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Dear reader,

Clean. Sharp. Bold. These words describe not only the look and style of *The Hindu*, its appearance and form, but also its core philosophy, its Code of Editorial Values: the integrity in both editorial and business functions, and the adherence to principles of fairness and justice; the incisiveness and the precision in reports, analyses, and opinion pieces; and the demonstration of courage in speaking truth to power, and the upholding of freedom and independence.

Today, when *The Hindu* completes 144 years, the newspaper comes in a redesigned format that is cleaner, sharper, and bolder. Clutter-free clarity in presentation; direct, straightforward display; and bolder typefaces and visuals. An organised, hierarchical layout ensures ease of reading without articles crowding out one another. But nothing else changes. *The Hindu* remains authentic and credible, as always.

The Hindu is rooted in its traditions even as it evokes and inspires change; it marches ahead with its feet firmly on the ground. The foot that is on the floor is the pivot for the other that takes the step forward. Custom informs progress; age aids the spirit. Contemporary and classical, at the same time. Views do not merge with news. Editorials and commentaries have a prominent place, at the heart of the newspaper, but they do not spill onto the news columns.

The redesign is by the world-renowned master designer Mario Garcia, who first worked with the newspaper in 2005. Dr. Garcia spent days spread over months with *The Hindu*'s editorial and design teams to complete the makeover. The salient features of the new look are detailed on the next page.

The printed paper is not a standalone product: it complements the website and the apps, which have no constraints of space, and which provide a platform for newer ways of storytelling. But your newspaper continues to be comprehensive in its coverage, and serious in its disposition.

We do hope you like us in our new avatar.

— Suresh Nambath, Editor

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HEARING AIDS BY 

1999



Sense of disquiet pervades BJP camp

Karunanidhi justifies party's stand

PHK plea to TMC

2005



2017



One man can't run this country: Rahul Gandhi

The Congress vice president speaks about Prime Minister Modi's governance style and predicts an Opposition victory in 2019.



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How we consume the news today: The Hindu's reinvention for a mobile world



Dr. Mario Garcia

Today, you readers are experiencing a newly transformed *The Hindu*. Indeed, your favourite and most trusted newspaper, with a rich 144-year trajectory, engages in transformation with the goal of making your reading experience richer, easier and more engaging. It is all part of a year-long project that aims to combine content and formats so that you, the reader, will find your engagement with the newspaper more pleasant, meaningful and informative.

You have trusted this newspaper to bring you the news with credibility and efficiency. History alone does not sustain an institution, but it fosters it, reinforces it, and, in the case of a newspaper it gives it a sense of stability, authority and credibility. *The Hindu* you are reading today reinforces its tradition of authenticity and credibility, but with the application of new journalistic strategies that adapt to the digital era of communications in which we now consume news and information.

My Garcia Media team and I are honoured to be involved with this transformation, not only as consultants to help the team achieve its vision of creating an interesting newspaper that is part of a multipurpose media house, but also, and most importantly, in my case as a teacher training the team to approach stories aware of the platform in which such content will be consumed. In addition to creating the design concept that will make content easier to find, we have also emphasised the essentials of journalistic design to each platform.

Five centrepieces for *The Hindu's* transformation

1. Multipurpose approach: A careful and well-planned creation of a true multipurpose title for the times in which we live. This new *The Hindu* offers the information when you want it, how you want it. The editorial team is aware that one size does not fit all, so that how stories are presented in print editions should not be the same as how they are presented for mobile consumption.

2. *The Hindu: the newspaper of the future:* When we read on our mobile devices, we engage in what I refer to in my book, *The Story*, as the journalism of interruptions. Phones ring. They lead us to emails and social media messages. Stories must be told with narratives and visuals. You will see those type of stories making your journey through mobile presentations more pleasant.

3. Easier to navigate content: Whether you are reading the digital or print editions of the *The Hindu*, you will find that this transformation puts emphasis on the concept of making the content easy to find. We value your time with our news brand. We want to make it easier for you to navigate from section to section, regardless of platform.

4. The special characteristics of print: There is a glorious place for print in this multipurpose world. You will see the care and attention to detail that has gone in our rethink of the print edition of *The Hindu*. You will also see larger photos and graphics, more modular layout that allows for stories to be more visually appealing and easier to consume. Inside pages are better organised in modules to facilitate how the eye travels from one story to the next. We also emphasise a sense of hierarchy across each page. When your eyes land on the page, it should be obvious what stories are more important.

5. Content through the platforms: The editorial team takes into account that you are a multipurpose news consumer. To that effect, they will lead you to digital content you should not miss. Perhaps there is a story you are reading in print that has a robust video component, or maybe you would like to know how a certain topic is trending in social media.

A treat lies in store for all of you readers starting today. If you are a habitual reader, you will recognise the paper that you wake up to each day; if you are new to *The Hindu*, you will benefit from what happens when a news title with an unmatched history of greatness aims to be greater.

Cheers to a successful launch, and the hope that all of you will engage with a refreshed newspaper and continue to make it your essential daily read.

Our designs are not just placements of texts and images, they tell a story

- Promos are made more dynamic and vibrant with eye-captivating designs, to give you the ultimate visual experience



- The hierarchy of information can be easily identified with a shift in emphasis from bold to light and big to smaller headline fonts

- Lead story will have a bolder font distinction with the strap showcasing the gist of the story

- Increase in font size from 8.2 to 9 pts, with a 15% decrease in the total word count, delivers clearer and sharper stories with no compromise in the quality of the content

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At SCO meet, PM Modi pitches for better supply chains, full transit rights

He flags energy, food crises due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Chinese President Xi Jinping promises Beijing's support to India in hosting the event next year

SUBASINI HADAGI
SAMARKAND

Better regional connectivity is only possible if there is better "full transit rights," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday, responding to the refusal by Pakistan to give India transit trade access by land and sea. In Central Asia, Mr. Modi was speaking at the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of State here.

In a speech that was otherwise free from references to India's regional neighbours, Mr. Modi called for greater cooperation in the Euro-Asian region against the "unprecedented" energy and food crises arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine conflict.

He also spoke on the initiatives on manufacturing that India is willing to pilot in Central Asia. New Delhi assumes the chair of the SCO and hosts

the summit next to the Chinese President during one of the two days of the SCO and observer and dialogue partner. Later, all four leaders had a lunch together hosted by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, which was closed to media.

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Tharoor to take on Gehlot in Congress president election

Sonia assures Thiruvananthapuram MP of neutrality of Gandhi family; Jairam Ramesh says nobody needs anybody's nod to contest party polls

Sandeep Phukan
Sobhana K. Nair

NEW DELHI

The upcoming presidential election in the Congress party could witness a contest between Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor as Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday assured Mr. Tharoor that the Gandhi family would remain 'neutral' in the presidential contest.

Before meeting with Ms. Gandhi, Mr. Tharoor made it clear that he was all set to contest the poll by endorsing an online petition that asked potential candidates to usher in organisational reforms, and implement the decisions taken at the Udaipur Conclave.

The meeting between the Congress chief and Mr. Tharoor, sought by the former Minister, comes three days before the party officially notifies the elections on September 22. The Gandhi family's neutrality also means Mr. Gehlot, a reluctant contender in the party's presidential election, may not be seen as 'official candidate' of the party's establishment.

Mr. Gehlot is yet to make his position clear but he



Ashok Gehlot & Shashi Tharoor

could file his nomination once the auspicious period of Navratri begins on September 26, sources said.

On August 23, *The Hindu* reported that Ms. Gandhi had asked Mr. Gehlot to lead the party.

Lending credence to reports that he was all set to contest, Mr. Tharoor tweeted, "I welcome this petition being circulated by a group of young @INCIndia members, seeking constructive reforms in the party. It has gathered over 650 signatures so far. I am happy to endorse it & to go beyond it."

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

In a rare break with convention, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan called a press conference at the Raj Bhavan to raise a litany of charges against the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government.

Mr. Khan accused Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan of reneging on his written assurance to preserve the discretionary power of the

Death penalty: SC mints fair hearing

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday referred to a Constitution Bench the question of how to provide accused in death penalty cases a "meaningful, real and effective" hearing of their mitigating circumstances before a trial judge.

A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said the presentation of mitigating factors by an accused to avoid the "extreme penalty of death" was a "valuable right".

"Anybody who wants to contest is free to do so. This has been the consistent position of the Congress president and Rahul Gandhi. This is an open, democratic and transparent process. Nobody needs anybody's nod to contest," Congress' communication head Jairam Ramesh told *The Hindu* in response to reports that Mr. Tharoor had sought a go-ahead from Ms. Gandhi.

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Under scrutiny

A look at the issues before the Supreme Court

- SC acknowledges the need to give accused in death penalty cases "meaningful, real and effective" hearing on mitigating circumstances
- It finds that past judgments do not address the "sufficient time"
- SC discusses need to form a uniform framework for trial judges to determine mitigating factors in death penalty cases
- Accused may need to present his or her mitigating circumstances before the trial court

In many cases, an accused is condemned to the gallows by the trial judge after a rather "formal" if not cosmetic sentence hearing. In some cases, the sentence hearing happens

on the same day of the order of conviction.

While the state is given a chance to present aggravating circumstances against the accused throughout the duration of

a trial, the accused is given a chance to show mitigating circumstances only after conviction, the court noted. "The accused can scarcely be expected to place mitigating circumstances on the record, for the reason that the stage for doing so is after conviction... This places the convict at a hopeless disadvantage, tilting the scales heavily against him," Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, who authored the verdict, said.

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Why was Mann offloaded from flight, asks Oppn.

CHANDIGARH

In the middle of a controversy after he had to reschedule his return journey from Frankfurt in Germany, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann was at the centre of an attack from the Opposition. Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa urged the Centre to initiate a probe.

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SC panel meets Lakhimpur Kheri rape victims' kin

NEW DELHI

Days after issuing a notice to the Uttar Pradesh government on the alleged gang rape and murder of two Dalit sisters in Lakhimpur Kheri district, a team of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes on Monday visited the spot to begin an independent probe into the incident.

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PM not behind CBI, ED searches, says Mamata Banerjee

Shiv Sahay Singh

KOLKATA

The West Bengal Assembly on Monday passed a resolution accusing the Central agencies of harassing and arresting public representatives and leaders of the ruling Trinamool Congress.

Participating in a debate on the resolution, which was tabled under Rule 169 of the House, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said she does not believe that the Prime Minister was behind the excesses of Central agencies in the State".

The Chief Minister blamed a section of BJP leaders, particularly leaders from West Bengal, for misusing the Central agencies to serve their interests.

Over the past few months, Ms. Banerjee has refrained from personally targeting Mr. Modi. During the party's Martyrs' Day rally on July 21, there was no mention of the Prime Minister. She met him in the first week of August seeking the release of Central funds to the State.

Recently, Ms. Banerjee's remark that "all in RSS are not bad" also generated buzz in the political circles.



We are not against Central agencies but we want the CBI and the ED to be impartial

MAMATA BANERJEE
Chief Minister, West Bengal

CM didn't keep word: Kerala Governor

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Chancellor in appointing university Vice-Chancellors.

He slammed Mr. Vijayan for inducting K.K. Ragesh, ex-MP, into the Chief Minister staff as a "reward for preventing the police" from arresting activists who heckled him at the Indian History Congress venue in Kannur in 2019.

The Governor said he repented acquiescing to Mr. Vijayan's "entreaties"

to extend Kannur Vice-Chancellor Gopinath Ravindran's tenure beyond the retirement age.

"I promised the Chief Minister I would honour his plea, but the selection process should be as per the norm. The government reciprocated the goodwill by scuttling the process and selecting Prof. Ravindran on a personal whim," Mr. Khan said.

During the media interaction that lasted nearly

two-and-a-half hours, Mr. Khan also gave ample hints that he would not sign the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2022 and the Kerala Lok Ayukta (Amendment) Act, 2022.

He said the varsity legislation infringed on the autonomy of learning centres and rendered them beholden to the caprices of the political executive.

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23 years on, Kashmiris set to relish entertainment in dark halls

Vikram Vedha and Ponniyin Selvan (PS)-I to be screened in Srinagar from October 1; administration plans to have theatres in all 10 districts

Peerzada Ashiq

SRINAGAR

Kashmir's first-ever tryst with multiplex cinema will begin on October 1 this year with the screening of two epic movies, *Vikram Vedha* and *Ponniyin Selvan (PS)-I*, at the new INOX theatre in Srinagar's Shiv Pora area. The experience of watching a film in a theatre returns to the Valley after a gap of 23 years.

Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha will

inaugurate the multiplex, which features three screens and a total seating capacity of 522, on Tuesday. Ticket sales will start from September 26, and the first show is slated for October 1. A dry run screening in the orange-ambience theatre has been completed.

"I see my dream coming true. Wholesome family entertainment had taken a back seat. When we were younger, we used to go to cinema halls in Kashmir. There were 10-12 cinema halls here," Vikas



Work under way at the INOX theatre in Srinagar. NISSAR AHMAD

Dhar, managing director of Taksal Hospitality Private Limited, which owns the multiplex, told *The Hindu*.

Eleven cinema halls dotted across the Kashmir Valley were closed in the 1990s in the face of large-scale militancy.

Biden vow 'to defend Taiwan' irks Beijing

Ananth Krishnan

BEIJING

China on Monday said it "lodged stern representations" with the United States after President Joe Biden committed in the clearest terms yet to "defend" Taiwan in the face of an attack.

In an interview on Sunday, Mr. Biden appeared to

mark a shift in the U.S. policy of "strategic ambiguity" on the question of defending Taiwan, which previous administrations had followed with the goal of both deterring China and discouraging Taiwan from pursuing outright independence.

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The government led by Farooq Abdullah in 1996 made efforts to reopen two cinema halls, Broadway and Neelam, but they failed to survive due to poor patronage.

In 1999, Regal Cinema in Lal Chowk stopped a screening of *Pyar Koi Khel Nahi* after militants hurled a grenade in the first week of its opening.

Now buoyed by the changes sweeping the region, the L-G has inaugurated two cinema halls in south Kashmir's volatile Shopian and Pulwama districts. The administration plans to have cinema halls in all 10 districts in the Valley. "We have phenomenal stories to tell from Kashmir. This should inspire youth to tell their own stories," said Mr. Dhar.

"Half the students from the Delhi Public School [DPS] in Srinagar have never been to a cinema hall. I request them to come and enjoy the way many do in Jammu and Delhi," Vijay Dhar, chairperson, DPS-Srinagar, said.

Law against workplace harassment poorly implemented: DCW

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) submitted a report to the city government pointing out the "sorry state of affairs" in the implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act.

The law mandates the constitution and proper functioning of a Local Complaints Committee (LCC) in every district.

The DCW chief Swati Malwal in her report to the government stated that between 2019 and 2021, only 40 complaints were received by all the LCCs. It added that even the small number of complaints received by the LCCs were not dealt with in a time-bound manner.

The Commission also stated that the committees

The sorry state of affairs in the implementation of the law in the city is distressing: Commission

have not been provided dedicated office space, budget, and staff.

"This cripples their functioning. For instance, South, West and Shahdara districts have informed that there is no dedicated room or staff allocated for the functioning of the committees," the report stated.

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The CBI has in its FIR alleged that there were irregularities while modifying the excise policy, undue favours were extended to licence holders, licence fee

ED records Durgesh Pathak's statement in Delhi Excise Policy irregularities case

What has MCD election in-charge got to do with the Delhi government's liquor policy? Is their target liquor policy or MCD elections, asks Manish Sisodia; ED's summons to Rajinder Nagar MLA draws sharp reactions from senior AAP leaders

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday recorded the statement of AAP's MCD in-charge and Rajinder Nagar MLA Durgesh Pathak in connection with the alleged irregularities in the now-withdrawn Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22.

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AAP MLA Durgesh Pathak arrives at the office of Enforcement Directorate in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

Mr. Pathak's statement drew sharp reactions from senior AAP leaders.

Mr. Sisodia tweeted: "Today, the ED has summoned AAP's MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak. What has our MCD election in-charge got to do with the Delhi government's liquor policy? Is their target liquor policy or MCD elections?"

Saurabh Bharadwaj, AAP's chief spokesperson, also took to the social media platform, alleging that elections now on will "be fought by the alliance of BJP-ED-CBI".

He added that the ED had summoned Mr. Pathak as "the MCD elections are about to happen". AAP MLA Atishi alleged that the Central probe agencies' real target was Mr. Kejriwal's "rapid political growth".

Not involved in liquor scam, says YSRCP MP

The Hindu Bureau
ONGOLE (A.P.)

YSR Congress Party MP from Ongole Magunta Sri-nivasulu Reddy on Monday denied any involvement in the alleged Delhi liquor scam.

Mr. Reddy maintained that the Enforcement Directorate officials after the raids on his premises in Delhi, Chennai and Nellore, had given a clean chit to him and his family members in the Panchanama report.

He said that he or his family had not committed any irregularities and did not take part at all in the auctions in the Capital.

AAP has links with the underworld: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday accused the Aam Aadmi Party of having links with "terrorists" and the underworld through its Okhla MLA Amanatullah Khan, who is also the Delhi Waqf Board's chairman.

AAP was not available for comment on the charges.

Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta alleged that the Anti-Corruption Branch raids at Mr. Khan's house had led to the recovery of a diary with "information about his and other AAP MLAs' links with terrorists". "To prevent this from coming to the fore, CM Arvind Kejriwal has already started distributing character certificates to his MLAs," he alleged.

Chandni Chowk heritage structures to get facelift in Phase II revamp plan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Numerous heritage structures in Chandni Chowk will be given a facelift through installation of QR codes at various points, according to plans shared by the Delhi government for Phase II of its conservation works.

The QR codes will allow visitors to learn more about the heritage structures.



The structures will be given a facelift while maintaining a balance between historical and modern architectural designs, said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

tural character of the buildings.

Mr. Sisodia said the first phase of the redevelopment project is focussed on decongesting the area and landscaping to im-

prove the shopping experience for the visitors.

"Now the government will focus on reviving the architecture of the historical buildings and shops in the area. This will enhance

the look of Chandni Chowk and provide a unique experience to the visitors," he said.

The Deputy Chief Minister added that the redevelopment will be done by maintaining a balance between historical and modern architectural designs. "The project includes conservation of heritage structures as per original material and construction techniques, structural retrofitting, restoration and unification of facade of heritage structures, colour and signage scheme for shops, lighting and facade illumination of shops and buildings," he said.

Apart from this, the government is also planning to revamp the roads in the Shahjahanabad area.

Ex-MLA held for threat to blow up Parliament

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A former Samajwadi Party MLA, Kishore Samrite, was arrested by Delhi Police's Crime Branch on Monday following his threat to blow up Parliament over his "unfulfilled demands", the police said.

The former MLA was arrested from Bhopal in connection with a case registered against him at the Parliament Street police station, where he had sent gelatin sticks and his threat letter, a senior police officer said.

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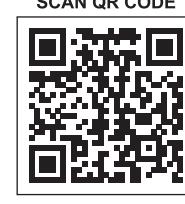
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GOING BEYOND CURRICULUM

Sanjeevani - Embracing Life, Business for Charity Enterprise of M L Khanna DAV Public School, Dwarka, organised a celebration event that witnessed exchange of entrepreneurial ideas and strategies among the students, with participation from twenty schools. A marketplace was put up to showcase products and business ideas, and a workshop area to display the ways of designing eco-friendly alternatives. Principal Ms. Monika Mehan was felicitated for being conferred upon The Head Teacher of The Year Award. Chief guest, Christophe Walder, Digital Products Manager, TeachA Man to Fish, lauded the efforts of the school in spearheading this initiative. Lead Teacher Ms. Divya Sharma delivered the vote of thanks.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Students of The Modern School, Faridabad, went on a four-day outreach program at Hindu College, Delhi University to enhance their scientific skills. They learnt Botany and Zoology on the first two days and performed exciting experiments in the Zoology Lab. Third day was about learning the concepts of Optics and Electricity. On the final day, students were taught and trained about Green Chemistry and Nano-Chemistry. Overall, it was a great experience for the students.



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4-7	IIT Roorkee	701-800
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Indian documentary wins award at Toronto film festival

Award-winning filmmaker Vinay Shukla's feature length documentary, *While We Watched*, has won the Amplify Voices Award at the Toronto International Film Festival. Titled *Namaskar! Main Ravish Kumar*, the "turbulent newsroom drama" chronicles the working days of broadcast journalist Ravish Kumar, as he "navigates a spiraling world of truth and disinformation".

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and

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Temple donation to CM's fund philanthropic, says SC

A three-judge Bench was hearing a case on the Guruvayur temple contributing a sum of ₹5 crore to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund after the devastating 2018 floods in Kerala

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday orally observed that ₹5 crore contributed by the Guruvayur Temple to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund (CMDRF) soon after the devastating 2018 floods in Kerala may be by nature an "essentially philanthropic" act.

A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice U.U. Lalit observed this while ordering parties to maintain "status quo until further consideration" in the case.

The temple had appealed against a Kerala High Court decision which declared the temple man-



Tough times: A photo taken during the 2018 floods shows a man moving to a safer place with his dog in a country boat at Kuttanad.

agement's contribution as illegal on the ground that the money was the deity's property and was sourced from the contributions deposited by the worshippers in the temple hundi.

"Is the temple not run-

ning a hospital for all who come for treatment... It is after all a Lord Krishna temple. Have you not heard of 'Vasudeiva Kutumbakam' (The world is one family)," Justice S. Ravindra Bhat asked the caveators, who were petitioners in the High Court.

The HC had found the contribution "bad in law" in a judgment in 2020.

Senior advocate Aryama Sundaram, for the temple management, said everyone had contributed to Kerala's flood relief efforts at the time. "Even judges and lawyers had contributed to help," Mr. Sundaram submitted.

'Bad in law'
Chief Justice Lalit orally asked that while contributions from worshippers were usually used to upgrade the infrastructure and facilities in the temple, it was right to say that the temple should restrict its benevolence to only those who enter its premises.

The HC had found the contribu-

Rahul Gandhi says Centre is doing little for common man

The Hindu Bureau
ALAPPUZHA

ing class, including fishermen, Mr. Gandhi said the common man was deprived of government assistance and subsidies.

"The Union government is not giving subsidies to labourers. But at the same time, they are providing all help to a few wealthy business people close to the government. Everyone should think about where the subsidy is going. Not only fishers, but workers in the cashew, coir and other sectors are also facing uncertain times. The government has reduced itself to a body creating opportunities for the rich," he said.

"The government is not interested in providing quality education and jobs to the children of the common people," said Mr. Gandhi.

Historians have always been Delhi-centric, says Karan Singh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Historians have always been Delhi-centric or colonial-centric. They have always talked more about disasters than victories," said former Rajya Sabha MP Karan Singh at the launch of the book *Gajapati: A King Without a Kingdom* by Ashok Kumar Bal.

"History needs to be rewritten from a genuine point of view. It needs a new, positive perspective," Mr. Singh said. The book is a literary ode to the kings of the Gajapati dynasty and their duality as rulers and

SC seeks response from A.P., Telangana, Centre on plea to have more Assembly seats

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday decided to examine a petition filed by Professor K. Purushottam Reddy seeking a direction to the Centre to enhance the number of Assembly seats in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Notice issued
A Bench of Justices K.M. Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy issued notice on Mr. Reddy's writ petition to implement a specific provision in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act of 2014 to increase the number of Assembly seats in Telangana from 119 to 153 and in Andhra Pradesh from 175 to 225.

The court has sought a response on the plea from the Union, govern-

ment of the delimitation (in J&K) in pursuance to the notifications of March 2020 and 2021 and February 21, 2022."

It had sought the Un-

ion's response.

The Jammu and Kash-

mir case is scheduled for September 29.

Mr. Reddy's case is like-

ly to come up along with it before Justice Kaul's Bench on the same day.

Strong push

In the past, the Centre has reportedly denied any move to increase the Assembly seats in the two Telugu States.

There has been a strong push to implement Section 26(I) of the 2014 Act, subject to Article 170 of the Constitution, to increase the Assembly seats of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

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Knowing the killer

SC has done well to seek norms to present mitigating factors for death

Sentencing after conviction is a knotty problem in cases relating to capital offences. Trial judges are called upon to make a decision on whether only a death sentence will meet the ends of justice, or a life term will be enough. As a salutary norm, the Supreme Court has laid down that the death penalty can be imposed only in the "rarest of rare" cases. Subsequent judgments have sought to buttress this principle by holding that the gruesome nature of the offence may not be the sole criterion to decide what brings it under the 'rarest of rare' category. The offender, his socio-economic background and his state of mind are also key factors in this regard. In practice, the sentencing part of the trial takes place after the court records a conviction. It is often done on the same day as the verdict, with only some limited arguments being heard on 'mitigating circumstances' from the convict's side and on the 'aggravating circumstances' from the prosecution. The latest order of a three-judge Bench, referring to a Constitution Bench the issue of granting a meaningful opportunity to convicts on the question of sentence, is a big stride in humanising the sentencing process.

Same-day sentencing has been upheld by several judgments, with the Supreme Court often saying where a meaningful opportunity has been given to the convict to present mitigating factors, the mere fact that death was awarded on the same day would not vitiate the sentence. Some High Courts have given a chance to convicts to present mitigating factors so that the inadequacy of the sentencing process in the trial court does not matter. Present thinking, however, is veering towards the view that courts must elicit reports from the jail authorities, probation officers and even trained psychologists to assess the mitigating factors in favour of not imposing the death penalty. In its referral order, the Bench has also raised the question as to the stage at which mitigating factors are to be presented. It has noted that the scales are tilted against the convicts now, as it is only after conviction that they are able to speak about mitigating circumstances. The prosecution, on the other hand, presents its case from the beginning on how heinous the crime was, and how much the accused deserved maximum punishment. The Constitution Bench may come up with new guidelines under which the trial courts themselves can hold a comprehensive investigation into factors related to the upbringing, education and socio-economic conditions of an offender before deciding the punishment. The legal and moral dilemma of sending someone to the gallows, of course, will subsist only as long as the death penalty remains on the statute book.

The best of four

Punia confirmed his superstar status in Indian wrestling with his fourth medal

Bajrang Punia, one of the most decorated Indian wrestlers, collected an unprecedented fourth World championships medal, a bronze in Belgrade. He reiterated his superstar status in the challenging 65kg weight category. Punia had claimed a bronze in 60kg as his first Worlds medal in 2013 and took five more years to land his second, a silver in 65kg. Since Uday Chand opened the country's account in the World championships in 1961, no Indian had secured two medals. After Punia, Vinesh Phogat became the second from the country to do so this year. Punia grew in stature when he bagged a third Worlds medal, another bronze, in 2019 and defied a knee injury to claim an Olympics bronze in Tokyo last year. His latest feat, which was achieved in spite of an impediment, was similar to his performance in the Olympics. It spoke about the champion wrestler's ability to overcome odds. After struggling with injuries that resulted in his indifferent form in the last one year, he displayed grit to get back to his usual attacking game. This year he took his second consecutive Commonwealth Games title, but needed to reassure himself by securing an eye-catching result on a bigger platform. However, his journey in the Belgrade World championships was hindered early as he picked up a head injury in his first fight in the pre-quarterfinals. He lost to Yianni (John) Diakomihalis in the quarterfinals but got a lifeline when the American entered the final.

Even though a bandage around his head affected Punia's focus, the 28-year-old held his nerve and fought his heart out to erase massive deficits in repechage and bronze medal contests. His spectacular bronze medal bout, in which he came back from 0-6 to record a narrow win over Pan-American silver medallist Sebastian Rivera of Puerto Rico, will rank high among the all-time sensational fights put up by an Indian wrestler at the elite level. The performance at Belgrade is a testament of his adaptability, consistency and longevity, and should serve as a confidence-booster in the run-up to his Asian Games title defence next year and his quest for an Olympic gold in 2024. Punia relied on his exemplary discipline, hard work and endurance to graduate from being a junior sparring partner of Olympic medallist Yogeshwar Dutt at Delhi's Chhatrasal Stadium to become a world beater. Now he needs to work on his vulnerable leg defence and slower attacking moves to prepare for the bigger tests ahead. Besides, the 28-year-old would do a world of good to himself by participating in select competitions and preserving his energy for the major events.

The hijab case and the essential practices doctrine

A two-judge Bench of the Supreme Court of India is presently hearing arguments on the correctness of a Karnataka High Court judgment that upheld the ban on the use of the hijab by students in Karnataka. Over the last few days, counsel for the petitioners has addressed a bundle of different issues, ranging from the rights of students to freedom of expression, conscience, and religion to the disparate impact that the ban has had on the right to education of Muslim women.

In theory, the issues emanating out of these submissions ought to be capable of easy resolution, through an application of ordinary doctrines of constitutional law. But, as transcripts from the hearings have shown us, every time an argument over religious freedom in India is made, it invariably mires itself in the court-crafted doctrine of essential practice. This requires judges to engage not merely in legal analysis but also in theological study – something an education in the law scarcely equips one to perform.

Possible actions by the Bench

The Karnataka High Court made three primary findings in its judgment. First, it held that the use of a hijab is not essential to the practice of Islam. Thus, the right to freedom of religion was not violated. Second, it ruled that there exists no substantive right to freedom of expression or privacy inside a classroom and, therefore, these rights were simply not at stake here. Third, it held that the ban did not stem directly out of the government's order, which only called for a uniform dress code to be prescribed by the State or school management committees, and, hence, the law did not discriminate, either directly or indirectly, against Muslim students.

To decide on the correctness of this verdict, the Supreme Court need not answer all the questions posed before it. A reversal of any of the three findings made by the High Court ought to result in a nullification of the ban. If the



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petitioners can establish that the law's seemingly neutral language does not negate the ringfencing of most forms of expression against the singling out of the hijab, and for that reason if they can show that Muslim women have been discriminated against, the Bench must reverse the High Court's judgment. Similarly, if the petitioners can establish that there is nothing to suggest that there exists no right to freedom of expression within the confines of an educational institution, then the onus shifts to the State to show that the ban is proportionate and legitimate. That analysis was never conducted by the High Court because in its belief, classrooms are "qualified public spaces" where individual rights must give way to the interests of "general discipline and decorum".

The Supreme Court should be able to decide these questions based on settled canons of constitutional law. And if the Bench were to find that the Karnataka High Court erred in deciding either of these issues against the petitioners – and there is substantial merit here to the petitioners' arguments – perhaps it might be keen on ignoring altogether the question of whether the ban impinges on the right to freedom of religion. For that analysis, on the law as it stands today, requires it to engage in a study of scriptures and conventions, and to then determine how indispensable the practice is to faith.

As a kind of inquiry

The essential practices doctrine owes its existence to a speech made by B.R. Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly. "The religious conceptions in this country are so vast that they cover every aspect of life, from birth to death," he said. "...I do not think it is possible to accept a position of that sort... we ought to strive hereafter to limit the definition of religion in such a manner that we shall not extend beyond beliefs and such rituals as may be connected with ceremonies which are essentially religious. It is not necessary that... laws relating to tenancy or laws relating to succession, should be governed by religion."

Ambedkar was striving to distinguish the religious from the secular, by arguing that the state should be allowed to intervene in matters that are connected to religion but are not intrinsically religious.

Indeed, it was in this vein that the Supreme Court, in the case concerning the *Shirur Mutt* (1954), held that to determine what constituted an 'essential' aspect of religion, the Court ought to look towards the religion concerned, and to what its adherents believed was demanded by their faith. But since then, the Court has, with a view to determining the kinds of circumstances in which the state could legitimately intervene, transformed this doctrine into an altogether different form of inquiry.

In a series of cases, the Court has assumed something akin to an ecclesiastical power and

determined whether a practice which was religious in nature was also "essential" to that religion. The upshot is a conflation of tests through which the Court is now deciding not only when the state could lawfully interfere in the interests of social welfare and reform, but also which practices are deserving of constitutional protection in the first place.

The effects

The embedding of this test in the Court's jurisprudence has achieved at least two things, neither of which is particularly desirable. First, it has allowed the Court to narrow the extent of safeguards available to religious customs by directly impinging on the autonomy of groups to decide for themselves what they deem valuable, violating, in the process, their right to ethical independence.

Second, it has also negated legislation that might otherwise enhance the cause of social justice by holding that such laws cannot under any circumstances encroach on matters integral to the practice of a religion. For example, in 1962, the Court struck down Bombay law that prohibited excommunications made by the Dai of the Dawoodi Bohra community when it held that the power to excommunicate is an essential facet of faith and that any measure aimed at social welfare cannot reform a religion out of its existence.

The essential practices test is not without alternatives. In his concurring opinion, in the case concerning the ban on entry of women into the Sabarimala temple, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud proposed one such doctrine: a principle of anti-exclusion. Its application would require the Court to presume that a practice asserted by a religious group is, in fact, essential to the proponents of its faith. But regardless of such grounding, the Constitution will not offer protection to the practice if it excludes people on grounds of caste, gender, or other discriminatory criteria. As Justice Chandrachud put it, "the anti-exclusion principle allows for due deference to the ability of a religion to determine its own religious tenets and doctrines. At the same time, the anti-exclusion principle postulates that where a religious practice causes the exclusion of individuals in a manner which impairs their dignity or hampers their access to basic goods, the freedom of religion must give way to the over-arching values of a liberal constitution".

But until such time as the essential practices doctrine is overruled by a Bench of more than seven judges, the Court is bound to apply its tenets. Perhaps that reassessment will happen when a nine-judge Bench constituted in the review petitions filed against the judgment in the Sabarimala case passes judgment. For now, any Court hearing a matter touching upon a matter of faith has the unenviable task of acting not merely as an expert on law but also as an expert on religion.



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It is the people of Pakistan who are suffering

A humanitarian act can also be part of smart diplomacy, and India ought to make a distinction between the government and the people

Pakistan is facing a severe crisis that is unprecedented. A third of its territory is under water, the death toll has crossed 1,400, and over 33 million people are suffering from the disruption caused by the flood. Two million acres of farmland are under water; 5,735 kilometres of transport links, and 1.6 million houses have been washed away, while 7,500,000 heads of livestock have been lost. According to the World Health Organization, 6.4 million people need support, while 16 million children are in distress with 3.4 million of them needing 'life-saving' support, according to UNICEF. Water-borne diseases are spreading. The crisis, in retrospect, began on June 14, 2022. Sind and Balochistan experienced 784% and 500% more rain, respectively, according to Sherry Rehman, Minister of Climate Change. The Pakistani government failed to act promptly, and political leaders have not bothered to call for a ceasefire to their quarrels that prevent the government and society from giving their undivided attention to the catastrophe.

On August 26, 2022, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif cut short his visit to Qatar and met with international organisations and a few governments including those of China, the United States and the United Kingdom. An amount of \$500 million was pledged, with the World Bank giving \$350 million and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), \$110 million.

India's response

The obvious question is about what India has done and should have done. On August 29, 2022 Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: 'Saddened to see the devastation caused by the floods in Pakistan. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, the injured and all those affected by this natural calamity and hope for an early restoration of



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normalcy.'

The Indian media has reported that the matter of sending aid to Pakistan has been under discussion and that Pakistan has not asked for help so far. The day Mr. Modi tweeted, Miftah Ismail, the Finance Minister of Pakistan, told the media that the government was thinking of re-opening road traffic with India. Till now, Pakistan has not declared its decision in the matter.

Dealing with Pakistan

Pakistan often finds it difficult to formulate a policy on relations with India based on enlightened self-interest. The closure of road traffic following the change in the status of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019 was unnecessary posturing by Pakistan. How does it help the consumer in Pakistan to receive goods from India via Dubai? Was there any reason to hold that by closing the road India would reverse its decision? The Pakistan military that derives its immense political clout by inventing military threat from India will obviously oppose accepting aid from India. Even when there is a civilian government, the military has a major say on relations with India. It should be self-evident that a humanitarian act *per se* does not require any justification. Unfortunately, when it comes to Pakistan, India finds it difficult at times to do what is obviously right.

In private discussions, not many in Delhi are for sending aid to India's neighbour. The reasons vary. Some say that in 2010, when India offered help, Pakistan 'humiliated' us by insisting on routing it through the United Nations. Others say that India should wait for Pakistan to make a request.

Neither argument stands scrutiny. Why should we bear the baggage of 2010? Pakistan acted in a ridiculous manner then. Is it not equally ridiculous to let that act of Pakistan prevent us from doing what is right? When it comes to a humanitarian act, there is no need to wait for

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someone to beg. In any case, we should make a distinction between the government and the people of Pakistan. It is the people who are suffering.

The 17th century French philosopher, Blaise Pascal, conducted an interesting and intriguing thought experiment when he said: Cleopatra's nose, had it been shorter, the whole face of the world would have been changed.

Imagine a thought experiment: On August 27, 2022 when Ms. Sherry Rehman said that 30 million people had been affected, India announced its readiness to send 5,000 tons of vegetables, including tomatoes and onions, and medicines by road to Pakistan. Additionally, it was prepared to send a medical mission for children in distress. More aid could have been sent by sea to Karachi. India has through diplomatic channels even asked Pakistan to send a team to discuss the modalities.

Act quickly

Let us look at two possible scenarios: first, the Pakistan government rejects India's offer and finds itself in trouble with the people as the price of tomatoes (Pakistan rupee 500 per kilo), and onions (Pakistan rupee 400 per kilo) shoots up. Second, Pakistan accepts the offer, and the WFP, the World Bank, and other donors source relief material from India for obvious reasons to do with logistics. The Pakistan government has estimated that \$30 billion is needed for relief and rehabilitation. A good part of the material could be sourced from India. In conclusion, India should act without further delay. The United Nations Secretary General is likely to convene a conference of donors on assistance to Pakistan. India would find it awkward not to take part and it would be better for it to announce assistance before this. It is obvious that a humanitarian act can also be part of smart diplomacy. India as the major regional power in South Asia should act as one, able and willing to discharge its responsibilities as promptly as humanly possible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A familiar tune

The chorus within some units of the Congress party to have Rahul Gandhi as the president (Page 1, "Two more PCCs seek Rahul's return", September 19) is a familiar tune 'ingrained in the

Congress's party genes'. This drama, most certainly under the exhortation of the high command, is expected as without the Nehru dynasty glue the survival of the Congress is doubtful. The party may make temporary

gains but is sure to lose in the long run. Duggaraju Srinivasa Rao, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Swanson

Roger Federer's sudden decision to retire from

professional tennis has left his countless fans devastated. They will miss the iconic, and arguably the greatest, tennis player of all time. With his impeccable technique, inimitable grace and natural humility, he cemented his

place in the game of tennis. He also used this larger-than-life image to further sport. He was a committed philanthropist too. Sujay B.M., Bengaluru



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From Lodha to Ramana: the Chief Justices of the Modi era

In its most essential form, the Indian Supreme Court is the custodian of the Constitution of India. In this role, its primary responsibility is to ensure that the fundamental rights of citizens guaranteed under the Constitution are not diluted, eroded, or otherwise impinged upon by the state. It might have begun its existence as a passive court, but over the decades, it has become what I believe to be the most powerful court among its peers in the world.

This superior status manifests itself in at least three ways. Firstly, through its decision in *Keshavanda Bharati*, the Court assumed the power of judicial review over constitutional amendments. Secondly, through multiple decisions, it assumed the power of judicial appointments to itself and High Courts. And thirdly, it expanded the fundamental right to life and liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution through guaranteeing citizens unique and wide ranging protections, and ensuring the right to approach courts through public interest litigation.

At its helm sits the Chief Justice of India, or the CJI. The duties and responsibilities that come with the office of the CJI are unmatched by any other role in the country. In theory, at least, the CJI must exhibit judicial and administrative talent of an unusually high order. A sample of the responsibilities of the office include selecting judges for appointment to the higher judiciary, deciding the number and composition of benches to adjudicate on different kinds of cases, besides performing normal judicial duties. As George H. Gadbois puts it, the Chief Justice should be 'a competent administrator, a shrewd judge of men and personalities, and a towering personality himself'.

But, by dint of circumstance, and to some degree by choice, the Indian judiciary evolved to follow the seniority convention in appointing the Chief Justice of India. As a result, while the persons who eventually become Chief Justice may not have been appointed for exhibiting certain qualities, they are compelled to develop these skills on the job, and some have done so with aplomb, e.g., Justice Subba Rao, Justice Venkatachaliah, and Justice J.S. Verma. However, an unfortunate fallout of the seniority convention is that Chief Justices tend to have very short tenures in office. Over 75 years, the Indian Supreme Court has already had 49 Chief Justices. Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, in the 1980s, had an exceptionally long tenure of over seven years, while at the other extreme, Justice K.N. Singh occupied the office for a mere 17 days.

Three periods

This large number of Chief Justices provides for an interesting data set to study the evolution of the office, and the relationship of the judiciary with the executive, which can be roughly classified into the following eras. From 1950 to 1971, the Chief Justice had complete authority over judicial appointments, and the recommendation of the Chief Justice would always be followed, even to the extent of powers of a veto.

Between 1971 and 1993, strong single party governments occupied the Centre, and the executive insisted on appointing 'committed judges' to the Supreme Court, in a clear attempt at court packing. Multiple supersessions took place, with the executive exercising prerogative in appointing Chief Justices, and the seniority convention was openly flouted. The shocker came with the decision in the first judges' case in 1981 (*SP Gupta*), where it was held that the opinion of the Chief Justice of India would not be binding on the government.

With the second judge's case in 1993, and around when Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah took over as the CJI, the trend reversed and the judiciary practically wrested the power of appointments back from the executive. Judicial primacy and the collegium's creation happened in this period, and while the collegium has since acquired considerable notoriety for being arbitrary and undemocratic, it still occupies the field today.

When we examine the evolution of the Indian Supreme Court, it is a classic example of a constant shifting and rebalancing of power between the judiciary and the executive. When the executive was powerful, the judiciary practically succumbed to the executive's control. However, when relatively weaker coalition governments were elected, the judiciary restored powers to itself.

This rebalancing is playing out again now. Since 2014, the executive is once again a single party majority under the Narendra Modi-led BJP government. Consequently, the judiciary's powers are weaker than before, and the executive is back in control. We see a



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In the face of a strong executive, the Supreme Court will have to live up to its function of being the Constitution's true custodian



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rise in autocratic tendencies of the executive, through the slow destruction of democratic institutions, the misuse of investigating agencies, communal polarisation, and a gradual chipping away at constitutional protections available to citizens, all of which a weak judiciary is unable or disinclined to tackle.

From 2014 to 2022, the eight years the Modi government has been in power, eight individuals have occupied the office of the CJI, from Justice R.M. Lodha as the 41st Chief Justice to Justice N.V. Ramana as the 48th. This article attempts to examine how their tenures have contributed to the evolution of the Court and the office of the CJI.

The CJIs of the Modi era

Immediately before the Modi government first came to power in 2014, the CJI was Justice P. Sathasivam, who, rather unfortunately, chose to accept the Governorship of Kerala almost immediately after he demitted office. This unusual and arguably irregular appointment was made without an appropriate cooling period, and went against the BJP government's own policy, with Arun Jaitley having openly proclaimed that giving jobs to judges upon retirement would help governments influence courts. This also set a dangerous precedent for future judges, that is seen even today.

What might have been perceived as a gauntlet thrown into the ring by the executive did not deter Justice Sathasivam's successor, Justice R.M. Lodha, from making bold and unconventional decisions of his own. Most notably, he revived the dormant trend of direct appointments from the Bar to the Bench in the Supreme Court, a practice which was permitted under the Constitution, but seldom attempted. His recommendations were mostly successful, but one was famously not, with the appointment of Gopal Subramaniam being refused by the government. This could have been the Modi government's first confrontation with the judiciary, and Justice Lodha even later said that he was open to pursuing Mr. Subramaniam's appointment, but the lawyer himself withdrew his candidature, due to which confrontation was sidestepped. Justice Lodha became a household name for his report on reforms in the Board of Control for Cricket in India. Ironically his report was subsequently completely diluted by the very Court that had appointed the committee to recommend reforms in the first place.

It was under Justice H.L. Dattu, who followed Justice Lodha as CJI, that the first major confrontation between the executive and the judiciary took place. The fourth judge's case, concerning the validity of the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act, had been referred to a five judge Bench, and heated arguments ensued. The judiciary stood its ground and eventually emerged victorious, and the NJAC Act, an undoubtedly flawed legislation, was struck down. While the collegium is an arbitrary, secretive and undemocratic process of judicial appointment, and communication and transparency in its operations are more than desirable, the design of the NJAC as proposed was not the appropriate solution. However, the Supreme Court could have fixed the flaws in the NJAC Act, perhaps by reading down the provisions to address its shortcomings, but chose not to do so.

After the NJAC judgment, matters were still not settled, and the memorandum of procedure for appointments to the higher judiciary became the centrepiece of the dispute between the executive and the judiciary. The tension continued when Justice T.S. Thakur took over as the CJI. He was the last CJI in the Modi era to have shown some spine in matters of judicial administration and appointments. Besides vociferously highlighting the

plight of the overburdened Indian judiciary, in one instance even shedding tears in the Prime Minister's presence, Justice Thakur assiduously worked at mechanisms of filling up of vacancies, authoring an important judgment in this regard. He set the National Judicial Data Grid rolling, which today connects all levels of the judicial system and provides a surfeit of information to litigants.

But his reform efforts took a controversial turn when he attempted about 20 transfers of judges across High Courts. He was not the first judge to attempt such large-scale transfers; Justice Venkatachaliah and Justice S.H. Kapadia had tried this too, but their motivations for the transfers were not always unambiguous, and their experiments arguably failed, with many transferred judges being repatriated. Legal scholars and even former judges have lamented that such transfers are akin to treating judges like civil servants, and are a grave threat to the independence and overall integrity of the judiciary. Some of Justice Thakur's transfer orders were evidently bad calls, and were reversed soon enough.

Unfortunately, transfers continue till date, many being arbitrary and unjustified, and following no documented policy. Notwithstanding his swipes at controversy, Justice Thakur was also the last Chief Justice to really stand up to the government. Up until here, the Supreme Court had stood its ground while confronting the executive. After this, things changed completely.

India's first CJI from the Sikh community, Justice J.S. Khehar, had a short tenure of less than eight months, in which he was party to many landmark judgments, including the Right to Privacy and Triple Talaq judgments. Justice Khehar's term also revived debates on the lack of transparency and fairness in managing the roster in the Supreme Court, an issue that spanned the tenures of multiple CJIs thereafter.

Certain unproven allegations in a suicide note by Kalikho Pul, a former Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, directed at multiple judges, including Justice Khehar himself, came to the Court's attention. Without dwelling on the veracity of the allegations, the procedure Justice Khehar followed was without precedent and also without propriety. The Supreme Court, in its own decision in *Veeravalli*, had said that criminal proceedings against someone in the higher judiciary could only be initiated in consultation with the CJI. Further, if allegations were made against the CJI directly, permission may have to be sought from other Supreme Court judges. Mr. Pul's wife wrote to Justice Khehar seeking permission to file an FIR against the judges mentioned in the note. Despite being named himself, the CJI, of his own accord, flouting all concerns of conflict of interest, chose to list the letter as a writ petition (converting an administrative question into a judicial one). Critically, this demonstrated a complete disregard of basic principles of natural justice, and set an example for others to follow.

The other controversial development during Justice Khehar's tenure was the conviction and subsequent imprisonment of a High Court judge, Justice C.S. Karnan, for contempt of court. Besides criticising the Court's exercise of its disciplinary powers and contempt jurisdiction, many also deemed the decision unconstitutional for overlooking Parliament's exclusive privilege to remove a member of the higher judiciary in an act. The root problem of judicial appointments was ignored, as also the question of how certain judges could enter the higher judiciary without adequate scrutiny.

The next CJI was Justice Dipak Misra, whose tenure is remembered for the unprecedented press conference held

by his four fellow judges, condemning the CJI's internal administrative decisions, specifically that court conventions of bench strength and bench composition in the allocation of cases were not being followed, and that the CJI had selectively assigned, without any rational basis, important cases to preferential benches. The trigger was the Brigopal Harkishan Loya case, the conspiracy theories surrounding his death, and the decision to allocate the matter to a certain Bench contrary to roster and convention.

The issue of the master of roster and conflict of interest also emerged. A Bench led by Justice Misra was hearing a murky CBI case pertaining to bribery around admissions in a debarred medical college, which also involved allegations of attempts to bribe sitting High Court and Supreme Court judges. Separate petitions sought a court-regulated investigation in this case, with a request to list this matter before a Bench other than the CJI's Bench, for reasons of conflict of interest.

Instead of sitting out the case, as propriety and common sense would have demanded, Justice Misra chose to hear these petitions himself, even adjudicating on the scope of the powers of the CJI himself. Ultimately, after lots of twists and turns, the petitions were dismissed with heavy fines, but the debate around conflict of interest within the judiciary was only getting more acrimonious.

He was also the first CJI against whom an impeachment motion was proceeded against, although it was eventually quashed by the Rajya Sabha. Despite these controversies, Justice Misra managed to set up the maximum number of constitutional benches as CJI and strove constantly to achieve a balance between adjudication and disposal.

The next CJI, Justice Ranjan Gogoi, also had a controversial tenure. He had been a party to the press conference earlier, and had famously also encouraged "noisy judges" to be more questioning of the system. However, the absolute disregard of conflict of interest took its most prominent turn in his tenure, when Justice Gogoi sat in the hearing (although he did not sign the order) of a sexual harassment complaint made by an employee of the Supreme Court against himself. All principles of natural justice were broken in handling this complaint. Besides the CJI himself constituting a committee for examining the charges, the committee report

exonerating the CJI was also not disclosed to the complainant, let alone the public at large. Her grievance was also about unfair dismissal and victimisation, which seems to have not been addressed by the committee. Much later, she was reinstated in service under the next CJI Bobde.

Justice Gogoi was also obsessed with secrecy, and routinely asked for information to be submitted to the court in 'sealed covers' (this has since been discontinued with Justice D.Y.

Chandrachud's order denouncing the practice.) This was employed in cases such as the Assam's National Register of Citizens (NRC) matter, the Rafale dispute, the electoral bonds issue, and so on. In the NRC case, in the manner in which the judiciary took over the executive's role, leaving the citizenship rights of millions under cloud, led commentators to term this as the rise of the 'executive court'. His treatment of *habeas corpus* petitions filed from Jammu & Kashmir in the wake of the abrogation of Article 370 prompted an eminent lawyer to say that the "Gogoi Court has, at reckless speed, run a coach-and-four through the centuries-old established law on *habeas corpus*." In his tenure, the practice of what some legal scholars describe as 'judicial evasion' also grew; the Supreme Court would avoid hearing certain cases altogether, especially those of utmost importance to the nation, such as the electoral bonds case, the Citizenship Amendment Act case, the abrogation of Article 370, etc., or would sit on such cases without passing any orders of consequence.

Justice Gogoi also accepted an appointment as a Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) soon after retirement, and fears expressed at the time of Justice Sathasivam's post retirement appointment resurfaced of increased executive and legislative interference in matters of the judiciary. Already, there was a growing deferential attitude in the judiciary towards the executive. Disturbingly, at about the same time, there was also a tendency towards sycophancy that started among Supreme Court judges, with Justice Arun Mishra and Justice M.R. Shah showering praises on the Prime Minister publicly. Justice Gogoi's Bench concluded the long-standing Ayodhya dispute, but there appears to be no end in sight to end communal strife, with Gyanvapi, and perhaps even Kashi and Mathura to follow.

Justice Gogoi was followed by Justice Sharad A. Bobde as CJI, who had the longest tenure in the Modi era, clocking in a little over one year and five months. While that gave an opportunity to boldly experiment with technology in the judiciary, it also led to greater subservience on the part of the judiciary towards the government. The practice of judicial evasion that began under Justice Gogoi continued in his term. This period also saw the Court give preferential treatment to certain matters, for example, in the bail matters of journalists Siddique Kappan versus Arnab Goswami.

CJI Bobde's Bench, in an unprecedented order, also stayed the controversial farm laws, and appointed a committee to examine the issue comprising individuals who had already publicly supported the laws themselves. Justice Bobde will also be remembered for his vocal displeasure of the use of Article 32 petitions as a means of approaching the court, as also attempting to take away the right to adjudicate on COVID cases from High Courts.

Despite these controversial decisions, Justice Bobde made an attempt at judicial reform by issuing guidelines on the appointment of ad-hoc judges to tackle judicial pendency. It is also notable that during his term, not a single appointment was made to the Supreme Court. Justice Bobde was reluctant to recommend Justice Akil Kureshi to the Supreme Court, a respected senior High Court Chief Justice, who had incidentally also issued an order against a high functionary of the government. On the other hand, Justice Nariman was insistent on recommending his name. This led to a standoff within the collegium, and speaks volumes about the so-called independence of the collegium.

The latest Chief Justice to have completed his term in office in this period is Justice N.V. Ramana. Justice Ramana has been the most publicly visible face of the Supreme Court in the modern era. Besides delivering speeches and engaging with the public at large across the country, Justice Ramana has also brought back some of the old glory of the Supreme Court. The institution seems to be the 'sentinel on the qui vive' once again. Public confidence in the judiciary has also improved with certain bail orders and stays (e.g., sedition), and the Pegasus inquiry.

That said, his tenure has also seen some judgments from his associate judges seriously undermining civil liberties. The decision on the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, which was in the same vein as the Court's earlier decision in the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (the *Watali* case), had the effect of virtually detaining people for an indefinite period, comparable only to the ADM *Jabalpur* case.

It is pertinent to note that Justice Ramana also filled up all posts in the Supreme Court and made a significantly large number of appointments in the higher judiciary, including appointing many women judges, in a direct move to improve the diversity in the system. Unfortunately, the practice of judicial evasion continued in Justice Ramana's term, and no constitutional Benches were formed, and neither were important matters taken up.

The future

The Supreme Court today is headed by the 49th Chief Justice of India, Justice U.U. Lalit, who will have a tenure of less than three months. Although it is too early to make any substantial remarks on his tenure, in the short time that he has been in office, Justice Lalit has already shown that the registry can be reformed through improving processes of filing and listing of cases. He has also taken initiatives in the formation of benches and certain initial orders that he has given, e.g., in the Kappan and Selvakumar cases, granting bail to individuals where the original indictment itself was without basis. All these developments hold promise for the judiciary, and there is hope that the Supreme Court will live up to its functions of being the true custodian of the Constitution and protector of fundamental rights that it was once meant to be.

In the coming decades, the Supreme Court will continue to face challenges from multiple fronts, particularly the executive. It will also have newer responsibilities of strengthening the Indian judiciary, especially the lower courts, which seem to have faltered in recent times in many respects. A dynamic and thoughtful leadership, supported by puise judges, should be able to ensure that these challenges and responsibilities are met appropriately. The Supreme Court of India, as also the office of the CJI, will continue to evolve, and hopefully, they will do so in the right direction.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The number of corruption complaints filed with Lokpal

1,719 The number of corruption complaints received by ombudsman Lokpal so far this year, of which 136 were registered for conducting inquiry, according to official data. A total of 1,635 graft complaints were pending. The government in 2020 notified the Lokpal (Complaint) Rules, which prescribed the format to file a complaint. PTI

Over 30,000 "illegal foreigners" deported as per Assam Accord

31,953 The number of "illegal foreigners" who have so far been deported from Assam based on the Assam Accord, the State Assembly was informed on Monday. Assam Accord Implementation Minister Atul Bora said 1,48,022 "illegal foreigners" have been detected in the State till August 31 this year. PTI

Vibrant start-up environment boosts scope of GeM in Kerala

1.17 In lakh, the number of sellers from Kerala who have registered on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal, while the State has procured products and services worth ₹962 crore since its inception, according to the Deputy CEO of GeM. He added that the State has great scope in the GeM due to its strong service sector and vibrant start-up ecosystem. PTI

High death toll at the Tajik-Kyrgyz border due to violent clashes

94 The number of people who were killed in clashes between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan this week, in the worst violence the countries have seen in years, while the international community called for peace. Clashes regularly erupt between the two former Soviet republics, as around half of their 970-kilometre (600-mile) border is still to be demarcated. AFP

CO2 emissions possible with remaining fossil fuels

3.5 In trillion tonnes, the amount of greenhouse gas to be emitted if the world's remaining fossil fuel reserves are burnt, according to the first public inventory of hydrocarbons. The UN estimates that the Earth's remaining carbon budget (the pollution we can add to the atmosphere before the 1.5°C goal) to be around 360 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent. AFP

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Scandinavian social democracy

The Nordic model of social democracy offers lessons to the developing world, including countries like India despite the myriad complexities of diversities

Srinivasan Ramani

WORLD INSIGHT

In elections held in Sweden recently, while the Social Democrats returned as the single largest party according to preliminary results, a fractured mandate left it with only 107 of the 349-seat strong Riksdag (Swedish legislature) and 30.33% of the vote share. This meant that the coalition that the Social Democrats were part of, which included the Centre Party, the Left Party and the Green Party, were left with 173 seats, as opposed to the right-wing coalition led by the Moderate Party, which bagged 176 seats. The Moderate Party itself won only 68 seats, two lower than its previous tally in 2018, but the major gains among the Right was made by the far-right Sweden Democrats who won 73 seats and 20.54% of the votes, according to preliminary tallies.

Incumbent Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson of the Social Democrats conceded defeat and resigned, even as Moderate leader Ulf Kristersson is expected to form the government with other right-wing parties offering support.

A threat to the Nordic model

The rise of the Sweden Democrats (SD), a party with origins in the neo-Nazi movement in the country, to the mainstream of the Swedish polity has much to do with the centring of the discourse over immigration in the country. Several voters have expressed their concerns with rising immigrant violence and control of crime. The SD has taken a strident position against immigrants – Sweden played a major role in allowing refugees fleeing the Syrian, Iraq and Afghanistan wars to seek asylum in the 2010s – by promising to make it extremely difficult for asylum seekers to enter the country. But does the rise of the polarising presence of the SD – which is not expected to be part of the new right-wing government but could lend issue-based support to it – threaten the political and social consensus driven Nordic model as it is called in Sweden and other Scandinavian countries? To answer that question, we need to understand what is meant by the Nordic model, or if U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders' version is accepted, "democratic socialism".

Socialism and social democracy

Terming the political-economic system in the Scandinavian countries, despite its strong welfare basis and emphasis on collective bargaining as "socialist" would be a misnomer. For one, the term "socialism" is associated with the regimes of the erstwhile Communist bloc, which had a heavy preponderance of the state in not just the ownership of the major means of production but also in political life with a one-party system drawing its ideological basis for rule on behalf of the working class.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, new socialist regimes in recent years have sought to distance themselves from the one-party model in the so-called "second world", instead focusing on retaining the functioning of market economies, while emphasising redistribution of wealth and a greater preponderance for the state in this process. The regimes in Latin America led by ruling parties in Venezuela, Bolivia and recently in Chile, can be termed "democratic socialist" – seeking to achieve socialist goals of redistribution and restructuring of formal democratic and liberal institutions in vastly unequal and elite driven systems.

In the Scandinavian countries, on the other hand, the systems are more akin to typical "social democracies" – reliance on representative and participatory demo-



People's mandate: The counting of the last votes in the municipality of Stockholm on September 14. AFP

catic institutions where separation of powers is ensured; a comprehensive social welfare schema with emphasis on publicly provided social services and investment in child care, education and research among others, that are funded by progressive taxation; presence of strong labour market institutions with active labour unions and employer associations which allow for significant collective bargaining, wage negotiations and coordination besides an active role in governance and policy. All these countries also follow a capitalist model of development, allowing for entrepreneurship and funding of welfare policies through a large degree of wage taxation in relation to corporate taxes.

The commonalities in the Scandinavian countries – Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland – on many of these counts are measurable. For example, among countries in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (featuring most high-income countries in the world), Iceland (90.7% of the workforce), Denmark (67%), Sweden (65.2%), Finland (58.8%) and Norway (50.4%) have the highest proportion of the workforce belonging to trade unions (data as of 2019). Education is free in all the Nordic States; health care is free in Denmark and Finland and partially free in Norway, Sweden and Iceland; workers get several benefits – from unemployment insurance to old age pensions, besides effective child care. Therefore, labour participation rates in these countries are among the highest in the world (even among women). The five Nordic nations rank in the top 10

among OECD countries in government expenditure on health and education if calculated as percentage of GDP.

The countries have undertaken a series of steps in deregulation of industry and privatisation of some public services since the heydays of the Keynesian era till the 1970s but they retain the emphasis on welfare, taxation and investment compared to the rest of the world and Europe in particular. This has helped these countries achieve significant outcomes – high levels of international trade and participation in globalisation, economic progress, low levels of inequality and high living standards. In the most recent UNDP report, Norway ranked second among countries in the Human Development Index (0.961), Iceland stands at fourth (0.959) Denmark at sixth (0.948), Sweden at seventh (0.947) and Finland at 11 (0.940). The Nordic countries ranked the highest in various indices on press freedom across the world and in indices measuring gender equality. They were placed among the top 20 countries in GDP per capita (PPP, \$) according to the World Bank's recent data.

Key features

One key reason for the thriving social democratic model in the Nordic countries has been their relatively smaller and more homogenous populations enabling focused governance. The "corporatist" model of involving interests of both capital and labour, mediated by the government at many levels, has allowed these countries to transition from agrarian to industrial to post-industrial (in some cases) and

knowledge/service economies relatively smoothly. The tripartite consensus approach has also emphasised social policies "that facilitate expansion of modern production, and thus more and better paid jobs", as a book by Olle Tornquist and John Harris lays out.

The other commonality is the political presence of the Social Democratic Parties in these countries. Norway is ruled by the social democratic Labour Party in coalition with the agrarian Centre Party; Denmark is ruled by the Social Democrats who are supported by the Red-Green Alliance, the Socialist Peoples' Party and the Social Liberal Party; Finland's government is led by the Social Democratic Party in coalition with the Centre Party, the Green League, the Left Alliance and the Swedish People's Party and Iceland is ruled by a coalition led by the Left-Green Movement, which overtook the opposition's Social Democratic Alliance as the leading left force in the country. These social democratic parties consolidated support by mitigating the effect of the global economic crisis in the 1930s. In contrast to other social democratic parties in Europe who faltered against the Nazis in Germany for example, the Scandinavian social democrats "fortified democracy, entered into broad alliances with agrarian parties based on favourable agricultural prices and universal social security... gave less priority to issues of ownership [than] to economic expansion, more jobs and increasing tax incomes....[This lead to] equal citizenship rights and pragmatic class compromises", say Tornquist et al.

While social democratic parties today no longer enjoy the dominant presence in the political party systems of these countries, they are still the largest organised forces in most Nordic countries. The pole position for left of centre/ social democratic parties in these countries, because of thriving labour and environmentalist movements in civil society, has helped generate a political consensus on the welfarist model resulting in even right-wing/right of centre parties keeping them more or less intact. The key differences between these parties have been on social and immigration related issues and some commentators believe that the rising influence of the SD in Sweden will not be a threat to its welfarist model despite the roots of the far-right party. In many ways, the Nordic model of social democracy offers lessons to the developing world, including countries like India despite the myriad complexities of diversities, differential internal development and histories.

THE GIST

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▼ Scandinavian countries have these features in common—reliance on representative and participatory democratic institutions where separation of powers is ensured; a comprehensive social welfare schema with emphasis on publicly provided social services and investment in child care, education and research among others, that are funded by progressive taxation; presence of strong labour market institutions with active labour unions and employer associations which allow for significant collective bargaining etc

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Scandinavia scores high on most socio-economic and political indicators

Each chart depicts Scandinavian countries' (Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Iceland) value/score in an indicator among all countries with relevant data. Each circle corresponds to a nation, and Scandinavian countries' position is highlighted. The total number of countries with data for an indicator is mentioned in the brackets after the indicator's name. For instance, Norway had a HDI of 0.961 in 2021 and ranks second among 191 countries. The numbers below the axis indicate the actual value/score of the indicator

HDI - 2021 (191): The Human Development Index (HDI) is a measure of life expectancy, access to education and standard of living. The graph shows HDI measured on a scale of 0 (worst) to 1 (best)

Press freedom - 2022 (180): The higher the score, the better the press freedom in a country

Political rights - 2022 (210): The highest overall score that can be awarded for political rights is 40. The higher the score the better the political rights

Mean years of schooling (girls) - 2019 (174): Average number of years of education received by people aged 25 and older, converted from educational attainment levels using official durations of each level

Per capita income - 2021 (175): The GNI per capita is the dollar value of a country's final income in a year, divided by its population

Civil rights - 2022 (210): The highest overall score that can be awarded for civil liberties is 60. The higher the score the better the civil rights

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The significance of Ethereum's Merge for the future of cryptocurrencies

Why has Ethereum switched to a new way of verifying transactions on the blockchain? Will the switch enable efficient energy consumption and will other cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin follow suit?

Sahana Venugopal

The story so far: On September 15, the Ethereum blockchain fully transitioned to a new way of processing transactions. This is an important day for crypto trackers as it is known, could change the nature of crypto and Web3 itself. Developers say the transition to what is called a 'proof-of-stake' consensus mechanism will cut Ethereum's energy consumption by 99.95%. The switch happened after months of delay and shifting timelines.

What is Ethereum?

Ethereum is one of the most used platforms by developers to build decentralised apps (dApps), smart contracts, and even crypto tokens. The platform's currency, Ether is only second to Bitcoin (BTC) in terms of market capitalisation. The change in the way Ethereum builds the blockchain comes with not just environmental consequences, but also major cyber and financial security implications.

What is the importance of consensus mechanisms? Why is there a need for a new mechanism?

Decentralised transactions are processed on blockchains using consensus mechanisms. Ethereum's former method, 'proof-of-work', which is also used by Bitcoin, needs powerful mining hardware that consumes a lot of electricity and generates enormous amounts of heat. This energy is then used to process extremely difficult mathematical puzzles, the solution of which would let new transactions be added to the blockchain so as to reward the miners with crypto.

Many environmentalists, policy makers, and regulators have strongly criticised the impact of Bitcoin mining on local communities. Common centres for mining included China (before a near total crypto ban), the U.S., Russia, and Kazakhstan – countries with cheap electricity rates and colder climates. Ethereum's website admitted that their crypto's total annualised power consumption nearly matches that of Finland while its carbon footprint is comparable to Switzerland. For some time, European countries even mulled a crypto mining ban, while China actually carried out a nationwide crackdown on crypto miners, sending them fleeing overseas.

Probably as a response to the backlash, Ethereum has decided to switch to a 'proof-of-stake' consensus mechanism, where Ether owners will stake their own coins in order to serve as collateral and help process new blockchain transactions, in return for rewards. Crypto experts are divided as to which consensus mechanism offers better protection from hackers. Theoretically, there are ways to hack both verification methods. But Ethereum claims the proof-of-stake consensus mechanism offers better security.

Will Bitcoin switch to a proof-of-stake consensus mechanism?

Bitcoin switching to a proof-of-stake consensus mechanism seems highly



REUTERS

unlikely. To understand why, we need to look at how Bitcoin and Ethereum are different, in spite of both dominating the crypto space. Satoshi Nakamoto, the pseudonymous creator of Bitcoin, authored a white paper in the late 2000s that explicitly stresses on the importance of the "proof-of-work" mechanism to secure the blockchain. (Till date, no one knows who Nakamoto is or even if they are a person or an organisation)

The paper insists that it's essential for honest actors to control a majority of the Central Processing Unit (CPU) power to keep transactions safe from illicit actors. Bitcoin has been praised by decentralisation advocates for its non-interfering founder (or founders) and largely unregulated structure.

Switching to a proof-of-stake consensus mechanism would violate the principles of decentralisation outlined in the Bitcoin white paper. It would also represent losses in millions of dollars for individual miners and companies trying to solve the puzzles that would reward them with BTC.

Some Bitcoin supporters go so far as to say that miners' activities, though harmful

to the environment now, will help bring about an energy revolution and the faster adoption of solar, wind, gas, and nuclear energy. However, consequences of crypto mining across the globe have included mass electricity blackouts, fire accidents, overburdened grids, struggles between locals and crypto miners for more control over the energy supply, and even crypto mining on indigenous land.

Ethereum, on the other hand, was co-founded by Vitalik Buterin, who has an active presence on Twitter. He has also attended various international crypto events. The blockchain is backed by a powerful non-profit organisation to support its activities – the Ethereum Foundation.

Therefore, as far as the Ethereum community is concerned, miners will no longer produce valid blocks for the Ethereum blockchain. In the coming days, the Ethereum community and the media will be tracking how former Ether miners cope with the transition.

Which other cryptocurrencies are changing to proof-of-stake now?

For now, no other top coin is planning an

Ethereum-style Merge. After Bitcoin, Dogecoin [DOGE] is the largest proof-of-work based cryptocurrency. It was initially created as a joke by its founders. After that comes Ethereum Classic [ETC], formerly part of Ethereum before a community schism. Ethereum Classic has made it clear that it is loyal to the proof-of-work mechanism. It has invited miners to mine ETC and has said that stakers are free to choose ETH2.

"May both chains co-exist in their own right providing options for stakers and miners," Ethereum Classic tweeted on Thursday. Traders are also watching the markets and charts to see if other proof-of-work coins experience a price lift from new investors who don't want to support a proof-of-stake Ethereum.



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THE DAILY QUIZ

The first issue of *The Hindu* was published on September 20, 1878. A quiz on one of the most respected media houses in the world

QUESTION 1

What is the connection of T. Muthuswami Aiyer, the first Indian Judge of the Madras HC, to the founding of the newspaper?

QUESTION 2

How many people founded *The Hindu* and what two-word moniker is normally given to them because of where they resided or were members of a society?

QUESTION 3

How many copies of the inaugural issue were printed? Also, initially on which day would the 'weekly' come out?

QUESTION 4

What major transformation to *The Hindu* happened on April 1, 1889, and November 11, 1940?

QUESTION 5

Who made this remark: "...The Hindu ... always reminds me of an old maiden lady, very prim and proper, who is shocked if a naughty word is used in her presence. It is eminently the paper of the bourgeois, comfortably settled in life."

QUESTION 6

In 1947, *The Hindu* started a publication, the first of its kind in India that lasted a score years before being revived under a different name in 1978. Name both publications.

QUESTION 7

Which was the first edition of *The Hindu* to be launched outside of Madras?

THE HON'BLE MR. BALA GANGADAR THIAK OF POONA



Visual Question

What is the significance of this photograph? THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:

1. The number of Grand Slam singles titles Federer racked up. **Ans: 20**
2. The two Majors Federer won five (or more) years in a row each. **Ans: Wimbledon (2003 to 2007) and U.S. Open (2004 to 2008)**
3. After which famous encounter did Federer remark thus: "Sometimes it was weird, I look on the other side of the net, I saw him....that I'm playing against him". **Ans: His upset of defending champion Pete Sampras at the 2001 Wimbledon Championships**
4. The player who holds the record for the most number of crowns. **Ans: Jimmy Connors**
5. Federer partnered with this person for the Olympic gold in 2008. This person beat him in the 2012 singles Olympic final. **Ans: Stan Wawrinka and Andy Murray**
6. The player against whom Federer has played the most Grand Slam finals. **Ans: Rafael Nadal**
7. The three players that have managed to best Federer in the 11 times he finished second-best in a Major final. **Ans: Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Juan Martin del Potro**
8. The person who beat Federer in his last Slam appearance in 2019. **Ans: Hubert Hurkacz**
- Visual: The person who Roger Federer beat in the 2009 French Open. **Ans: Robin Soderling**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"What's your brother's telephone number?"

"Four triple three one, sir."

"Let me write it. 43331."

"No, sir. It is 44431..."

"So it is triple four three one; it is not four triple three one. When you want to say that a number, say x, is repeated three times, you must say 'triple x' and not 'x triple'. Double five triple three one' would be '553331'. Triple five double two one' would be '555221'. Triple three five one' would be '33351'. I hope you understand."

"Yes sir. Sir, could you please use 'have' 'had' and 'did' in a piece of dialogue?"

"All right. Listen now."

"Have you seen Ram today?"

"Yes."

"When did you see him?"

"Around 8 O'clock."

"Where did you see him?"

"Near his office."

"What was he doing?"

"He was talking to his boss."

"Did you see him yesterday morning at his place?"

"I wanted to see him. But he had left by the time I reached his place."

"You said you were planning to go to Bhubaneswar next week. Have you bought the tickets?"

"Yes."

"When did you buy them?"

"Last evening."

"Was there any difficulty?"

"No."

"Did my friend help you?"

"No. By the time he came, I had bought the tickets."

"Do you understand the difference now?"

"Yes, sir. What's the difference between 'electric' and 'electrical', sir?"

"'Electrical' means 'concerned with electricity'."

Electrical engineering, electrical goods.

'Electric' is used when you wish to refer to things that work by electricity.

Electric light, electric heater, electric drills, electric chair, electric clock, electric eraser, electric guitar, electric hammer and so on.

Let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

Word of the day

Loquacious

full of trivial conversation

Synonyms:

chatty, talky, garrulous, gabby, talkative

Usage:

She was kept from her work by loquacious neighbours.

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From Page One**Tharoor to take on Gehlot in Congress poll**

The petition to which Mr. Tharoor was referring is an initiative taken by some young party leaders urging presidential candidates to "undertake a public pledge to involve party members from Block Committees to the Congress Working Committee and implement the Udaipur Declaration in its entirety within the first 100 days of assuming office".

The post of Congress president has been with the Gandhi family since 1983, barring short spells between 1992 to 1998, when P.V. Narasimha Rao and Sitaram Kesri held the post. Ms. Gandhi became president in 1998 and has been at helm since then, barring her son's two-year term.

Death penalty: Supreme Court for fair hearing

"This court is of the opinion that it is necessary to have clarity in the matter to ensure a uniform approach on the question of granting real and meaningful opportunity, as opposed to a formal hearing, to the accused/convict, on the issue of sentence," Justice Bhat said.

The three-judge Bench said a uniform approach has to be moulded to afford the accused a fair opportunity to present mitigating circumstances at the trial stage before their crime is declared "rarest of rare" and they are sentenced to death.

The reference to a larger Bench to examine an issue which has affected the fundamental rights of accused in death penalty cases may signal a move from the top court to veer criminal justice system away from death penalty itself. The judgment is significant as it identifies and seeks to resolve a debate on whether the death penalty, though considered a rarest of rare punishment, is being administered casually by the trial courts.

Attorney General K.K. Venugopal had opposed "same-day sentencing", even suggesting that the entire proceedings be adjourned after the stage of conviction in cases in which a person may get death sentence if found guilty. The defence team could use the time to collect mitigating factors.

During the hearing, CJI Lalit had mused whether the mitigating circumstances ought to be brought to the attention of the trial court at the very stage of framing charges or even after the conclusion of the prosecution evidence.

Biden vow 'to defend Taiwan' irks Beijing

Asked whether the U.S. would defend Taiwan, he said, "Yes, if in fact, there was an unprecedented attack." Pressed on whether that would mean going beyond providing assistance as in the case of Ukraine, he said, "Yes". Mr. Biden also said the U.S. would not interfere on the question of whether Taiwan seeks to pursue independence, another shift from the standing position of discouraging Taiwanese independence in order to avoid precipitating a crisis with China. Beijing has said it would not rule out the use of force should any government in Taiwan declare formal independence. Administrations in Taiwan continue to favour maintaining the current status quo.

"This is the second time that Biden has said that we should let Taiwan decide whether it is independent...and that will be more worrisome to China than his statements that the U.S. will defend Taiwan if attacked," observed Bonnie Glaser, Director of the Asia Program at the German Marshall Fund, reacting to his comments on Twitter.

This marked the fourth instance of Mr. Biden appearing to signal a shift in "strategic ambiguity". As in previous instances, the White House sought to subsequently play down his comments, claiming that U.S. official policy remained unchanged.

That is not, however, how the remarks were seen in Beijing, which said the U.S. had "seriously violated" its past commitments to China and the three joint communiques, as well as "seriously breached the U.S. commitment of not supporting 'Taiwan independence' and sent seriously erroneous signals to 'Taiwan independence' separatist forces."

"In the meantime," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said, "we will never tolerate any activities aimed to split China and we reserve all options in taking necessary measures." "Nobody should underestimate our strong resolve and will to defend our sovereignty and territorial integrity," she added.

CM didn't keep word, says Kerala Governor

Mr. Khan slammed the "foreign ideology of violence" that informed the ruling party and its use of intimidation to bent the Governor to the administration's will.

He said the administration's coercive approach to matters of State had constrained him to reach out to the public via the media.

The second law gave overriding appellate authority to politicians to circumvent the anti-corruption ombudsman's adverse findings against public servants. On his meeting with the RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, Mr. Khan defended his "association with the RSS since 1986".

SC panel meets Lakhimpur Kheri rape victims' family

Last week, the bodies of two Dalit sisters were found hanging from a tree and police have arrested six persons in the case. The NCSC has sought action-taken report from the State police

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Days after issuing notice to the Uttar Pradesh government on the alleged gang rape and murder of two Dalit sisters in Lakhimpur Kheri, a team of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) on Monday visited the spot to begin an independent probe into the incident.

Last week, the bodies of the two girls, aged 17 and 15, were found hanging from a tree in the Nighasan police station area of Lakhimpur Kheri district, following which the local police have arrested six persons for the rape and murder of the girls, one of



Strict action: Anju Bala, member of NCSC, meeting senior district officials in Lakhimpur Kheri rape case. TWITTER/@ANJUBALABJP

whom – Chotu Gautam – is a local from the victims' Tamoli Purwa village, and five others are from Lalpur village.

tims lived. Ms. Bala met with the girls' family and interacted with locals.

Ms. Bala tweeted, "The commission has ordered to take strict action against the culprits." The NCSC, while issuing notice to the local administration, police and the State government, declared that it would hold an independent investigation. It also sought an action-taken report from the police "immediately", its chairperson Vijay Sampla said.



Exclusive content
Dalit family mourns daughters, demands death penalty
<https://bit.ly/3dmqFab>

On Monday, Commission member Anju Bala, along with other officials, visited the crime spot and the village where the vic-

ECI seeks restriction on cash donations to parties, writes to govt.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission has proposed reducing anonymous political donations to ₹2,000 from ₹20,000 and cap cash donations at 20% or at a maximum of ₹20 crore to cleanse election funding of black money, sources said on Monday.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar has written a letter to Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, recommending a slew of amendments in the Representation of the People (RP) Act, sources said.

The proposals are aimed at ushering in reforms and transparency in donations received by political parties, and also the expenditure incurred by candidates trying their luck at the hustings, they said. As per rules in force currently, political parties have to disclose all donations above ₹20,000 through their contribution report that is submitted to the EC. If the EC's proposal is approved by the Law Ministry, all donations above ₹2,000 shall be reported, thereby enhancing transparency in funding, sources said.

MHA's notification on convicts' biometrics

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry on Monday notified rules under the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act 2022 which empowers the police to obtain physical and biological samples of convicts and of those accused of crimes.

According to the rules, an authorised person can take "measurements" such as finger-impressions,

palm-print impressions, footprint impressions, photographs, iris and retina scan, physical and biological samples and their analysis referred to in section 53 or section 53A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. The authorised user may take the measurements of a person arrested in a criminal case with the approval of a police officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police.

Man builds a temple for Adityanath in Ayodhya, says he is impressed by CM

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

A temple dedicated to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has been built on the Faizabad-Prayagraj highway at Maurya Ka Purwa village under Ayodhya district. The temple has been built by a local resident Prabhakar Maurya who claims to be deeply impressed by the Chief Minister.

In the temple, Mr. Maurya has placed a statue of Mr. Adityanath wearing saffron robes and carrying a bow and arrow – a depiction matching Lord Ram.

Maurya Ka Purwa village is roughly 20 kilometres from the area where a grand temple of Lord Ram is under construction, popularly known as Ram Janmabhoomi.



Sacred status: A priest at the temple dedicated to Yogi Adityanath at Bharatkund near Ayodhya on Monday. PTI

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member said that it is not right to install an idol and temple for a living person.

"Yogi Adityanath is the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh; he is doing remarkable work. But temples are dedicated to gods and goddesses, not to living persons,"

Defence shows set to move out of national capital region soon

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be moved out to various places across the country to enable more people to witness and engage in them," the official said.

The other reason is to give an opportunity to students from schools and colleges in other parts of the country to be part of it, the official explained. "It is also to showcase our prowess across the country." So far, as it has been held at Hindon Air Force Station, it has been the same institutions that send students every year. This will now change, the official said while adding, "It will give institutions in various parts of the country chance to participate."

An investiture ceremony is held along with Air Force Day parade and flypast which is now being segregated from the later.

Three sent to police remand in Chandigarh varsity case

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

A court on Monday sent the three accused arrested in the Chandigarh University video case to police remand for a week.

Police produced the three accused in the Khairar court in Punjab's Mohali and sought a ten-day remand.

Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav on Monday constituted a three-member all-women Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the allegations levelled by the Chandigarh University students that objectionable videos of girl students were recorded by another student.

Terminating the incident unfortunate, Mr. Yadav said the police had so far arrested three persons, including the accused student and two others from Himachal Pradesh.

Mr. Yadav appealed to students, parents, and the community at large to maintain calm, and assured that the privacy and dignity of all individuals would be protected.

Vivek Sheel Soni, Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, said that preliminary investigation showed the accused girl had made only one video.

(With inputs from agencies)

'Larger Bench's decision prevails'

Legal Correspondent
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench on Monday decided that majority decision of a Bench of larger strength will prevail over the decision of a Bench of less strength, ir-

respective of the number of judges constituting the majority.

The lead judgment written by Justice Indira Banerjee held that under Article 145(5) of the Constitution, concurrence of a majority of the judges at the hearing

would be considered as a judgment or opinion of the court. Justice Hemant Gupta agreed observing that "a decision delivered by a Bench of largest strength is binding on any subsequent Bench of lesser or coequal strength".

Rajnath on 2-day Egypt visit, agrees to focus on defence co-production

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India and Egypt agreed to further develop military cooperation and focus on joint training, defence co-production and maintenance of equipment. This was agreed as Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called on Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi in Cairo on Monday.

They emphasised the need for coproduction and to discuss specific proposals in that regard, the Defence Ministry said. Mr. Singh is on a two-day visit to Egypt.

"Privileged to call on the President of Egypt Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi in Cairo today. India and Egypt continue to work on enhancing mutual trust and confi-



Strong relations: Rajnath Singh meeting Egypt President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi in Cairo on Monday. TWITTER/@RAJNATHSINGH

dence. It was reaffirmed that both the countries are committed to expanding our multi-faceted cooperation," Mr. Singh said on Twitter.

Fight against terrorism
Stating that Mr. Singh expressed appreciation for

the firm stand taken by Egypt against terrorism, the statement said, "President Sisi emphasised that there is need for India and Egypt to exchange expertise and best practices in countering the threat of terrorism."

The Defence Minister al-

so visited the Egyptian Air Force Museum in Cairo, the statement said.

Defence cooperation
The two countries are set to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on defence cooperation.

The Defence Minister acknowledged that Egypt is among the most important trading partners of India in Africa and that bilateral trade has expanded significantly, the statement from the Defence Ministry added.

Egypt has expressed interest in acquiring military platforms from India. Among other things, the Egypt government is considering the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) for its fighter requirement.

Shubhomoy Sikdar

RAIPUR

The Chhattisgarh High Court on Monday struck down the State government's decision to have 58% reservation in recruitment and entrance examinations, holding that reservation above the 50% ceiling would be unconstitutional.

Disposing of a bunch of 21 writ petitions, the first of which had been filed 10 years ago, a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice A.K. Goswami and Justice P.P. Sahu cancelled the reservation implemented by the government in 2012.

Mateen Siddiqui, who had represented some of these petitioners, said that his clients had challenged

the provisions of Chhattisgarh Lok Seva (Anusuchit Jatiyon, Anusuchit Janjatiyon Aur Anya Pichchade Vargon Ke Liye Arakshan (Sandeshan), Adhiniyam, 2011). This was an amendment to the 1994 Act that had kept the ceiling limit of reservation to 50%.

The order will have prospective effect, that is, no recruitment or admission made during the past 10 years, will be cancelled," Mr. Siddiqui told *The Hindu*. The decision evoked reaction from the Congress which said that the amendment was made by the BJP government and it displayed a "sense of callousness" in amending the law. Dr. Singh said that it was the Congress that had failed to present the case.

CM YK

March ahead of Session



Road mode: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav leading a march of his party MLAs to the U.P. Assembly on the opening day of the Monsoon Session on Monday in protest against price rise and unemployment. They were stopped by the police on Vikramaditya Marg in Lucknow. SANDEEP SAXENA

RSS-linked Muslim body demands probe into assets held by madrasas in U.P.

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Along with gathering basic details on madrasas, the Uttar Pradesh government must also get information on the assets held by the Islamic educational institutions and the visits abroad by their management and staff, a member of the Muslim Rashtriya Manch (MRM) has demanded. The MRM has links to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

Rao Musharraf Ali, senior leader and convener of the Saharanpur unit of the MRM, told *The Hindu*, "In the national interest, it is necessary to hold inquiry into the foreign trips and assets of those who are associated with madrasa management. In Saharanpur or Deoband, whenever students have been arrested for terror activities, the link with madrasas has come out."

Mr. Ali also alleged that madrasa representatives receive money through hawala networks and might have links with anti-India



Officials after a survey of a madrasa in Lucknow. PTI

elements.

"Why do these people go for foreign trips? They receive money from middle eastern countries through hawala networks, so when the inquiry across U.P. happens, these things will come out," Mr. Ali said.

Uttar Pradesh officials have started a survey of madrasas and the report is required to be submitted to the State government by October 25.

Many Muslim organisations and all the major Opposition parties have criticised the State government, alleging that the ruling dispensation was bent on terrorising the Muslim community with

such acts and indulging in a "malicious" move to disparage the madrasa system.

The State government has maintained that the survey aims to gather information about the details of teachers and students, curriculum, and the links of unrecognised madrasas with any non-government organisation. It added it only wanted to check whether basic facilities were being provided to the students in these educational institutions.

The government has also stated that it wants to connect students in madrasas with the modern education system and welfare schemes.

Maharashtra Cong. demands Rahul be made party chief

State unit authorises Sonia Gandhi to appoint office-bearers; move in tune with resolutions by Gujarat, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, T.N. wings

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

After Gujarat, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, the Maharashtra Congress Committee (MPCC) on Monday demanded the appointment of Rahul Gandhi as the national president of the party. The Tamil Nadu Congress Committee too passed a similar resolution on Monday.

A delegation of 533 MPCC leaders, including former Chief Ministers Ashok Chavan and Prithviraj Chavan, held a meeting at the Y.B. Chavan Centre in South Mumbai here and passed a unanimous resolution. The MPCC has also passed a resolution authorising the interim president Sonia Gandhi to appoint delegates of the Working Committee, AICC, and State unit chiefs, apart



Rahul Gandhi with Sonia Gandhi during a Congress Working Committee meeting, in New Delhi. FILE PHOTO

from other office-bearers.

"We requested Mr. Gandhi to up the leadership responsibilities at the national level and authorised Ms. Gandhi to nominate or appoint for various posts within the party. The two important resolutions were passed unanimously," Mr. Ashok Chavan told *The Hindu*.

While Mr. Chavan moved the resolution for

the appointment of Mr. Gandhi as president, which was seconded by senior leaders including Chandrakant Handore and Naseem Khan, the MPCC chief Nana Patole moved the second resolution authorising Ms. Gandhi to appoint candidates.

The second resolution was seconded by Balashah Thorat and was unanimously passed.

China defends move to block Lashkar terrorist Mir's listing

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China on Monday defended its controversial move to block a joint India-U.S. effort to place a Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist on the U.N. Security Council's 1267 committee sanctions list.

Sajid Mir, who is wanted for the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, is lodged in a Pakistan jail after being convicted of terror financing at a trial earlier this year.

This is the third such block from China in three months, following its earlier moves to block the list-

ings of LeT deputy chief Abdul Rahman Makki and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) deputy chief Rauf Asghar.

"I believe you are referring to the designation issue at the 1267 committee. The committee has clear guidelines on the designation of terrorist organisations and individuals and related procedures," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said in Beijing on Monday, adding that, "China always takes part in the work of the committee in constructive and responsible manner in strict accordance with its rules and procedures."

Indian officials have seen China's moves to prevent the sanctioning of terrorists based in Pakistan, its "all-weather" ally, as a double-standard on its professed commitment to tackle terrorism, as well as a reflection of how increasingly close China-Pakistan ties are weighing on Beijing's diplomatic calculations.

The issue has emerged as yet another sticking point in India-China relations. In 2019, China finally relented to a years-long effort to sanction the JeM chief Masood Azhar after blocking attempts on several instances.

BJP rattled by Bharat Jodo Yatra, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP's disinformation and falsehood about the Bharat Jodo Yatra reflects the 'fear' and 'frustration' of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and that party, the Congress alleged on Monday.

Party spokesperson Gourav Vallabh claimed that the enthusiastic public response to former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi had prompted the BJP leadership to attack Mr. Gandhi. "Modi's fear is reflecting in speeches of BJP leaders," he alleged.

"There is a sense of discomfort among the top cadre of the BJP with the love, affection and support that Rahulji is receiving from the people in his Bharat Jodo Yatra. The entire government machinery has been put up against one man trying to correct what the BJP government has destroyed in the last eight years," he added.

Former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder merges his party with BJP to 'fight for his State'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



Joining hands: Amarinder Singh with Amit Shah and J.P. Nadda after joining the Bharatiya Janata Party in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

Speaking to presspersons at his party's merger with the BJP, Capt. Amarinder said that he had held discussions with his colleagues in the PLC, who told him that the party needed to merge with the BJP "if we want to see a future in Punjab." Sources said that Capt. Amarinder could be offered a constitutional post or a Rajya Sabha membership.

He himself lost from his home turf of Patiala Urban. Along with Capt. Amarinder, former Deputy Speaker of Punjab Assembly Ajai Singh Bhattri, former MP Amrik Singh Aliwal, and former legislators Hardeep Kaur, Harinder Singh Thekedar, Prem Mittal and labour leader Kewal Singh joined the BJP with scores of his supporters.

Wife's BJP entry

Asked whether his wife, Congress MP Preneet Kaur, would also join the BJP, he asked, "Is it necessary for the wife to do what the husband is doing?", prompting laughter.

To a question on whether he supported the completion of the Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, he

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IN BRIEF



'Militancy on crutches in J&K, Hurriyat nowhere present'

Militancy was on crutches and separatist Hurriyat was nowhere present in the Union Territory (UT), J&K Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said on Monday. "Militancy in J&K was on crutches. Hurriyat was nowhere present. But a new chapter of the Hurriyat has been opened in Pakistan to provoke people of J&K. However, its band call on August 5 this year was totally ignored by the people of J&K. Instead, there were huge celebrations," DGP Singh said, while speaking at the closing ceremony of the '3rd Shaheed DySP Aman memorial T20 Cricket tournament' in Kishtwar.

Lucknow court denies bail for Kappan in PMLA case

Kerala-based journalist Siddique Kappan failed to get relief in the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) case lodged by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) as the sessions court in Lucknow on Monday rejected his bail petition. "No arguments were held in the court on merits of case. The ED has filed their reply today. In the reply, the ED is trying to connect Mr. Kappan with PFU/CFI members. It is clear even in the reply that no transaction or money has come to Kappan's account in the context of Hathras journey," K.S. Mohamad Dhanish, Mr. Kappan's lawyer said. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for September 23.

Suspend order to dismiss IPS officer from service, rules SC

The Supreme Court on Monday directed a government order to dismiss Satish Chandra Verma, an IPS officer who helped the CBI probe into the Ishrat Jahan fake encounter case, to be kept in abeyance for a week. "We are of the view that in the facts of this case, the interests of justice would require that order passed by the respondent (Union) dismissing the appellant is not to be implemented till one week from today," a Bench led by Justice K.M. Joseph recorded.

Mr. Verma's dismissal came on August 30, a month before he was due to retire on September 30. A departmental inquiry had found him guilty of charges including "interacting with public media". Meanwhile, the Bench gave Mr. Verma liberty to approach the Delhi High Court. The High Court would consider the question of staying or even quashing the order of dismissal.

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IN BRIEF



Actor Jacqueline Fernandez appears before Delhi police

Actor Jacqueline Fernandez (alighting from car in photo) appeared before the Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing on Monday in connection with an investigation related to a ₹200-crore extortion case linked to alleged conman Sukech Chandrashekhar, officials said. Ms. Fernandez was summoned for the second time for her alleged role. Last Wednesday, Ms. Fernandez joined the probe and was questioned for over eight hours along with Pinki Irani. Ms. Irani had allegedly introduced the actor to Mr. Chandrashekhar. The officials also said that they have seized the motorcycle offered by Mr. Chandrashekhar to Ms. Fernandez's agent.

Kashmir agriculture varsity opens up to foreign students

Tapping on "peace dividends", the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Kashmir on Monday threw open admissions to foreign students in the Valley, for the first time ever, and is in the process of inviting Ambassadors of various countries stationed in India to "infuse confidence about the changing situation in J&K". "Kashmir lagged behind because of what struck in the 1990s. We witnessed the collapse of institutions. Now, we are getting a level field. We are confident of reversing what was lost. As a first step, admission of foreign students has started in a big way," Vice-Chancellor Nazi A. Ganai said.

HC denies bail for Hany Babu in Bhima Koregaon case

The Bombay High Court on Monday rejected the bail plea filed by Delhi professor Hany Babu accused in the Bhima Koregaon case. A Division Bench was hearing an appeal by Professor Babu after the special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court rejected his plea. The agency had opposed his bail by saying he is accused of plotting to overthrow the government and armed revolution. Additional Solicitor-General Anil Singh, appearing for the NIA, said communication from co-accused Arun Ferreira to the Central Committee of Communist Party of Brazil (Red Faction) was found on his computer.

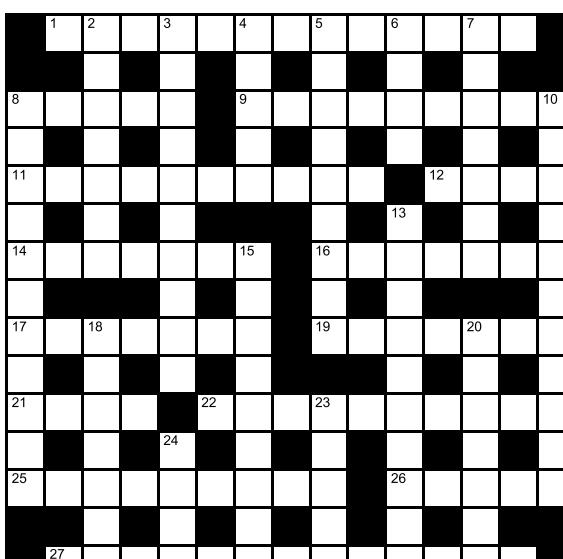
ED files chargesheet in Bengal teachers' recruitment scam

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday filed a chargesheet before a court in Kolkata in connection with the recruitment scam. The 172-page chargesheet had named former Minister Partha Chatterjee and his aide Arpita Mukherjee, as well as names of several companies allegedly floated by them. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) also arrested Subires Bhattacharyya, Vice-Chancellor of University of North Bengal and former chairperson of School Service Commission (SSC) in the recruitment scam. On Monday, Mr. Bhattacharyya was called in for questioning at the CBI office in Kolkata and arrested. He is the first Vice-Chancellor to be arrested in the scam.

TH CROSSWORD (set by Dr. X)

13665

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site.
<https://qrgo.page.link/jppTn>



- Across**
- Vehicle with princess chased by a vehicle! Stop - it could be fatal (7,6)
 - Sepulchre in mountain, terrifying (5)
 - Caught in photos misbehaving with child in playground game (9)
 - Commander hands over gangster giving orders for imprisonment (10)
 - Quell riots after queen's assassinated in last Jewish month (4)
 - Intoxicated hags in retro bar chatter in Scottish dialect (7)

- Down**
- Receive subtle hint to hold back anger (7)
 - Stage of deterioration after consuming second alcoholic drink (7)
 - Allowed to include extravagant French dance (7)
 - Expresses pleasure well, I hear (4)
 - Container ordered online, filled with large tubes of pasta (10)
 - English miss, most apologetic about one handling defeat badly (4,5)
 - Giving the thumbs-up to relatives enthralled by knocking back spirit (5)
 - Cooked foie gras paste for ceremony marking a milestone (4,2,7)
 - Promiscuous mates having sex in retreat every so often (2,5)
 - Pistols shown by rebellious communist groups without hesitation (10)
 - A royal headgear for enlightened monk (5)
 - Awful programme's irksome, not good (9)
 - Lively gleam after entertaining century (4)
 - Colonist's dog biting criminal's butt (7)
 - Inappropriate racket conducted by guru is on reels (11)
 - What best man will do to monitor a dispute without getting involved in it? (4,3,4)
 - Heroic champion turned saviour protecting many (10)
 - Using bubbly boys to entertain miserable female (2,5,2)
 - Lively movements by special songstress with endless energy (7)
 - Blowing horn excessively can get annoying finally (7)
 - Water wheel is working, rotated by breeze from the south (5)
 - Bond girl, naughty, going topless (4)

No negotiations at the cost of food security, says Tomar at agriculture conference

Food is an essential fundamental right; developing countries will be motivated by the need to ensure that the rights of farmers producing food are never compromised, says Minister

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

No negotiation is possible at the cost of food security, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said at the ninth session of the governing body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) on Monday.



Narendra Singh Tomar at the inauguration of the 9th session of governing body of ITPGRFA in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

ty depends heavily on the decisions and actions of the signatories.

Mr. Tomar also talked about plant genetic resources being the source of solution to breeding challenges. "We must use all modern technologies as

well as traditional knowledge to preserve and use them in a sustainable manner," he said.

Qu Dongou, Director General, FAO, said the meet is celebrating smallholder farmers as guardians of crop diversity.

"They are food heroes and their contributions must be recognised. The world is heading for a population of nine billion. The impacts of the climate crisis and biodiversity loss are putting pressure on agriculture," Dr. Dongou said.

The ITPGRFA was signed during the 31st session of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome in November 2001. The treaty seeks to achieve food security through the conservation, exchange and sustainable use of the world's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (PGRFA), equitable sharing of profits from its use, as well as playing an important role in the recognition of rights of farmers.

Why was Punjab CM offloaded from flight, asks Opposition

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Frankfurt Airport, since he was found to be in an inebriated state and declared unfit to travel, is doing the rounds. If it were true, it certainly is a bad reflection on the office Mr. Bhagwant Mann is holding. Therefore, I would request you kindly initiate an inquiry for verification of this news from Lufthansa Airlines as it involves not only an individual but the office he represents and such conduct deserves to be deprecated."

Punjab AAP chief spokesperson Malwinder Singh Kang said the airline had denied the report that Mr. Mann was deplaned. Mr. Kang said Mr. Badal and Mr. Bajwa had levelled false and frivolous allegations to maligned the image of the Chief Minister. He said both leaders should tender a public apology.

Mr. Mann was on a trip to Germany from September 11 to 18 to attract investments and strategic tie-ups for the State.

Can state impose limits on students' fundamental rights in classroom, asks SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said the fundamental issue to be decided in the Karnataka hijab case is whether the state can impose limitations on the fundamental rights of students in classrooms.

"Can there be any limitations to fundamental rights in classrooms? Please address that question," Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, who is part of the Bench led by Justice Hemant Gupta, asked senior advocate Dushyant Dave.

"My fundamental right can be exercised anywhere... Whether I am in my bedroom, my classroom or whether I am before Your Lordships," replied Mr. Dave, appearing for student-petitioners who have been banned from wearing hijab to their classrooms in Karnataka.

Justice Gupta, at one point, observed that people covered their heads when they went to places of respect.

To this, Mr. Dave an-

swered that "a classroom is the most respected of all places". He agreed there was a tradition in India to mark respect by covering the head. "Look at our Prime Minister... when he addresses from the Red Fort, he wears a turban representing the colours of all the States," Mr. Dave replied.

The court asked what Mr. Dave would define as "religious practice". The students have argued that

religious practice is not confined to a temple or a dargah, etc. It is part of one's religious conscience... One cannot quarrel with a Muslim woman's faith

DUSHYANT DAVE
Senior advocate

Religious practice is not confined to a temple or a dargah, etc. It is part of one's religious conscience... One cannot quarrel with a Muslim woman's faith or belief to wear hijab," Mr. Dave replied.

The senior lawyer said religion was a "difficult frame of mind among the masses.



Watch | Karnataka's hijab controversy explained

bit.ly/3RTynHc

Autumn hues of the Valley



Golden grains: Farmers harvesting paddy on the outskirts of Srinagar on Monday. Autumn marks the paddy harvest season in Kashmir. NISSAR AHMAD

Unfair to force women to choose between religion and education'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

At a time the Supreme Court is hearing petitions on the hijab ban in Karnataka schools, Amnesty International India on Monday said making women choose between the freedom of expression, reli-

gion, and education was discriminatory.

"As India's Supreme Court hears the petition on #HijabBan in Karnataka schools, we emphasise that forcing women to choose between their rights to freedom of expression and religion, and their education is a form of discrimi-

nation and miles away from the goal of women's equality," Amnesty India said in a tweet.

The top court has been hearing petitions challenging the Karnataka High Court's decision in March to uphold the ban on girls and women wearing hijabs in educational institutions.

FAITH

Yasoda the adoring mother

Periyazhvar wrote verses imagining himself to be Yasoda. One set of verses is about Yasoda urging Krishna to bathe, said M.A. Venkatakrishnan, in a discourse. Krishna spends a lot of time in the cowshed. Or He is busy stealing butter. He rubs His greasy hands on His body, and then when He plays in the cowshed, the dust there sticks to His body. His reluctance to take a bath results in days of dirt accumulating on His body. At night, when He is asleep, He constantly scratches Himself. Yasoda says that she is not going to let it happen that night. She has readied all the things needed for His bath – oil and lime peels. She tells Krishna that she will give Him His favourite dishes to eat if He bathes. But even this does not help overcome Krishna's adamance. Finally she says that if Krishna does not bathe, then Nappinnai will make fun of Him. Nappinnai is Yasoda's brother's daughter and is Krishna's playmate. Krishna does not want to be mocked by Nappinnai, and so He agrees to bathe.

Periyazhvar knows how a fond mother will react to complaints against her son. While she will discipline him, she will also be upset that he or she has given room for such criticism. In his verses, Periyazhvar shows Yasoda too would have had this maternal attitude when complaints poured in. When women of Gokula tell her that her son has not only been consuming butter in their houses, but even breaking butter pots, she is angry. But she is angry not so much with Krishna but with the women who have complained! Her chiding of Krishna shows this. Why does Krishna go to these houses, she asks. Why should you give room for such criticism, she asks.

SUDOKU



Solution to puzzle 13665

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G O S L O W A B N E G A T I V E

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★

DONETSK

Ukrainian strike kills 13 civilians, say Kremlin-backed authorities



Kremlin-backed authorities in Donetsk said on Monday that a Ukrainian strike had left 13 civilians dead. Donetsk has been partially controlled by Moscow-backed separatists since 2014. Meanwhile, the Russian military said it had targeted Ukrainian forces in several frontline regions. REUTERS

CAYEY

Fiona slams Dominican Republic after pounding Puerto Rico



Hurricane Fiona smashed into Puerto Rico, dumping torrential rain and knocking out the U.S. island territory's power, before making landfall in the Dominican Republic on Monday. No deaths have been reported. "The damage that we are seeing is catastrophic," said Governor Pedro Pierluisi. AP

TEHRAN

Iran police fire tear gas, make arrests at stir over woman's death



Fresh protests broke out on Monday in Iran over the death of Mahsa Amini, 22. She fell into a coma and died following her arrest in Tehran last week by the morality police. Hundreds of people staged a protest, with "some taking off their hijab", Fars news agency said, adding that "police used tear gas and arrested several of them". AFP

JERUSALEM

Israel says troops crossed into Syria in pursuit of 'suspects'



Israel forces crossed into Syria on Monday and fired at four "suspects", who had "hurled objects along the border fence", wounding one of them, the Army said. Israel, which regularly carries out airstrikes inside Syria, rarely acknowledges cross-border operations. AFP

Britain, world leaders say goodbye to Queen Elizabeth

The Queen's funeral started at 11 a.m. at Westminster Abbey when the body was brought from Westminster Hall, in the Parliament complex where it had been lying in state for four days

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

As millions tuned in to broadcasts or lined the streets of London and as world leaders and royalty looked on, Britain said its final goodbyes to its longest reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen's funeral started at 11 a.m. at Westminster Abbey when her body was brought from Westminster Hall, in the British Parliament complex, where it had been lying in state for over four days.

The last time a monarch's funeral was held in the 11th Century Abbey was over 250 years ago — for King George III in 1760. The Queen was both married at the Abbey in 1947 and crowned in it, in 1953.

Monday marked the end of a 10-day period of mourning. The Queen had been involved in the design of her funeral. She did not want a "long, boring" ser-



Final farewell: The hearse with the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II arrives at Windsor Castle. GETTY IMAGES

vice, according to the former Archbishop of York, John Sentamu.

The funeral was one-hour long, with faith leaders of different backgrounds, assembled in the Abbey to receive the coffin which was followed by the Queen's children, some grandchildren and great grandchildren. British

Prime Minister Liz Truss did a reading at the ceremony — the Prime Minister was among the last people to see the Queen, having been appointed officially by the monarch two days before her death on September 8.

Among the guests were President Droupadi Murmu, U.S. President Joe Bi-

den, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and French President Emmanuel Macron. President Murmu had earlier met with Ms. Hasina and Tanzanian President, Samia Suluhu Hassan. On Sunday, she attended a reception for foreign leaders, hosted by King Charles III at Buckingham Palace.

Kyrgyz leader urges calm after Tajik border conflict

Reuters

BISHKEK

Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov urged his country on Monday to have trust in its Army, and said there was no need for volunteer forces at the border with Tajikistan after deadly clashes.

At least 94 people were killed between September 14 and 16 in fighting in the Batken province.

"We continue our efforts to resolve the Kyrgyz-Tajik border issues in a purely peaceful way," Mr. Japarov said.

Sweden's Kristersson gets nod to form govt.

Reuters

OSLO

Sweden's Moderate Party leader, Ulf Kristersson, has been handed a mandate to try and form the country's next government after a recent general election gave the right-wing bloc a majority, the speaker of Parliament said on Monday.

"It was a quite simple decision," Speaker Anders Norlen said, adding that he had not set a deadline for the deliberations.

The Moderates, Sweden Democrats, Christian Democrats and Liberals won

176 seats in the 349-seat Parliament, narrowly ahead of the centre-left's 173 seats, according to the Swedish election authority.

Mr. Kristersson is expected to try to form a minority government, leaving one or two right-wing parties out while relying on their support in Parliament. The election marks a watershed in Swedish politics with the anti-immigration Sweden Democrats, a party with roots in the neo-Nazi movement of the 1980s, on the threshold of gaining influence over government policy.

Mr. Scholz will meet the Crown Prince and King Salman — if his health permits it, Steffen Hebestreit told reporters.

Scholz likely to seek oil supply during Riyadh visit

Agence France-Presse

BERLIN

Chancellor Olaf Scholz will visit Saudi Arabia on Saturday and meet Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as part of a West Asia trip, his spokesman said, as Germany rushes to secure energy supplies. He will also visit Qatar and the United Arab Emirates on his way back.

Mr. Scholz will meet the Crown Prince and King Salman — if his health permits it, Steffen Hebestreit told reporters.

Chinese govt. plans easier border entry rules for some foreign tourists

Reuters
BEIJING

China's government on Monday issued draft rules aimed at making it easier for some foreigners to enter China for visits to tourism sites along the Chinese border.

Travel groups organised by tour agencies in border areas in China can choose their port of entry and exit "flexibly", the Ministry of Culture and Tourism said in a statement.

China has shut its borders to foreign tourists since the outbreak of the



Welcoming gesture: Travel groups in border areas in China can choose their port of entry and exit "flexibly". GETTY IMAGES

new coronavirus in 2020, with only specific groups of foreign nationals allowed to enter the country,

such as those holding certain work visas.

In recent months, rules have gradually been re-

laxed, from resuming more flights between China and some countries to allowing foreign students with valid residence permits to enter China.

Quarantine for foreign arrivals has also been reduced.

China shares a border with more than 10 countries including Russia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam.

Chinese cities along the border are often hit by imported cases of COVID-19 linked to overland crossings of both foreigners and Chinese nationals.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Naresh Kumar S/o Staya Dev R/o H.No. A-334 Brahmpuri New Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under FIR No.393/2018 dated 2.10.18 U/s. 33 Delhi Ex. Act has been registered at P.S. Sagarpur, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, Naresh Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Naresh Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Naresh Kumar of FIR 393/2018 dated 2.10.18 U/s. 33 Delhi Ex. Act, registered at P.S. Sagarpur, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 21.12.2022.

By Order
Ms. Manu Shree, Ld. MM,
Patiala House Courts, New Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Pooja D/o Raj Kumar R/o H.No WZ-15 C, Om Vihar, Phase-3, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Dark, Face: Round, Built: Medium, wearing Pink Top & Blue Jeans and Black Sandal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from her house since 15.07.2022. In this regard a FIR No. 462/22 U/s 363 IPC, dated 16.07.2022, has been lodged at P.S. Uttam Nagar, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her, please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/846/DWD/2022

P.S. Uttam Nagar, New Delhi
Ph.:011-25377425, 8750871026

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely Nandita D/o Som Dutt R/o H. No. 29A, Press Enclave, Part-III, Gali No. 14, Near Balaji Chowk, Vikash Nagar, New Delhi has been missing from Sky Aviation Academy Uttam Nagar, Near Metro Pillar No. 656 since 15.06.2022 at 5.30 PM. In this regard a DD No. 99-A Dt. 16.06.2022 has been lodged in PS Uttam Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 23 years, **Height:** 5' 3" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Black Color Kurta with Blue Colour Jeans and Black Colour Sleeper.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO Website:<http://cbi.nic.in> PS Uttam Nagar, Delhi E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-25377425, 25377600 Fax No.: 011-24368639 Mobile: 8750871026 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 DP/882/DW/2022

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely Sumit S/o Bharat Paswan, R/o H NO. 319, Near Dal Mill Nangal Thakran Village, Bawana, Delhi Age: 17 years, Height: 5'1", Built: Strong, Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Red Colour Shirt, Black Colour Pant & Slipper in his feet has been missing from his home since 11.09.2022. In this regard Case Vide FIR No. 714/22, dated 14.09.2022, has been registered at PS. Bawana, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this boy please inform undersigned.

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IN BRIEF



Ride-hailing firm Ola to slash 10% engineering jobs

India's Ola will cut about 200 engineering jobs to reduce redundancy across its two main businesses of ride hailing and electric-vehicle manufacturing, the SoftBank Group-backed company said on Monday. Ola said it was focussed on being a 'vertically integrated mobility company' and is centralising operations to build a structure to strengthen relevant roles and functions. REUTERS

Federal Bank unveils instant Kisan Credit Cards in T.N.

Private sector lender Federal Bank in association with the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub and the State government announced a pilot project for the issue of instant Kisan Credit Cards in select districts of Tamil Nadu. Under the digital facility, small and marginal farmers would be extended term or crop loan of up to ₹1.60 lakh without any collateral. On Monday, a few farmers were sanctioned loans of up to ₹1.30 lakh in Chennai, Madurai and Hosur.

Natco gets Delhi HC nod for introducing insecticide CTPR

Natco Pharma on Monday said the Delhi High Court had allowed the company to introduce Chlorantraniliprole (CTPR) and its formulations, through a non-infringing process. CTPR is a broadspectrum insecticide used across a wide range of crops for pest management. Natco did not share additional information about the ruling in the statement. In July 2021, the firm had said the court had allowed an application of U.S.-based FMC Corp. challenging the use of CTPR. FMC had filed the lawsuit for potential infringement of patents on CTPR.

Govt. starts sale process for airport, engineering units of erstwhile AI

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government has initiated the process of privatising two subsidiaries – AIASL and AIESL – of erstwhile national carrier Air India, an official said.

"The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has initiated investor meetings and roadshows to gauge interest in AIASL and AIESL. We will soon invite EoIs from interested bidders," the official said.

Debt-laden Air India was sold to the Tata group in October last year for ₹18,000 crore. The actual handover to Tatas happened on January 27.



However, four Air India units – Air India Airport Services Ltd. (AIASL), Air India Engineering Services Ltd. (AIESL), Alliance Air Aviation Ltd. (AAAL), and Hotel Corporation of India Ltd. (HCI) – and other non-core assets, painting and artefacts, besides, non-operational assets were not

part of the deal. These subsidiaries and non-core assets valued at about ₹15,000 crore have been transferred to an SPV – Air India Assets Holding Ltd. (AIAHL).

The government had then said these subsidiaries and non-core assets of AI would eventually be sold off. Towards that goal, DIPAM has initiated the exercise of investor meetings for privatisation of AIASL and AIESL.

As of August last year, Air India had a total debt of ₹61,562 crore. Of this, the Tata Group took over ₹15,300 crore liabilities and the rest 75%, or about ₹46,000 crore, was transferred to AIAHL.

Godrej white goods unit eyes 50% rise in festive sales

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Godrej Appliances, a business unit of Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd., said it had come up with a 'whole lot' of premium products for the upcoming festival season and was eyeing growth in sales of 50% compared with the previous year's festive season.

"Between last festive [season] to this October, we will have added over 100 new product SKUs (stock-keeping units) offering greater choice for consumers," said Kamal Nandi, business head and executive VP, Godrej Appliances.

"This new portfolio is largely centred around premium products across categories," he said.

Staffing firm FirstMeridian plans more acquisitions

Latendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Staffing firm FirstMeridian Business Services Ltd. is planning further acquisitions to expand into new segments such as engineering staffing, finance and accounting outsourcing, and legal staffing, besides enhancing presence in existing segments, said group CEO Sudhakar Balakrishnan.

This will enable the firm to leverage its existing assets and offer clients more comprehensive and attractive services, he added.

Kineco bags ₹113-crore contract from ICF for Vande Bharat train interior works



company said in a regulatory filing. Kineco is one of the leading composite technology provider for the Railways and defence.

It also makes fibre-reinforced plastic pressure vessels for chemical processing and water-filtration plants.

For many years, the company has been on the forefront of the Indian Railways' modernisation programme, according to Kineco's founder and managing director Shekhar Sardessai.

The Railways product portfolio includes rail coach interiors, toilet modules, aerodynamic front ends, driver cab interiors and hard seating systems.

Oil Ministry seeks review of windfall tax, wants certain fields exempted

Ministry writes to Finance Ministry noting contracts have built-in mechanism to capture windfall gains; says additional tax may result in firms paying more than the gain itself

EXCESS LEVY

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Oil Ministry has sought a review of the two-and-a-half-month old windfall profit tax on domestically-produced crude oil saying it goes against the principle of fiscal stability provided in contracts for finding and producing oil.

The Ministry in the August 12 letter, reviewed by PTI, sought exemption for fields or blocks – which were bid out to firms under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) and the Revenue Sharing Contract (RSC) – from the new levy.

It stated that since the 1990s, companies had been awarded blocks or areas for exploration and production of oil and natural gas under different contractual regimes, wherein a royalty and cess is levied and the government gets a pre-determined percentage of profits.

The Ministry, according to the letter, was of the opinion that the contracts have an in-built mechanism to factor in high prices as incremental gains get transferred in the form of higher profit share for the



Viability fears: The Oil Ministry says it has already received representations from major crude oil producers, including state-owned ONGC and OIL, and private sector Vedanta Ltd. REUTERS

government. E-mails sent to the Oil Ministry as well as the Finance Ministry for comments remained unanswered.

'Super-normal profit' India first imposed the windfall profit tax on July 1, joining a growing number of nations that tax super-normal profits of energy companies. While duties were slapped on the export of petrol, diesel and jet fuel (ATF), a Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) was levied on locally-produced crude oil.

The SAED on domestic crude oil was initially ₹23,250 per tonne (\$40 per barrel) and in fortnightly revisions brought down to ₹10,500 per tonne.

The government levies a 10-20% royalty on the price of oil and gas as also an oil cess of 20% on production from areas given to state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) on a nomination basis.

RSC regime

These levies apart, fields were awarded under the PSC regime where the government gets about 50-60% of the profit made after deducting costs. The RSC regime specifically has a clause to capture windfall gains for the government.

According to Oil Ministry calculations, the new levy in the case of PSC and RSC results in a situation where the operator ends

up paying much more than the windfall gain itself.

Besides, the contracts specifically provide for fiscal stability for the contracting parties, it said, adding any change of law or rule or regulation that adversely changes expected economic benefits to parties can lead to seeking revision and adjustments to the terms of the contracts.

It added that it had got representations from major crude oil producers, including ONGC and OIL and Vedanta Ltd., for a review of the new levy as it was adversely impacting their investment plans. Concerns raised by these firms include economic unviability and contract clause violation, it added.



Nirmala Sitharaman

FM urges World Bank arm IFC to raise lending to India

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has urged the World Bank's private sector investment arm, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), to increase lending to India to more than \$2 billion in the next two years and to \$3.5 billion over the next three-four years.

Makhtar Diop, Managing Director of IFC, who met Ms. Sitharaman on Monday, said the corporation would adopt 'a proactive approach' to scale up its India investments and would extend financing to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in order to bolster the country's 'effort to become a manufacturing hub'.

Mr. Diop, who briefed Ms. Sitharaman on the IFC's current lending footprint in India, also emphasised the potential of looking into sub-national financing for sustainable growth, and mobilise financing for women entrepreneurs'.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	59,141	0.51
US Dollar	79.81	-0.03
Gold	49,571	0.25
Brent oil	91.6	—

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	959.60	21.40
Apollo Hosp	4308.20	28.45
Asian Paints	3316.25	-6.30
Axis Bank	798.10	8.80
Bajaj Auto	3708.25	18.70
Bajaj Finance	1765.75	31.05
Bajaj Airtel	7496.10	22.00
BPCL	320.90	-0.40
Britannia Ind	3592.35	-47.20
Cipla	1036.30	-7.20
Coal India	229.90	-1.15
Divis Lab	3619.55	45.85
Dr Reddy's Lab	4099.15	21.80
Eicher Motors	3590.50	41.25
Gasim Ind	1749.35	4.75
HCL Tech	897.80	0.90
HDPC	2441.40	37.30
HDPC Bank	1502.60	9.85
HDPC Life	548.10	1.35
Hero MotoCorp	2704.40	19.20
Hindalco	412.15	-0.35
Hind Unilever	2579.25	51.10
ICICI Bank	899.20	-9.90
IndusInd Bank	1225.75	-1.60
Infosys	1390.30	13.25
ITC	335.60	4.30
JSW Steel	679.95	-5.90
Kotak Bank	1929.50	-0.80
L&T	1910.70	-9.30
M&M	1288.65	38.55
Maruti Suzuki	9280.85	91.20
NestleIndia	18765.25	361.05
NTPC	171.00	-1.80
ONGC	130.55	-0.70
PowerGrid Corp	233.15	-2.50
Reliance Ind	2502.45	3.25
State Bank	572.25	10.45
Shree Cement	23401.10	83.40
Sun Pharma	874.85	6.80
Tata Consumer Product	793.00	2.20
Tata Motors	425.45	-7.05
Tata Steel	103.10	-2.60
TCS	3028.80	20.10
Tech Mahindra	1039.50	6.30
Titan	2619.80	8.00
UltraTech Cement	645.90	-21.55
UPL	712.25	8.85
Wipro	401.95	0.30

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 19

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.57	79.89
Euro	79.54	79.86
British Pound	90.56	90.93
Japanese Yen (100)	55.46	55.69
Chinese Yuan	11.34	11.39
Swiss Franc	82.43	82.76
Singapore Dollar	56.46	56.70
Canadian Dollar	59.81	60.08
Malaysian Ringgit	17.48	17.56
Australian Dollar	53.22	53.43

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Dated: 16th September, 2022

Hiring of one Senior IT Expert under Tejaswini Project

1. JWDS seeks to hire one qualified and experienced Senior IT Expert under Tejaswini Project.
2. The Terms of Reference and application format for CV can be obtained from the web address i.e. <https://tejaswini.jharkhand.gov.in> as well as from the office address mentioned below on any working days during the office hours.
3. Interested eligible applicants may submit their sealed Application in the prescribed format superscribing as Application for hiring of one Senior IT Expert under Tejaswini Project.
4. The Sealed Application in hard copy must be submitted at the specified address mentioned below through Registered Post/Speed Post/Courier/by Hand only by 1800 hours (IST) on 06th October, 2022. Any application received by JWDS after the designated time and date shall not be considered.
5. In case of any Addendum/Clarification/Corrigendum/Extension regarding this Notice, the same will



Federer. GETTY IMAGES

Federer in London for his last tournament

ANI
LONDON

Roger Federer arrived here on Sunday for the Laver Cup, which will be his last tournament as a professional tennis player.

He is expected to initiate his final goodbye on September 22 with a practice session with Team Europe.

In the official event to be held from Sept. 23 to 25, Federer will play alongside Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray, as well as youngsters like World No. 1 Casper Ruud and Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Team Europe team will fight it out for the title against Team World, which will be captained by John McEnroe. The team also includes big names like Diego Schwartzman, Alex de Minaur, Frances Tiafoe, Jack Sock, Felix Auger-Aliassime, and Taylor Fritz.

Pragg and Arjun win three straight games on the opening day

CHESS

Sports Bureau

R. Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi won three games on the trot to share the second spot behind Magnus Carlsen in the Julius Baer Generation Cup online chess tournament on Sunday.

After four rounds, an unbeaten Carlsen collected 10 points, one more than Praggnanandhaa, Arjun, veteran Vassily Ivanchuk and rising American youngster Hans Niemann.

Praggnanandhaa continued his stunning form in the million-dollar Champions Chess Tour by accounting for day's hero Ivanchuk (Ukraine), Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Poland) and Boris Gelfand (Israel) but lost to fellow youngster Christopher Woojin Yoo (USA) in the fourth.

Arjun, who started with a loss to Carlsen, recovered to nail Adhiban, Le Quang Liem (Vietnam) and David Navara (Czech Republic).

Though Carlsen led following wins over Arjun, Adhiban and Le Quang Liem and a second round draw with Anish Giri, the day's hero was Ivanchuk.

Ivanchuk, 53, bounced back to defeat Ivan Saric (Croatia), Anish and Duda.

R. Vaishali (0.5 points) lost to joint leader Alina Kashlianskaya (Poland, 1.5) in 40 moves in the second round of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix chess tournament in Astana (Kazakhstan) on Monday.

LIVE TELECAST

India v Australia: 1st T20I, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Pakistan v England: 1st T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony Live, 8 p.m.

Alcaraz puts Spain in Davis Cup quarterfinals

PARIS: Carlos Alcaraz sealed Spain's berth in the Davis Cup quarterfinals on Sunday, beating South Korea's Kwon Soon-woo 6-4, 7-6(1).

The results: Group A: Italy bt Sweden 2-1; Sweden bt Argentina 2-1; Group B: Spain bt Korea 3-0; Group C: Germany bt Australia 2-1; Group D: Britain bt Kazakhstan 2-1



Carlsen resigns on second move against Niemann

KOZHIKODE: World champion Magnus Carlsen on Monday stunned the chess world when he resigned on the second move against Hans Niemann in the sixth round of the Julius Baer Generation Cup. This happened just a fortnight after he pulled out of the Sinquefield Cup tournament

following his defeat to Niemann.

At that time there had been speculation that the Norwegian, the world's strongest chess player of all time, had withdrawn because of the suspicions regarding the 19-year-old American, who had been accused of cheating in the past.

Carlsen did not explain his withdrawal from the tournament then.

He will, however, continue to play in the ongoing tournament.



“I was able to play 27 Test matches for Bangladesh, which is a big achievement for me

RUBEL HOSSAIN
Bangladesh pacer while announcing his retirement

Poovamma's suspension raised to two years

KOCHI: The NADA Panel has handed Asian Games relay gold medallist M.R. Poovamma a two-year ban, overturning a disciplinary panel decision that gave her just a three-month suspension. That will now see the star quartemiler miss next year's Asian Games in Hangzhou.



“Madrid derby was special because of everything that happened during the week, and we answered on the field

RODRIGO
Real Madrid winger

India must iron out bowling issues, firm up middle-order

Australia appears a settled combination and has an edge as the first of the three-match T20I series begins today; fascinating contest on the cards if the home team's top three batters find their rhythm

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

RAKESH RAO
MOHALI

With Jasprit Bumrah and Harshal Patel back in the mix, the Indian team will obviously expect more from the bowling unit over the six T20Is ahead of next month's World Cup in Australia.

Team Europe team will fight it out for the title against Team World, which will be captained by John McEnroe. The team also includes big names like Diego Schwartzman, Alex de Minaur, Frances Tiafoe, Jack Sock, Felix Auger-Aliassime, and Taylor Fritz.

World Champion comes calling
Rohit's India will get into high-intensity preparatory mode for the T20 World Cup down under in October-November with a series against Finch's Australia, the defending champion. A look at the contests between the two in the shortest format

India-Australia H2H in T20Is			
M	India	Australia	NR
Overall	23	13	9
In India	7	4	3
	0	0	0

Bilateral Series#			
	India	Australia	Drawn
Overall	6	2	1
In India	2	0	1
	1	1	0

Performance chart

Broad bats	Inns	Runs	HS	SR	100s/50s
Kohli	18	718	90*	146.23	0/7
Finch	15	440	89	136.22	0/2
Maxwell	15	431	113*	146.59	1/2

Leading the way #Minimum two matches

M	Won	Lost	NR	
Dhoni	13	9	4	0
Kohli	10	4	5	1
Finch	9	4	4	1

High and Low

Both teams registered their highest totals (India-Australia T20Is) in the same match. At Rajkot in 2013, Finch's 89 powered the visitors to 201/7 before Yuvraj's whirlwind unbeaten 77 took the hosts home (202/4) in 19.4 overs.

At Melbourne in 2008, India was shot out for 74, its lowest total in T20Is. Australia cruised to a nine-wicket win in the 12th over.

Chasing 160, the Australians were skittled out for 86 by the Indians in a group stage match at Mirpur in 2014. It remains Australia's lowest total in World T20 competitions.

Balls of fire

Inns	Wkts.	BBI	Econ.	4W	
Bumrah	11	15	3/16	7.45	0
Watson	8	10	3/34	7.55	0
Ashwin	9	10	4/11	8.43	1

Ashwin (4/11, Mirpur, 2014), Behrendorff (4/21, Guwahati, 2017) and Krunal Pandya (4/36, Sydney, 2018) are the only bowlers with four wickets in India-Australia T20Is.

Zampa, who has picked up nine wickets in 10 innings, has the best economy rate** (6.12 - 33 overs, 202 runs conceded)

** minimum 20 overs

Form Guide

India	W	I	L	WW	W
(last five matches, latest game first)	1	1	1	1	1

Australia

W	I	L	WW	W	I
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The schedule

First T20I	Sept. 20, Mohali	Second T20I	Sept. 23, Nagpur	Third T20I	Sept. 25, Hyderabad
All matches start at 7.30 p.m.					

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Source: ESPNCRICINFO

add experience, India could find it tough to contain the Aussie batting line-up.

Tough to defend

With the bowlers looking capable of conceding more runs than what their batters put on the board, defending a target is becoming increasingly tough for India.

Obviously, it would be unfair to expect magic from Umesh. With Bumrah and Harshal returning from injuries, Bhuvneshwar Kumar appearing ordinary in conditions that do not assist swing and Arshdeep Singh looking to

ever, to make the decisive difference.

As long as Rohit, a struggling K. L. Rahul and Virat Kohli fire, even by turns, India looks competitive against any rival.

However, the middle-order is yet to firm up with the batting order requiring some tweaking.

Proven 'finisher'

Though Rishabh Pant remains the first-choice 'keeper, Dinesh Karthik scores when it comes to reliability with the bat.

Many see Karthik as a proven 'finisher', while others underline the utility

of a left-handed Pant in middle-overs.

In contrast, Australia appears a settled combination. In spite of missing three all-rounders to injuries and resting David Warner, the visiting team appears well balanced.

An equal number of specialist batters, bowlers and all-rounders gives Aaron Finch plenty of options in the 15-member squad.

Holding the edge

The Australian bowlers hold the edge and look to deflate the host by striking early.

If the Indian top-order

holds good, expect a fascinating contest.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-Capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahar, Jaspit Bumrah and Umesh Yadav.

Australia: Aaron Finch (Capt.), Sean Abbott, Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Kane Richardson, Daniel Sams, Steve Smith, Matthew Wade and Adam Zampa.

Match starts at 7.30 p.m.

You would be a very, very brave man to write off Virat at any stage

FINCH
ON KOHLI

his game over for such a long period. You are always trying to prepare to the best of your ability when you are coming up against Virat".

Australian skipper Aaron Finch backed the experienced campaigner for the job during a virtual press conference on the eve of the series-opener.

"Most likely, Smith will bat at No. 3 with Mitch Marsh being out. We know the quality we have with Smith. He is one of the best to have ever played the game. With his skill, tactics and game sense he has, we are confident that he can play any role given to him really well," said the skipper.

About Tim David's debut for Australia on Tuesday, Finch said, "Tim has been super impressive for a while in T20 cricket. He has the power and shown that in different parts of the world. He is a great all-round package for us with his ability on the field and ability to bowl a few overs".

About Virat Kohli, Finch said, "You would be a very, very brave man to write off Virat at any stage. He has shown for 15 years now that he is one of the greatest players of all time. Particularly in T20 cricket, he is someone who has developed his game and grown

"When we played the last World Cup and the Asia Cup, we made different mistakes. So there are learnings for us as individuals and as a team. I think it is very clear to everyone watching the game and for us representing our country. We know what mistakes we've made and we try to learn from them".

Pakistan looks to alter its batting approach

Reuters
KARACHI

England will kick off its first tour of Pakistan in 17 years on Tuesday with the first of a seven-match Twenty20 series which assumes even more importance for both sides ahead of the World Cup in Australia next month.

England will play four matches in Karachi and three in Lahore before returning in December to play three Tests in the second leg of the tour.

With Buttler set to miss the Karachi-leg as he recovers from a knee injury, the side will be led by Moeen Ali, whose grandfather came to England from Pakistan after the second

slump in form, and the batting approach in T20s have been major talking points.

Pakistan will look to iron out its weaknesses during the course of the long series.

Stimac given a performance target by the new AIFF office-bearers

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

The All India Football Federation has set a performance target to the National coach Igor Stimac for a contract extension beyond the 2023 AFC Asian Cup, where the senior national team has qualified under his stewardship.

While accepting the recommendation of the technical committee to extend Stimac's tenure till the Asian Cup tournament, the AIFF executive committee, which met here on Monday, decided to have a performance target for Stimac to continue in his role after the tournament.

Stimac. FILE PHOTO

should also have a target oriented contract extension," said the AIFF general secretary Shaji Prabhakar while giving out the details of the meeting.

The AIFF executive committee also decided to nominate three former India stalwarts – I.M. Vijayan, Arun Ghosh and Shabbir Ali – for the Padmashree Award.

Manoranjan Bhattacharya, who represented the national team for 11 years, has been nominated for the Dhyani Chand Award, while National team striker Jeje Lalpekhlua has been recommended for the Arjuna Award.

A three-member committee, comprising vice-president N.A. Haris, trea-

surer Kipa Ajay and member Avijit Paul, was

IN BRIEF



Cameron Smith wins first LIV Series title at Chicago

CHICAGO

British Open champion Cameron Smith of Australia won his first LIV Golf Series title on Sunday, holding off Dustin Johnson and Peter Uihlein at the Chicago Invitational. The 29-year-old fired a three-under 69 to finish on 13-under 203. World No. 3 Smith won by three strokes. AFP



Lee captures Portland Classic with final-round charge

LOS ANGELES

Former World amateur No. 1 Andrea Lee reeled off eight birdies on a 12-hole stretch on Sunday to win the Portland Classic and capture her first career LPGA title. The 24-year-old American fired a six-under 66 to finish 72 holes on 19-under 269. Her charge was good enough for a one-stroke victory over Ecuador's Daniela Darquea. AFP

Siniakova downs Rybakina for Portoroz title

PORTOROZ (SLOVENIA)

Katerina Siniakova battled back after losing the first set to beat Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina in 6-7(4), 7-6(5), 6-4 in the WTA final here on Sunday. The 26-year-old Kazakh, who has become a doubles specialist, won the Australian Open, Wimbledon and the US Open this year with Barbora Krejcikova. AFP



Homa defends Fortinet title at Silverado

SAN FRANCISCO

Max Homa chipped in for birdie on the final hole on Sunday to win the PGA Tour Fortinet Championship for a second straight year. Homa fired a four-under 68 at Silverado Resort in Napa, California, his 16-under total of 272 giving him a one-shot win over England's Danny Willett. AFP

Kapil launches ₹1 crore golf event



The event has been created keeping in mind other global standout events
KAPIL DEV

the Annual Pebble Beach Pro-Am on the US PGA Tour and the European Tour's Dunhill Championship at St. Andrews, considered the home of golf.

Gujarat and Maharashtra paddlers start favourite

Harmeet, Manush and Manav, playing together in the National Games for the first time, lead the host's challenge as table tennis events get underway today

K. Keerthivasan

SURAT

Table tennis will kickstart the 36th National Games at the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Indoor Stadium here on Tuesday with the official inauguration of the Games happening in Ahmedabad on Sept. 27.

The dates had to be advanced as the World table tennis championships begins in Chengdu (China) on Sept. 30 and Indian paddlers, who are part of the National team, have to depart on Sept. 25/26.

As far as the competition goes, Gujarat men and Maharashtra women would be the favourite to win the titles.

10-day camp

The host which has Harmeet Desai, Manush Shah and Manav Thakkar, ranked No. 3, 4 & 5 in the country, will be expected to bag the gold. The team had a 10-day camp at the Tapti Valley International School here.



Prep time: Manav Thakkar, Harmeet Desai, and Manush Shah discuss strategy on the eve of the competition. K. KEERTHIVASAN

"We are excited to represent our home State and this is the first time we three are playing together in the Games. We have to play well to justify our top seeding," said Harmeet, who was part of the Indian team that won the Commonwealth Games gold in Birmingham.

The Maharashtra women's team appears quite strong with Reeth Rishya, Swastika Ghosh, Diya Chitale, Anannya Basak and Shruti Amrute.

Bengal will definitely challenge Maharashtra as it has the veteran and five-time National champion Mouma Das, Aiyika Mukherjee, Prapti Sen, Suthirtha Mukherjee, and Taekeme Sarkar.

Incidentally, Mouma was a member of the Bengal team that won silver in 2015, the last time the Games was held in Kerala.

The groupings:

Men: Group A: Gujarat, Delhi, Haryana, Telangana.

Group B: Maharashtra, West Bengal, U.P., Karnataka.

Women: Group A: Maharashtra, Telangana, Gujarat & Haryana.

Group B: West Bengal, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & U.P.

Deepika, Vanshika rewrite Natl. records

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau



Anupriya won the girls' shot put gold. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sangeeth, Kannan K.S., Kanjirapparambil, N. Adil, P. Abhiram (1): 58.63.

10,000m walk: Ashish Santosh Yadav (MP) 45:32.47s.

Girls: 200m: Ruthika Saravanan (TN) 24.70s.

1500m: Laxita Vinod Sanilea (Guj) 4:42.08s.

2000m steeplechase: Ekta Pradeep Dey (MP) 7:21.17s.

400m hurdles: Shreya Rajesh (Kar) 1:01.96s.

Pole vault: Vanshika Ghanghas (Har) 3.56m NR, OR 3.55, Niyya Antony, 2017.

Triple jump: Divyanshi (TN) 12.21m.

Shot put: V.S. Anupriya (Ker) 14.96m.

Javelin throw: Deepika (Har) 51.84m NR, Old 51.37, own, 2022.

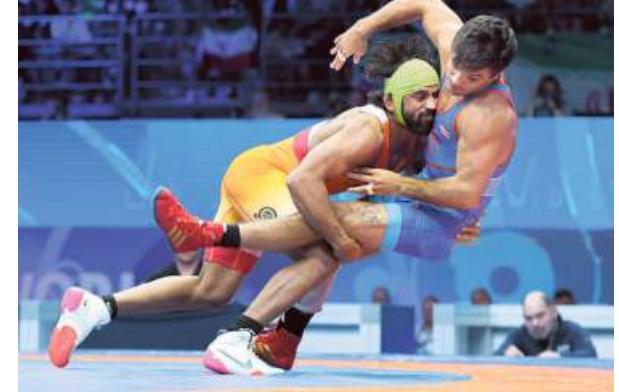
1000m medley relay: Maharashtra (Isha N. Ramteke, Gauravi U. Naik, Anushka D. Kumbhar, Ishra R. Jadhav) 2:14.50s.

Heptathlon: Mubssina Mohammed (Lak) 4649 points.

Pep talk helped Bajrang to turn it around

WRESTLING

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA



Gutsy: Bajrang did not let a head injury detract him from snaring a bronze medal. UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

A pep talk from the support staff lifted Olympic medalist Bajrang Punia's morale and helped him perform two come-from-behind wins to secure his fourth World wrestling championships medal in Belgrade late on Sunday night.

Bajrang injured his head during his first bout against Cuban Alejandro Valdes in the pre-quarterfinals and lost to the USA's Yianni (John) Diakomihalis in the quarterfinals on Saturday.

The Indian, who fought with a bandage around his head, returned to medal contention when Diakomihalis made it to the 65kg final.

"We had worked hard during the camp in Michigan. Bajrang's confidence

was down after he got injured. The physio and I gave him a pep talk and reminded him of his past performances," coach Sujeet Maan, who works closely with Bajrang at the National camp, told *The Hindu*.

This was Bajrang's third bronze medal (2013-60kg, 2019-65kg, 2022-65kg) to go with a silver (2018-65kg).

True Icon wins feature

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer N. Ravinder Singh's True Icon (Gaurav Singh) won the Major Mir Muftaba Hussain Memorial Cup, the chief event of Monday's (Sept. 19) races. The winner is owned by Kunwar Digvijay Singh Shekhawat & Ms. D.B. Poornima Chowdary.

1. NEARCO PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III); BEAUTY FLAME (Santosh Raj) 1, Forever Bond (Surya Prakash) 2, Explosive (Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Ice Berry (Gaurav Singh) 4. 2-1/4, 3 and 1, Im, 40.61s. ₹55 (W), 12, 34 and 12 (P). SHP: 115, THP: 36, SHW: 17 and 87, FP: 1,162, Q: 452, Tanala: 5,658. Favourite: Turning Wheel.

2. NEARCO PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. II); SWEET DANCER (Gaurav Singh) 1, Wind Sprite (Akshay Kumar) 2, Humanitarian (Suraj Narredu) 3 and Yaletown (Surya Prakash) 4. Hd, 1/2 and 2, Im, 14.27s. ₹72 (W), 38, 15 and 14 (P). SHP: 38, THP: 63, SHW: 82 and 24, FP: 847, Q: 256, Tanala: 1,957.

3. GIMCRACE PLATE (1,400m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II); ROYAL GRACE (Afroz Khan) 1, Mirana (Ashad Asbar) 3 and Sun Dancer (Kuldeep Singh) 4. Not run: Castlerock, 2-1/4, Shd and 1-1/4, Im, 26.38s. ₹35 (W), 16, 15 and 15 (P). SHP: 42, THP: 56, SHW: 24 and 42, FP: 211, Q: 137, Tanala: 1,290. Favourite: Lamha.

4. BHONGIR CUP (1,600m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III);

Owner & Trainer: L. D'Silva.

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Owner: Mr. Md. Kashif Khan. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

5. MAJOR MIR MUFTABA HUSSAIN MEMORIAL CUP (1,800m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II); TRUE ICON (Gaurav Singh) 1, Barber (Akshay Kumar) 2, Just Incredible (Aneel) 3 and Galwan (Ajeeth Kumar) 4. 3/4, Nk and 2-1/4, Im, 53.37s. ₹49, Tanala: 1,4, 12, and 48 (P). SHP: 31, THP: 101, SHW: 21 and 11, FP: 102, Q: 31, Tanala: 1,240. Favourite: Clefairy.

Owner: Mr. Teja Gollapudi. Trainer: Lakman Singh.

6. NARAYANPET PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III); DOE A DEER (Dashrath) 1, Plethora (Narayana) 2, Malibu (Mukesh Kumar) 3 and N R I Millennium (Antony Raj) 4. Nk, 2-1/4 and 1Nk, Im, 14.07s. ₹58 (W), 19, 41 and 12 (P). SHP: 108, THP: 66, SHW: 32 and 79, FP: 382, Q: 241, Tanala: 1,222. Favourite: Malibu.

Owner: Mr. Syed Mohiuddin. Trainer: Mir Faiyaz Ali Khan.

Jackpot: 70%, 86,099 (6 tkts.) & 30%; 10,063 (22 tkts.). Mini Jackpot: 4,974 (33 tkts.). Treble: (i) 8, 537 (7 tkts.), (ii) 1,213 (79 tkts.).

Rich haul for Indian youth boxers

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Indian youth boxers bagged 10 gold medals on the final day to conclude a successful campaign with 19 podium finishes in the 40th Golden Glove of Vojvodina Youth Boxing Tournament in Serbia on Monday.

Bhawna Sharma (48 kg), Devika Ghorpade (52 kg), Kunjarani Devi (60 kg), Ravina (63 kg) and Kirti (+81 kg) finished on top of the podium as all 12 participating boxers returned with a medal in the women's category.

On the other hand, Jadamani (51 kg) and Bharat Joon (92 kg) bagged gold medals after winning by 4-1 margins. Nikhil (57 kg) and Deepak (75 kg) claimed bronze medals.

Jadamani was adjudged the 'Best Fighter of the Tournament' for his power packed show while Ravina won the 'Best Boxer' award in the youth women's category.

Muskan (75 kg) and Pranjal Yadav (81 kg) secured silver medals after losing in the finals. Kashish

NOTIFICATION

Admission to Medical PG Courses – 2022-23

National Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Jaipur The counselling for admission in various medical PG courses in National Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Jaipur, will be conducted by NEET PG Admission / Counselling Board - 2022, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur from 19.09.2022. The information regarding pre and para clinical branches of National Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Jaipur is mentioned below:

S.No.	Branch	Seats	Tuition Fee/Year	Stipend
1. (MD) Physiology	02	NII	₹ 1 Lac/Month	₹ 1.2 Lac/Month
2. (MD) Anatomy	02	NII	₹ 1 Lac/Month	₹ 1.2 Lac/Month
3. (MD) Biochemistry	01	NII	₹ 1 Lac/Month	₹ 1.2 Lac/Month
4. (MD) Community Medicine	02	NII	₹ 1 Lac/Month	₹ 1.2 Lac/Month
5. (MD) Pharmacology	02	NII	₹ 1 Lac/Month	₹ 1.2 Lac/Month
6. (MD) Microbiology	02	NII	₹ 1 Lac/Month	₹ 1.2 Lac/Month

Note: Free lodging and boarding facilities will be provided in the campus by Nims University Rajasthan, Jaipur

DM & M.Ch Courses

Counselling will be conducted by Medical Counselling Committee of DGHS

S.No.	Branch	Seats	Tuition Fee/P.A.	Stipend

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