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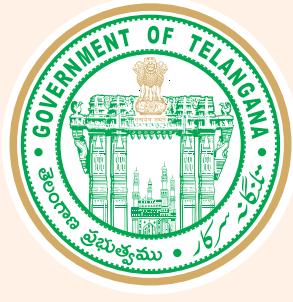
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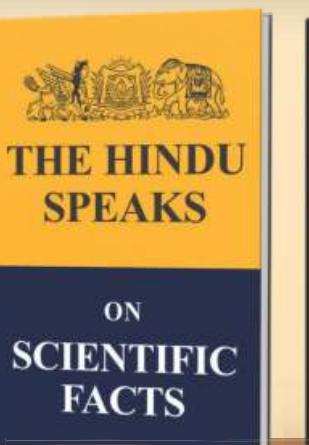
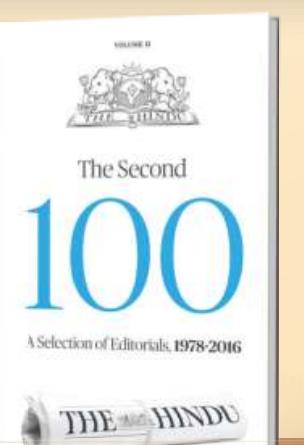
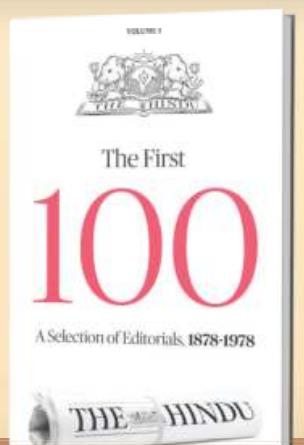
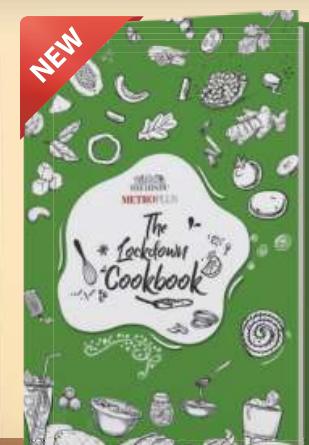
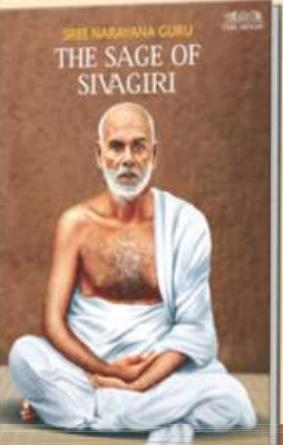
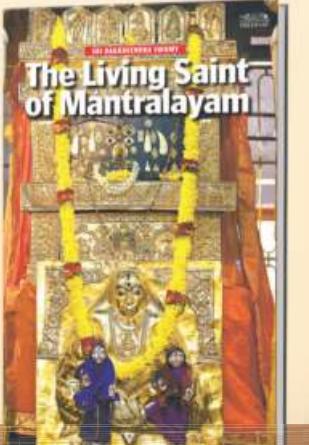
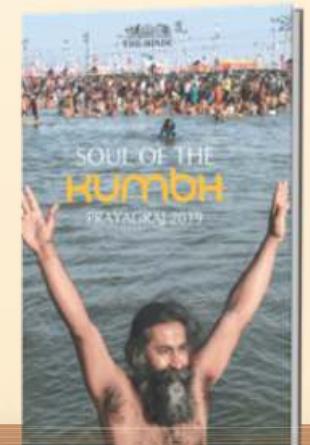
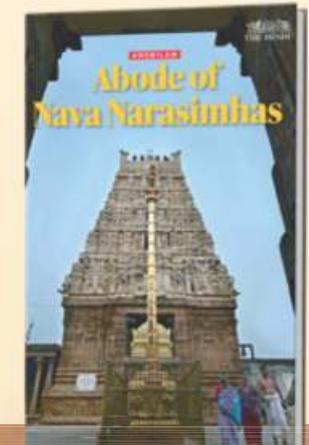
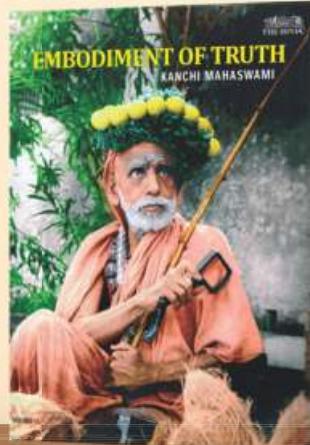
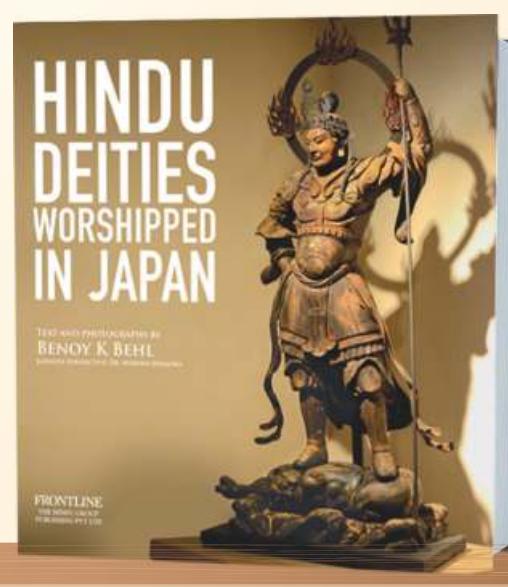
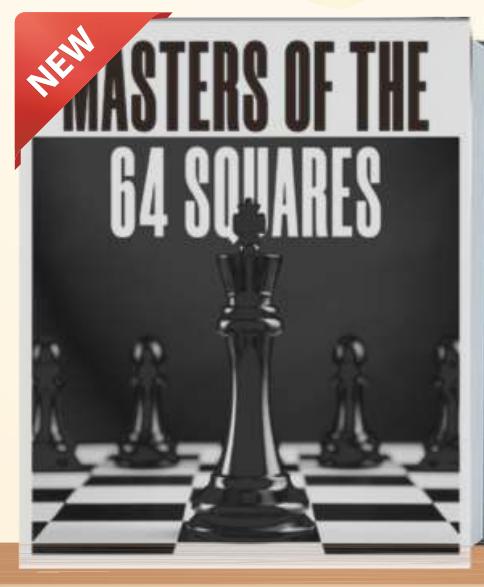
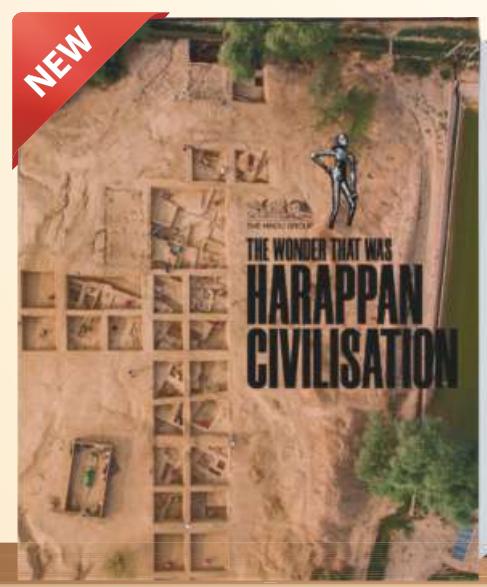


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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)
No.RS(POL)/58/0508/2022 New Delhi, Dt.: 19.10.2022
CORRIGENDUM NO.1
Attention is drawn to Tender Notice No. RS(POL)/58/0508/2022 for Marine Insurance for Railways imports of Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) is due for opening on 19.10.2022. Following Corrigendum to "Tender Closing date and time" is hereby authorized:
Existing clause To be modified as
Last date and time for submission of tender 19.10.2022 at 15:00 hrs.
Last date and time for submission of tender 01.11.2022 at 15:00 hrs.
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Job No. 08/Manager System/CCTV/2022-23, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF CCTV WORK IN SELECT OFFICES OF NOIDA AUTHORITY, SECTOR-6, NOIDA. Cost Rs. 35.13 Lacs
The above tenders can be uploaded by date 01.11.2022 upto 5.00 P.M. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 02.11.2022 at 11.00 AM.
Manager (System)
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National Competitive Bidding
Tender Notice
NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/MWSS/2022/508 Date: 19/10/2022

1.	Name of the work	Construction and five years of Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply System in Medininagar (Intake works, Rising main, 17 MLD Water treatment plant, Clear water main, Elevated service reservoirs, Distribution network and House service connections)
2.	Tender Fee and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In INR)	Cost of Tender Document: Rs 25,000/- (Rs Twenty-Five Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)- Rs 1,65,80,00/- (Rs One Crore Sixty-Five Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)
3.	Mode of Bid Submission	Online Tender (https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
4.	Date of starting of sale of online Tender	20.10.2022 at 17:00 Hrs
5.	Pre-Bid Meeting (offline)	02.11.2022 at 15:00 Hrs
6.	Last Date/Time for submission of online bids	18.11.2022 at 16:30 Hrs
7.	Last Date of submission of Tender fees and EMD (Hard Copy)	18.11.2022 at 16:30 Hrs
8.	Date of Bid Opening	18.11.2022 at 17:00 Hrs
9.	Tender fee and EMD submission address	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited, JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi - 834001
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Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-procurement website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

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PR 280462 Urban Development Project Director (Technical) and Housing(22-23) #D

DIRECTORATE OF HORTICULTURE, JHARKHAND, RANCHI
Krishi Bhawan, Kanke Road, Ranchi-834008

Request for Empanelment (RFE)-Notice
RFE Reference no.-Horti/10/2022-23 Dated: 19.10.2022

1	Name of Work	Request For Empanelment (RFE) of service providers (agencies/firms) for floral gardening under promotion of urban farming scheme in Jharkhand, for a period of one year (2022-23)
2	Time of Completion	One Year
3	RFE Documents Cost	Rs. 5000 (Rupees Five thousand only)
4	EMD Amount	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only)
5	Date of Publication of RFE on website	19/10/2022 (02:00 PM)
6	RFE Downloading Start Date	19/10/2022 (02:00 PM)
7	Date and Time of Pre-Bid meeting	21/10/2022 (03:00 PM) (Virtual Meeting)
8	Online RFE Submission Period	22/10/2022 at 11:00 AM to 03/11/2022 at 03:00 PM
9	Last date for submission of hard copy/e-mail of RFE documents, RFE cost and EMD	03/11/2022 (03:00 PM)
10	RFE Opening Date and place	04/11/2022 (3:30 PM) Directorate of Horticulture, Krishi Bhawan 3rd Floor Kanke Road Kanke 834008 Ranchi.
11	Name & Address of the RFE Inviting Authority	Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan 3rd Floor Kanke Road Kanke 834008 Ranchi.
12	Contact no. of procurement officer	9931802209
13	Helpline no. of procurement cell	0651-2230691

Further details can be seen on website-<http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Sd/-
Dy. Director Horticulture, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
PR 280462 Agriculture(22-23).D

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General public is hereby informed that one lady (depicted in the photo), **Named: Kranti Devi D/o: Unknown R/o: D/533A, Gali No. 1, Ashok Nagar, Delhi** **Aged:** 33 years has been kidnapped/ Missing alongwith Her Daughter Priyanka **Aged:** 7 Years from her house since 24.09.2022 at 07.00 PM . In this regard **vide case DD No. 78A, Dated 24.09.2022, has been lodged at P.S. Jyoti Nagar, Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:
Named: Kranti Devi, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'1" Feet, Built: Thin, Wearing: Sky Blue Printed Kurta & Black Salwar and Hawai Chappal in Feet.
Named: Priyanka, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 3'6" Feet, Wearing: Frock & Salwar.
Any person is having any information/clue about this kidnapped/missing, may inform to the following at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No.: 11-24368638 or 24368641 S.H.O P.S. Jyoti Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 9870578720 DP/1311/NE/2022

Kranti Devi & Daughter Priyanka

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Kela, W/o Sh. Ram Kumar, R/o 82, Main stand wali gali, Punjab Khore, Delhi-110081,** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case Reg. No. 23381/16, U/s 138 NI Act, registered at P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Kela, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Kela, has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Kela, of case Reg. No. 23381/16, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.12.2022.
By order
Sh. Vaibhav Chaurasia,
Metropolitan Magistrate (North West),
Room No. 112, First Floor,
Rohini Court, Delhi

NORTHERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
TENDER NOTICE NO. 02222502 DATED : 17.10.2022
TENDER NOTICE NO. 46/2022-2023 DT. 20/09/2022 at.s.no.07
Principal chief materials manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

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The due date and other conditions of above tenders has been changed and also published on websites i.e. www.ireps.gov.in all other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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2.	Mohd Sarwar Lone	JKB016852	507521	14472301-14473300	1000	Sogam, Kupwara, Sogam, Jammu and Kashmir-193223
3.	Abdul Hamid Beigh	JKB016924	507577	14543301-14544300	1000	Warsun, Kralpore Tehsil & District Kupwara-193224
4.	Ghulam Rasool Waqay	JKB038153	507260	13889301-13892300	3000	Hadipora, Sopore, Kashmir-193201
5.	Muneera Parween	JKB027128	506516	12278731-12279730	1000	Pinjoora, Shopian, Kashmir-192303
6.	Nazneen Parveen	JKB037267	506085	11503731-11506730	3000	W/o Bashir Ahmad Dar, R/ & P/o Chadder, Tehsil Kulgam, Dist Anantnag, J & K State-192231
7.	Zahida Gowhar	JKB014766	504694	9220041-9221040	1000	Seer Hamdan, Dist Anantnag, Kashmir, J & K State-192101.

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For Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd.
Ref. No.: 5/2022-23
Place: Srinagar
Date: 19th October, 2022
Sd/-
(Mohammad Shafi Mir)
Company Secretary



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Kharge wins Congress presidential election

The veteran secured over 7,800 of the 9,385 votes polled and will be the first non-Gandhi leader in 24 years to assume the party's top post on October 26. His rival Tharoor polled 1,072 votes

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Mallikarjun Kharge was elected as the new Congress president on Wednesday after he secured 7,897 out of the 9,385 votes polled. His rival, Shashi Tharoor, sprung a surprise by polling an impressive 1,072 votes.

Mr. Kharge, 80, the first non-Gandhi leader in 24 years to occupy the party's top post, will take charge on October 26. In the nearly 137-year-old history of the Congress, it was the sixth time that the party witnessed an electoral contest for the top post.

Outgoing Congress president Sonia Gandhi, general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Rajasthan



For change: Shashi Tharoor greeting the newly elected Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Mr. Tharoor were among the leaders who visited Mr. Kharge's residence to congratulate him. "The Congress presi-

dent represents a democratic vision of India. His vast experience and ideological commitment will serve the party well as he takes on this historic res-

ponsibility," former party chief Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to Twitter to congratulate Mr. Kharge on his new responsibility and wished him a fruitful tenure.

Madhusudan Mistry, chairman of the Central Election Authority of the party, said 416 votes were declared as invalid.

Addressing a press conference, Mr. Kharge thanked Ms. Gandhi for reviving the party during her stint of more than two decades and leading the party to form governments at the Centre twice.

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City residents could be jailed for bursting firecrackers on Deepavali

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

People who buy and burst firecrackers in Delhi during Deepavali will be fined ₹200 and could face imprisonment up to six months.

Announcing this on Wednesday, Environment Minister Gopal Rai said those at the supplier end will face a ₹5,000 fine and imprisonment up to three years for storage, production and sale of crackers.

Last month, the government had imposed a ban on the production, sale and use of firecrackers, including green crackers, till January 1, 2023 to contain air pollution during winter.

Mr. Rai said over 400 teams have been formed to ensure effective implementation of the cracker ban.

China placed a hold on both in quick succession on Tuesday and Wednesday at the UNSC.

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China again blocks 2 proposals on Pak. terrorists at UNSC

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

The moves came even as UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres visited the memorial site for the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai and called for "global cooperation" on terror.

Next week, India will host all members of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) of the UNSC, including China's UN Ambassador, in Mumbai, where they will also visit the 26/11 memorial, as part of a number of events planned by the government to highlight India's counter-terrorism efforts.

China's block also comes as the Financial Action Task Force plenary began in Paris, which is likely to remove Pakistan from its grey list, where it has been under scrutiny since 2018 for failing to counter terror financing.

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UG admission: DU declares first list

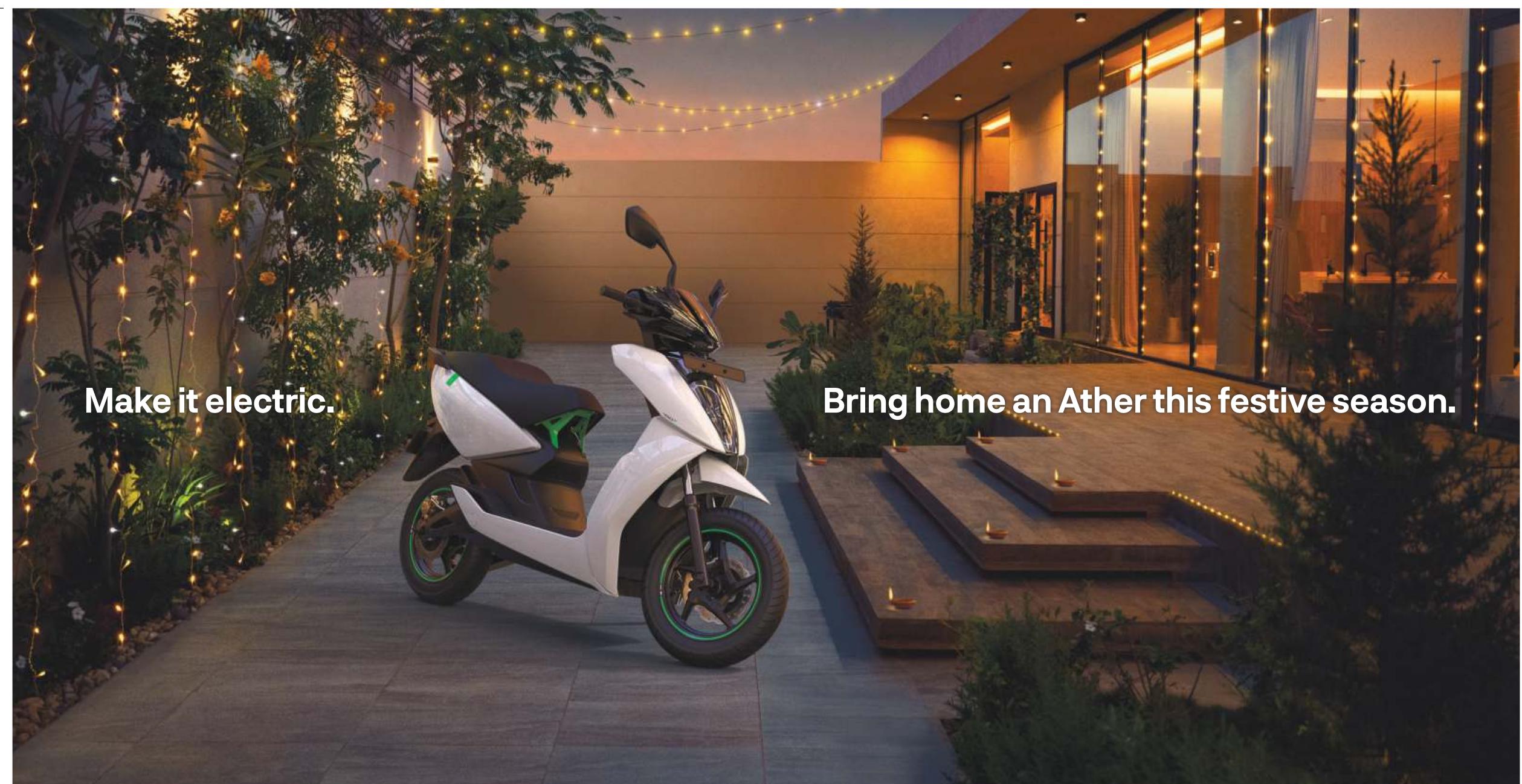
NEW DELHI
Delhi University declared its first seat allocation list on Wednesday, kick-starting the first of its three-phase UG admission process.

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Dog attack: won't return to Noida, say victim's kin

NEW DELHI
The family of a toddler, who died after being mauled by a stray dog in a housing society in Noida, has returned to their hometown in Madhya Pradesh and vowed not to come back.

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We are not going back to Noida ever, says mother of toddler killed by dog

Another child mauled by strays in the same society says she still gets nightmares about that attack; residents say they filed complaints but faced resistance from animal lovers residing there

Samridhi Tewari
NEW DELHI

They came to Noida with the dream of a better future for their four children. In eight days, the family returned to their hometown in Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, carrying along only despair and the body of their one-year-old child.

"We are not going back to Noida ever again, not even if we don't find a better source of income elsewhere," said Sapna, the mother of the toddler who died after being mauled by a stray dog inside an upscale housing society in Noida's Sector 100.

The incident happened on Monday afternoon when Ms. Sapna and her husband Rajesh Kumar, both labourers, were working at a construction site at Lotus Boulevard residential society and their baby was lying nearby. According to the police, the dog left the child grievously injured and he succumbed during treatment at Yatharth Hospital on Tuesday.

Ms. Sapna said her family of six was undergoing financial stress and decided to come to Delhi-NCR hoping to earn more money. "We weren't getting well-paying jobs in Singrauli. In Noida, both of us started earning ₹400 each a day



Dog catchers looking for strays in the parking lot of Lotus Boulevard Society in Noida. R.V. MOORTHY

working at the construction site," she said, adding that they worked at the society for three days only.

According to residents of Lotus Boulevard, this is not the first time such an incident has happened in the area. "Street dogs have not only entered our society but also attacked residents and workers," said Vinod Sharma, a resident.

He said the residents filed several complaints but some animal lovers living in the society have resisted action being taken against strays roaming freely in the area.

2018 incident
A similar horrifying incident was reported in Lotus Boulevard on January 1 in 2018, when a six-year-old girl was

attacked by at least six dogs, who bit her limbs and dragged her for around 50 metres. The girl, Mahi, now 11, said she still gets nightmares about that attack. "It's been almost five years but I have not stepped into that society. My parents still work there but I don't think I can go there ever."

A bright student at school, Mahi still struggles to walk. "The doctors told me that these wounds on my legs would vanish but it still pains when I walk," she said. "I always dreamt of joining the police. Now, I am not sure if I can pursue that dream," she said.

Taking about the child's death, Nisha Kanojia, Mahi's mother, said, "I have been through this trauma. I don't know how the family

will bear the loss."

Ms. Kanojia said some of her friends tried to raise the dog menace issue with the "higher authorities" but they were asked not to come to work if it were that big of an issue. "Where would poor people like us go," asked Ms. Kanojia.

On Wednesday, several teams of dog catchers were called to the society to take the stray dogs to a veterinarian. A dog catcher, who did not wish to be named, said, "These incidents have seen an uptick recently; people need to be sensitised about dogs but societies too need to create safe spaces for residents."

The society, meanwhile, has cancelled Deepavali celebrations following the incident on the premises.

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Woman, 38, abducted, gang-raped by five for two days in Ghaziabad

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NEW DELHI

DCW chief Swati Maliwal claimed that the victim was found wrapped in a jute bag, with her hands and legs tied, and that an iron rod was inserted in her private parts.

The senior officer added that they received a call around 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday about a woman, whose legs were tied, being found on a stretch of Ashram road in Nandgram. The victim was taken to GTB Hospital where she is said to be in stable condition.

"A foreign element was found and removed. She has no internal injuries," a hospital source said.

The victim told the police that she visited Bombay Colony, in Ghaziabad, to

Delhi Commission for Women has issued a notice to SSP Ghaziabad over the alleged gang rape

A case under IPC Sections 342 (punishment for wrongful confinement) and 376D (gang-rape) has been registered, the officer also said.

11-year-old raped

A separate incident of sexual assault was reported from north Delhi's Wazirabad area, where an 11-year-old girl was allegedly raped by her 28-year-old neighbour, police officers said. The victim, a class VII student, first told her mother about the assault on October 17. A day later the mother approached the police, following which the accused, who works as a cook in Gandhi Nagar, was arrested the same day.

DDCD 'backbone' of the Capital's development: CM

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NEW DELHI

CM Kejriwal has recommended MLA Raaj Kumar Anand's name to the L-G for inclusion in Cabinet

years," he said.

Mr. Kejriwal reiterated Mr. Shah's stand that the L-G does not have the jurisdiction to issue the notice.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister also said that he has sent a letter to the L-G to make AAP MLA Raaj Kumar Anand as the new Minister in the Delhi Cabinet.

On October 9, AAP leader Rajendra Pal Gautam resigned as a Minister after the BJP kicked off a political storm over his renunciation of Hindu deities at an event to embrace Buddhism on October 5.

For education

On PM Narendra Modi visiting a school in Gujarat, Mr. Kejriwal said that he is happy that after 75 years of Independence, education of the poor are becoming a topic of discussion in mainstream politics. "I consider this as AAP's biggest success," he said.

GRAP Stage II kicks in as Delhi's air quality may turn 'very poor'

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NEW DELHI

which was announced on October 5.

In another development, the Delhi government will light 51,000 lamps at Central Park in Connaught Place on Friday as part of "Diye Jala, Patake Nahi", a government awareness programme against firecrackers.

The Delhi government had in September imposed a complete ban on the production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers – including green crackers – till January 1, 2023.

So far, 188 violators have been found in production and storage of crackers during surveillance by Delhi Police till October 16 and 2,917 kg of firecrackers have been confiscated.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta accused Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of remaining silent on the issue of stubble burning in Punjab ever since AAP formed a government in the State. He said that Mr. Kejriwal "repeatedly blamed Punjab for air pollution in Delhi" when his party was not in power, but now he is only busy with "political tourism".

At east Delhi's Gandhi Nagar market, traders await proposed revamp plans

Muneef Khan

NEW DELHI



The congested lanes of Gandhi Nagar market in east Delhi remain one of the major issues bothering the shopkeepers. R.V. MOORTHY

that fire tenders could not enter the congested by-lanes in the market, which resulted in a delay in controlling the situation.

According to Balkishan, a shop owner based in the market for close to a decade, the recent spell of rain has resulted in the worsening of existing issues – frequent congestion, improper collection of waste, clogged drains, among others – that the 15,000 traders at the market continue to face on a daily basis.

Last week, a fire broke out at a shop in a four-storey building at the market, leaving one person dead. During a visit to the damaged building, the shopkeepers told *The Hindu*

"Too many problems" "I do not feel it is possible to revamp this market. There are too many issues that have grown worse over the years. We do not know what the revamp will entail; the exact plans and procedures are yet to be announced," said Mr. Balkishan.

In the Delhi government's recent budget speech, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had announced that they plan to redevelop Gandhi Nagar which is called "Asia's lar-

were held between the market associations and government representatives – including Mr. Sisodia and Jasmine Shah, vice-chairperson, Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi.

"There were frequent meetings till July. After that, the raids in connection with the excise policy began and the entire process of meetings came to a halt. Currently, we do not know where the plans for our market's redevelopment stand. I can understand that they must be facing difficulties in focusing on our matter given the frequent raids and other developments. This project will take some time to pick-up pace," said Mr. Balli, adding that he has not lost faith in the government's plans.

Sharing a similar view, Gurpreet Singh, a shop owner based in the market for 40 years, said he was optimistic about the proposed facelift of the market and that it was a "mammoth task" that had to be studied and then executed.

When reached for a comment, the Delhi government did not respond.

DU declares first UG admissions list; many applicants waiting to 'upgrade'

No cut-off lists were released by colleges on Wednesday, unlike previous years, as DU has switched to a centralised portal that assigns seats based on CUET scores; the portal allows applicants to 'upgrade' their seats based on their college and programme preferences; mixed reactions from students

Iaideep Deo Bhanji

NEW DELHI

Delhi University declared its first Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) list on its admission portal on Wednesday kick-starting the third of its three-phase undergraduate admission process.

Unlike previous years, cut-off lists were not released by individual colleges with the university having switched to a centralised portal that assigns seats based on Common University Entrance Test (CUET) scores.

The search for the college + programme combination for many applicants, such as Anoushka

Sinha who was happy with getting a seat in the Hindu College, ended on Monday. But others said they were likely to wait longer to explore more options.

"I got a seat in Miranda House, which was my second preference. I will definitely be accepted there but I want to wait for the second round to see if I can get into SRCC, which is my first preference," said Anika Gwalani.

When asked how she felt about this new system of allocation of colleges, Ms. Gwalani said that while students are likely to get the college + programme preference that they deserve, "they [DU] don't give us any assurance about admissions, even as

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ADMISSION

Declaration of first CSAS list: October 19	Students at North Campus, Delhi University. FILE PHOTO	Declaration of second CSAS allocation list: 5 p.m., October 30
Candidates to accept allocated seats: 4.59 p.m., October 21		Window to rearrange college and programme preference: 5 p.m., October 25 - 4.59 p.m., October 27
Colleges to verify and approve online applications by: 5 p.m., October 22	Last date for online payment of admission fees: 4.59 p.m., October 24	Display of vacant seats after round one: 5 p.m., October 25

they tell us to opt for as many colleges as possible in the CSAS portal".

Applicants who are not happy with the seats offered to them can opt for

The candidates can also rearrange their college + programme preferences on the portal, where they will also be able to see the demand for seats for any particular programme and college combination in real-time.

Shrawan Kumar is among the applicants who are not satisfied with the college + programme combination offered to them.

Cause for concern

"I got my 24th preferred combination. So, I'm not very happy. I'll accept the college but I am waiting to choose the upgrade option when it becomes available," said Mr. Kumar. He

said he was feeling anxious as there was no guarantee

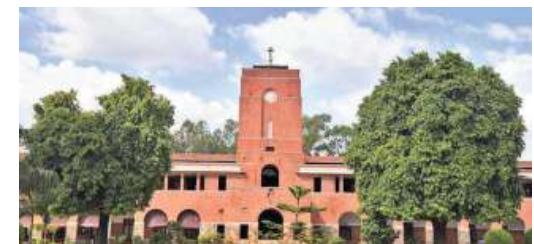
that he will be allotted a seat in another college in subsequent rounds.

The CSAS list was scheduled to be released on October 18 but was delayed after the Supreme Court on Monday decided to hear a plea by St. Stephen's College against a Delhi High Court order asking the college to follow the university's admission policy of giving 100% weightage to CUET scores while granting admissions to non-minority students in its undergraduate courses.

The college wanted to give 85% weightage to CUET scores and the remaining 15% to interviews.

On Wednesday, the apex court refused to stay the Delhi High Court order.

IN BRIEF



After SC order, St. Stephen's removes prospectus from site

St. Stephen's College on Wednesday removed from its website a contentious prospectus which was at the centre of a discord between the college and its governing Delhi University, hours after the Supreme Court rejected the college's petition against the university's admission process. College principal John Varghese did not respond to calls and text messages.

21 street children admitted to civic body-run school

Twenty-one children, living under a flyover along with their parents and resorting to begging for livelihood, have been admitted to a civic body-run school under a rehabilitation drive with the help of an NGO, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi said Wednesday.

Moosewala murder:
accused who fled from custody held

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police's Special Cell on Wednesday nabbed gangster Deepak Tinu from Rajasthan's Alwar. Tinu, an accused in singer Sidhu Moosewala's murder, had escaped from the Punjab police custody on October 1.

Special Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) H.G.S.Dhaliwal said Tinu kept changing his hideout after fleeing from Mansa in Punjab. The Delhi police carried out extensive operations in different places in the country and finally succeeded in arresting him.

"Five grenades and two automatic pistols have been recovered from his possession. He is being brought to the Delhi and its police custody remand will be sought," Mr. Dhaliwal said.

Tinu had escaped from the custody of the Crime Investigation Agency unit of the Mansa police when he was brought on a production warrant from Goindwal Sahib jail in Tarn Taran district in another case, in a major embarrassment for Punjab Police.

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HC to hear pleas against Agnipath scheme on Nov. 18

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NEW DELHI

Centre defends the recruitment scheme, says it is needed to enhance the youthful profile of the Armed Forces

of Armed Forces, reduce average age profile of soldiers from 32 years to 26 years over a period of time.

With the introduction of scheme, the 'leader to led' ratio will become 1:1 from the current ratio of 1:1.28, the Centre said.

In July, this year, the Supreme Court had made the Delhi High Court the core forum to examine the question of the legality of the Agnipath recruitment scheme to the Armed Forces, noting

that multiple litigation on the scheme is "neither desirable nor proper". This has meant that the High Court is currently seized of multiple petitions against the scheme. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, submitted that all the cases are essentially against the scheme and some "additionally" raise the issue of right to appointment under earlier advertisements, and, therefore, all the cases must be heard together.

Many candidates have moved the court to direct the Armed Forces to resume the recruitment process cancelled due to the introduction of the Agnipath scheme.

Man arrested for rape

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A man was arrested for raping a woman in a hotel in Subhash Nagar on the pretext of marriage, the police said on Wednesday.

The accused was nabbed after the police conducted a raid in Gurugram after receiving a complaint from the victim.

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Former SP MLA joins BSP in U.P.

Mayawati has made Imran Masood the party's western U.P. coordinator; he is tasked with reaching out to the minority community in the region

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Former MLA and influential leader from western Uttar Pradesh Imran Masood joined the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in Lucknow on Wednesday after quitting the Samajwadi Party.

Mr. Masood, who is considered a Muslim face in the Saharanpur region where the community is in sizeable numbers, has been made the western U.P. coordinator by party's national president Mayawati.

"Imran Masood is a well-known face in U.P., particularly in the western U.P. politics. He with his close aides joined the BSP with good intentions. He has been given special responsibility to add the minority community with the party," Ms. Mayawati posted



Masood joining BSP is a good sign, says Mayawati

on Twitter in Hindi.

"The Azamgarh bypoll and now the joining of Mr. Masood is a good sign for U.P. politics. Now, the Muslim community is also believing that to get rid of the BJP's divisive and atrocious politics, the BSP is necessary, not the SP," the four-time U.P. Chief Minister said.

Mr. Masood, who won the 2007 Assembly poll

from the Muzaffarabad seat, has lost the last four elections he contested but is still considered influential among the Muslim voters.

Before joining the SP during the 2022 Assembly polls, he was associated with the Congress and fought the 2014 and 2019 parliamentary polls and the 2017 Assembly elections on a Congress ticket.

Mr. Masood, who won the 2007 Assembly poll

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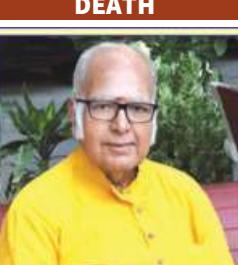
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After 'Dada' debacle, BJP in West Bengal pinning electoral hopes on 'Mithun da'

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Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The West Bengal unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) appears to have zeroed in on actor-turned-politician Mithun Chakraborty aka 'Mithun da' as its bankable face for election campaigns after purportedly failing to woo former cricketer Sourav Ganguly, popularly known as 'Dada', to join its ranks.

On October 17, the 72-year-old BJP leader and national executive committee member found a place in the new 20-member core committee of the party's State unit ratified by national president J.P. Nadda with an eye on next year's panchayat polls and the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

'More responsibility'
According to party sources, Mr. Chakraborty's inclusion in the panel is indicative of the party giving more political responsibility to the actor, who did not contest the 2021 Assembly poll that saw the BJP win only 77 seats and the Trinam

moor Congress (TMC) return to power in the State. Since the poll debacle, the BJP has been struggling to keep its flock together, with party leaders and legislators such as Babul Supriyo, Arjun Singh and Mukul Roy defecting to the TMC.

The party has lost all the bypolls held in the State since the Assembly election defeat and has been witnessing a slide in its vote share. It also failed to win any of the 108 municipalities that went to the polls in February this year.

Reprising key role
Mr. Chakraborty's new role comes at a time the BJP is preparing for the panchayat elections, which is expected to be held in March-April next year. According to BJP sources, he is expected to reprise the key role played by Mr. Roy, the former party national vice-president who later defected to the TMC, in increasing the party's tally in the State from two seats to 18 in the 2019 Lok Sabha poll. Mr. Chakraborty still has a considerable fan following across the State and is expected to be a crowd-puller at the party's politi-



Crowd-puller: Actor-turned-politician Mithun Chakraborty was

TMC's Rajya Sabha MP from 2014 to 2016. FILE PHOTO

cal rallies. The actor had maintained close relations with the Left parties when the Communist Party of India (Marxist)-led government was in power and represented the TMC in the Rajya Sabha between 2014 and 2016.

Dramatic entry
Mr. Chakraborty had made a dramatic entry into the BJP in March 2021 at a rally addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Kolkata's Brigade Parade Ground. His dialogues from popular Bengali films

— "Marbo ekhane, laash porbe shoshane (I will hit you here and the body will land in the crematorium)" and "Ami ekta cobra, ek choboi chobi (I am a cobra that can kill in one strike)" — sent the crowd into a tizzy and made him a much sought-after campaigner during the 2021 Assembly poll. Later, a police complaint was lodged against him over the remarks, but the Calcutta High Court quashed the charges.

However, after the Assembly poll rout, Mr. Chak-

raborty addressed only a few press conferences at the BJP office. In these interactions, he created a flutter by stating that he was in direct contact with 21 TMC legislators who are keen to defect to the BJP.

Latest message

But the latest message from the BJP leadership is that the actor will play a key role in strengthening its presence in the State by making frequent tours to key regions, participating in the core committee meetings and initiating political programmes.

The party is now pinning its hopes on the actor's star appeal to post an improved performance in the panchayat polls next year and Lok Sabha elections in 2024.

Govt. plans to send youth to border villages, says Thakur

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin announced an extra compensation of ₹5 lakh to kin of 13 victims of the Thoothukudi police firing in May 2018, and underlined that "those responsible for the incident would be brought to book".

On Tuesday, while tabling the Justice Aruna Jagadeesan Commission's report on the incident, the government had said it would "restrict" the compensation to what had already been given.

Speaking at the end of a debate on the report, Mr. Stalin said it would "restrict" the compensation to what had already been given.

The Minister was addressing the government's 14th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme for the development and mainstreaming of tribal youths in areas

affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi.

The programme, funded by the Department of Left Wing Extremism of the MHA, has been organised by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan of the Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry since 2006. A government statement said the aim of the programme is to "sensitise LWE tribal youth to rich cultural heritage of India and to enable them to appreciate the concept of unity in diversity".

The Centre is looking at programmes to send youth to villages along the country's borders and have them spend at least a day there, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur said here on Wednesday.

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Question on Kashmir in Class 7 paper in Bihar kicks up a row

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

A row erupted in Bihar on Wednesday after a question paper for Class 7 students in government schools of three districts mentioned Kashmir as a separate country and asked students, "What are the people of Kashmir like".

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Bihar Education Minister assures a probe even if top officials are involved

Kishanganj District Education Officer Subhash Kumar Gupta admitted it was a "human error and it has been communicated to BEPC".

A BEPC official said a show-cause notice has been issued to the question paper setters. State BJP president Sanjay Jaiswal posted a photo of the question paper on his social media handle and demanded action against those who had set the question paper.

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News free of bias and fear must: Malini Parthasarathy

The Hindu Bureau

MANIPAL

News media and journalists will retain public trust in journalism in the digital age by staying true to cardinal principles and telling the truth as transparently as possible, without bias and fear, Malini Parthasarathy, chairperson, The Hindu Group Publishing Pvt. Ltd., has said.

Delivering the 13th M.V. Kamath endowment lecture, organised by the Manipal Institute of Communication of the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), on the topic 'Retaining public trust in journalism in the digital age', on Wednesday, she said, "By virtue of our wide reach to our audience in a democratic society, it is indeed our duty to hold public officials accountable while not being overly pessimistic about the pace of transformation..."

"We should function with the latest tools of digital technology even as we engage intelligently with media platforms, ensuring our brands stay connected with our audiences online and offline..."

Ms. Parthasarathy said it is a sad fact that, over the decades, while digital technology had become a way of life, public scepticism about news and media organisations was becoming more pronounced.

"...Legacy brands, including ours, need to reckon with this relentless reality of digital technology becoming the main disseminator of content for consumers and thereby



Malini Parthasarathy, chairperson of THG Publishing Pvt. Ltd., delivering the 13th M.V. Kamath endowment lecture at the Manipal Institute of Communication on Wednesday. H.S. MANJUNATH

creating a connect with the users, shaping news content to align with the preferences of these consumers..." she said.

The gap between the old modes of journalism and the new media platforms is also eroding public trust in the news industry, with social media appropriating the role of the arbiter of the trustworthiness and credibility of news content.

"Unlike in past decades, when star editors were able to fascinate their reading public with their analyses and punditry, and when readers were in thrall to editorialists offering judgement, savouring the news reports on every page of the newspaper, now we are faced with a young, aspirational, and globally minded audience that wants to be informed rather than educated..."

The challenge worldwide, and in India in particular, has been the increasingly stressful pressure on the media and the public discourse both by the authorities and political parties.

Ms. Parthasarathy, also

Director, Editorial Strategy, *The Hindu*, said that social media sites have become battlegrounds for contests between political parties, with the media becoming a hapless protagonist in these unsavoury propaganda wars, with their news content being used as cannon fodder for sparking new controversies. In the process of trying to take down the opposing political view, the media gets dragged into controversies, sometimes losing its sheen and gravitas.

"...Finally, does our rapidly changing media environment presage the fading away of traditional media and the ebbing of the glamour of journalism and journalists? The answer is a categorical 'No'."

Given the abundance of unregulated news content on platforms, the consumer looking for verified and factually correct information would still seek out credible sites of such information, she told the audience that included H.S. Ballal, Pro-Chancellor, MAHE; Narayan Sabhat, Registrar, MAHE; and Padma Rani, Director, MIC.

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Sriram Venkitaraman

A district court here on Wednesday discharged IAS officer Sriram Venkitaraman of the charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder in the suspected alcohol-impaired motor vehicle accident that resulted in the death of journalist K.M. Basheer in 2019. The court also reprieved a fellow passenger Wafa, alias Najim, of the same charge.

However, the court ruled that both stand trial for causing the death of a person due to a rash and negligent act, not amounting to culpable murder.

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judge K. Sanal Kumar ordered the accused to appear in the court of the judicial first class magistrate for framing of charges. The court also allowed the State to prosecute the respondents for rash and negligent driving that endangered human life.

Mr. Venkitaraman and Ms. Najim had moved the

court independently for reprieve. The court also noted that the chemical analysis report indicated that Mr. Venkitaraman was not alcohol-impaired at the time of the accident.

The court did not give weightage to the prosecution's argument that Mr. Venkitaraman had used his clout to delay the blood alcohol test.

Mr. Venkitaraman had come under a cloud following the incident. The government removed him as the Alappuzha District Collector after the Congress and the IUML threatened to boycott him.

The Kerala Union of Working Journalists said it would give a review petition against the discharge.

CPI(M) drove Tatas out of West Bengal, not me, says Mamata



West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee during her visit to Siliguri. PTI

Shiv Sahay Singh

KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said she did not drive the Tatas out of the State. It was an agitation against land acquisition at Singur and Nandigram that catapulted Ms. Banerjee to power in the State in 2011. One of the first decisions of the TMC government in 2011 was to return land to unwilling farmers at Singur.

The remarks come at a time when the TMC government is pulling out all the stops to attract investment to the State and shrug off its 'anti-industry' image. CPI(M) leader and party MP in Rajya Sabha Bipasha Bhattacharya said the CM was "used to telling lies".

"Has she ever said something based on facts? Weren't the people watching her alleged movement, her alleged promise to return land. It was her government that had told the SC that they didn't want Tatas in the State," he said.

The Left Front government, led by the CPI(M), had started acquisition for the Tatas' small car project at Singur in 2006. The Tatas decided to move the project out of Singur in October 2008 and had

blamed the agitation by the Trinamool Congress led by Ms. Banerjee as one of the reasons for shifting the project out of the State. It was an agitation against land acquisition at Singur and Nandigram that catapulted Ms. Banerjee to power in the State in 2011. One of the first decisions of the TMC government in 2011 was to return land to unwilling farmers at Singur.

"I didn't drive Tatas out of West Bengal. The CPI(M) did. They wanted to occupy land forcibly, we have returned the land [to the people]," Ms. Banerjee said, participating at an event in Siliguri in north Bengal. She went on to say that there was no shortage of land in the State and her government had not occupied land forcibly for any industrial project.

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The BJP and the Congress also criticised Ms. Banerjee, saying she was responsible for the Tatas pulling back the car project from the State.

Endosulfan: Daya Bai ends stir as govt. clarifies on treatment

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spearheading the struggle said the government had provided more clarity on expert treatment, special medical camps, and day-care centres for the endosulfan victims.

On Wednesday, Kerala Health Minister Veena George and Higher Education Minister R. Bindu called on the activist at the General

Hospital, where she was admitted three days ago. Ms. Daya Bai ended the hunger strike by drinking a glass of water, the Health Minister's office said.

Ms. George said the government had brought more clarity to the issues that were discussed on Sunday with Ms. Bai and the action council leaders.

Festival blast



Meeting the demand: A potter making flowerpot shells, which will be used in fireworks manufacturing, ahead of Diwali festival, in Vijayawada on Wednesday. K.V.S. GIRI

CID arrests 37 teachers in Karnataka recruitment scam

The Hindu Bureau

BENGALURU

In one of the major raids carried out in the recent past, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Wednesday arrested 37 teachers who were allegedly appointed illegally in a recruitment scam the agency is now probing.

Thirty special teams carried out the raid simultaneously at 51 places across Karnataka, including in Kolar, Chickballapur, Bengaluru South, and Chitradurga, and arrested teachers who were allegedly appointed through malpractices.

Among the arrested, 24 teachers are from Kolar, five each from Bengaluru

South and Chitradurga districts, and three from Chickballapur.

Efforts are on to track down others and they will be arrested soon, a senior police officer said.

The raid was carried out by 18 Deputy superintendents of police and 14 inspectors along with other personnel.

The Education Department, after an internal probe, had recently submitted a report to the CID, giving details of teachers who had secured jobs illegally and had been serving for many years.

pointed through malpractices. Based on the report, the CID formed special teams and conducted the raids.

The scam came to light following a complaint filed at the Vidhana Soudha police station and Halasuru Gate police station here in August and September. Considering the ramifications, the government handed over the case to the CID for a detailed probe.

Earlier, CID officials had arrested 22 people, including directors and former joint directors of the Education Department, along with 12 teachers who had secured jobs illegally and had been serving for many years.

All three regional parties in A.P. are corporate entities, says Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau

ADONI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi has termed the three regional parties in Andhra Pradesh – the YSR Congress Party, the Telugu Desam Party and the Jana Sena Party – as corporate companies, as "there is no internal democracy in them and are largely under dictatorship."

When asked whether the Congress would enter into an alliance with the TDP either in Telangana or in Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Rahul Gandhi told the media on Wednesday that "the State units of the party will decide on the alliances



Making a point: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressing the media at Adoni in Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday. U. SUBRAMANYAM

when the time comes."

The Congress, on coming to power, would implement the Rayalseema/North Andhra development package, which had been promised in the A.P.

demonetisation."

On the 42nd day of his Bharat Jodo Yatra, Mr. Gandhi said, "The Congress, when it comes to power, will hold discussions with the stakeholders and minimise the GST slab structure to just one instead of the present five."

"Job creation has been given a go-by, and many have lost their livelihood post demonetisation and implementation of the GST," he said.

He alleged that "wealth is getting accumulated in the hands of a few persons close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the case in point is the one who is the world's third richest person."

'Misuse' of wakf properties by Cong. will be probed: Bommai

The Hindu Bureau

KALABURAGI

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the report submitted by former chairman of the State Minorities Commission Anwar Manippady, regarding the alleged misuse of waqf properties in the State, will be investigated soon.

He was addressing a gathering at the Jana Sanskar Yatra in Mahagaon village of Kamalapur taluk on Wednesday.

Mr. Bommai alleged that thousands of acres of property belonging to the Waqf Board have been taken over by the Congress leaders all these years. "When they [Congress



leaders] have grabbed the waqf property in many places, including Kalaburagi and Bengaluru, how can one expect the Congress to do justice to the minorities? The grand old party has just used the minorities for vote bank politics, but now even the minority

will not support the Congress in the coming elections," he said.

He accused Congress leaders for criticising the BJP-led government even when it announced allocation of ₹5,000 crore for Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board.



Murders most foul

Kashmiri Pandits are deliberate targets for radicals to further their agenda

The dastardly murder of a Kashmiri Pandit farmer in Shopian in south Kashmir recently follows a series of attacks on the minority community in the Union Territory (UT), with at least six Pandits having been killed in targeted attacks by militants this year. Despite assurances on the community's protection, the recurring attacks have increased its sense of fear, with several families having fled the Valley earlier this year. At one level, these attacks reflect the desperation of radical elements in the separatist current in the Valley, who rely on such murders to create a fear psychosis, invite inevitable state repression in retaliation, and seek to exploit the discontent and disaffection from state actions. This is evident in the statement released online by the purported attackers who use the excuse of the change in the status of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in the Indian Union for the targeted murders and also warn of further attacks. That hapless civilians – migrant workers, farmers and government officers – have been the victims brings back memories of the exodus of minorities following violence in the Valley in the 1990s, notwithstanding condemnation of the violence now by mainstream and separatist leaders and also civil society. A clinical approach to finding and punishing the perpetrators will be better than seeking to dragnet suspects; it is important to isolate the radicals. The UT administration must also not spare any expense in renewing its commitment to protecting the Pandits and migrants.

The attacks and killings also suggest the failure of the Union government's decisions – the dilution of Article 370 and the bifurcation of J&K – in arresting the trend of violence in the Valley in the latter part of the last decade. Worse, the renewed violence against minorities reflects the deterioration of the situation in the Valley just a few years after democratic participation had improved steadily, reflecting a sense of ease with the mainstream polity among the citizenry. That these attacks have continued with impunity calls into question whether the authoritarian turn to governance in Kashmir has had any fruitful impact. Besides the emasculation of nearly the entire Kashmiri polity – both mainstream and separatist – and persisting disaffection, there is now increased religious polarisation, which has led to the burgeoning of violent radical elements. The persistence of a security-centric approach to the Kashmir issue and the lack of ownership in governance among the citizenry due to the absence of an elected authority have only added to the alienation in India's most conflict-prone province.

A travesty of justice

Shocking lapses mar Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry report

An investigation report is not a clean slate on which the investigator can record his whimsy that flies in the face of facts. Did the Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry's final report clarify the circumstances that led to the death of former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, as mandated by the terms of reference or did it rest with a conclusion that followed a preset diabolical script, accentuating conspiracy theories hatched within a context of political opportunism? The report that was submitted in the Tamil Nadu Assembly on Tuesday found fault with Jayalalithaa's aide V.K. Sasikala, former Health Minister C. Vijayabaskar, two IAS officers, and three doctors, and recommended further investigation against them. However, it falls perplexingly short of explaining where the fault lay with those it found culpable, or tracing a damning trail of evidence to their doorstep. Justice Arumughaswamy, trained as a lawyer and not in medicine, makes post-facto judgments about the medical procedures (angio/surgery for a heart condition) that must have been followed in treating Jayalalithaa during her 75-day stint at Apollo hospital, and goes further out of line to make allegations against qualified medical professionals in charge of treatment, based on these conjectures. In a glaring lapse, he completely sidesteps the AIIMS medical experts' committee's (constituted by the Supreme Court of India) report released earlier, agreeing with the treatment course, and the final diagnosis by the hospital.

The report cherry picks elements from the range of options provided by a panel of doctors, and part-phrases from depositions that suit a seemingly pre-determined narrative to arrive at conclusions. Worse, it peddles lies to heap calumny on respondents and witnesses, particularly obvious when it asks why Jayalalithaa was not taken abroad for treatment after she had agreed to it, ignoring documentation enclosed as part of the report recording that she categorically refused to be shifted out of the country for treatment. The report itself encloses elaborate documentation on treatment from the hospital and yet, unfathomably, accuses it of not providing contra-evidence or documents (on the surgery aspect). Coming five years after the commission of inquiry was constituted, and nearly six years after the death of Jayalalithaa, the report makes no attempt to render any justice, but steps out of line in making unqualified calls on medicine, and reeks of malfeasance. The Tamil Nadu government has done its duty by presenting the report in the Assembly, and seeking legal opinion on it. It is now obligated to render true justice in the matter by ensuring that this long-drawn-out issue is well and truly buried, along with the report.

Turkish foreign policy, the East-West divide

Amidst the sharp East-West hostilities generated by the war in Ukraine, there is one country that is at the centre of regional diplomacy – Turkey. Following earlier rapprochement with Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has rebuilt bridges with Israel by meeting its Prime Minister Yair Lapid on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in September this year, and pledging to cooperate on shared security and energy interests. And, in a dramatic overture, on August 19, Mr. Erdogan indicated Turkey's readiness to engage with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, saying "there is no resentment in policies".

But, despite this bonhomie, Turkey's mailed fist has also been on display. It retains its tough posture on Sweden's membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), insisting on the repatriation of Kurdish leaders, described as "terrorists", who are enjoying sanctuary in the Nordic capital. And, it maintains its confrontation with fellow NATO member, Greece.

The Grecian churn

Turkey is concerned about expanding ties between Greece and the United States; Ankara recently summoned the Ambassadors of both countries to protest about the deployment of U.S. military supplies on islands in the Aegean that are close to Turkey, in violation of several agreements, including those of Lausanne (1923) and Paris (1947).

Two other areas of dispute are Cyprus and the East Mediterranean. In early September, the U.S. removed restrictions on defence supplies to Cyprus in response to the island nation denying refuelling and repair facilities to Russian naval



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Politics, geopolitics and Ottoman glory are what are shaping the Erdogan-driven Turkish foreign policy outlook



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vessels. Turkey has belligerently announced that it will expand its military presence on the divided island, going beyond its present strength of 40,000 troops.

In a further provocation to Greece, in early October, Turkey concluded an energy agreement with the Tripoli-based Libyan government for joint exploration of hydrocarbon resources in the East Mediterranean. The agreement was signed in the presence of Mr. Erdogan who was accompanied by his Foreign, Defence, Energy and Trade Ministers, signalling Turkey's wide-ranging strategic interests in the region.

Turkey has affirmed that it is the only NATO member which can engage with Russia and mediate in the Ukraine war. Turkey successfully negotiated the grain agreement with the two warring parties – the first shipment of Ukrainian grain left Odessa on August 1, and, within the next month-and-a-half, three million tonnes had been shipped from Ukraine.

Russian-Turkish ties, though marked by important differences on Armenia, Syria, Libya and the East Mediterranean, remain substantial and mutually advantageous. They are marked by significant Russian investments and financial transfers to Turkish banks, including a \$15 billion transfer from Russia's nuclear company, Rosatom, to its Turkish partner to purchase the required equipment for the Akkuyu nuclear power plant and avoid sanctions. Turkey's exports to Russia have increased 75% over the last year, even as it has emerged as a major importer of Russian energy. Russian President Vladimir Putin has reciprocated by proposing that Turkey become a hub for supplies of Russian gas to Europe.

Turkey has also indicated its interest in membership of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO): in response to criticisms that this is an anti-West grouping, Mr. Erdogan has said that Turkey is positioning itself as a "global power".

Global ambitions

Turkey's diverse diplomatic forays are bewildering: mired in serious economic crises, with inflation well over 80%, and facing a tough general election in June next year, is Mr. Erdogan being impelled by domestic political considerations or does he have a grand vision for

his country? It is possible that like most populist leaders in a democratic system, Mr. Erdogan sees no contradiction between the two interests.

Anti-Kurdish hostility and confrontations with Greece please the nationalists at home. They are also enthused by Turkey's central position in world affairs that is drawn from Turkey's own Ottoman traditions rather than its links with the West.

Perhaps the best way to understand Mr. Erdogan is to see him as seeking to maximise advantages from Turkey's geopolitical place at the confluence of Europe and Asia, abutting the Caucasus and Central Asia, the Mediterranean and North Africa, and placing this geography in the frame of Ottoman authority and influence at its peak.

At the global level, Mr. Erdogan has positioned Turkey at the centre of the East-West divide, reaping benefits from both sides, but fully committing to neither of them.

Closer home

Nearer home, he works closely with Russia and Iran, but parts company from them when Turkey's crucial interests are involved. This explains Turkey's military posture *vis-à-vis* the Kurds in Syria and Iraq, while maintaining links with the governments in Baghdad and the Kurdistan Regional Government in Arbil.

In Syria, Mr. Erdogan has nurtured ties with Turkmen and Islamist groups, to the chagrin of Russia and Iran, but the recent outreach to Damascus will please both his regional partners. Similarly, in West Asia, he has got close to the Arab monarchies, but not at the expense of relations with Iran.

This pattern is being repeated in the Caucasus and the Balkans: in the Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict, Turkey has backed the former, but then worked with Russia to maintain the ceasefire and also mend ties with Armenia. Again, in early September, Mr. Erdogan undertook a three-day tour of the Balkans to patch up differences between Bosnia-Herzegovina and its breakaway Serb community, followed by visits to Belgrade and Zagreb to improve ties between the three successor states of the erstwhile Yugoslavia.

Mr. Erdogan foreign policy reflects the adroit usage of politics and geopolitics, mixed with strong elements of Ottoman glory.

A new lease of LIFE for climate action

Life world today is in turmoil, facing multiple, mutually reinforcing crises. Even as we mount a fragile recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, war fuels a devastating energy, food, and cost-of-living crisis. And for the first time since it began over 30 years ago, the United Nations Development Programme's Human Development Report has warned that global human development measures have declined across most countries in the past two years. This comes against the backdrop of the greatest existential threat of all – the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss. Nine of the warmest years on record have come in the past decade alone. This year's record-breaking heat waves, floods, droughts, and other extreme forms of weather have forced us to face these increasingly devastating impacts. Climate change is a disruption multiplier in a disrupted world, rolling back progress across the global Sustainable Development Goals.

The Paris Agreement and the COP26 summit in Glasgow represent urgent, collective steps countries are taking to limit emissions. Yet, the window for action is closing fast. Commitments we have now will not keep warming below the 1.5°C target that gives us the best chance of averting catastrophe.

With the narrative so focused on geo-politics, the scope for each of us to make a difference as individuals seems increasingly lost. While governments and industry carry the lion's share of responsibility for responding to the crisis, we as consumers play a large role in driving unsustainable production methods.

LIFE, a fresh perspective
LIFE, or Lifestyle for Environment, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at COP26 in November 2021, brings a fresh and much-needed perspective. Rather than framing climate change as a 'larger than life' challenge, LIFE recognises that small individual actions can tip the balance in the planet's favour. But we need guiding frameworks, information sharing and the scale of



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The Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE) mission resonates with the global climate justice India has rightfully called for

a global movement. Mindful choices cultivated by LIFE animate this spirit – actions such as saving energy at home; cycling and using public transport instead of driving; eating more plant-based foods and wasting less; and leveraging our position as customers and employees to demand climate-friendly choices.

Many of the goals of LIFE can be achieved by deploying 'nudges', gentle persuasion techniques to encourage positive behaviour. The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) employs proven nudging techniques such as discouraging food waste by offering smaller plates in cafeterias; encouraging recycling by making bin lids eye-catching; and encouraging cycling by creating cycle paths. According to the UNEP, more than two-thirds of greenhouse gas emissions can be attributed to household consumption and lifestyles – the urgent cuts to global emissions we need can only be achieved through widespread adoption of greener consumption habits.

And while LIFE is a global vision, India is an excellent place to start. With over 1.3 billion people, if we achieve a true *jan andolan* here, the momentum generated will be enormous. As India leads, we see the world increasingly follow.

India's track record

Today, in Gujarat, from the Statue of Unity, this vision of LIFE is taking flight as a global mission launched by Mr. Modi together with UN Secretary-General António Guterres, who has come to India to show his support. The Prime Minister and Secretary-General are calling on all consumers across the world to become "Pro Planet People" by 2027, adopting simple lifestyle changes that can collectively lead to transformational change. India has a proven track record translating the aspirations of national missions into whole-of-society efforts. The success of the Swachh Bharat Mission, which mobilised individuals and communities across socio-economic strata to become drivers of collective good health and sanitation is an example.

The LIFE mission also recognises that

accountability is relative to contribution. Emissions across the poorest half of the world's population combined still fall short of even 1% of the wealthiest. Those who consume the least, often the most vulnerable and marginalised members of society, will not be asked to consume less, but rather supported to participate in the green economy. Each 'Pro Planet' stakeholder is nudged according to differentiated approaches.

Onus on the developed world

The same applies across countries. LIFE resonates with the global climate justice India has rightfully called for – highlighting enhanced obligations those in developed countries bear, to support climate adaptation and mitigation for those most affected, yet least responsible. The average carbon footprint of a person in a high income country is more than 80 times higher than that of a person in a least developed country. It is common sense and only fair to call on the developed world to shoulder a proportionate share of this transition. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "the world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed."

And there has never been a better time for India's leadership on climate action, at home and on the international stage. From the Panchamrit targets announced by Mr. Modi at COP26, to support for the International Solar Alliance, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and South-South cooperation platforms, from the world's fifth largest economy with vibrant businesses making enormous investments in renewables and electric mobility, to a world class public digital tech stack, India brings scale, expertise and legitimacy; a well-positioned founding UN Member State bridging the G20 and G7.

With COP27 next month, and India set to assume the G20 Presidency weeks after, followed by the halfway mark to Agenda 2030 next year, we at Team UN India and our 26 entities are proud and committed partners in this mission to help give a new lease of LIFE to climate action.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inquiry, its findings

There is every possibility that the Justice Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry's damning revelations is likely to result in further probes (Page 1, October 19).

There is a likelihood that the whole episode may have political overtones. Furious debates are bound to occupy public discourse.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

The findings of the Justice Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry are

shocking. Instead of there being closure, the report has clearly opened another Pandora's box.

C.R. Ananthanarayanan,
Bengaluru

It is a relief that the report of the Justice Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry has been tabled in the Tamil Nadu Assembly. With its indictment of key personalities, the ball is now in the court of the Tamil Nadu government. One wonders what the next

course of action will be? Will there be another probe?

Mani Natarajan,
Chennai

Build bridges
The article, "Hindus are not kafirs, Muslims are not jihadis" ('Opinion' page, October 19), sheds light on

Corrections & Clarifications

The last sentence in the penultimate paragraph of the article titled "Maginanity or Machiavellian move?" (Opinion page, Oct. 19, 2022) read: "... when Ms. Jadhav became the first woman ... to win ... defeating Mr. Jadhav by a huge margin." It should have been *Satyajit Kadam* [of the BJP].

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Pyrotechnics, relevance

Firecrackers that flood the markets are made up of potassium nitrate, carbon and sulphur, which emit poisonous oxides. The presence of suspended particles in the air is bound to rise during Deepavali, reducing visibility and causing much suffocation.

Also the noise of fire-crackers, well beyond the threshold of human tolerance, traumatises the young, the old, the sick and pets. One can no longer buy the argument of children



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cherishing firecrackers, as the younger generation has greater awareness of the serious hazards crackers pose.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

The politics of the madrasa survey

The Uttar Pradesh government's decision to undertake a survey of madrasas has raised serious concerns not just over the fate of these institutions but also on the future of Muslim identity. Other BJP-ruled States have also expressed concerns about madrasas. In May, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the word 'madrasa' should cease to exist. In September, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhammi said his State would also conduct a survey of madrasas, like Uttar Pradesh. The stated reason is to check the availability of basic facilities for the students. Responding to this, Maulana Arshad Madani, head of the Darul Uloom Deoband, appealed to Ulemas in charge of various madrasas to cooperate in the survey, taking the stated logic of governance at face value.

In politics, the logic of governance has always been a handy tool to achieve ideological objectives. This was the case in the 1905 Bengal Partition and, as some may argue, during the 2014 general election campaign. The ideological aspect of this survey will become clear only after the survey is completed and various political parties respond to its outcomes. What strands of majoritarianism inspired the survey? Is the survey motivated by prejudice towards Muslims? Whatever the answer, madrasas have become a new battlefield between the Hindu Right and Indian Muslims, and the survey has the potential to offer material that could shape Muslim identity.

Views about madrasas

In India, two arguments are often made about madrasas. The first is that Muslims are economically backward because most of them are educated in madrasas. The second argument is that madrasas are nurseries of radical Islam. This view gained momentum globally after the 9/11 attack. The response of the Western states, or the War on Terror, was formulated based



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on this argument. Despite the fact that the al-Qaeda failed to attract Indian Muslims, the Indian political class was swayed by this view of madrasas. The most surprising endorsement of this view came from former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharya in 2002.

The Sachar Committee Report (2006) demolished both these arguments with robust empirical evidence. It found that only 3% of Muslim children of school-going age go to madrasas at the national level. It also drew a distinction between madrasas and maktabs. Maktabs are neighbourhood schools, often attached to mosques. They offer religious education to children who attend other schools to get mainstream education. The share of Muslims who attend madrasas and maktabs is not more than 6.3%, the report said. The report's most crucial observation was that Muslims are aspirational. Muslim parents are eager to see their children enrolled in modern education institutions, but often fail to do so owing to their poor financial condition. The report therefore recommended that scholarships be given to Muslim students so that they don't drop out of school. This was even implemented by some BJP-ruled States such as Madhya Pradesh, but not by the then Gujarat government. Such scholarships have made a difference, say some researchers, though scholars have expressed concerns over the lack of commitment of various national

governments, including the United Progressive Alliance governments that helped formulate the report, in implementing the committee's recommendations.

A policy for Muslims

It is clear that the governments of Uttar Pradesh, Assam or Uttarakhand have little appreciation for these findings. One BJP leader dismissed the Sachar report as an act of appeasement. Curiously, the authors of the Sachar Committee report deliberately chose to stay away from discussions over party politics or issues of secularism or communalism and the implications of these for the welfare of Muslims. They pretended as if no causal relationship exists between ideology and development. The politics that is expected to follow the madrasa survey will highlight how crucial this relationship is, and how utopian the authors of the Sachar report were in hoping that they could frame a policy for Muslims outside the framework of secularism and communalism.

Madrasas have a long and complex history. In the post-mutiny period, they emerged mainly to help save Muslim identity in the face of growing colonial interventions, which they suspected might impose Christian values on fellow Muslims. Madrasas, particularly Deoband, chose not to seek state support because they suspected that the colonial state, among others, would eventually expect them to produce "loyal subjects for the British Crown" as became the case with Aligarh Muslim University. So, they sought autonomy. Deoband took a political stand and fiercely resisted Partition. While there are issues concerning madrasas and modernity, particularly with regard to issues such as patriarchy and child rights, some of which were raised by the Sachar Committee, to have any state intervention inspired by Islamophobic views will only help deepen majoritarianism.

Any state intervention inspired by Islamophobic views will only help deepen majoritarianism



SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Advantage Edappadi Palaniswami

The Arumughaswamy Commission report poses an obstacle to Sasikala's plans

STATE OF PLAY

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The release of the much-awaited report of the Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry, which examined the circumstances leading to the hospitalisation and death of former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, has aroused widespread interest in Tamil Nadu and elsewhere.

There was a great deal of public curiosity about Jayalalithaa's health condition when she was hospitalised in late September 2016. Politics also constantly featured in discourses about her hospitalisation and death in December 2016. The political dimension acquired greater intensity when allegations were raised about her death. One of the principal players in this political drama was O. Panneerselvam, who succeeded Jayalalithaa as Chief Minister thrice – in 2001, 2014 and 2016.

Two months after Jayalalithaa's death, the former Chief Minister's close aide, V.K. Sasikala, was unanimously elected leader of the legislature party. Following this, Mr. Panneerselvam quit as Chief Minister and launched a political campaign, which he called *dharmaayudham* (battle for justice), raising questions about Jayalalithaa's death. The AIADMK split into two camps: one led by Mr. Panneerselvam and the other by Ms. Sasikala. But with the Supreme Court setting aside Ms. Sasikala's acquittal by the Karnataka High Court in a disproportionate assets case, she had to serve her four-year imprisonment. In her place, Edappadi K. Palaniswami was elected as leader of the legislature party and was later sworn in as Chief Mi-

nister. In September 2017, the Tamil Nadu government constituted the Arumughaswamy Commission as this was one of the preconditions for the reunion of the Panneerselvam camp with the Palaniswami camp.

The panel, whose report was placed on the floor of the Assembly on October 18, held that it did not find anything "abnormal or unnatural" in the conduct of persons who got Jayalalithaa admitted to Apollo Hospital in Chennai. But it found Ms. Sasikala, Jayalalithaa's doctor K.S. Sivakumar, the then Health Minister C. Vijayabaskar, and the then Health Secretary J. Radhakrishnan "at fault". Apart from recommending further investigation against the four, the panel suggested a probe against the then Chief Secretary, P. Rama Mohana Rao, and two doctors of the hospital who were treating Jayalalithaa. The panel indicated that it was for the government to decide and investigate the matter against Pratap C. Reddy, Chairman of Apollo Hospitals, who, in his interaction with the press, "issued a false statement that the late CM can be discharged at any time".

On October 17, the government, now headed by M.K. Stalin of the DMK, had issued an order stating that it would obtain the "considered opinion" of "legal experts" before initiating "appropriate action" against the individuals con-

cerned. It is no wonder that Ms. Sasikala, who identifies herself as general secretary of the AIADMK and appears to be seen as a serious political player in the run-up to the 2024 general election, has sought to project herself as a victim of manipulation. In her three-page statement issued on October 18 night, she blamed the DMK directly for seeking to "damage the name and fame" of the former Chief Minister. In the rest of the statement, even though she came down heavily on Jayalalithaa's detractors without mentioning anyone in particular, Ms. Sasikala conveyed in a subtle manner the target of her attack.

Though it is premature to say what the DMK will do, the Commission's findings may pose an obstacle to Ms. Sasikala in her pursuit to present herself as the rallying point of anti-DMK forces. After all, she has been watching closely the power tussle between Mr. Palaniswami and Mr. Panneerselvam, who was expelled from the AIADMK at the general council meeting in July.

The Arumughaswamy panel's work is of no political significance to Mr. Palaniswami because he became Chief Minister only in mid-February 2017 and was nowhere in the controversy surrounding Jayalalithaa's death. Also, not much attention has been given to the report of the Justice Aruna Jagadeesan Commission, which probed the Thoothukudi police firing that claimed 13 lives in May 2018, despite its conclusion that Mr. Palaniswami, as the then Chief Minister, was being regularly updated on the developments. All this has placed Mr. Palaniswami at an advantageous position vis-a-vis his present adversaries – Ms. Sasikala and Mr. Panneerselvam.

The next CJI will have the longest tenure in the last decade

At the age of 62 years, 11 months and 29 days, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud will also be the youngest CJI of the last 10 years

DATA POINT

Vignesh Radhakrishnan and Rebecca Rose Varghese

On October 17, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju announced that President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI). Justice Chandrachud will take oath on November 9, 2022, a day after incumbent CJI Justice U.U. Lalit retires from office.

D.Y. Chandrachud was born on November 11, 1959, in Mumbai, Maharashtra. After earning a bachelor's degree from St. Stephen's College, Delhi, he went on to pursue law (LLB) from the Faculty of Law at Delhi University. He obtained a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree and a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) degree from Harvard Law School. Justice Chandrachud was elevated to the Supreme Court on May 13, 2016. Before that, he served as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

Justice Chandrachud will serve as the CJI for two years and two days until his retirement on November 10, 2024. His is expected to be the 14th longest tenure among the tenures of the 50 CJIs analysed. His term will be the longest among all the CJIs of the past decade. The 11 CJIs who were appointed after Justice S.H. Kapadia, who took charge on May 12, 2010 and who served two years, four months and 19 days in the top post, had shorter stints than what Justice Chandrachud is set to serve.

Interestingly, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud's father, Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, holds the record for serving the longest term as the CJI. Justice Y.V. Chandrachud was appointed on February 22, 1978 and retired on July 11, 1985, which means he served in the top post for seven years, four months and 15 days. Justice Bhuvneshwar Pra-

sad Sinha, India's sixth CJI, comes a distant second with four years, four months and one day at the helm. He is followed by Justice A.N. Ray who served for three years, nine months and four days.

Justice K.N. Singh, who was appointed as the CJI on November 25, 1991, had the shortest stint: only 17 days until his retirement. Justice S. Rajendra Babu was the other CJI whose tenure lasted for less than a month. **Table 1** lists the CJIs with the longest and shortest terms. Data show that on average, a CJI has served for 1.5 years.

In November, Justice Chandrachud will take charge at the age of 62 years, 11 months and 29 days, which will make him the 16th youngest CJI in the last decade. Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, who was appointed to the post at the age of 57 years, seven months and 13 days, holds the record as the youngest CJI. **Table 2** lists the youngest and oldest CJIs based on their age at the time of appointment.

Maharashtra, the State where Justice Chandrachud was born, is the State of birth for six other CJIs. Five CJIs each were born in Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. **Chart 3** shows the number of CJIs born in various States/countries.

Delhi University, where Justice Chandrachud completed his LLB, produced three other CJIs. However, leading the list of institutions is the Government Law College in Mumbai, the alma mater of five CJIs. **Chart 4** shows the names of universities/colleges attended by CJIs. Only institutions from which at least two CJIs graduated have been listed.

As shown in **Table 5**, the next in line to become the CJI is Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who is expected to take over on November 11, 2024. His term will last for six months and a day. None of the next five presumptive CJIs is expected to have a tenure exceeding that of Justice Chandrachud's. Justice Surya Kant's one year, two months and 15 days comes close.

At the helm of the Supreme Court

The tables and charts show the CJIs with the longest and shortest terms, the youngest and oldest CJIs, where they were born and where they studied, and the CJIs next in line. Data were sourced from Supreme Court website and The Hindu Archives



Justice D.Y. Chandrachud



Table 1 | The table lists the CJIs who have served the longest and shortest terms

Name	Term	In days
Top 5		
Justice Y.V. Chandrachud	7 Years 4 Months 19 Days	2,696
Justice Bhuvneshwar Prasad Sinha	4 Years 4 Months 1 Day	1,583
Justice A.N. Ray	3 Years 9 Months 4 Days	1,373
Justice Sudhi Ranjan Das	3 Years 7 Months 30 Days	1,337
Justice K.G. Balakrishnan	3 Years 3 Months 29 Days	1,214
14) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud	2 Years 0 Months 2 Days	732
Bottom 5		
Justice K.N. Singh	0 Years 0 Months 17 Days	17
Justice S. Rajendra Babu	0 Years 0 Months 29 Days	29
Justice J.C. Shah	0 Years 1 Months 4 Days	35
Justice G.B. Patnaik	0 Years 1 Months 9 Days	40
Justice Uday Umesh Lalit	0 Years 2 Months 11 Days	73

Table 2 | The table lists the youngest and the oldest CJIs based on their age at the time of appointment

Name	Age when they became CJI
Youngest 5	
Justice Y.V. Chandrachud	57 Years 7 Months 13 Days
Justice Harilal Jekisundas Kania	59 Years 2 Months 22 Days
Justice Bhuvneshwar Prasad Sinha	60 Years 7 Months 29 Days
Justice A.N. Ray	61 Years 2 Months 26 Days
Justice Sudhi Ranjan Das	61 Years 4 Months 1 Day
16) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud	62 Years 11 Months 29 Days
Oldest 5	
Justice K.N. Singh	64 Years 11 Months 12 Days
Justice S. Rajendra Babu	64 Years 11 Months 1 Days
Justice J.C. Shah	64 Years 10 Months 25 Days
Justice G.B. Patnaik	64 Years 10 Months 20 Days
Justice Uday Umesh Lalit	64 Years 9 Months 17 Days

Chart 3 | The chart shows the number of CJIs born in various States/countries

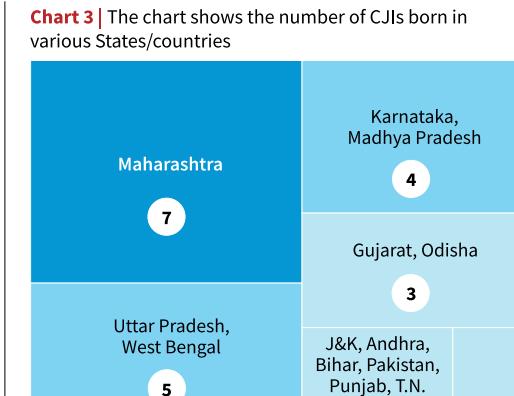


Chart 4 | The chart shows the alma mater of CJIs

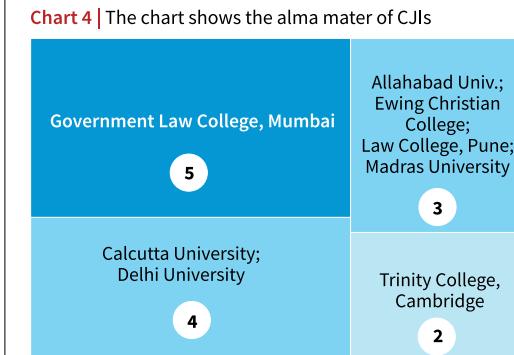


Chart 5 | The chart shows the judges at the Supreme Court next in line to become the CJI based on seniority

Next in line	Expected to become CJI on	Term ends on
Justice Sanjiv Khanna	Nov. 11, 2024	May 13, 2025
Justice BR Gayai	May 14, 2025	Nov. 23, 2025
Justice Surya Kant	Nov. 24, 2025	Feb. 9, 2027
Justice Vikram Nath	Feb. 20, 2027	Sept. 23, 2027
Justice BV Nagarathna	Sept. 24, 2027	Oct. 29, 2027

Text & Context

THE HINDU

NEWS IN NUMBERS

Rupee slips to a new low against the dollar on Wednesday

83 The mark the rupee touched for the first time against the U.S. dollar on Wednesday amid unabated foreign capital outflows and a strong dollar in the overseas markets. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened strong at 82.32 but later pared gains to settle at an all-time low of 83.01 (provisional) against the American currency. PTI

The rise in food prices drive U.K. inflation to a 40-year high

14.6 The pace at which food prices rose in the U.K. last month, driving inflation back to a 40-year high. Food prices soared due to the cost of staples such as meat, bread and milk. This pushed consumer price inflation back to 10.1%, the highest since 1982 and equal to the level reached in July. This has led to calls for more government intervention. PTI

Biden to release the last batch of the 180 million barrels

15 In million, the number of barrels of oil that President Joe Biden will release from the U.S. strategic reserve as part of a response to the recent production cuts announced by OPEC+ nations. It completes the release of 180 million barrels authorised by Mr. Biden in March that was supposed to occur over six months. This has sent the strategic reserve to its lowest level since 1984. PTI

Domestic passenger volume rises to 10.35 million since last year

65 The percentage by which domestic air passenger volume grew to 10.35 million in September over the same period last year. In terms of market share, leading carrier IndiGo cornered 57% of the total domestic traffic pie, carrying 59.72 lakh passengers across its domestic network followed by Vistara, which flew 9.96 lakh passengers with 9.6% market share. PTI

U.S. repatriates antiquities stolen and trafficked from India

307 The number of stolen and trafficked Indian antiquities, valued at nearly four million dollars, which will be repatriated by the U.S. Of these, 235 antiquities were seized from disgraced art dealer Subhash Kapoor who helped traffic items from India and other countries. Among the pieces is the Arch Parikara, dating back to the 12-13th century. PTI

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Held up by the Chinese

Why does China keep blocking the names India suggests for listing under the United Nations Security Council's list of terrorists who are affiliated to the Al Qaeda and ISIS? Which was the most recent event? What is the mandate of the 1267 Committee that was set up in 1999 by the United Nations?

EXPLAINER

Suhasini Haidar

The story so far:

On Wednesday, China placed a "hold" on a joint India-U.S. proposal, to designate Lashkar-e-Taiba commander Shahid Mehmood under the United Nations Security Council's (UNSC) 1267 list of terrorists affiliated to Al Qaeda and ISIS. The hold marked the fourth time China had attempted to block a listing move by India and the U.S. in the past four months.

What does "placing a hold" mean?

The 1267 committee that was set up in 1999 (updated in 2011 and 2015) allows any UN member state to propose adding the name of a terrorist or terror group to a consolidated list, maintained by the Committee, that has affiliations to Al Qaeda and ISIS. India has successfully proposed the listing of several terror entities in the past two decades, including Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba. According to the rules, once a listing is proposed, it will be adopted into the list according to a "no-objection" procedure: which means, if any member of the Committee, which comprises all members of the UN Security Council, places a hold on the listing or objects outright to it, the listing cannot be adopted. As a permanent member of the UNSC, China can do this any number of times as its term doesn't run out, and it carries a veto vote.

The Committee is bound to resolve all such pending issues within six months, but can allow extensions, meaning that technically at the end of the six-month period, the "holding" country has to decide whether to accept the listing or place a permanent objection to it. However, in practice, many of the listing proposals have had prolonged waits.

What are the reasons China has given for holding the listings?

Since 2001, China has placed holds on a



Terror strikes: Security men inspect a site blast in the Lethpora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district in 2019. NISSAR AHMAD

number of listing proposals relating mainly to Pakistan-based groups and their leaders, given the close bilateral ties between the two countries. Most notable was China's objections to the listing of JeM founder Masood Azhar. Azhar was released from prison by India in 1999 and handed over to terrorists in return for hostages onboard Indian Airlines flight IC-814, which should have left little doubt about Azhar's own status as a terrorist. While the JeM was listed at the UNSC in 2001, and Azhar was mentioned as the group's founder, he wasn't designated for several years. Even after the Parliament attack and the Mumbai 26/11 attacks, China kept placing a hold on the UNSC terror listing proposals for him: in 2009, 2010, 2016-18, claiming it had "inadequate information" on Masood Azhar's terror activities. In May 2019, three months after the Pulwama attacks that were traced to the JeM, China finally withdrew its hold.

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ings, Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Weidong said they needed "some time to study these specific cases, but that doesn't mean China has changed its position on counter-terrorism cooperation efforts." In addition, it is possible that China objects to the listing proposals being brought by a group of countries, especially the joint proposals by India and the U.S. rather than by India alone, but has never given any comprehensive reason for the holds. At the UNSC meet in August, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Khamboj had called for an end to the practice of placing holds and blocks on listing requests "without giving any justification". "It is most regrettable that genuine and evidence-based listing proposals pertaining to some of the most notorious terrorists in the world are being placed on hold. Double standards and continuing politicisation have rendered the credibility of the sanctions regime at an all-time low."

Does India have options?

Since the Mumbai attacks in 2008, India

has tried a number of different ways to build international consensus on cross-border terrorism, and the UNSC terror listings have been one such route. While China has blocked many of the listings, there are hundreds of names of terrorists and entities in Pakistan that pose a threat to India. As a UN member state, Pakistan has an obligation under the sanctions to block access for all designated entities to funds, arms and travel outside its jurisdiction.

This is something India has also pursued with the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force, where Pakistan was placed on a "grey list" due to its inability to curb terror financing and money laundering from 2012-2015 and 2018-2022. While Pakistan is likely to be taken off that list this week, it has had to carry out several actions against terror entities on its soil, and will continue to be under scrutiny.

Finally, India and the U.S. have built their own separate list of "most wanted" terrorists that document the cases against them, with a view to eventually receiving global cooperation on banning them.

THE GIST

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After Mr. Abe's assassination, an internal probe by the ruling LDP found that 179 of 379 lawmakers of the party had ties with the church. This subsequently pushed Mr. Kishida's approval ratings to record lows and forced a cabinet reshuffle, which included removing Mr. Abe's brother and former Defence Minister, Nobuo Kishi, from his post. Mr. Kishida further said that he would humbly listen to the people's "harsh voices" criticising his governing party's ties to the Church and help victims of its allegedly fraudulent businesses and huge donation collection.

Why is Japan's Unification Church being investigated?

Why is the Fumio Kishida administration facing anger and backlash? What are the allegations of former members of the controversial religious group?

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

On October 17, the Japanese government ordered an immediate investigation into the Unification Church, a religious group that has come under scrutiny after the assassination of the country's former Premier Shinzo Abe, as the suspected assassin revealed that he targeted Mr. Abe owing to his ties with the Church. Revelations about the association of nearly half of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) lawmakers with the religious group has resulted in public anger against the government of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

What is the Unification Church?

The Unification Church is a religious group, often described as a 'cult' by

critics, founded by late Reverend Sun Myung Moon in 1954 in South Korea. The Church, known for its ultra-conservative and anti-communist views, first expanded its international reach in Japan in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Reverend Moon, who died in 2012, was a self-declared messiah who tapped into the Japanese demographic by invoking traditional family values and leveraging a feeling of guilt over the country's past colonisation of the Korean Peninsula. According to *The New York Times*, an ardent Korean nationalist, Mr. Moon had an ambivalence toward Japan and told his followers that their country and ancestors had sinned greatly for which they had to sacrifice everything for the Church. Members were recruited in Japan through door-to-door campaigns, engaging relatives of existing members, railway station drives and university campaigns. The religious group

collected massive donations from its adherents in multiple ways. Mr. Moon reportedly used these donations to expand his business empire and the Church's affiliated organisations.

Why is it facing public backlash?

Former followers of the Church have come out over the decades as victims of brainwashing and monetary exploitation. Late Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's suspected assassin, 41-year-old Tetsuya Yamagami confessed to the police that he targeted Mr. Abe because of his ties with the Unification Church, which he said had pushed his mother into bankruptcy and destroyed his family. Mr. Yamagami said that the Church managed to extract nearly 100 million yen (\$7,36,000) from his mother in the past two decades. The Church confirmed that his mother had indeed been a member of the group since

1998 and further stated that it had paid back 50 million yen to Mr. Yamagami's mother as part of a settlement in 2009. According to victims of the group's exploitation, the Church extracts huge amounts through "spiritual pressure-sales" and by selling religious or blessed items and even blessings for exorbitant prices.

What is known about its political ties?

In 1968, Mr. Moon established the Federation for Victory Over Communism, the Church's political wing, and during the Cold War, used the anti-communist sentiment to get into the circles of global political leaders including those in Japan and the U.S. Mr. Abe, while not a member of the Church, was reported to have participated in multiple events of platforms associated with it. After Mr. Abe's assassination, an internal probe by the ruling LDP found that 179 of 379 lawmakers of the party had ties with the church. This subsequently pushed Mr. Kishida's approval ratings to record lows and forced a cabinet reshuffle, which included removing Mr. Abe's brother and former Defence Minister, Nobuo Kishi, from his post. Mr. Kishida further said that he would humbly listen to the people's "harsh voices" criticising his governing party's ties to the Church and help victims of its allegedly fraudulent businesses and huge donation collection.

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Reading and understanding China in all its complexity and wonder

Through history, geography, culture and a study of its policies, domestic and foreign, writers, experts and academics explain why it is imperative for India to know its neighbour better. Only through such engagement will one realise why the country functions the way it does

Uday Balakrishnan

With memories of 1962 still fresh in Indian minds, President Xi Jinping's statement, made at the on-going 20th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party, that China needs to be able to "stage military operations ready, create a secure environment, deter and control risks and conflicts, and win regional wars," is ominous for we have little idea of what China will do.

Our public understanding of China is woefully inadequate. What little we know of our giant neighbour comes from books, mostly written by retired diplomats. These reinforce Indian perceptions of China as a difficult country to deal with. Several recent books have tried to lift the curtain to provide a better understanding of China's domestic and foreign policies. Think Nirupama Rao's, a former Indian ambassador to China, *The Fractured Himalaya: India Tibet China 1949-1962*, Natwar Singh's *My China Diary 1956-88*, A.S. Bhasin's *Nehru, Tibet and China* or Vijay Gokhale's *Tiananmen Square: The Making of a Protest*. Also add to the list Ananth Krishnan's 2020 book, *India's China Challenge: A Journey Through China's Rise and What it Means for India*. Krishnan's appreciation of China's history enhanced by his travels through China and interactions with, and interviews of many Chinese, including dissidents, gives us a balanced account of a proud, deeply troubled and insecure country, with its

people, for all their material prosperity, enduring unremitting surveillance and control by the Chinese state.

Deeper accounts

For even deeper accounts of China, however, we need to turn westward. The West, unlike India, has engaged with China for decades. Despite all their rivalry, over the last four decades, Chinese students have been studying in the best universities in America, Europe and Australia in the thousands. In many of these universities, they constitute the largest foreign presence. Similarly, several fine Western schools and universities are present in China where western journalists and experts, fluent in Mandarin, have studied China over the decades. Their works are the most authoritative we can lay our hands on. The latest by Hong Kong based academic Frank Dikötter, the acclaimed author of *Mao's Great Famine: The History of China's Most Devastating Catastrophe 1958-62*, is one such.

His tightly written new book, *China after Mao: The Rise of a Superpower* (September 2022), is being widely praised for its depth of research based on data and archival material no longer available to researchers. Dikötter's book brings out how poorly China is managed economically, how fraught its rise is and how compromised its long-term stability has become, not least due to the actions of a strengthened President Xi Jinping, the "Chairman of Everything."

China's rise to superpower status, next only to the U.S., however, is real. Dikötter's account therefore needs to be read along with Mark Leonard's 2008 book, *What Does China Think?* and another by the Chinese-American economist, Yukon Huang's *Cracking the China Conundrum: Why Conventional Economic Wisdom Is Wrong* (2017).

Both Leonard and Huang highlight what Dikötter underplays: the fact that China, however inadequately, does think things through and that its spectacular economic success – perhaps one of the greatest in human history – was the outcome of well-thought-out policy measures.

Bleak prospects

It is possible that China's economic transformation may be running out of steam. Its management of the COVID-19 pandemic has been draconian and its population is in decline exacerbated by its long-running one-child policy. Another major failure appears to be an opaque state-controlled economy which, among other things, has led to the dramatic collapse of its real estate sector, with just one builder, Evergrande, running up a debt of \$300 billion.

The long-term economic prospect of China is indeed bad but not so much because of its overleveraged building sector. China's economic policies have led to a huge and unbridgeable rural urban divide leaving over 600 million Chinese impoverished and insecure and mostly

out of sight. The Stanford University developmental economist, Scott Rozelle, who has spent decades researching in China, brings this out in considerable detail in his book (co-authored with Natalie Hell), *Invisible China: How the Urban-Rural Divide Threatens China's Rise*. According to Rozelle, China's long-term prospects are bleak, chiefly because most of its population, contrary to popular perception, "does not have the skills to move up the supply chain," with 70% of its labour force unskilled and unfit for anything more than manual labour.

With so many books on China coming out with such frequency, anyone interested in the country will do well to start off with the renowned historian Michael Wood's wonderfully illuminating and entertaining book, *The Story of China: A Portrait of A Civilisation and Its People*, revealing China, warts and all, while unhesitatingly highlighting western and Japanese depredations of the country through the 19th and 20th centuries, a period the Chinese bitterly recall as their "century of humiliation."

Through this book, written for a popular audience, we can better understand why the Chinese behave the way they do, and read other writers to further an understanding of a country Indians need to know much better and engage more broadly with, as the West does.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir"
"Good morning."
"What is the difference between 'terrible' and 'terrific', sir?"
"Both mean 'causing terror', 'dreadful'. It was a terrible accident. It was a terrific accident."

Even though dictionaries say that both the words are used in this sense, 'terrific' these days is most frequently used colloquially in the sense of 'very great', 'extreme', 'excellent', 'magnificent', 'fine', 'splendid'.

'It was a terrific movie' means that it was an excellent movie. 'Her performance was terrific' means that her performance was splendid. A terrible performance is an awful or dreadful performance. The word 'terrible' when used colloquially means 'very bad'.

*He is a terrible speaker.
He is a terrible teacher.
I am terrible at spelling.
The coffee was terrible.*

So always remember that 'terrific' when used colloquially has very good connotations, but 'terrible' has only bad connotations. You may wonder why 'terrific' which is related to 'terrible' is so different from 'terrible'. You find such pairs in every language. Again, if you take the word 'awful', the dictionary gives two meanings. One is 'inspiring awe', 'solemnly impressive'. In this sense the word is hardly ever used these days. It is almost always used in its colloquial sense 'notable (especially for badness) in its kind'.

*He is an awful player.
It was an awful accident.
The weather has been awful.
'Awful' has only bad connotations.
'Awfully' means 'extremely'. A thing can be awfully good or awfully bad.*

*He was awfully good.
He was awfully rude.
The movie was awfully nice.
I am awfully sorry.
Thanks awfully.*

"What is the meaning of 'He is shilly-shallying', sir?"

"It means he is vacillating. When a person is undecided about whether he should or should not do something, he keeps on asking himself 'shall I, shall I?'. The first 'shall' of 'shall I' became 'shill' with the passage of time and 'shill I, shall I' has become 'shilly-shally' in modern English. So, a person who shilly-shallies is a person who keeps on asking 'shall I, shall I?'. A shilly-shallier is a person who wavers, who vacillates, who is undecided.

He shilly-shallied for long before taking the decision.

*I hate shilly-shallying.
Let's stop here for the day. Goodbye.
"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."*

THE DAILY QUIZ

With the T20 World Cup 2022 underway in Australia, here's a quiz on cricket in Indian entertainment/cinema

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1

Starring Emraan Hashmi, this 2016 movie is based on the life of a former cricketer and Member of Parliament whose career was rife with accusations of match-fixing. Identify the movie.

QUESTION 2

Bhura, Mukhiyaji, Bhuvan, Gurun and Ismail are members of which fictional cricket team?

QUESTION 3

This movie is an adaptation of Chetan Bhagat's novel *The 3 Mistakes of My Life*. Name the movie, whose title is a Gujarati phrase meaning 'I have cut'.

QUESTION 4

Iqbal is a 2005 sports drama flick

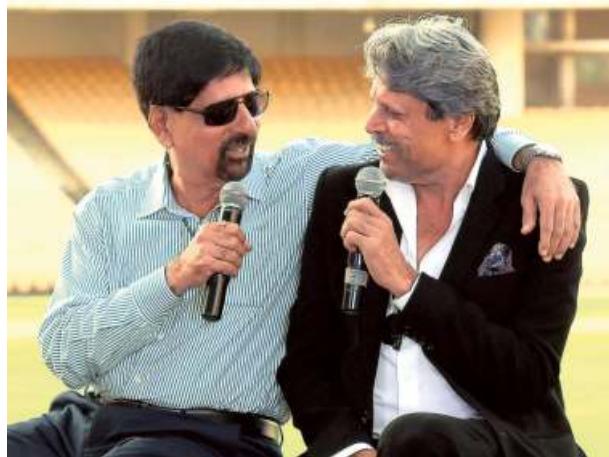
written and directed by Nagesh Kukunoor. Starring Naseeruddin Shah, Shreyas Talpade and Girish Karnad, the film features two languages prominently. One is Hindi, name the other.

QUESTION 5

Both the protagonist and the lead actor of this 2016 biopic are originally from the same region of India. While the actor hailed from Patna, Bihar, the protagonist hails from Ranchi in erstwhile Bihar (now Jharkhand). Name the movie and the late actor.

QUESTION 6

Released in 2022, this biographical sports drama is based on the life of a former Test and ODI captain of the Indian women's national cricket team. Name the movie and the protagonist.



Visual question:
Depicted here are former cricketers K. Srikanth and Kapil Dev attending the promotional event for which movie chronicling a feat they achieved? FILE PHOTO

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This person wrote the first book about Jean-Paul Sartre's work. **Ans: Iris Murdoch**

2. This author's book captures the author's life in Aymamam. **Ans: Arundhati Roy**

3. This author's Booker winning book touches upon the relationship between politics and homosexuality. **Ans: Alan Hollinghurst's *The Line of Beauty***

4. This author's novel revolves around two survivors of a shipwreck, a 16-year-old boy and a tiger. **Ans: Life of Pi by Yann Martel**

5. This Nobel Laureate was nominated four times for the Booker Prize before he finally won. **Ans: Kazuo Ishiguro**

Visual: This image is from the film adapted from this book. **Ans: Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie**

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Word of the day

Salubrious:

promoting health

Synonyms:

healthy

Usage:

Take a break. The salubrious mountain air and water will be good for you

Pronunciation:

bit.ly/salubriouspro

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From Page One**Kharge wins Congress presidential election**

Mr. Kharge also spoke about working with Mr. Tharoor. "No one is small or big and we have to all work like *karyakartas* (workers) to strengthen the organisation," Mr. Kharge said, adding, "We have to together fight the threat to democracy and the Constitution. We have to fight the fascist forces that are attacking democracy and democratic institutions wearing the garb of communalism."

The nearly 12% votes for Mr. Tharoor was not only impressive, considering that Mr. Kharge was seen as the "establishment candidate", but also reflect the mood for change within the Congress.

Conceding defeat and congratulating Mr. Kharge, Mr. Tharoor, in a statement, said, "I have always expressed the view that these elections, irrespective of the outcome, must ultimately strengthen the party. It gives me immense personal satisfaction that this has clearly been the case. Our democratic contest has galvanised vibrancy at all levels and has prompted a healthy and constructive discussion on change, which I believe will serve the party in good stead in the future."

Mr. Tharoor and his election manager, Salman Soz, also sought to downplay reports about his team complaining about the unfairness of the polling process. "In light of complaints from our U.P. team yesterday, we wrote to @INCIndia's CEA immediately, a standard practice. Subsequent discussions with the CEA have assured us of a fair inquiry," Mr. Soz tweeted.

"We have made a point-by-point response to those queries after preparing a report. This is an internal matter and I would not be making our report public," Mr. Mistry told reporters.

Amid celebrations by Youth Congress workers at the party headquarters, congratulatory messages poured in. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh and senior leaders Mukul Wasnik, Randeep Surjewala and Sachin Pilot were among those who congratulated the new chief. "Shri. Kharge's victory is a triumph for the forces who place ideological commitment over personal glory," Mr. Ramesh tweeted. "It is a victory of internal democracy in Congress," Mr. Surjewala said.

Once Mr. Kharge formally takes over, the previous Congress Working Committee (CWC) will get dissolved and a Steering Committee will be formed until the next plenary or the All India Congress Committee (AICC) session.

China blocks terror listing request again

Since June, China has similarly blocked other India-U.S. proposals for terror listings, including those of LeT deputy chief Abdur Rahman Makki and 26/11 terrorist handler Sajid Mir as well as Jaish-e-Mohammad deputy Rauf Asghar. In each of the cases, Beijing has said it needs "time" to study the details of the listing, and has refused to allow the designations to proceed in the absence of "sufficient evidence", a move that New Delhi has called "politically motivated" and accused China of "double speak and double standards".

Both Talha Saeed and Shahid Mehmood are designated terrorists in India by the Home Ministry's "UAPA" terror list, and in the U.S. the Treasury's list for their role in the LeT's top leadership. In its listing, the MHA said "Hafiz Talha Saeed" was involved in planning and executing attacks by the LeT in India and on "Indian interests in Afghanistan", while the U.S. Treasury has also listed him for heading the LeT's media and propaganda operations in Pakistan.

In particular, Mehmood is accused in a terror funding case filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) of along with LeT founder Hafiz Saeed "hatching a conspiracy" to build "sleeper cells" in Delhi and Haryana under the cover of religious and charity work and education projects. Shahid Mehmood was also listed on India's most wanted UAPA terrorist list (No. 17) in 2020.

In addition, in 2016 the U.S. Department of Treasury designated Shahid Mehmood (Mehmood) and Muhammad Sarwar as 'Specially Designated Global Terrorists' (SDGTs) and placed sanctions on them for their terror activities in the Lashkar-e-Taiba, noting that apart from his involvement in conspiracies to target India, Mehmood was in charge of the group's international operations, including in Myanmar, Bangladesh, Syria, Turkey and Gaza.

ED's complaint
According to the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which filed a prosecution complaint in the case based on the NIA's chargesheet against Hafiz Saeed, Mehmood, a Dubai-based Pakistani, and a few Indian Delhi-based suspects, the money was distributed in India "by FIF are only to create disguise in the minds of people and States. Whereas their main aim is to provide and collect funds, to create network/sleeper cells and to motivate youths to join terrorism". In October 2021, a Delhi court discharged four Indians arrested in the case, saying their link to the FIF had not been proven.

The Ministry of External Affairs did not comment on China's decisions, and officials said its previous statements on the issue remain valid. At a meeting at the UNSC in September, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had slammed China for the series of decisions blocking UNSC terror listing. "Regrettably, we have seen this of late in this very chamber, when it comes to sanctioning some of the most dreaded terrorists. If egregious attacks committed in broad daylight are left unpunished, this council must reflect on the signals we are sending on impunity. There must be consistency if we are to ensure credibility," he said.

Nurture diversity by condemning hate speech unequivocally: UN chief

Guterres says that diversity is a richness that makes India stronger, adds concrete actions should be taken in support of rights and freedoms of journalists, activists, students and academics

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NEW DELHI

Making a strong pitch for the protection of human rights and pluralism in India, UN Secretary-General António Guterres on Wednesday urged Indians to condemn hate speech. Addressing a gathering at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Bombay, Mr. Guterres said India's global role will benefit if "concrete actions" are taken in support of the "rights and freedoms of journalists, human rights activists, students and academics".



Speaking up: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres addressing a gathering at the IIT-Bombay on Wednesday. AFP

value and contributions of multi-cultural, multi-religious and multi-ethnic societies; by condemning hate speech unequivocally," Mr. Guterres said.

India was re-elected on October 13 to the UN Human Rights Council but the country's recent human rights record has received criticism from a number of UN experts who have called upon New Delhi to ensure the safety of human rights activists, journalists and student leaders like

Teesta Setalvad, Rana Ayyub, Siddique Kappan and Umar Khalid, who have been in the focus of government agencies.

"I urge Indians to be vigilant and to increase your investments in an inclusive, pluralistic, diverse community and society," Mr. Guterres said.

"As an elected member of the Human Rights Council, India has a responsibility to shape global human rights, and to protect and promote the rights of all individuals," he added.

Mr. Guterres referred to the impact of the Ukraine crisis that has engulfed the commodities market across the world and said: "I urge India to continue speaking up for peace; to expand its global leadership; to align its development and its foreign policy with the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) and the Paris Agreement; to find innovative solutions to today's global crises."

Mr. Guterres praised India's non-violent struggle for Independence from colonial rule. He said the upcoming Presidency of India at the G-20 will provide an opportunity for highlighting the "values and vision of the developing world".

Earlier, Mr. Guterres visited the memorial for the victims of the 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai and spoke against violent extremism, saying, "Fighting terrorism must be a global priority for every country on earth."

Delhi-Centre row over services to come up before SC on Nov. 24

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to defer to November 24 the Constitution Bench hearing in the dispute between the Centre and the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government for control over bureaucrats in the national capital.



ment had not specifically dealt with the issue of 'services'.

'King without kingdom'
The National Capital Territory (NCT) government had compared its predicament without power over the 'services' like that of a king without a kingdom.

In May, a three-judge Bench had, in a judgment, referred to the Constitution Bench the limited question concerning 'services' or bureaucracy for an authoritative pronouncement. Four years ago, in 2018, another Constitution Bench had unanimously held that the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi was bound by the "aid and advice" of the popularly-elected Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and both had to work harmoniously with each other. It had noted that there was no room for anarchy or absolutism in a democracy.

However, the 2018 judg-

Leave Ukraine at the earliest, says Indian embassy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has issued a fresh travel advisory for its citizens, urging them to leave Ukraine "at the earliest".

"In view of the deteriorating security situation and recent escalation of hostilities across Ukraine, Indian nationals are advised against travelling to Ukraine. Indian citizens, including students, are advised to leave Ukraine at the earliest by available means," announced a public notification issued by the Indian embassy in Kyiv.

This is the second notification from the Indian side since October 11 when Russia launched the most extensive missile attack against the Ukrainian capital since the beginning of the war on February 24.

The initiative is being taken as part of the first phase of the 'Swadesh Darshan 2' which will be kicked off in January.

Fifteen States are part of the first phase which include Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

Ellora caves is among the sites included in the scheme. FILE PHOTO

Centre to promote destinations in 15 States as part of Swadesh Darshan 2

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI



places identified are Jhansi and Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, Gwalior, Chitrakoot and Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh and Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra.

The sources said the destinations had been zeroed in on after consultations with the State Tourism Departments, and the Centre was now waiting for approval from Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy. The Swadesh Darshan scheme is 100% centrally funded.

The scheme has been revamped with the mantra of "vocal for local", a top official of the Tourism Ministry told *The Hindu* adding that it was essentially aimed at targeting domestic tourists.

The Swadesh Darshan Scheme was launched by the Centre in 2014-15 for the integrated development of theme-based tourist circuits. Under the scheme, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial

assistance to State governments, Union Territory Administrations or Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.

From December, the revamped scheme would be launched which seeks to enhance the contribution of tourism.

"To create jobs including self-employment for local communities, to enhance the skills of local youth in tourism and hospitality, to increase private sector investment in tourism and hospitality and to preserve and enhance local cultural and natural resources," the vision document said.

According to the third Tourism Satellite Account for 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20, the contribution of tourism to the employment is 14.78%, 14.87% and 15.34%, respectively.

Dress code, training suggested for tourist police

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) has suggested a separate uniform, development of a special training programme and fixing the gender ratio at 50:50 for a tourist police which would be dedicated to protecting foreign visitors to India.

The suggestions were discussed by State officials, police forces and other stakeholders from the Centre and State governments at a conference on the need for tourist police on Wednesday. The report suggested that tourist police stations should function within the jurisdiction of the district police headed by the Superintendent of Police for all policing purposes to contain crime against tourists.

Accused in five rape cases get bail in U.P. on condition of marrying victims

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court has given bail to three rape accused in the past month on the condition that they marry the victims. In two other cases, bail was granted when the counsel of the accused told the court that the accused would marry the victims as soon as they secured bail.

In the latest order issued on October 10 by the single-judge Bench of Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh, the accused, Monu, who has been in jail since April 2022, was granted bail considering two facts - that the victim and her father did not oppose it, and the victim had delivered the accused's child. Monu was booked for kidnapping and rape, and under Sections 3 and 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Off-

fences (POCSO) Act by the Kheri district police in Uttar Pradesh for allegedly enticing away the accused when she was just 17. "Let Monu be released on bail subject to conditions that soon after he comes out of jail, he will perform marriage with the victim within 15 days from the date of release and get the same registered. He will give all rights to the prosecutrix and his child as wife and daughter," the order said.

On September 30, while hearing the bail application of Shobhan, who was booked for rape, poisoning, criminal intimidation, and wrongful confinement by the Amethi police on the complaint of the father of a 19-year-old girl, the judge said he was told by the counsel of the accused that he and the victim were in a relationship and that she was seven-months pregnant when the FIR

was filed in November 2021. "The counsel of the victim has opposed the prayer for bail, but not disputed the aforesaid facts. Considering the medical evidence and the facts that the prosecutrix has given birth to a child, it would be appropriate to enlarge the accused on bail," the judge said, adding that the accused can be released on bail on the condition that he would marry the prosecutrix as soon as he came out of jail on bail.

The bail plea of Suraj Pal, listed in the same court on September 28, too had similar circumstances. Pal was booked by the Rae Bareli police for rape. Charges were invoked under the POCSO Act and the SC/ST Act since the victim was a Dalit and minor.

The counsel of the accused said that the victim

BJP releases first list of 62 candidates for Himachal election

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CHANDIGARH

The BJP on Wednesday announced its first list of 62 candidates for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election, denying tickets to 11 MLAs, including a Minister, and also changing the constituencies of two Ministers.

Nineteen out of the 62 candidates will be entering the electoral fray for the first time.

The selection of new faces as candidates is being seen as an attempt to offset anti-incumbency as the party is fighting to retain power in the hill State.

Four sitting MLAs have been denied tickets, including Jal Shakti Minister Mahender Singh from Mandi. Instead, his son, Rajat Thakur, has been fielded from the Dharampur constituency.

The constituencies of two Ministers have been changed; Suresh Bhardwaj will contest from Kasumti instead of Shimla (Urban), and Rakesh Pathania from Fatehpur instead of Nurpur.

Former Congress MLAs
Two MLAs who recently quit the Congress and joined the BJP have been given tickets. Pawan Kajal will contest from Kangra, and Lakhwinder Rana from Nalagarh.

Former Independent MLA from Jodhpur in Mandi district, Prakash Rana, who joined the BJP earlier this year, has also been given a ticket.

The list of candidates includes five women.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur will contest from the Seraj Assembly constituency in Mandi district, the party said.

IN BRIEF



PM starts Mission Schools of Excellence in Gandhinagar

With a twin purpose of overhauling the education in government schools in Gujarat and tackling the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) attacks on the State government for poor quality of education, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched the ambitious 'Mission Schools of Excellence' project in Gandhinagar. Conceived with an outlay of ₹10,000 crore, the Mission, partially funded by the World Bank, is aimed at strengthening the education infrastructure in the State through setting up of new classrooms, smart classrooms, computer labs and overall upgradation of infrastructure in schools. Under its first phase, projects worth over ₹5,567 crore will be undertaken.

Allahabad HC asks for records of suit in Gyanvapi dispute

In a revision petition filed by the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee challenging the Varanasi Court's September 12 order in the Gyanvapi dispute, the Allahabad High Court has asked the Varanasi District Judge to send the entire records of Hindu worshippers' suit by October 21. The directive came after S.F.A Naqvi, appearing for the masjid committee, argued that the entire records were necessary for proper adjudication. The masjid panel approached the High Court after a Varanasi court rejected its application challenging the maintainability of a suit filed by Hindu women seeking worshipping rights in the mosque compound.

Muslim Personal Law Board dissolves its women's wing

The general secretary of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB), through a letter dated October 11, 2022, has dissolved the women's wing of the Board. It is alleged that the Board dissolved the women's wing without giving the members a fair chance at representation. The Board, however, denies disbanding the wing, preferring to use the term, "restructure" to describe the changes in the organisation. "We have given women more powers in various departments," said an official on condition of anonymity. The women's wing was formed in 2015 with the aim of addressing women's issues.

Extortion case: Delhi L-G nod to probe 82 prison officials

Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Wednesday granted permission to Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) to investigate 82 prison officials for their alleged involvement in an extortion racket being run by commandant Sukesh Chandrashekhar when he was lodged in the Rohini jail here. According to Raj Niwas officials, the case pertains to an alleged extortion of nearly ₹200 crore by Chandrashekhar "in collusion with prison officials". Seven officials have already been arrested in the ongoing investigation into the extortion case under various sections of Indian Penal Code. Chandrashekhar is currently lodged in Mandoli jail.

MP objects to Modi's remark on pigeons and cheetahs

The Hindu Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

Highlighting the progress made by the country in indigenous defence manufacturing under the 'Make in India' initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said in the past pigeons were released but cheetahs were released in new India.

Reacting to the comments, BSP MP Kunwar Danish said the remark amounted to mocking Mahatma Gandhi's message of peace.

"PM Narendra Modi's remark at DefExpo2022 that 'in past, pigeons were released, in New India we release cheetahs', amounts to mocking Gandhi's message of non-violence & peace (represented by pigeons), and promoting a violent, muscular govt. Would like a similar message to China," Mr. Ali tweeted.

Last month, coinciding with his birthday, Mr. Modi released eight cheetahs brought from Namibia into the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. "The events may look small at times but the underlying message is bigger," Mr. Modi said at DefExpo-2022.

We have to work fast to solve challenges in space tech: Modi

PM launches 'Mission DefSpace' to push for innovative solutions for the three Services in the space domain; releases fourth indigenisation list that bars import of over 100 defence items

Dinakar Peri
GANDHINAGAR

In an ambitious effort to develop innovative solutions for the three Services in the space domain through the Indian industry and start-ups, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched the 'Mission DefSpace' at the ongoing DefExpo.

He also released the fourth defence indigenisation list at the ongoing DefExpo-2022, which bars import of 101 items after certain timelines.

"Space technology is an example of what security will mean for any strong nation in the future. Various challenges in this area have been reviewed and identified by the three Services. We have to work fast to solve them," Mr. Modi said.

Under Mission DefSpace, 75 challenges are being opened to get innovative solutions, based on the defence requirements in the space domain, the Defence Ministry said. Stating that space tech-



Eye on sky: Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at the Defence Expo 2022 in Gandhinagar on Wednesday. VIJAY SONEJI

nology was shaping new definitions of India's generous space diplomacy and giving rise to new possibilities, the Prime Minister stated, "Many African countries and many other small countries are benefiting from this."

Real-time access to data

There are more than 60 developing countries with whom India is sharing its space science. "The South Asia satellite is an effective example of this. By next year, 10 Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries will also get real-time access to India's satellite data. Even de-

veloped countries like Europe and America are using our satellite data," he stated.

Explaining the significance, Lt. Gen. A.K. Bhatt (retd.), Director General of the Indian Space Association (ISPA), said this was the first time an opportunity was being given to the private industry in the defence space sector.

"Defence space challenges, which have been worked with the Services, Ministry of Defence, along with private industry and the ISPA, are primarily aimed at making a range of defence applications to enhance the capability of the

three Services," he stated.

A senior official explained that the effort was not meant to develop offensive capabilities in space but to build technology enablers for the Services.

As part of efforts to boost the domestic defence industry and promote defence exports, the Defence Ministry had earlier promulgated the first, second and third Positive Indigenisation Lists, comprising 310 items.

The items on the lists cannot be imported by the Services and should be sourced from within the country.

In the fourth list too, import substitution of ammunition which is a recurring requirement has been given special focus, the Ministry stated.

Mr. Modi also unveiled the HTT-40 indigenous trainer aircraft designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), which is the production partner, a defence official said on the sidelines of DefExpo-2022. "The production models will be ready in five or six months."

Rustom-2 UAV to complete user trials by August 2023

Dinakar Peri
GANDHINAGAR

The indigenous medium altitude long endurance (MALE) unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation is expected to complete all user trials by August 2023, defence officials said. Parallelly, a separate project for the weaponisation of the Rustom UAV is also under way.

"Four prototypes of Rustom-2 are currently flying. Five production models will be manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), which is the production partner," a defence official said on the sidelines of DefExpo-2022.

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A second official said night flying trials had started but were held up due to logistical issues and were expected to be completed shortly. Last December, Rustom-2 had crossed a milestone by reaching an altitude of 25,000 feet and an endurance of 10 hours. The target is to reach an altitude of 30,000 feet with an endurance of 20 hours, the officials stated.

Profit-minded educational trusts cannot get tax relief

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday held that any society, fund, trust or institution claiming to have been set up for the "charitable purpose of education" should be "solely" concerned with education to claim exemption under Section 10 (23C) of the Income Tax Act.

Profit-minded institutions cannot claim exemption, three-judge Bench of Chief Justice of India Uday Umesh Lalit, Justices S. Ravindra Bhat and P.S. Narasimha observed.

"The interpretation of education being the 'sole' object of every trust or organisation which seeks to propagate it, through this decision, accords with the constitutional understanding and, what is more, maintains its pristine and unsullied nature," Justice Bhat observed.

Controversial U.K. Home Secretary Suella Braverman quits embattled Truss govt.

Sriram Lakshman

LONDON

Suella Braverman, until Wednesday afternoon the British Home Secretary, resigned from her post, ostensibly on security grounds. The former Home Secretary had sent a sensitive email to a non-government Tory MP via her private email account.

However, there appeared to be more to the story, with Ms. Braverman writing that she had "concerns" with the embattled Liz Truss government, which is hanging on by a thread after announcing (and then reversing) tax cuts that were deeply unpopular with the markets.

"Pretending we haven't made mistakes, carrying on as if everyone can't see that we have made them, and hoping that things will magically come right is not serious politics. I have made a mistake; I accept responsibility; I resign,"



Suella Braverman during the Conservative Party's annual conference in Birmingham on October 4. REUTERS

Ms. Braverman wrote in her resignation letter, apparently referring to Ms. Truss's refusal to resign over her botched economic plan.

A loud critic of migration, Ms. Braverman specified some of her concerns in her letter, including the government not honouring manifesto promises, such as lowering overall migration numbers and stopping illegal migration. Paul Goodman, Editor of *Conservative Home*, tweeted that Ms. Braverman had resigned over pressure to

make announcements regarding liberalising migration – to help the government's growth plan meet its targets.

Trade deal

Additionally, Ms. Braverman had said earlier this month that she had "some reservations" about a U.K.-India trade deal – because Indians were the largest group of visa overstayers in the U.K. This had not gone down well with India.

While speaking at a Deepavali event on Tuesday, Ms. Braverman had said



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SUELLA BRAVERMAN

the U.K. had been "profoundly enriched" by Indian immigration, the *Press Trust of India* had reported.

"Naturally, there is an economic imperative for our countries to work together, which is why we are so eager to secure a trade deal," Ms. Braverman had said, as per the report.

While a trade deal is still being discussed by both countries, the earlier deadline of Deepavali (October 24) is no longer on the cards. A Foreign Affairs

spokesperson for the U.K. government was the latest to say this, on Wednesday, as they echoed comments of the International Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch.

"We are currently not expecting to have a final deal by the end of Diwali, which the International Trade Secretary set out herself last week," the spokesperson said at a briefing for the foreign press on Wednesday. "But we still fully expect to get a good and comprehensive free trade deal with India that fully benefits both sides," the spokesperson said.

Downing Street announced that Grant Shapps, former Transport Secretary from the Boris Johnson government, would replace Ms. Braverman. Significantly, Mr. Shapps was a supporter of Rishi Sunak, the former Chancellor and Ms. Truss's rival in the Conservative party contest this summer for the top job.

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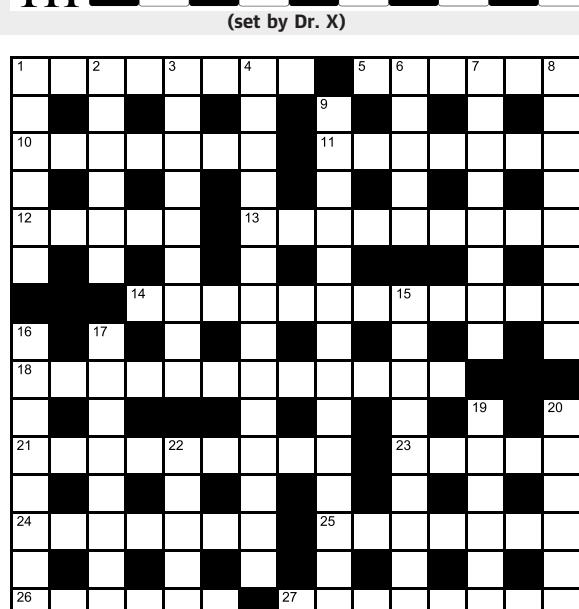
Kind like a mother

When Krishna told the Gopas and Gopikas to make their offerings not to Indra but to Govardhana hill, Indra was furious. He caused it to rain continuously for a week. But Krishna did not punish him. An Acharya has given a beautiful explanation as to why He spared Indra, said M.A. Venkatakrishnan in a discourse.

When a mother has a second child, the first child becomes jealous of the attention the mother gives the newborn. The elder child, unable to understand why it is no longer the focus of her attention, shows its displeasure by throwing tantrums. The mother does not punish the child because she knows the reason for its behaviour. Likewise, in the case of Indra, the Lord had helped him many times. But now He was with the Gopas and Gopikas and was showering His affection on them. This made Indra envious of them and his trying to trouble them was his way of displaying his anger against the new friends of Krishna. So, the Lord, like a mother who understands and forgives her child, forgave Indra.

Explaining a Periyazhvar verse, Manavalai Mamunigal gives an example to show Krishna's saulabhyam. Gopikas went to river to bathe. They wanted to check if the turmeric pieces they were going to use would leave a lovely yellow colour on their skin. Usually, turmeric is rubbed on a stone to check its quality. But the rocks on the river bank were already covered with turmeric marks. So the Gopikas rubbed their turmeric pieces on Krishna's back to check the quality. Imagine the Supreme One allowing them to treat Him thus! No wonder Krishna is the One who comes to mind when we speak of the quality of saulabhyam.

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Across

- Daring but reactionary, without virtue (8)
- British youngsters wielding oriental knives (6)
- One making an effort to ensnare good girl in trip (7)
- Egg white and bun - meal's served (7)
- Goalie injured, taking prolonged rest (3-2)
- Resolution to destroy primarily unscrupulous nationalist in contest (9)

- Restless person ignoring wife cheats around, reflecting weak character (7,5)
- Fiercely blast employee essentially fomenting trouble (5,3,4)
- Fool mixing rum, gin and soda finally knocked out (9)
- Caught with miss, getting intimate (5)
- List one condition primarily relating to the intestines (7)
- Fumes from drain (7)
- Brood about hard religious instruction in Jewish month (6)
- Fall after consuming drink with associate in Bulgarian capital (8)
- Gossip in story about couple of models (6)
- Distress concealed by most simple American novelist (6)
- Groans miserably, eating Scottish sweetheart's hot dish of curried meat (5,4)
- Short story by Agatha Christie in the incredible novel enthrals many (5,5,4)
- Heave with a bit of rattle in type of pneumonia (5)
- Control darling after party (8)
- Coalesced under heat perhaps in desert (8)
- What paraglider hopes to do in the end to have good luck (4,2,4,4)
- Irritation after wicket's snared by crap, unorthodox shot (6-3)
- Most serious-minded son seeks help to crack examination (8)
- Alludes to criminals stifling witness (8)
- Cheat bites ball! Pakistan's captain removed in row (6)
- Where one might sleep with a girl (6)
- More unusual neuroma essentially in back, recurrent (5)

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- Solution to previous puzzle**
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YANGON

Bomb blasts outside Myanmar prison kill eight, injure 18 persons



At least two bombs exploded outside a prison in Myanmar's commercial hub Yangon, killing eight persons and wounding 18. The bombs hit a crowd queuing to drop off parcels for inmates at Insein Prison, junta authorities said. It blamed "terrorists" and said the dead included three prison staff and a 10-year-old girl. AP

ISLAMABAD

World Bank estimates floods led to \$40 billion in damages: Pakistan



Pakistan said the World Bank estimates this summer's floods have caused \$40 billion in damages. This is \$10 billion more than the government's estimate. The new assessment came during a meeting between the Prime Minister and climate change experts. There was no immediate word from the World Bank. GETTY IMAGES

Israel vows not to supply weapons to Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel will not send weapons to Ukraine, Defence Minister Benny Gantz said on Wednesday, two days after Russia warned that an Israeli move to bolster Kyiv's forces would severely damage relations.

"Our policy vis-a-vis Ukraine will not change – we will continue to support and stand with the West, we will not provide weapon systems," Mr. Gantz told a briefing of European Union ambassadors.

The Israeli stance has infuriated Ukraine. President Volodymyr Zelensky, who is Jewish, has on several occasions blasted Israel for failing to firmly oppose Russian aggression.

Mr. Gantz said on Wednesday that Israel would continue providing "humanitarian aid" to Ukraine. But weapons supplies were off the table, "due to a variety of operational considerations," he added.

Putin declares martial law in annexed regions of Ukraine

Decree gives law enforcement agencies three days to submit specific proposals, and orders the creation of territorial defence forces; pro-Russia officials say they're pulling out from Kherson city

Associated Press
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin declared martial law on Wednesday in the four regions of Ukraine that Moscow annexed and gave additional emergency powers to the heads of all regions of Russia.

Mr. Putin didn't immediately spell out the steps that would be taken under martial law, but said his order was effective starting Thursday. His decree gives law enforcement agencies three days to submit specific proposals and orders the creation of territorial defence forces in the four annexed regions. "We are working to solve very difficult large-scale tasks to ensure Russia's security and safe future, to protect our people," Mr. Putin said in televised remarks at the start of a Security Council



Building blocks: A man fixing a wall in a children's play area in the Taras Shevchenko Park in Kyiv on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

meeting. "Those who are on the frontlines or undergoing training at firing ranges and training centres should feel our support and know that they have our big, great country and unified people behind their back."

The upper house of Russia's Parliament was set to quickly seal Mr. Putin's decision to impose martial law in the annexed Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk

and Zaporizhzhia regions. Draft legislation indicates it may involve restrictions on travel and public gatherings, tighter censorship and broader authority for law enforcement agencies.

Extra powers

Mr. Putin also didn't provide details of the extra powers the heads of Russian regions will have under his decree.

In a signal his moves

DUBAI

U.S. citizen jailed in Saudi Arabia for tweets on Khashoggi, Yemen'



A U.S. citizen jailed in Saudi Arabia is being punished for "mild" Twitter posts on topics including the war in Yemen and the 2018 killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, his son said. Saad Ibrahim Almadi, a 72-year-old of Saudi origin, was this month sentenced to 16 years in prison for social media criticism of the government. AP

BEIJING

China lodges formal complaint with Britain over clash at consulate



China said it has lodged a complaint with Britain over an altercation between its diplomats and a Hong Kong protester on the grounds of its Manchester consulate. The incident has drawn widespread condemnation and triggered an international row that saw the U.K. foreign office summon a senior Chinese diplomat. REUTERS

Iranian woman greeted as hero after competing in S.Korea without hijab

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

An Iranian climber who caused a sensation by competing at an event abroad without a hijab was on Wednesday given a hero's welcome on her return to Tehran by supporters who raucously applauded her action.

With Iran still shaken by women-led protests over the death of Mahsa Amini one month ago, Elnaz Rekabi flew back to a Tehran airport after the competition in South Korea.

In an Instagram post and comments at the airport, Ms. Rekabi has apologised over what happened and insisted her hijab – which all Iranian women, including athletes, must wear – had accidentally



Onwards and upwards: Elnaz Rekabi participating in the women boulder finals of the Asian Championships of the IFSC in Seoul. AFP

slipped off.

But activists fear her comments were made under pressure from Iranian authorities, who were likely infuriated by her actions.

"Elnaz is a hero" and "Well done Elnaz!" chanted dozens of supporters

who gathered outside the Imam Khomeini International Airport terminal.

"Concerns for her safety remain," said the New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran (CHRI).

"Due to the atmosphere prevailing in the finals of the competition and the

unexpected call for me to start my run, I got tangled with my technical equipment and... that caused me to remain unaware of the hijab that I should have observed," she said to presspersons at the airport.

But the Islamic republic has been repeatedly accused by activists of coercing people into making statements of contrition.

The British actress of Iranian origin Nazanin Boniadi, who is an ambassador for Amnesty International in the U.K., tweeted that it was clear Ms. Rekabi had been "forced to make this statement by authorities that constantly use forced and televised confessions."

Observers "should not be swayed by state propaganda", the CHRI said.

Joe Biden to release 15 mn barrels from oil reserve

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden will announce the release of 15 million barrels of oil from the U.S. strategic reserve on Wednesday as part of a response to recent production cuts announced by OPEC+ nations, and he will say more drawdowns are possible this winter, as his administration rushes to be seen as pulling out all the stops ahead of next month's midterm elections.

Mr. Biden will deliver remarks on Wednesday to announce the drawdown from the strategic reserve, senior officials said on Tuesday on the condition of anonymity to outline Mr. Biden's plans.

Bolsonaro issues apology for his remarks on Venezuelan girls

Agence France-Presse
RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro apologised on Tuesday after his visit to a group of teenagers he implied were sex workers drew accusations of "pedophilia" from opponents.

Fighting for re-election against Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the far-right President has been swept up in a firestorm over his re-

marks about the underage Venezuelan girls, whom he called "very pretty".

"If my words were somehow misinterpreted or caused discomfort to our Venezuelan sisters, I apologise," Mr. Bolsonaro said.

The controversy erupted on Friday when Mr. Bolsonaro spoke about visiting the home of "three or four very pretty 14- or 15-year-olds" last year in a poor Brasilia neighborhood.

"There was a vibe between us. I turned around. 'Can I come in your house?' I went inside. There were 15 or 20 girls [in the house], all Venezuelans aged 14, 15, getting ready on a Saturday. Why? To earn a living," he said.

The anecdote appeared intended as one of Mr. Bolsonaro's frequent warnings that Brazil will suffer the same fate as crisis-torn Venezuela if it elects Lula.

KALOJI NARAYANA RAO UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES TELANGANA

NOTIFICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO MBBS/ BDS COURSES FOR 2022-23
Application forms online are invited from the eligible candidates for admission into MBBS/BDS courses under Management Quota for 2022-23 in affiliated colleges from 20.10.2022 to 27-10-2022.

For detailed Notification and Prospectus refer to KNRUHS website: www.knruhs.telangana.gov.in

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

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T.N. No. 15/2022-23/D1, TENDER NOTICE Dated : 19.10.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Two Cover System Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 28.11.2022 At 14.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirunelveli Circle for CRIDP 2022-23 Works pertaining to Thoothukudi (7 Works) (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 26.10.2022 onwards in the Government website <https://tnntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

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Nominations are invited for the conferment of University of Mysore Bharat Ratna Centenary Awards

IN BRIEF



Rupee weakens to 83 a dollar on foreign capital outflows

The rupee plunged 61 paise to dip below the 83-mark for the first time against the U.S. dollar on Wednesday amid unabated foreign capital outflows and a strong dollar in the overseas markets. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency closed at an all-time low of 83.00. Rising global crude prices and risk-averse sentiment among investors weighed on the local currency, traders said. Meanwhile, the dollar index advanced 0.31% to 112.48. PTI

Wendt India Q2 net rises 32% to ₹9.28 cr. on higher sales

Murugappa group firm Wendt India Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the second quarter rose 32% to ₹9.28 crore from the year-earlier period on higher sales and continued focus on operational efficiency and cost control. Revenue from operations grew by 15% to ₹47.70 crore on account of higher sales to user industries such as auto, ceramics, bearings, glass, steel and cutting tools, among others, it said in a filing. Exports contracted by 11% to ₹11.37 crore.

Hatsun Agro Product Q2 net dips 49% as input costs surge

Hatsun Agro Product Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the second quarter dipped 49% to ₹42 crore on account of an increase in raw material costs and unprecedented rainfall. Revenue from operations grew by 7% to ₹1,748 crore while raw material costs rose 11% to ₹1,278 crore, the firm said in a filing. "The price rise of milk has been effected only from August 12. The benefit of cost increase will be realised in full in the quarters to come," Chairman R.G. Chandramogan said.

Rane Brake Lining Q2 net rises 20% on good demand

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Rane Brake Lining Ltd. has posted an almost 20% increase in standalone net profit for the second quarter to ₹6.5 crore following strong demand across vehicle segments.

Income from operations grew by 15% to ₹141 crore, the maker of brake linings and disc pads said in a regulatory filing.

"Material-price inflation remained a challenge for RBL in the quarter," Rane Group Chairman L. Ganesh said.

"[The] management is working to mitigate higher material prices through various cost-reduction measures and partial recovery from customers."

UltraTech Q2 profit slides 42% to ₹756 cr. on costs, low demand

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

UltraTech Cement Ltd. reported a 42% slide in second-quarter consolidated net profit to ₹756 crore from the year-earlier period due to a rise in expenditure and lower demand for the building material.

"The second quarter is traditionally a weak one for the cement sector, with lower demand as construction activity slows down on account of the monsoons," UltraTech said in a filing.

"Demand was low during July and August, showing some sign of revival in September," it added. "Pick-up in retail demand was on the back of pent-up demand accumulation



during the monsoons, pre-Diwali construction and repair work gaining momentum and pre-election tailwinds," the company said.

The firm reported consolidated net sales of ₹13,596 crore compared with ₹11,743 crore, a 16% increase.

The company said energy cost increased 58% and raw material cost rose 18%. It achieved capacity utilisation of 76% (71%).

CG Power to add LT Motor capacity for ₹230 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd. (CG Power) has proposed to more than double the manufacturing capacity of Low-Tension Motor plants at Ahmednagar and Goa in a phased manner at an outlay of ₹230 crore, in anticipation of future demand.

Currently, CG Power has a capacity to manufacture 9.93 lakh LT Motors per annum. Post expansion, it would increase to 19.92 lakh units, the TII subsidiary said in a filing.

The firm's standalone net profit rose 66% to ₹178 crore in the second quarter on improved sales realisation. Sales grew by 17% to ₹1,588 crore.

India to examine Russia oil price cap'

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

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India fast emerging as Web3 ecosystem'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India has a rapidly growing Web3 ecosystem with more than 450 active start-ups, which cumulatively raised \$1.3 billion in funding till April, Nassom said.

While global response to Web3 was still shaping up, India's growing economy, demographic dividend and exponential adoption of emerging technologies across sectors, positioned the country to become one of the highest growth markets for Web3 start-ups.

The study was released by Nasscom and VC firm Hashed Emergent.

Web3, a new iteration of

the World Wide Web, incorporates concepts such as blockchain technologies and metaverse.

In the last two years, Indian Web3 start-ups have grown to a 450-plus community with four unicorns.

In fiscal 2022 alone, India registered more than 170 new Web3 start-ups, yielding more than 50% CAGR growth since 2015, according to the report.

In terms of distribution, more than 80% of the Web3 start-ups were in tier I cities. However, the tier II/III ecosystem was growing rapidly with locations such as Jaipur and Vadodara evolving as emerging hubs for Web3 start-ups.

China's total trade surplus with India 'surpasses \$1 trillion'

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

The favourable trade balance that China has enjoyed with India, since bilateral commerce began to boom in the early 2000s, has cumulatively exceeded \$1 trillion, according to estimates.

The trade gap has particularly widened in the past decade. In 2021, annual two-way trade crossed \$100 billion for the first time, reaching \$125.6 billion, with India's imports accounting for \$97.5 billion, pegging the imbalance at about \$70 billion.

Trade ties began to boom since the early 2000s driven largely by India's imports of Chinese machinery and other equipment, up from \$3 billion in the year 2000 to \$42 billion in 2008, the year China became India's largest trading partner.

"China's trade with India is lopsided and in this period China had a favourable balance of trade that has crossed \$1.2 trillion," said Srikanth Kondapalli, Professor in Chinese Studies and Dean of the School of International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University. "That is, in pure statistics, Chinese businesses earned that much money [from India]."

Fitch expects India's CAD to rise to 3.4% of GDP in FY23 from 1.2% last year, given the surge in imports due to strong domestic demand as well as high oil and coal prices.



China — Mr. Kondapalli said an imbalance over an extended period of time posed problems. Moreover, Chinese commitments to India to import substantially more Indian goods, particularly pharmaceuticals, have not materialised, although Chinese imports of Indian seafood is one area that has recently shown robust growth.

'CAD problems'

"These surpluses are consistent, and not addressed over a period of time, this leads to the problem of a current account deficit for India," he said. The imbalance in 2022 is set to surpass even last year's record.

In the six months ended June, India's imports from China surged 34.5% to a record \$57.51 billion, China's trade figures released in July show.

India's exports to China, however, shrank 35% and accounted for only \$9.57 billion of the \$67.08 billion two-way trade. China's Q3 trade data, which was due this week but has been delayed because of the ongoing Communist Party Congress, is expected to reflect continued growth in Indian imports.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEEKEND %CHANGE
Sensex	59,107 -0.25
US Dollar	83.00 -0.76
Gold	50,471 -0.61
Brent oil	90,68 1.55

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter.	3277.25	-7.05
Adani Ports	805.05	-4.90
Apollo Hosp.	4388.75	-22.75
Asian Paints	3212.75	-13.10
Axis Bank	829.85	-13.50
Bajaj Auto	3655.85	-44.55
Bajaj Finserv	1698.80	-27.45
Bajaj Finance	7380.40	-10.00
Bharti Airtel	783.40	0.25
BPCL	292.15	-3.60
Britannia Ind.	3768.50	1.65
Cipla	1122.00	-3.85
Coal India	238.20	-3.50
Divis Lab.	3608.05	-35.80
Dr Reddy's Lab.	4316.90	-39.65
Eicher Motors	3612.30	-0.20
Grasim Ind.	1684.35	-3.90
HCL Tech	995.65	-13.55
HDFC Bank	2381.80	-50.15
HDFC Life	1458.65	-14.80
JSR Steel	531.55	0.30
Kotak Bank	1869.35	9.65
L&T	1904.90	-13.20
M&M	1248.40	-5.40
Maruti Suzuki	8719.35	-88.00
NestleIndia	19739.10	351.25
NTPC	164.05	-2.90
ONGC	127.80	-0.90
PowerGrid Corp	213.90	1.55
Reliance Ind.	2493.90	-42.65
SBI Life	1227.10	8.05
State Bank	553.40	-9.05
Sun Pharma	976.90	-1.45
TataConsumerPro-	764.55	-9.80
Tata Motors	399.05	-5.20
Tata Steel	100.05	-0.60
TCS	3121.85	-22.85
Tech Mahindra	1019.20	-0.20
Titan	2644.55	3.45
UltraTech Cement	6398.40	-51.65
UPL	676.80	-5.25
Wipro	378.05	-1.25

EXCHANGE RATES

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

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.82	83.14
Euro	80.91	81.22
British Pound	92.99	93.35
Japanese Yen (100)	55.34	55.55
Chinese Yuan	11.46	11.51
Swiss Franc	82.47	82.83
Singapore Dollar	58.13	58.36
Canadian Dollar	60.04	60.28
Malaysian Ringgit	17.54	17.62
Australian Dollar	51.98	52.23

Source: Indian Bank

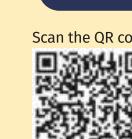
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CRICKET

India's warm-up game against New Zealand washed out



India's final warm-up game against New Zealand was abandoned on Wednesday without a ball being bowled due to persistent rain in Brisbane. Both the Indian and New Zealand teams failed to hit the ground as heavens opened up during Pakistan's chase of 155 against Afghanistan at the same venue in the first practice match.

WBBL

Harmanpreet withdraws from Renegades due to back injury



India captain Harmanpreet Kaur was on Wednesday ruled out of the ongoing Women's Big Bash League due to a back injury according to her side Melbourne Renegades. Harmanpreet, the reigning WBBL player of the tournament had missed the opening two matches due to international commitments as she led India to the Asia Cup title.

FOOTBALL

Injured Kante to miss Qatar WC, sidelined for four months



France international N'Golo Kante has been ruled out of the World Cup finals after undergoing an operation on a hamstring injury, his Premier League club Chelsea said on Tuesday. The midfielder, who played a pivotal role in *Les Bleus'* winning campaign in 2018, has now been ruled out for four months after the surgery.

KABADDI

Ranjit shows the way as Giants beat Yoddhas; Bulls tame Thalaivas



Captain Chandran Ranjit led from the front with 20 points as Gujarat Giants defeated UP Yoddhas 51-45 in the Pro Kabaddi League in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Ranjit received able support from raider Rakesh, who racked up 16 points. In the second match of the day, Bengaluru Bulls cruised past Tamil Thalaivas 45-28.

Joseph breathes fire as Windies stay in the hunt

The pacer picks up four wickets while Holder chips in with three to help the two-time champion pull off a 31-run victory; Campher-Dockrell duo does the star turn as Ireland stuns Scotland



The final nail: Jongwe's stumps shattered by a beauty from Joseph, putting an end to Zimbabwe's hopes. AFP

T20 WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
HOBART

A fiery four-wicket spell from pace bowler Alzarri Joseph helped two-time champion West Indies storm past Zimbabwe by 31 runs to keep its T20 World Cup dreams alive on Wednesday.

After being shocked by Scotland in its opening match on Monday, it had no margin for error if it wanted to stay in the hunt for a place in the Super 12 stage. West Indies accomplished the feat with 10 balls to spare, dismissing Zimbabwe for 122 after setting it 154 to win.

The dangerous Joseph was instrumental, taking four for 16, while Jason Holder chipped in with three for 12. The victory means it meets Ireland on Friday

with the winner going through to the next round when the big guns join the tournament, while Zimbabwe faces Scotland in a winner-takes-all contest.

Century stand

Meanwhile, Ireland pulled off a stunning six-wicket upset of Scotland, with George Dockrell and Curtis Campher starring in a 119-run partnership after the team was down for the count.

In perfect conditions at Bellerive Oval in Hobart, the Scots powered to 176 for five – the tournament's highest score so far on the back of 86 from Michael Jones – and then reduced the Irish to 65 for four after 10 overs.

But Campher (69 off 32 balls) and Dockrell (39 off 27) came to the crease and unleashed some fireworks to steer the team home against the odds, with an over to spare.

The story so far

GROUP A	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Netherlands	2	2	0	4	0.149
Namibia	2	1	1	2	1.277
Sri Lanka	2	1	1	2	0.600
UAE	2	0	2	0	-2.028

Oct. 20: Netherlands vs. Sri Lanka | **Oct. 20:** Namibia vs. UAE

GROUP B	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Scotland	2	1	1	2	0.759
Zimbabwe	2	1	1	2	0.000
West Indies	2	1	1	2	-0.275
Ireland	2	1	1	2	-0.468

Oct. 21: Ireland vs. West Indies | **Oct. 21:** Scotland vs. Zimbabwe

It was Ireland's first win of the tournament after crashing to Zimbabwe on Monday and leaves Group B wide open. It was also Ireland's highest successful chase at the World Cup.

The scores: West Indies 153-7 in 20 overs (Johnson Charles 45, Rovman Powell 28, Sikandar Raza 3/19) bt Zimbabwe 122 in

18.2 overs (Luke Jongwe 29, Wessly Madhevere 27, Alzarri Joseph 4/16, Jason Holder 3/12).

Toss: WI. **Player-of-the-match:** Joseph.

Scotland 176-5 in 20 overs (Michael Jones 86, Richie Berrington 37, Matthew Cross 28, Curtis Campher 2/9) lost to Ireland 180-4 in 19 overs (Curtis Campher 72 n.o., George Dockrell 39 n.o.). **Toss:** Scotland.

Player-of-the-match: Campher.

PCB says Shah's statement can split cricketing communities

Press Trust of India

LAHORE

A 'disappointed' Pakistan Cricket Board on Wednesday requested the Asian Cricket Council to convene an emergency meeting in the wake of BCCI secretary Jay Shah's statement that India won't travel to Pakistan for next year's Asia Cup.

In its first official response to Shah's statement that India would like to play the continental tournament at a neutral venue and not tour Pakistan, the PCB said "such statements can split the Asian and international cricket communities" and impact Pakistan's visit to India for the 2023 World Cup.

Shah, who made the statement after the BCCI AGM on Tuesday, also happens to be the ACC president.

"The overall impact of such statements have the potential to split the Asian and international cricketing communities, and can impact Pakistan's visit to India for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 and future ICC Events in India in the 2024-2031 cycle."

"The PCB has to date not received any official communication or clarification from the ACC President. As such, the PCB has now requested the Asian Cricket Council to convene an emergency meeting of its Board as soon as practically possible to discuss



Jay Shah. AFP

this important and sensitive matter," the PCB said.

Pakistan has been allotted hosting rights for the Asia Cup which will be held ahead of the ODI World Cup in India in October-November.

The T20 Asia Cup held last month had to be shifted from Sri Lanka to the UAE amid the economic crisis in the island nation.

The 2018 Asia Cup, scheduled to be held in India, was moved to the UAE after the BCCI couldn't procure clearance from government security agencies to host Pakistan.

India and Pakistan only play each other in Asian and ICC events due to the political tension between the two countries. India last toured Pakistan in 2008, while Pakistan's last series in India was in 2012-13.

Shaili leaps to her first Natl. Open long jump gold

ATHLETICS

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Teenaged Shaili Singh showed yet another glimpse of her brimming potential by winning her first National Open athletics gold with a leap of 6.41m in women's long jump at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Wednesday.

On the final day of the competition, the 18-year-old, who made waves by securing the long jump silver at the World Athletics U20 Championships in 2021, beat many a seasoned jumper, including L. Sruthilekshmi (silver, 6.22m) and Nayana James (bronze, 6.22m), both of whom are nearly a decade older.

Shaili, watched on by the legendary Anju Bobby George, and her coach Robert Bobby George, started with tone-setting 6.25m jump. However, in the next four attempts, she couldn't get her approach right, at times timid and at times too eager in attacking the board. But on the final jump, it all came together and she soared to the gold.

The Uttar Pradesh athlete's best is 6.48m (Patiala, 2020), but the latest result was impressive, considering that Shaili had not competed much in the last 12 months after injuring her back and toe. She made her comeback only at the recently held National Games where she settled for silver (6.28m) behind



Making waves: Uttar Pradesh's Shaili Singh beat many a seasoned jumper, including Sruthilekshmi and Nayana James. K. MURALI KUMAR

Nayana. Wednesday was a sweet reversal.

"I'm happy that I could jump past the 6.40m mark after a long gap," Shaili said. "When I came here, I wanted to improve my [season] best by one centimetre. But I'm very happy that I took it to 6.41m. This is my first Open Nationals and it's a big motivation to compete with seniors."

The results:

Men: 200m: G. Ragul Kumar (TN) 20.87s, 2. Rahul Ramesh Kadam (Mah) 20.97, 3. Abhin B. Devadiga (Kar) 21.05; **10,000m:** 1. Murli Kumar Gavil (Gu) 29:50.11, 2. Sawan Barwal (Ser) 29:52.15, 3. Mohan Saini (Ser) 29:59.80; **400m relay:** 1. Railways 3:06.77, 2. Services 3:07.30, 3. Karnataka 3:08.07.

Women: 200m: 1. Archana S. Suseendran (TN) 23.43s, 2. Srabani Nanda (Od) 23.71, 3. Chandra Lekha Anantha (Rly) 23.84; **10,000m:** 1. Ankita (Rly) 34:39.05, 2. Pooja Harijan (Raj) 34:48.58, 3. Richa Bhadauriya (UP) 34:53.63; **400m hurdles:** 1. R. Vithya Ramraj (Rly) 56.97, 2. Sinchal Kaveramma (Kar) 58.84, 3. Veerpal Kaur (Pun) 59.00; **3000m steeplechase:** 1. Parul Chaudhary (Rly) 9:48.28, 2. Komal Chandrankant (UP) 10:24.37, 3. Vaishnavi Vilasrao (Mah) 10:41.22; **Long jump:** 1. Shaili Singh (UP) 6.41m, 2. L. Sruthilekshmi (Ker) 6.22, 3. Nayana James (Ker) 6.22; **Hammer:** 1. K. M. Rachna (UP) 63.66, 2. Sarita R. Singh (Rly) 59.96, 3. Tanya Chaudhary (UP) 59.56m; **35km walk:** 1. Payal (UP) 3:04:48.00 (NMR; OR: 3:15:17.00, Ramandeep Kaur, 2021); 2. Ramandeep Kaur (Rly) 3:10:45.00, 3. Manju Rani (Pun) 3:17:02.00; **4x400m relay:** 1. Railways 3:36.72 (NMR; OR: 3:37.90, Railways, 2016), 2. Haryana 3:39.20, 3. Karnataka 3:39.56.

Best athletes: Men: Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Ser, 1162 pts); Women: Jyothi Yarragi (Rly, 1174); **Team championships:** Men: Services (174 pts); Women: Railways (201); **Overall:** Railways (297).

Baladhaneshwar does it for Heat



In top form: Baladhaneshwar was in the thick of things. H. VIBHU

Stan Ravan
KOCHI

He was everywhere! Be it scoring baskets or grabbing rebounds, smart passing or stealing the ball, captain P.

Baladhaneshwar was in the thick of things as Chennai Heat survived a first-half setback to defeat Bengaluru Kings 79-66 in the first Indian National Basketball League at the Rajiv Gandhi indoor stadium here on Wednesday.

Bengaluru, which had shocked Chandigarh Warriors on Tuesday, thrived in the rebounds as international Pratyanshu Tomar and captain Arvind Arumugam did a good job, thwarting many a Chennai attempt to help their side to a five-point lead midway through the first half.

But Chennai came roaring back in the third quarter. It kept Bengaluru on its heels with a smart zone defence and a little later had two men marking Abhishek Gowda, who had produced a series of three-pointers against Chandigarh on Tuesday. And the 23-year-

Lakshya Sen made a winning start to his Denmark Open campaign by defeating Indonesia's Anthony Sisniska 21-16, 21-12 in the first round here on Wednesday.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated the South Korean duo of Kang Min-hyun and Seo Seung Jae 21-15, 21-19 to make the next round in men's doubles.

However, Saina Nehwal crashed out of the women's singles competition after a 17-21, 21-11, 21-21 loss to China's Zhang Yiman.

Karman shocks Anderson

Sports Bureau

NEW DELHI

Karman Kaur Thandi beat the second seed Robin Anderson of USA 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the \$60,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Saguenay, Canada.

In the \$15,360 Challenger in Busan, Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni reached the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Cheong-Eui Kim and Ji Hoon Son of Korea.

Other results:

53,120 Challenger, Coquimbo, Chile: First round: Sumit Nagal bt Daniel Altmaier (Ger) 6-2, 7-6(7).

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IN BRIEF



Bhanwala scripts history, wins bronze at U-23 Worlds

Sajan Bhanwala became the first Indian Greco Roman wrestler to win a medal at the under-23 World Championship at Pontevedra (Spain), when he edged past Ukraine's Dmytro Vasetskyi on 'criteria' to emerge winner in the bronze playoff. It was the Ukrainian who pulled off a four-pointer on the edge of the circle for a solid start but Bhanwala bounced back immediately with a strong move that got him into a position from where he could pin his rival. Though he could not pin his rival, it was good enough to earn four points. Bhanwala lost two more points and got into defensive mode. Bhanwala put on 'Par Terre' position and the Ukrainian pulled off another four-pointer from the ground position for a handsome 10-4 lead. Bhanwala scored two points with a take-down move and with 35 seconds left in the bout, managed to push his rival on the back to level the scores. The bout ended at 10-10 but since the Indian had scored the last point he was declared winner on criteria. In the 60kg category, Sumit got back to medal reckoning when he made the repechage round.



Falcao penalty snatches Rayo draw against Atletico

Former Atletico Madrid striker Radamel Falcao earned Rayo Vallecano a 1-1 draw against his old side in the La Liga with a 92nd minute penalty on Tuesday.

Alvaro Morata's first-half strike seemed poised to help Atletico strengthen its grip on third place and keep close to leaders Real Madrid and Barcelona, but Rayo snatched a deserved draw.

Elsewhere Ernesto Valverde's Athletic, now sixth, were unable to pull themselves back into the top four as they drew 2-2 at Getafe. In the Premier League, Nottingham Forest edged off the bottom by holding out for a 0-0 draw at Brighton as Wilfried Zaha gave Crystal Palace a 2-1 win over Wolves on Tuesday.

The results: La Liga: Sevilla 1 (Lamela 86) drew with Valencia 1 (Cavani 6); Getafe 2 (Alena 27, Munir 76) drew with Athletic Bilbao 2 (Williams 2, R Garcia 62); Atletico Madrid 1 (Morata 20) drew with Rayo Vallecano 1 (Falcao 90+2-pen).

Premier League: Brighton 0 drew with Nottingham Forest 0; Crystal Palace 2 (Eze 47, Zaha 70) bt Wolves 1 (Adama Traore 31).



Warriors thump Lakers in opener, Celtics sink Sixers

Stephen Curry scored 33 points as the Golden State Warriors launched the defence of its NBA crown with a season-opening 123-109 rout of the Los Angeles Lakers at home in San Francisco on Tuesday. After being presented with diamond-encrusted rings and watching the championship banner being hoisted, the Warriors put on a dazzling performance to overpower LeBron James and the new-look Lakers. In Tuesday's other opening-night game, Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown scored 35 points each as the Boston Celtics brushed off its pre-season woes with a 126-117 home win over the Philadelphia 76ers.

LIVE TELECAST

Syed Mushtaq Ali T20: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9, 11 a.m., 1.30 & 4.30 p.m.
Men's T20 World Cup: (first-round): Star Sports 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.
BWF Denmark Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 p.m. onwards
ISL: Star Sports 1, SS Select 1 (SD & HD), Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 10.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Friday)
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD), & Hotstar, 12 a.m. (Friday)

Rudrankksh will stick to the process for Paris glory

The 18-year-old marksman reveals that Bindra and Narang provide technical inputs and are in regular touch with him and provide guidance

SHOOTING

Kamesh Srinivasan

NEW DELHI

Rudrankksh Patil, World Champion in air rifle, who shot a world record 633.9 to lay a strong foundation for the Olympic quota, is only 18, but is rich with experience.

Fielding questions from the media with ease and answering with clarity in an interaction organised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) on Wednesday, Rudrankksh explained how he had "huge hunger" and peaked at the right time for the gold in World Championship after having placed seventh and 11th in the two World Cups in Baku and Cairo earlier in the season.

Rudrankksh also gave an insight into the support from World and Olympic champion Abhinav Bindra apart from his mentor at the Gun For Glory Academy, the much-accomplished Gagan Narang.

"I am in contact with both and they guide me well. They give me technical advice. Win or lose,



Golden mission: Rudrankksh, the World champion in air rifle, will look to fire on all cylinders in Paris. ISSF

learn from the experience is their main advice," he said.

Thankful for the best support from TOPS and the build up towards it after he won the Khelo India Games in Assam in 2020, Rudrankksh said that he was tuning his technique and approach by training with Heinz Reinkemeir and Gaby Buehlmann in Germany.

The two husband-wife coaches had worked with

Abhinav Bindra over the years.

Recalling that he broke through strongly in 2019, after finishing fourth in many competitions, Rudrankksh acknowledged the support by psychologist Dr. Anand Nadkarni in Mumbai in training the sub-conscious mind.

Giving credit to everyone and the calming influence of the coaches, Rudrankksh said that he was following a process that

has helped him be the best and would continue to follow it for Paris Olympics.

Good camaraderie

Conceding that the Olympic quota belongs to the country and "the most deserving would go to the Paris Olympics in 2024", Rudrankksh pointed out that there was good camaraderie in the Indian team, and that he would prepare his best to aim for glory in Paris.

Ramita becomes junior world champion in air rifle

Sports Bureau

Ramita Jindal beat Shen Ying of China for the gold 16-12 in junior women's air rifle in the World Championship in Cairo, Egypt, on Wednesday.

Tied 12-12 in the gold match, Ramita shot 10.8 and 10.7 to secure the gold as the Chinese responded with 9.8 and 10.6. Ramita had topped the second stage of qualification after eventual bronze medallist Tilottama Sen had topped qualification with 633.4.



Ramita. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

which had 20 gold, 14 silver and 9 bronze.

The results: Air rifle: Junior women: 1. Ramita Jindal 16 (262.8) 629.6; 2. Shen Ying (Chn) 12 (262.4) 629.7; 3. Tilottama Sen 26 (633.4); 5. Nancy 206.9 (628.1); 9. Yukhti Rajendra 627.1.

25m rapid fire pistol: Junior mixed team: 1. India-2 (Payal Khatri, Adarsh Singh) 17 (382) 567; 2. China (Feng Sixuan, Liu Yangyan) 9 (374) 571; 3. India (Tejaswini, Sameer Gulia) 16 (370) 560; 4. China-2 (Luo Zizhao, Wang Shiven) 10 (354) 541.

Standard pistol: Junior men: 1. Pavlo Korostylov (Ukr) 582; 2. Christian Reitz (Ger) 575; 3.

Vijayveer Sidhu 574; 16. Anish Bhanwala 566; 22. Vijay Kumar 562.

Women: 1. Xiao Jiaruixuan (Chn) 575; 2. Rhythm Sangwan 573; 3. Chen Yan (Chn) 572. **50m free pistol:** Junior men: 1. Song Seungho (kor) 546 (9x); 2. Abhinav Choudhary 546 (6x); 3. Lee Seungjun (kor) 543. **Junior women:** 1. Divanshi 547; 2. Varsha Singh 539; 3. Tiyyana Phogat 523; 4. Khushi Kapoor 521.

Agonising loss for Gukesh after Arjun and Vedit exit

CHESS

Rakesh Rao

NEW DELHI

An error of judgement on the 155th move from D. Gukesh was enough for Richard Rapport to close out the four-game quarterfinal match 2.5-1.5 in the \$150,000 Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament on Tuesday.

Let off the hook
Earlier, Arjun Erigaisi let Magnus Carlsen off the hook in their first game and the resultant draw proved a severe blow to the Indian's confidence.

In the two games that followed, Carlsen dominated Arjun for a 2.5-0.5 win, the score-line with which Jan-Krzysztof Duda ended

Vidit Gujrathi's campaign.

In the only quarterfinal which did not feature an Indian, Shakhrayir Mamedyarov won the first game and drew the rest to knock out young Uzbek Nodirbek Abdusattarov 2.5-1.5.

In the semifinals, Duda faces Carlsen and Mamedyarov plays Rapport.

The Gukesh-Rapport battle appeared to have headed for the blitz tie-break games until the Indian teenager's sense of danger let him down and he lost the fourth game in 167 moves.

It was Gukesh who drew first blood by winning the second game in 32 moves. Rapport bounced right back to take the third in 55 moves.

Carlsen's 136-move save in the first game was

enough to break Arjun's confidence. Holding a two-pawn advantage and looking good to win till the 75th move, Arjun faltered in execution as Carlsen's fabled tenacity came into play. In the next two games, it was Carlsen all the way.

The entry into the semifinals also meant that Carlsen had retained the Tour title, this time with an event to spare.

Frustrating draw
Vidit encountered a frustrating draw in the first game after 105 moves during which he could not take advantage of his two extra pawns in an end-game involving a bishop each. In the second and third games, Vidit failed to seize the big moments and lost.

GOLF

Rakesh Rao

GURUGRAM

In over three decades, nothing has served Indian golf better than a home-grown talent winning a dollar-event.

In contrast to the men's sport, ladies golf has had a slow growth but promises to catch up fast. Thanks to the exploits of Aditi Ashok, the rise in the number of Indian professionals and their increased participation on the Ladies European Tour, the growth is expected to quicken than what was anticipated a few seasons ago.

The \$400,000 Hero Women's Indian Open is back after a Covid-forced break

Third-ranked Johanna Gustavsson, the favourite on form, is aware of the capabilities of Magdalena Simmermacher (5th), Meghan MacLaren (6th) and Anna Pelaez Trivino (7th).

In fact, the presence of five winners from this year's Tour – Meghan (Australian Classic), Ana Pelaez Trivino (Madrid Open), Tiia Kovisto (Jabra Open), Anne-Charlotte Mora (Aaland 100 Open) and Johanna (a member of the Aramco Team Series New York) – forms the creamy layer.

Besides Aditi, Tvesa Malik who posted seven top-10 finishes on the LET, will be watched with added interest.

following the 2019 edition at the DLF Golf and Country Club here. Though there is no clear 'home' advantage for the 24 professionals and six amateurs here, the event offers Aditi, the 2016 winner, and others to showcase their improved skill-sets.

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Competitive field

A very competitive field of 114 players, from 25 countries, includes eight players from the top-18 on the LET Order of Merit.

Saumya Ronde rallies to take out Asmi Adkar, enters the last eight

Sports Bureau

NEW DELHI



Bouncing back: Saumya overcame a first set loss to oust Asmi Adkar.

KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Saumya Ronde overcame an indifferent start to beat top seed Asmi Adkar 1-6, 7-5, 6-4 in the under-16 girls pre-quarterfinals of the Fenesta National sub-junior tennis championship at the DLTA Complex on Wednesday.

Asmi looked much in control of the proceedings with her technically superior game, but Saumya had the belief and drive to pip her at the post.

In the quarterfinals, Saumya will play Sejal Bhutada who beat sixth-seed Sreenidhi Balaji in three sets. Riya Sachdeva beat second seed Aakruti Sonkusare 6-4, 6-1 to set up a last eight clash against Mahika Khanna.

Saijyani Banerjee, Laxmi Siri Dandu, Maaya Rajeshwaran and Aishwarya Chauhan bt Swastik Sharma 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; Aarjun Pandit bt Deepam

Malik 6-1, 6-4; Samarth Sahita bt Vraj Gohil 7-6(2), 4-6, 6-1; Arjun Rathi bt Samprit Sharma 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; Dhruv Sachdeva bt

Simardeep Sawhney 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; Debasis Sahoo bt Aradhya Kshitij 7-6(5), 7-6(2).

Girls: Harithashree Venkatesh bt Anandi Bhutada 6-2, 6-3; Nairika Bendram bt Aahan 6-3, 6-4; Aakruti Sonkusare bt Janvi Asawa 6-1, 6-2; Riya Sachdeva bt Aakruti Sonkusare 6-4, 6-1. **Under-14: Boys:** Arnav Paparkar bt Hrithik Katakam 6-1, 6-0; Tavish Pahwa bt Tejas Singh Bhatia 6-4, 6-7(5), 7-5; Praneel Sharma bt M Diganth 7-5, 7-5; Showra Samala bt Karan Thapa 3-0 (retired); Shivti Shirfile bt Srikanth Doni 3-6, 7-5, 2-0 (retd.); Aradhya Kshitij bt Kanishk Khatri 6-2, 6-3; Aditya Mor bt Ojas Mehta 7-6(2), 6-4; Samarth Sahita bt Amogh Damle 6-1, 6-2. **Girls:** Harithashree Venkatesh bt Anandi Bhutada 6-2, 6-3; Nairika Bendram bt Aahan 6-3, 6-4; Aakruti Sonkusare bt Janvi Asawa 6-0, 6-7(11), 6-1; Kashvi Sunil bt Shrawya Numburi 6-4, 6-4; Princy Mandagall 6-4, 6-5, 6-1.

Devbhoomi Uttarakhand

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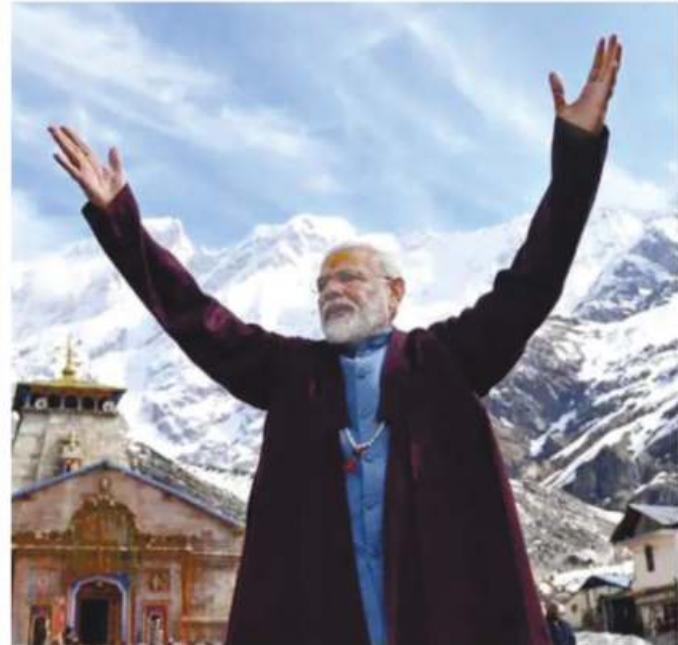
Journey made easy by Ropeways

In the coming years, Gauri Kund to Kedarnath, Govind Ghat to Hemkund Sahib, Ranibagh to Nainital, Panchkoti to New Tehri, Khaliatop to Munsiyari, Rishikesh to Neelkanth and Auli to Gaursar ropeway projects will add to the tourism and economy of the state.

Surkanda Devi ropeway is already in operation.

Apart from these 7 proposed ropeways, a proposal has been sent to Road Transport National Highway Logistics Management Limited on 26 May 2022 to accept 35 other ropeway projects under Parvat Mala Project.

Pushkar Singh Dhami,
CM of Uttarakhand



The Char Dham pilgrimage in Uttarakhand is attracting a large number of pilgrims. Till now, more than 37 lakh pilgrims have visited the four shrines — Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri.

The reconstruction projects in Badrinath and Kedarnath are being reviewed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure smooth travel and darshan. The State Government has also been closely monitoring the project's progress, keeping in mind the increasing number of tourist in these shrines year after year. Infrastructure development plans centred on Badrinath, Kedarnath, Vasuki Tal, Garud Chatti, and Lincholi as spiritual tourism destinations are being developed. Mana village and surrounding areas are also included in the rural tourism development plan. In addition, efforts are being

The renovation work at Shesh Netra Lake and Badrishi Lake are nearing completion. The river development project is expected to be completed within the specified time frame.

made to promote local culture and products in order to create a model economy. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami stated that reconstruction work in Badrinath and Kedarnath is progressing quickly under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's supervision. Work is being done both at night and during the day for the convenience of the devotees. The goal is to have all of the work completed by December 2023. The first phase of reconstruction work in Kedarnath has been completed. In the second phase, 21 projects worth Rs188 crore are being completed. Three of these projects have been completed, and the remaining six will be completed by December 2022. The remaining 12 projects are expected to be completed by

July 2023. Gaurikund has built the gate. Sangam Ghat will be finished by June 2023. The Ishaneshwar temple will also be completed in a month.

Work is being completed at a rapid pace in Badrinath. Sheesh Netra Lake and Badrishi Lake will be finished soon. Similarly, the river development project is expected to be completed within the time frame specified. The ministry of culture is planning four types of projects for the Kedarnath shrine, which will commence soon. All of the other projects have been thoroughly planned and prepared. Other projects being undertaken by the Ministry of Culture include establishment of an Orientation Center at Sonprayag, Chintan Sthal (Meditation Sthal) at Rambara Choti Lincholi, Badi Lincholi Channi Camp, Shiv Uday at Shri Kedarnath, and Shri Kedar Uday at Shri Kedar Uday.



All-weather roads: Paving avenues of pilgrims

The project, dubbed as lifeline of Uttarakhand, would boost tourism in the state and garner global recognition

The 'Char Dham Yatra', one of the most sought-after pilgrimage tours in India, connects four religious destinations in Uttarakhand — Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath, and Kedarnath. The all-weather Char Dham road would connect these four holy destinations. The project, launched in 2016, is about to be completed as per the timelines and is expected to boost tourism in Uttarakhand. It will enable Uttarakhand and get the global recognition, thus making it a much sought-after tourist destination.

The Uttarakhand Government is making every possible effort to make the project a grand success. According to Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, the all-weather road project will be completed soon for the benefit of the masses. The 889-kilometer-long all-weather road, known as Uttarakhand's lifeline, is being built at a cost of Rs 12,000 crore.

Uttarakhand has 41 approved

The Union Ministry has approved the Uttarakhand Government's proposal to build a 42.5-kilometer-long Najibabad-Afzalgarh bypass, which will reduce the distance and travel time between the state's Garhwal and Kumaon regions.

works out of a total of 53 works in the megaproject, with 19 completed to date and work on 22 currently underway.

To improve connectivity, the CM has asked Union Minister Nitin Gadkari to build a ring road around Dehradun to relieve traffic congestion in the city and surrounding areas. On 1,100 acres of land, CM Dhami also proposed developing Logistics



Park, Fruit and Vegetable Park, and Aadhat Bazaar.

Strengthening Road Connectivity In Uttarakhand

Difficult Himalayan terrains create obstacles in the execution of the project. So far, the development has proved to make the Char Dham Yatra more conducive for the devotees. The CM has advised officials to expedite the progress on the all-weather road connecting the Char

The construction of a four-lane Majholi-Khatima road between Pilibhit and Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh has been approved, thanks to the efforts of the chief minister.

The four-lane Sitarganj-Tanakpur highway has also been approved, and construction will begin soon. This project will enable and facilitate vehicle movement between the districts of Champawat and Pithoragarh.

The Uttarakhand Government is also building a 47-kilometer-long road between Pithoragarh and Askot along the lines of the all-weather project. The CM has also emphasised on the importance of compensating people who have lost land acquired by the government for construction purposes. The compensation would be delivered as soon as possible. Because the project heavily involves locals, the authorities are concerned about their well-being.



Key Highlights

- To date, the Char Dham yatra has seen a record footfall of over 37 lakh pilgrims this year
- The number of tourists visiting Shankaracharya Samadhi has increased manifold
- PM Modi's meditation cave now a major tourist attraction at Kedarnath
- Renovation work in Badrinath and Kedarnath Dham being carried out at a rapid pace

Savour Quintessential Himalayan Culture at Homestays



Demand for homestays is increasing in Uttarakhand—a place that attracts travellers from far and wide due to its scenic beauty and pilgrimage sites.

Homestay is the best way to experience the famed Himalayan hospitality of Uttarakhand. A homestay is staying in someone's home as a paying guest for short time period where the guests are provided with budget-friendly accommodation and services by individual family and the local community.

There are many registered homestays available in Uttarakhand where one can explore rural life full of splendid natural surroundings, enjoy local culture and cuisine, explore hidden spots; all this with the help of native people. One can savour the quintessential Himalayan cultural by opting to stay in ancient wooden 'Havelis', heritage buildings, village huts or contemporary residences.

The Uttarakhand government has launched the 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Homestay Scheme' to make your vacation memorable. The initiative to promote community travel has benefited both the hosts, who are local residents looking for alternative income opportunities, and the tourists, who have the opportunity to participate in local cultural activities.

So far, 4,060 residential units in rural and urban areas have been registered, and approximately 12,000 people have received employment opportunities through the scheme, either directly or indirectly.

The most popular homestay destinations in the state are Munsiyari, Tehri, Pithoragarh, and Uttarkashi. Basa Homestay in Khirsu is a well-known model homestay in Uttarakhand. This government-owned property is intended to provide visitors with a taste of Garhwali life.

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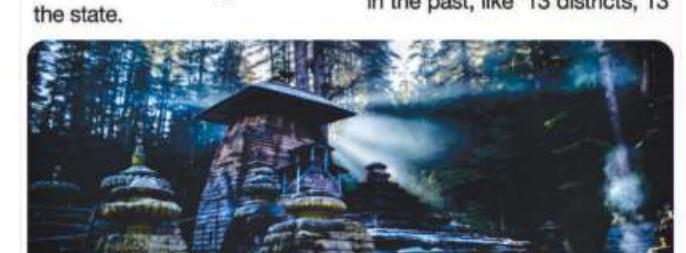
Uttarakhand is a land of sublime natural beauty and serene spirituality, with enchanting Himalayan views and a cultural ethos that speaks of simple living in harmony with nature. To top it all off, there are a plethora of must-do activities available, ranging from water sports to ashrams where you can connect with your inner self. The snow-capped mountains of Auli, Chopta, Mussoorie, Dhanaulti, Muniyari, Mukteshwar, and other locations captivate the imagination.

Manaskhand Circuit: The Corridor Of Faith

17 tourist destinations in Kumaon to be connected in Phase-1

Uttarakhand government will connect 17 tourist destinations in the Kumaon region to further promote tourism in the state over the next five years.

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the move is aimed at boosting tourism in the state.



We have elaborate plans for the Kumaon region, which has a lot of potential and is home to multiple places of worship and scenic beauty. Tourists will be able to visit multiple places in one trip," said Dhami.

Officials also said that a lot of people, both domestic and

Rishikesh-Karnaprayag rail project set to ease pilgrimage in Uttarakhand

The proposed railway line will connect important towns like Devprayag, Srinagar, Rudraprayag, Gauchar and Karnaprayag through five districts of Dehradun, Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Rudraprayag and Chamoli.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a new broad-gauge railway line is on the anvil by the government between Rishikesh and Karnaprayag. This will facilitate easy access to pilgrimage centres situated in the state. Pushkar Singh Dhami, chief minister, Uttarakhand, said it will help connect new trade centres, develop backward areas help with industrial development, boost economy, enhance tourism prospects and service the public on this route by reducing travel time and cost.

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operational stages, a Committee of Experts of international repute in the field of railway line construction in hilly areas has been appointed.

The alignment finalized in the reconnaissance survey had 81 small tunnels totaling to 58.64 km. Around 5 to 6 km tunnel is being excavated in a month. Total length of tunnel to be excavated,

including main tunnel, escape tunnel, adit tunnel and cross passages is 213 km. Till date, 70 km tunnel has already been excavated. However, adverse geology has made the final alignment to be pushed into the hills, thereby having 17 long tunnels with total length of 105.4 km, 13 escape tunnels (length 97.7 km) and 13 new stations yards. Land acquisition and forest clearances have been obtained for entire project. Train maintenance facilities are being developed at Yog Nagar Rishikesh station. Out of three important rail bridges, one across river Chandrabhaga at Rishikesh has been completed with laying of track in all respects and at the other two, over river Ataknanda at Lachmoli and Srinagar, miscellaneous works are in progress. Major road bridges for accessibility to work sites at Gauchar are completed and work is in progress on bridges at Srinagar and Sivali.

The project is targeted to be completed by December 2024. Till March 2022, Rs 7,242.71 crore had been spent.

new tourist destinations' scheme in which places like Muniyari (Pithoragarh district), Kausani (Bageshwar). Mukteshwar (Nainital) had been identified and developed for specific tourism themes like laser, tea etc.

Officials also said that a lot of people, both domestic and

foreigners, already come to these destinations for religious and travel purposes. With the development project, it would become more convenient for tourists to visit these places. And in order to accommodate the higher tourist volume, a parking lot will also be developed at Kainchi Dham first and more such spaces would come up at the other spots going forward.

Tourism development programmes have been a part of various government initiatives in the past, like '13 districts, 13

Qatar's glitzy World Cup is ready and expensive

Gleaming new stadiums that cost more than \$6.5 billion are ready; thousands of labourers are working through the night to finish some hotels, apartment blocks and roads

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The bill being paid by Qatar for the most expensive World Cup ever held is set to rise to fantasy levels in the month left to the November 20 kick off.

Gleaming new stadiums that cost more than \$6.5 billion are ready, a driverless metro system with a price tag of \$36 billion serves five of the eight venues.

The palm tree-styled street lamps and neon office blocks that line the highway from the expanded international airport to central Doha will be an instant sign to the million-plus incoming fans that the first World Cup in an Arab nation is going to be a glitzy affair.

But with Qatar's organisers desperate to convince the world of the event's lasting legacy – clouded by a corruption investigation, and criticism of Qatar's rights record and even the use of stadium air-conditioning – more cost is likely.

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Qatar's natural gas riches have given the emirate



Mind-boggling: Qatar's natural gas riches have given the emirate seemingly bottomless pockets to pay for the football extravaganza. AFP

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But mind-boggling estimates of up to \$300 billion have been given for the total infrastructure spending over the past decade.

By contrast, the 2014 World Cup in Brazil cost an estimated 11.5 billion and Russia 2018 about \$14 billion.

FIFA has lauded Qatar's preparations and the eight stadiums designed to highlight Arabic tradition and culture.

"Together we will deliver the best World Cup ever,

"We can at least put it

on and off the field," its president Gianni Infantino reaffirmed this week.

But rights groups are still pressuring FIFA and Qatar to dig into their pockets to compensate South Asian workers who died or were injured on the building frenzy since the tournament was awarded in 2010.

In debt

"There are families that have been left in debt because of the workers who moved to Qatar to build this infrastructure and died."

"We can at least put it

right before the World Cup starts," said Rothna Begum of the Human Rights Watch campaign group.

"The spotlight will be lost after the World Cup. It is hard to celebrate these games knowing that these families have nothing."

Qatar has said much of the criticism of its rights record is unfair, pointing to widespread reforms over the past five years that have helped the hundreds of thousands of migrant workers in the state. Away from the politics, expectations are growing among Doha's population.

After so much spending many are desperate to see the host nation at least get past the group stage

Sat in a cafe in the Souq Waqif tourist district, Yasmin Ghanem, a member of Qatar's golf team, said "supporters are going to have a lot of fun" in the state.

Qatar's football fans are meanwhile nervously watching the national team's form.

After so much spending many are desperate to see the host nation at least get past the group stage.

But the Asian champions are the lowest ranked side in their group -- 50th in the world -- against Netherlands, Senegal and Ecuador.

The gala opening match against Ecuador (44th) is seen as an early must-win game as Qataris dream of repeating South Korea's feat of reaching the semi-finals when they co-hosted the tournament in 2002.

Phenomenal

Christian Gourcuff, a former coach at the Al Gharafa club side, said Qatar has put "phenomenal" means into preparing the national side.

But he believes that apart from attacker Akram Afif they lack an "international dimension" and that could cost Qatar their World Cup ambitions.

Trio of female referees set for World Cup history



Breaking new ground: Frappart, Yamashita and Mukansanga are set to make history while hoping that the focus remains on their job rather than their gender. AFP

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The approaching men's World Cup will be the first to feature female referees, with three women set to

make history in Qatar while hoping that the focus remains on their job rather than their gender.

France's Stephanie Frappart, Rwanda's Salima Mukansanga and Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita were included in the list of 36 referees selected by FIFA, while three more women will head to Qatar as assistants.

The trio of referees, as well as assistants Neusa Back of Brazil, Mexico's Karen Diaz Medina and Kathryn Nesbitt of the United States, will go to Qatar having already established themselves as officials in the men's game.

On announcing the appointments, Pierluigi Collina, the head of FIFA's Referees Committee, insisted that "we clearly emphasise that it is quality that counts for us and not gender".

For the 38-year-old Frappart, being selected

for the World Cup seemed like a logical next step after a rapid rise to refereeing at the top level in Europe.

She was the first woman to referee in France's Ligue 1 in 2019, the same year she took charge of the women's World Cup final in her home country.

Frappart also refereed the 2019 UEFA Super Cup final between Liverpool and Chelsea, before officiating in the Champions League in 2020 and then the French Cup final last season.

All that experience means Qatar will not faze her.

"I am really moved because I didn't necessarily expect this. It doesn't get bigger than the World Cup," Frappart said.

Yamashita, who is two years younger than Frappart, has had a similar rise to the top of the men's game in Japan and became the first woman to referee an Asian Champions League match in 2019.

She turned professional earlier this year, giving up her work as a fitness coach which she had previously

continued on a part-time basis.

Yamashita told AFP that refereeing at the World Cup "is a big responsibility but I am happy to have it", adding that she "never imagined" being handed such an opportunity.

Meanwhile Mukansanga, 34, was called up for the World Cup having become the first woman to take charge of a match at the men's Africa Cup of Nations in January this year.

The Rwandan once dreamed of becoming a professional basketball player but was already refereeing in the women's domestic league in her home country by the age of 20.

Nevertheless, none of these six pioneers want their gender to be a talking point, and nor do they seek the limelight.

No to power
"I am going to do everything I can to make sure that what is emphasised is the beauty of the football. I am not interested in power or control," Yamashita said in a recent interview with FIFA.com.

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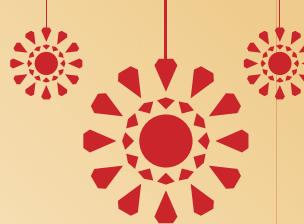
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