratan Singh, Ashad Singh S/o Sunder Singh, Autar Singh S/o Sunder Singh, Kalam Singh S/o Sunder Singh, Pratap Singh S/o Sunder Singh
49	7339	Private	Agriculture	0.0230000	Kushal Singh S/o Raghunath Singh, Pancham Singh S/o Raghunath Singh, Yashpal Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Jaspal Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Dharmpal Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Dabbi Devi W/o Kundan Singh, Madan Singh S/o Jura Singh Nati Nagchand, Shiv Singh S/o Ratan Singh, Ram Singh S

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97	4640	Private	Agriculture	0.0110000	Dev Singh S/o Ram Singh, Veeru S/o Ram Singh			Rajendra Singh S/o Vishan Singh, Shanti Devi W/o Vishan Singh, Darvyan Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Ayush S/o Ajaypal Singh, Seemadevi W/o Ajaypal Singh, Brahmpal Singh S/o Birendra Singh, Dharmpal Singh S/o Birender Singh, Bharat Singh S/o Suraj Singh, Ajay Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Vijay Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sohan Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Dinesh Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Anil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sunil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sushil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Alla Devi W/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Munni Devi W/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Kripal Singh S/o Mahendra Singh, Sarop Singh Urf Gaje Singh, S/o Karn Singh, Smt. Kankedi devi W/o Jura Singh, Rajesh Singh S/o Jura Singh, Bachan Singh S/o Pancham Singh, Ramchandra Singh S/o Pancham Singh Dinesh S/o Vinod Singh, Rajesh S/o Vinod Singh, Pushpa Devi W/o Vinod Singh, Karmaveer Singh S/o Kalan Singh, Swarnapal Singh S/o Khushal Singh, Shardul Singh S/o Vijender Singh Nati Khushal Singh, Mridul Singh S/o Vijender Singh Nati Khushal Singh, Hema Devi W/o Vijender Singh, Bachna Devi W/o Khushal Singh, Anujpal Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Sandeep Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Amardeep Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Vijendri Devi W/o Ranveer Singh, Amipal Singh S/o Balveer Singh, Sanjay Singh S/o Balveer Singh, Sandeep Singh S/o Surendra Singh, Atara Devi W/o Surendra Singh, Dheeraj Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Nagdei W/o Kundan Singh				Prasad S/o Shankar Dutt, Rajendra Prasad S/o Shankar Dutt, Muralil S/o Jogeshwar, Abdumeed S/o Mohd Vaksh.							
98	4642	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Dil Singh S/o Bhaun Singh, Rajpal Singh S/o Dan Singh, Dhanpal Singh S/o Dan Singh, Ajaypal Singh S/o Dan Singh, Mukesh Singh S/o Dan Singh, Amit Singh S/o Jayendra Singh, Pritam Singh S/o Jayendra Singh, Sajan Singh S/o Jayendra Singh, Keshav Singh S/o Jayendra Singh, Swari Devi W/o Jayendra Singh, Dhyan Singh S/o Padam Singh, Sundar Singh S/o Ram Singh, Jaipal Singh S/o Vijay Singh, Devladevi W/o Vijay Singh, Dev Singh S/o Ram Singh, Veer Singh S/o Ram Singh				123	407	Private	Agriculture	0.0070000	Ramlal S/o Ramprasad, Shyamal S/o Ramprasad					
99	4643	Private	Agriculture	0.0300000	Manjeet Singh S/o Umed Singh, Sukhpal Singh S/o Sobat Singh, Surjit Singh S/o Shiv Singh, Laxmi Devi W/o Kishan Singh D/o Auladevi, Anuveer Singh S/o Vishan Singh, Rajendra Singh S/o Vishan Singh, Shanti Devi W/o Vishan Singh, Darvyan Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Ayush S/o Ajaypal Singh, Seemadevi W/o Ajaypal Singh, Brahmpal Singh S/o Birendra Singh, Dharmpal Singh S/o Birender Singh, Bharat Singh S/o Suraj Singh, Ajay Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Vijay Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sohan Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Dinesh Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Anil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sunil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sushil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Alla Devi W/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Munni Devi W/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Kripal Singh S/o Mahendra Singh, Sarop Singh Urf Gaje Singh, S/o Karn Singh, Smt. Kankedi devi W/o Jura Singh, Rajesh Singh S/o Jura Singh, Bachan Singh S/o Pancham Singh, Ramchandra Singh S/o Pancham Singh Dinesh S/o Vinod Singh, Rajesh S/o Vinod Singh, Pushpa Devi W/o Vinod Singh, Karmaveer Singh S/o Kalan Singh, Swarnapal Singh S/o Khushal Singh, Shardul Singh S/o Vijender Singh Nati Khushal Singh, Mridul Singh S/o Vijender Singh Nati Khushal Singh, Hema Devi W/o Vijender Singh, Bachna Devi W/o Khushal Singh, Anujpal Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Sandeep Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Amardeep Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Vijendri Devi W/o Ranveer Singh, Amipal Singh S/o Balveer Singh, Sanjay Singh S/o Balveer Singh, Sandeep Singh S/o Surendra Singh, Atara Devi W/o Surendra Singh, Dheeraj Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Nagdei W/o Kundan Singh				124	489	Private	Agriculture	0.0010000	Muralil S/o Jogeshwar					
100	4650	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000	Manjeet Singh S/o Umed Singh, Sukhpal Singh S/o Sobat Singh, Surjit Singh S/o Shiv Singh, Laxmi Devi W/o Kishan Singh D/o Auladevi, Anuveer Singh S/o Vishan Singh, Rajendra Singh S/o Vishan Singh, Shanti Devi W/o Vishan Singh, Darvyan Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Ayush S/o Ajaypal Singh, Seemadevi W/o Ajaypal Singh, Brahmpal Singh S/o Birendra Singh, Dharmpal Singh S/o Birender Singh, Bharat Singh S/o Suraj Singh, Ajay Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Vijay Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sohan Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Dinesh Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Anil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sunil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sushil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Alla Devi W/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Munni Devi W/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Kripal Singh S/o Mahendra Singh, Sarop Singh Urf Gaje Singh, S/o Karn Singh, Smt. Kankedi devi W/o Jura Singh, Rajesh Singh S/o Jura Singh, Bachan Singh S/o Pancham Singh, Ramchandra Singh S/o Pancham Singh Dinesh S/o Vinod Singh, Rajesh S/o Vinod Singh, Pushpa Devi W/o Vinod Singh, Karmaveer Singh S/o Kalan Singh, Swarnapal Singh S/o Khushal Singh, Shardul Singh S/o Vijender Singh Nati Khushal Singh, Mridul Singh S/o Vijender Singh Nati Khushal Singh, Hema Devi W/o Vijender Singh, Bachna Devi W/o Khushal Singh, Anujpal Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Sandeep Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Amardeep Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Vijendri Devi W/o Ranveer Singh, Amipal Singh S/o Balveer Singh, Sanjay Singh S/o Balveer Singh, Sandeep Singh S/o Surendra Singh, Atara Devi W/o Surendra Singh, Dheeraj Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Nagdei W/o Kundan Singh				125	491	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000	Ramlal S/o Ramprasad, Shyamal S/o Ramprasad					
101	4651	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Manjeet Singh S/o Umed Singh, Sukhpal Singh S/o Sobat Singh, Surjit Singh S/o Shiv Singh, Laxmi Devi W/o Kishan Singh D/o Auladevi, Anuveer Singh S/o Vishan Singh, Rajendra Singh S/o Vishan Singh, Shanti Devi W/o Vishan Singh, Darvyan Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Ayush S/o Ajaypal Singh, Seemadevi W/o Ajaypal Singh, Brahmpal Singh S/o Birendra Singh, Dharmpal Singh S/o Birender Singh, Bharat Singh S/o Suraj Singh, Ajay Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Vijay Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sohan Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Dinesh Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Anil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sunil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Sushil Singh S/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Alla Devi W/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Munni Devi W/o Kaur Singh Urf Kunwar Singh, Kripal Singh S/o Mahendra Singh, Sarop Singh Urf Gaje Singh, S/o Karn Singh, Smt. Kankedi devi W/o Jura Singh, Rajesh Singh S/o Jura Singh, Bachan Singh S/o Pancham Singh, Ramchandra Singh S/o Pancham Singh Dinesh S/o Vinod Singh, Rajesh S/o Vinod Singh, Pushpa Devi W/o Vinod Singh, Karmaveer Singh S/o Kalan Singh, Swarnapal Singh S/o Khushal Singh, Shardul Singh S/o Vijender Singh Nati Khushal Singh, Mridul Singh S/o Vijender Singh Nati Khushal Singh, Hema Devi W/o Vijender Singh, Bachna Devi W/o Khushal Singh, Anujpal Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Sandeep Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Amardeep Singh S/o Ranveer Singh, Vijendri Devi W/o Ranveer Singh, Amipal Singh S/o Balveer Singh, Sanjay Singh S/o Balveer Singh, Sandeep Singh S/o Surendra Singh, Atara Devi W/o Surendra Singh, Dheeraj Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Nagdei W/o Kundan Singh				126	492	Private	Agriculture	0.0030000	Ramlal S/o Ramprasad, Shyamal S/o Ramprasad					
102	4659	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Manjeet Singh S/o Umed Singh, Sukhpal Singh S/o Sobat Singh, Surjit Singh S/o Shiv Singh, Laxmi Devi W/o Kishan Singh D/o Auladevi, Anuveer Singh S/o Vishan Singh,									Village: Kainchu					
														127	1504	Private	Agriculture	0.0200000	Prem Singh S/o Bhow Singh, Hukam Singh S/o Bhow Singh, Hari Singh S/o Bhow Singh, Satye Singh S/o Uday Singh, Pratap Singh S/o Uday Singh, Hira Singh S/o Uday Singh, Dayal Singh S/o Uday Singh, Atar Singh S/o Uday Singh, Soban Singh S/o Sundar Singh, Surat Singh S/o Sunder Singh, Bhagwan Singh S/o Sundar Singh, Satye Singh S/o Ravi Singh, Roop Singh S/o Ravi Singh, Harichandra S/o Ravi Singh
														128	1505	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Prem Singh S/o Bhow Singh, Hukam Singh S/o Bhow Singh, Hari Singh S/o Bhow Singh, Satye Singh S/o Uday Singh, Pratap Singh S/o Uday Singh, Hira Singh S/o Uday Singh, Dayal Singh S/o Uday Singh, Atar Singh S/o Uday Singh, Soban Singh S/o Sundar Singh, Surat Singh S/o Sunder Singh, Bhagwan Singh S/o Sundar Singh, Satye Singh S/o Ravi Singh, Roop Singh S/o Ravi Singh, Harichandra S/o Ravi Singh
														129	4470	Private	Agriculture	0.0010000	Vijay Singh S/o Bhagat Singh Nati Mohan Singh, Ajay Singh S/o Bhagat Singh Nati Mohan Singh, Sumitra Devi W/o Bhagat Singh, Mukesh S/o Bachan Singh, Rakesh age 16 years Bachan Singh, Himdei W/o Bachan Singh, Shrawan Singh S/o Hukam Singh, Anita Devi W/o Hukam Singh
														130	4473	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Vijay Singh S/o Bhagat Singh Nati Mohan Singh, Ajay Singh S/o Bhagat Singh Nati Mohan Singh, Sumitra Devi W/o Bhagat Singh, Mukesh S/o Bachan Singh, Rakesh age 16 years Bachan Singh, Himdei W/o Bachan Singh, Shrawan Singh S/o Hukam Singh, Anita Devi W/o Hukam Singh
														131	4474	Private	Agriculture	0.0120000	Vijay Singh S/o Bhagat Singh Nati Mohan Singh, Ajay Singh S/o Bhagat Singh Nati Mohan Singh, Sumitra Devi W/o Bhagat Singh, Mukesh S/o Bachan Singh, Rakesh age 16 years Bachan Singh, Himdei W/o Bachan Singh, Shrawan Singh S/o Hukam Singh, Anita Devi W/o Hukam Singh
														132	4488	Private	Agriculture	0.0300000	Harichandra S/o Ravi Singh, Satye Singh S/o Ravi Singh, Roop Singh S/o Ravi Singh, Munni Devi W/o Kushal Singh, Jeet Singh S/o Sunder Singh
														133	4489	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000	Harichandra S/o Ravi Singh, Satye Singh S/o Ravi Singh, Roop Singh S/o Ravi Singh, Munni Devi W/o Kushal Singh, Jeet Singh S/o Sunder Singh
														134	4491	Private	Agriculture	0.0060000	Dev Singh S/o Ratan Singh, Pushya Devi S/o Jeet Singh, Azad Singh S/o Jeet Singh, Satveer Singh S/o Jeet Singh, Virendra Singh S/o Kunwar Singh, Bharoshi Devi S/o Kunwar Singh, Bachan Singh S/o Kirpal Singh, Gyan Singh S/o Kirpal Singh, Murti Singh S/o Prem Singh, Vikram Singh S/o Prem Singh, Bachan Singh S/o Sarop Singh, Dale Singh S/o Sarop Singh, Gambhir Singh S/o Hari Singh, Amir Singh S/o Hari Singh, Kuldeep Singh S/o Bhim Singh, Sauri Devi W/o Bhim Singh, Govind Singh S/o Shivram, Shakuntala Devi W/o Chatar Singh, Ajay Singh S/o Chatar Singh Nati Shivram, Sanjay Singh S/o Chatar Singh Nati Shivram, Vardei W/o Shivram, Surendra Singh S/o Chandan Singh, Visha Devi W/o Chandan Singh, Tirok Singh S/o Bharat Singh, Vikram Singh S/o Bharat Singh, Dalip Singh S/o Shiv Singh, Surendra Singh S/o Shiv Singh, Ganesh Age 14 Years S/o Virendra Singh Nati Shiv Ram, Shashi Devi W/o Virendra Singh, Seera Devi W/o Shiv Singh, Rakesh Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Dharmendra Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh, Aarti Devi W/o Bhagwan Singh
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142	4769	Private	Agriculture	0.0120000	Satu S/o Bhadu (SC), Chatra S/o Bhadu (SC), Vinod S/o Bachchu (SC), Ramesh S/o Bachchu (SC), Raju S/o Bachchu (SC)
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146	4940	Private	Agriculture	0.0150000	Jitmani S/o Vijay Ram, Sohan Lal S/o Vijay Ram
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153	4978	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Bandobasti Khata No. 01, Inder Singh, Bhawan Singh S/o Nainu 1/3rd Hissa, Renthu, Visha, Chhota, Govindu, Mor, Jairam S/o Matavaru 1/3rd Hissa, Bhaupal S/o Ramshani 1/3rd Hissa, Sakin Kainchhu
154	4999	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000	Kuldeep Singh Age 16 Years S/o Kundan Singh Sa. Ma. Jagdei Devi, Jaspal Singh Age 13 Years S/o Kundan Singh Sa. Ma. Jagdei Devi, Jagdei Devi W/o Kundan Singh
155	921	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Mangal Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Bachan Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Budhi Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Sobat Singh S/o Ram Singh, Ghurak Singh S/o Man Singh
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Village: Ratno Talla

157	1002	Private	Patta	0.0160000	Ravidutt S/o of Kathandatta, Shankar Dutt S/o Kathandatta, Bhavani Dutt S/o Kathandatta
158	1003	Private	Patta	0.0030000	Ravidutt S/o of Kathandatta, Shankar Dutt S/o Kathandatta, Bhavani Dutt S/o Kathandatta
159	1004	Private	Patta	0.0180000	Ravidutt S/o of Kathandatta, Shankar Dutt S/o Kathandatta, Bhavani Dutt S/o Kathandatta
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161	1006	Private	Patta	0.0090000	Ravidutt S/o of Kathandatta, Shankar Dutt S/o Kathandatta, Bhavani Dutt S/o Kathandatta
162	1007	Private	Patta	0.0050000	Ravidutt S/o of Kathandatta, Shankar Dutt S/o Kathandatta, Bhavani Dutt S/o Kathandatta
163	1009	Private	Patta	0.0200000	Balveer Singh S/o Indra Singh, Dilwar Singh S/o Indra Singh, Jashwant Singh S/o Indra Singh, Jasvir Singh S/o Indra Singh, Bhag Singh S/o Hari Singh, Dhurat Singh S/o Hari Singh, Praveen Singh S/o Kirat Singh Nati Hari Singh, Pramod Singh S/o Kirat Singh Nati Hari Singh, Sanjay Singh S/o Kirat Singh Nati Hari Singh, Kamla Devi W/o Kirat Singh, Satye Singh S/o Gopal
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Village: Vorsari					
191	177	Private	Agriculture	0.0030000	Abdul Wahid S/o Mohd. Hanif, Abdul Khalid S/o Mohd Hanif, Abdul Kalim S/o Mohd Hanif, Majidan W/o Mohd Hanif, Farid Ahmed S/o Wasir Mohd, Govin Ahmed S/o Wasir Mohd, Panvesh Ahmed S/o Wasir Mohd, Jamila Begum W/o Wasir Mohd, Rasheed Ahmed S/o Hyderwaksh Urf Hajirkash, Salim Ahmad S/o Haiderwaksh Urf Hajirkash, Samim Ahmad S/o Haiderwaksh Urf Hajirkash, Akbar Ahmad S/o Haiderali, Anwar Ahmad S/o Haiderali
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193	181	Private	Agriculture	0.0010000	Nazir S/o Gafoor, Sharif S/o Gafoor, Kursid S/o Gafoor, Hameed S/o Dabbu, Habib S/o Dabbu
194	182	Private	Agriculture	0.0030000	Abdul Wahid S/o Mohd. Hanif, Abdul Khalid S/o Mohd Hanif, Abdul Kalim S/o Mohd Hanif, Majidan W/o Mohd Hanif, Farid Ahmed S/o Wasir Mohd, Govin Ahmed S/o Haiderwaksh Urf Hajirkash, Salim Ahmad S/o Haiderwaksh Urf Hajirkash, Samim Ahmad S/o Haiderwaksh Urf Hajirkash, Akbar Ahmad S/o Haiderali, Anwar Ahmad S/o Haiderali
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202	202	Private	Agriculture	0.0040000	Hafeez S/o Ramjani, Ibrahim S/o Ramjani, Firoz Ahmed S/o Yasin Ahmed, Biban Kureshi S/o Yasin Ahmed, Abdul Aziz S/o Ameer Baks, Naseer Ahmed S/o Abdul Majeed, Nazim Ahmad S/o Abdul Majeed, Shakiran W/o Abdul Majeed
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207	6331	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000	(Bandobasti Khatauni Khata No.-138) Naktu, Uddhi, Dham Singh S/o Bhuria
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209	6353	Private	Agriculture	0.0100000	Dhyani Singh S/o Dharam Singh, Sher Singh S/o Sunder Singh, Diwan Singh S/o Sunder Singh,
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Gehlot has conceded defeat already, Modi asserts in Raj

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Jaipur/Chittorgarh: PM Narendra Modi on Monday promised poll-bound Rajasthan that the Congress government's welfare schemes would be "improved and continued" if BJP won and claimed that chief minister Ashok Gehlot had conceded "defeat" by appealing for such programmes to be continued.

Addressing a rally near Chittorgarh after unveiling projects worth Rs 7,200 crore and offering prayers at the Sanawaliya temple, the PM sent an emphatic message that the party won't project a CM candidate. "In this election, we have only one face, the lotus (BJP symbol). The lotus is our hope and our candidate," he said.

A bevy of BJP leaders was present at the rally, including former CM Vasundhara Raje, state president CP Joshi, leader of opposition Rajendra Rathore and Union minister Arjun Meghwani.

Modi also vowed to "expose the paper leak mafia". "Keep faith in me. Those who have played with the future of youths will not be spared," Modi said to a long, thunderous applause. He was referring to 18 recruitment exam

You'll miss me when I'm gone: Shivraj

Adressing a rally in Ladkai in his assembly constituency of Budhni on Sunday, Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan said: "Aisa bhaiya nahin milega. Jab mein chala jaunga, tab bahut yaad aaunga (You will not get a brother like me. When I go away, you will remember me a lot)." His emotional statement ahead of the polls sparked a buzz. TNN

paper leaks on Gehlot's watch.

He called out Congress for indulging in vote-bank politics over the beheading of Udaipur tailor Kanhiya Lal last year by two minority community men over a post on social media that allegedly insulted the Prophet.

"Have you ever imagined what happened in Udaipur? Rajasthan, which has the tradition of never attacking an enemy by deceit, had witnessed the gruesome incident. People came in the guise of stitching clothes and without any fear, beheaded a tailor. Then they made the video viral with pride," Modi said. Accusing Congress of turning the environment in the state toxic, Modi said no festival can be celebrated in peace."

Without naming Congress, the PM said, "People who have no new ideas or a roadmap for progress cannot develop Madhya Pradesh. For these people, their only work is hatred for the progress of the nation," the PM said.

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Oppn dividing society along caste lines: PM

Bhopal: On a day when the Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government released its caste-based survey, PM Narendra Modi on Monday tore into the opposition at an election rally in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior, accusing it of playing with the "sentiments of the underprivileged", reported Suchandana Gupta.

"Even earlier, they played with the emotions of the poor, and even today they are playing the same game. Even then, they divided society on the lines of caste and creed. They are committing the same sin today. They would be immersed in corruption then, and now they are even more corrupt. They used to sing the praises of one family then, and now also they see that as the way to their future," the PM said.

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Use of ultra-processed foods may cause mental health decline: Study

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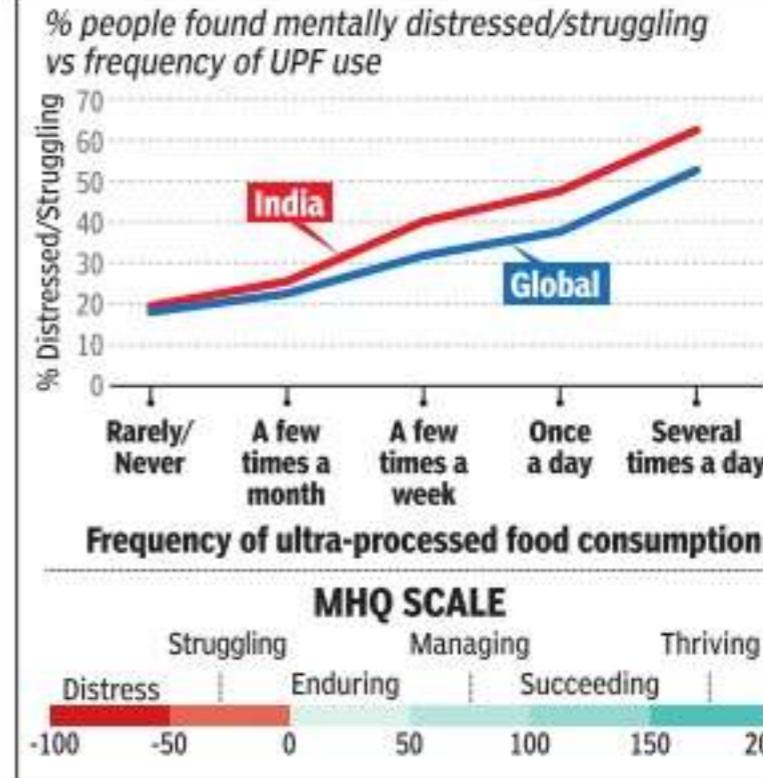
In India, where the study was conducted among internet-enabled English and Hindi-speaking individuals, the findings closely mirrored global trends. This would be of particular concern because India is one of the fastest-growing markets for ultra-processed foods, with the WHO finding that this sector grew at a compound annual growth rate of 13.37% in retail sales value between 2011 to 2021. Over the next decade, UPFs are projected to grow faster than both India's GDP growth and rise in consumption of essential food items.

Those who consumed ultra-processed foods (UPFs) several times a day were nearly three times more likely to be distressed or struggling with their mental health as compared to those who rarely or never consumed these foods, responses from nearly 3 lakh people worldwide analysed by US-based nonprofit, Sapiens Labs, revealed in the report released Monday.

UPFs are loosely defined as foods produced on an industrial scale and generally include aerated drinks, packaged chips and snacks, many confectionary items and pre-packaged heat-and-eat meals. "There is some controversy on how to properly define UPFs. The simple rule of thumb is that if it contains ingredients you don't have and processing that you can't do in a home kitchen then it probably qualifies," said neuropsychologist Tara Thiagarajan, founder of Sapiens Labs.

Studies in the past have linked UPFs with health conditions like obesity, diabetes and heart ailments, and some recent ones have even found correlations with depression. The current study, spread across 26 countries, goes a step further by revealing links of these foods with a range of mental health parameters.

IMPACTS 24 MENTAL PARAMETERS



What are ultra-processed foods?

Term used to loosely describe foods generally manufactured on industrial scale, using ingredients aren't found and processes that can't be replicated in most household kitchens

Some Examples:

Aerated and other packaged beverages, packaged snacks, including chips, ready-to-eat meals, sugar & chocolate confectionery

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TIMES VIEW: We all know that processed food is harmful to the body. This new and extensive study reveals that it can also cause problems of the mind. Moral of the story: Avoid, or at least minimise, processed food intake. You owe it to yourself.

"The study looks at the complete profile of symptoms on a continuum. While it also indicates that depression symptoms get worse with higher frequency of UPF consumption, we show there is a continuum of degradation across all domains of mental function beyond depression, in particular with the ability to regulate your thoughts and emotions," said Thiagarajan.

Among 24 mental function parameters impacted by UPF consumption, the study found that depression symptoms such as feelings of sadness, distress and hopelessness as well as appetite regulation are most strongly impacted in both males and females.

The study found the trend of decline in mental wellbeing with increased frequency of UPF intake across gender, income and age groups, and was independent of the frequency of exercise.

"This suggests a causal relationship," the study concludes. "The breadth and nature of symptoms suggests that ultra-processed food may mediate a widespread physiological dysregulation of mental processes. UPFs may be a substantial driver of the growing mental health burden, particularly in young adults aged 18-24, who are twice as likely to consume such food daily compared to adults 45 and older," it says.

The study was a part of Sapiens Labs' Global Mind Project, which studies mental wellbeing across the world. The project uses an assessment called the Mental Health Quotient which collects data across 47 aspects of mental wellbeing, together with information on demographics, lifestyle and life experience. The data is available for academic and nonprofit research organisations, Sapiens Labs said.

While the study has found a causal relationship between UPFs and mental health, it hopes this will spur research into the mechanisms through which such foods impact the brain. A societal move towards less ultra-processed diets can therefore play a substantial role in mitigating the mental health burden," the study says.

Grand Alliance appears more than comfortably placed against NDA

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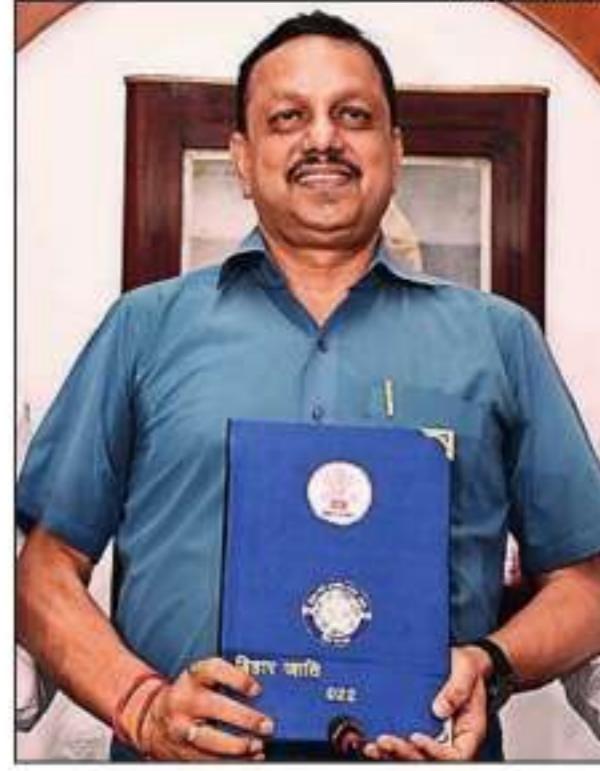
BJP has pinned its hopes on the assumed caste support of its alliance partners — like the convergence of Dusadhs/Paswans, who account for 5.3% of the population, for the NDA through the Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party led by Union minister Pashupati Kumar Paras and Chirag Paswan of the other faction; 4.2% of the Kushwaha/Koeri caste through Upendra Kushwaha and state BJP chief Samrat Choudhary, and 3% Musahars through the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) of former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi.

That notwithstanding, BJP might find some satisfaction since the Kurmi caste, to which CM Nitish Kumar belongs, is only 2.9% of the overall population.

However, Nitish's party, JD(U), being a part of the Grand Alliance in Bihar, is expected to have the backing of the Yadavs at 14.3% and Muslims at 17.7%, plus his traditional mainstream — EBC groups — who alone count for a little over 36% of the population.

With this support, the grand alliance — JD(U), RJD, Congress and the three Left parties — appears placed more than comfortably for state elections against the BJP-led NDA.

Heads were counted in families cutting across all castes and communities, and both in religious and non-religious groups, including transgenders. The number of enumerated families is 2.8 crore. Overall, the male population adds up to 6.4 crore and female 6.1 crore, with the male-female sex



Ranjeet Kumar
Development commissioner-cum-chief secretary (in charge) Vivek Kumar Singh releases the caste survey report

ratio at 1,000:953. Around 53.7 lakh Biharis live outside the state.

Politically, the other backward classes and EBC, along with Muslims, are considered the bedrock of the six-party Grand Alliance comprising RJD, JD(U) and Congress, as well as the Left parties. BJP has been banking on the assured support of the "upper caste" groups, and, at the same time, has also been trying to win over chunks of the various remaining groups.

In contrast to the OBC groups, the "upper castes", categorised and put in the general category, account for 15.5% of the state's population, while the scheduled caste (SC) groups make up 19.7% and scheduled tribes (STs) 1.7%.

Development commissioner-cum-chief secretary (in charge) Vivek Kumar Singh, general administration department principal

pal secretary B Rajender and information technology (IT) department secretary Santosh Kumar Mal, among others, released the "initial report" of the Bihar caste-based headcount survey, conducted in two phases this year.

"The data will be analysed and followed by other reports to be released subsequently," Singh said, adding that only a 5% error, if at all, was found during random checks.

It is for the first time that a caste-based headcount has been successfully done and published in the country in the post-Independence period. The last Caste Census was conducted in 1931.

There does not appear to be much deviation in the caste-wise population of present-day Bihar compared to the 1901 figures pertaining to combined Bihar and Jharkhand. Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha were carved out from Greater Bengal in 1912. As Stephen Henningham says in his book "Peasant Movements in Colonial India: North Bihar in 1901", "higher/upper castes" in Bihar accounted for 15.6% of the population, middle castes (Kurmi and Yadav) 19.8%, Muslims 16.1%, lower middle castes and SCs 47.9%. The total Hindu proportion in the population in 1901 was 83.3%, and in present-day Bihar, as shown by the 2023 survey, it is 82%.

A caste survey was also conducted in Karnataka, but its outcome was faulty and it was abandoned. On the other hand, the newly formed anti-BJP bloc INDIA, comprising the opposition parties, is also demanding a caste census in the country.

Cops carrying out fake encounters rewarded, SC told

New Delhi: Questioning Uttar Pradesh government's submission that the police did not resort to stage-managed fake encounters to eliminate gangsters, the petitioner has told the Supreme Court that most of these extra judicial killings follow a similar pattern and the police officers involved in those cases were rewarded and got out of turn promotions, reported Amit Anand Choudhary.

Petitioner Vishal Tiwari, who is a lawyer in the apex court, filed his response countering the state government and said the state policies such as granting promotions and awarding gallantry awards to the police officers that carry out such encounters encourages such violations of the law. He told SC that even the United Nations Human Rights Commission had in 2019 expressed alarm regarding the encounter killings in UP.

He added that there were 183 encounter cases in UP in recent years but the state government only provided details of a few cases. "The respondents (state and police) have deliberately not given any status report or reply to all 183 encounter killings. Many of these encounters might have been fake and no proper compliance of the guidelines laid down by this court have been made. This conduct of not disclosing the entire facts to these incidents does not inspire confidence and raises question marks upon the state's functioning fairly and impartially," he said.

School Leaving Cert not enough to prove age, says Guj HC

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat high court ruled that a school leaving certificate without supporting material has little evidentiary value in establishing a person's age in a criminal trial.

In a case before the HC, the government was challenging the acquittal of a man 27 years ago, in a case where he was accused of luring and raping a 12-year-old in March 1994.

He was acquitted in 1996 as the prosecution could not establish its case beyond reasonable doubt and the court found the victim's testimony to be "tutored by the police".

The accused was also acquitted because the victim's age could not be established. Her father furnished a school leaving certificate showing the girl's date of birth to be January 1, 1982, but the court had its doubts about the accuracy of the date.

The girl's father also submitted that he had registered the girl's birth with the village authorities but did not produce her birth certificate.

With loopholes in the case presented by prosecution, the bench of Justice AS Suparia and Justice MR Mengdey refused to interfere in the order of acquittal.

About the victim's age, the judges said that a school leaving certificate issued by a public school is admissible evidence under Section 35 of the Evidence Act. However, its admissibility is not of much evidentiary value to prove the girl's age in the absence of corroborative evidence. TNN

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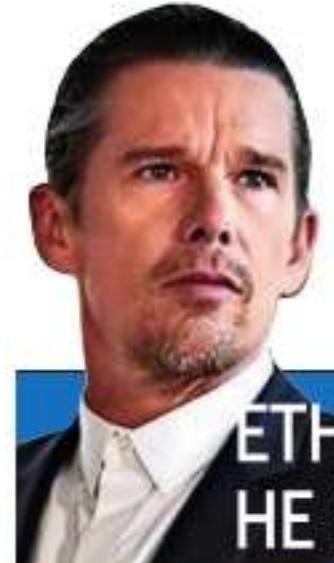
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Trump accused of reaping \$1bn from fraud as NY civil trial starts

Ex-Prez Denounces Case As 'Scam'; New York AG Says 'No One Is Above Law'

New York: The fraud lawsuit that could cost former President Donald Trump control of some of his most prized properties went on trial Monday, with New York state lawyers vowing to hold him accountable while he denounced the case as a politically motivated "scam".

Kevin Wallace, a lawyer in state AG Letitia James' office, said in his opening statement in a downtown Manhattan courtroom that Trump described his finances to banks and insurers in a "materially inaccurate way" for a decade. Wallace said Trump did this to get better terms and lower insurance premiums, illegally generating more than \$1 billion of financial benefits. "This isn't business as usual, and this isn't how sophisticated parties deal with each other," Wallace said. "These are not victimless crimes."

Christopher Kise, a lawyer for Trump, countered in his opening statement that the financials for Trump and the Trump organization were entirely legal. "It is one of the most highly successful brands in the world, and he has made a fortune literally being right about real estate investments," Kise said. "There was no intent to defraud, there was no illegality, there was no default, there was no breach, there was no reliance from the banks, there were no unjust profits, and there were no victims."

Trump, the frontrunner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, is accused by James of inflating his assets and his own net worth from 2011 to 2021. James is seeking at least \$250 million in fines, a permanent ban against Trump and his sons Donald Jr and Eric from running busi-



Trump (C) speaks to the media upon arriving at NY supreme court on Monday

Witness list reads like a Trump family reunion

In what could amount to the year's least welcome family reunion, New York's attorney general, Letitia James, plans to call former president Trump and his sons Donald Trump Jr and Eric Trump to the witness stand. The AG may also call Trump's daughter Ivanka to testify about the inner workings of the Trump Organization. Trump and his adult children are just four of the 28 people appearing on the attorney general's witness list filed with the court last week. While there is no guarantee that all will take the stand, the list provides a road map of how the attorney general plans to prove her case. The witness list was submitted to the court in order of testimony. If called to the stand, Trump would testify second to last. The only witness listed after him is an expert on damages. NYT

nesses in New York and a five-year commercial real estate ban against Trump and the Trump Organization.

Before entering the courtroom, Trump called the case "a continuation of the single greatest witch hunt of all time". "We have a great company. It built a great company. It's tremendous," he continued. "It's got some of the greatest real estate assets in the world. And now I have to go before a rogue judge."

"It's a scam. It's a sham," the Republican said, reiterating claims that the lawsuit is an attempt to thwart his return to the White House. Trump wore a

dark blue suit, a brighter blue tie and an American flag pin on his lapel. He called James, who is Black, "racist", and said the Democrat had a vendetta against him. He looked away from James, a Democrat, as he passed her on his way into court, with a disgusted look on his face.

James said her office was ready to prove its case. "The law is both powerful and fragile," she said before entering the courtroom. "No matter how much money you think you may have, no one is above the law."

In posts overnight on his Truth Social site, Trump said he was going to court "to fight

Jurist presiding at trial will serve as judge and jury

Arthur Engoron, who is presiding over Donald Trump's civil fraud trial, is an independent and thoughtful — jurist who has served for 20 years in New York City civil and state SC. The 74-year-old judge, a former cabby, will effectively be judge and jury, deciding the fate of Trump's New York businesses. That's because the case was brought under a little known NY state law requiring that the matter be adjudicated at what is known as a bench trial, meaning that no jury will hear the case. The judge not only applies the law, as judges do in jury trials, but also decides the facts, a task that a jury would otherwise perform. And that means that Justice Engoron, a Democrat, will play a far more prominent and consequential role than a judge would at a jury trial, not just during the proceedings, but in the final outcome, unless he is overturned on appeal. NYT

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A thought for today

Nature abhors a vacuum

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Data Anarchy

Bihar's caste survey, or other states', is the wrong way to fill the data void left by GOI's delay of census

The Bihar government yesterday released the first cut of the results on its caste survey – even as the Supreme Court is hearing petitioners challenging the legality of the exercise. In August, the Patna high court upheld the Bihar government's right to carry out this survey. Leaving aside the legal challenge, the survey and announcement of the results are an unfortunate development. This is the wrong way to address challenges related to governance.

Let's unpack the issue. Bihar's caste survey has been presented to the state assembly and the judiciary as an attempt to collate data needed to frame welfare packages. 'Development with justice' is how it was portrayed in the state assembly. In this respect, Bihar is not an exception. Neighbouring Odisha this year kicked off a survey on the social and educational status of backward classes. This trend is almost sure to spread as election season approaches.

While state governments represent the exercise as a step towards evidence-based policy, it's important to keep in mind that caste continues to be the building block of electoral coalitions across India. These exercises will always be politically coloured.

Drill deeper to look for a common thread binding the clamour for caste-based data across India and it leads to the data void on economic and social indicators that's been building up over the last few years. The Bihar survey results said the state's population is about 130 million – it was 104 million according to Census 2011. Shouldn't we have got a more accurate number on the state's population from Census 2021 and not a survey? The indefinite delay in a national census has come on the heels of other gaps in GOI's database. For example, we haven't been given a consumption expenditure survey for over a decade, which undermines other important data.

GOI's tardy approach to data has left gaps that states are trying to fill through crude measures that are tinged by political motives. For sure, effective governance needs to be based on empirical evidence. Thus far, that evidence was provided by the overarching national level data put out by GOI, which was then supplemented by states looking for data to meet specific needs. In the absence of timely national data, we are quickly descending into a phase of disaggregated data collection that will lead to more problems than solutions.

Gehlot's Twin Troubles

Congress is trying to repeat the Karnataka formula in Rajasthan, but the game here is somewhat different

In the upcoming assembly elections, the last round before Lok Sabha polls 2024, BJP and Congress will have their fiercest fights in Madhya Pradesh (230 seats) and Rajasthan (200 seats) in the Hindi heartland. In Rajasthan, Congress CM Ashok Gehlot faces the bigger anti-incumbency challenge in the sense that the state has not returned a government in the last five election cycles. In 2013, BJP had won 163 seats with a 45% vote share, any party's highest tally ever. In 2018, voters gave BJP 73 and Congress 100 seats with almost 39% vote share each – a tiny 0.5%-point difference. Where such small differences in vote share can swing a party's fortunes, the voter can never be taken for granted.

Gehlot, looking at a fourth term, is banking on recent welfare schemes, though his return to the old pension scheme for state employees last year was a damaging move fiscally. Overall, Congress has repeated the Karnataka formula here – welfarism, peace settlement between warring factions, in this case Gehlot and his rival Sachin Pilot,

and the party brass playing second fiddle to state leadership.

In contrast BJP's campaign is being led by Modi. In a first in six election cycles, BJP hasn't named a CM-nominee, Vasundhara Raje isn't in the limelight. But with clinical efficiency, BJP has drawn in Union and state ministers, senior partymen, MPs and MLAs from Haryana, Himachal, Gujarat, Uttarakhand and UP to lead the poll effort, the state carved into seven zones. The PM was on the front foot on Monday as he accused Gehlot's government of graft, a "commission culture" and failing law and order situation. Rajasthan is not Karnataka where Congress was in opposition – Gehlot must fight both anti-incumbency and a BJP campaign led by Modi, whose popularity remains a factor.

Podi, podi, little star

The Japanese make cheeses with sake, miso, sakura. Shouldn't our food also be going on more adventures?

Harsh Goenka

Waking up to hot, steaming idlis with ghee and malgapodi has been a long-time favourite for us. But the other day we encountered a variation that took us by surprise. It has gotten all excited: A crispy toasted sourdough with a generous layer of chèvre mixed with oodles of malgapodi.

The podi's spicy ingredients definitely pack a punch. But these nutty flavours blended amazingly with the soft goat cheese. It was a match made in heaven. Having tried this malgapodi-cheese variation I am convinced that the delicious spice mix needs to find its way out of South Indian cuisine, to new and exotic pastures.

I have since had flashes from the past of Japanese KitKats flavoured with yuzu, sake, cherry blossoms, matcha, red beans, purple sweet potato, wasabi and even soy sauce!

The Japanese also make varieties of cheese washed with sake or aged in miso or blended with sakura. And I think if the Japanese can do it, why should we also not unleash malgapodi worldwide and let it soar on the palates of global gourmets?

My imagination is now flying high. Could we not get our spices like cardamom, clove, cinnamon and nutmeg into the everyday foods of other cuisines as well? Given the aromatic and flavourful combination of our spices, the permutations could be endless.

But for the time being let's get back to malgapodi. We could do a podi chocolate and podi-sprinkled potato chips could be a great idea to pursue too! I am already dreaming of the weekend where my next experiment with the podi combo will be as a topping on my pizza.

Or perhaps our grilled aubergines or stir-fried vegetables. It could also be very tasty as a toast-topping mixed with hung yogurt. I cannot think of an easier way to create a cooler flavour. And as I present these thoughts, the humble idli is huddled in their plate nearby will most likely beam with pride – we told you so!

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A thought for today

Nature abhors a vacuum

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What's The Saas Got To Do With It

Odds of employment for married women increase if their mother-in-law is also employed.

The odds also go up when the husband's income crosses ₹40,000 a month

Amit Basole



In the past two decades, the Indian economy has been transformed by economic growth. Millions of workers have left agriculture. The proportion of salaried workers has risen while the proportion of casual workers has fallen. Alongside these desirable developments, challenges remain. The pace of formal job creation remains slow compared to informal employment opportunities. The manufacturing sector has failed to expand its share of GDP or employment significantly. Instead construction and informal services have been the main job creators.

At the macroeconomic level, the connection between growth and good jobs continues to be weak. Since the 1990s, year-on-year non-farm GDP growth and non-farm employment growth have been uncorrelated with each other, suggesting that policies promoting faster growth need not promote faster job creation.

When we speak of new opportunities, another important set of questions arises. Who is able to take advantage of them, and who is not?

It is well known that a person's gender, caste, religion and other social identities matter for the amount and quality of education received, type of work done as well as earnings. In a report released in September, *State of Working India 2023*, we take a detailed look at the relationship between economic growth, job creation and social disparities in India since the 1980s. We show that significant progress has been made on all fronts, but there is a long road ahead.

Take caste-based industrial segregation. In the early 1980s, Scheduled Caste workers were more than 5 times over-represented in waste-related work and over 4 times in leather-related work compared to their overall share of the workforce. This declined over time to 1.4 in the leather industry and around 2 in the waste industry as of most recent available data (2022). Thus, while caste-based segregation still exists in the Indian economy, it is possible to reduce its worst forms and eventually eliminate them.

On the other hand, it still remains the case that workers from marginalised castes, women workers, and Muslim workers are over-represented in poorly paid occupations. Further, even as caste and religion-

based earnings disparities are explained by differences in education and the type of work performed, gender-based earnings gaps are not so easily explained. This indicates a strong presence of gender-based discrimination in the Indian economy.

Gender-based social norms also continue to be important in determining whether women undertake paid work at all, in the first place. How much the husband earns, whether the mother-in-law is employed, whether women are allowed mobility outside the house, are all important in determining the female employment rate.

The male breadwinner norm entails that as the husband's income rises, women are less likely to work. Thus, during years of rapid economic growth between 2004 and 2017, women's employment rate fell. Since 2019, due to the slowing down of growth and then the shock of the pandemic, it rose again due to a distress-led increase in self-employment.

Norms also work in the opposite direction. In urban areas, a "U-shaped" relationship is observed between husbands' incomes and the chance of the wife being employed. After the former crosses ₹40,000 per month, the chance of the wife working increases because in such households women are more likely to be better educated and hence eligible for better employment opportunities. It is also possible that they face less restrictions on mobility.

We also observe that gender norms operate intergenerationally. Married women living in households where the mother-in-law is present but not employed are much less likely to be employed compared to households where there is no mother-in-law present. However, if the mother-in-law is employed herself, daughters-in-law are far more likely to be employed.

Overall, we find that factors such as disproportionate burden of housework, lack of public

transport, an unsafe working environment, and mobility restrictions are all key factors, but so is the lack of employment opportunities. It is worth stressing this last point, because, in the absence of a strong increase in such opportunities, an increased supply of labour in the form of women entering the labour force will only increase unemployment and/or drive down wages.

This, of course, raises the key question: What can be done to improve the relationship between growth and jobs in India? In this regard, in our earlier report (*SWI 2022*), we discussed the need for a National Employment Policy that exploits complementarities between the public and private sectors.

Public employment (workers employed directly or indirectly by central, state and local governments) is key in providing public goods and services that enhance the productivity of private investment and enable growth as well as job creation in the private sector. Typical examples are irrigation, roads, public safety, and power supply, but also health and education, and improving the ease of doing business – all of which require public sector workers to produce and deliver the goods and services.

The lack of quality infrastructure at the local and regional levels remains a key constraint on expansion of businesses and job creation. Public investment in the building and maintenance of such infrastructure is thus necessary and leads to job creation. Public employment also has a key role to play in delivering childcare and old-age care services, public safety, and public transport that enables women to participate in the labour market.

In sum, India's experience since the early 2000s shows that long-running social disparities can be reduced, but a lot more needs to be done to make economic growth more inclusive.

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The Art Of Winning Without Fighting

India must take cognitive and cyber warfare more seriously by incorporating new tools and systems – as China takes the lead in this critical emerging domain

Arjun Subramianam



A recent US state department report says that China is spending billions of dollars annually on information manipulation abroad. This will only further the ongoing debates within the US military and its broader national security ecosystem that Washington needs to catch up with its two principal adversaries, Russia and China, in the areas of cognitive warfare and, specifically, cyber warfare.

It is also becoming increasingly apparent worldwide that the cognitive domain is emerging as the principal asymmetric instrument to neutralise any geographical, economic or conventional military advantages that powerful nation-states may possess. To counter this growing imbalance there are calls for the creation of a dedicated cyber force within the US military on the lines of the space force that was created in December 2019.

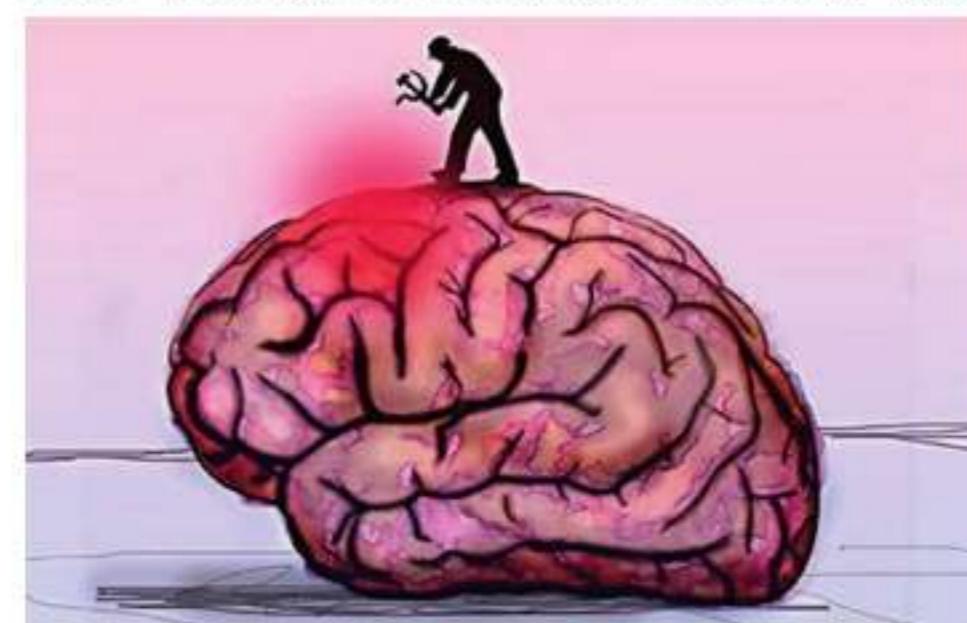
With cyberspace emerging as the principal instrument of cognitive warfare, it is imperative to proliferate an understanding of what this means not only among India's strategic elite, but also across the wider populace in what is going to be a huge task in adopting a 'whole of society approach' towards this emerging challenge.

Taking advantage of a single-minded approach and strategy to undermine its principal adversary, the US, in areas where it could exploit the latter's vulnerabilities, China created the PLA Strategic Support Force (PLASSF) in 2015. Apart from controlling all the enablers for conventional and sub-conventional operations such as intelligence, electronic warfare and geospatial capabilities, it has also structurally weaponised the cognitive domain by leveraging its huge reservoir of young cyber specialists and channelising their talent in pursuit of the 'Chinese Dream'.

Akin to a cyber force, albeit in an un-military and unstructured manner, the force has done well since its

inception, acquiring the capability not only to disrupt or blind an adversary's military systems, but also to disrupt its infrastructure and cause societal discomfit with a deluge of confusing social media narratives. The 'Wolf Warrior' style of diplomacy that China has displayed over the last decade, is an example of the Chinese brand of cognitive warfare.

Russia's approach to building capabilities to wage cognitive warfare, largely through the cyber domain, has followed a different trajectory. Riding on a first-mover advantage of encouraging disruptive cyber



strategies in the financial sector in the 1990s, leveraging social media to support oligarchs and allegedly interfering in the previous US elections to support an authoritarian political narrative, such strategies have paid rich dividends for the Russians in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

As India's power and influence grow, so will its vulnerabilities in the cognitive domain. India's strategy to build both defensive and offensive capabilities in the cognitive domain cannot proceed at its current pace. Cognitive warfare is a scaled-up avatar of psychological warfare that seeks to manipulate, distort and impede decision-making within every silo of statecraft using

visual, non-visual, data-driven and other incisive tools, all of which rely on cyberspace for their effective penetration.

Though it can be argued that Indian democracy has been resilient in the face of cognitive warfare over the past two decades, or that India's armed forces have not been subjected to any kind of operational degradation in the cyber domain, it would be flippant to imagine status quo in case of a worsened security situation. Effective strategic communication and quasi-formal structures for the same, which are embedded within the existing national security structures, have the potential to emerge as significant force multipliers in India's quest for building comprehensive national power.

When seen in light of the growing reach and speed of web and social media in shaping narratives, perception management is a critical strategic tool that needs to be leveraged. But apex cyber structures for national security in India are rather archaic with slow plug-ins from all stakeholders in national security, including the intelligence and enforcement agencies, the military, Isro and DRDO among several others.

Most of the cyber experts in all these organisations are accomplished core practitioners who have migrated into the cyber domain at the mid-career level and carry with them all the baggage and institutional hierarchy that slow down effectiveness in new-age warfare. Serious thought must be given to breaking down hierarchy and protocol so that seamless defensive and offensive cyber operations and embedded strategic communication can be executed concurrently.

That it took 58 years for the US military to evolve a space force from a space command reflects institutional reluctance and turf wars to retain control. India must be careful not to go down the same road and instead look at quickly fusing all the instruments of national power that plug into the realm of cognitive warfare.

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Laughter And Prayers

Laughter is far more sacred than prayer, because prayer can be done by anyone, it does not require much intelligence. Laughter requires intelligence, it requires presence of mind, a quickness of seeing into things... In deep laughter the ego disappears... If the ego is there it will keep you serious.

Osho

A Chance Meeting Deciphers Life's Chatter Code

Homayun Taba

Airports are interesting places. You meet people in transit and for a short time, who share with you details of their lives. You exchange mobile numbers hoping to get in touch and often neither of you does that. In one such encounter, I found my wife in conversation with two women from a travelling group. One of them called Sangeeta; in her 50s, came across as enthusiastic, energetic, optimistic and talkative. She said she was a hairdresser and owned her own hairdressing salon.

In our conversation, she touched on some facts of life that only those with experience of dealing with all sorts of people can gather. And she seemed to be a repository of much wisdom. She was saying women who frequent her place are in the habit of sharing their life stories. And there is no way out but to listen to

them. A wide range of stories about their spouses, children, financial states, and health issues. Sangeeta added that it's advisable not to ask questions that would invite a lot more explanations. Much like bartenders, the profession of the hairdressers becomes what some Sufis call sang-e-sabur – a stone upon which one can pour one's woes, and it will simply absorb the pain in an unresponsive way and release the person of otherwise unexpressed feelings.

Being a person who gets easily involved in others' problems, I asked her how she handles all the difficulties downloaded upon her on a daily basis by her clients, especially the ones who drop in frequently as much for cosmetic as for therapeutic purposes, something that hardly ever



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happens in men's barber shops. Her answer was unambiguous, "I never carry those narratives home with me and let them stay in the premises."

As our dialogue proceeded, she made another wise remark, "My advice-giving attempt may presuppose that I do have a solution for their problem, which I would not because I live out of their context." She added that such advice-giving comes from one-sided certainty, and is seductive. It does feed her ego, a trap many fall into. But it has no value per se. Her female clients do not come for solutions, but simply for someone to listen to them. Therefore, what was expected was empathy, where one remains uninvolved or unengaged yet helpful.

In a matter of one hour, in those early hours of the morning in the waiting hall of the airport, I was offered a perspective on the essence of communication that if followed could save much unnecessary involvement with others. Often in those moments when our intention is sincere, we overextend ourselves, which costs us much of our resources of time and psychic energy by getting too invested in other people's issues. Much of these can be avoided through caution and discernment. This does not imply non-caring but engaging from an enlightened place. Our emotions can guide as well as misguide our decisions. Finally, all comes down to building protective boundaries or safeguards that prevent draining and misuse of one's helpfulness. And somehow Sangeeta, may she be blessed, wherever she is, left me a standard operative system in associating with those in my proximity. Though these basic facts are perfectly obvious, they are not yet sufficiently appreciated.

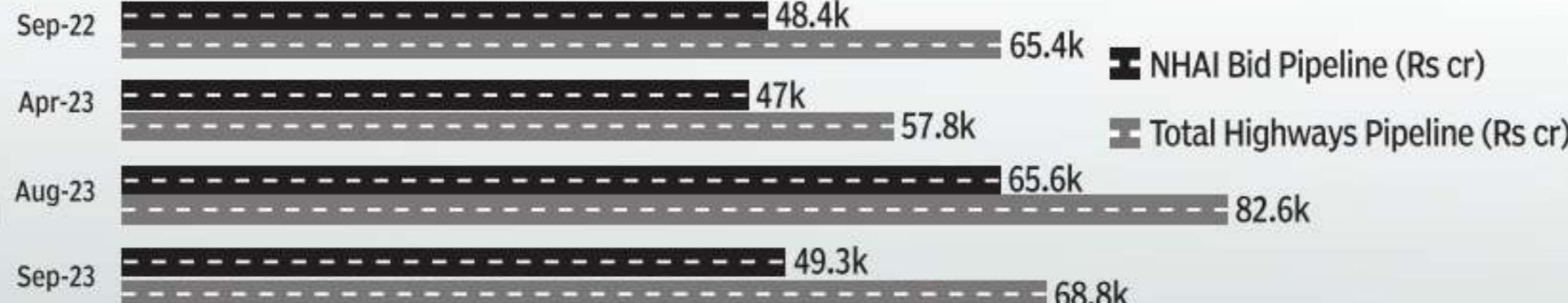
38% Of Budgetary Allocation For Highways Spent In Q1 FY24

Budgetary allocation for highways has grown to **Rs 1.6L cr over FY22-24E** (estimated) as the gap was met by a sharp increase in gross budgetary support. Despite a pause in the borrowings sanctioned for FY23 and FY24E, it increased from **Rs 65k cr in FY22 to Rs 1.6L cr in FY24E**. In fact, so far in Q1 FY24, 38% of the total budgetary support has been already spent...

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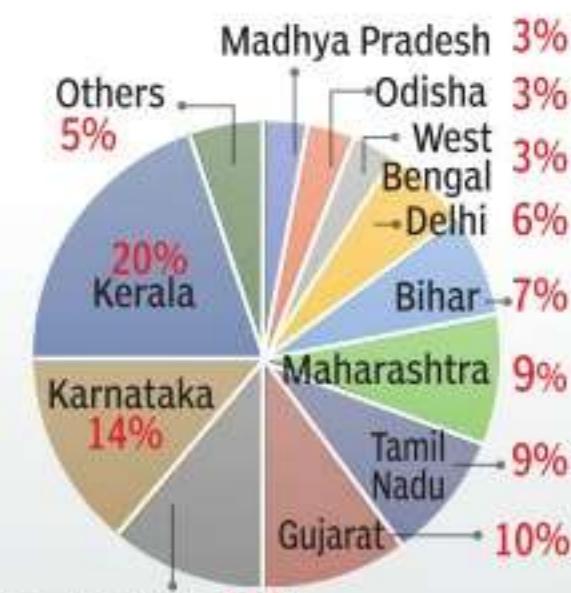
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Inflation above its target, but RBI unlikely to change rates

At 6.5%, RBI Hasn't Tinkered With Repo In Last 3 Policies

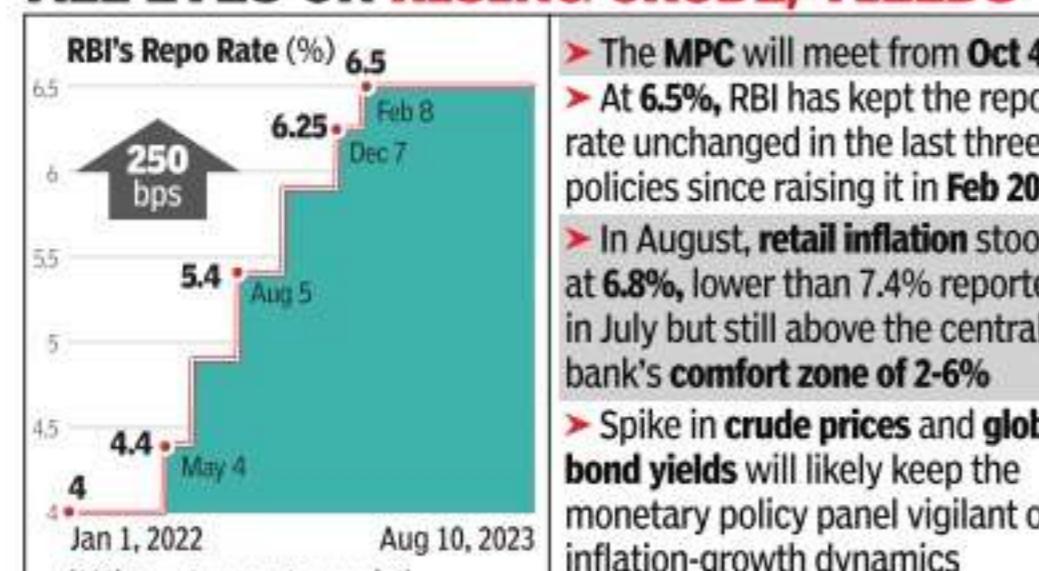
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Mumbai: The rate-setting committee of RBI is expected to keep interest rates unchanged in its meeting this week even though inflation is still above the upper limit of its target zone (2.6%), crude oil prices are nearing the triple-digit mark, and the rupee is close to its all-time low vis-a-vis the dollar.

At 6.5%, the central bank has kept the repo rate unchanged in the last three policies since raising it in February 2023. In August, retail inflation was at 6.8%—lower than the 7.4% reported in July but still above RBI's target zone.

The monetary policy committee (MPC) of the central bank is meeting from October 4-6 with its decisions scheduled to be announced on the last day. In case the MPC maintains a status quo on rates, its commentary and guidance would be very important, eco-

ALL EYES ON RISING CRUDE, YIELDS



nomists said. "We expect the RBI to pause in its October policy," said Soumya Kanti Ghosh, group chief economic adviser, SBI, in a recent report. "Domestically, we believe at 6.5%, we are in for a prolonged pause as seasonality of inflation is tapering," Ghosh said.

Inflation is expected to dip in the next few months. While the headline CPI inflation is still above the RBI's comfort zone, the softening in prices

of agro-commodities since mid-August will likely lead to sub-6% CPI inflation rate in the coming prints," said Siddhartha Sanyal, chief economist & head research, Bandhan Bank. "This, coupled with negative WPI prints and uneven pace of recovery in various sectors in the economy, will likely prompt the MPC to demonstrate patience and maintain status quo on key policy rates in October."

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Will Invest ₹400Cr To Set Up New Factory In Noida

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it's a significant development in the 'Make in India' story and also helps us gain scale which makes us more competitive globally," Vachhani said.

Dixon is already manufacturing smartphones for brands such as Motorola, Nokia, and Jio Bharat.

"There will be more investments in the component eco-

Gets 60L Units Order

► Dixon's fully-owned unit Padget will become one of the key suppliers for Xiaomi
► It will manufacture 60 lakh units on an annual basis for Xiaomi
► Currently, Xiaomi sources smartphones from Foxconn India, DBG
► Dixon is already manufacturing smartphones for brands such as Motorola, Nokia and Jio Bharat

HC finds HUL not guilty in 'Red Label' branding case

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Kolkata: The Calcutta high court has termed Hindustan Unilever as "not guilty" for allegedly "misbranding" the "Red Label Natural Care Tea". It has also acquitted the office bearers who were charged with violating the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

The case dates back to 2014 when the food inspector of the KMC alleged that the label on the package was using words that imply recommendations by medical professionals.

In 2014, a KMC food inspector alleged that the label of the package was using words that imply recommendations by medical professionals

ted the company and other officials. The company moved the city sessions court and the conviction was set aside. However, the case was sent back to the senior metropolitan magistrate for fresh examination from the stage of examination of the accused persons. The company moved the Calcutta high court against the city sessions court order.

In the judgment, Justice Subhendu Samanta noted that the "basic evidence" of the case, the analyst report, was not proved by the analyst himself.

It was also argued in the court that there was nothing before the magistrate to hold how the tea was misbranded. Hindustan Unilever's lawyer Sabysachi Banerjee submitted that the order in question needed to be set aside and the petitioner should be acquitted.

RBI steps up interaction with govt to have better grip on food prices

Siddhartha & Dipak Dash | TN

New Delhi: With food prices being a key driver of inflation, RBI has intensified its interaction with government agencies, especially the department of consumer affairs at the Centre, to get a better grip over the issues.

During last few months, at least two rounds of interactions between the two agencies have taken place — once at RBI's Mint Road office in Mumbai and another in Krishibhawan, where the government's assessment of the price situation has been shared.

While central bank sources said that interactions have been taking place, government sources indicated that the level of engagement has gone up. Typically, RBI is seen to be interacting more with the finance ministry — espe-

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cially the department of economic affairs.

Inputs from the food and consumer affairs ministry are seen to be crucial as the department of food deals with procurement and also handles the Food Corporation of India (FCI), the agency dealing with the accumulation, storage and movement of stocks. The con-

cereals, milk and milk products. In August, food inflation moderated to just under 10% from over 11.5% in the previous months, while overall inflation cooled from 7.4% to 6.8% during this period.

Several economists have argued that the government needs to reduce the weight of food in the overall inflation basket to get a better gauge of price movement in the economy. More interaction between RBI and wings of government other than just the finance ministry also follows active approach taken by group of ministers, which has been working with several ministries — from finance, food and consumer affairs to agriculture and commerce — to ensure that inflation remains within comfort zone, especially in run-up to crucial elections.

sumer affairs department has been at the forefront of managing food prices — be it ensuring onion traders in Nashik or exporters of tur dal in Myanmar deliver supplies and don't play the markets.

In recent months, inflation has been driven by food prices, especially commodities such as vegetables, pulses,

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pany level," Parekh told TOI in an interview on Monday.

The quick commerce or instant grocery delivery business essentially being a low order value business is difficult to scale.

"We are not a standalone quick commerce business. We also have the daily milk business and online slotted deliveries. Since we use the same distribution centres and dark stores for all our businesses, the order volume per dark store is high which is a big advantage for us. The fixed cost per order comes down. Besides, we have private labels which lead to better gross margins," said Parekh.

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INDIA WATCH

ARCHERS MAKE QF OF ALL SIX TEAM EVENTS

Archers showed tenacity and authority in equal measure to enter quarterfinals in all the six team events on Monday. The Indians played five team elimination rounds and dropped just one set on way to their respective quarterfinal matches in both recurve and compound sections. India have got a bye into the quarters by virtue of topping the qualifications in the women's compound team event. India remained in contention in all five gold medals up for grabs in compound section with all the four archers — Ojas Deotale, Abhishek Verma, Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Aditi Swami — progressing to their respective individual quarterfinals in the afternoon session. In the recurve section, Dhiraj Bommaidevara and Atanu Das advanced, while India's campaign ended in women's individual section, in the only blip of the day. PTI

Women's kabaddi team held by Taipei
In an unexpected start to its campaign, the Indian women's kabaddi team was on Monday held to a surprise 34-34 draw by Chinese Taipei in a Group A match. The Indians were made to work hard throughout the contest by their opponents, who earned a bonus point on the last raid of the match to force a draw. PTI

Joshua stunned by Korean Mingyeong

Sam Indian squash player Joshua Chinappa made a shock exit from the women's singles event after losing 1-3 to lower-ranked Heo Mingyeong of South Korea in the pre-quarterfinals. The 37-year-old, who received a first round bye, went down 4-11, 12-10, 9-11, 8-11 in 37 minutes to the South Korean. The other Indian in the fray, Tanvi Khanna progressed to the quarterfinals with an easy 11-1, 11-3, 11-2 win over Archaya Chujit of Thailand. The Indian mixed doubled pair of Anahar Singh and Abhay Singh continued its winning run to enhance its chances of making the quarterfinal. PTI

Jyoti, Chauhan make QF exit in kurash

The Indian campaign in kurash ended without any medal with Jyoti Tokas and Yash Kumar Chauhan enduring one-sided losses in their respective quarterfinals on Monday. Chauhan's men's 90kg bout against Sadegh Azarang failed to last the distance as the Iranian inflicted a 'khali' — comprehensive victory with 10 points — to secure a 10-0 win. The bout is stopped midway if there's a 'khali' by one of the opponents. Earlier in the women's 87kg quarterfinal, Jyoti was no match for her Iranian opponent Melika Omid Vandchah, who won 3-0 securing three 'chala'. PTI

Men keep hopes alive in sepaktakraw
The Indian men's team kept their hopes alive after winning two straight matches in group B but it was curtains for women's side in quadrant sepaktakraw on Monday. The men's side thrashed Singapore 2-0 (21-7, 21-15) in just 38 minutes before beating Philippines 2-0 (21-16, 21-15) at the Jinhua Sports Centre Gymnasium. India will next face South Korea on Tuesday in their last group match. However, the women's side ended its campaign finishing last in the group. The women's team suffered a third straight defeat, losing to the Philippines 2-0 (21-18, 21-15) in just 39 minutes. PTI

Bridge men's team secures medal

India's men's bridge team qualified for the semifinal on Monday. Semifinalists are assured of bronze medals. The Indian men's team easily qualified for the semifinals, securing the second spot with a score of 288.6 VPs. India finished behind Hong Kong (308.31), and ahead of China (287.91) and Japan (237.96). It will India vs China over 96 boards in semis. The Indian mixed was in a good position till Saturday but lost their momentum on Sunday after losing two crucial matches. They had to be satisfied with the 5th position. The Indian women team finished 7th position. TNN



NORTH KOREAN BREAKS WORLD RECORD ON WAY TO LIFTING GOLD

A North Korean weightlifter broke a world record for the third women's event running at the Asian Games in Hangzhou on Monday. Kim Il Gyong, who appears to have last competed internationally as a 14-year-old junior in 2018, set a new snatch record of 111kg on her way to gold in the women's 59kg class.

The 20-year-old then hoisted 135kg in the clean and jerk to finish on a 246kg total and condemn China's Luo Shifang to silver with former snatch world record-holder Kuo Hsing-chun of Taiwan in third. AFP

A SURPRISE DELIVERED ON WHEELS

Indian Skaters Clinch Unexpected Bronze In 3000M Team Events, Match Best Show

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India won its first medal in roller skating at the Asian Games in 13 years after the men's and women's speed skating 3000m relay teams secured a bronze each here on Monday.

The men's team of Vikram Rajendra Ingale, Siddhant Rahul Kamble and Anandkumar Velkumar settled for a third-place finish with a timing of 4:10.128, behind gold medallists Chinese Taipei (4:05.692) and silver winners South Korea (4:05.702).

In the women's relay, India were represented by Karthika Jagadeeswaran, Heeral Sadhu and Aarathy Kasturi Raj. The trio clocked 4:34.861 to finish third behind Chinese Taipei (4:19.447) and South Korea (4:21.146).

"We only had two hours of training on this track before competing on it. Now that we have been skating on it a bit more, we have been getting used to it. I wish we would have had more experience on it beforehand, maybe we could have skated better. However, each day, we have been getting better and better. The track takes a bit of getting used to," said Kamble after his

race.

"In India, it's a big thing to win bronze in roller skating. The Asian Games is very big there, so that's why we are grateful to be here and for our sport to be here. If we didn't have it, we would never get a big chance like this, as our sport isn't in the Olympics. This is like our Olympics. It comes once every four years, and we are really grateful and we respect the bronze medal a lot. We were really hoping for a medal today, as we knew we were in the mix. Being with the Chinese Taipei and the South Korean guys is a really big thing for us, as they are the best in the world," added Kamble.

In the Guangzhou Asian in 2010, Anup Kumar Yama had bagged bronze in the men's singles free skating before combining with Avani Panchal in the pairs skating competition to achieve another third-place finish.

Sadhu, on her part, said, "This is my first Asian Games. I am just 17, and I am really happy we got a team medal. Getting this medal is incredible. This is a really good opportunity for others to get into the sport. It's an opportunity for everyone."

"It shows we can get medals in any sport. I would like to see more competitions in roller skating and make everyone really proud of my sport in our country," she added.

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India's Vikram Rajendra Ingale (left), Anandkumar Velkumar and Siddhant Rahul Kamble (right) won the bronze in the 3000m men's relay speed skating event

Indian men face Nepal in quarters today

Matter Of Pride For Us To Be Playing At Asian Games: VVS

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China in China. If that isn't enough for folklore and generations of family stories, then landing the gold medal at the Asian Games would be incentive enough for India's cricket team.

The Ruturaj Gaikwad-led team are hot favourites to emerge champions on debut, but as coach VVS Laxman put it during a media interaction on Monday, it will be a "very different experience".

"We never imagined we would play cricket in China," Laxman, the NCA director, said. "It is a great opportunity and a matter of pride for the team to be playing at the Asian Games."

Since landing in Hangzhou, the Indian team, which faces Nepal in the quarterfinals on Tuesday, has



Indian skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad will be keen to emulate the gold-medal winning feats of the Harmanpreet Kaur-led women's team in the cricket competition

been soaking in the experience. Over the weekend, some of them watched Rohan Bopanna and Rituja Bopanna win the mixed doubles tennis gold, others cheered Harmanpreet Singh and his men as they dominated Pakistan in a

10-2 victory and watched from the sidelines as the men's badminton team went down in the final.

"We enjoyed cheering for the players and teams; it was a great experience," said Gaikwad.

The team, which is staying outside the Games Village, paid a visit to the residential arena of most athletes and interacted with them. Medallists and Olympians took selfies and autographs, but there were valuable lessons for the cricketers.

"At the Village, we learnt about the struggles of athletes and the dimensions of each sport," said Gaikwad, 26. "We took a lot of pride from that visit and reflected a little bit more on how special it is to represent the country."

With the World Cup looming, most teams — India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka — are without their established stars. Although the squad has been called second string or India 'B' team, many are part of BCCI's

long-term set-up. Some of them will earn their maiden T20 international caps.

The senior selection committee picked the team from a pool of 39 players, who are part of the National Cricket Academy's targeted players group comprising non-contracted players.

Since last year, the BCCI has offered these players access to NCA facilities. They are monitored and monitored by a battery of NCA coaches and support staff. The Asian Games squad was picked during one of their regular camps in Bengaluru.

Nepal, who are currently flying high after their record-shattering 273-run win against Mongolia, will get a taste of competition when they go up against a batting attack which comprises Gaikwad, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma and Rahul Tripathi. Nepal's batters will have to contend with bowlers like Arshdeep Singh, Ravi Bishnoi and all-rounder Washington Sundar.

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Johnson beats Covid, clock to win Asiad bronze medal

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Hangzhou: Five years ago, he dominated the track at the Jakarta Asian Games winning a gold and silver but defending men's 1500m champion Jinson Johnson came into the 19th edition after a long battle

with Covid-19 that had also dashed his hopes to compete in the Tokyo Games.

"I was down with a severe attack of Covid-19 in April 2021. I went back home from the camp and thus I missed the Tokyo Olympics. I had missed the qualification before the pandemic by a

whisker and after the lockdown it was impossible to make the cut," Johnson, who also missed the last Commonwealth Games with injury, recalled to TOI. "Once I left the camp my workouts went haywire. My fitness suffered and my body weight increased. It was during this period that people started saying that I had stopped competing."

A valuable bronze
"This medal here at the Asian Games is my comeback after my career got derailed with Covid-19. In the final, I was determined to do well. As per the start list ranking, I would have finished eighth. So from there I finished third



BATTLED: Jinson Johnson clocked 3:39.74 to take the 1500m bronze

and that's a matter of pride. I'm very happy with this bronze medal," the

Army JCO said.

"I had confidence in myself. I also had full support from my wife and parents and the group of coaches in the camp including Dr Kalyan Chaudhary and foreign coach Scott Simmons."

"If I had failed to do well here and posted a bad time without winning a medal, I would have quit the sport. But now this gives me the confidence to work hard to reach the next stage," said Johnson who clocked 3:39.74s.

After the Federation Cup, Johnson took part in two competitions in the USA, clocking 3:42 plus time in Los Angeles and a 3:40 plus in Portland.

"At the Asian Championships in

Bangkok, I strained my hamstring during a workout before the race. I took some treatment from the physios and went for the race. But I was feeling pain on each step and posted my worst time of 3:46.9s to finish 10th. I was really down after that. But I did good rehab for two months and did a 3:39.32 at the fifth GP in Chandigarh. It gave me a lot of confidence for the Asian Games," he said.

The talented runner, who broke the long-standing records of Sriram Singh in men's 800m and Bahadur Prasad in 1500m, feels he needs to improve his world ranking to make the Paris cut. The qualification mark is a stiff 3:33.50s.

Indian cagers' campaign ends in quarters

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India's basketball campaign in the Asian Games came to a disappointing end after lower ranked Democratic People's Republic of Korea outplayed the women's 5x5 team 96-57 in the quarterfinals on Monday.

After losing the first quarter by just six points 20-26, Indian women missed many attempts as Korea dominated

the second period 26-6 to take a handy 26-point advantage at the halfway mark.

After the lemon break, Korea tightened their defense while Indian women were seen desperate to cover the lead but missed a handful of three-pointers. Keeping their focus mainly on outside shooting proved deadly as India lost the third and fourth quarters 17-22 and 14-22 respectively to suffer a disappointing 39-point defeat.

India's defensive lapses while taking possession of the ball helped Korea score 24 second chance points.

After emulating mom, Harmilan wants to do one better

Hangzhou: Mother and daughter winning medals in Asian Games is rare, but India's metric mile national record holder Harmilan Bains has done that here, and she is now hoping to do one better.

The 25-year-old Harmilan clinched a silver in the women's 1500m race on Sunday, emulating her mother Madhuri, who had won the 800m silver in the 2002 Asian Games in Busan, South Korea. She clocked 4 minutes 12.74 seconds while the national record in her name is 4:05.39.

Bains is now gunning for a medal in the 800m, the same event as her mother's. If she succeeds on Wednesday, she will go past her mother. "I will say mom, 800m is still there," she said when asked what she will tell her



mother after the 1500m silver medal.

"I will try my best for the 800m and will run the sprints on my legs. I was pretty sure that I will win a medal (in 1500m) and was even confident of winning gold but had to settle for a silver."

Madhuri once ran a 1500m trial with Harmilan in her womb in order to keep her job with a public sector company in Punjab. Harmilan's father, Amandeep Bains, is also a former South Asian Games medalist and a former men's 1500m national champion.

Harmilan, who used to race with boys when she was young, won her first international medal in 2016 — a 1500m bronze at the Asian Junior Championships in Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam. She suffered a knee injury in 2017, which led to her missing some big events during her recovery, which lasted for over a year. In 2019, she regained full fitness and won a 1500m bronze at the Federation Cup in Patiala. She broke the 1500m national record at the

National Open Championship in 2021 with a time of 4:05.39, bettering Sunita Rani's previous mark of 4:06.03. However, a knee surgery meant that she was out of reckoning from the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

"For nearly a year, I did not do anything. For four months, I was totally bed-ridden, then got multiple MRIs done. The doctors then said I had water in the knees," she said.

"Then at last, doctors said it was plica syndrome (pain and swelling in the middle of the knee) and the only option was to have a surgery. I underwent surgery again, spent six months on the bed again, did rehab, and now I am back on the track and am an Asian Games medalist." PTI



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IN THE SEVENTH AND FINAL GAME WE CONCEDED A BIG LEAD AND COULD NOT FIGHT BACK. SUTIRTHA AND I ARE FROM THE SAME ACADEMY IN KOLKATA AND KNOW EACH OTHER'S GAME WELL."

— **AYHIKA MUKHERJEE** (right), AFTER WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN WOMEN'S DOUBLES TABLE TENNIS

The Dance From Vijay, The Song Is Dhoni's As Kerala's Ancy Sojan Combines The Process For A Wonder Silver; Steeplechasers Parul, Priti Among Medals, 4x400m Mixed Relay In Second-Place Finish

ANCY, BOUNCY AND FANCY-FREE

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Naa Ready! Naa Ready!" "I'm going to dance to this song all night in my room at the athletes village. All night! It's my celebration dance, to celebrate my silver medal!" a deliriously happy, exhausted but equally delighted Ancy Sojan was telling us. We were all making a mental note, probably to do the same.

You should do too. 'Naa Ready' (aptly meaning, I'm Ready), the track from the upcoming Tamil film, Leo, featuring Ancy's favourite actor Vijay, already has over 100m hits on YouTube. It will probably find its zenith when played on loop in a small but cheerful Asian Games village room, the blaring music disturbing those who have early mornings the next day but are too taken in by the occasion to complain.

A bouncy Ancy was telling us all this, and more, after claiming a sensational second-place finish in the women's long jump here on Monday. The 22-year-old, choosing to ignore the magnitude of her achievement, instead remained to stay in her own moment, not forgetting to be a little girl. It was infectious to watch, to be a part of. But there was method to the happy madness. If Thalapathy Vijay would occupy the sense later, it was another of Chennai's famous sons, Thala Dhoni and his philosophy that helped propel her to such heights.

"For months, I sacrificed ice-cream, I forgot sweets. Tonight I am going to have both — ice-cream and the home-made sweets prepared by my mother," she trilled as the long jumper from Thrissur in Kerala soaked in the euphoria of securing the biggest medal of her promising career. She was living the moment, pushing her teammate, the more promising Shaili Singh to come up with her best. It was instinctive, impulsive Indian teamwork, a strange organic sisterhood at its best.

But, before Ancy grabbed our senses, there was more of Indian women's heroics on the Hangzhou track. It was the 3000m steeplechase duo of Parul Chaudhary and Priti Lamba landing India its first medal from the track and field arena on the fourth day of athletics competitions in a silver-bronze finish.

Then, late in the evening, a gender-neutral collaboration resulted in more Indian success. The 4x400m mixed relay team of Rajesh Ramesh, Vithya Ramraj, Muhammed Ajmal and Subha Venkatesan added to the country's growing medal tally, winning silver with a new national record of 3:14.34. Initially a bronze, the Indian quartet saw it upgraded to silver after the Sri Lankans, who originally finished second, were disqualified for lane infringement.

Earlier in the day, Vithya equalled

PT Usha's 39-year-old national record of 55.42 seconds in the women's 400m hurdles in the heats. The four medals won on Monday took India's tally in athletics at the ongoing edition to 16, which includes two gold, eight silver and six bronze.

In the women's long jump, Ancy battled strong headwinds to claim silver with a personal best effort of 6.63m behind China's Shiqi Xiong, a two-time U-20 Asian champion, who claimed gold with a 6.73-m jump. Hong Kong China's Nga Yan Yu finished third with a 6.50m. Ancy had saved her best for the last as she gave it all on her final attempt to ensure a perfect landing.

India's other medal hope, Shaili Singh — who has been personally mentored by legendary long jumper Anju Bobby George — finished fifth with the best jump of 6.48m. Before coming to the Asiad, Shaili had claimed silver at the Asian athletics championships.

After her win, Ancy spoke about the process, attributing it to the School of Dhoni. "When we come to a competition, everyone is worried about the result," she said. "But 'result' is after; first we need to do the processes! Dhoni said something like that: 'What you're practising, concentrate on what we have to do'. The same thing you needed to do here. I knew my faults and I knew that I had to give more power at the take-off, and that's what I did! Processes work, and after that, comes the result," she added, suddenly all wise and Zen.

Ancy also revealed that she had gained weight immediately after the Asian Athletics in Bangkok and it was tough getting back in shape for Hangzhou. "I was touching 59kg and it was tough to lose weight. It happened because of a menstrual problem. For the first three weeks, I just couldn't do anything. I cut down on food and carbs. So, that way it was tough to be back in shape for the Asiad. Now I am 55kg, I guess it worked."

In the women's 3000m steeplechase, reigning Asian champion Parul secured her first medal at the Asiad with a timing of 9:27.63. Reigning world champion Winfred Yavi of Bahrain, successfully defended her title with a new Games record of 9:18.28. Parul led the race till the middle of the third lap before conceding the lead to Yavi.

Priti, who missed the bronze in Bangkok in July by 0.02s, came third with a personal best of 9:43.32. "I was determined to win a medal. I was not too fussed about doing a particular time. I blundered at the Asian championships which I didn't want to repeat here. There, I was too stressed about the medal. In a way, it is good that I erred at the Asian meet and learnt my lessons rather than committing that mistake here," said Priti.

Another Indian in the fray, sprinter Amlan Borgohain clocked 20.98s to finish sixth in the men's 200m final. Pavithra Vengatesh came sixth in the women's pole vault.



I'M READY! Ancy Sojan signed up as Indian athletics latest star attraction with a terrific silver medal in women's long jump

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Swapna will have to explain her behaviour: AFI

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Hangzhou: Heptathlete Swapna Barman, a former Asian Games gold medallist, triggered an unseemly controversy on social media by alleging that she lost a chance to win a bronze medal because of a 'transgender' athlete — also from India — only to delete her tweet two hours later on Monday morning.

Swapna, who couldn't defend her title after finishing fourth here on Sunday — just four points behind Nandini Agasara in women's heptathlon — made the startling allegation hours after the latter left the Athletes Village for India.

In a post on X, Swapna wrote: "I have lost my Asian Games bronze medal to a transgender woman. I want my medal back as it is against the rules of our athletics. Help me, support me please."

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SOUR GRAPES: Nandini Agasara (left) and Swapna Barman (right) in the women's heptathlon 100m hurdles on Saturday

anguish over the issue and questioned the timing of the controversy. "I don't understand what's the issue with her (Swapna)? Why didn't she make the accusation earlier? It's only when I won the bronze because of my sheer hard work and dedication that she came up with this transgender thing. This is so unfair; I thank the government and my federation for standing behind me and supporting me," said Nandini.

She won the bronze after totalling

5712 points while Swapna aggregated 5708 points. The gold was won by China's Ninali Zheng (6149), while Uzbekistan's Ekaterina Voronina earned silver with 6056 points. Speaking to TOI, Swapna said, "I have been training for more than 13 years and I know how much effort it takes to reach the level where I am today."

Nandini started training only four months back. How could she win a medal, that too, at the level of Asian Games? I doubt her gender and want the federation to look into the matter."

India power into hockey semis

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The Indian men's hockey team finished their pool engagements the way they began — with a rout. On Monday, they blanked a hapless Bangladesh 12-0 to maintain their top position in the Asian Games hockey competition.

India will play South Korea in the semifinal while China, who topped Pool B will take on Japan in the other semifinal.

Having started their campaign with a 16-0 win over Uzbekistan, they put up another dominant show to head

into the knockout rounds. The five pool matches have mostly been a stroll in the park for India, who have scored an incredible 58 goals while conceding five.

Largely untested thus far, especially the defence line, India's real challenge begins in the semifinals on Wednesday.

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh, who missed the opening match due to a niggle, and striker Mandeep Singh led the charge with three goals each. One of the bright sparks was India's focus on the intensity and speed of the game. Although Bangladesh, ranked 29th in the world, never came close to

testing the Indians, the latter went about implementing their gameplan to better their previous show against their neighbours. The last time the teams faced each other was in the 2021 Asian Champions Trophy, in which India prevailed 9-0. India wasted no time in punishing Bangladesh.

Harmanpreet, with his powerful drag-flick, put India ahead in the second minute and soon doubled the lead.

By half-time, India had scored half a dozen goals.

RESULT: India 12 (Harmanpreet Singh 2, 4, 32; Mandeep Singh 18, 24, 46; Abhishek 41, 57, Lalit Upadhyay 23, Amit Rohidas 28, Nilakanta Sharma 47, Gurjant Singh 56) bt Bangladesh 0.

INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

ARCHERY: 6.10am — Compound women's individual QFs — Jyothi Surekha vs Adel Zhexenbinova (Kaz); **6.30am** — Compound women's QFs — Aditi Gopichand vs Amaya Cojuangco (Phi); 7.50am — Compound men's individual QFs — Abhishek Verma vs Andrey Tyutyun (Kaz); **8.10am** — Compound men's individual QFs — Ojas Deptale vs Akbarali Karabayev

(Kaz); 8.50am onwards -Semis **12.10pm** — Recurve men's individual QFs — Atanu Das vs Qi Xiangshuo (Chn); **12.30pm** — Recurve men's individual QFs — Dhiraj Bommaudevara vs Lifat Abdullin (Kaz) **1.10pm** — Semis

4.50pm — Women's 400m hurdles final — Vithya Ramraj; **5.05pm** — Men's 400m hurdles final — Yashas Palaksha, Santosh Kumar; **5.20pm** — Women's 5000m final — Parul Chaudhary, Ankita; **5.40pm** — Women's javelin final — Annu Rani; **5.55pm** — Men's 800m final — Krishan Kumar, Mohammed Afsal

BADMINTON: 8.10am — Men's singles R32 — Sunil Kumar vs Batdavaa Munkhbat (Mgl); 8.50am — Women's singles R32 — PV Sindhu vs Wen-Chi Hsu (Tpe); 10.50am — Women's

singles R32 — Ashmita Chaihia vs Gregoria Tunjung (Ind); 12.50pm — Women's doubles R32 — Treesa Jolly/Gayatri Gopichand; 2.10pm — Women's doubles R32 — Tanisha Crasto/Ashwini Ponappa vs MDV; 2.10pm — Men's singles R32 — Kidambi Srikanth vs Kor

BOXING: 11.30am — Women's 50-54kg semis — Preeti vs Yuan Chang (Chn); 12 noon — Women's 66-75kg semis — Lovlina vs Baisron Maneekon (Tha); 5.15pm — Men's 51-57kg QFs — Sachin vs Lyu Ping (Chn); 6.30pm — Men's 92kg semis — Narendar vs K Kunkabeyav (Kaz)

BRIDGE: 6.30pm — Men's, women's, mixed team semis

CANOE SPRINT: 7.45am — Women's kayak single 500m final — Soniya Devi; **8.20am** — Men's canoe double 1000m final — Sunil Singh, Arjun Singh; **9.15am** — Women's kayak four 500m final — Soniya Devi, Birina Oinam, Geetha Parvathy, Dimita Devi; **9.30am** — Women's canoe double 200m — Neha Devi, Kaveri

CHESS: 12.30pm — Men's and women's team R5

CRICKET: 6.30am — Men's QFs — India vs Nepal

DIVING: 10.30am — Men's 3m springboard — Siddharth Pardeshi, London Singh 5pm — Final

HOCKEY: 7.45am — Women's pool match — India vs Hong Kong

KABADDI: 6am — Men's team match — India vs Bangladesh; 1.30pm — Women's team match — India vs Korea

SEPAKTAKRAW: 6.30am — Men's quadrant prelims — India vs Korea

SOFT TENNIS: 7.30am onwards — Women's team match — India vs Japan; **7.30am** — Men's team match — India vs Thailand; **7.30am** — Women's team match — India vs Mongolia;

11am — Men's team match — India vs Cambodia; **12.45pm** — Men's team match — India vs Korea; **2.30pm** — Men's team match — India vs Chinese Taipei; **2.45pm** — Women's team match — India vs China

PACE CONUNDRUM FOR INDIA

Bumrah, Shami & Siraj Make A Formidable Fast-Bowling Combination. But Can Rohit & Co. Afford To Play All Three Together?

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Best pace attack in the world." It sounds like an unreal tag for those tracking India in World Cups from the 1970s. For a very long time, that tag was reserved for the West Indies. Then it was Pakistan's turn to take over the mantle. In due course, the pace bowling crown shifted to Australia, but come the 13th edition, there's a strong belief that India's pace battery — consisting of Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj — is the best in the business.

But the big question is whether the Indian team management itself believes in the theory. In the lead-up to the World Cup, India have shown the tendency to use only two of these three brilliant pace bowlers together. Instead of unleashing the terrific trio who are completely different bowlers, Rohit Sharma and Rahul Dravid have preferred to use two — with Hardik Pandya doing the third pacer's job. The think-tank, one felt, had decided before the Asia Cup that Kuldeep Yadav had to play with Ravindra Jadeja, with Axar Patel filling the spinning allrounders spots.

But a few things have happened since then. Axar has been ruled out due to a quadriceps injury. Ravichandran Ashwin made a more than impressive ODI comeback against Australia and Bumrah, Shami and Siraj have looked magnificent in most of the games they have played.

While Bumrah hasn't gone wicketless in a single game he has played since his comeback from injury, Siraj's 6/21 against Sri Lanka at the Premadasa turned the Asia Cup final into a no-contest. Shami, on the other hand, got a five-wicket haul in the first game against Australia and has looked at his lethal best.

Such performances have sparked the narrative that India should go in with these three pacers together. In addition to that, the ICC has given a directive to the centres to leave a bit of grass on the pitch, so that there is enough life for all parties concerned. Then there's also the dew factor which may make it difficult for the spinners to grip the ball under lights.

"Conditions notwithstanding, India should play these three pacers together in the big games like England, Australia, Pakistan and New Zealand. Rotate them in the other games if there is an issue of preserving them in such a long tournament, but there's no point holding them back in key games. Together they make the best pace attack in the world and why compromise on your strength," former India pacer Lakshman Balaji told TOI.

The former Chennai Super Kings bowling coach feels it is the trio's ability to take the pitch out of the equation that should give them the nod. "There's no better containment



BIG DILEMMA: It will be a tough decision to leave Mohammed Shami out of the XI

policy than taking wickets and these three guarantee you wickets at any time of the game. While Bumrah is the most astute pace bowler in the world in limited-overs, Shami's use of the seam and his high-arm action are absolute assets. And Siraj is the real wild-card who has hit a brilliant patch and is at the peak of his confidence. And all three have genuine pace," Balaji explained.

But there could be a problem with the combination if the three have to play together. India, like most other teams in the World Cup, are absolutely hell-bent on having players who can bat well till No. 8. If India are to play Shami, Bumrah and Siraj together, they will have to leave out left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav. "Yes, the batting cover is necessary and Ashwin will provide that at No. 8. With Ravindra Jadeja and Hardik Pandya also picking themselves in the XI, the Indian team will truly have all bases covered," Balaji said.

But then, the Chepauk pitch, where India play their first match against Australia on Sunday, has traditionally been spin-friendly and it will surely leave the Indian think-tank divided on how to go about it. Kuldeep has been in the form of his life and it will need a lot of convincing to leave the left-arm out of the XI. "Australia have three left-handers, England have four. Against these teams Ashwin will get the job done. The likes of Kuldeep and Shardul can be used when necessary," Balaji argued.

We will know in six days' time if the team management truly takes this bold call and looks to rattle the Aussies with pace and set the tone for the tournament.

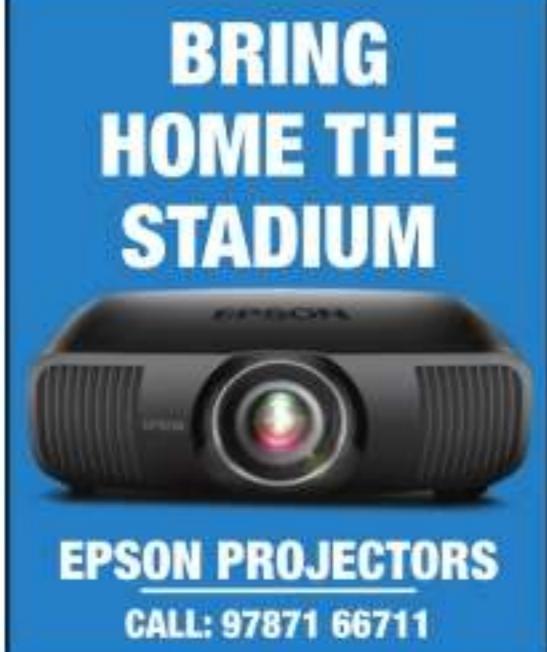
India, England are red-hot favourites



KRIS SRIKANTH

The next seven weeks will make for an exhilarating ride of great highs and some bitter lows as the World Cup returns to India after 12 years. In a tournament of this nature where all ten teams play each other once, the potential for upsets is huge but I will stick my neck out and assert that India, England, Australia and New Zealand will make it to the knockout stage.

In my book, India and England begin as red-hot favourites. India have peaked nicely with all their batters hitting top form and the bowling attack led by Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj in excellent rhythm. England's brand of cricket can be intimidating to most opponents. They have depth and tremendous fire-power in their batting and the inclusion at a late stage of Ben



GALLERY

ACL clash called off after Saudi club refuses to enter pitch

A-Ittihad's Asian Champions League match with Iran's Sepahan was called off on Monday after the Saudi team refused to leave their dressing room due to a statue of an assassinated Iranian general being placed at the entrance to the pitch. The game was postponed by officials at the Naghsh-e Jahan Stadium in Isfahan, where around 60,000 fans had turned out to see Sepahan take on an Al-Ittihad starting line-up that was due to include former Premier League stars Ngolo Kante and Fabinho.

Medvedev, Alcaraz in semis: Daniil Medvedev overcame a second-set stumble to beat Frenchman Ugo Humbert 6-4, 6-1 and advance to the semi-finals of the China Open on Monday. Also, Carlos Alcaraz eased to his 12th semifinal appearance of the season with a 6-4, 6-2 win over seventh-seeded Casper Ruud. Meanwhile, making her first appearance at the China Open, second-ranked Iga Swiatek advanced to the second round with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Sara Sorribes Tormo.

Cummings double secures Bagan win: Jason Cummings struck a brace as Mohun Bagan Super Giant defeated Maziya Sports & Recreation Club of Maldives 2-1 to consolidate their top spot in Group D of the AFC Cup in Kolkata. Mohun Bagan scored in the 28th and 90(+2) minutes, while the Maldivian side pulled one back through Tomoki Wada (45th). AGENCIES

ALL IS WELL

Napoli Put Their Troubles Behind As Ancelotti Returns With Real Madrid With A Point To Prove

Naples: After Napoli's lacklustre start to the season, it seems the champions are once again a force to be reckoned with in Serie A. In their last two matches, they have scored eight goals and are now third, four points off the leading Milan clubs.

Key striker Victor Osimhen has scored in consecutive games against Udinese and Lecce and proclaimed his love for the club and city on Sunday after his agent last week threatened legal action against Napoli after they posted a video mocking him. "The passion of the People of Naples fuels my fire to always play with my heart and soul, and the love for the badge is unwavering as I wear it with pride," he said on social media.

Napoli and Osimhen have timed their resurgence well as they face Real Madrid in a challenging CL clash in Naples tonight.

8 The reigning Serie A champions have scored four goals in each of their last two matches.

12 As a coach, Ancelotti has met Napoli on 12 occasions: four with Parma, with Juventus and four with Milan. His record in those matches is W9 D1 L2.

2 Ancelotti was in charge of Napoli between August 2018 and December 2019, guiding the club to a second-placed finish in Serie A in his sole full season in charge. But his tenure was cut abruptly short.

7 Jude Bellingham has seven goals and two assists for Real Madrid this season across all competitions, largely playing in the number 10 role.



BELLINGHAM



Previous meetings
Napoli wins 0
Real Madrid wins 3
Draws 1

Napoli goals 3
Real Madrid goals 9

CL MATCHES

(12.30am unless stated):

Group A: Man United vs Galatasaray; FC

Copenhagen vs Bayern Munich;

Group B: Lens vs

Arsenal; PSV

Eindhoven vs Sevilla;

Group C: Union

Berlin vs Braga

(10.15pm); Napoli vs

Real Madrid; Group

D: Salzburg vs Real

Sociedad (10.15pm);

Inter Milan vs

Benfica.

(LIVE ON SONY NETWORK)

BAYERN LOOKING FOR CONSISTENCY

Injury-hit Bayern Munich are still looking for consistency as they prepare to visit Copenhagen for their second group game.

"We've problems against top teams at the moment," Bayern midfielder Joshua Kimmich said. "We didn't manage it against Leverkusen, we haven't managed it against Leipzig – and it was also erratic against United. We simply have problems performing consistently well over 90 minutes against top teams."

(AGENCIES)

35 Bayern are unbeaten in a competition record 35 group games (3 draws) while they have won each of their last 14 group games, also a record.

United's Antony set for possible Galatasaray return

Manchester United winger Antony could return for the clash against Galatasaray, manager Erik ten Hag said on Monday. The 23-year-old has not played for United since the first week of September amid police investigations into assault allegations. (AGENCIES)

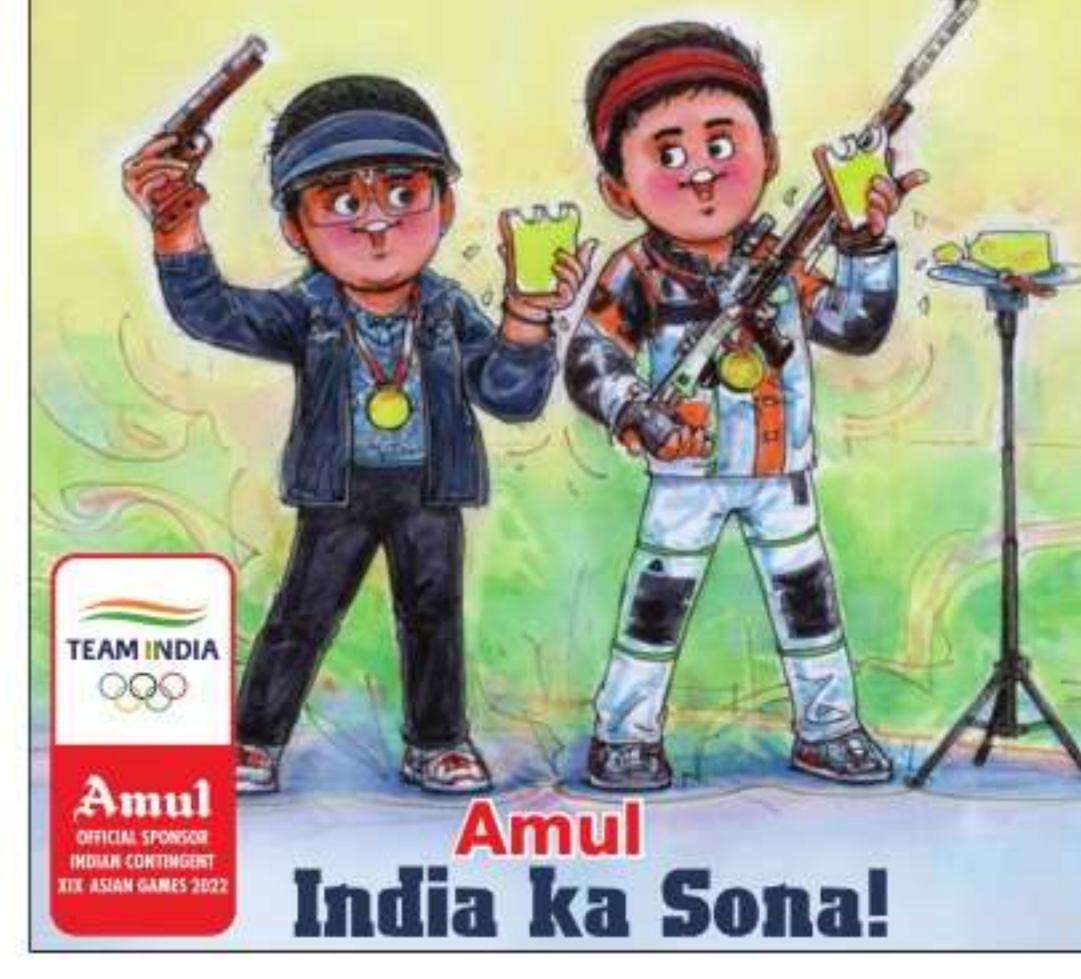
ATLETICO RALLY TO PUT IT ACROSS CADIZ

Madrid: Argentine forward Angel Correa struck twice to help Atletico Madrid recover from a two-goal deficit and beat Cadiz 3-2 at home on Sunday to claim their third successive La Liga win. Atletico, who have a game in hand, moved up to fourth on 16 points, five behind leaders Real.

Lukaku nets in Roma win: Romelu Lukaku scored in a 2-0 victory over Frosinone on Sunday, while Juventus laboured to a goalless draw at Atalanta.

Ronaldinho confirms Kolkata visit: Ronaldinho has confirmed his visit to the city ahead of Durga Puja. "Let the Samba Magic begin this Durga Puja... Ami tomader bhalo bhashi (I love you)," he posted.

Shooting stars shining bright



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Long tail remains a concern for India

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Thiruvananthapuram: If you form a playing XI of pure tailenders for the upcoming ODI World Cup, chances are four from India's squad will make it to that team.

While Jasprit Bumrah averages 7.30 and has a strike rate of 56.15 from the 23 ODIs he has walked out to bat in, his tailend partners also have similar numbers.

Mohammed Siraj has an average of 6.16 and SR of 40.12 (13 innnings), Mohammed Shami averages 8.40 with a SR of 85.71 (44 innnings) and Kuldeep Yadav's average is 10 with a strike rate of 56.29 (34 innings).

Assuming that only three of them will make it to India's playing XI in the tournament, the numbers of tailenders, all past masters of their craft with the ball, aren't awe-inspiring.

The Indian tail looks far inferior to the lower-order of other top contenders in the World Cup. Defending champions England are likely to have Chris Woakes at No.8, and he averages 24.43 from 80 ODIs and has a strike rate of 89.58 with five half-centuries to his credit. England's likely No.9 Adil Rashid has an average of 18.82 from 59 innnings and a strike rate of close to 100.

While India have ticked most boxes in the lead-up to the World Cup by emerging champions in the Asia Cup and beating Australia in the ODI series,

the two defeats they suffered in those series also showed the sorry figure of India's tail. In the loss against Australia in Rajkot, the contribution of India's bottom three was 8 runs Kuldeep 2, Bumrah 5 and Siraj 1. In India's loss against Bangladesh in the Asia Cup campaign, only Shami from the present squad played in that encounter and his contribution was 6 runs.

Inevitably, India's worri-



some tail puts pressure on the top-order and India's all-rounders. While Hardik Pandya and Shardul Thakur, each have a half-century to their credit but average 16.14 and 17.31 with the bat respectively in ODIs.

On the eve of their World Cup warm-up tie against the Netherlands, Ashwin, Thakur and Kuldeep were having an extended batting session at the nets in Thumba after bowling for about 45 minutes. Both Ashwin and Thakur were hardly looking to defend against the local bowlers and the throwdown specialist. Ashwin, who was the last to leave from the nets on Monday, was trying to play the conventional sweep, the reverse sweep and also came down the pitch to play the lofted shots against the spinners.

"We are seeing scores of 350 in ODIs these days. Unfortunately for India, our bowlers don't bat. Kuldeep can defend, Bumrah, Siraj and Shami can just hit the ball but don't inspire much confidence. So one of your top-order batsmen needs to carry on till the end.

Also, the role of the all-rounders becomes extremely critical. Hardik, Jadeja, Ashwin or Thakur all have to perform well with the bat," former India off-spinner Venkatesh Raju told TOI.

Kaverappa, spinners rock inept Saurashtra

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Rajkot: In-form pacer Vidwath Kaverappa and the spinners gave Rest of India the upper hand against Saurashtra on second day of the Irani Cup tie, here on Monday. In reply to RoI's first innings score of 308, Saurashtra were struggling at 212 for 9 at stumps trailing by a further 96 runs.

RoI added 10 runs to their overnight score of 298 before being bowled out. Spinner Parth Bhut completed a five-wicket haul for the Ranji Trophy champions.

Kaverappa, the mainstay of Karnataka's pace attack, rattled Saurashtra early, accounting for openers Harvik Desai (0) and Chirag Jani (2) in successive overs during his opening spell. Samarth Vyas (29) and Cheteshwar Pujara (29) started well but were



done in by spin. Arpit Vasavada top-scored with a patient 54 (127b, 2x4). Left-arm spinner Saurabh (3/64) and Shams Mulani (2/46) ensured that Saurashtra batters did not settle down.

Brief scores: Rest of India (o/n 298/8): 308 all out in 94.2 overs (Saurabh Kumar 39; Dharmendra Jadeja 3-39, Yuvraj Singh Dodhi 2-74, Parth Bhut 5-94) vs Saurashtra: 212/9 in 80 overs (Samarth Vyas 29, C Pujara 29, A Vasavada 54, P Mankad 29; Vidwath Kaverappa 3-28, Saurabh Kumar 3-64, Shams Mulani 2-46).

Simone Biles pulls off Yurchenko's double pike

Vault To Be Named After The American Gymnastics Legend

pation of it being performed.

The 26-year-old athlete scored 15.266 with a 58.865 total in the all-around, securing the vault to be named after her in 2018.

With 25 world medals, the most by any gymnast in history, and 7 Olympic medals, the oldest American woman to compete at the worlds now has five skills named after her: two on the floor exercise, two on vault, and one on the balance beam. REUTERS

The Yurchenko double pike is the most difficult jump in women's scoring code and was rated at 6.4 points by the technical committee in anticipa-



All eyes on star
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