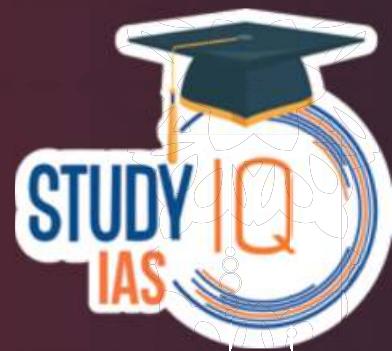


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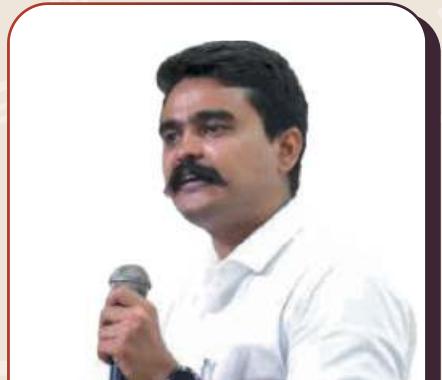
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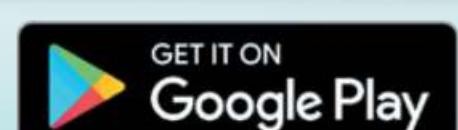
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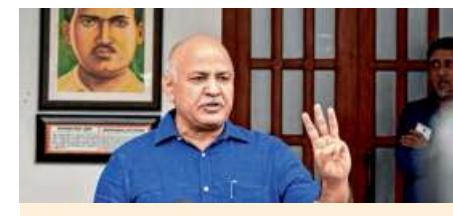
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Cong. to choose between Kharge & Tharoor today

For first time in 24 years, no member of the Gandhi family is a candidate for the top post; voting to be held in all State unit headquarters, special provisions made for Bharat Jodo Yatra delegates

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The Congress is all set to witness a contest between party veteran Mallikarjun Kharge and Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor in the party's presidential polls on Monday.

For the first time in 24 years, no member of the Gandhi family is a candidate for the party's top post. The last contest that the party witnessed was in November 2000, when Sonia Gandhi had defeated her rival Jitendra Prasad by a huge margin. In 1997, a triangular contest between Sitaram Kesri, Sharad Pawar and Rajesh Pilot saw Kesri's victory.

While voting will be held at all State unit head-



All set: Congress workers preparing for the party's presidential election, at DPCC in New Delhi on Sunday. PTI

quarters, a polling booth has been set up at the party headquarters for Congress Working Committee members and special arrangements made for the delegates who are part of the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Voting will start from 10 a.m. and end by 4 p.m.

tris who are PCC delegates," the party tweeted.

The counting of votes and declaration of results will take place in Delhi on October 19.

Both Mr. Kharge and Mr. Tharoor have been engaged in hectic campaigns, crisscrossing State capitals, to appeal to 9,000-plus Pradesh Congress Committee delegates who make up the electoral college for electing the party chief.

While Mr. Kharge is considered firm favourite and is being labelled as the 'establishment candidate', Mr. Tharoor has pitched himself as "the candidate for change".

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Xi lays out China's vision for the decade at CPC meet

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's leader Xi Jinping on Sunday laid out a decade-long vision pledging to boost the country's economic and military strength and self-reliance in science and technology, even as he warned of rising external threats in an increasingly turbulent world.

Opening the Communist Party of China's national congress, which will mark the start of Mr. Xi's third five-year term, the Chinese President and CPC General Secretary said the party's vision for 2035 was to "significantly increase economic strength, scientific and technological capabilities, and comprehensive national strength".

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Private projects give investment boost in Q2

Change in trend

The table lists the number, value and the change in value of new projects announced so far in FY23

Sector	Projects	Value (in ₹ lakh crore)	Change in value (y-o-y)
Manufacturing	958	6.66	36.17%
Mining	111	0.31	-19.55%
Electricity	150	0.84	-8.97%
Services & utilities	3,636	5	46.86%
Irrigation	141	0.38	617.09%
All sectors	4,996	13.2	36.59%

Source: Projects Today

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's private sector investment announcements soared 66% between July and September to nearly ₹5.7 lakh crore, compared to the first quarter of 2022-23, even as there was a worrying dip in the execution rate for outstanding projects already committed to.

Though the first quarter

IN BRIEF



MBBS textbooks in Hindi released

RAIPUR Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday released MBBS textbooks in Hindi, making Madhya Pradesh the first State in the country to offer medical education in the language.

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Ex-Minister held for offering bribe

CHANDIGARH The Punjab Vigilance Bureau has arrested former Minister Sunder Sham Arora for allegedly offering a bribe of ₹50 lakh to an official of the bureau.

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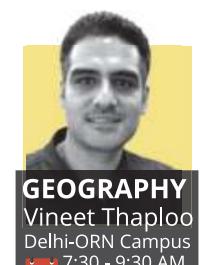
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AAP claims Deputy CM will be arrested after CBI summons him in connection with excise policy probe; BJP slams ruling party, accuses it of playing 'pressure politics' against probe agencies

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Anticipating the arrest of Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who has been called for questioning by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday in connection with the excise policy probe, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday called his government's fight with the Centre the "second freedom struggle".

The Chief Minister said Mr. Sisodia and Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain, who is in judicial custody in a money laundering case, are "today's Bhagat Singh".

"Jail and hanging could not deter Bhagat Singh's resolute intentions. This is the second fight for freedom. After 75 years, the country got an Education Minister [Sisodia] who gave quality education and hope of a bright future to the poor," Mr. Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi. He was reacting to a tweet by Mr. Sisodia that said he had been summoned by the CBI for questioning.

Reacting to Mr. Kejriwal's statement, the BJP said he should be "ashamed" of comparing his Ministers, who are under the scanner of law enforcement agencies, with freedom fighters.

Mr. Sisodia, who also holds the excise portfolio,



AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal addresses a public meeting in Bhavnagar, Gujarat, on Sunday. PTI

is facing corruption charges in the now-withdrawn Delhi Excise Policy 2021-2022. In July, Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena recommended a CBI probe into alleged irregularities in the formulation and execution of the policy.

15 named in FIR
The CBI lodged an FIR against Mr. Sisodia and 14 others in connection with the alleged scam. The agency has conducted multiple raids across the country and made several arrests, including AAP's communication in-charge Vijay Nair, liquor businessman Samir Mahendru and Hyderabad-based businessman Abhishek Boinpally, among others.

Following the CBI sum-

mons, AAP claimed that Mr. Sisodia would be arrested after questioning on Monday as "the BJP does not want the senior leader to campaign" in the forthcoming Assembly election in Gujarat. "The move to arrest the Deputy Chief Minister has nothing to do with the excise policy. It's about elections in Gujarat where AAP is in direct contest with the BJP and the people are talking about change," said AAP's chief spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj.

BJP hits out

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia accused Mr. Sisodia of being a "corruption agent who was busy filling Mr. Kejriwal's coffers". "Arvind Kejriwal these days compares himself with God

and his Ministers with freedom fighters. I want to tell him that he should be ashamed to do so as his corrupt Ministers are filling his coffers while Bhagat Singh sacrificed his life for the country," he said. He also accused AAP of playing "pressure politics" against probe agencies.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said that AAP leaders have mastered the art of creating political scenes and melodrama. "Normally investigating agencies summon an accused in registered cases for investigation and it doesn't mean that the accused will be arrested. On what grounds are the AAP leaders shouting that Sisodia will be arrested on Monday," Mr. Kapoor asked.

Man injured in street brawl dies; Deputy CM flags 'declining' law and order to L-G

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Days after a scuffle broke out between two groups over honking in central Delhi's Ranjit Nagar, a 27-year-old man succumbed to his injuries on Sunday morning, police officers said.

According to DCP (Central) Shweta Chauhan, on the intervening night of October 12 and 13, a call was received at Ranjit Nagar Police Station regarding a street brawl. By the time the police reached the spot, the victims, Nitesh and Alok, 28, had been rushed to a hospital and the accused had fled the spot.

Both the injured victims were admitted to Dr. Ram

Accused have been identified through CCTV footage, efforts are on to nab them, says senior officer

Manohar Lohia Hospital, where Nitesh, who had suffered head injuries, died, the police said.

Reacting to the murder, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said Delhi was becoming the "capital of crime" because of the "worsening" law and order situation. He wrote a letter to Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena, appealing to him to take cognisance of his constitutional duty of maintaining public order.

"These incidents show that criminals do not fear law enforcement in the ci-

ty," said Mr. Sisodia and asked the L-G to "dedicate some time to streamlining the deteriorating law and order in the city".

Murder charge added

The police said initially a case under IPC sections pertaining to attempt to commit culpable homicide was lodged and an investigation was taken up. After Nitesh's death, Section 302 (murder) of IPC was added to the FIR.

According to the police, CCTV footage of the area where the scuffle happened was checked and the accused persons were identified as Adnan, Ujeifa and Abbas, all residents of Ranjit Nagar.

A senior police officer said, "The accused persons

were riding a motorcycle while the other group was walking on the road."

"When the victim and his friends came in front of the motorbike, Adnan and two others started honking. Nitesh's group stopped the bike and started fighting with the other group," another officer said.

The DCP said the brawl had no communal angle and it started over the issue of honking. "The footage of the incident reveals that the quarrel was started by Nitesh and Alok. However, the other party overpowered them and assaulted them. Both Nitesh and Alok have previous criminal records," the DCP said, adding that efforts are on to trace and apprehend the accused.

'Scheduled Castes panel cannot initiate inquiry on unsubstantiated complaints'

Soibam Rocky Singh

NEW DELHI

nated solely on account of the fact that he belonged to that community.

The Delhi High Court has recently ruled that the National Commission for Scheduled Castes cannot initiate an inquiry based on any "specious complaint and unsubstantiated allegations" made by a person belonging to a Scheduled Caste.

Justice Yashwant Varma observed that the panel is empowered to initiate an inquiry provided a member of a Scheduled Caste is able to establish, at least *prima facie*, that he had been ill-treated or discrimi-



his duties effectively.

The company - Torrent Power Private Limited Agra - contended before the court that the engagement of the engineer was on a contractual basis and terminable with notice. It pointed out that there was no justification for the

commission to have taken cognisance of the complaint by the man six years after the termination order was passed.

The panel, on the other hand, submitted that it had only initiated a process of inquiry and had not framed any directions which could possibly be viewed as being prejudicial to the interest of the company.

"It is important to note that it is not every violation of a perceived civil right of an SC member which would justify the commission assuming jurisdiction," the court said.

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'Choose France' education fair held in city

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

An education fair, 'Choose France Tour 2022', was held on Sunday, aiming to attract students to fulfil France's goal of enrolling 20,000 Indian students by 2025. The fair showcased avenues for pursuing advanced studies at French universities. "Over ₹1 crore is earmarked for 500 scholarships only for Indian students," said Margo Girard, National Coordinator of Campus France in India.

AAP has broken all records of corruption set by the Congress in Delhi: Nadda

BJP national president says his party will trounce AAP in MCD polls; ruling party dismisses allegations, says BJP has no achievement to talk about when asking for votes from Delhiites

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Addressing a rally at the Ramlila Maidan on Sunday to kick-start the BJP's campaign for the upcoming Delhi Municipal Corporation elections, BJP national president J.P. Nadda said the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) came to power promising a clean government but has become "synonymous with scams".

He asked party workers to go door to door and inform the people of Delhi about the "development" that the Narendra Modi government has brought about across the country, and the "corruption" of the AAP government.

Reacting to Mr. Nadda's address, AAP said the fact that the BJP had to bring its national president to campaign for a municipal election showed that the "party feared another defeat".

'Will win Delhi'
At the rally, Mr. Nadda asserted that the BJP would trounce AAP in the MCD elections and then go on to win the Delhi Assembly polls.

"AAP has broken all records of corruption set by the Congress. Its Ministers are in jail and five of its MLAs are out on bail. The Delhi government comes out with new schemes only



BJP national president J.P. Nadda being garlanded by party leaders during the Panch Parmeshwar Sammelan at the Ramlila Maidan in Delhi on Sunday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

to commit scams," said Mr. Nadda.

Attacking the ruling party on education, health and procurement of buses, the BJP president said the Delhi government has been singing praises of its education model but in reality,

schools are being run without principals and teachers. He said the Arvind Kejriwal government has not implemented the Ayushman Bharat Yojana even though it has benefitted people across the country and accused the Chief Minister of not building a single hospital in Delhi so far.

Mr. Nadda said despite the trifurcation of the MCD

in 2012 leading to a shortage of funds, the BJP kept working tirelessly and ensured the unification of the civic body 10 years later.

State BJP president Adesh Gupta said the Sunday rally marked the beginning of the end of the "false

and propaganda government" of AAP in Delhi. "Instead of ensuring that people get clean water, better facilities and better infrastructure, Manish Sisodia talks about equitable distribution of liquor," Mr. Gupta said.

'15-year-long misrule'
AAP chief spokesperson and MLA Saurabh Bharadwaj said instead of attack-

ing AAP, Mr. Nadda should present a report card of the BJP's 15-year-long MCD tenure that has been marked by "misgovernance and maladministration".

The BJP has no achievement to talk about. It has only given garbage mountains to Delhi in its 15-year rule.

The BJP's president has nothing to talk of while asking for votes of Delhiites," said the AAP leader.

He added that according to reports, the BJP wishes to build 16 more mountains of garbage in the national capital. "But no matter how hard the BJP tries to ruin Delhi, AAP will not let their plans succeed," said Mr. Bharadwaj.

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Man held for staging abduction to extort money from parents

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

A 25-year-old man was arrested for allegedly staging his abduction to extort money from his parents here in Dwarka, the police said on Sunday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka) Harsha Vardhan said the accused, identified as Prem Chand, had suffered losses in his business and thus decided to dupe his parents.

On October 12, he called up his parents from an unknown number and claimed that he had been abducted by four to five persons for a ransom of ₹2 lakh, the police said.

Accused called up his parents and told them he had been abducted for a ransom of ₹2 lakh

The parents then lodged a case of abduction. The police tracked the phone call and found it last active in Dhankot in Gurugram.

Tried to flee

"We reached the area with the family and found a suspect on a motorbike. The biker was trying to flee but we chased and eventually nabbed him. It turned out to be Chand, who revealed that he had staged his

own abduction," the police said.

On further interrogation, the accused disclosed that he had called up his parents multiple times and told them that the "kidnappers" were asking for ₹2 lakh for his release.

Lost money

"He wanted the money to buy a car and run it as a taxi in Gurugram through an app-based cab aggregator," the DCP said.

A case under IPC sections pertaining to putting a person in fear of death in order to extort money has been lodged at the Chhawla police station, the officer added.

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NIA court discharges five persons in Kannur explosives case

The Hindu Bureau
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Thadiyantavide Nazeer and Sharafuddeen, the two accused in the Bangalore blast cases, and three others were discharged in a case related to the alleged illegal possession of explosive substances from Kannur by the Kochi Special Court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Special Judge K. Kamanees noted that the accused were entitled for discharge as there was no evidence to show that any of them ever had any connection with the possession of the material. Though the accused were represented by lawyers, they did not argue on framing charges. However, the court inspected the records and ordered the

discharge.

The prosecution case was that the accused had illegally possessed the explosive substance and hid it in the property abutting the house of Fayaroose, the fifth accused, in Chembulod grama panchayat, in Kannur.

The explosive materials were found out by a police team, which conducted a search in 2009.

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We are pleased to inform that "Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, New Delhi, has accorded an "Environmental Clearance" vide its letter No. IA-J-11011/245/2022-IA-II(I) dated 10/10/2022 for 10 KLDP (Ethanol) Gran based private Limited located at Village - Matani, Tehsil - Siwani, District - Bhiwani, Haryana. Copies of the Clearance Letter are available with Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB), Industry and may also been seen at the Website of "Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), New Delhi at [HTTP://moef.nic.in](http://moef.nic.in) For Ra Ethanol India Private Limited, Siwani, Bhiwani Chairman and Managing Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is inform to all concern that Late Km. Sharda Saxena D/o Shri Bal Mukund Sahai R/o A-759, Sector-19, Noida was the owner of Residential Plot No. D-155, Sector-55, Noida Dist. Gaur Budh Nagar (U.P.) Late Km. Sharda Saxena has expired on 11.06.2022 She had executed a registered WILL of the above plot in favour of Dr. Shubhay Sahai W/o Dr. Rahul Mathur R/o 209/11, Ground Floor, New ADA Colony, Ashok Nagar, Paragraj, Uttar Pradesh vide WILL dated 21.03.2014 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar III Noida Civil Court No. 3 Volume No. 576 on pages 245 to 254 Registration Number 265 dated 21.03.2014 Now the above plot is to be transferred through the above WILL in favour of Dr. Shubhay Sahai if any one has/have may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential Plot Department of Noida Authority Sector-6, Noida within 15 days from the date of Publication of this Notice.

—Dr. Shubhay Sahai

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Hon'ble Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum, Kozhikode
CC No: 73/2020
Muhammed Ali P,
S/o Abdul Samad, Kandalammele House, Kozhikode, Kerala-673572
VS
1) Continental Motorwork, Kozhikode-673005
2) Parippummal Fijaz, S/o. Asraf, Korakachankandy, Kozhikode - 673067
3) UM Lohit Two Wheelers Pvt Ltd, DDA Shed Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-2, New Delhi-1101020

Hon'ble Consumer Dispute redressal Forum, Kozhikode has ordered notice to Opposite parties by way of paper publication. The case is posted on 01.11.2022 at 10.30 am for appearance of Opposite Parties failing on which the case will be decided ex parte against the Opposite Parties.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL., JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT VIJAYAWADA O.S.NO. 736/2020
Between:
Hitendra Kumar ...Plaintiff
Vs
M/s. Bharathi Cellular Limited, Presently Bharathi Airtel Ltd & Two others ... Defendants To,
1st Defendant
M/s. Bharathi Cellular Limited, Presently Bharathi Airtel Ltd., Its Corporate office situated at, Outtab Ambience, H-5/1, Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-110030

NOTICE
The Plaintiff has filed suit on the file of IV Addl. Junior Civil Judge Court Vijayawada against Defendants to Directing the Defendants No.1 to 3 for eviction from the plaintiff schedule property. The above suit is posted to 27.10.2022 for the appearance of 1st Defendant M/s. Bharathi Cellular Limited, Presently Bharathi Airtel Ltd., New Delhi. Therefore the 1st Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble IV Addl. Junior Civil Judge Court Vijayawada on 27.10.2022 at about 10.30 A.M. in person or through its Advocate. Failing which the 1st Defendant will be set ex parte by the Hon'ble Court. Date of Adjournment: 27.10.2022
(By order of the Court)
Sd/- **PILLA RAVI**
Advocate for Plaintiff
Samaranganam Chivay, Vijayawada-1, A.P.
Mob No: 9848110109

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Cong. sweeps rural samiti polls in Nagpur

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In a setback to the BJP, the Congress dominated the results of elections to the posts of Panchayat Samiti chairpersons and deputy chairpersons in Nagpur district of Maharashtra.

As per the official information, the BJP could not win even a single post of chairperson and managed to secure only three seats of deputy chairperson in the elections, results of which were declared on Saturday.

The Congress won nine out of 13 posts of chairperson and eight out of 13 posts of deputy chairperson in the district. The Nationalist Congress Party secured three posts of chairperson,

while the Shiv Sena managed to win one such post, the district officials said.

The Congress won the chairperson's post in Saoner, Kalmeshwar, Parseoni, Mouda, Kamptee, Umred, Bhivapur, Kuhki and Nagpur Rural.

The NCP won the post in Katol, Narkhed and Hingna, they said.

The Ramtek seat was bagged by the faction led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, sources said.

Former Minister and Congress leader Rajendra Mulak said, "The results have demoralised the BJP cadre, as the party faced a defeat on the home ground of the RSS and senior leaders Nitin Gadkari and Devendra Fadnavis."

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DRC No. 254/2017

**In
O.A. No. 20/2012**

In the matter of
J.M. FINANCIAL ASSET RECONSTRUCTION CO. PVT. LTD.,
7th Floor, Energy, Appasaheb Marathe Marg, Prabhadevi,
Mumbai - 400025
.... Certificate Holder
-Vs-
M/s Vrinda Forgings Ltd and 2 others Certificate Debtors

Notice of Settling a Sale Proclamation

(See Sections 25 to 29 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 r/w Rule 53 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

Whereas in execution of Recovery Certificate No. 254/2017 dated 28.06.2017 drawn up by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Chennai Debts Recovery Tribunal No.2 under the Provision of Sub-Section (22) of Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 (Act 51 of 1993), and a Notice of Demand in DRC No. 254/2017 dated 19.07.2019 subsequently issued by the Recovery Officer of this Tribunal for recovery of Rs. 63,86,71,664.61p (Rupees Sixty Three Crores Eighty Six Lakhs Seventy one thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four and paise sixty one only) and further interest from the Certificate Debtors, the undersigned has prossed to sell the under mentioned immovable EM properties, standing in the name of Certificate Debtors/Defendants.

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97/1B	0.88	0.35.5
97/9	0.22	0.09.0
97/11A	0.46	0.18.5
97/11B	0.67	0.27.0
97/8	0.26	0.10.5
104/8	0.40	0.16.0
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102/8	0.16	0.06.5
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103/4	0.36	0.14.5
103/7	0.32	0.13.0
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104/14	0.32	0.13.0
103/3B	0.33	0.13.5
104/2B	0.40	0.16.0
97/7	0.19	0.07.5
103/2	0.26	0.10.5
103/5	0.91	0.37.0
103/8	0.12	0.05.0
104/9	0.23	0.09.5
97/2	0.14	0.05.0
97/10	0.28	0.11.5
104/3	0.12	0.05.5
103/3A	0.33	0.13.5
104/2A	0.27	0.11.0
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You are hereby informed that the **04.11.2022 (Friday) at 11.30 am** has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, changes, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

This Rule 53 Notice is now published in the news paper since the Rule 53 Notice dated **22.09.2022** sent to Certificate Debtors are unserve.

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K. Elango

Today, “thinking” has become a necessary skill in the job market. But it has been split into creative thinking, critical thinking, design thinking, analytical thinking, logical thinking, strategic thinking, and holistic thinking.

These are then further pigeonholed into higher-order thinking skills (HOTS) and lower-order thinking skills (LOTS). Not to forget Edward de Bono’s classification of lateral thinking and vertical thinking. All of which only intensifies one’s confusion instead of providing clarification.

While “thinking” is a highly desired skill, it eludes many because it is highly demanding until one is habituated. Then there is the inundation by print and social media and the fact that thinkers are often misunderstood and condemned.

Vital two
To engage learners in the cognitive process, we need to consider models and texts. Of the former, two have proven to be impactful: Hegelian dialectical thinking and Bono’s Six Thinking Hats. Dialectical thinking, although traced back to the Socratic method, is attributed to Hegel, the 19th century German philosopher who advocated seeking true meaning in two apparently contradictory positions. Instead of extremes



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Think, but dialectically

What is dialectical thinking? Why is it increasingly becoming a required skill?

such as “right” or “wrong”, he postulated moving away from “either-or” to “both-and”. In other words, right is not totally correct, and wrong is not totally wrong. An interesting metaphor illustrative of this model is “having an elephant in the room with two blindfolded people on its opposite ends”.

Bono’s Six Thinking Hats ideally comprises a group of six, each wearing a different hat. But it can also involve one individual wearing six hats one after another. Each hat has a colour that symbolises a different kind of thinking: white for facts, red for emotions, black for negatives, yellow for positives, green for new ideas and blue for summarising and decision-making. This helps learners tackle an issue from multiple perspectives and overcome the usual mono-dimensional thinking.

The problem confronting teachers is integrating this skill into prescribed textbooks, which may often be unyielding. This then compels them to

browse through a high volume of texts available online in a variety of formats but how many are willing to do this?

Applications

The current Russia-Ukraine war is an apt context to apply dialectical thinking. While Russian president Vladimir Putin defends the war as an attempt to retrieve lost land and Russian pride; Ukraine and the west blame it on his autocratic behaviour and war mongering. Where does the truth lie?

Achieving a dialectical balance is vital. The Six Thinking Hats would bring into focus aspects such as facts on both sides (white); the emotional turmoil of civilians and soldiers (red); sufferings of both nations and the world at large (black); positives if any for the two countries and globally (yellow); probable solutions to the problem (green); a standpoint based on critical engagement with the ideas put forth (blue).

We live in a tumultuous world of issues at local, national, regional and global levels. Tapping into them will be effortless, but narrowing them down to thought-provoking material for the classroom will be a challenge. Will our teachers think out of the box?

The writer is National Secretary, English Language Teachers’ Association of India (ELTAI), and a former professor of English at Anna University.



OFF THE EDGE

Nandini Raman

I am in Class 9 but not sure about my career path. I want a job in which I can be creative and have a good salary. I am interested in design but the variety of options confuses me. - Asha

Dear Asha,

How creative are you? What do you enjoy? Art, drawing, colouring, out-of-the-box thinking? Art and Design courses (and careers eventually) include all sorts of exposure from UI to UX design, product design, video games design, multimedia art and animation, web design, exhibitions design, interior designing, fashion, jewellery and so on. First, identify if this is something that you would like to study more about and pursue as a subject. You will eventually know what your calling is and where your core interest lies.

I am currently doing B.A. English Language and Literature. But I want to join intelligence services like RAW or IB. What should I do? - Shreedi

Dear Shreedi,

Why did you enrol in this

A guided route

Uncertain about your career options? Low on self-confidence? This career counselling column may help

Dear Sreedevi,

India’s Research and Analysis Wing gathers intelligence on other nations, especially those close to India, to protect it from any attacks, threats, and terrorist dangers by creating suitable policies, establishing international ties, and neutralising any threat to our democracy or safety.

The UPSC exam is one route to join RAW (Group A officers from IAS, IPS, IFS and IRS). There are also other strategies for hiring. A candidate has to pass a psychological test and an interview.

The eligibility criteria are graduation from a reputable institution and fluency in one foreign language. She/he must be an Indian with no criminal record. The age requirement is less than 56 years and the candidate must have more than 20 years of professional experience.

I completed my UG Electrical and Electronics Engineering in 2020 and am currently working in an IT company. I enrolled in M.Sc. Cybersecurity and Informatics. Since my UG degree is unrelated to this, should I continue or drop out and look for another course? - Shasha

Dear Shasha,

Why did you enrol in this

course? Work on the pros and cons of your choice and then arrive at your answer. Some good career options after this course are to work as a Research Associate, an Ethical hacker, a Penetration Tester, a Cyber Legal Service, a Security Code Auditor, and a Cryptographic Expert. It is also a well-rewarding industry for the right candidate.

I am doing B.Sc. Medical with Zoology, Botany, and Chemistry. I want to do my Master’s in Clinical Embryology. Will I be eligible? - Vanshika

Dear Vanshika,
You can apply for an M.Sc. in Clinical Embryology after your B.Sc. course. The eligibility criteria are B.Sc with at least one subject of Biological Science/Biotechnology or MBBS from a recognised institution.

Selection is done by an admission board strictly on merit. MET M.Sc. (Clinical Embryology) is conducted by Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

Disclaimer: This column is merely a guiding voice and provides advice and suggestions on education and careers.

The writer is a practising counsellor and a trainer. Send your questions to eduplus.thehindu@gmail.com with the subject line ‘Off the edge’.

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Sagar, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 35 Years, Height: about 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Normal, Face: Oval, Wearing: White Baniyan and Blue Pant was found in Woodland Park, Tagore Garden, New Delhi.

on 22.08.2022 at 12.10 PM. In this regard DD No.54A, Dated 22.08.2022 has been lodged at PS: Rajouri Garden, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

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Tender Notice

No. 22 / 2022-2023

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Chief Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Kashmir
FRESH NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
E-NIT NO:12/CE/PMGSY/KMR OF 2022-23 dated 13-10-2022

Chief Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Kashmir on behalf of Government of Jammu & Kashmir invites Percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for upgradation of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Rojana for the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

S. No	Name of Work with Package No. and Name of Division	Tendered Cost including GST (Rs in lacs.)			Cost of document (Amount in Rupees)	Earnest Money (Bid Security in Lacs)	Time for Completion work	Tender Call	Time and Date of opening of tenders online (Bidder's Bid)	Class of contractor
		Construction Part	Maintenance Part	Total cost of work						
1	Upgradation and Maintenance of road from MRL01-Damhal Bongam to BB DK Marg via KhulAhmadabad. (Batch-I, 2022-23) Package No. JK18-3009, Length=6,605 Kms, Block Damhal Hanji Pora, PMGSY Division Kulgam, (Waste Plastic)	491.61	58.99	550.60	6000	11.01	365 days	3rd	01-11-2022 At:11:30 A.M	"A" Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.
2	Upgradation and Maintenance of road from T01-Chawalgam to DB Shopian via Nillow (Batch-I, 2022-23) Package No. JK18-3001, Length=7,63Kms, Block Kulgam, PMGSY Division Kulgam,	718.93	86.27	805.20	6000	16.10	365 days	3rd	01-11-2022 At:11:30 A.M	"A" Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.
3	Upgradation and Maintenance of road from MRL02-RD 5000 to T02 to BB Dangvia via KralooraLambanPomby (Batch-I, 2022-23) Package No. JK18-3010, Length=6,532 Kms, Block Pahloo, PMGSY Division Kulgam, (Waste Plastic)	464.57	55.75	520.32	6000	10.41	365 days	3rd	01-11-2022 At:11:30 A.M	"A" Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.
4	Upgradation and Maintenance of road from MRL01-Mohipora to Rekhama via Karkon Begamy (Batch-I, 2022-23) Package No. JK18-3008, Length=5,215 Kms, Block Pomby, PMGSY Division Kulgam, (Waste Plastic)	384.63	46.15	430.78	6000	8.62	365 days	3rd	01-11-2022 At:11:30 A.M	"A" Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.
5	Upgradation and Maintenance of road from T03-Adjian to Yaripora via NilwovArrehKheejopora (Batch-I, 2022-23) Package No. JK18-3002, Length=8,40 Kms, Block Pomby, PMGSY Division Kulgam, (Waste Plastic)	431.55	51.79	483.34	6000	9.67	365 days	3rd	01-11-2022 At:11:30 A.M	"A" Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.
6	Upgradation and Maintenance of road from MRL01-Arwani to Melhura via Laktipora (Batch-I, 2022-23) Package No. JK01-3015, Length=3,108 Kms, Block Bijbehara, PMGSY Division Anantnag, (Waste Plastic)	205.09	24.61	229.70	6000	4.59	365 days	3rd	01-11-2022 At:11:30 A.M	"A" Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.
7	Upgradation and Maintenance of road from MRL16-Saler Ashmugam Road (Batch-I, 2022-23) Package No. JK01-3010, Length=3,114 Kms, Block Dachnipora, PMGSY Division Anantnag, (Waste Plastic)	269.08	32.29	301.37	6000	6.03	365 days	3rd	01-11-2022 At:11:30 A.M	"A" Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.
8	Upgradation and Maintenance of road from MRL16-BL Road Haligam to Nowshera via Mahindra (Batch-I, 2022-23) Package No. JK01-3014, Length=4,115 Kms, Block Dachnipora, PMGSY Division Anantnag, (Waste Plastic)	339.67	40.76	380.43	6000	7.61	365 days	3rd	01-11-2022 At:11:30 A.M	"A" Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.
9	Upgradation and Maintenance of road from T01-Senpah to Zogbuli, Length=6,04 Kms, Package No JK02-3011, PMGSY-III, Batch-I, Budgam.	468.94	56.27	525.21	6000	10.50	365 days	2 nd	01-11-2022 At:11:30 A.M	"A" Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.
10	Upgradation and maintenance of road from MRL01-Barsoo to NawabBagh via Kurhama-Wakura, Length: 6.26 Km, Package No JK16-3003, Waste Plastic, PMGSY-III, Batch-I, Ganderbal.	474.70	56.96	531.66	6000					



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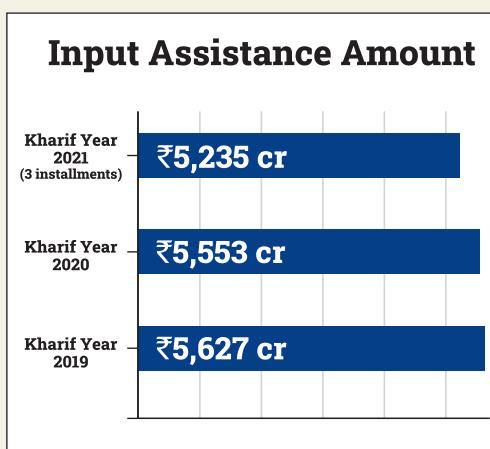
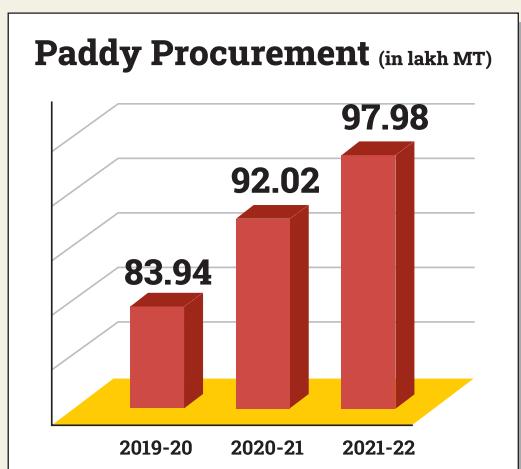
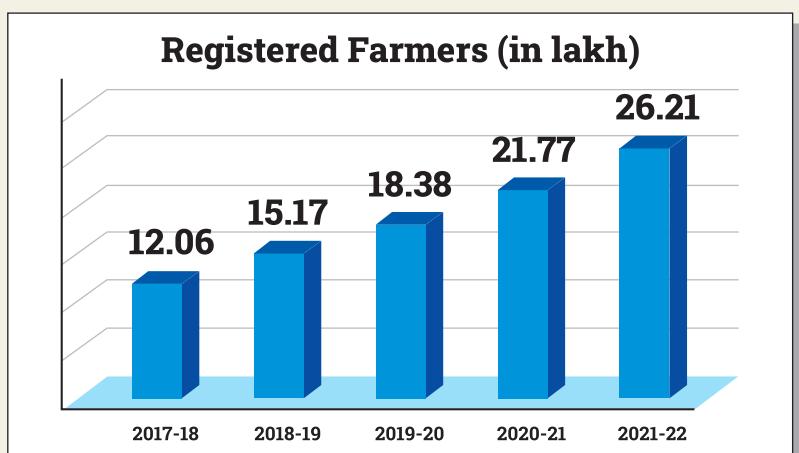
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Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana

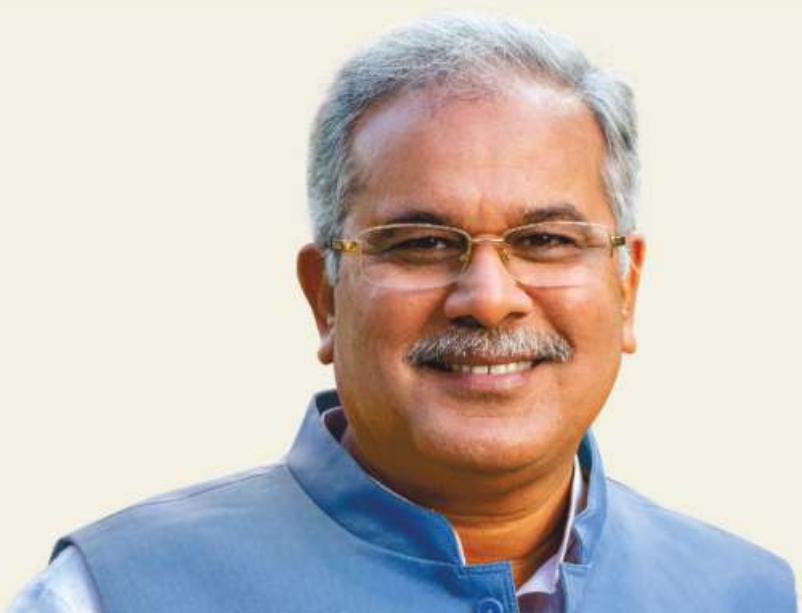
Direct benefit transfer of ₹1,745 cr to 26.21 lakh farmers

Till date, total disbursement of ₹16,415 cr by the current govt

Impact of NYAY
Agriculture becomes a profitable business



Procurement of pulses (Arhar, Urad and Moong) at MSP to encourage crop diversification



Shri Bhupesh Baghel
Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh



Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Bhoomihin Krishi Majdoor Nyay Yojana

Annual financial assistance of ₹7,000 to landless agricultural labourers

Disbursement of ₹115.8 cr to 4.66 lakh beneficiaries

Till date, total disbursement of ₹326.75 cr

Scope of the NYAY widens

New beneficiaries included in the scheme

Pujari, Baiga, Guniya, Manjhi Haat Pahariya and Baja Mohariya



Godhan Nyay Yojana

Online transfer of ₹5.59 cr

to Cattle farmers, women self-help groups and Gauthan committees

Under the scheme, till date payment of ₹338.14 cr

Godhan boosting rural economy

Institutional purchase of Gaumutra at ₹4 per litre & cow dung at ₹2 per kg



Questionable urgency

Swift stay on orders of acquittal or discharge shows courts in a bad light

The manner in which the Supreme Court has suspended the operation of a Bombay High Court judgment discharging G.N. Saibaba and others in an alleged Maoist conspiracy case is quite unusual and raises critical questions. It is true that their conviction by a trial court – with Prof. Saibaba and four others being sentenced to life and another to 10 years under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) – was set aside by the High Court not on merits, but only on technical grounds, and the state may feel aggrieved. However, the apex court could have been more restrained while entertaining an appeal against the order. The Court showed extraordinary zeal in fulfilling the Maharashtra government's wish to have an immediate hearing. A special Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and Bela Trivedi was formed to hear the appeal on a Saturday. Consider the circumstances: the accused have spent years in prison, Prof. Saibaba is disabled, and soon after their discharge, they were required to file a bond under a procedure that requires even those acquitted to be available for further proceedings in case there is an appeal. It is doubtful whether the Court should have responded with such swiftness just to suspend a judgment that has given detailed reasons for discharging the accused. After all, appeals against acquittals are not uncommon.

The gist of the High Court verdict is that in the case of five accused (one of them died in prison), the sanction for their prosecution under UAPA was invalid because material was placed before the sanctioning authority and sanction obtained on the same day, and that there was no summary of the analysis of the evidence made by an independent reviewer to assist the grant of sanction. In the case of Prof. Saibaba, cognisance was taken and even a witness was examined before the sanction order arrived, rendering the entire proceedings void. The Government may have an arguable case, going by Section 465 of the CrPC, that any error, omission or irregularity in the matter of sanction would not vitiate the trial, unless there has been a failure of justice as a result, and that it is a curable defect. However, these issues have been elaborately dealt with by the High Court. The Bench has concluded that when dealing with special laws such as the UAPA, every safeguard provided by the legislature, however small, must be zealously protected. A 1976 judgment does give the Supreme Court the power to suspend an acquittal order, but as a matter of principle, the benefit of acquittal or discharge must not be interdicted by an appellate court without a full hearing.

Fuel to the fire

Liz Truss seems to have gutted Tory fortunes with her wrong priorities

The United Kingdom is fast becoming a cautionary tale for how bad politics can lead to even worse economics. Prime Minister Liz Truss was once seen as a new hope for breathing life back into the sinking fortunes of the U.K. Conservative Party after its previous leader, Boris Johnson, squandered the goodwill of success with the COVID-19 vaccine programme and embarrassed Downing Street with the Partygate scandal. Now, Ms. Truss is in her party members' crosshairs after foisting a disastrous set of economic policy proposals on the country, which was already shuddering under the weight of global developments impacting energy prices, inflation, and economic activity. Flipflops, U-turns and a lack of coherent long-term strategy for economic stability and growth have marred what little merit there might have been in her advocacy of policies to transform the U.K. into a "high growth, low cost" economy. The questionable, doctrinaire ideas at the heart of the Truss government's missteps, which in its worst moments required the Bank of England (BoE) to step in with a £65bn emergency bond buying programme to stabilise gilts and the cost of government borrowing, stem from her campaign promise to cut taxes extensively. While most Tories would in principle be happy with that proposition, what has befuddled macroeconomists is that instead of following up her energy price guarantee scheme – a timely intervention in the face of rising gas prices linked to the Ukraine invasion – with consultation with the BoE on stabilising inflation, Ms. Truss jumped headlong into tax cut mode.

The cost of this ill-timed fiscal foray was severe. The proposal of Ms. Truss and erstwhile Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kwasi Kwarteng, to abolish the 45% top rate of income tax on incomes of £150,000 or higher, raised eyebrows. Combined with their unfunded plan to scrap an increase in corporate tax from 19% to 25%, from next April, it was clear that these measures would burn £45bn in government finances. The market turmoil has signalled the true extent of disapproval of Ms. Truss's formulas – yields on 10-year government bonds jumped from 3.5% to 4.3%, then held firm at nearly 4.05% after BoE intervention. Meanwhile the pound lost value, the mortgage market was thrown into chaos, and the country is now staring at a bumpy path ahead before inflation can be tamed. Far from being the leader who could extricate the Conservative Party from its shambolic, scandal-ridden image, Ms. Truss has likely added the label of "incompetence" to the Tory governance image. For her poor performance, her time on Downing Street may draw to a close sooner than she expected.

Food day as a reminder to 'leave no one behind'

Globally, food and nutrition security continue to be undermined by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, spiralling food inflation, conflict, and inequality. Today, around 828 million people worldwide do not have enough to eat, and over 50 million people are facing severe hunger.

The Hunger Hotspots Outlook (2022-23) – a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) – forebodes escalating hunger, as over 205 million people across 45 countries will need emergency food assistance to survive.

This year's World Food Day (October 16) has been a reminder to ensure that the most vulnerable people within our communities have easy access to safe and nutritious food. The promise to end hunger by 2030 is possible only through collective and transformational action to strengthen agri-food systems; better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life.

Better production, better nutrition

India has had an inspiring journey towards better production and achieving self-sufficiency and is now one of the largest agricultural product exporters. During 2021-22, it recorded \$49.6 billion in total agriculture exports – a 20% increase from 2020-21. However, recent climate shocks have raised concerns about India's wheat and rice production over the next year. Therefore, it is important to place a greater focus on climate adaptation and resilience building.

By 2030, India's population is expected to rise to 1.5 billion. Agri-food systems will need to provide for and sustainably support an increasing population. There is increased recognition to move away from conventional input-intensive agriculture towards more inclusive, effective, and sustainable agri-food systems that would facilitate better production. There have also been a series of initiatives by the Government of India on



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India can lead the global discourse on enabling food and nutrition security



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better production and improving food access, especially for vulnerable populations.

Since 1948, the FAO has continued to play a catalytic role in India's progress in the areas of crops, livestock, fisheries, food security, and management of natural resources through the promotion of sustainable practices.

World Food Day is a reminder to 'Leave No One Behind', and is an opportunity – perhaps the most urgent one in recent history – for nations to strengthen food security nets, provide access to essential nutrition for millions and promote livelihood for vulnerable communities.

One of India's greatest contributions to equity in food is its National Food Security Act (NFS) 2013 which anchors the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the PM POSHAN scheme (earlier known as the Mid-Day Meals scheme), and the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). Today, India's food safety nets collectively reach over a billion people. The WFP works with State and national governments to strengthen these systems to reach the people who need them most. The Government continues to take various measures to improve these programmes with digitisation and measures such as rice fortification, better health, and sanitation.

Food safety nets and inclusion are linked with public procurement and buffer stock policy – visible during the global food crisis (2008-12) and the COVID-19 pandemic fallout, whereby vulnerable and marginalised families in India continued to be buffered by the TPDS which became a lifeline. An International Monetary Fund paper titled 'Pandemic, Poverty, and Inequality: Evidence from India' asserted that 'extreme poverty was maintained below 1% in 2020 due to the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). India's upcoming G20 presidency is an opportunity to bring food and nutrition security to the very centre of a resilient and equitable future.'

A better environment

Nutrition and agricultural production are not only impacted by climate change but also linked to environmental sustainability. Soil degradation by the excessive use of chemicals, non-judicious water use, and declining nutritional value of food products need urgent attention.

Millets have received renewed attention as crops that are good for nutrition, health, and the planet. As climate-smart crops, they are harder than other cereals. Since they need fewer inputs, they are less extractive for the soil and can revive soil health. Additionally, their genetic diversity

ensures that agrobiodiversity is preserved.

India has led the global conversation on reviving millet production for better lives, nutrition, and the environment, including at the UN General Assembly, where it appealed to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets. It is the world's leading producer of millets, producing around 41% of total production in 2020. The national government is also implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals (Millets) as part of the National Food Security Mission. State-level missions in Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh are a testament to India's resolve to revive these indigenous crops.

Millet conservation and promotion contribute to addressing food security, improved nutrition, and sustainable agriculture, which aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda. Millet production has been proven to enhance biodiversity and increase yields for smallholder farmers, including rural women. The International Fund for Agricultural Development's (IFAD)'s Tejaswini programme with Madhya Pradesh showed that growing millets meant a nearly 10 times increase in income (₹1,800 per month in 2013-14 to ₹16,277 in 2020-21), with better food security because millet crops were not impacted by excessive rainfall.

A study by the FAO on millets in India emphasises strengthening value chains for enhancing nutritional benefits and increasing farmers' incomes.

A better life

It is clear that the path to a better life resides in transforming food systems, making them more resilient and sustainable with a focus on equity, including by incentivising the protection of the commons; enhancing food and nutrition security and social protection networks, including by providing non-distortionary income support; promoting production and consumption of nutritious native foods such as millets, by investing in consumer sensitisation; investing in making the global and regional supply chain robust and responsive by strengthening transparency in the agricultural system through systems that promote labelling, traceability, etc.; and increasing cooperation for leveraging solutions and innovations. India can lead the global discourse on food and nutrition security by showcasing home-grown solutions and best practices, and championing the principle of leaving no one behind – working continuously to make its food system more equitable, empowering, and inclusive.

The bigger picture of intermediation, financial crises

The financial sector plays a major role in modern economies and banks are the cornerstone of the financial system. They mobilise savings for investments, create opportunities to pool risks, improve allocative efficiencies, and lower transaction costs when funds exchange hands between borrowers and lenders. Interestingly, the very mechanisms that enable banks to offer these valuable services are also those which, at times, make banks vulnerable to small shocks and market sentiments, triggering a financial crisis and/or bank run with severe consequences. This year's Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences has been awarded to three American economists – Ben S. Bernanke, the former Federal Reserve Chair; Douglas W. Diamond at the University of Chicago; and Philip H. Dybvig at Washington University in St. Louis for offering a deeper understanding of the genesis, the propagation, and the management of financial crises. Explaining the ideas of Diamond and Dybvig in their 1983 seminal paper on bank runs is a good beginning.

Even the ideal situation has a risk
Consider an ideal situation where banks and firms are honest, banks are healthy with a small volume of non-performing loans, and that the economy is not facing any significant adverse events such as wars, floods, etc. Now, ask yourself if your deposits in a bank are safe under this ideal condition. According to Diamond and Dybvig, even in this ideal environment banks may fail to meet obligations to depositors due to a different kind of risk – the risk associated with maturity transformation which banks have to undertake to be viable.

Their argument goes as follows. Consider a bank that takes deposits from many small savers, like you and me. We may face a sudden need for cash due to unforeseen circumstances.



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This year's economics Nobel offers a deeper understanding of the genesis, the propagation, and the management of financial crises

Therefore, we prefer to put our savings in liquid deposit accounts from which we can withdraw at minimum notice. On the other hand, the firms that borrow from the bank prefer loans with longer maturity since they want to invest the money in business activities. To make its operation viable, a bank has to pay attention to the needs of both sets of customers. Thus, a bank has to turn short-term deposits into long-term lending. Under ordinary circumstances, a bank's day-to-day operation remains unaffected by this mismatch of its assets (loans) and liabilities (deposits) because withdrawals by depositors largely uncorrelated. On a given day, only a fraction of depositors (you and me) faces an unforeseen need for cash and the need to withdraw money from their accounts.

A framework used as an explainer

Repeated observations of borrower behaviour allows banks to set aside (technically by appealing to the law of large numbers) a fraction of deposits needed to meet the daily demand for withdrawal and safely give out the rest as loans with longer maturities. This process works well as long as each depositor expects other depositors to withdraw only when they have real expenditure needs. But suppose something changes for the depositors (economic or political events for example). This could trigger a belief among the depositors that their deposits are at risk. Such expectations could be wholly unfounded or based on a minor event. Now depositors like you and me are informed and smart. They know that a bank has locked a significant fraction of its deposits in loans that cannot be quickly called in, and also anticipating that other depositors will want to withdraw their funds.

Consequently, the best strategy for a depositor under these circumstances would be to withdraw his/her own money before it runs out. Since all of us are smart and we think alike, what emerges is

a perfect recipe for a bank run that can potentially trigger a financial crisis. Incidentally, a way to prevent such crises and runs is to offer deposit insurance, which many governments have implemented. One does not have to be a trained economist to see the beauty and creativity in this explanation – it helped that both Diamond and Dybvig were graduate students at Yale in the late 1970s. Additionally, the Diamond-Dybvig framework has been used to explain how financial development affects the rest of the economy and to understand the effects of monetary policy on banks' portfolio choices. It is one of the few papers to have its own Wikipedia page.

Credit market's role

The other winner Ben Bernanke, made significant contributions to our understanding of the credit market's role in propagating and accentuating the effects of shocks. During the great depression of the 1930s, nearly 7,000 banks in the United States failed taking with them \$7 billion in depositors' assets. One can view bank failures at this scale as a consequence of a deep economic downturn and stop there. However, Bernanke in a 1983 paper argued that the disruptions of 1930-33 reduced the effectiveness of the financial sector as a whole by increasing the real costs of intermediating in the market and making credit more expensive and difficult to obtain.

Consequently, bank runs played an important role in converting the severe but not unprecedented downturn of 1929-30 into a protracted depression. Bernanke's research on the banking sector upholds the belief that favourable credit market conditions are essential for moderating shocks. He did put this belief to work as the Federal Chair during the 2008 recession. Overall, the three winners cover different but complementary aspects of financial intermediation and banking.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hunger index ranking

In the midst of grand rhetoric reverberating in the country on the impending arrival of a five trillion dollar economy, the report that India fares worse than all countries in South Asia barring Afghanistan on the Global Hunger Index should spur a reality check ("Global Hunger Index is out, India in 'serious' category at rank 107", October 15). Such ignominious reports emerging at regular intervals do not appear to have any impact on the sensibilities of our rulers

who are busy blowing their trumpets ("Govt. rejects global hunger index study, calls it an attempt to tarnish India's image", October 16). Obviously the trickle down theory has not worked over the years and a direct attack on poverty is urgently called for. It is time the directive principles of the Constitution tempered economic policy making. Mounting economic disparity in the country is a matter of great concern.

Manohar Alembath
Kannur, Kerala

Acquittal suspended

The case of the academic G.N. Saibaba raises eyebrows. When the Bombay High Court had, on a complete consideration of the materials before it, acquitted him and ordered his release, the speed with which the Supreme Court had, on the very next day, suspended his release cannot be countenanced. The order is all the more curious as the accused is wheelchair-bound and his health none-too-impressive. The order that he must necessarily be incarcerated

appears to lack humanitarian considerations. It is one thing to be judicially stern and quite another to be inconsiderate.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

Is there concrete proof that the professor, with disabilities, had superhuman powers to take on the might of the Indian state? Doubting anyone who stands for radical or revolutionary changes as an 'urban naxal' and incarcerating him or her

citing ideological inclinations or political leanings is not quite worthy of a vibrant democracy. It is not clear how the country's top court drew the inference that the professor's "brain" was powerful enough to pose a danger to the sovereignty and integrity of the country.

G. David Milton,
Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu

Seventh triumph

The Indian women's team led by Harmanpreet Kaur was in its elements to have annexed the Women's Asia Cup in style. The credit should go to the bowlers and fielders for their stupendous show. The side played to a plan.

C.K. Ramani,
Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh



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C.K. Ramani,
Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

The 'plumbing' of inner party democracy

Inner party democracy' is a favourite buzzword for Indian political commentators. Since 2019, there have been 27 articles in mainstream English media publications delivering sermons to the Congress about 'internal democracy'. If inner party democracy was such a magic pill, why is it that no political party in India has embarked on it for so long?

Contrary to shallow theories, it is not because the current leadership fear losing control. In fact, a Rahul Gandhi, M.K.Stalin, Mamata Banerjee, Sharad Pawar or an Akhilesh Yadav would sweep any internal elections held in their respective parties. A contest is possible only when established party leaders sacrifice their quests, such as what Mr. Gandhi has done for the Congress. There is also some fear among parties that an internal leadership contest may result in a splintered organisation, vulnerable to capture by external adversaries. But political parties, especially the Opposition, are anyway not secure from such external raids by the ruling party today.

Translating grandiose ideas such as inner party democracy into action requires institutional capabilities, just as the Election Commission (EC) has to keep India a democratic republic. The 'plumbing' needed to implement inner party democracy is very complex, messy and lacking in India's political parties. No other political party has the institutional capacity of the EC to implement internal democracy.

The election process

Who will be the voters in an internal election to choose the president? Should all the members of the party or only office bearers or a certain category of leaders vote? If all the members are to be voters, how can their membership be verified? Or if only office bearers or select leaders are to vote, what is the basis for their selection? How can one be sure



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that yesterday's member or leader is still in the party at the time of election, given the alacrity with which politicians are bought and sold today? Who will be eligible to contest? How can external interference or manipulation of the electoral college be prevented? The 140-year history of the Congress has helped codify some of these answers in the party's constitution, albeit not sufficiently or aptly for modern times.

The Central Election Authority (CEA) of the Congress, headed by Madhusudhan Mistry, recruited a massive team of 943 returning officers from within the party. These officers were tasked with overseeing the process of choosing delegates from each of the 9,000+ block units of the Congress across the country, either through election or consensus, based on membership enrolment.

Beginning with a six-month

membership drive and formation

of block, assembly and district

units, over 9,800 delegates were

chosen through a constitutionally

defined process, provided a

QR-coded ID card and formed the

electoral college to elect the next

president. Any of them could

choose to contest for the post of

the president by getting the

support of 10 other delegates.

Voting is through a secret paper

ballot under a rank choice voting

system, unlike the

first-past-the-post system of Indian

elections. The returning officers

are responsible for conducting

smooth elections in each State

headquarters and bringing the

ballot boxes to Delhi for counting.

And through this process, the CEA

and its returning officers must not only be impartial and fair, but also perceived to be fair. This mammoth exercise is only possible due to the institutional structure of the CEA, the constitutionally prescribed election rules and an experienced team of nearly a thousand people working on it for over a year.

Establishing such credible institutions and processes to be led by people of high integrity and who command the respect of most is not easy. But without this, there can be no 'inner party democracy' in a political party, which explains why most parties in India do not undertake such an arduous task.

Errors of omission

Further, it is only reasonable to expect such a massive undertaking to be imperfect with errors of omission but not of commission. But people fall prey to Occam's razor principle and attribute malice to such errors when they can be explained as inevitable imperfections in such a large project. Aspersions cast flippantly by armchair critics inside and outside the party on the institution, process or individuals dissuade leaders and parties even more from such exercises in internal democracy.

Any contestation for power is a messy, Chanakyan affair that inevitably ends with happy and grumpy people. The thankless, complex and risky endeavour of inner party elections serves as a disincentive for most parties to attempt such an exercise, especially when its supposed benefits do not seem to outweigh the enormous tangible and intangible costs in the short term.

The Congress's election process may not be flawless, but when over 9,800 members of the electoral college cast their vote today to choose the next president, it will be a testament to the party's rich legacy and ability to build robust institutions – traits that helped our nation attain independence and evolve into a modern republic.

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Making a case for the Old Pension Scheme

If the more favourable Old Pension Scheme is to be financially sound, the focus should be on increasing revenues to fund it

DATA POINT

Rohit Azad & Indranil Chowdhury

After Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, Punjab is the latest State that has announced its plan to revert to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). Many have argued that this is a fiscally irresponsible move. We argue why and how we must go back to the OPS.

The OPS is an assured inflation-indexed monthly family pension till you (and your spouse) live(s). The OPS level is linked to the last pay you drew. The NPS is a corpus from which you can draw a pension after retirement. Its value is determined by the market prices in which the corpus is invested.

There are many issues with the NPS. One, as Chart 1 shows, the amount of monthly pension you would draw (for the same contribution during service) with three hypothetical market rates of return is significantly lower for NPS.

Two, it is dependent on the vagaries of the market prices of equity/bonds in which the corpus is invested. To be sure, the markets do not crash often and in the long run they go up rather than down. But it is still a lottery. If there is a crash, the downside has to be absorbed by the retirees. According to a 2008 OECD study, the global financial crisis had wiped a total of \$5 trillion off the value of private pension funds in rich countries compared to the start of the year. It's true that this is the value of assets on paper, but such a fall can, and did, induce withdrawals among panic-stricken retirees who didn't have age on their side to be in the long game of speculation.

Three, the OPS is a fixed government expenditure irrespective of an economic slowdown or a stock market crash, which makes it a good counter-cyclical policy measure during a crisis. In fact, the Sixth Pay Commission in India did precisely this during the Great Re-

cession of 2008.

It has been argued that the OPS is a big hole in the exchequer's pocket (25% of the States' budget). This number is misleading because three other parts of States' revenue receipts – tax the Centre collects on behalf of the States (SGST, a part of direct taxes, etc.); non-tax revenue that the States collect; and non-tax grant that the Centre shares with the States – have not been taken into account.

Chart 2A shows that the OPS outlays, when calculated correctly, are less than half of 25%. Additionally, as Chart 2B shows, when the revenues (as a share of State GDP) go up, the share of pensions falls. So, shouldn't the focus then be on mobilising revenues instead of cutting expenditures? But how?

Chart 3 plots the tax-GDP ratio (State plus Centre's taxes) for 18 of the G20 countries. India is the fifth country from the bottom and performs poorly among BRICS nations. Even within that, two out of three rupees comes from indirect taxes, for which the poor have to pay the same as the rich for a commodity. So, by increasing direct taxes – in particular corporate taxes – enough room can be created to ensure decent pensions for all.

Not only is there enough room in corporate taxes, a lot more can be mobilised if India were to target property and wealth taxes, which are almost zero (Chart 4A). Not surprisingly, India ranks the lowest among the 18 of G-20 countries. At one point, India did have some property tax, however insignificant, which rose between 2005 to 2012 but has fallen precipitously since (Chart 4B).

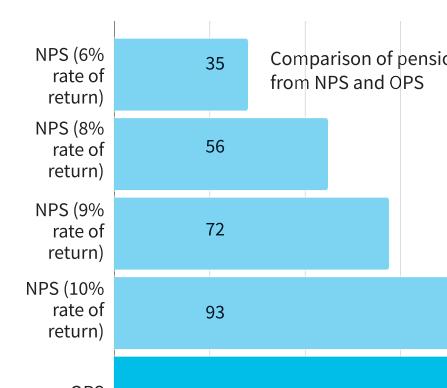
Perhaps there is a need to rationalise the level of pensions under the OPS to make room for non-permanent workers. But doing away with the old pension altogether is like throwing the baby with the bath water.

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Old versus new pension schemes

The charts show why the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) is better than the New Pension Scheme (NPS) and how to revert to the OPS. The data were the authors' calculations based on the Reserve Bank of India's database on the Indian economy and the IMF's World Revenue Longitudinal Data (WoRLD)

Chart 1 | OPS and NPS have been calculated assuming the employee has worked for 35 years. The pension from the OPS has been taken as 100 and the rest are ratios of that. The NPS calculator from the NPS Trust website has been used for calculating the monthly pension. Annuity of 40% is assumed for the calculations. 9% is the current rate of return in the NPS Central Government scheme



Comparison of pensions from NPS and OPS

Chart 2B | Revenue receipts as a % of State GDP and pensions as a % of revenue receipts (for all States, 1991-2022)

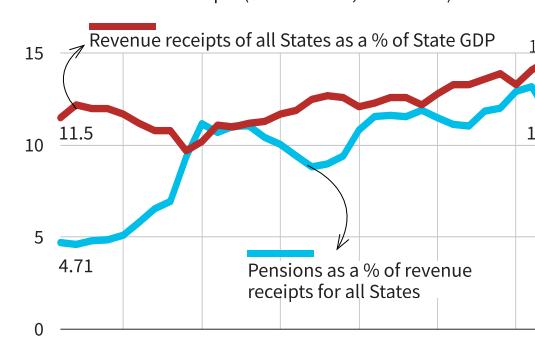


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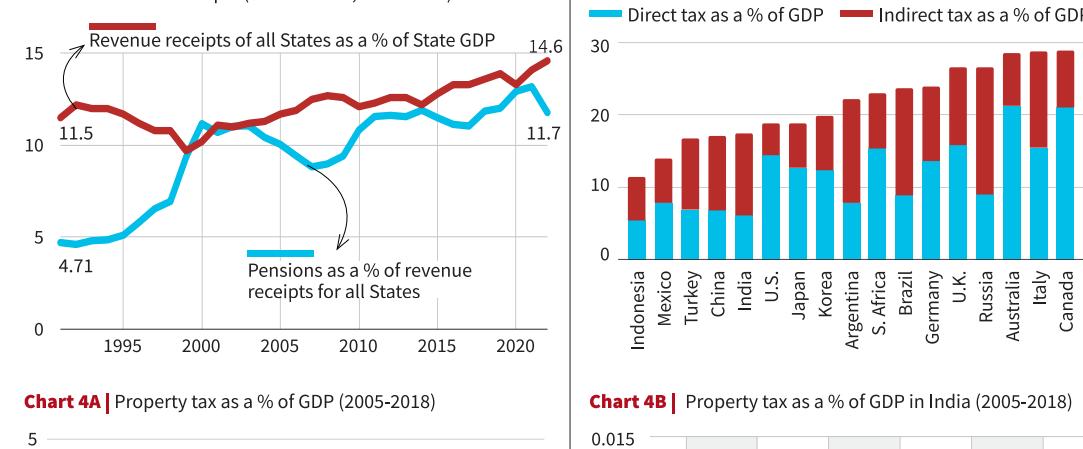


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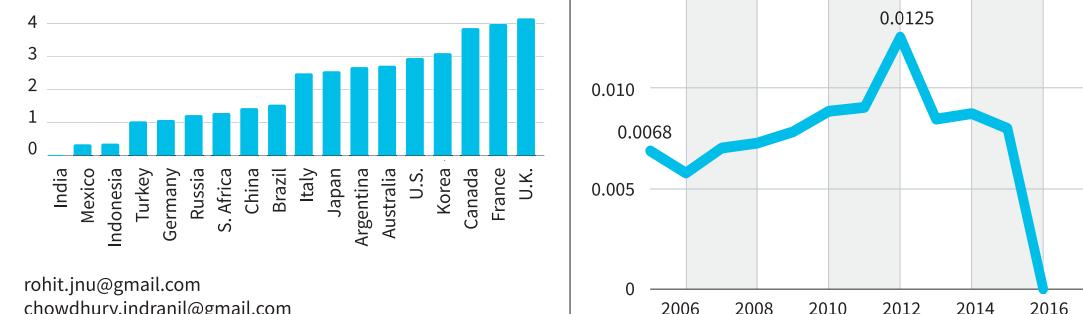


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Text & Context

THE HINDU

NEWS IN NUMBERS

Foreign investors withdraw from Indian equity markets

7,500 In ₹ crore, the amount withdrawn by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from the Indian equity markets in the first two weeks of October on concerns of monetary policy tightening by the U.S. Federal Reserve and other central banks. With this, the total FPI outflow this year has reached ₹1.76 lakh crore so far. PTI

New digital banking units inaugurated across India

75 The number of Digital Banking Units (DBUs), inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi including two of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank. In the Union Budget 2022-23, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the setting up of DBUs to commemorate 75 years of independence. Eleven banks in the public sector and 12 in the private sector are participating. PTI

Wage hike under the General Insurance Amendment Scheme

12 In percentage, the average hike in wage for employees of four public sector general insurance companies effective from August 2017, under the General Insurance (Rationalisation of Pay Scales and other Conditions of Service of Officers) Amendment Scheme, the Finance Ministry has notified. The officers and employees will get arrears for five years. PTI

Contractual recruitments to be regularised in Odisha

57,000 The number of contract employees under the Odisha State Government to be regularised as the State is abolishing contractual recruitment, according to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting on the eve of the Chief Minister's 76th birthday. PTI

Students and teachers from DU detained during protests

40 The number of students and teachers from Delhi University (DU) detained by the police during protests at the DU Arts Faculty for the release of former professor G. N. Saibaba, hours after the Supreme Court stayed his acquittal by the Bombay High Court. According to the police, the students were not given permission to hold a protest. PTI

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Understanding the Global Hunger Index

On what indicators is the GHI computed? Why did the Ministry of Women and Child Development reject the report and call it "an erroneous measure of hunger"? Why are child-centric metrics used to calculate global hunger?

EXPLAINER

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

For the second time in two years, the Ministry of Women and Child Development on Saturday rejected the Global Hunger Index (GHI) that ranked India 107 among 121 countries. India was accorded a score of 29.1 out of 100 (with 0 representing no hunger), placing it behind Sri Lanka (66), Myanmar (71), Nepal (81) and Bangladesh (84). It referred to the index as "an erroneous measure of hunger".

What is the Global Hunger Index?

The GHI is a peer-reviewed annual report that endeavours to "comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional, and country levels". Authors of the report primarily refer to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2) that endeavours to achieve 'Zero Hunger' by 2030. According to them, the report attempts to "raise awareness and understanding of the struggle against hunger". The GHI score is computed using four broad indicators – undernourishment (measure of the proportion of the population facing chronic deficiency of dietary energy intake), child stunting (low height for age), child wasting (low weight for height) and child mortality (death of a child under the age of five).

Why these four metrics?

Undernourishment, as per the authors, provides a basis to measure inadequate access to food and is among the lead indicators for international hunger targets, including the UN SDG 2. Child stunting and mortality, offers perspective about the child's vulnerability to nutritional deficiencies, access to food and quality of nutrition. Since children (especially below five) are at a developmental age there is a greater and urgent requirement for nutrition with results particularly visible. This forms the basis of assessing nutritional requirement among children. Adults are at a sus-



tainable age – they are not growing but rather subsisting on nutrition for healthy survival. And lastly, on the same rationale, child mortality indicates the serious consequences of hunger.

What allegations are we looking at? As per the Ministry for Women and Child Development, the report lowers India's rank based on the estimates of the Proportion of Undernourished (PoU) population. It elaborates that the U.S. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) estimate is based on the 'Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)' survey module conducted using the Gallup World Poll, that bears a sample size of 3,000 respondents being asked eight questions. It stated that the data represented a minuscule proportion for a country of India's size. It countered the assertions in the report pointing to India's per capita dietary energy supply increasing year-on-year due to enhanced production of major agricultural commodities in the country over the years.

The GHI website provides important clarifications on these points raised by the government. It explains that while FAO uses a suite of indicators on food security, including two important indicators – prevalence of undernourishment and prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity based on FIES – the GHI only uses the PoU obtained through food balance sheets based on data reported by member countries, including India. A food balance sheet provides a comprehensive picture of the pattern of a country's food supply during a specified reference period. It lists down the source of the supply and its utilisation specific to each food category.

On why the GHI uses three child-specific indicators out of the four to calculate hunger for a country's population, the website explains, "By combining the proportion of undernourished in the population (1/3 of the GHI score) with the indicators relating to children under age five (2/3 of the GHI score), the GHI ensures that both the food supply situation of the pop-

ulation as a whole and the effects of inadequate nutrition within a vulnerable subset of the population are captured." In fact, a Senior Policy Officer at the GHI said that, "All four indicators used in the calculation of the global hunger are recognised by the international community, including India, and used for measuring progress towards the UN SDGs."

Why the controversy?

According to the Ministry, the report is not only disconnected from ground reality but also chooses to ignore the food security efforts of the Central government especially during the pandemic. The Union Cabinet through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojna (PM-GKAY), provisioned an additional 5 kg ration per person each month in addition to their normal quota of food-grains. According to Professor of Economics at the Ambedkar University, Dipa Sinha, the schemes definitely helped ease the situation but fell short of being adequate.

With inputs from Jagriti Chandra

THE GIST

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Why does the SC Collegium hold primacy over transfers?

The government's unilateral delaying or segregating of names, recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium, is affecting effective justice administration as posts remain vacant without end

LETTER & SPIRIT

Krishnadas Rajagopal

Appointments and transfers of judges in the constitutional courts is a participatory consultative process between the Supreme Court and the government. But there is an increasing trend, if not a disturbing pattern, of the government unilaterally delaying or segregating names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium. While the need of the hour is to fill up judicial vacancies for effective justice administration, the primacy of the Collegium to recommend names for elevation to the Supreme Court and appointments and transfers in high courts, is affected by what some legal experts term as "cherry-picking" on the

part of the executive.

Constant segregation and delays Justice Muralidhar's transfer as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court was recommended by the Collegium to the government along with the name of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Chief Justice Pankaj Mital on September 28. Both names were proposed jointly in a single batch. However, the government chose to notify Justice Mital's transfer to the Rajasthan High Court while keeping an ominous silence about Justice Muralidhar. The split in the batch had a ripple effect. The name of Justice Jaswant Singh, who was recommended to replace Justice Muralidhar as the Orissa High Court Chief Justice, was also segregated. Justice Singh's recommendation lies in limbo with the government while the other judges recommended by the

Collegium in the same batch for elevation were notified by the government on October 11. The juggling of names at the government's end not only affects the primacy of the Collegium, but also impacts the seniority of a judge and even his/her prospects to be appointed to the Supreme Court. But Justice Muralidhar's case is not the first such incident. In the past, the government has unilaterally segregated names recommended by the Collegium. In 2014, the Collegium headed by then Chief Justice of India (CJI) R. M. Lodha had recommended former Solicitor General Gopal Subramanian for direct appointment to the Supreme Court Bench. The government turned down Mr. Subramanian's name while clearing the names of senior advocates such as Rohinton F. Nariman, Justices Arun Kumar Mishra and A.K. Goel. Chief Justice Lodha, in an interview to *The Hindu*, said

the collegium was the "final arbiter of judicial appointments". He said segregation with the Collegium's list amounted to "tinkering". He had maintained that prior consultation with the CJI before segregation was the "integral component of the primacy of the Collegium".

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CACHE



The shape of 'Elon Musk vs Twitter' story: how the saga unfolded

As the Tesla CEO turns into a perfume salesman to buy the giant micro-blogging site, the latter's investors are still waiting to see if they cornered a good deal at \$52.40 per share, or whether the billionaire will have the last laugh by leaving behind a \$1 billion cheque

John Xavier

The late American novelist Kurt Vonnegut, in a lecture at Case Western Reserve University, explained that stories have a shape. In the session titled 'Shape of stories', he draws a straight line from top to bottom on the margin of a board, and then marks the top end as 'G' – meaning good fortune, and the bottom as 'I' – meaning ill fortune. And then, from the middle of that line, he draws a horizontal line – 'B' for beginning, and 'E' of end of the story.

Using the graph, Vonnegut jokingly notes the method as a scientific way to write stories that could be fed into a computer, which in turn could push out a desired output. He roughly sketches eight story formats on the system involving the two axes. The shapes largely follow a pattern of an average start going bad, and finally ending well – like a reverse S-shaped curve on the X-axis. The essence of each of these patterns is in the flow of the story. And if the story of Elon Musk vs Twitter were plotted on Vonnegut's graph, the system could possibly develop a brand-new shape. Let's go to the starting point, point B in Vonnegut's graph, to see how things unfolded just a few months before things heated up between the world's richest man and the micro-blogging site.

Musk's Point 'B'

In November 2021, the CEO of Tesla tweeted a survey asking his roughly 62 million followers (at that time) whether he should sell 10% of his shares in the car company. Over 3.5 million users participated and nearly two-thirds voted in favour of the share sale. The tweet came after some U.S. lawmakers proposed taxing billionaires. At that point, the Tesla CEO faced a tax bill of nearly \$15 billion, and some of his stock

options were due to expire. Therefore, he was going to sell the shares anyway, with or without the Twitter survey. Still, the tweet had an impact.

The following Monday, Tesla shares fell. The tweet, and the share price drop did not go well with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which had previously, in 2018, ordered Musk to get his tweets approved by a lawyer. The regulator opened a new investigation into this tweet to check whether Musk complied with the 2018 agreement. The regulator later revealed details of the probe on March 22, 2022 in response to a motion filed by Musk's attorney asking a Manhattan federal judge to scrap the 2018 agreement, including pre-approval of Musk's tweets by a lawyer.

After rejecting an offer to join Twitter's board, Musk made an open offer to buy the company for \$44 billion at \$54.20 a share

And while the drama around the November 2021 tweet unfolded, Musk gradually built his stake at Twitter. On January 31 he bought a little over half million shares at \$36.83 apiece. And since then, on nearly every single trading day, through April 1, he bought million more shares of the company.

Twitter's Point 'B'

Around the time when Musk posted his survey tweet, Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey was running Square and Twitter. Investors questioned his management style and were worried that he was stretched too thin by his roles at both companies. A year earlier, activist investment fund Elliott Management had sought to remove Dorsey as CEO of the company. Finally, Dorsey capitulated in November 2021, and made way for Parag Agrawal to take over the reins of the social media company. Twitter's shares rose. As

Dorsey was exiting, and just as Agrawal was gradually settling into his new role, the issue of censorship and content moderation on Twitter started to gain momentum.

The Tesla CEO was one of the vocal critics of the company and its policy on content moderation. He began posting his views more frequently and vocally with surveys on whether the platform should or should not censor content.

The plot thickens

On March 25, the Tesla CEO tweeted a survey asking whether Twitter "rigorously" adhered to the principles of free speech. A month later, after rejecting an offer to join Twitter's board, Musk made an open offer to buy the company for \$44 billion at \$54.20 a share. Twitter's board resisted Musk's offer by evoking a "poison pill" provision to stop the Tesla CEO from forcibly taking over the platform. Twitter then had a change of heart around the time when Musk raised the issue of bots and spam accounts on the platform. He then asked the company to show proof that spam accounts were fewer than 5% of its total users. He also requested the company to share the necessary data with his team to verify the same. But the company replied that a calculation of such accounts could not be performed externally because it would require them to share private information. Twitter employs human reviewers to manually examine accounts at random, and these reviewers verify accounts based on a combination of private and public data. Accusing the company of withholding data on spam accounts, Musk said he was terminating the deal. In response, Twitter sued the world's richest man in order to force him to close the deal.

The story's denouement

Just before the case was all set to go on a

five-day trial on October 17 in Delaware Chancery court, Musk had a change of heart. On October 4, the billionaire offered to close the deal as originally agreed upon and requested the court to delay the hearing. The change gets him about 10 days as the hearing is postponed to October 28. This means that Musk has to close the transaction against the backdrop of a difficult debt market.

Twitter sees Musk's final offer to close the deal as a shift in the original terms as he is making the closing contingent on the debt financing coming through. Twitter does not see this as a necessary condition to complete a merger deal which was signed in April.

The company also sees the possibility of Musk walking away from the deal if the debt financing falls through. In such a scenario, Musk may end up paying a \$1bn termination fee. And, there is, of course, the possibility of an out-of-court settlement between the two parties. This could keep important records from coming up in public view as part of the five-day trial. Even as Twitter users, employees and investors wait and watch how these scenarios play out, Musk has turned into a perfume salesman on the micro-blogging site.

To his 100 million followers, he tweeted on Thursday, "Please buy my perfume so I can buy Twitter." This switch blends two of Vonnegut's story shapes, possibly into a new one. The late satirist plots Franz Kafka's *Metamorphosis* lead character at the lower end and moves it up down into infinity after the man becomes an insect.

Perhaps, by the end of October, Twitter investors will know if they cornered a good deal at \$52.40 per share, or whether the billionaire walked off leaving a \$1 billion cheque. Either way, the past few weeks have been good for the company. Its stock price has jumped roughly 19% since October 3.

THE DAILY QUIZ

A capital city holds the primary status in a country or state. It usually hosts the seat of the government. A quiz on world capital cities

QUESTION 1

One of the two capitals of this American country located at 11,942 feet is considered the highest capital city in the world. Name the city and the country.

QUESTION 2

The local name for this Asian capital city is Krung Thep Maha Nakhon. What is the more common name?

QUESTION 3

On December 12, 1911, George V proclaimed the shifting of the capital of India from Calcutta to Delhi. In which month and year was New Delhi inaugurated as the nation's capital?

QUESTION 4

What connects Monaco, Mexico, Djibouti and São Tomé and Príncipe?

QUESTION 5

In the late 1890s, the British, as part of the rebuilding of which African capital city, designed the layout of the streets in the shape of the Union Jack?



Visual question:

In which capital can one see this iconic structure? AP

Questions and Answers to the October 14 edition of the daily quiz:

1. This party's election symbol is an elephant. **Ans: Bahujan Samaj Party**

2. This party's election symbol is intended to signify the "rising" spirit of the Dravidian people. **Ans: Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam; rising sun**

3. This party is the second oldest in India after the Indian National Congress. **Ans: Shiromani Akali Dal**

4. This party was founded in 2006 by Raj Thackeray. **Ans: Maharashtra Navnirman Sena**

5. This party was established by a former member of the Congress, who served for over 26 years before she quit. **Ans: Trinamool Congress by Mamata Banerjee**

6. People's Democracy and Theekkathir are newspapers circulated by this party. **Ans: Communist Party of India (Marxist)**

7. The Bharatiya Janata Party broke away from this parent party in 1980 to become independent. **Ans: Bharatiya Jana Sangh**

Visual: This flag represents this party. **Ans: Samajwadi Party**

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KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

He is taking me sightseeing tomorrow

I have come here for a break from my job. It is looking more and more like a cul-de-sac. I might quit

S. Upendran

What is the meaning of 'cul-de-sac'?

(L. Mukund, Vellore)

Before dealing with the meaning, let us talk about the pronunciation. The first syllable rhymes with 'dull', 'null' and 'gull', while the vowel in the following syllable sounds like the 'a' in 'china'. The final 'sa'c' is pronounced like the word 'sack'. This French expression is pronounced 'KUL-de-sack' with the stress on the first syllable. The expression was first used in anatomy to mean 'bottom of the sack': cul (bottom), de (of), sac (bag, sack). Nowadays, the expression is mostly used to refer to a street that is closed at one end; in other words, it is a dead-end street, there is only one way in and out.

We live at the end of a cul-de-sac. We don't hear too much traffic noise.

Some of the parents bring their children to play in the cul-de-sac.

The expression is also used in a figurative sense. If you feel that your job is a cul-de-sac, what you are implying is that your job is not leading you anywhere – you have reached a dead end, and therefore, must quit – it is impossible to move on or make progress given the current situation. It is one from which there is no escape.

Is it okay to say, "The children will be going for sightseeing tomorrow?" (S. Jayanthi, Chennai)

When we are on vacation, we often hear people saying that they are going 'for sightseeing' the following day. Careful users of the language, however, would argue that the sentence is ungrammatical. They would contend that one generally 'goes sightseeing' and not 'goes for sightseeing'. The 'for' is not used before sightseeing. Similarly, one 'takes someone sightseeing' and not 'takes someone for sightseeing'.

Shekar took me sightseeing on all the three days that I was in Sikkim.

How is the word 'xocolataphobia' pronounced? (R. K. Gayathri, Kochi)

The first two syllables are pronounced the same way – 'co' and 'co'. In other words, the 'x' in the first syllable, and the 'c' in the second, sound like the 'k' in 'kiss', 'kill' and 'kit'. The first two syllables sound like the word 'cocoa'. The third syllable, 'la', is pronounced like the word 'lay', while the 'a' in the following syllable sounds like the 'a' in 'china'. The word is pronounced 'ko-ko-lay-te-FOE-bi-ya' with the stress on the fifth syllable. Believe it or not, 'xocolataphobia' is the irrational fear of chocolate! Yes, there are people who are scared of chocolate! This relatively new word has been part of the English language since the first decade of the present century. According to some experts, the Spanish word for 'chocolate' comes from the Nahuatl 'xococ' meaning 'bitter' and 'atl' meaning water.

Please make sure there's no chocolate for dessert. Manu has xocolataphobia.

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Word of the day

Imbroglio:

an intricate and confusing interpersonal or political situation

Synonyms: embroilment

Usage: The budget imbroglio seems to be escalating

Pronunciation: bit.ly/imbrogliopro

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From Page One**Cong. to choose between Kharge & Tharoor today**

Though Mr. Tharoor complained of an uneven playing field during his campaign, both candidates have maintained that the Gandhis are neutral. On Sunday, while campaigning in Lucknow, the Lok Sabha MP from Thiruvananthapuram stressed on "decentralisation" in the organisational structure so that "all decisions are not taken in Delhi". "Whether Kharge *sahab* wins it or I win, I am of the view that the Congress should emerge victorious," Mr. Tharoor said.

Mr. Tharoor said he was aware that "some of my colleagues are indulging in '*netagiri*' by claiming that they know whom party chief Ms. Gandhi wants." "This type of '*netagiri*' is not confined to this State, it was in many States. Don't you [party workers] have faith in Sonia Gandhi's words, who has been running our party? She had categorically made it clear that you contest the polls, and we [Gandhi family] will remain neutral," he said. Mr. Kharge, who was in Karnataka, said he was "the delegates' candidate", but asserted that there was no shame in taking the advice of the Gandhis.

Xi lays out China's vision at CPC meet

By that year, he said, China would "join the ranks of the world's most innovative countries with great self-reliance and strength in science and technology". Beijing would also "strengthen national security" and "achieve basic modernisation of the armed forces", he said.

On the Taiwan question, Mr. Xi said China would "never promise to renounce the use of force", which was "directed solely at interference by outside forces", although Beijing would "continue to strive for peaceful reunification". "Resolving the Taiwan question and realising China's complete reunification is, for the Party, a historic mission and an unshakeable commitment," he said. "Resolving the Taiwan question is a matter for the Chinese, a matter that must be resolved by the Chinese....The wheels of history are rolling on toward China's reunification and the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation."

Mr. Xi's work report to the 2,296 delegates of the party congress was a combination of a strong defence of his decade at the helm, and a broad vision for what he has termed the country's "rejuvenation".

Mr. Xi said under his watch, China "had not yielded ground on matters of principle, and we have resolutely safeguarded China's sovereignty, security and development interests".

In the next five years, he said China would look to "enhance friendly ties, mutual interest and converging interests with its neighbours". That message, however, was accompanied by a strong warning when it came to China's sovereignty. Beijing has territorial and maritime disputes with several neighbours, including India.

"We will enhance the military's strategic capabilities for defending China's sovereignty, security and development interests," he said, adding that the military "will intensify troop training and enhance combat preparedness across the board" as well as "modernise border, coastal and air defence".

Big private projects give investment boost in Q2

The second quarter uptick lifted outlays announced so far this fiscal to almost ₹13.2 lakh crore, 36.6% more than a year ago, with Central government investments rising 33.7%, private capital outlays growing a more modest 24.8% and States' public spending plans recording a sharp 120% surge from the first half of 2021-22.

States' capex plans are higher than the Central projects announced so far this year, rising from ₹1.07 lakh crore in the first half of last year to ₹2.36 lakh crore. Fresh Central government outlays stand at ₹1.7 lakh crore, from ₹1.27 lakh crore in the same period of 2021-22.

Projects Today's latest Projex survey also shows a sharp 87% spike, quarter-on-quarter, in manufacturing sector investments at ₹4.34 lakh crore, which accounted for more than 56% of all new investment outlays in Q2.

However, Electricity, Mining and Irrigation projects dropped by 59.7%, 33.8%, and 2.1%, respectively.

Though the value of investments is up, the number of new investment projects dropped by about 4.9% from 5,251 projects between April and September 2021 to 4,996 in the same period this year. The surge in mega investment projects of over ₹1,000 crore and super mega projects worth over ₹25,000 crore this year was a key factor for this. "As against 130 mega projects aggregating ₹6.19 lakh crore announced in the first half of last fiscal, this year has seen 162 mega projects worth over ₹9.2 lakh crore, including super mega projects of business houses like Vedanta, ACME, and Adani," the firm noted.

However, the firm flagged a sharp 'alarming' decline in the country's project execution ratio over the past year, which tracks number of investment plans announced that are under actual implementation, from 38.06% in September 2021 to 35.05% in September 2022.

"India will reap the fruits of increased investment proposals only when the announced projects are grounded and completed in time," the report emphasised.

MBBS course in Hindi kicks off in M.P. with release of textbooks

Engineering and technical education will also be imparted in Hindi, says Home Minister Amit Shah; JEE, NEET and UGC examinations will be conducted in more than 10 languages

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday launched MBBS textbooks in Hindi, making Madhya Pradesh the first State in the country to offer medical education in the language.

Mr. Shah called the initiative a moment of "renaissance and reconstruction" for the education sector in India.

"I am delighted that [M.P. Chief Minister] Shivraj Singh Chouhan has embraced the three-language formula wholeheartedly and is taking it forward. Today, under the leadership of [Prime Minister Narendra] Modi, we have started giving importance to our languages through the National Education Policy (NEP)," he said.

He added that after medical, other engineering and technical education would also be imparted in Hindi. He said that arrangements had been made for students to write JEE and NEET, the entrance examinations for engineering and medical entrances, respectively, and UGC exams in 12 languages, and the Common University Admission Test in 13.

Crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi for reversing India's "brain drain" to brain gain, Mr. Shah said that people did



Going local: Amit Shah and Shivraj Singh Chouhan releasing Hindi textbooks for MBBS course in Bhopal on Sunday. A.M. FARUQI

not need to nurse a sense of inferiority complex because of a lack of knowledge of English. "Now, this country is under the government of Narendra Modi, you can showcase your abilities very well in your languages," he said.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Mr. Chouhan called the event a historic moment. He said those who had been educated in

Hindi-medium before reaching medical college, but had struggled with English, had left medical studies or had taken their lives. "When I first brought up the topic of imparting medical education in Hindi in Vallabh Bhavan [MP State Secretariat building], everyone was laughing and some said it was impossible. I insisted that the word 'impossible' was not in our dictionary," he said.

The Chief Minister said that in due course Hindi would be taught in IITs and IIMs too and the institutions would have a separate merit list for those studying in Hindi.

Addressing the gathering that comprised of doctors and medical students, Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Minister Vishwas Sarang said that while translating the books on biochemistry, physiology and anatomy, all technical aspects and future challenges of the students were taken care of.

Kashmiri Pandits slam L-G for failing to provide security

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The latest killing of a Kashmiri Pandit orchardist by militants in south Kashmir's Shopian has sparked a fresh wave of protests in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, as the Pandit community accused the J&K Lieutenant-Governor's administration of failure to provide them security.

Meanwhile, the victim, Puran Krishan Bhat from Shopian's Chowdhary Gund area, was cremated in Jammu's Ban Talab crematory. Relatives of the victim, who is survived by two children, demanded ex-gratia relief and a government job for the victim's family. Bhat had come from Jammu to Kashmir to tend his orchards.

There is growing anger among Pandits living in Kashmir against the L-G administration. "One of the most incompetent persons from the cadres of BJP is currently heading J&K, resulting in worst law and order situation in Kashmir. The price of L-G Manoj Sinha's incompetency is paid for by Kashmiri Pandits," Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti (KPSS) president Sanjay Tickoo said. The KPSS is a body comprising



Security officers deployed after a Kashmiri Pandit was shot dead in Shopian. NISSAR AHMAD

over 800 Kashmiri Pandit families which did not migrate from the Valley in the wake of growing militancy in the 1990s.

Meanwhile, a group of migrant Pandits posted in the Kashmir valley also met Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole, in Srinagar.

"We no longer feel secure in Kashmir. We fear if we leave our homes we may not return. All we demand is that all Pandit employees working in Kashmir be temporarily transferred to Jammu," a protesting Pandit who met Mr. Pole, said.

The Divisional Commissioner assured the Pandits that security forces were taking all measures to take on these militants.

Russia joins race to supply light battle tanks to Indian Army

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Russia will field its Sprut-SDM1 light amphibious tank for the Indian Army's upcoming tender for light tanks and has submitted technical details of the same, according to an official from Rosoboronexport.

"In response to India's request, we have submitted our technical proposals. We are ready to hold consultations and show the tank to the Indian side," a Rosoboronexport official said ahead of the

DefExpo to be held from October 18 to 22 in Gandhinagar. "We are ready to transfer technologies and provide assistance in launching the manufacture of the tank in India."

Following the standoff with China in eastern Ladakh, the Indian Army is prioritising the procurement of a light tank, named 'Zorawar', for deployment in the mountains.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) are jointly developing a tank as per Army specifications.

'AAP's performance in Adampur bypoll a matter of interest for all'

Ashok Kumar
GURUGRAM

Political battle lines are once again drawn in Haryana with the by-election in Hisar's Adampur scheduled for November 3 - the third bypoll in as many years in the State since the Assembly polls in 2019.

But unlike the by-elections in Baroda and Ellerbad, the traditional bastions of the Congress and the Indian National Lok Dal respectively, the Bharatiya Janata Party Adampur nominee Bhavya Bishnoi, the grandson of late Chief Minister Bhajan Lal, has an

edge over his opponents in this election being fought on his home turf. And though Bhajan Lal's family has held the Adampur Assembly seat since 1968, it may not be enough to win it again, say political analysts.

At the same time, all eyes will be on the performance of the AAP, which has rejuvenated itself in the State over the past eight months after a landslide victory in the Assembly elections in neighbouring Punjab and also registered its first victory in Haryana in the municipal polls in June this year.

"Primarily, the election may be about whether the Bhajan Lal family manages to hold on to its bastion or not, the AAP's performance will definitely be a matter of interest for all. For a political party having dethroned established parties in two States, its performance in Adampur will definitely be an indicator of future political trends in Haryana," said Prof. Rajendra Sharma, Head, Political Science Department, Maharishi Dayanand University.

The political analysts said the party's performance would be "some indicator" of whether it can be a factor in the next Assembly elections in 2024. Senior Haryana AAP leader Anurag Dhanda said Adampur by-election was a "gateway" for the party to form a government in Haryana, and a narrative was being built around the "accessibility of the candidate" to make it a "local vs outsider" election. "Though Kuldeep Bishnoi and his family represented Adampur for long, the common refrain of the voters is that he was inaccessible as an MLA and mostly stayed away from his constituency, said Mr. Dhanda.

T.N. raises concern over presence of Chinese troops in Sri Lanka

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu has flagged serious security concerns over the increased presence of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China in Sri Lanka.

The Tamil Nadu Coastal Security Group had also, citing a Central intelligence agency, issued an alert on the Chinese ship used to monitor satellites, rockets and inter-continental missile launches of China docked at Hanbantota Port, and called for adequate security arrangements in view of vital installations such as and seaports along the Tamil Nadu coast.

The free movement of Chinese nationals in many parts of northern Sri Lanka, including Mullaitivu, Paruthithetheevu, Analaitheevu, and Meesalai had triggered discontentment among Tamil fishermen. They had expressed apprehension that the Chinese were exploiting the rich sea wealth, which is their only source of livelihood.

Citing sources, the alert claimed that the PLA had deployed sophisticated gadgets in the garb of launching sea cucumber farming. The security advisory comes days after an alert was issued by the same

agency warning that Chinese nationals had clandestinely entered India through the sea route with the assistance of cadre belonging to a Sri Lankan-based political party.

The Tamil Nadu Coastal Security Group had also, citing a Central intelligence agency, issued an alert on the Chinese ship used to monitor satellites, rockets and inter-continental ballistic missile launch facilities, the State activated its intelligence machinery at vital installations along the

Coastal Security Scheme.

1,076-km long coastal belt, sources said.

Additional Director-General of Police and chief of Tamil Nadu Coastal Security Group Sandeep Mittal said it was not a disputable fact that the presence of Chinese nationals was increasing in Sri Lanka. The frequent visits of the Chinese Ambassador to Sri Lanka to islands close to the International Maritime Boundary Line, and a drone survey conducted in the area in the guise of assessing prospects of harvesting sea cucumber, made the developments suspicious.

"While India is providing scholarships to Sri Lankan students pursuing undergraduate programmes in India, China is funding postgraduate Sri Lankan students studying in their own country. It is obvious that they [the Chinese] are trying to woo the youth in Sri Lanka to support their future plans," he said.

Security agencies in Tamil Nadu say there is an urgent need for the Union government to activate the Phase-III funding of the Coastal Security Scheme.

Ex-Punjab Minister arrested for offering bribe to official

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) has arrested former State Minister Sunder Sham Arora for allegedly offering a bribe of ₹50 lakh to an Assistant Inspector-General (AIG) of the Bureau.

Varinder Kumar, Chief Director, State Vigilance Bureau, on Sunday said an FIR was filed on Saturday against Mr. Arora, a BJP leader, under Section 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA) based on the statement of Manmohan Kumar, AIG.

He said that Mr. Kumar had complained that Mr. Arora met him on October 14, and offered him a sum of ₹1 crore for getting favour in a vigilance inquiry registered against him. The VB Chief added that the former Minister has offered to pay ₹50 lakh on the next day i.e. October 15 and the balance amount at a later date. He said that the AIG has apprised the Chief Director and he then ordered to register the bribery case against the accused. "In this case, Mr. Arora has been arrested and ₹50 lakh has been recovered from him," he said.



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CBI summons Delhi Deputy CM for questioning in excise case

Sisodia is one of the 15 accused named by the agency in its FIR alleging irregularities in the implementation of the policy

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has summoned Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia for questioning on Monday in connection with the Delhi excise policy case.

Mr. Sisodia is one of the 15 accused named by the agency in its first information report (FIR) registered on August 17, alleging multiple irregularities in the formulation and implementation of the now-withdrawn excise policy.

Responding to the developments, Mr. Sisodia tweeted: "CBI raid was conducted at my house for 14 hours, nothing came out... searched my bank locker, nothing came out in it. They did not find anything in my village. Now they have called me to CBI headquarters at 11 a.m. tomorrow. I will go and give my full cooperation. Satya-



Under fire: Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia taking part in an event in New Delhi on Sunday. PTI

meva Jayate."

Searches by agency

The CBI had earlier conducted searches at several locations in Delhi, including the official residence of Mr. Sisodia, Gurugram, Chandigarh, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Bengaluru.

On the basis of the CBI case, the Enforcement Di-

rectorate is also conducting a money laundering probe and has searched about 130 locations in different States so far.

It has arrested liquor businessman Sameer Mahendru, the managing director of Indospirit Group, who is one of the accused in the FIR and recorded statements of several witnesses.

It is alleged that he transferred about ₹1 crore to the account of Radha Industries, which is managed by co-accused Dinesh Aroa; and Mr. Pillai received money from him for further transfer to a public servant through Mr. Nair.

Another accused, Arjun Pandey, collected between ₹2 crore and ₹4 crore from Mr. Mahendru on behalf of Mr. Nair, the ED claimed.

The FIR alleges that irregularities were committed while modifying the previous excise policy; undue favours were extended to licence holders; licence fee was waived or reduced;

and L-1 licence was extended without the competent authority's approval. The private beneficiaries diverted the "illegal" gains to the accused public servants and made false entries in their books of accounts to evade detection.

The Excise Department had allegedly decided to refund the Earnest Money Deposit of about ₹30 crore to a successful tenderer against the existing rules. Following the CBI searches, Mr. Sisodia had said the then Health Minister Satyendar Jain was earlier arrested and now he was being targeted to stop the good work being done in the areas of education and health in Delhi.

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Suspension of senior doctor by Tejashwi evokes outcry

Press Trust of India

PATNA

The Bihar government appeared to be on a collision course with the medical fraternity on Sunday over the recent suspension of a doctor upon the order of Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav, who holds the Health portfolio.

Mr. Yadav had, on Friday, carried out surprise inspections of several government hospitals to take stock of preparedness for the outbreak of dengue. He seemed displeased at the state of affairs at NMCH, the second largest public health care facility and issued the order for suspension of its superintendent Vinod Kumar Singh. "I will have to rethink whether to continue working with the Health department which does not treat a senior professor like me with respect," Dr. Singh said.

The Indian Medical Association has come out in his support, sending letters to the Governor and the Chief Minister.

IN BRIEF



'Shinde faction being used as 'contract killers' by the BJP'

Launching a scathing attack on the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Sena group has accused their former colleagues of being used as "a contract killer" by the BJP to finish off the Shiv Sena. In a column in *Saamana*, the Thackeray camp lashed out at the ruling coalition of the Shinde-led Sena and the BJP, remarking that Delhi's politicos had finished off the Shiv Sena "on paper" by using "treachery and deceit."

Chhattisgarh Deputy Speaker Manoj Mandavi passes away

Chhattisgarh Assembly Deputy Speaker Manoj Mandavi, 58, died of heart attack on Sunday. The Congress MLA from Bhanupratappur, a former State Minister, was taken to a hospital in Dhamtari town here following a heart attack and died in the morning. State Congress communication wing head Sushil Anand Shukla said. As a mark of respect to the departed leader, the Chhattisgarh government has announced one-day mourning on Sunday in Kanker, his home district, and the capital city of Raipur, a public relations department officer said.

'Many challenges as India takes up G20 presidency'

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

India would be taking over the Group of Twenty (G20) presidency at "a time when there are so many challenges", Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

Speaking to reporters on Saturday night, towards the end of her visit to Washington for the World Bank and International Monetary Fund annual meetings, Ms. Sitharaman said that the current G20 President, Indonesia, had been through "a very difficult year" in the context of the geopolitical tensions.

This had resulted in the G20, which met in Washington this past week, not agreeing to a joint communiqué. Indonesia had, instead, issued a "G20 Chair's Summary".

Ms. Sitharaman said that Indonesia had done its

best and "remained calm" while trying to bring the group together.

"So we will also be taking the presidency at a time when there are so many challenges. So we'll have to work together with the membership to see how best we can navigate this whole thing," she said. When asked by *The Hindu*, later, if she wanted to elaborate on the differences, the Minister declined, saying these were being discussed with countries.

On the G20 Chair's Summary, the Minister said India's positions were factored in, such as dropping references on private finance in the climate finance context, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) initiatives on tracking countries' carbon mitigation progress, while including a reference to Multilateral Development Banks (MDB) review-



ing G20 recommendations on the MDBs' Capital Adequacy Framework.

'ED is independent'

Asked about the perception that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Income Tax Department "go after" sections of civil society and private capital, Ms. Sitharaman insisted that the ED was "completely independent..." she said.

"But certainly, there are instances which are so standing out and if the ED goes there, it is with some *prima facie* evidence in its hand," she said.

Asked by *The Hindu* if she had raised the issue of the strength of the U.S. dollar with U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, the Minister said, "No, I

didn't." However, responding to a question on her assessment of the rupee sliding, Ms. Sitharaman later said, "First of all, I would look at it not as 'rupee sliding', I would look at it as dollar strengthening; dollar strengthening incessantly."

The Minister said the INR had performed much better than many other emerging market currencies (against the U.S. dollar) and that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was involved in ensuring there was "not too much volatility", and was not trying to intervene in the market to fix the value of the rupee.

"Containing the volatility is the only exercise that RBI is involved in. And I've said this before – the rupee will find its own level," Ms. Sitharaman said.

The rupee is trading at above the 82-level against the U.S. dollar.

Visiting Egypt very much on PM Modi's mind: Jaishankar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has very good personal relationship with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and he has been wanting to visit the key north African country for some time, but the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the travel schedule, India's top diplomat has said. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who is in Egypt on his maiden visit at the invitation of his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry, made the remarks in response to a question during his interaction with the Indian community in Cairo on October 15. PTI

President Murmu undergoes successful cataract surgery

President Droupadi Murmu underwent a successful cataract surgery at the Army Hospital (Research and Referral) in Delhi on Sunday. "The President underwent surgery of her left eye at the Army Hospital Research and Referral, Delhi Cantt on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The surgery was conducted by Brig. S.K. Mishra and his team. The President was discharged from hospital at 1:30 p.m. and advised rest," said a press statement issued by the hospital.

BJP workers share views on Himachal candidates

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

As Himachal Pradesh is set to face Assembly election on November 12, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has decided to select its candidates through 'ballot voting' by party workers in the State.

BJP State president Suresh Kashyap on Sunday said that in order to select the candidates for the upcoming poll, the party is in the process of collecting opinions from its workers on their favoured candidates from the grassroots.

Today, district meetings were called by the BJP in all four parliamentary constituencies – Shimla, Mandi, Hamirpur, and Kangra – of the State. In this meeting, the BJP State office-bearers, district and divisional office-bearers, chairman, vice-chairman, president of frontier organisations of the party, general secretaries, and winning candidates of Panchayati Raj institutions participated and gave their opinion to the party through 'ballot voting', said Mr. Kashyap.



Reaching out: Shashi Tharoor campaigning on the eve of the Congress presidential poll in Lucknow on Sunday. SANDEEP SAXENA



Exchanging views: Mallikarjun Kharge with Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra at Ballari in Karnataka on Saturday. PTI

Show courage to bring in change: Tharoor to Congress delegates

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As his last pitch before voting for the Congress presidential election on Monday, Shashi Tharoor exhorted the 9,000-plus delegates to show courage to embrace "change" and that voting for him will send a message to the country that the Congress is ready to "change".

In a video message, both in English and Hindi, posted on social media and communicated to all delegates, Mr. Tharoor said his conversation with many of

the voters revealed that they had not yet made up their mind and they might have hesitation about change.

He said the Congress, from the Green Revolution of 1960s to the 1991 liberalisation and generational change after the death of Indira Gandhi, had always embraced change.

"In each of these instances many felt like you perhaps feel today, that change is disconcerting, yet it is precisely this very change that allowed our party to continue to remain relevant," he said.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, who is contesting the election for the AICC president's post, on Sunday said the RSS-backed BJP government at the Centre was not functioning as per the Constitution and alleged that it was misusing the investigating agencies to destabilise the Congress-ruled governments in States.

Mr. Kharge, who was at the party office in Bengaluru to seek votes, alleged

that the Narendra Modi government had no respect for democracy and it destabilised the Congress-ruled governments in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra and Manipur.

A strong Opposition was needed to fight the BJP-led government in the country for strengthening the democracy, Mr. Kharge said.

The veteran Congress leader alleged that the BJP had been dividing the society on religious lines and ignoring real issues such as inflation and unemployment.

Adopt 'one-person, one-lab' mantra, PM Modi exhorts CSIR society members

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Chairing a meeting of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) society on Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted its members to adopt an "one-person, one-lab approach".

Several of India's eminent scientists, industrialists and secretaries of scientific ministries are members of the society. The "one-person, one-lab approach" would require them to make at least 2-3 visits a year to an assigned CSIR lab and convey the society's scientific expectations to lab staff, persons who attended the meeting told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Modi, as Prime Minister, is also president of CSIR, a consortium of 37 laboratories and 39 outreach centres. A meeting of the society is held annually but meetings weren't held in the last two years because of the pandemic.

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IN BRIEF



Tiger, which entered Bhopal institute, caught after a week

A tiger that entered the Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology's (MANIT) sprawling campus in Bhopal about a week ago was captured on Sunday, a forest official said. This is the second feline to have strayed into the prestigious institute, spread over an area of 650 acres enveloped by human settlements, the official said. Earlier, a tiger named T-123-4 sneaked into the institute on October 3 and killed two cows and attacked two other bovines. It is believed to have left the campus two days ago, the official said. The official added that 16 cameras had been installed in the institute and around 50 personnel were still keeping a watch on the campus. PTI

Seven killed as boat capsizes in Bihar, three swim to safety

Seven people were killed after a boat capsized at the confluence of the Ganges and one of its tributaries in Bihar, an official said on Sunday. According to Udayan Mishra, District Magistrate of Kathar, the boat carrying 10 people, all agricultural labourers returning from work, capsized late on Saturday at the confluence of the Ganges and the Barandhi. Three persons swam to safety but the other seven went missing, said Mr. Mishra. Their bodies were fished out following a search operation that continued throughout the night, he added. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar expressed grief over the incident and ordered an ex gratia of ₹4 lakh. PTI

First indigenous aluminium freight train rake flagged off

The Railways' first indigenously manufactured aluminium goods train rake was flagged off from Bhubaneswar on Sunday. Made in collaboration with Besco Limited Wagon Division and aluminium major Hindalco, it also has a lower carbon footprint for every 100 kg of weight reduction in wagons, the Railways said. The lifetime carbon saving of the train was eight to 10 tonnes, it said. "These wagons save 14,500 tonnes of CO₂ emissions, have more carrying capacity, consume less energy and are corrosion-resistant," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

BJP names U.P. leader as its election in-charge in Tripura

Uttar Pradesh BJP leader Mahendra Singh, credited with the party's success in the Assam Assembly election of 2016, has been made the election in-charge of Tripura. BJP national president J.P. Nadda made the appointment on Sunday. Rajya Sabha member Samir Oran from Jharkhand was named the co-incharge. They will be in charge of the party's poll-related affairs till the completion of the Assembly election in Tripura that is due early February. Sources in the BJP said Mr. Oran was appointed with a view to garner support of Tripura's 33% tribal voters. Twenty of 60 Assembly seats in the State are reserved for the tribal population.

'India's coal mines are severely under-utilised amid push for new ones'

Though the country experienced supply crunch twice last year, a report suggests new projects under development could be 'unnecessary' as only two-thirds of the current capacity is under use

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

On average, India's coal mines use only two-thirds of the capacity, with some large ones using only 1%, says an analysis by Global Energy Monitor (GEM), a firm that tracks utilisation of the fuel-source internationally.

This suggests that 99 of India's coal mine projects, expected to yield 427 million tonnes per annum (MTPA), under development are unnecessary, and opening new coal mines would not contribute to easing short-term supply-crunches.

At least twice last year, India experienced severe coal crises, with more than 100 of 285 thermal power plants witnessing coal stocks fall below the critical mark of 25% of the required stock. In over 50 plants, it fell below 10%.

This led to power shortages in several States, including Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh.



Irreversible impact: The report says that the new mines threaten to displace at least 165 villages and affect 87,630 families. AFP

GEM performed its analysis by surveying annual reports of Coal India, the largest coal producer in the world, and its subsidiaries and underlines that the company has not listed capacity constraints as among the reasons it fails to reach production targets.

Instead, it blames "...competition from renewables, infrastructure impasses, and land-use concerns for hindering output..." the report notes. Coal mines under deve-

lopment threaten to displace at least 165 villages and affect 87,630 families, of which 41,508 live in areas where the predominant population is tribal communities. These also threaten 22,686 hectares (ha) of agricultural land and 19,297 ha of forest, and will consume at least 168,041 kilolitres of water per day, comparable to the daily water needs of over one million people, according to GEM.

On the heels of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

announcement of a net zero target of 2070, these new mines "...increase India's likelihood of stranded assets, delay a clean energy future – and in the process pose irreversible impacts on India's rural communities and environments for the sake of economically precarious mining ventures", the report underlines.

'Warning signs ignored'

"The signs warning against the massive expansion of coal mining are easy to see, but the Indian government is not heeding them," Ryan Driskell Tate, project manager for GEM's Global Coal Mine Tracker, said in a statement.

"New mines can't make the industry's old problems go away. The irony of this expansion is that opening new mines today could intensify the sector's weaknesses and inefficiencies tomorrow, especially as competition from renewables and conflicts over land use continue to emerge."



FDI in India has seen consistent rise in the past decade. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

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The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical conflict resulted in investor uncertainty, India has the potential to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows of \$475 billion in the next five years due to the focus on reforms and economic growth, according to a report by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and EY.

The report noted that FDI in India has seen a consistent rise in the past decade, with FY 2021-22 receiving FDI inflow of \$84.8 billion despite the impact of the pandemic and geopolitical developments on investment sentiment.

"India is seen as an emerging manufacturing hub in global value chains, as a growing consumer market and as a hub for ongoing digital transformation. In addition, in a rapidly changing geopolitical environment, India's large and stable democracy and consistent reform measures are recognized by the government's strong focus on infrastructure and manufacturing. The Indian government's consistent efforts to reduce regulatory barriers is also stoking the positive perception among MNCs," the report said.

The confidence in India's potential, the report said, stems from strong consumption trends, digitisation and a growing services sector, along with government's strong focus on infrastructure and manufacturing. The Indian government's consistent efforts to reduce regulatory barriers is also stoking the positive perception among MNCs, it said.

Centre may not pick up fresh stocks of COVID-19 vaccines

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government's COVID-19 vaccination programme is in its final leg with the Health Ministry deciding against procuring more vaccines as of now and surrendering ₹4,237 crore, or nearly 85% of the 2022-23 Budget allocation for inoculation purposes, to the Finance Ministry.

Official sources said more than 1.8 crore doses were still available with the Centre and the State governments, and the stock was sufficient to continue the vaccination drive for around six months, given the low uptake of vaccines among people due to declining COVID-19 case burden. Even if the government's stock got exhausted, the vaccines



would be available in the market.

"Any decision on whether to procure COVID-19 vaccine doses through the government channel or get (fresh) budget allocations for the purpose after six months will depend on the coronavirus situation prevailing in the country at that time," said an official source.

Public dashboard to track progress of remediation of legacy landfills

Damini Nath
NEW DELHI

Preparations to complete one of the targets of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 that was launched a year ago – the remediation of all legacy landfills in the country – are in full swing and a public dashboard on the progress at 2,200 such sites is in the offing, Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry officials said.

Launched on October 1, 2021 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the mission aims at making all cities "garbage-free" by the end of its five-year period. An official said action plans for 1,000 legacy landfill sites had been approved by the Ministry, with each having a different timeline for completion.

To begin with, an official said, there was no data on

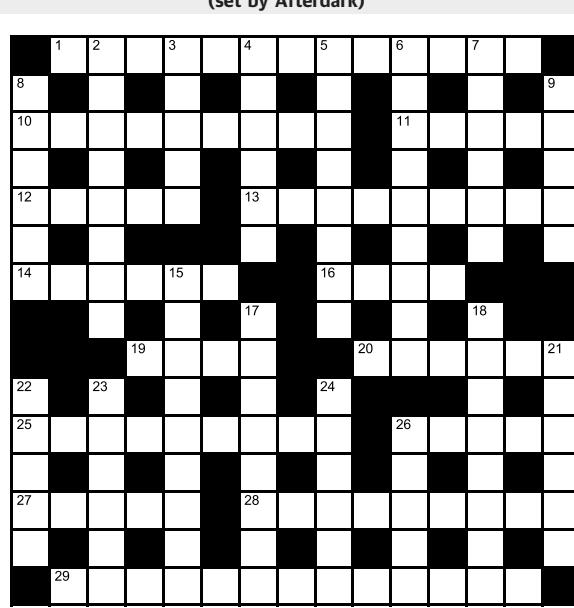


According to a Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry official, there are around 2,200 "sizeable" landfills in the country. FILE PICTURE

the exact number of landfill sites. While landfills were only supposed to contain the remnants of solid waste after processing, the segregation and management were not carried out over the years, leaving mountains of trash. Any waste that has remained dumped for over three months is considered "legacy", the official said.

The process of reconciliation of the details of all such sites was on and the online dashboard that would be launched in November would contain the exact number, size and remediation plans of the sites, which are estimated to be around 2,200. These "sizeable" landfills each contain at least 1,000 tonnes of waste and their

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Across

- 1 Rap a dietician posing as doctor (13)
- 10 Difficult to tell about 3rd quarter of the financial year (9)
- 11 New tone created for musical composition (5)
- 12 Dirty dirty place. One in the rear? No in the front (5)
- 13 Admired first child training earlier, took a break outside (9)
- 14 Boats wind up in ship (6)

Down

- 2 Accommodate Bill's client without hesitation (8)
- 3 Dull noise, gurney being unloaded (5)
- 4 Programme at a road/yard where bees are kept (6)
- 5 Catastrophe! Cap missing from broken instrument (8)
- 6 Perhaps change held by Inuit, not krone but old currency (9)
- 7 Say, relative has a girl, new at college (last) (6)
- 8 Girl cries for gifts (6)
- 9 Heard you are in standard company finally, get scholarship (5)
- 15 Fresh roses for Pa and teacher (9)
- 17 Rinses Charlie's spectacles with some Quadrop inside (8)
- 18 Dangerous mole in vessel. Destroy (8)
- 21 Not at home. Time for power-cut (6)
- 22 Cassette deck returns, old memories, picking the first disc (2-3)
- 23 Raja's signal holding up grant (6)
- 24 Hardship? Quit school, in lieu somewhat bravely take a loan (6)
- 26 Faculty from Florida broadcast (5)

16 Like a son, say! (4)

19 Father takes over from son; ground's background (4)

20 Resign? No, I will cling on --- (6)

25 Criminal is rash, had gone out in commotion (9)

26 Laugh at dolt chasing female (5)

27 Fails to mention that leaders of organisations mentor individuals to shine (5)

28 Telecasting first in Amazon, 2nd in Netflix, Strings (without climax) movie's opening originally (9)

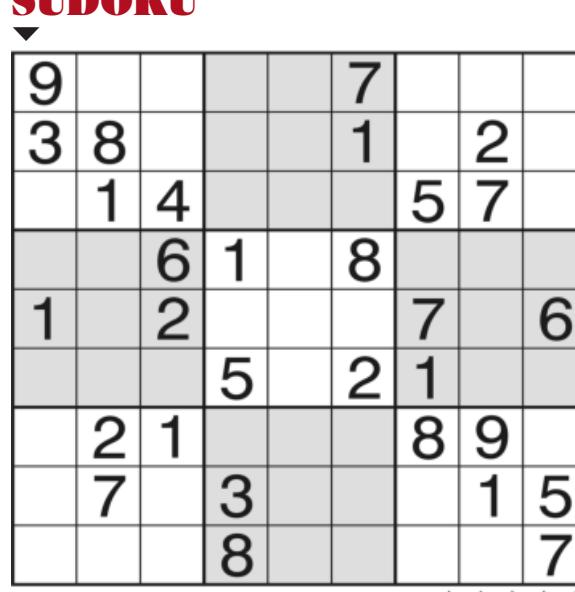
29 Peacekeepers' confidence commendable but duplicitous (13)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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1	2	4	7	3	8	6	9	5
2	1	3	6	5	7	4	8	9
7	3	8	9	1	5	6	2	4
8	2	7	4	1	3	5	9	6
7	4	3	5	6	8	9	1	2

FAITH

Dharma takes precedence

Kausalya is shocked when Rama reveals to her that He is to go to the forest. Lakshmana angrily tells Rama that he will slay anyone who opposes Him. Kausalya is relieved when she hears Lakshmana's angry outburst. She again reasons with Rama. She says there can be no better dharma than serving one's mother, said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar, in a discourse. Therefore, Rama must not go to the forest. Instead, He should stay back and serve Kausalya. No one can fault this. Let Rama relinquish the throne. Let Bharata be crowned the heir, says Kausalya. But there is no need for Rama to go to the forest. She gives the example of sage Kashyapa, who served his mother, to urge Rama to stay and serve her (Kausalya).

If Dasaratha deserves respect because He is Rama's father, does she not equally deserve respect as His mother? She does not care for the comforts of the palace, and is prepared to eat simple food and live a simple life, so long as she is not separated from her son. But Rama refuses to disobey His father. It is not dharmic to disregard one's father's commands, Rama argues, citing the example of many who obeyed their fathers unquestioningly. He then turns to Lakshmana and says that He is fully aware of Lakshmana's valour and his loyalty towards Him. But even courage must take a back seat when it comes to righteousness. When dharma is at stake, it is not the time to display one's fighting spirit. He adds that not only He, but all the others whether it is Kausalya, or Sumitra, or Lakshmana or Sita, they are all duty-bound to obey Dasaratha. He prays to Kausalya to grant Him permission to depart to the forest. But Kausalya is steadfast in refusing permission.

RAMALLAH

Palestinian injured by Israel gunshot in West Bank dies



A Palestinian man died on Sunday of an Israeli army gunshot wound sustained during clashes the day before in a village of the occupied West Bank. Apart from the deceased, another Palestinian was critically wounded by gunfire in the clashes on Saturday in Qarawat Bani Hassan, near the city of Nablus in West Bank. AFP

PARIS

Nobel laureate Annie Ernaux takes part in protest against price rise



Three weeks into a refinery strike that has caused fuel shortages across France, tens of thousands of protesters marched in Paris on Sunday, adding to a growing picture of defiance and anger about inflation. The protest was called by the left-wing political Opposition and saw Nobel laureate Annie Ernaux taking part. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Byelections to 11 constituencies in Pakistan to test parties' popularity



Ahead of general elections next year, Pakistan's major political parties' popularity was put to test on Sunday in a major by-election involving 11 constituencies. Polling started at 8 a.m. on eight national assembly and three provincial assembly seats. Former Prime Minister Imran Khan is contesting in all seats. AFP

LONDON

Climate activists spray paint over Aston Martin showroom in U.K.



Climate activists sprayed orange paint over an Aston Martin showroom in London, as the government vowed new powers for the police to halt an intensifying wave of "direct action" protests. The group 'Just Stop Oil', whose member was behind the act, wants an end to new fossil fuel licensing and production. GETTY IMAGES

PLA officer part of Galwan clash attends party congress

Commander Qi Fabao was among Communist Party of China's 2,296 delegates from around the country — a politically significant move that is meant to send a signal both at home and abroad

Ananth Krishnan

BEIJING

Minutes before Chinese leader Xi Jinping ascended the stage at Beijing's Great Hall of the People to open China's once-in-five-years party congress on October 16, the screens at the venue played a video showcasing the country's major achievements in the past decade.

Among the expected visuals of China's space programme and its new home-grown passenger jet, the C919, was an image from Galwan Valley on the India-China border.

The image showed the PLA Commander Qi Fabao, standing with his arms outstretched facing Indian soldiers, an image that Chinese military propaganda has widely circulated since the Galwan clash.

The PLA commander was not only on the Great Hall of the People's screens but in the audience during Mr. Xi's speech. He was selected among Communist Party of China's 2,296 delegates from around the country — a politically significant move, observers said, that was meant to send a signal both at home and abroad.



Bone of contention: PLA regimental commander Qi Fabao, second from left, talking with members of the Indian army as Indian and Chinese troops faced off in the Galwan Valley on June 15, 2020. AP

The PLA's aggressive moves along the Line of Actual Control starting in April 2020 have plunged ties with India to the lowest level in decades. The clash in Galwan Valley, in which Qi Fabao was involved and injured, led to the loss of lives of 20 Indian soldiers and at least four Chinese soldiers, marking the worst violence on the border since 1967. The PLA has since dragged its feet in disengaging and de-escalating. Both sides have disengaged at five friction points, but are yet to in Demchok and Depsang.

The Galwan clash has, however, remained a key narrative point for the Chinese military in the past three years. It even figured in the PLA's 95th anniversary exhibition that Mr. Xi inaugurated last year.

Qi Fabao was this year chosen among the military's delegates to the congress. In July 2021, Mr. Xi, who in his speech to the opening of the congress on October 16, pledged to "resolutely safeguard sovereignty", bestowed the Communist Party's July 1 medal, to mark its 100-year anniversary, on Chen Hongjun, one of the four PLA soldiers reported killed in the clash.

Mr. Xi said then that the recipients of the medal had "maintained staunch faith" which was "to stay true to the original aspiration and dedicate everything, even the precious life, to the cause of the Party and people". In 2021, the Chinese military also organised a series of activities so more people in China could "learn how PLA heroes, including the martyrs of the Galwan Valley conflict, defended and guarded the country's borders".

Gunmen kill 11, injure 15 at Russian army training area

Reuters

KIVY

Gunmen shot dead 11 persons at a Russian military training ground, the Defence Ministry said, in the latest blow to President Vladimir Putin's forces since the invasion of Ukraine.

RIA news agency cited the Ministry as saying 15 others were wounded in the shooting on Saturday, in Russia's southwestern Belgorod region that borders Ukraine, when two men gunned down a group who had volunteered to take part in the war.

It said the two assailants — nationals from an unspecified former Soviet republic — had been shot dead. Oleksiy Arestovych, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, said that the attackers were from the Central Asian nation of Tajikistan and had opened fire on the others after an argument over religion.

Tajikistan is a predominantly Muslim nation, while around half of Russians follow various branches of Christianity.

No government can control the market, says U.K. Chancellor

Reuters

LONDON



soaring inflation.

Ms. Truss appointed Mr. Hunt on Friday in an attempt to rescue her leadership.

Investors have sold British government bonds heavily since September 23 when Mr. Hunt's predecessor, Kwasi Kwarteng, announced a string of unfunded tax cuts without publishing a set of independent economic forecasts.

"No government can control the markets. No Chancellor should seek to do that," Mr. Hunt told BBC television in an interview broadcast on Sunday.

Britain's economy is at risk of going into recession at the same time as the Bank of England is raising interest rates to control

Four injured in shooting outside U.S. varsity library

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Four persons were shot, including three students, during Clark Atlanta University's homecoming outside a campus library early on Sunday, authorities said.

A large group of people were listening to a DJ near Atlanta University Center's Robert W. Woodruff Library around 12:30 a.m. It was around this time that the officers on patrol in the area heard gunshots, the Atlanta police said.

Shots fired from vehicle A preliminary investigation into the incident found three students and another person were wounded when shots were fired from a vehicle, Clark Atlanta University said.

One of the victims was grazed and refused medical attention, Atlanta police said. Three others were taken to a hospital, though they were conscious and alert.

Clark Atlanta is part of Atlanta University Center's consortium of historically Black colleges.

Four killed as fire breaks out in jail housing Iran's political prisoners

Associated Press

CAIRO

A towering blaze at a notorious prison housing political prisoners and anti-government activists in Iran's capital killed four inmates, the country's judiciary said on Sunday.

Flames and thick smoke rising from Tehran's Evin Prison had been widely visible on Saturday evening, as nationwide anti-government protests triggered by the death of a young woman, Mahsa Amini, in police custody entered a fifth week. In online videos, gunshots and explosions could be heard in the area housing the prison.

The blaze was extinguished after several hours and no detainees escaped, state media said.

Authorities have attempted to distance the



Simmering unrest: Flames and thick smoke rising from the Evin prison in the Iranian capital of Tehran on Saturday night. AFP

events at the prison from the ongoing protests, while state media has offered conflicting accounts of the violence.

Hundreds are being held at Evin, where human rights groups have reported repeated abuses of prisoners.

State media originally reported nine persons

were injured but the judiciary-affiliated website Mizan.news on Sunday said four inmates died of smoke inhalation and 61 others were injured. It said all four who died were in prison on robbery convictions.

Ten inmates were hospitalised, with four of them in serious condition, Mizan

reported. It said some prisoners had tried to escape but failed.

"This fire was caused by a fight between some prisoners in a sewing workshop," said Tehran Gov. Mohsen Mansouri.

Iranian social media posts challenged state media claims over the cause of the fire and apparent explosions at the prison.

The U.S.-based Center for Human Rights in Iran reported that an "armed conflict" broke out within the prison walls.

The prison fire occurred as protesters intensified anti-government demonstrations along main streets and at universities in some cities across Iran on Saturday. Human rights monitors reported hundreds dead, including children, as the movement concluded its fourth week.

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MONEYWISE

ASKUS

K. Nitya Kalyani

A person I know died recently in an accident. He used to work for a consultancy. He was in his early 20s and had been working for 4 to 5 months. I wanted to help his family get life insurance and pension fund amount that is due. The company people are not cooperative. What can I do to know about group insurance amount and what is due to his family?

DIPENDRA ADHIKARI

To help make the claim you first need information on the insurance policies that this person may have been covered under. The family can help you with any documents like identity cards of mass health insurance or accident insurance schemes or bank statement showing deduction of premium - which happens in the May, June or July each year for the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana Scheme for example.

If his employer took documents for making a claim, it could be a group insurance scheme through the employer. Please ask for the information in writing and send a copy to the insurance company or government department concerned that runs the scheme. You can try to find related information out through employees' groups or associations or unions if any. His peers and colleagues or perhaps a right-thinking person in the human resources or accounts department may help with this lead. With this information, you can work towards making claims or trace if any claims have already been made and money received by a third party.

If you draw a blank again, please explore options of getting information from the insurer or the government department concerned through RTI.

I am 29-year old single working professional living with my 56-year-old, retired father. Currently I have group insurance from my employer and am planning to take separate health insurance additionally. So far, neither me nor my father has had health insurance. Should I go for individual or a family floater plans?

KARTHIKEYAN V.

Our father will get the premium suited to his age either way. Taking separate policies is advisable for the reasons you say, but first see how the premiums work out for family and individual policies where family discounts also come into play. In a family policy, you can still have floater and individual sums assured. Get quotations for different options and your decisions are easier. Also, remember that when you get married and have children, those premiums also will move in tandem with the premium for the oldest person under the policy. Ahead of all this, please enrol your father in your employer's health insurance scheme if that is possible.

I am a 19-year-old degree student. I am financially dependent on my parents but would like to start learning about insurance policies and be generally financially independent by the time I start earning. What books or other resources would you suggest for an absolute beginner like me?

KAVYA

Please start with respected personal finance sections of leading publications like The Hindu's weekly MoneyWise page that carries articles on insurance as well as savings and investment topics. The websites of regulators such as Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, Reserve Bank of India and Securities and Exchange Board of India and self-regulatory organisations like Association of Mutual Funds of India have a wealth of authentic and timely information on the investments they oversee. You can learn what to do and what to avoid, get the pulse of trends. From websites of companies that offer the actual financial products, like insurance companies or mutual funds, you can get product information including their financial implications. This can be the starting point of the exciting journey you are embarking on. All the best!

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Travel with the right cover for senior citizens

An ideal travel insurance policy for the elderly should sufficiently cover them on all fronts. Hence, it is essential to examine the inclusions and exclusions of the plan thoroughly

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Amit Chhabra

As skies open up after the pandemic, travellers are off to favourite destinations again to make up for the time spent in seclusion.

While the travel sector swung back to pre-pandemic levels in no time, travellers are now well-versed with safety measures that go beyond masks and sanitisers. More people are now seeing travel insurance as an integral part of their trip to ensure absolute protection in case they happen to encounter an unforeseen event on their journey. This includes senior citizens who had to practise extra caution, especially during the peak of the pandemic.

Here's all you need to know before choosing a travel plan for the elderly:

Pre-existing diseases

While a regular travel plan may shield travellers from standard hospitalisation bills, they often don't cover pre-existing diseases or PEDs. Hence, for senior citizens, it's always advisable to opt for a plan which provides coverage in case of life-threatening conditions arising out of PEDs.

Usually, the coverage goes up to \$10,000, which adequately protects an individual in case of a medical emergency due to an existing condition. Apart from this, there are plans available that provide cov-



For senior citizens, it's always advisable to opt for a plan which provides coverage in case of life-threatening conditions arising out of pre-existing diseases

erage of \$2,500 and \$1,500, depending on your requirement and budget.

Usually available for anyone between the age of 61 to 99 years and beyond, these policies consider both age and pre-existing diseases. Moreover, they provide broad benefits such as hospitalisation, ICU cost, doctor visits, and surgeries, apart from baggage loss, flight delays, cancellations, etc.

Longer duration stay

It's not uncommon for youngsters to move abroad for better opportunities. Often, most of them find stability there and even settle permanently outside of India. In such cases, their parents might need to visit them, and often stay for longer duration.

Senior citizen travel plans come to their rescue in these situations. There are plans that cover the elderly for 180 days. Depending upon the need, these plans can be further extended to an additional 180 days. This gives them a complete year in case they need to be a part of their children's life milestones

like marriage or childbirth.

Plans sans sub-limits

Similar to health insurance, travel insurance plans also come with sub-limits. And just like health insurance, it is advised to not have sub-limits in your travel plans as well. Especially when it comes to senior citizens, these restrictions can limit coverage.

Essentially, sub-limits means capping on the sum assured or the benefits included. It could mean exclusion of a certain kind of medical expense or curtailment of benefits. To avoid such a situation, it's better to opt for plans that have no sub-limits. In this case, only for a small additional premium, the policyholder will be able to waive off any sub-limit and safeguard themselves against any untoward situation.

Since senior citizens are more prone to health risks, it's best to prevent an unpredictable financial adversity by purchasing a plan without sub-limits.

Comprehensive cover

Comprehensive coverage is a non-negotiable factor in senior citizen travel plans. It means adequate sum assured and a wide range of network hospitals to keep you secure at all times.

Your premium might vary as per your risk profile. For instance, when travelling to countries like the USA and Canada or Schengen countries, the premium will be higher as the medical cost in these

countries in higher compared with India or other Asian countries. However, there are plans that require no medical check-ups, covers PEDs and cashless hospitalisation that are ideal for the elderly.

Travel benefits

An ideal travel insurance policy for the elderly should sufficiently cover them on all fronts. Hence, it is essential to examine the inclusions and exclusions of the plan thoroughly. The policy should cover everything from pre-existing diseases to ICU expenses to trip delays and cancellations to passport loss.

Transparency

Travelling internationally uninsured means carrying high health and financial risk. Also, disclosing every piece of information to your insurer is as important as buying the policy. Irrespective of your health condition, be open to your insurer to avoid the rejection of your claim later.

This phase of life is often free from any responsibilities and is considered to be the best time to explore the world. So, don't forget to cover yourself adequately to make the best of this time. In addition, read the documents carefully and check for exclusions.

Finally, compare the benefits and prices of various policies online to make an informed decision.

(The writer is Head, Health and Travel Insurance, Policybazaar.com)

Green investments

THINKINVESTOR

You could explore ESG investments as part of legacy portfolio. You would have then achieved twofold goal – contribution to protect the environment as well as creating wealth for family

Venkatesh Bangarawamy

With the world increasingly facing natural disasters, it is small wonder many institutional investors consider climate as an important factor when taking investment decisions. Here, we discuss whether environment factors should be integrated into your goal-based investments.

Climate risk refers to the significant changes in climate that can have adverse economic implications. So, companies causing adverse impact on climate can have negative implications on financial performance. On the positive side, companies that adopt clean technologies could be rewarded by the investors. This is broadly true for firms embracing Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) factors.

The developed world has vowed to bring greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to sustainable levels by 2050 to prevent irreversible damage to the environment. Translating this and other global initiatives into investment decisions, financial markets could consistently assign higher valuations to companies that maintain high level of ESG compliance. You can consider investments in such firms through ESG-dedicated equity funds. These are funds that invest in companies forming part of an ESG Index. NSE, for instance, has the Nifty100 ESG Index which reflects the performance of companies in the Nifty 100 Index with weights based on ESG scores.

Conclusion

Concepts could take time to catch on. Europe has been a pioneer in ESG norms with some countries initiating ESG investment mandates before the concept caught on at a corporate level in some non-European countries.

That said, ESG as a concept is not new to India. SEBI requires top 1,000 listed companies to issue Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report that includes ESG concepts in its disclosures. India also has a green bond market, proceeds of which are used to fund renewable energy projects. Whether ESG investing will catch on in India is moot; institutional investors must initiate compelling ESG mandates before such investments becomes mainstream. That means it would be appropriate to keep ESG investments outside of intermediate goal-based portfolios till time such investments gain traction.

You could explore ESG investments as part of legacy portfolio (wealth for children after your lifetime) or for parking surplus savings. You would have then achieved a two-fold objective – your contribution to protect the environment as well as creating wealth for your family.

(The author offers training programmes for individuals to manage their personal investments)

Personal Loans

Rates and Charges

Name of Lender	Interest Rate (%)	Loan amount 5 lakh		Processing fee
		Tenure 5 years	EMI (Rs)	
HDFC Bank	11.00 onwards	10,871 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to Rs 4,999
Citibank	10.75% onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 3%
Tata Capital	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 2.75%
State Bank of India	10.30 - 15.10	10,697-11,921	2,139-2,384	Up to 1.50% (Rs 1,000-Rs 15,000)
ICICI Bank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 2.50%
Bank of Baroda	10.20 - 17.55	10,673-12,575	2,135-2,515	Up to 2% (Min. Rs 1,000 and Max. Rs 10,000)
Axis Bank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	1.5%-2%
Kotak Mahindra Bank	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 3%
Bank of India	11.25-14.25	10,934-11,699	2,187-2,340	Up to 1% (Maximum Rs 5,000)
Canara Bank	12.10-15.80	11,148-12,106	2,230-2,421	Up to 1%
Punjab National Bank	9.80-16.35	10,574-12,252	2,115-2,450	Up to 1%
HSBC Bank	9.25-15.50	10,440-12,027	2,088-2,405	Up to 2%
Federal Bank	10.49-17.99	10,744-12,694	2,149-2,539	Up to 3%
Union Bank of India	10.80-14.90	10,821-11,869	2,164-2,374	Up to 1% (Maximum Rs 7,500)
Bajaj Finserv	13.00 onwards	11,377 onwards	2,275 onwards	Up to 4%
Punjab & Sind Bank	10.55-12.15	10,759-11,160	2,152-2,232	Up to 1%
South Indian Bank	12.25-20.00	11,185-13,247	2,237-2,649	Up to 2%
UCO Bank	11.45-12.20	10,984-11,173	2,197-2,235	Up to 1%
IDFC First Bank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 3.50%
Bank of Maharashtra	10.20-14.70	10,673-11,816	2,135-2,363	Up to 1%
Indian Overseas Bank*	11.90-12.90	11,097-11,351	2,219-2,270	Up to 0.75%
Karnataka Bank	13.18	11,423	2,285	Up to 0.25% (Minimum Rs 250)
IndusInd Bank	10.49 onwards	10,744 onwards	2,149 onwards	Up to 3%

*1.00% Special Interest Concession to Borrowers with CIC Score of 800 and above

Car Loans

Rates and Charges

Name of Lender	Interest Rate (%)	Loan amount 5 lakh		(%) of loan amount
		Tenure 1 year	EMI (Rs)	
Union Bank of India	8.40-10.20	10,234-10,673	Up to Rs. 1,000	
Punjab National Bank	8.55-9.40	10,270-10,477	0.25% (Rs 1,000-Rs 1,500)	
Bank of Baroda	8.45-11.75	10,246-11,059	Up to 0.50% (Rs 2,500 - Rs 10,000)	
Canara Bank	8.80-11.50	10,331-10,996	NIL till 31st December 2022	
Bank of India	8.30-10.25	10,210-10,685	NIL	
UCO Bank	8.80-10.05	10,331-10,636	1% (Upto Rs 1,500)	
State Bank of India	7.85-8.65	10,102-10,294	NIL	
IDBI Bank	8.60 - 9.90	10,282-10,599	Rs 2,5	

CRICKET

11-year-old Drushil gets a chance to bowl to Rohit in India nets



Drushil Chauhan, an 11-year-old cricket enthusiast, had a moment to remember when he got an opportunity to bowl to skipper Rohit Sharma during India's practice session in Perth ahead of the T20 World Cup. Drushil was invited to the dressing room as well. He was one of many kids present for the morning session.

FOOTBALL

India faces Brazil in its final group game in women's under-17 WC



Host India will play for pride in its final Group A game against Brazil in the FIFA under-17 women's World Cup in Bhubaneswar on Monday. India is out of contention after losing its matches against USA and Morocco. Head coach Thomas Dennerby will hope to finish the campaign on a high with a good performance against Brazil.

MOTORSPORTS

Rins wins Australian MotoGP as Quartararo crashes out



Spain's Alex Rins stormed won the Australian MotoGP on Sunday with World championship leader Fabio Quartararo crashing out. Rins finished 0.186s ahead of Spanish great Marc Marquez, who claimed his 100th premier class podium. Francesco Bagnaia was a close third.

KABADDI

Inamdar, Mohit take Paltan to first win of the season



Puneri Paltan showed determination right from the word go when it took on U Mumba in the Pro Kabaddi League in Bengaluru on Sunday. Raiders Aslam Inamdar and Mohit Goyal scored 14 points together as Paltan defeat U Mumba 30-28 and registered its first victory of the season. UP Yoddhas beat Bengaluru Bulls 44-37.

Frylinck is the star as Namibia pulls a fast one on Sri Lanka

African minnows look to repeat last edition heroics of making the Super 12s; Netherlands edges past UAE

T20 WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
GEELONG

J an Frylinck smashed 44 runs and took two wickets as Namibia hammered Asia Cup champion Sri Lanka by 55 runs for a major upset in the opening match of the Twenty20 World Cup here on Sunday.

The left-handed Frylinck and J.J. Smit, who made an unbeaten 31, lifted Namibia to 163 for seven with their 69-run seventh-wicket stand after being invited to bat.

Sri Lanka was then bowled out for 108 in 19 overs with David Wiese, Frylinck, Bernard Scholtz and Ben Shikongo taking two wickets each.

The African minnows are on course for a second straight Super 12 place after they did it on debut last year in the United Arab Emirates.

Namibia lost its openers inside three overs and then slipped to 93 for six, but Frylinck, who hit four fours in his 28-ball innings, and Smit had other ideas.

The pair took the attack to the opposition with five fours and two sixes in the final five overs.

Then, Shikongo silenced Lankan fans when he sent back Pathum Nissanka for nine and Danushka Gunathilaka for nought off consecutive balls. Bhawana Rajapaksa played out the hat-trick ball, surviving a big lbw shout.

In the second match of the day, the Netherlands edged past the United Arab Emirates by three wickets.

The scores: Namibia 163/7 in 20 overs (Stephan Baard 26, Jan Frylinck 44, J.J. Smit 31 n.o.) bt Sri Lanka 108 in 19 overs (Dasun Shanaka 29). **Toss:** Sri Lanka; **MoM:** Frylinck.

UAE 111/8 in 20 overs (Muhammad Waseem 41; Bas de Leede 3/19) lost to Netherlands 112/7 in 19.5 overs (Junaid Siddique 3/24). **Toss:** UAE; **MoM:** de Leede.



Calling the shots: Frylinck pulled Namibia out of a hole and proceeded to take the attack to the opposition. AFP

Real too hot for Barcelona; Liverpool beats Man City

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Real Madrid beat Barcelona 3-1 in the Clasico to overtake its rival and climb to the top of LaLiga on Sunday.

Karim Benzema opened the scoring in the 12th minute by converting a rebound after Marc-Andre ter Stegen saved from Vinicius Junior. Fede Valverde drilled home the second from the edge of the box before the break.

Ferran Torres pulled one back for Barcelona in the final stages after good work by Ansu Fati, but Rodrygo won and converted a late penalty to ensure Carlo Ancelotti's reigning champion inflicted Barcelona's first domestic defeat of the season.

Real ended the Catalans' seven-game winning streak in the league and added to the still-raw pain of its struggles in Europe, where it is on the verge of Champions League elimination.

In the Premier League, Mohamed Salah produced a moment of magic as Liverpool condemned Manchester City to its first defeat of the season.



Striking home: Valverde widened Real's lead after Benzema had put the team in front. REUTERS



Proving the difference: Salah's 76th-minute goal helped Liverpool hand Manchester City its first defeat of the season. REUTERS

same scoreline at Leeds. Bukayo Saka scored for Arsenal against the run of play in the 35th minute when he latched on to Martin Odegaard's through-ball to smash his shot over 'keeper Illan Meslier's head from a narrow angle.

A Mason Mount double secured a 2-0 win for Chelsea at Aston Villa and Manchester United played out a 0-0 stalemate against Newcastle, while Southampton

drew 1-1 with West Ham.

Important results:

LaLiga: Real Madrid 3 (Benzema 12, Valverde 35, Rodrygo 90+1) bt Barcelona 1 (Torres 83).

Premier League: Aston Villa 0 lost Chelsea 2 (Mount 6, 65); Manchester United 0 drew with Newcastle 0; Southampton 1 (Perraud 20) drew with West Ham 1 (Rice 64); Liverpool 1 (Salah 76) bt Manchester City 0; Leeds 0 lost to Arsenal 1 (Saka 35).

Series A: Inter Milan 2 (Martinez 14, Barella 58) bt Salernitana 0.



The influencer: It was Petratos' day out as he swung the contest ATK MB's way. THULASI KAKKAT

Petratos' treble leaves Blasters stunned

M.R. Praveen Chandran
KOCHEE

ATK Mohun Bagan maintained its hegemony over Kerala Blasters in the ISL by registering an impressive 5-2 win at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium here on Sunday.

In a match played under persistent drizzle, ATK MB survived an electric start from Blasters and punished the Kochi side for its defensive errors.

After Ivan Kaluzhnyi's opening goal in the eighth minute, Blasters faded away even as Dimitrios Petratos' hat-trick (26, 62 & 90+2) spurred the Kolkata side on.

Joni Kauko (38) and Lenny Rodrigues (88), too, got into the scorers' list to silence the capacity crowd. In between, substitute K.P. Rahul pulled one back for Blasters in the 80th when ATK MB goalkeeper Vishal Kaith allowed the ball to slip in through his legs.

ATK MB was more assertive in the second half with Liston Colaco proving to be

a menace on the right flank. The midfielder found an unmarked Petratos with a through ball to put his side 3-1 ahead in the 62nd minute. Blasters were left playing catch-up after that goal.

Earlier, Kaluzhnyi made his presence felt for Blasters. Dimitrios Diamantakos stole the ball from Petratos and passed to Kaluzhnyi who sent Sama clear. The cut back was booted in by the Ukrainian.

To its credit, ATK MB soaked up the pressure and slowly started to assert itself through moves from the flanks. The equaliser came in the 26th minute when Frenchman Hugo Boumous moved unchallenged into the box from the left and squared to an unmarked Petratos, who tapped home into an open net. That opened the floodgates for ATK MB.

The result:
Kerala Blasters 2 (Kaluzhnyi 8, Rahul 80) lost to ATK Mohun Bagan 5 (Petratos 26, 62 & 90, Kauko 38, Rodrigues 88).

Tajinderpal braves the elements to clinch medal

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Slippery conditions, cold and damp weather, and a makeshift shot put field – nothing could deter Tajinderpal Singh Toor from clinching the gold at the 61st National Open athletics championships at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Sunday.

The Asian record holder came up with 20.68m heave, 24cm shy of his own meet record.

If a torrential downpour before the start of evening session made it incredibly difficult for athletes to stay warm and also grip the Shot, the shifting of the rink to a small area between the track and the ring fence near the stands made them feel claustrophobic.

Competitors weren't pleased that they were denied the main turf, both in training and competition, for the fear of damaging the grass that would affect ISL football activities.

A Karnataka Athletics Association (KAA) official confirmed that the State government's Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports (DYES) had barred them from using the area and that hammer throw would be shifted to the adjacent 200m track. Javelin and discus would however continue in the main field.

"The same thing happened in Delhi too," said



Heave ho! Torrential rain could not stop Tajinderpal from taking the top spot. K. MURALI KUMAR

gold-medallist Tajinderpal. "Athletes should be allowed to train. The feeling is different [in the restricted space] compared to where we are supposed to throw."

Inderjeet Singh, a bronze medallist here and a former Asian champion, said: "It's because of that (makeshift arena) all my throws were going out of the arc. I was finding it difficult to grip. I'm requesting the authorities to help the athletes who are winning medals for the country."

Elsewhere, K. Elakkiyadasan and Srabani Nanda clinched the men's and women's 100m titles.

In women's 400m, Subha Venkatesan came up her personal best timing of 52.67s to secure gold.

The results:

Men: 100m: 1. K. Elakkiyadasan (Rly) 10.37s, 2. Harjit Singh (Ser) 10.52, 3. B. Siva Kumar (Rly) 10.54; **400m:** 1. Rajesh Ramesh (Rly) 46.63, 2. Ayush Dabas (Rly) 46.86, 3. W. Nihal Joel (Kar) 47.03;

1500m: 1. Parvez Khan (Ser) 3:46.41, 2. Abhishek Singh Thakur (MP) 3:46.43, 3. Ritesh Ohre (MP) 3:46.43;

Long jump: 1. Yugant Shekhar Singh (Rly) 7.59m, 2. K. Mohammed Asif (Kar) 7.57, 3. S. Arya (Kar) 7.49; **Shot put:** 1. Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Ser) 20.68, 2. Karanveer Singh (Har) 20.10, 3. Inderjeet Singh (Har) 18.48;

Women: 100m: 1. Srabani Nanda (Od) 11.55s, 2. Himashree Roy (Rly) 11.56, 3. Archana S. Suseendran (TN) 11.58; **400m:** 1. Subha Venkatesan (TN) 52.67, 2. Sonia Baijsha (Rly) 53.38, 3. Dandi Jyothika Sri (And) 53.43;

1500m: 1. K. Elakkiyadasan (MP) 4:23.03, 2. Ankita (Rly) 4:23.25, 3. Lili Das (WB) 4:23.91;

Heptathlon: 1. Swapna Barman (Rly) 5798 pts, 2. Sowmiya Murugan (Rly) 5393, 3. Sonu Kumari (Rly) 5132.

IN BRIEF

**Haney retains undisputed World lightweight title**

American Devin Haney kept his unbeaten record intact on Sunday by battering Australian George Kambosos with his thunderous right hand in a rematch to remain undisputed lightweight World champion. The 23-year-old successfully defended his WBC, WBA, IBF and WBO belts at Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena in a unanimous points decision – 119-109, 118-110, 118-110. Haney now looks to fight next either two-time Olympic champion Vasiliy Lomachenko or Shakur Stevenson.

Bhullar wins maiden Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational title

Gaganjeet Bhullar pulled off a stellar performance in the final round with one-under 71 to win his first-ever Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational golf tournament title here on Sunday. Bhullar (69-65-68-71), who was tied at the top with local player Karandeep Kocchar till the 18th hole, edged past his rival on his final putt, sinking a sensational 10-footer birdie to walk away with the winner's cheque with an overall score of 15-under 273.

Anirudh, Vijay end runner-up in Challenger doubles

Anirudh Chandrasekar and Vijay Sundar Prashanth were beaten 6-3, 6-1 in the doubles final by Julian Cash and Henry Patten in the \$53,120 Challenger tennis tournament in Fairfield, USA.

The results: \$53,120 Challenger, Fairfield, USA: Doubles (final): Julian Cash & Henry Patten (GBR) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-3, 6-1.

Gold for Atul and Ashakiran in Asian youth athletics

Atul and K.C. Servan won the gold and silver in the boys' discus throw at the Asian youth athletics championships in Kuwait on Sunday. Meanwhile, Ashakiran Barla won the gold in the girls 800m on Saturday.

The results (Indian medallists only): Boys: Discus: 1. Atul (56.23m), 2. K.C. Servan (55.91).
Girls: 800m: 1. Ashakiran Barla (2:06.79s).
2000m steeplechase: 2. Ekta Pradeep Dey (7:15.53s).
Pole vault: 2. Vanshika Ghanghas (3.70m).

LIVE TELECAST

Men's T20 World Cup: (Warm-up matches), Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.; **First-round:** Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

Pro-Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup: India vs Brazil, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 8.30 p.m.

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday)

La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday)

Shahbaz's brilliance sees Bengal down a brittle TN

Wrecks opposition middle-order with his left-arm spin after setting up a defendable total with a quickfire, unbeaten 42; Sai Sudharsan lone Tamil Nadu batter to make valiant effort

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Sports Bureau

Sahbaz Ahmed, fresh from his international debut in the One-Day International series against South Africa, produced a brilliant all-round performance to power Bengal to a 43-run win over Tamil Nadu in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (Elite Group E) at the Ekaana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow on Sunday.

The all-rounder top-scored for Bengal with an unbeaten 42 off 27 balls to help his side post 164 for six.

Later, with his left-arm spin, he scalped three important wickets (3/13) and wrecked TN's middle-order, from which the defending champion could never recover making only 121 for nine in 20 overs.

Electing to bat, Bengal lost a wicket in the second over but skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran and Sudip Kumar Gharami built a good platform with a 64-run stand for the second wicket off just 33 balls.

Washington Sundar helped TN get back into

the game with two quick wickets before Ritwik Roy Chowdhury steadied the ship with a valuable 32. Later, Shahbaz gave the innings the final flourish to help his team post a commanding score.

TN's chase never got going with the team averaging just around six runs in the first eight overs. As the batters tried to accelerate, Shahbaz proved tough to score off.

Only B. Sai Sudharsan made a valiant 64 (48b, 4x4, 2x6) for TN, but none of the other batters barring skipper B. Aparajith even got into double figures.

This is TN's second defeat in four matches in the league and the team faces an uphill task to qualify for the knockouts.

It needs to win its matches against Jharkhand and Chandigarh to stay alive in the tournament.

"We gave away about 20 extra runs and that made the difference in the end. The pitch started taking more spin than in the first innings, but we still should have batted better. In the next two matches, we need our middle-order to fire," said TN coach M. Venkatramana.



On top of his game: Shahbaz scalped three important wickets that effectively scuttled TN's chase.FILE PHOTO: BISWARANJAN ROUT

SUNDAY'S SCORES

Group A (Rajkot): Mumbai 155/8 in 20 overs (Shivam Dube 41, Aditya Sarwate 3/28) bt Vidarbha 140/6 in 20 overs (Shams Mutani 3/21). Rajasthan 143/6 in 20 overs (Salman Khan 47 n.o.) lost to Uttarakhand 147/6 in 20 overs (Aditya Tare 34, Ravi Bishnoi 3/24).

Madhya Pradesh 190/5 in 20 overs (Rajat Patidar 92 n.o.) bt Railways 176/9 in 20 overs (Pratham Singh 55, Upendra Yadav 38, Ashwin Das 3/35).

Mizoram 115/9 in 20 overs (Tarun Kohli 75) lost to Assam 118/3 in 16.3 overs (Subham Mandal 39, Riyam Parag 52 n.o.).

Group B (Jaipur): Tripura 158/8 in 20 overs (Bikramkumar Das 73) lost to Hyderabad 162/5 in 20 overs (Tilak Varma 67, Mickil Jaiswal 32).

Pondicherry 168/8 in 20 overs (Parameswaran Sivaraman 43, Mohit Mittan 33, M. Vineshwaran 39 n.o., Navdeep Saini 3/37) lost to Delhi 169/3 in 19.2 overs (Yash Dhull 71 n.o., Nitish Rana 36, Ayush Badoni 32 n.o.).

Goa 138/7 in 20 overs (Suyash Prabhudesai 64, Siddarth Kaul 4/28) lost to Punjab 142/1 in 15.4 overs (Abhishek Sharma 54 n.o., Prabhbir Singh 74 n.o.).

Manipur 137/4 in 20 overs (Karnajit Yumnam 64, Kangabam Singh 45 n.o.) lost to Uttar Pradesh 138/0 in 12.4 overs (Karan Sharma 79 n.o., Aryan Juyal 55 n.o.).

Group C (Mohali): Services 148/8 in 20 overs (Anshul Gupta 39, Vaisakh Chandran 3/28) bt Kerala 136 in 19.4 overs (Sachin Baby 36, Sanju Samson 30, Nitin Yadav 3/12, Arjun Sharma 3/36).

Maharashtra 144 in 20 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 38, Abhishek Kumar 4/37) bt Meghalaya 70 in 18.1 overs (Satyajeet Bachhav 4/29).

Karnataka 147/7 in 20 overs (Shreyas Gopal 48 n.o., Manoj Bhandage 41) bt Jammu & Kashmir 113 in 18.2 overs (Vivrant 4/20).

Sikkim 52 in 14.5 overs (Sumit Ruikar 3/16, incl. a hat-trick) lost to Chhattisgarh 53/1 in 6.1 overs (Amandeep Khare 34 n.o.).

Monday is a rest day.



Patidar. FILE PHOTO

Sharma 63, Abid Mushtaq 32, Vidhwath Kaverappa 5/11.

Haryana 190/6 in 20 overs (Chaitanya Bishnoi 78 n.o., Himanshu Rana 31) bt Arunachal Pradesh 86/8 in 20 overs (Rahul Tewatia 3/18).

Group D (Indore): Gujarat 162/7 in 20 overs (Urvi Patel 40, Chirag Gandhi 63) lost to Saurashtra 164/7 in 19 overs (Cheteswar Pujara 38, Samarth Vyasa 33).

Baroda 156/5 in 20 overs (Vishnu Solanki 39, Ambati Rayudu 52 n.o.) bt Bihar 120/8 in 20 overs (Sachin Kumar 38, Ninad Rathva 3/10).

Nagaland 169/4 in 20 overs (Shrikant Mundhe 91 n.o., Rongsen Jonathan 45) lost to Andhra 173/5 in 19 overs (Ashwin Hebbar 51, Ricky Bhui 36, Shaik Rasheed 37 n.o., Imliviati Lemturi 3/20).

Group E (Lucknow): Bengal 164/6 in 20 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 38, Ritwick Roy 42 n.o., bt Tamil Nadu 121/9 in 20 overs (B. Sai Sudharsan 64, Shahbaz Ahmed 3/13), Chandigarh 179/6 in 20 overs (Bhagmender Lather 59, Ankit Kaushik 38, Raj Bawa 40 n.o.) lost to Odisha 181/9 in 20 overs (Shantanu Mishra 39, Subhranshu Senapati 47, Rakesh Pattaik 61 n.o., Jagit Singh 4/29).

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Arjun's counter-attack stuns World champion Carlsen

Rakesh Rao

NEW DELHI



Arjun... causing a flutter yet again. FILE PHOTO

Showing guts when it mattered, Arjun Erigaisi added to his growing reputation among the chess elite by stunning World champion Magnus Carlsen for his first victory over the World No. 1 and staying in the hunt for a place in the knockout phase of the \$150,000 Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament on Saturday.

Overnight leader Uzbeklad Nodirbek Abdusattorov retained his lead to reach 17 points from a maximum of 24 in the league where three points are awarded for a win and one for a draw. He started the day with a loss to Vidit Gujrathi but recovered. Seven rounds remain in the league.

Arjun emerged as the

side counter-attack made the decisive difference. Till that point, Carlsen had cornered Arjun's king on the queen's side. Thereafter, Arjun's timely exchange of pieces enlarged his advantage and eventually an exasperated Carlsen gave up.

"That felt really good, I was really happy with the game," was how Arjun chose to describe his feelings.

Standings (after eight rounds)

1. Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 17/24), 2-3. Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze), Magnus Carlsen (Nor) (16 each); 4-5. Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Pol), Arjun Erigaisi (15 each); 6-8. D. Gukesh, Vincent Keymer (Ger), Antoni Giri (Ned) (12 each); 9-10. Richard Rapport (Rom), Vidit Gujrathi (10 each); 11-12. Aditya Mittal, Daniel Noroditsky (USA) (9 each); 13. David Anton (Esp); 14. Eric Hansen (Can), 15-16. P. Harikrishna, Nils Grandelius (Swe) (3 each).

best performer of the day, scoring three wins and a draw, to be tied fourth with Poland's Jan-Krzysztof Duda.

After beating Sweden's Nils Grandelius and USA's Daniel Noroditsky, Arjun completed a hat-trick of wins by nailing Carlsen in 54 moves with a brilliant counter-attack.

Arjun's choice of a queen-check - on the 27th turn - that launched a king-

Icicle for Land Of Glory Plate

HYDERABAD: Trainer D. Netto's ward icicle, who ran second in her last outing, should make amends in the Land Of Glory Plate, the main event of Monday's (Oct. 17) races here.

1 HALMARK PLATE (1,600m), 5-y-o & upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 3:00: 1. Strauss (4) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Pinatabo (6) Mukesh Kumar 59, 3. Explosive (1) P. Ajeth Kumar 58.5, 4. Carnival Lady (3) B. Nikhil 55.5, 5. Exclusive Spark (2) Mohit Singh 55, 6. Honourable Lady (7) Khurshed Alam 53, 7. Ranji (8) G. Naresh Red River (4) R.S. Jodha 56.5 and 7. N.R.I Ruby (6) Santosh Raj 55.5, 1. LIGHTNING FAIRY, 2. RED RIVER, 3. LIGHTNING FAIRY

2 SIRCILLA PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 25 (Cat. III), 1:55: 1. General Atlantic (2) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Top Diamond (5) Mukesh Kumar 58.5, 3. Quality Warrior (6) B.R. Kumar 58, 4. Gusty Note (3) A.A. Vikrant 57.5, 5. N.R.I Millennium (9) Antony Raj 57, 6. Hot Seat (1) Akshay Kumar 56, 7. Sporting Smile (7) Kuldeep Singh 55.8, 8. Star Cruise (4) Aneel 54.5 and 9. Fatuma (8) G. Naresh 52.

1. TOP DIAMOND, 3. HOT SEAT

3 FLORINA PLATE (DIV. I) (1,400m), Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 25 (Cat. III), 2:25: 1. Avanca (3) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Divine Destiny (3) P. Ajeth Kumar 57.5, 4. Beauty Flame (4) B. Nikhil 57, 5. Bandit King (2) Kiran Naidu 56.5, 6. Just Incredible (7) Santosh Raj 56.5, 7. Wallop And Gallop (1) Kuldeep Singh 55.8, 8. Advance Guard (6) P. Ajeth Kumar 54 and 9. Grand Duke (5) Gaurav Singh 53.

1. ICICLE, 2. JUST INCREDIBLE, 3. TRUE ICICON

6 NJINSKY PLATE (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3:30: 1. Icicle (Suraj Narredu) 60, 2. True Icon (8) Akshay Kumar 59, 3. Francis Bacon (9) Surya Prakash 57.5, 4. Beauty Flame (4) B. Nikhil 57, 5. Bandit King (2) Kiran Naidu 56.5, 6. Just Incredible (7) Santosh Raj 56.5, 7. Wallop And Gallop (1) Kuldeep Singh 55.8, 8. Advance Guard (6) P. Ajeth Kumar 54 and 9. Grand Duke (5) Gaurav Singh 53.

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