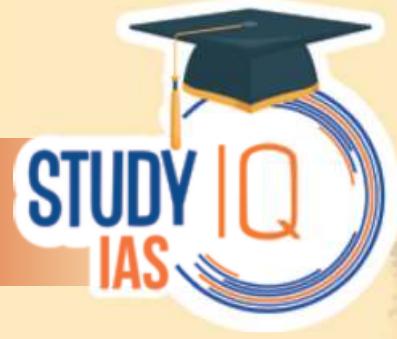


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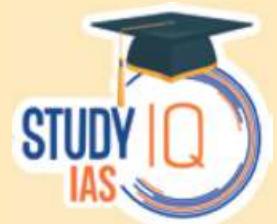


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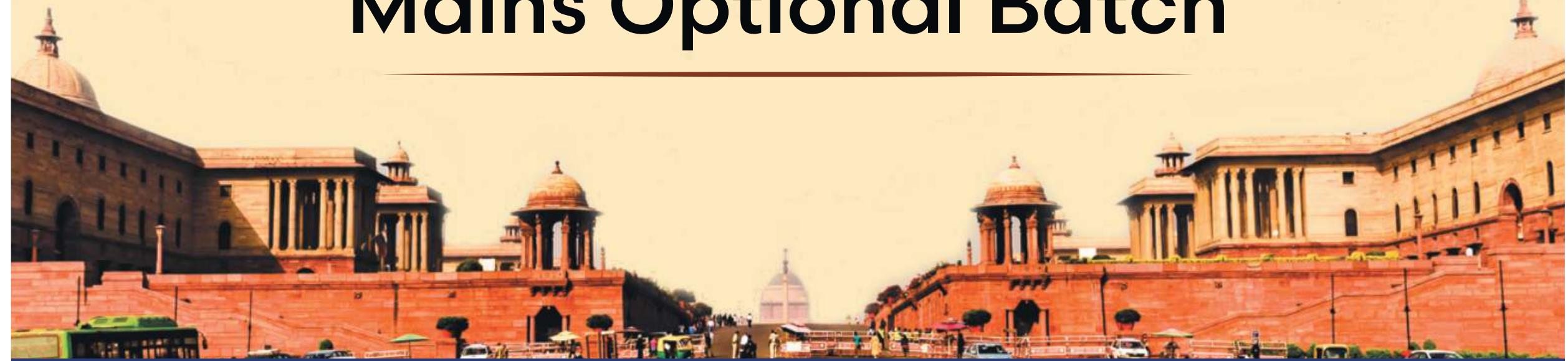
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**SP, RLD walk out of U.P. Assembly**

LUCKNOW Samajwadi Party and RLD MLAs walked out of the U.P. Assembly on Friday over the government's alleged failure to discuss people's issues such as unemployment, inflation and law and order.

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The focus of the draft Bill is to protect users, the Minister said.

users would not be limited to calls made via landline or normal voice calls, but all types of calls such as those made on WhatsApp, Zoom calls and FaceTime.

"All of you know that there has been a rise in cases where people get a call saying I am calling from XYZ bank seeking financial details leading to fraud... or you get threats from unknown numbers... so we have introduced a lot of points for user protection and to prevent cyber-fraud..." Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said on Friday.

Coming soon: relief from spam calls and fraudulent messages

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

In a move that could offer mobile phone users a big relief from spam calls and fraudulent messages, the government has proposed to make it mandatory that the identity of a person sending a message or calling should be visible to the receiver irrespective of the platform used for communication.

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"Given the situation in the country today, it's important for the Opposition to become strong and I won't spare any effort in trying to do so

ASHOK GEHLOT  
Congress leader



tant for the Opposition to become strong and I won't spare any effort in trying to do so. I would want that all our Congress colleagues, even those who are contesting election, work together to strengthen the party organisation at the block level, village, district and at the State level on the basis of our ideology," he said.

Mr. Gehlot's message can be interpreted as an attempt to reach out to Shashi Tharoor, the Lok Sabha member from Thiruvananthapuram, who is expected to be his main rival in the presidential race.

Speaking to reporters at the Sai Baba temple in Shirdi, Mr. Gehlot said his statements on wanting to serve the people of Rajasthan were being interpreted in different ways. "This debate is unnecessary. I have remained silent."

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**Punjab Governor, AAP govt. face off**

CHANDIGARH The row between the AAP government in Punjab and Governor Banwarilal Purohit over a special Assembly session on September 27 escalated on Friday.

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## SC nixes plea seeking health warnings on liquor bottles

Krishnadas Rajagopal  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea to regulate the production, distribution and consumption of liquor in New Delhi.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said the court did not want to intervene as this issue concerned policy and should be best left to the government.

The petitioner, advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, said unlike in the case of cigarettes, there are hardly any

warning labels or pictures showing the danger caused by the consumption of liquor. Mr. Upadhyay even pointed out that the liquor is a greater health risk. The petitioner, after the court's refusal, withdrew his plea.

"This is all a matter of policy. There are thoughts and counter-thoughts about all this. There are some who say that drinks taken in small measure is good for health... Unlike this, no one has said that cigarettes taken in small measure is good for health," the Chief Justice of India said.

### Taking cover



**Sudden showers:** Bikers take shelter under a foot overbridge amid heavy rain in Delhi on Friday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR (REPORT ON PAGE 3)

## Tamil Nadu forest officials learn the 'language of elephants', thanks to calf rescue missions

SPECIAL

Rohan Premkumar  
UDHAGAMANDALAM

Rescue missions over the past one year have made the Tamil Nadu Forest Department more familiar with the ways of the elephant. In this period, the department has successfully reunited three elephant calves that got separated from their herds in the Nilgiris district. Officials and staff who worked on these "complicated" operations said multiple factors dictated whether these efforts to reunite the lost calves were successful.



**Baby steps:** Forest officials with a calf that got separated from the herd, at the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. M. SATHYAMOORTHY

viour and their complex social structures. In October 2021, a young calf that got stuck inside an illegal gold mine in Devala was rescued by the staff, who walked with the animal to find the herd from which it got separated. This year, a

calf that got separated from its mother when the Sigurhalla river was in spate due to heavy rain was reunited after a mammoth, three-day effort by the Forest Department, while earlier this week, another calf was reunited

with its mother in the Gudalur division. "There are multiple factors which dictate whether an operation to reunite a calf with its mother turns out to be a success," said N. Kalaivanan, former wildlife veterinarian and currently a veterinary assistant surgeon in Theni. "If a calf is separated from its mother accidentally, be it due to a flood, or while escaping from a predator, there is a higher chance of the animal being reunited with its herd. However, if the mother abandons the elephant due to it being weak, or due to other factors, then it obviously becomes almost impossible to reunite it with its herd," said Dr. Kalaivanan.

The seasoned veterinarian, who has assisted the

department in many such operations, including the most recent one at the Mudumalai Reserve, said adult elephants can communicate over large distances using chemical signals from dung and urine left behind by members of the group, and by using infrasonic communication.

**Infrasonic method**

"Adult elephants can communicate for anywhere between four and five kilometres using infrasonic sound waves. However, as the sensory organs of calves are much less developed, the mother elephant comes to rely on visual and auditory cues to try and find its lost calf, so they need to be quite close if there is to be any chance of success," he said.

## HC allows Uddhav to hold Dasara rally at Dadar's Shivaji Park

The Hindu Bureau  
MUMBAI

In a huge relief to former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, the Bombay High Court on Friday granted permission to his faction to hold the annual Dasara rally at Shivaji Park in Dadar on October 5, thereby allowing him to continue the tradition of the Shiv Sena of holding the gathering at the venue.

A Division Bench of Justices R.D. Dhanuka and Kamal Khata quashed an order by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation

(BMC), refusing permission to hold the rally. The court gave its nod for the rally from October 2 to 6.

**Power misused**

After hearing the matter for almost the whole day, the court said, "In our view, the BMC's action is in clear violation of law and bona fide. In this case, the BMC has misused power by refusing to grant permission."

The court also rejected the application of Sada Sarvankar of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's camp to intervene in the matter.

## Bihar CM, RJD chief to meet Sonia Gandhi tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar along with Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) patriarch Lalu Prasad and Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav will meet Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Sunday.

They are arriving in Delhi to attend a rally to mark the birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister and Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) founder Devi Lal in Fatehabad, Haryana, organised by INLD leader O.P. Chautala.

The meeting assumes importance in the backdrop of discussions on Opposition unity.

"We are looking at a 2004 style pre-poll alliance where tie-ups can be concretised at the State level between parties comfortable with sharing space like we have in Bihar," a senior RJD leader said.

Such an alliance can be explored in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra that together sent 222 MPs to the Lok Sabha.

Meanwhile, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury asserted that Opposition unity at the national level is a chimera. "I have

said repeatedly that alliances have to be formed at the State level keeping in mind the unique factors of each State," he said. In 2004 too, informal alliances existed prior to the election among several the constituent parties of the UPA at the State level.

The rally will be attended by several Opposition leaders such as NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena leader and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, DMK leader Karimozhi and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah. Mr. Yechury too will be present.

While West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will not be attending, the party's Rajya Sabha chief whip, Sukendu Shekhar Rao, will be representing the Trinamool Congress.



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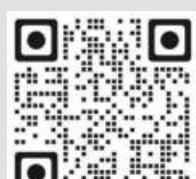
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# Traffic thrown out of gear as rain lashes city for second day in a row

People stranded for hours on roads because the Delhi government did not remove silt from major drains in time, says BJP; weather department forecasts more rain over the weekend; maximum temperature drops six degrees below normal

## The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Traffic was thrown out of gear on Friday as several key road stretches were waterlogged after heavy rain for the second consecutive day in the Capital. The BJP lashed out at the Delhi government over the lack of monsoon preparedness and the state of the city's drainage system.

The Delhi government was not available for comment on the BJP's allegations.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast rain over the next two days after which the monsoon is likely to reduce significantly across north-west India.

## Traffic woes

According to Delhi Traffic Police, waterlogging was observed on several routes, including Hanuman



Bumper-to-bumper traffic on Ring Road in New Delhi on Friday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Setu on Shanti Van to Hanuman Mandir carriage-way, Libaspur underpass, Maharani Bagh, Mehrauli towards Gurugram and Andheria Mor towards Vasant Kunj. The traffic police also advised commuters to avoid stretches including Nizamuddin

bridge, Singhu Border and MB Road towards the Sai-nik Farms carriageway.

A Public Works Department (PWD) official said traffic movement slowed down mainly due to continuous rain and no major waterlogging was reported throughout the day.

According to the official, only 25 complaints regarding waterlogging were received on Friday and vulnerable points such as Minto Bridge and Pul Prahladpur underpass did not witness waterlogging.

Delhi received 72 mm of rainfall in 24 hours ending

at 8.30 a.m. on Friday. Safdarjung observatory, which is the base station for Delhi's weather, received only 8 mm of rainfall between 9 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.

The maximum temperature settled at 27.6 degrees Celsius, which was seven degrees below normal.

The rainfall helped cover Delhi's rain deficit this season, which dropped from 35% before this spell of rain started, to 23%.

## Govt. apathy

Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta alleged that the Delhi government has been too busy "looting" the people, as a result of which it made no efforts to address the issues caused by incessant rain. Raising the issue of people being stuck in traffic for hours, Mr. Gupta said that it was a result of the Delhi government not removing silt from major drains in time.

# DCPs brief Commissioner on measures to prevent riots

## The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Three weeks after Union Home Minister Amit Shah asked Delhi Police to work towards preventing riots in the city, six Deputy Commissioners of Police gave presentations to Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora on Friday on strategies for averting and containing riot-like situations.

According to a source, on September 14 a message was sent from the Delhi police chief's office to the DCPs of North East, North, South East, Central, East and North West districts, to give presentations on the subject.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairs a meeting at Delhi police headquarters. FILE PHOTO

The source added that the focus areas of Friday's presentations included "human intelligence and strengthening community resiliency".

An officer, who was part

of the meeting, requesting anonymity, said: "All the DCPs shared their expertise on riot-prevention techniques, response time, riot-control equipment etc. The Commissioner was satisfied with the presentations."

In his address to Delhi Police on August 30, Mr. Shah had given the force several targets for the next 25 years, which included preventing riots, terror attacks and corruption.

The most recent communal flare-up in the city was reported in April this year in north-west Delhi's Jahangirpuri while a procession was being taken out in the area.

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## Govt. gets 25,000 shots against lumpy skin disease

### The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

The Delhi government has procured 25,000 doses of vaccine against Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), government officials said on Friday.

A total of 545 LSD cases have been reported in the city. However, no cattle death due to the disease has been reported so far. "We will distribute the Goat Pox Vaccines to the districts from tomorrow and we expect to start vaccinating cattle in the next two-three days," said Dr. Rakesh Singh, Director, Animal Husbandry. Of all the city's districts, most LSD cases have been reported from the South West district, where four additional teams have been deployed to check the spread of the disease. Earlier this month, the government had announced mobile veterinary clinics to fight the disease.

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## IN BRIEF

**Phogat case: custody of accused extended by 14 days**

A court in Goa on Friday extended the judicial custody of two persons arrested in connection with the death of BJP leader Sonali Phogat. Phogat was brought dead to a private hospital in Anjuna on August 23, with the police claiming she was given an "obnoxious" substance mixed with water to drink. The Mapusa Judicial Magistrate First Class extended the custody of Sudhir Sagwan and Sukhwinder Singh by 14 days, a police officer said. The two, charged with murder, are lodged in the Central Jail at Colvale. The officer added that the CBI's plea to interrogate them in jail has been allowed by the court.

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - Yelahanka Division, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE/R/YNK/TEND/12/2022-23 Date: 23-09-2022  
**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)**  
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, Yelahanka Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of works detailed below. (**Standard Bid Document - KW-3**)

S.I. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Repairs to Damaged Portion of 13th Main Road, 20th Cross Road, 21st Main Road, 23rd Main Road, 24th Cross Road of Sahakaranagar and Ayyappaswamy Temple Road (Yelahanka Zone)	57.97	1.16

**Calendar of Events:** 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from 26-09-2022. 2) Last Date for Receipt of Queries: 01-10-2022 upto 15.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, Yelahanka Division, BBMP. 3) Pre Tender Meeting will be held on 01-10-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Chief Engineer (Road Infrastructure). 4) Tenders must be Submitted Online through e-Procurement Portal on or before 17.30 Hrs. on 07-10-2022. 5) Technical Bids will be Opened on 10-10-2022 at 10.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer (Road Infrastructure) - Yelahanka Division. Further details can be had from the above office

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BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH BENCH CORPORATE BHAWAN, PLOT NO. 4-B GROUND FLOOR, SECTOR-27B, MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH-160019 Ref.: NCLT/Chd/Reg./Notice-857 CP (IB) No. 134/Chd/HRY/2022 U/s 9 of the IBC, 2016

In the matter of : Royal Overseas Exports ... Petitioner-Operational Creditor Vs J & G Transformer Pvt. Ltd. ... Respondent-Corporate Debtor To, M/s. J & G Transformer Pvt. Ltd., Registered Office at Khata No. 41/44, Village Dholka P.O. Wazipur 13 KM Patalan Road, Gurugram, Haryana

Please take notice that the aforesaid Company Petition (copy enclosed) came up for hearing before the Tribunal on 02/09/2022 and has now been fixed for hearing on 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022 at 10.30 AM.

You are directed to attend the sitting members of the Tribunal on the date fixed personally or through an authorised agent and to file reply, if any, within three weeks after receipt of notice with a copy in advance to the opposite counsel.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

Sd/- (Kartikay Verma)

Registrar NCLT, Chandigarh Bench

THE KERALA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED  
OFFICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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E-Tender Notice 03/2022-23

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Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of form	Time Period for completion	Form No.	Eligibility of Contractors
1	M/T on link road from Bhatludhar to Bhanwas (Matedhar to Harizan Basti Bhanwas) GP, Bhanwas km 0/00 to 2/0 (SH-R.O.F.D. at RD. 1/690 to 1/345)	4,91,551	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	6&8	Class C &D enlisted in HPPWD
2	RRD on Bounchari to Kandha road km 0/00 to 12/00 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD 7/880 to 7/897)	4,99,961	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
3	Stabilization of Shegla Dendi to Jhulka road km 0/00 to 7/000 (SH- Providing and laying Kharanja Stone soling in km 3/120 to 3/570)	4,81,108	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
4	C/O Kashimldhar to Badbunad km 0/00 to 4/00 (SH- C/O RCC hume pipe culvert at RD 1/146)	1,92,217	4,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
5	C/O road from Bhatludhar to Bhanwas km 0/00 to 1/500 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 0/400 to 0/407)	2,09,528	4,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
6	RRD on Dhunjoo to Kardri road km 0/00 to 2/500 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 1/705 to 1/715 and 1/760 to 1/770)	4,56,592	9,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
7	C/O Surad to Mahudhar road km 0/00 to 2/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 1/463 to 1/470 and 1/600 to 1/606)	4,06,366	8,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
8	RRD on Balichowki to Thachi road km 0/00 to 25/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 7/285 to 7/297)	4,19,188	8,500	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
9	C/O Kholna to Kun road km 0/00 to 3/500 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD 0/615 to 0/663)	4,09,704	8,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
10	RRD on Kuklah to Baggi road km 0/00 to 8/00 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD 2/300 to 2/317)	4,46,145	9,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
11	RRD on Balichowki to Thachi road km 0/00 to 25/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 6/210 to 6/226)	3,33,508	7,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
12	C/O road from Pipkudhar to Mata Shree Baglamukhi temple km 0/00 to 2/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 1/340 to 1/346)	4,58,863	9,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
13	C/O road from Kandhi Kochhada to Banouti km 0/00 to 4/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 3/450 to 3/458)	4,92,944	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
14	C/O road from Kandhi Kochhada to Banouti km 0/00 to 4/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 3/458 to 3/466)	4,95,666	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
15	RRD on Khuan Diddar to Teeldhara road km 0/00 to 6/500 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 2/150 to 2/180)	4,41,045	9,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
16	RRD- On Nauna to Sudhrani road km 0/00 to 14/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 4/728 to 4/732)	4,66,461	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
17	RDRD on Khaneti to Khuan road km 0/00 to 3/00 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD 1/990 to 2/010)	4,71,445	9,500	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
18	RRD- On Nauna to Sudhrani road km 0/00 to 14/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 4/732 to 4/736)	4,66,765	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
19	RRD on Khaneti to Khuan road km 0/00 to 3/00 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD 2/010 to 2/030)	4,64,496	9,500	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
20	RRD on Thalout to Panjain road km 0/00 to 15/750 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD 11/830 to 11/850)	3,90,486	8,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
21	C/O link road from Surad to Jammu Banoti Shagot GP, Kholana km 0/00 to 2/0 (SH- F/C 5/7 mtr. Wide at RD. 0/915 to 1/090)	4,99,006	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
22	C/O Balichowki to Saras road km 0/00 to 3/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 0/850 to 0/876)	4,65,947	9,500	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
23	RDRD on Nauna to Sudhrani road km 0/00 to 14/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 4/724 to 4/728)	4,67,779	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
24	C/O Thatta to Rangcha road km 0/00 to 2/200 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD 0/880 to 0/900)	4,06,794	8,500	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
25	C/O Thatta to Rangcha road km 0/00 to 2/200 (SH- C/O 900 mm. dia RCC H/pipe culvert at RD 0/885)	4,54,709	9,500	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
26	RRD- On Mathiyandhar to Nalwagi road km 0/00 to 9/0 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 2/204 to 2/219)	4,94,289	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
27	RRD- On Mathiyandhar to Nalwagi road km 0/00 to 9/0 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 2/198 to 2/204)	4,82,243	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
28	RRD- On Balichowki to Thachi road km 0/00 to 25/00 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 23/962 to 23/977)	2,94,983	6,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
29	C/O road from Pohkari to Jankhali to Deurdhara road km. 0/0 to 2/10 (SH- F/C 5/7 mtr. Wide at RD. 0/570 to 0/735) Under MMGSY.	4,77,570	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
30	C/O road from Sabot to Darai Teeldhara Banethi road km. 0/0 to 6/0 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 2/790 to 2/797.50)	4,99,894	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
31	A/R & M/O B/wall to Thachi road km. 0/0 to 25/0 (SH- C/O unlined drain, bush cutting and clearance of branches at RD. 8/0 to 12/0)	4,99,928	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
32	A/R & M/O B/wall to Thachi road km. 0/0 to 25/0 (SH- C/O unlined drain, bush cutting and clearance of branches at RD. 12/0 to 14/0)	2,44,110	5,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
33	C/O road from Sabot to Darai Teeldhara Banethi road km. 0/0 to 6/0 (SH- C/O 900 mm. dia H/pipe culvert at RD. 2/805 to 2/810)	3,39,473	7,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
34	C/O road from Sabot to Darai Teeldhara Banethi road km. 0/0 to 6/0 (SH- C/O 900 mm. dia H/pipe culvert at RD. 2/802)	4,83,318	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
35	RRD- On Thalout to Panjain road km 0/00 to 15/750 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD. 6/520 to 6/540)	4,70,533	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
36	C/O link road from Shalarinala to Mani (Saun) in GP. Mani km. 0/0 to 3/0 (SH- F/C 5/7 mtr. Wide in km. 1/550 to 1/730) Under MMGSY.	4,91,120	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
37	C/O road from Galu to Mathiyandhar km. 0/0 to 2/0 (SH- C/O RCC. Hume pipe culvert at RD. 0/690) Under MMGSY.	3,08,927	3,500	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
38	C/O road from Galu to Mathiyandhar km. 0/0 to 2/0 (SH- P/L V shape drain at RD. 0/0 to 0/900) Under MMGSY.	4,32,313	9,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
39	C/O road Aligad to Mahudhar Bhati GP. Khani road km 0/00 to 2/500 (SH- F/C 5/7 mtr. Wide in km. 0/55 to 0/690)	4,99,558	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
40	C/O Phuach Devdarh Malari Chintapani road km 0/00 to 7/0 (SH- C/O RCC. H/pipe culvert at RD. 4/930) Under MMGSY.	3,31,538	7,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
41	RRD- On Thatta to Katwanoo road km 0/00 to 4/200 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 1/585 to 1/595)	4,96,760	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
42	C/O Nafain Gallu to Sidhri Nullah road km 0/00 to 2/600 (SH- C/O F/C 5/7 mtr. Wide in km. 0/780 to 1/0)	4,79,724	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
43	C/O Sudhrani Nullah to Teeldhara road km 0/00 to 4/120 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 2/606 to 2/612)	4,98,756	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
44	RRD- On Thalout to Panjain road km 0/00 to 15/750 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD. 3/930 to 3/951.60)	1,81,967	4,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
45	C/O Sudhrani Nullah to Teeldhara road km 0/00 to 4/120 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 2/600 to 2/606)	4,96,487	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
46	C/O Nafain Gallu to Sidhri Nullah road km 0/00 to 2/600 (SH- C/O F/C 5/7 mtr. Wide in km. 1/0 to 1/210)	4,46,888	9,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
47	RRD- On Thatta to Katwanoo road km 0/00 to 4/200 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 1/585 to 1/605)	4,97,392	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
48	C/O Sudhrani Nullah to Teeldhara road km 0/00 to 4/120 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 2/612 to 2/618)	4,98,975	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
49	RRD- On Thatta to Katwanoo road km 0/00 to 4/200 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD. 1/585 to 1/605)	3,57,168	7,500	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
50	RDRD on Bal Thachi road km 0/00 to 25/0 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 12/480 to 12/491)	4,97,653	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
51	RRD- On Bal Thachi road km 0/00 to 25/0 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 12/165 to 12/176)	4,99,653	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
52	RRD- On Bal Thachi road km 0/00 to 25/0 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 12/450 to 12/461)	4,98,550	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
53	RRD- On Bal Thachi road km 0/00 to 25/0 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD. 17/010 to 17/025)	1,88,382	4,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
54	RRD- On Thalout to Panjain road km 0/00 to 15/750 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 11/03 to 11/055)	4,99,755	10,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
55	RRD- On Thalout to Panjain road km 0/00 to 15/750 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD. 10/875 to 10/885)	4,59,269	9,500	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
56	C/O Dhamas Masad Banol road km 0/00 to 4/500 (SH- C/O 900 mm. dia RCC. H/pipe culvert at RD. 2/420)	3,31,101	7,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
57	Maintenance of Four laining of End Pandoh by pass to Takoli Kullu Section of NH-21 KM 222/700 To KM 232/500 (SH- Maintenance/welding of existing W-metal Beam crash barrier in various RDs. Between km. 222/700 to 232/500)	1,93,268	4,000	Rs. 350/-	One month	-do-	-do-
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## INBRIEF



## No irregularities in sale of match tickets: Azharuddin

After Thursday's ticket fiasco at Gymkhana Grounds, Hyderabad Cricket Association president Mohd. Azharuddin said the association had nothing to do with the sale of tickets for the third and final T-20 international match between India and Australia at Rajiv Gandhi stadium on Sunday. The task of selling tickets was given to Paytm. "All the reports about irregularities in sale of tickets are baseless," he said.

## Eight Telangana Congress leaders may get ED notices

At least eight Congress leaders in Telangana are said to be expecting notices from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seeking clarifications on the donations they made to the *National Herald* when the management wanted to settle pending salaries and other benefits to employees of the newspaper. Sources said the ED notices were getting ready.

# Corruption case: Supreme Court stays Lokayukta probe against ex-CM Yediyurappa

Investigation is based on a private complaint accusing the Karnataka BJP leader of receiving a bribe of ₹12.5 crore from a construction firm for a housing project of Bangalore Development Authority

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NEW DELHI



The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a Lokayukta investigation against former Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on the basis of a private complaint levelling graft allegations against him.

A Bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Hima Kohli issued notice to the respondent, Abraham T.J., an activist and president of the Karnataka Anti-Graft and Environmental Forum, who had filed a complaint that Mr. Yediyurappa received ₹12.5 crore as bribe from a construction company in connection with a housing project of Bangalore Development

Authority (BDA). "There shall be a stay of proceedings so far as the petitioner is concerned," the Bench said. A sessions court had earlier dismissed a plea seeking a probe into the allegations of corruption against Mr. Yediyurappa as the then Governor had refused to sanction it.

The court, however, had found that "there are some material to refer the com-



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KARNATAKA HIGH COURT

plaint for investigation".

The Karnataka High Court on September 7 had restored the private complaint against Mr. Yediyurappa and his family members. Mr. Yediyurappa then moved the Supreme Court in a special leave petition.

Advocates Mukul Rohatgi and Siddharth Dave, for Mr. Yediyurappa, said the Karnataka High Court had said in its order.

restored the case without obtaining prior sanction.

The opposite side countered that no prior sanction was required for a special court to order a probe.

"The bar for enquiry, inquiry or investigation under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, without previous approval is only a fetter on the power of the police authorities. Wherever the court itself is in possession of a private complaint and proceeds to order for investigation by the authorities pursuant to order under Section 156(3) of Cr.P.C., such a bar under Section 17A of the P.C. Act would not be an embargo on the court's power," the Karnataka High Court had

**Division Bench also orders the police to take steps to prevent damage to public property**

The court had made it clear that hartals/strikes called without adhering to the above procedure would be deemed illegal and unconstitutional. Besides, the people or organisations which called for such illegal hartal/strikes would be liable for loss or damage caused to the public and government.

The Bench observed that despite High Court orders, a call for a flash hartal had been made by the PFI.

The court on Friday also directed the police to ensure that adequate measures were put in place to prevent any damage/destruction being caused to public/private property of the government/citizen who did not support the call for hartal.

# Kerala High Court deems PFI's hartal contempt of its order

**The Hindu Bureau**  
KOCHI

Observing that the hartal called by the Popular Front of India (PFI) *prima facie* amounted to contempt of earlier High Court orders on the conduct of hartals, a Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Friday implored the PFI and its general secretary A. Abdul Sathar as respondents in a *suo motu* case pending against the call for hartals.

The Bench had earlier directed that political parties or any person or association of persons which calls for hartal and general strike should give public notice seven days in advance. The notice period would enable citizens to approach the court with their objections and the court could examine the legality of the strike call. It would also enable an opportunity for the State to take measures to safeguard the interests of citizens.

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
NOTICE INVITING TENDER	
Name of work and its location	30-Elect-35-T-2022-23-E3
Electrical work in connection with renovation of EDP Centre/Annexure-I/ Baroda House.	
Approx. cost of the works in	Rs. 35.83 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi
Bid Security	Rs. 71700.00
Date & time of submission of tender	17.10.2022, 12:00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	17.10.2022, 12:00 Hrs.
Website & notice board	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> & Sr. Divl.Elect.Engineer/ General, New Delhi
No. 30-Elect-35-T-2022-23-E3	Dated : 22.09.2022      2489/22
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NORTHERN RAILWAY				
TENDER NOTICE				
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system	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:-			
S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01.	08215268A	SUPPLY INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF MSDAC SYSTEM.	111 SET	25.10.2022
NOTE-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.				
Tender Notice No. 49/2022-2023 Date: 23.09.2022 2502/22				
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Online Tender	
GOVT. OF GUJARAT (R&B) DEPARTMENT	
Tender Notice No.16 of 2022-23	
In the name and on behalf of Governor of Gujarat State the Executive Engineer, Chhotaudepur (R&B) Division, Chhotaudepur (Phone No: 02669-233862) invites online from registered contractors for, 1 (one) work of bridge, 2(two) work of Building. 1 (one) work of upkeep and 3 (work) work of road Total 7 (Seven) work tenders (Esti. cost of Rs.15.24 to 3450.00 lacs) in form B-1 & B-2. The Bid documents All work will be available for the works up to dt. 27/09/2022 up to 12:00 Hrs. on Website <a href="https://rnb.nprocure.com">https://rnb.nprocure.com</a> . Last date of Online Submission of All work bid are as above up to Dt 11/10/2022 up to 18:00 hrs. For further particulars please visit above website and website of Gujarat Govt. <a href="http://www.statetenders.gujarat.gov.in">www.statetenders.gujarat.gov.in</a> Or contact this office during office hours. Any Changes/modifications will be seen online.	
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NORTHERN RAILWAY				
Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system				
Tender Notice No. 47/2022-2023	Dated: 23.09.2022			
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:-				
S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	02231951	SET OF EMERGENCY LIGHTING UNIT	468 SET	17.10.2022
02	02221121	ELECTRONIC RECTIFIER CUM REGULATING UNIT	80 NOS	17.10.2022
03	09225293	SPARES OF APM	2077 SET	24.10.2022
04	06225079	SQUARE HOLLOW SECTIONS 40X40X3.2 MM	160000 KGS	24.10.2022
Note-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> for details. 2. No manual offers will be entertained.				
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NORTHERN RAILWAY	
Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)	
The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work.	
1. Provision of drainage arrangement of LHS at various level crossings to prevent water logging under ADEN/ROK.	(NIT 4-0-W4V-22-23)
Name of work with its location	2. Provision of drainage arrangement of LHS at various level crossings to prevent water logging under ADEN/JHI (NIT 4-1-W4V-22-23)
	3. Rag picking in track between km. 13.00(MGLP) to km 28.0(BGZ) in the section of ADEN/ROK. (NIT 4-2-W4V-22-23)
Approx Cost of work	(1) Rs.8995101.99 (2) Rs.8895103.78 (3) Rs.2997848.00
Earnest Money	(1) Rs.177900.00 (2) Rs.177900.00 (3) Rs.60000.00
Date and Time of Submission of tender and opening of tender	Bidding Start date for work no. Up to 15.00 hrs on 14.10.2022 opening of e-Tender at 15.00 hrs on 28.10.2022
Website particulars, published e-tender notice location etc, complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>
No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/40,41&42-W4V-22-23 Date : 22.09.2022	2493/22
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Appeal for Identification	
General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 20-25 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Not clear, Face: Rotten, ID Mark: Tattoo Marks "AS" on right hand forearm. Wearing: Black color shirt black color lower was found at Yamuna River Near Ram Ghat, Sonia Vihar, 1st Pusta Delhi. In this regard, DD No.39-A dated 19.09.2022 has been	
lodged at PS: Wazirabad, Delhi. The Dead Body of the deceased has been preserved in Mortuary Subzi Mandi for identification for 72 Hours.	
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.	
P.S., Wazirabad, Delhi Ph. : 011-23810069 8750870131	
DP/1199/N/2022	

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE	
Mr. Divisional Engineer-II/Northern Railway, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tender on the prescribed form for the under noted work.	
Name of work with location, cost of work and Earnest money	1. Provision of Rain water Harvesting system at Panipat & Sonipat station by Modular RWH cross way technology on DUK section under ADEN/PNP.
Approx. Cost	Rs. 4997867.39/-
Earnest Money	Rs. 100000/-
Completion Period	04 Months
Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs on 14.10.2022 opening of e-tender at 15.00 hrs on 14.10.2022.
Website particulars, published e-tender, notice location etc, complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>
NOTE: All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXIV is compulsorily. No. 128-W/280/Tender Notice/22-23/W-1 (NIT-35) Dated: 22.09.2022	2488/22
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## Currency pressure

RBI will have to ensure price stability and prevent further rupee weakening

The rupee is yet again facing renewed pressure, along with major peers, as the dollar continues to strengthen in the wake of the Federal Reserve's latest jumbo 75 basis points interest rate increase and the U.S. central bank's unequivocal message that it remains squarely focused on taming inflation. The Indian currency weakened past the 81-mark against the dollar for the first time ever in Friday's intraday trade, before ending the week at a new record closing low. The rupee's slide was softened by the Reserve Bank of India's intervention to smoothen volatility; the cumulative impact of such interventions over the 12 months through September 16 have shrunk the RBI's war chest of foreign exchange reserves by almost \$94 billion to \$545.65 billion. The fact that the rupee is not alone in depreciating against the dollar can be of little comfort to Indian companies reliant on imports of raw materials or services for the smooth functioning of their businesses. They are struggling to contend with rising costs at a time when domestic demand is still to regain a durable post-pandemic footing. The higher import bill is also bound to add inflationary pressures to an economy already beset by persistently elevated inflation and further complicates monetary policymakers' efforts to rein in the price gains.

The rupee's more than 8% depreciation against the dollar so far in 2022, with almost all of the weakening having occurred in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24, has also largely offset whatever gains that may accrue from the fact that the price of the Indian basket of crude oil has now retreated substantially and is close to its pre-war levels. Overseas portfolio investors too have once again turned net sellers of Indian stocks and debt in the last two sessions after having resumed their purchases of local assets in August and for most of this month. As a result, so far in 2022, FPIs have in total dumped \$20.6 billion of Indian equity and debt following three straight years of net investments. And the Fed's projection of further steep monetary tightening, of at least another 125 basis points, is only likely to lead to more outflows over the last quarter of this year. With the rupee's real effective exchange rate (REER), or trade-weighted average of its value, also signalling that the Indian currency is still overvalued, the RBI's rate setting panel will have a fine tightrope to walk next week as it battles to restore a semblance of price stability without choking growth and by ensuring the rupee does not weaken too sharply.

## Ageing regime

Iran's failure to usher in political, social reforms is triggering violent protests

The death of a young Iranian-Kurdish woman while in the custody of the morality police has triggered nationwide protests in the Islamic Republic, bringing the clerical regime under public pressure yet again. Twenty-two-year-old Mahsa Amini had been detained earlier this month for allegedly wearing the hijab (headscarf) in an "improper" way. The authorities attributed her death three days later to a heart attack while being trained on hijab rules, but her parents and activists say she was beaten to death. The incident triggered widespread anger in a country where state suppression of women's rights and resistance has always been a big political issue. Several cities, including Tehran, the capital, and Mashhad, a conservative city that hosts one of Shia Islam's holiest shrines, saw demonstrators chanting slogans against the clerical establishment and women publicly burning hijabs. Rights groups say some 36 people, including security personnel, have been killed in seven days. These are the most notable mass protests since the 2019 agitations sparked by a rise in fuel prices, and a key political challenge for President Ebrahim Raisi, who took office last year. As in the past, the regime has made it clear that it would use force to quell the protests, with the Revolutionary Guard Corps terming the protesters "traitors" and urging the authorities to "crush" them.

The mandatory hijab rules were introduced in 1981, two years after the revolution that saw the fall of the Pahlavi monarchy and the seizure of power by the Shia clergy. While the Mullahs have since built a system of clerical dictatorship with limited democratic practices, two things have remained constant – state-sponsored conservatism and social repression. This model also produced constant tensions between the rulers and the ruled; those tensions have become more prominent in recent years as the political experiments to reform the system from within failed and economic miseries mounted because of American sanctions. In the last 25 years, Iranians elected two reformist Presidents for two terms – Mohammad Khatami in 1997 and Hassan Rouhani in 2013. But they failed to make any substantial reforms in the political system, which is tightly controlled by the clerical establishment. The lack of reforms and ballooning economic and political pressure often triggered large-scale protests and violent repression – in 2009, 2019, and now in 2022. Protests are part of the political culture in democracies. But in a dictatorship that claims the legacy of a politico-religious revolution, repeated protests chanting slogans such as "death to the dictator" are signs that the Islamic revolution is ageing. Iran's clergy should learn from the social strife and be ready to address the larger problems that its state and society face.

**T**he international system is witnessing geopolitical changes and a push for competitive great power hegemony. The United States leads with its goal for primacy in the international system. The U.S.'s national security documents advocate curbing China's rise, weakening Russia's capabilities, securing Europe behind U.S. leadership and building satellite alliances with countries which conform to U.S. interests and values. But other players have different agendas and the Global South matters more than before.

China is the 'near peer', but in reality is no match to the U.S. militarily. Given its phenomenal economic reach that widened during globalisation, China began building counter institutions. It looked for accommodation with the U.S. in its 'peaceful rise' project. As the U.S. found this unacceptable, China turned from partner to competitor to threat.

**Experiences with the West as a factor**  
Russia, with its vast natural resources and military capability, has shown capacity to assert its will in global geopolitics. The Russian aggression in Ukraine confirms the view of U.S. strategists who would like to weaken Russian capabilities. Further, they see Russia especially when in alliance with China or any other country as dangerous to U.S. geopolitics. Russian aggression against Ukraine and the terrible war of attrition have been a geopolitical watershed. The U.S. is using this conjuncture for global primacy. Europe is now firmly behind the U.S.'s strategic plans and is re-militarising. The developing Sino-Russian strategic partnership 'without limits' is the clearly defined enemy other for the West. So, the only speed breaker is the Global South.

Countries of the Global South, especially India, China and others, are being blamed for the failing sanctions against Russia in the context of the Ukraine war. The truth is that the Global South, with a few exceptions (except seven), wants a quick and negotiated end to this terrible war; all oppose the sanctions regime and all advocate



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The Global South has new agency in a changing world, with several countries finding that neutrality and strategic autonomy have become a viable option

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neutrality. The reasons for neutrality include: the needs for regime survival especially because many in the South are dependent on Russian energy, fuel, fertilizers, wheat, commodities and defence equipment. They have memories of colonialism and recent interventions such as Iraq (2003), Lebanon (1982, 2006), Libya (2011), Afghanistan (2001-21), Yemen (2010-on) Syria (supporting Jordan), Mali, etc.

Recent experiences such as the refusal by the West to grant a one-time exception for patents for the COVID-19 vaccine have not helped either. Media images of the way refugees from the South are treated in contrast to the welcome to Ukrainian refugees have revealed the unsurprising racism. Many countries of the South believe that they are unlikely to get western help when they need it the most. In such circumstances Russia is not seen as a threat in the Global South.

### China marches on

China's expanding military footprint is problematic for many countries in Asia. China's 'grey zone' policies – of creeping expansionism, violation of maritime zones in the South China Seas and elsewhere – have antagonised several countries which include Vietnam, Indonesia, India and the Philippines. But even then, most of these Southern countries would not like to be a part of security or military alliances with either the West or the Russian or Chinese sides. For example, the security pact that China (May 2022) offered to 10 Pacific island nations did not find favour with them (the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Papua New Guinea, the Cook Islands, Niue, and the Federated States of Micronesia). They also did not agree to China's 'Common Development Vision'.

The U.S. response to this neutrality has been to put massive pressure for sanctions on Russia and build threat narratives about China. But there has been an unprecedented pushback from the South that wants to make its own strategic choices. For example, the U.S. Congress recently passed a bill – "Countering Malign Russian Activities in Africa Act" – that advocates pressuring, monitoring, and punishing African states and leaders who engage with Russia. In response, the South African Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor in a press conference – U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken was present – said no African country could be bullied and described this U.S. Bill as "offensive legislation". Ms. Pandor called for diplomacy and urged: "African countries that wish to relate to China, let them do so, in whatever the particular form of relationship of their choice" (August 22, 2022). She also reminded Mr. Blinken of the plight of Palestine under occupation.

On its part, China is waiving debt owed by 17 African countries (for 23 interest-free loans that were due in 2021) – as India did in 2003. There

has been similar pushback from Latin America and the West Asian countries. Of course regional powers also work with the U.S. to project their own power – for example Saudi Arabia vis-à-vis Iran. Smaller states do a balancing act between regional powers – as Sri Lanka does between India and China.

Stronger countries of the Global South such as India have used their leverage to negotiate with multiple sides. India increased oil purchases from Russia, shrugging off western pressure. India has a military Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) with the U.S.; at the same time it has developed the International North South Transport Corridor connecting Russia and India via central Asia and Iran with three sanctioned states. It participates in military exercises such as the U.S.-led RIMPAC (the Rim of the Pacific Exercise, and one of the world's largest maritime exercises) but also sends a military contingent for the Vostok exercises (one of exercises Moscow routinely conducts) with Russia and China. So, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Turkey and others have developed the capacity to transact with competing and conflicting sides.

### Moving to geoeconomics

The South's choices are extending slowly to geoeconomics. The fear of the U.S. strategy of freezing dollar reserves has made the South cautious. Further, there is the U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's recent announcement about U.S. trade policies of 're-shoring' and 'friend-shoring' – meaning trade between allies. This is leading the South to gradually find ways of bypassing the dollar in bilateral trade by using local currencies. Currency swap arrangements are used by China and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)+3 countries; India with Russia and 23 other countries. This does not mean the end of dollar dominance, but alternate paths are opening up for them.

In sum, the Global South has new agency. Multilateral institutions, ranging from BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and the African Union, to ASEAN, and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, have given it new confidence. Several countries including India, Brazil, South Africa, Indonesia and Malaysia have become economic powerhouses, albeit with their own inequalities and domestic problems. In these circumstances, neutrality and strategic autonomy have become a viable though not a normative option.

The Global South has made a statement on its development, for better terms for trade for which it needs strategic autonomy. If the Global South were to voice collective concerns on existential threats from climate change, ecological devastation, inequalities and increasing militarisation, and work in plural inclusive ways, it could make the world a better place for itself.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Refreshed, @144

I live in Mulund in Mumbai and the family subscribes to four newspapers. We were introduced to *The Hindu* whenever my father-in-law came to visit us from Coimbatore. He insisted that it had to be only *The Hindu* for him. As a retired journalist from the Press Trust of India, reading the newspaper was his ritual. From the date line on the first page to the last word on the last page, every line was scanned and keenly read. On one of his visits in the early 1990s, we had to search for a person or a vendor who could get us the previous day's issue. Since then, we too have become regular readers. The new look is very appealing to me. My father-in-law – he faded away – is sure to have given his thumbs up. Because if it is *The Hindu*, everything about it is perfect.

**Jayashree Krishnamoorthy,**  
Mumbai

Even after 144 years, the daily still looks fresh and appealing. The redesign makes it look radiant. I bank on *The Hindu* in my preparations for various competitive examinations. The clarity on socio-political, economic and cultural issues is of great help. Apart from the good design, I hope that attention is paid to publishing well-written articles.

**Chalapalli Neeharika,**  
Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

I am absolutely delighted with the strikingly attractive look of my 'long-time' favourite daily. The new design helps a reader navigate with ease from one story to another; now, the day starts with cheer. I have always believed *The Hindu*

to be a mini library and the new design enhances this.

**B.K. Chandrashekhar,**  
Bengaluru

I am sending my comments by snail mail and hope my letter finds a place in this column. I have been a reader since 1951 and find the changes to the font and layout make reading *The Hindu* easy. With the use of bigger pictures, the news reports are catchy.

**P.K. Krishnaray,**  
Chennai

The new look is eye-catching and elegant. The timely change in design without deviating from the original track is praiseworthy. I am sure that it conforms to the visual aesthetics that readers have in mind, which will definitely enhance readership.

**J. Radhakrishna Kurup,**  
Ettumanoor, Kerala

I am not a 'long-time reader' of *The Hindu*, but have every right to express my joy in experiencing the benefits of the new design: better layouts, typefaces in bold font and lines under headings that help a nascent reader and learner of the English language like me. The underlining of certain words is a great help to me in expanding my vocabulary.

**Shiju Thalikunju,**  
Secunderabad

The imprint took me back to the past when as a boy, in Class six, I held my first copy of *The Hindu*. Our paperboy had delivered the copy – a noteworthy edition indeed – subscribed by my pater from Africa, all the way to Udupi, Karnataka. I soon took to the paper. After reading the September 20,

2022 edition, my heart went out to my parents who had introduced me to the paper, and my mother, in particular, who helped me read reports and understand them since I was not very conversant in English then. The new changes, such as bolder and sharper fonts, typefaces, better cutlines, leads, and a better hierarchy in the layout, are a feast for the eyes. Reading the daily now results in a wide grin.

**Naman Ravi Argekar,**  
Udupi, Karnataka

I began reading *The Hindu* from 1996, but became an online reader a year ago as my village is quite far from Kakinada town, where one can get a copy of *The Hindu*. I am unable to make a comparison with other dailies, as getting a copy of these dailies is difficult where I live. But the new look – the third such exercise in improvement since I began subscribing to the daily – is a great and visual treat.

**N.S.R. Sastry,**  
Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

The "bold and beautiful" *The Hindu* is elegant and draws in the reader. I hope there will be fewer advertisements now, at least on the first few pages. I began my newspaper reading habit just a year ago. Earlier, and when I was younger, I used to spend a lot of time looking at the catchy advertisements and film advertisements in *The Hindu*. We live in an era of consumerism, but now I want the news without distractions.

**Nivedhita Gopinath,**  
Chennai

I am a septuagenarian and an avid reader for over five decades. The eye-friendly

font size is the highlight of the new design. The disappointing aspect is that the Editorials look a bit cramped – there needs to be space to formulate viewpoints based on an objective analysis of events and opposing or conflicting opinions.

**K.V. Chandra mouli,**  
Mysuru

*The Hindu* has been the daily the family has read since the 1950s. My grandfather began reading it when he was 13 years old; my father was next, and it is now me. Apart from being a perfect daily, it has become a part of the family, evoking strong emotions. The new design is cleaner, sharper and bolder.

**R.K. Thevatarhsni,**  
Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu

The changes such as the underlining of straplines and headings are of help in note-taking for a reader like me who is busy preparing for competitive examinations under the Union Public Service Commission.

**Prabhakar Modi,**  
Patna, Bihar

I was getting the printed version till a few months ago and switched to the online edition to save on costs. But after having a look at the 'newly wed bride' look of the paper, which I thought to be more appealing, I intend to subscribe for the printed version from October. I second the views of some readers that the 'Letters to the Editor' column needs more space. I started letter writing only from 2016 at the age of 65. I would not be exaggerating things in sharing this anecdote: whenever I am introduced to someone at a function or

get-together by a friend or relative, one of lines is 'he writes letters in *The Hindu*'. I find my stock going up instantly. Finding one's name printed in the paper is special. The paper could go in for innovation at regular intervals. The gentleman who devised the new format [Dr. Mario Garcia] deserves praise for the new look.

**V. Subramanian,**  
Chennai

My congratulations for reaching 144 years. I have been a regular reader since 1964 – my father's advice to improve my English was to read the paper without skipping the Editorials and the letters. The new design is appealing with its fresh look.

**V.V. Naganathan,**  
Chennai

The new design is even more attractive than the previous one. I hope that the daily continues to be a great source of information.

**Pilat N.,**  
Begambur, Tamil Nadu

The 'bold and beautiful look' does work well for many readers. There are many readers, in their seventies, eighties and nineties, still with *The Hindu*. Many of us hope to see the daily reach the double century mark.

**J.P. Reddy,**  
Nalgonda, Telangana

I am a young reader, 18 years old, and in awe of the new, bolder and sharper design. Maintaining its legacy of customer satisfaction, the redesign is perhaps the best version; it ensures a seamless read!

**Parul Khicha,**  
New Delhi

I am not in agreement with



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The general impression that there is something refreshing and magical about the new look. As someone whose day begins with *The Hindu*, I prefer the old format and style. Bolder and more legible letters cannot be a value addition. We are used to reading the daily in an established and accustomed manner and happy with it.

This makeover is quite uncalled for. Now, reading the new look *The Hindu* makes one feel that it is a different newspaper altogether. The literary quotient of the daily is unsurpassable. If the desire was to want to make it even better, the aim should have been to try something different. In fact, any ardent reader may not have expected this transition.

There could have been an attempt to ask for feedback from those who treat the daily as a close family member.

**V. Lakshmanan,**  
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

The outpouring of admiration for the new look of *The Hindu* has been unbelievable. But, there is no real difference as far as I can see when one makes a comparison with the other dailies. An as avid reader of the daily for over four decades, I feel sad that in the redesign, the paper has lost its elegant look.

**Prabhu Raj R.,**  
Bangalore



On the run: A dog trapper, deployed in Kottayam, captures a stray for administering anti-rabies vaccine. VISHNU PRATHAP

## On the trail of rabies cases in Kerala

The death of a 12-year-old girl in Pathanamthitta has sharpened the focus on the rising number of rabies cases and the growing population of stray dogs in Kerala. With the Supreme Court expected to pass an interim order on the issue next week, **K.S. Sudhi** talks to public health experts as well as petitioners to map the situation

**T**welve-year-old Abhirami, of Mannapuzha in Perinad Panchayat of Pathanamthitta, was returning home early in the morning on August 13 after collecting milk bottles from a nearby house, when a German Shepherd pounced on her. A karate champion with three titles under her belt, Abhirami bravely fought the dog and tried to escape from its clutches. By the time she succeeded in freeing herself, the dog had inflicted deep wounds on her right cheek just below the eye and on her limbs. Though she was administered three doses of the anti-rabies vaccine, on September 5 she succumbed to the deadly virus while undergoing treatment at the Government Medical College, Kottayam.

"She might have been destined to live up to the age of 12. Had she received proper primary care at the hospital where she was initially admitted, she would have survived. Nothing can fill the void caused by her death," says Abhirami's mother, Rajani Hareesh, her calm demeanour cloaking the grief that has engulfed her.

Abhiraj, one of her classmates, had rushed to the scene upon hearing her wailing, and miraculously escaped unhurt. "No one could save her from the animal as all were helpless and scared of going near it. Eventually, she succeeded in freeing herself from the beast by pushing it away with her legs," recalls Rajani.

The tragic death of the young girl drew a wave of protests across Kerala, forcing the State government to constitute a high-level committee to look into issues related to stray dogs. Until the third week of September, 21 rabies deaths have been reported from the State this year. Reports of stray dogs attacking pedestrians as well as motorists pour in regularly from different parts of the State.

According to data available with the State Health Department, the number of dog bite cases reported in the State has been going up considerably – from over 60,000 in 2013 to 1.37 lakh in 2016; and while around 2.2 lakh cases were reported in 2021, this year, the figure had already crossed 2 lakh by August.

### Canine count

The canine population in Kerala has gone up significantly since the 19th Livestock Census held in 2012. The number of dogs has been estimated at 11.2 lakh during the 20th Livestock Census, 2019, against 7.88 lakh a decade ago.



### Scope for research

Some medical experts have called for a scientific study into a possible mutation of the rabies virus. T. Jayak-

The last two years have witnessed the canine population going up significantly as the Animal Birth Control programme for dogs was disrupted during the COVID-19 years.

**K. SINDHU**  
Additional Director, DAH

The latest census has put the stray dog population at 2.89 lakh. The 8.36 lakh pet dogs too add to the State's canine population, according to the latest headcount.

While the highest number of street dogs were reported from Kollam (50,869), the State capital, Thiruvananthapuram, accounted for the highest number of pet dogs, 1.25 lakh, according to the data generated during the 20th Livestock Census, which was made available by the Directorate of Animal Husbandry (DAH), Kerala.

"The last two years have witnessed the canine population going up significantly as the Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme for dogs was disrupted during the COVID-19 years," says K. Sindhu, Additional Director, DAH. "A large number of people purchased pet dogs to fight the COVID-induced monotony in life when a ban on travel and social gatherings was in force. Higher the number of dogs in a community means higher the possibility of dog bites too."

Statistics available with the State Institute for Animal Diseases (SIAD), Kerala, also indicate an upward trend in the number of rabies-positive cases during the last four years.

"There has been an increase in the number of rabies-positive cases in dogs over the past few years. While 97 cases tested positive in 261 samples analysed in 2018, it was 153 cases in 372 samples in 2019, and 221 cases in 573 samples in 2021 analysed at the five centres of the State Institute of Animal Diseases, Kerala," says Swapna Susan Abraham, Deputy Director of the institute. The department is in the process of compiling the data for the current year.

While the rising number of rabies-positive cases could also be due to an increase in the number of samples tested each year, the numbers are nonetheless an indicator of the spread of the disease to humans from animals. Fully vaccinating dogs in a locality and achieving herd immunity is the only way to protect both animals and human beings from the deadly disease, Abraham says.

Kerala Health Minister Veena George has announced an action plan to make

Kerala free of rabies deaths by 2025,

which would see the departments of health, local self-government, and animal husbandry coming together to implement the ABC programme and vaccination of dogs.

Under the ABC programme, dogs are picked up from streets for vaccination and sterilisation, and are kept under observation for a few days before being returned to the same place.

rishnan, a professor of community medicine at KMCT Medical College, Mukkam, Kozhikode, says there could be a change in its virulence and transmission, which needs to be looked into. "The virus gets transmitted to dogs from wild animals, especially fox. In recent times, such wild animals are widely seen in human habitations. There is a possibility of fox mingling with dogs, which could have led to the spread of the virus," he says.

Stray dogs, says Abraham of the SIAD, also need to be vaccinated for developing herd immunity in the dog population, which is a major challenge. Oral bait vaccine, a vaccine which is administered to dogs through food, is an option which, it is hoped, will be approved for use in the near future, she says.

Of the 21 official rabies deaths so far this year, 15 persons were not vaccinated even after being bitten by dogs.

The State government has sought a quality test on one batch of the anti-rabies vaccine at the Central Drugs Laboratory at Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, after doubts were raised about the efficacy of the vaccine. Reports that a few persons who had taken the vaccine had died of rabies triggered questions about the effectiveness of the vaccine, forcing the authorities to undertake a quality analysis of the vaccine.

K. Purushothaman, Professor in the Department of Paediatrics, MES Medical College in Perinthalmanna, Malappuram, suggests pre-exposure vaccination or immunisation of the vulnerable population, such as children. "Almost 40% to 50% of those bitten by dogs are children, as it is easy for the animals to reach their face and neck. As such attacks could be fatal, children could be considered for pre-exposure vaccination," he says.

### Legal battle

With the rabies deaths causing panic and reports of residents killing stray dogs through poisoning and strangulation, there is a blame game over the rising canine population and rabies cases. Some legal experts blame it on conflicts in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001; others point to the flawed implementation of birth control measures.

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**K. K. PURUSHOTHAMAN**  
Professor, MES Medical College

Canine culling campaigners and advocates of animal rights are also engaged in a protracted legal battle over the issue in the Supreme Court. V.K. Biju, a lawyer of the Supreme Court, who brought the issue of the "stray dog menace" before the apex court, contends that the root cause is the enactment of the Rules, which according to him, were passed in contravention of the parent Act, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

Biju says that while the Act stands for the "destruction" of stray dogs, the rules are against the "destruction" of stray dogs, including the rabies-affected ones, besides providing specific protection of stray dogs. In his submission before the Supreme Court, he argues that the existence of stray dogs has adversely affected the fundamental rights of citizens, i.e. the right to life and free movement.

In his writ petition filed before the apex court, Biju has sought orders for the strict implementation of the Act and the quashing of the Rules to make India free of stray dogs.

In the light of this, animal rights campaigners are apprehensive over the campaign to cull dogs to check rabies. Vivek K. Viswanath, managing trustee of Thrissur-based Walking Eye Founda-

tion for Animal Advocacy, says that the rising canine population and number of rabies deaths in the State are on account of the flawed implementation of animal birth control measures and the vaccination drive.

"The failure of the State government to implement the ABC Rules, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rules, 2017 and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Pet Shop) Rules 2019 shall be blamed for the present crisis and the panic that has gripped the State," he says.

In its intervention petition, the Walking Eye Foundation for Animal Advocacy says the ABC programme in the State came to a grinding halt some two years ago when the government decided to entrust it with the Kudumbashree Mission, a women's self-help group. It was assigned the job in Wayanad, Thrissur, Ernakulam, Kottayam, Pathanamthitta and Idukki districts. Some local bodies in a few districts too initiated the programme on their own. However, the Kudumbashree is not an animal welfare organisation. The petition adds that none of the ABC centres in Kerala had proper monitoring committees as mandated under Rule 4 of the ABC rules.

Viswanath says that culling of dogs is not the solution for controlling the stray dog population and that strict implementation of birth control measures can bring down the number, and vaccination drives can stop the spread of rabies. Authorities should initiate remedial measures before slaying animals, he argues, pointing out that neighbouring States have successfully implemented both birth control and vaccination drives, with visible results.

S. Ratheesh, State Assistant Programme Officer, Kudumbashree, says the mission has carried out around 80,000 ABC programmes across the State since 2017. The organisation was prevented by the Kerala High Court from carrying out the drive in December 2021. Though the mission had applied for recognition from the Animal Welfare Board of India for carrying out the ABC programme, the board declined permission citing infrastructure inadequacies at the centres at Ernakulam and Thrissur, he adds.

With the court restraining Kudumbashree from the programme, a Thiruvananthapuram-based organisation is the only player left in the field. However, there is no ban on local bodies directly implementing the programme by engaging veterinarians and other required personnel. Considering the gravity of the situation, State authorities have decided to immediately set up 30 ABC centres across Kerala and carry out the vaccination drive through the Directorate, says Sindhu of the Directorate of Animal Husbandry.

### Problem of waste management

Veterinarians and animal health experts say the dumping of edible food waste on streets and the functioning of unlicensed abattoirs where meat waste is available for dogs to feed on are sustaining the canine population, and making them more aggressive in nature. Sindhu says an effective waste management system needs to be implemented.

Jayakrishnan, of KMCT Medical College, adds that during the two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, eating from food packets has become common. After consumption, the packets are carelessly thrown on the streets. He argues that the issue should be approached from a social perspective.

"In Kerala, we used to have one or two native dogs in the community, which roamed around houses, near eateries and hotels and consumed the leftover food. Over a period of time, people have stopped attending to the needs of the animals. Many people are mistakenly referring to even native dogs as stray dogs. Thus, those who adopt pet dogs are reluctant to have native dogs and prefer only foreign breeds. This has pushed the dogs to the streets, and [they form] packs, and fend for themselves," he says.

Justice S. Siri Jagan, a retired judge of Kerala High Court who heads the Supreme Court-appointed committee to decide on the compensation to be paid to dog bite victims, feels that the whole issue revolves around the legal conflict between the Dog Rules and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Till the enactment of the Rules in 2001, the local authorities used to keep the stray dog population under control by physically reducing their numbers in areas where their presence posed a threat to the safety of people. With the Rules coming into force, the local authorities stopped the population control measures. Yet, there had not been any concerted effort to address the issue and to solve the legal conflict, he says.

In its report submitted to the Supreme Court, the Siri Jagan committee had noted that there is no evidence that the ABC procedures could reduce the ferocity in dogs, as claimed by animal rights campaigners. The ABC procedures, said the panel, cannot be a solution to the immediate problem faced by the people considering the huge dog population in the State. After birth control intervention and vaccination, according to the ABC procedures, the dogs have to be let loose at the place from where they were caught. People have no way of knowing whether the dog that has bitten them has been vaccinated or not, compelling them to take an anti-rabies vaccine.

The panel observed that ABC procedures can only help in reducing the dog population in the long run, which may take at least three to four years to show results on the ground. The violent process of catching dogs for the procedure also causes severe trauma to the animals. Once released back in the locality after the surgery is completed, they can view passersby with suspicion. These animals are likely to be more dangerous, said the panel in one of its reports to the apex court. The panel also observed that the ABC programme in Kerala has not delivered the desired results.

The Supreme Court has sought a fresh report on the situation in Kerala from the panel, and is expected to pass an interim order on the issue on September 28.

(With inputs from A.S. Jayanth in Kozhikode)

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## Sonia will pick my successor, says Gehlot

"If the media is to be believed, I do not want to relinquish the post of Chief Minister," Mr. Gehlot said, adding "But for sure, I have said this even today and will maintain this even after I fill the nomination form that I belong to Rajasthan. I would like to serve the State for my lifetime. What is wrong in saying this? People take a different meaning out of this. Media interprets it."

Earlier in the day, while speaking to reporters at the Kochi airport after participating in the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Mr. Gehlot made it official that he had joined the fray since Rahul Gandhi made it clear to him that "none from the Gandhi family will be contesting".

"I will decide the date of my filing nomination after I return but it is decided that I will contest. It is about inner party democracy and we are making a new beginning," Mr. Gehlot said.

On Friday, the party also tried to reinforce its stance of 'neutrality' as party communications chief Jairam Ramesh cautioned spokespersons and panelists against taking sides publicly or commenting on any candidate.

As per the party's poll schedule, the process of filing nominations will start on Saturday and will be open until September 30. Polling will be held on October 17, if there is more than one candidate.

## Coming soon: relief from fraud, spam calls

The draft Bill enables a legal framework for preventing harassment of users from unsolicited calls and messages and states that "the identity of a person sending a message using telecommunication services shall be available to the user receiving such message, in such form as may be prescribed".

Speaking to reporters, the Minister stressed that the government envisaged a light touch regulatory environment that would not stifle innovation or increase regulatory burden.

The draft Bill, which was released earlier this week inviting comments from stakeholders, seeks to replace the existing legal framework comprising the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 and the Telegraph Wires (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1950, that currently govern the telecommunication sector in the country.

## New provisions

It includes provisions such as waiving dues for financially stressed operators, bringing over-the-top platforms (such as WhatsApp, Zoom, Netflix) within the ambit of telecom services that require a licence to operate and provisions for message interception in case of public emergency.

Replying to a query on licensing of OTT apps, the Minister said these were already included under regulation as an interpretation of 'telegraph' under the Indian Telegraph Act. "Already by interpretation of what is a telegraph - the service which you use today... is it telegraph? It is not... but... over a period of time all the services that you use are already interpreted under telegraph... We are in 2022...the construct that we take in 2022...With interpretation there is confusion... law should be certain and clear. To bring that clarity this has been done."

The Minister said this draft would go through a transparent consultation process and only then the final draft would be made on the basis of inputs received. The Minister said he expected the new telecom Bill to be converted into a law in the next six to 10 months.

## People in T.N. are getting attracted to BJP: Nadda

The Hindu Bureau  
KARAIKUDI

People from various walks of life are interested in joining the BJP, as they are convinced by the pro-development policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the party's national president, J.P. Nadda, said here on Friday.

Winding up his two-day visit to Karaikudi in Sivaganga district, during which he addressed different wings of the party, including Mahila Morcha, OBC leaders and others, he said the Central government had been doing its best to uplift the down-trodden on the one hand and facilitate the development of the nation on the other.

Seeing this, the people, especially women and the youth, were attracted to the party, the Prime Minister and his team.

The Prime Minister had



BJP president J.P. Nadda addressing a press conference in Karaikudi on Friday. L. BALACHANDAR

been instrumental in implementing iconic projects, and funds were being allocated for them.

A transformation was taking place in many backward States. The Centre believed in cooperative federalism, he said.

It was unfortunate that the DMK was indulging in a blame game with the Centre, he said.

"We are not here to do politics, but some in the DMK deal in a cheap way. Petty politics should stop, which alone would pave

## Leaders of a particular community were on Popular Front 'hit-list': NIA

Investigation agency said the accused persons indulged in organised crime and unlawful activities repeatedly to terrorise other religious groups; condemning searches conducted across 15 States and arrests, the outfit termed it a 'witch-hunt' against its members and supporters

Vijaita Singh  
Devesh K. Pandey  
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which arrested 45 of the 109 leaders and activists of the Popular Front of India (PFI) during a nationwide crackdown along with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the police across 15 States on Thursday, has seized documents revealing that prominent leaders of a particular community were allegedly to be targeted.

In one of the cases involving 10 arrested persons, the NIA has submitted before a Kerala court that it found a "hit-list" during the searches. The agency said the accused indulged in organised crime and unlawful activities repeatedly to terrorise other religious sections of the society. The PFI has con-

demned the raids and described the arrests as "unjust" and a witch-hunt against its members and supporters.

The outfit, its office bearers, members and affiliates conspired to indulge in unlawful activities, encouraged the "vulnerable" youth to join terror outfits like Lashkar-e-Taiba, ISIS and al-Qaeda and "also conspired to establish Islamic rule in India by committing terrorist act..." The accused "spread disaffection against India" through wrong interpretation of government policies among their community to promote hatred against the State and its machineries, the NIA has alleged.

**Funds from abroad**  
Based on its findings, the ED has alleged that the organisation had thousands of active members in the Gulf countries and that the



Massive shakedown: The Assam Police taking two PFI members to the court after their arrest, in Guwahati on Friday. PTI

outfit raised substantial funds from abroad in a well organised and structured manner. Former PFI treasurer P. Koya, who was among those arrested by the NIA on Thursday, had earlier denied the presence of PFI supporters abroad, claiming that the outfit did not receive any

money from overseas as part of its "established policy".

However, the documents seized by the agency during the previous searches revealed otherwise. The funds collected abroad were transferred to India via the "hawala" or other channels, as corrobor-

ated by another accused K.A. Rauf Sheriff arrested previously.

Following the same trail, the ED arrested Pervez Ahmed, Mohammed Ilyas and Abdul Muqeet in Delhi, while one Mohammed Shafeeq Payeth was picked up from Kozhikode.

They have been accused of being part of a network through which funds were collected from overseas and within the country. The agency's money laundering probe has revealed that over ₹120 crore were allegedly deposited in the accounts of the PFI and its related entities over the years, mostly in cash.

While multiple agencies have launched investigations, the coordinated searches on Thursday may not lead to an imminent ban on the PFI as the government intends to tie-up loose ends, according to a

senior government official who said several aspects were to be ascertained before declaring the outfit an "unlawful association" under the anti-terror Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

## Hartal in Kerala

Widespread violence marked the dawn-to-dusk hartal called by the PFI in Kerala on Friday. The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation bore the brunt of the party's ire against arrest of its leaders. Hartal supporters smashed the windscreens of an estimated 70 buses.

Masked and helmet-clad persons travelling on motorcycles targeted buses, vehicles, shops and hotels. Many attacks occurred near surveillance camera blind spots, indicating pre-meditated action. (With inputs from Thiruvananthapuram)

## Face-off between Governor, AAP govt. escalates in Punjab

Vikas Vasudeva  
CHANDIGARH

**Banwarilal Purohit sought details of the legislative business to be taken up in the special session**

The ongoing face-off between Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit and the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) escalated further on Friday after Mr. Purohit sought details of the legislative business to be taken up in the proposed special Assembly session called on September 27.

A statement from Raj Bhawan said that responding to the letter of Secretary (Punjab Vidhan Sabha), dated September 22, 2022 requesting for the order of approval by the Governor of Punjab to summon the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on September 27, 2022, the Punjab Governor's office sought details of the legislative business to be taken up in the proposed Assembly session.

Terming it "too much", Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said that Governor or President consent before any session of legislature is

a formality. "In 75 years, no President or Governor ever asked for a list of Legislative business before calling session. Legislative business is decided by Business Advisory Committee (BAC) and Speaker. Next, the Governor will ask that all speeches also be approved by him. It is too much," said Mr. Mann in a tweet.

Meanwhile, Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira said the AAP government should not use the Assembly to further its political ambitions and instead discuss key issues of the State. "I urge Bhagwant Mann to drop the bogus agenda of 'Operation-Lotus' and use the valuable platform of Vidhan Sabha to discuss SYL, farmers' suicides, regularisation of employees, MSP of moong pulse etc."

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## Nitish-Lalu pair will be finished in the next Lok Sabha poll: Amit Shah

Amarnath Tewary  
PATNA

Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah slammed Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad at Purnia district in Seemandh area of northeast Bihar on Friday. The Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal-United had snapped ties with the BJP in August.

In his address to the Jan Bhawna (people's emotion) public meeting at Rangbhumi Maidan (ground) of Purnia town, Mr. Shah said, "You backstabbed the BJP to nurse your dream of becoming Prime Minister but Nitish babu you cannot become Prime Minister through these tricky politics."

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Mega show: Union Home Minister Amit Shah along with other leaders at the BJP's Jan Bhawna rally, in Purnia on Friday. PTI

Minister. He [Nitish Kumar] can go anywhere for power. His only policy is that his chair should be protected anyhow," Mr. Shah said.

"It was Mr. Modi's large heart that the BJP offered you the post of Chief Minister of the State despite lesser number of seats your party had got in last Assembly poll but in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha poll the pair of Nitish-Lalu will be finished and in 2025 BJP will form the government on its own in Bihar," the Union Home Minister said.

**Fodder scam**  
Mr. Shah also reminded people about multi crore fodder scam in which Mr. Prasad is convicted; jungle raj of Lalu era, caste wars and asked the gathered crowd: "do you want this government again?". "Laluji what was happening during your regime everyone knows it," he added. Mr. Shah in his address

also gave break-up of the ₹1.35 lakh crore package that Prime Minister Modi had, earlier, promised to provide for the State's development.

He also listed welfare benefit schemes for Seemandh area by Centre and asked, "Nitish babu, what you have done?"

Mr. Shah also asked people who they want to see as next Prime Minister of the country: Narendra Modi or Rahul Gandhi?, and appealed to give the BJP full majority to form government in Bihar for the State's development.

"With the BJP in power Bihar would be among the most developed states of the country," he assured the crowd.

Mr. Shah will be meeting all top State BJP leaders and its core committee members in neighbouring Kishanganj district after Purnia's Jan Bhawna (people's emotion) rally. Mr. Shah will leave for Delhi from Kishanganj on Saturday.

## SC to take up petitions on J&amp;K special status removal after Oct. 10

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit on Friday indicated that the court may take up petitions challenging the revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution, which led to the bifurcation of the State in 2019. Responding to an oral mentioning, the CJI said the case would be listed after October 10.

The Article 370 case has been pending in the Supreme Court for over two years even as a separate challenge has been filed against the Centre's decision to appoint a Delimitation Commission to redraw Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies of the Union Territory of J&K. The case had not come up after a five-judge Bench refused to refer the petitions to a

larger Bench in March 2020.

The petitions have challenged a Presidential Order of August 5, 2019 which blunted Article 370 and have challenged the Centre's "unilateral" move to impose curfew and unravel the unique federal structure of India by dividing Jammu and Kashmir "without taking consent from the people".

They have questioned the Centre's move to "unilaterally unravel the unique federal scheme, under cover of President's Rule, while undermining crucial elements of due process and the rule of law".

Director-General of Police Punjab Gaurav Yadav said that the police recovered a sophisticated AK-56 assault rifle along with two magazines, 90 live cartridges and two bullet shells from a location pinpointed by Gurbaksh Singh at his village.

## ISI-backed terror module busted, two agents held

The Hindu Bureau  
CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Police on Friday transferred to Delhi the cases registered against television anchor Navika Kumar across several States in connection with the Prophet remarks row.

A Bench led by Justice M.R. Shah handed over multiple first information reports (FIRs) registered against Ms. Kumar in West Bengal, Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir to the IFSO unit of the Delhi Police. The SC protected the journalist from any coercive action which may arise from cases, present or future.

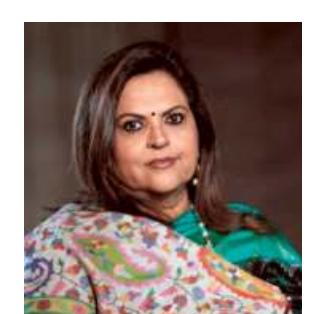
The Delhi Police would also investigate any future complaints against Ms. Kumar. She was given liberty to approach the Delhi High Court for any further relief, including the quashing of the cases against her.

## FIRs against Navika Kumar on Prophet row shifted to Delhi

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

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BJP president J.P. Nadda addressing a press conference in Karaikudi on Friday. L. BALACHANDAR

been instrumental in implementing iconic projects, and funds were being allocated for them.

A transformation was taking place in many backward States. The Centre believed in cooperative federalism, he said.

It was unfortunate that the DMK was indulging in a blame game with the Centre, he said.

"We are not here to do politics, but some in the DMK deal in a cheap way. Petty politics should stop, which alone would pave

the way for development. Only when there is development, the standard of living of the common man would improve," he said.

When the DMK is in power, it would not be fair to blame Mr. Modi for all price hikes implemented by the State government, he said, adding that the Centre would be happy to listen to the demands of not only Tamil Nadu, but all States and Union Territories in the country, and do good for the people's welfare.

**Read our explainer**  
How the special status of J&K was changed  
[bit.ly/jkexplainer](http://bit.ly/jkexplainer)



**IN BRIEF****India gets its first avalanche monitoring radar in Sikkim**

An avalanche monitoring radar, the first of its kind in India, has been installed in North Sikkim by the Army and Defence GeoInformatics and Research Establishment. It can detect avalanches within three seconds of its trigger and will assist in saving lives of troops and reducing damage to property. The radar was inaugurated by Lt. Gen. Tarun Kumar Aich, General Officer Commanding of Sikkim-based 33 Corps, on September 20 at an altitude of 15,000 feet, one officer said. The radar was made operational by DGRE, a lab under the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), which is involved in forecasting and mitigation of avalanche hazards faced by the Army in the Himalayan region.

**Rajiv Bahl to head ICMR, Srinivas to lead AIIMS, Delhi**

The Centre on Friday appointed new heads to two top medical posts in India. Dr. Rajiv Bahl, currently at the World Health Organisation, Geneva, was appointed Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The incumbent is Dr. Balram Bhargava. Dr. M. Srinivas, Dean, ESIC Medical College and Hospital, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad was appointed Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi. He takes over from Dr. Randeep Guleria, who along with Dr. Bhargava, played a key role in India's response to the pandemic.

**Justice Joseph recuses self from plea in ISRO case**

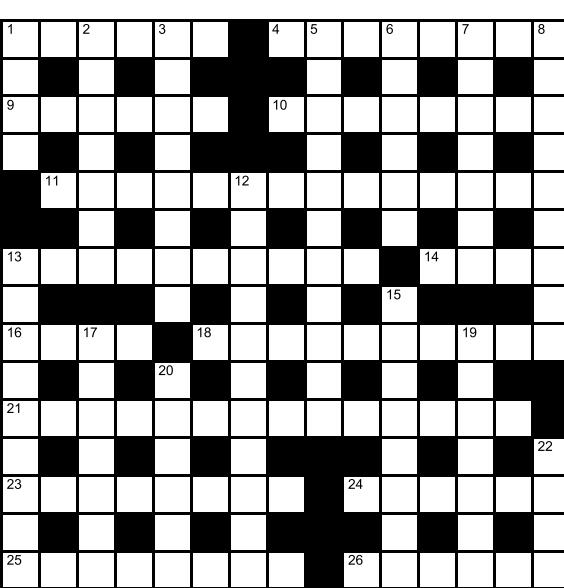
Justice K.M. Joseph, heading a Supreme Court Bench, recused himself from hearing a series of appeals filed by the CBI challenging anticipatory bail granted to former police officers accused of being part of a conspiracy to frame ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan in an espionage case in 1994. The appeals would now be referred to another Bench of the apex court. The CBI had challenged the bail given by Kerala High Court to the accused, including former Kerala DGP Siby Mathew. Other accused in the case are namely P.S. Jayaprakash, Thampi S. Durga Dutt, Vijayan and R.B. Sreekumar. They had been either former intelligence or senior police officers. The CBI had claimed the possibility of a "larger conspiracy involving foreign powers".

**MGNREGS workers file plaint over non-payment of wages**

Workers of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in West Bengal who have not been paid their wages since December 2021 have filed a police complaint against programme officers of MGNREGS. The complaint was filed across four districts on Thursday under Sections 417 (cheating) and 418 (cheating despite knowing the loss) of the Indian Penal Code against the officers. In some cases, the workers who are affiliated to Paschim Banga Khet Majoor Samity filed a complaint against senior State and Union government officers. On Friday, the workers blocked roads in Paschim Medinipur and Bankura districts.

**TH CROSSWORD** + **13669**  
(set by Avtaar)

To solve this puzzle online, get access to our crossword site.  
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**Across**

- 1 Free, like the character of Dasaratha in the Ramayana, maybe? (6)
- 4 Headress irked star, eh? (5,3)
- 9 Training in stylish, small two-wheelers (6)
- 10 Riot-control device exploded - Bang! Out near London's East End (5,3)
- 11 ... and others turned up dead (2,2)
- 12 Path across river with fountain outside Vatican seems good but is not adequate (3,4,4)
- 13 Almost fully breathe out and take pulse (9)
- 14 Louisiana and Tennessee dons - like Corleone, perhaps? (4,4)
- 15 Freezing Emergency Room avoided by Count (7)
- 16 ... and others turned up dead (2,2)
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**In Odisha's Nayagarh, a data-driven solution to child marriage****SPECIAL****Satyasundar Barik**  
BHUBANESWAR

With the aim of eradicating child marriage, Nayagarh, a tiny Odisha district, has adopted a unique initiative by scrupulously recording information on all adolescent girls in the district.

From birth registration date to Aadhaar number, from family details to skill training, information of 48,642 adolescent girls can be found in registers named Aliva.

Nayagarh, with a population of 9,62,789, has a skewed sex ratio at 855. Child marriages the district are still considered a part of their social life.

Observing that child marriages are solemnised in the age group of 14-19 and dropouts among girls' students continued to be high, the district administration launched the Aliva programme in January this year. Anganwadi workers had been asked to identify every adolescent girl in their jurisdiction and keep tabs on them. There are 1,584 registers available in



Nayagarh in Odisha is recording information on all adolescent girls in the district. NAGARA GOPAL

1,584 Anganwadi centres of the district.

The 100-page register maintains a record of the girl, along with the name of her father. From the third page onwards, each page contains data of the adoles-

cent girl, including address, education status, birth registration date, Aadhaar Card Number, contact details and family details. The age of the girl is approved by the local school headmaster, father, supervisor

and child marriage prohibition officer (CMPO). Towards the end of the register, information about child marriage, educational progress, skill training status and health issues of the adolescent girls is available. Nayagarh district has decided to maintain the record for a period of 10 years – 2020 to 2030. As per Odisha's child marriage prevention strategy, the State aims to eradicate child marriage by 2030.

The register has been useful for law enforcement agencies, as parents lie about the age of their girls.

"When tipped off, district administration and the police refer to registers for ascertaining proof of girls' age," said Ipsita Agarwal, district coordinator of ActionAid, a non-government organisation, which works closely with district administration to prevent child marriages. Though different districts have come up with other innovative ideas, the Aliva registers are by far the most comprehensive ones that keep tabs on girls' lives. Ganjam district is maintaining register of every marriage to prevent child marriages.

**'Ambedkar tourist circuit only aids nationalistic narrative'**

The five spots on the tour are not true to Dr. Ambedkar's 'true legacy', say scholars and Ambedkarites; they suggest Raigarh where he led Mahad Satyagraha and Pune where he held negotiations with Gandhi, among others, as places of significance

**Seeparna Chakrabarty**  
NEW DELHI

**T**he Central government has announced a special tourist circuit encompassing five key sites associated with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Dalit scholars and Ambedkarites, however, argue that the five spots or the "Panchateerths" selected for the circuit do not do justice to Ambedkar's "real legacy" and have been chosen to just fit into the "localised and nationalistic" narrative of the government.

According to Ambedkar scholars, there are a host of other sites like Raigarh district of Maharashtra where Dr. Ambedkar led the Mahad Satyagraha, Pune where he held the first negotiations with Mahatma Gandhi in Yerwada jail on a separate electorate for depressed classes, and Sri Lanka where he attended a Buddhist conclave.

Ashok Bharti, Founder and Chairperson of NAC-



**Place of pilgrimage:** Ambedkar's memorial in his birthplace Mhow in Madhya Pradesh is frequented by Buddhists, Dalits and Ambedkarites. A.M. FARUQUI

DOR (National Confederation of Dalit and Adivasi Organisations), said, "People who have not read Dr. Ambedkar and his work have made this concept (of the tourist circuit) in a hurry. They should have consulted organisations and people who are thorough with his work and life."

**Places of import**  
The five cities in the tourist

circuit as announced by the government are Mhow (his birthplace), London (where he resided and studied), Nagpur (also studied here), Delhi (where he passed away) and finally Mumbai (where he was cremated).

These sites are already visited by Dalits as pilgrimage spots; the idea is to attract members of the public from outside the Dalit

community, a senior official of the Ministry of Tourism said.

According to Chandrabhan Prasad, Dalit ideologue, "It is a bid to subvert and distort Dalit historical landmarks. I would prefer that the tourist circuit begins from the *Mahar talab andolan*. One of the greatest incidents of expression of freedom for Dalits."

Rajesh Li-

*satyagraha* led by Dr. Ambedkar on March 20, 1927 to allow untouchables to use water in a public tank in Mahad, currently in Raigarh district of Maharashtra. Pune is another landmark place.

Similar is the case of Kolhapur where in March 1920, another legendary social reformer, Chatrapati Shahaji Maharaj, declared Dr. Ambedkar as the true leader of the oppressed classes in India.

Going further, Rajesh Li-

**With poll in sight, Gujarat govt. hikes staff salaries****Mahesh Langa**  
AHMEDABAD

More than 1,500 employees of the Gujarat health department held a protest outside the State Secretariat in Gandhinagar, even after the Gujarat government on Thursday late night announced a hike in salary.

The State government had initially issued a stern warning to the employees to withdraw the agitation but doubled back to accept two of their demands – pay revision by ₹4,000 per month (but without change in pay grade) and 130 days Covid-19 duty pay for the days of work during the second wave last year.

**Old pension scheme**

However, the employees are adamant on change in their pay grade and restoration of old pension scheme, which has been a prominent pre-poll promise of Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

The government has not accepted this demand but said that other demands like salary revision, hike in various allowances would be looked into.

**Army issues RFI to buy 4 lakh carbines****The Hindu Bureau**

NEW DELHI

The Army has issued two Request For Information (RFI) for the procurement of 4.25 lakh close quarter battle (CQB) carbines and 47,627 bullet-proof jackets

(BPJ). The RFIs were uploaded on the Army website on September 22 and the due date to submit responses is October 21, 2022.

The tentative timeline of issue of Request for Proposal is November 2022.

**MPs meet Palestinian counterparts****The Hindu Bureau**

NEW DELHI

A group of Indian Parliamentarians met Director General of League of Parliamentarians for Palestine Mohammad Makram Ballawi on Friday in an informal meeting. The Palestinian group complained about

the Indian government's indifference towards the Palestinian cause and Indian government's current pro-Israel bias.

At the meeting, Mr. Balawi said that the two-state solution is long dead because Israel has occupied a majority of the land in Palestine. "There is no land

left for Palestinian state. Palestinians control only 6% of land in West Bank and a total of 1% of land of the historical Palestine," he said.

Abdullah Biltaji, head of Public Relations of the organisation, was also present.

The duo are on a perso-

**SUDOKU****Solution to puzzle 13669**

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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**FAITH****Worship of Lord Siva**

Thirumoolar says Lord Siva gets rid of the effects of karma. He thus destroys the very seeds of repeated births, said R. Narayanan, in a discourse. Karma is of three kinds – sanchita, prarabdha and agama karma. Prarabdha karma is that which is responsible for our present birth and whatever we undergo in it. Sanchita karma is that which we have accumulated over several births. Agama karma is that which we do in this birth. So we are constantly adding to sanchita karma. Until sanchita karma is exhausted, that is until we have paid for all karmas accumulated over all our previous births, we will have to repeatedly take birth in this world. This shows why birth and death constitute a never ending cycle.

In every birth, we are going to add to the existing sanchita karma, and so this is never going to be completely destroyed. How then can one attain liberation? Thirumoolar has the answer. Worship

## UNITED NATIONS

**Chinese and Ukrainian Foreign Ministers meet in New York**



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (in picture) met his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Friday. It was the first meeting between the two since Russia's invasion of Ukraine — though they have held phone calls in that time. AP

## MOSCOW

**Detained Russian protesters face conscription or jail**



The Independent monitoring group, OVD-Info, reported that men detained in anti-war protests were handed draft papers while in custody in at least 15 Moscow police departments. One day before mobilisation was announced, the Russian Parliament approved a Bill to toughen punishment for those refusing military summons. AP

## KABUL

**Four killed in blast near mosque in Afghan capital, says hospital**



A blast outside a mosque attended by Taliban members in the Afghan capital Kabul killed four people minutes after Friday prayers had ended, according to a hospital. The explosion occurred near the entrance of Wazir Akbar Khan mosque, not far from the fortified former Green Zone that housed several embassies. AP

## LONDON

**Historic U.K. castle at risk from climate change: heritage body**



The cliff-top ruins of an ancient castle long claimed as the birthplace of the legendary King Arthur is "at risk of being lost for ever" as climate change quickens the pace of coastal erosion, a U.K. heritage body warned on Friday. Tintagel Castle in Cornwall is now among six important historic coastal sites at risk.

# '36 dead' as Iran unrest continues, thousands join pro-regime rallies

Footages have shown protesters defacing or burning images of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and late Revolutionary Guards commander Qasem Soleimani; crackdown continues as a prominent journalist and activist arrested

## Agence France-Presse

TEHRAN/PARIS

At least 36 people have been killed in an Iranian crackdown on protests over the death of Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini in police custody, a New York-based rights group said. Amini, 22, died last week after her arrest by the Islamic Republic's feared morality police for allegedly wearing a hijab headscarf in an "improper" way, and news of her death sparked widespread outrage.

The official death toll rose to at least 17 on Thursday, including five security personnel, but the New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran said its sources put the figure much higher. "On the 7th day of #IranProtest, officials admit to at least 17 deaths w/ independent



**Two sides:** Pro-government people's rally against the recent protest gatherings in Iran, after Friday prayers in Tehran, Iran. REUTERS

sources say 36," the CHRI said in a Twitter post late Thursday. "Expect the number to rise. World leaders must press Iranian officials to allow protest without lethal force."

Since Amini was pronounced dead on Septem-

ber 16, three days after she was arrested by Iran's morality police, protests have spread to most major urban centres in Iran, including the capital as well as Isfahan, Mashhad, Rasht and Saqqez.

Unprecedented images

have shown protesters defacing or burning images of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and late Revolutionary Guards commander Qasem Soleimani.

Security forces have arrested one of Iran's most prominent civil society ac-

tivists and a journalist who played a key role in exposing the case of Amini. Majid Tavakoli, an activist who has been repeatedly imprisoned in Iran in recent years, was arrested overnight at his home, his brother Mohsen wrote on Twitter. Another prominent activist still based in Iran, Hossein Ronaghi, was giving an interview to London-based channel Iran International when security agents came to his home, Gerald," 4th Estate Books said.

**Counter-mobilisation**  
Meanwhile, thousands demonstrated across Iran on Friday at government-backed pro-hijab counter rallies. "The great demonstration of the Iranian people condemning the conspirators and the sacrifices against religion took place today," said Iran's Mehr news agency.

# Booker winning author Hilary Mantel dies aged 70

## Agence France-Presse

LONDON

Hilary Mantel, the first British novelist to win the Booker Prize twice and who sold millions of books around the world, has died aged 70, her publishers announced on Friday.

"We are heartbroken at the death of our beloved author, Dame Hilary Mantel, and our thoughts are with her friends and family, especially her husband, Gerald," 4th Estate Books said.

"This is a devastating loss and we can only be grateful she left us with such a magnificent body of work," it added, providing no other details.

Ms. Mantel won the Booker Prize for *Wolf Hall* (2009) and *Bring Up the Bodies* (2012) and had been tipped to win again in 2020 with *The Mirror & The Light*, the third in the trilogy.

The *Wolf Hall* trilogy has so far been translated into 41 languages with worldwide sales of more



Hilary Mantel

than five million.

The television adaptation of the first two books, starring Mark Rylance, Damian Lewis, Claire Foy and Jonathan Pryce, was nominated at both the Emmy and Golden Globe Awards.

"We've lost a genius," tweeted author J.K. Rowling on Friday, leading tributes.

Scottish leader Nicola Sturgeon said on Twitter that it was "impossible to overstate the significance of the literary legacy Hilary Mantel leaves behind".

Her publisher called Ms. Mantel "one of the greatest English novelists of this

century" whose works are considered "modern classics" and who will be "greatly missed".

Nicholas Pearson, former 4th Estate publishing director, said news of her death was a terrible loss both for those who knew her and the world of literature.

Only last month Ms. Mantel had confided in him that she was working on a new book, Pearson added. "That we won't have the pleasure of any more of her words is unbearable," he said.

Ms. Mantel published her first novel in 1985, *Every Day Is Mother's Day*, a darkly comic story about a mentally disabled girl and her terrifying mother, who communes with the undead. It drew on Ms. Mantel's post-university stint as a social worker but was not the first novel she had written. That manuscript was drafted in the 1970s but only emerged in 1992 as *A Place of Greater Safety*, set in the years leading up to the French Revolution.

## Ukraine's breakaway regions vote

## Agence France-Presse

KYIV

Moscow-held regions of Ukraine were voting on Friday on whether to become part of Russia, in referendums that Kyiv and its allies have condemned as an unlawful land grab.

The referendums in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions, as well as in the southern Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions have been dismissed as a sham by Kyiv's Western allies.

The referendums are reminiscent of Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014.

## Russia committed war crimes: probe

## Agence France-Presse

GENEVA

UN investigators accused Russia of committing war crimes on a "massive scale" in Ukraine, listing bombings, executions, torture and sexual violence, but said it was too soon to prove crimes against humanity.

Speaking before the UNHRC, the head of the investigative team listed numerous serious violations committed since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Erik Mose, chairman of the Commission of Inquiry,

said the team had seen evidence of numerous executions, rape and torture of children.

The categorical nature of that statement was unusual for UN investigators, but the team of three independent experts said the evidence they had found was clear.

The team also documented sexual and gender-based violence against victims as young as four and as old as 82. In some cases, the investigators had established that Russian soldiers were the perpetrators, said Mr. Mose.

Mr. Sun was accused of massive corruption of close to \$100 million in

## Xi sends message with sentencing of ex-official

## Ananth Krishnan

BEIJING

A senior former Chinese security official accused of challenging President Xi Jinping's authority was on Friday given a life sentence, weeks ahead of a key Communist Party leadership congress.

Sun Lijun, who was Vice Minister of Public Security, was sentenced to death with a two-year reprieve. The court said the sentence can be commuted to life in prison but without any reduction or parole.

Mr. Sun was accused of massive corruption of close to \$100 million in



bribes over two decades, as well as the more serious charge of "endangering political security", a reference to challenging Mr. Xi. His sentencing followed

that of other senior law and security officials who were accused of being part of a "clique" that had challenged Mr. Xi's rule as the "core" of the party.

On Thursday, the former Justice Minister Fu Zhenghua was sentenced to life in prison.

Only in early 2020, Mr. Sun was sent by Mr. Xi to oversee the initial response to the pandemic in Wuhan. He was later accused of "deserting his post on the frontline of fighting the COVID-19 epidemic" and "possessing confidential materials without authorisation". At the time of his expul-

tion from the party last year, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection accused him of "never staying true to the Party's ideals and faith" and "displaying extremely inflated political ambition and very poor political integrity".

## Political struggles

His actual actions haven't been spelled out, but the party statement suggested he had challenged Mr. Xi's authority, a rare public acknowledgement of internal political struggles. It said Mr. Sun had "issued groundless criticisms of the Party's policies and spread political rumours".

He was accused of "unscrupulously cultivating personal followers and interest groups to achieve personal political gains" and "seriously undermining the unity of the Party and endangering political security".

Mr. Sun may not be the last senior party official to be purged as Mr. Xi, who will begin an unprecedented third term following the October 16 congress, continues to tighten his grip.

The court ruling said he was "granted a lenient sentence, considering that he had provided investigators with clues to other major cases".

# Reports of Sri Lankans rescued in Ukraine put Colombo in a spot

## Meera Srinivasan

COLOMBO

Recent media reports of Ukrainian authorities rescuing seven Sri Lankans from the Kharkiv region have put Colombo, which maintains close ties with Russia, on a sticky diplomatic wicket.

Last week, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky reportedly said seven Sri Lankans, who were held by the "invading Russian forces since March" in the Kharkiv region of Ukraine, had been rescued from "torture chambers". Mr. Zelensky drew attention to the "seven citizens of Sri Lanka", who were "students of Kupiansk Medical College". "Back in

March, they had been captured by Russian soldiers and subsequently kept in a basement. Only now, after the liberation of the Kharkiv region, were these people rescued. They are being provided with proper medical care," he was quoted as saying, while another showed an injury from alleged torture.

The development came as a shock to many in Sri Lanka, as there had been no reports of Sri Lankans missing in Ukraine or being held in captivity by Russian forces. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24, Sri Lankan authorities facilitated the return of over 90 Sri Lankans, including 16 students living in Ukraine. Accord-

ing to official sources in Colombo, Sri Lanka was not aware of seven other Sri Lankans caught or trapped in Ukraine.

Reporting from Kharkiv this week, BBC said the Sri Lankans were imprisoned, forced into labour and "even tortured" during the last four months. "We thought we would never get out alive," one of the men in the rescued group was quoted as saying, while another showed an injury from alleged torture.

**Close contact**  
Sri Lanka's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on September 17 said it had requested the Ukrainian government to ascertain the veracity of

the news item", as well as to provide more information on it "as a matter of priority", and is awaiting a response, according to an official. Colombo is in "close communication" with the Ukrainian Government through the Sri Lan-

ka Embassy in Ankara which is concurrently accredited to Ukraine, as well as through the Ukrainian Embassy in New Delhi, the Ministry said in its statement last week.

Meanwhile, officials in Colombo told local media

that the seven Sri Lankans were not students but "illegal immigrants" trying to flee the island nation's economic distress and claimed they did not wish to return. Following the crisis this year, the Sri Lankan Navy has intercepted a total of 966 persons so far. They were on illegal boats and trying to migrate to allegedly to Australia and Europe, a Navy official told *The Hindu*.

Another 229 persons found in hotels along coastal districts were also apprehended, the official said. However, it remains unclear where exactly the seven Sri Lankans are from and how they ended up in Ukraine.

Speaking to *The Hindu*,

region." "Ukraine and other actors backing it were unhappy with our position, they expressed displeasure," the Foreign Ministry official said, suggesting that the current development was possibly a "pressure" tactic. On the claims of torture, the official said: "We need to verify that."

Sri Lanka has traditionally had strong diplomatic ties with Russia, and the two countries are marking 65 years of diplomatic relations this year. At the height of the fuel shortages in Sri Lanka in July, former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had asked Russian President Vladimir Putin for help with urgent fuel supplies.



**Back to life:** Sri Lankan citizens, who Ukrainian authorities say were rescued from Kharkiv, attend a news conference. REUTERS

**INBRIEF****TVS Motor unveils Jupiter Classic celebratory edition**

TVS Motor Company on Friday unveiled the Jupiter Classic celebratory edition for the domestic market. The new offering was to commemorate the 50-lakh sales milestone the Jupiter had touched in the domestic market, the company said. The scooter comes in two colours - Regal Purple and Mystic Grey - and is powered by a 110-cc engine. The top variant is priced at ₹85,866 (ex-showroom, Delhi), TVS Motor said.

**Tata Steel board approves merger of 7 entities with itself**

The board of directors of Tata Steel Ltd., at a meeting held on September 22, approved the amalgamation of six subsidiaries and an associate company with itself to simplify the group holding structure. "The proposed amalgamations will enhance management efficiency, drive sharper strategic focus and improve agility across businesses based on the strong parental support from Tata Steel leadership," Tata Steel said in a statement on Friday. On completion, there would be further opportunities for reduction of overhead and corporate costs, the firm added.

**Reliance arm to invest \$12 mn in U.S. solar tech firm Caelux**

Reliance New Energy Ltd. (RNEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd., will invest in Caelux Corporation, a U.S.-based company engaged in the development of perovskite-based solar technology. RNEL would invest \$12 million to acquire a 20% stake in Caelux. "This investment will accelerate product and technology development for Caelux, including the construction of its pilot line in the U.S., for expediting the commercial development of its technology," RIL said in a statement.

**'Bank credit grew 14% in April-June quarter'****Press Trust of India**

MUMBAI

The banking system's credit growth at the end of the June quarter had accelerated to 14% compared with a year earlier, the RBI said on Friday.

The numbers based on data reported by 89 scheduled commercial banks excluding the performance of the regional rural banks are much higher than the 10.7% growth in the preceding March quarter, and 5.8% in the June 2021 quarter, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said. Growth came despite a 0.21% increase in the weighted average lending rate on outstanding loans, it said, adding that this was the first quarter of an increase after 10 successive quarters of decline.

In early May, the RBI started raising its repo rate in response to galloping inflation. Growth in personal loans at 20.8% in June 2022 drove the overall system credit growth, data showed. Credit to industry grew 7.2%, up from 4.8% a quarter earlier.

**Report fraud transactions promptly, says SBI's Khara****Press Trust of India**

Bhopal

Warning against mounting cybercrime cases across the country, State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara said customers should be informed to report any unauthorised transaction immediately so that it can be checked in a timely way.

Mr. Khara urged customers to remain alert for checking the rising incidence of cybercrime cases.

**'Banks likely to battle harder for deposits'****Reuters**

MUMBAI

Indian banks may be forced to compete harder to boost deposits amid tightening liquidity and rising credit demand ahead of the festive season, analysts warned.

Indian banking system liquidity slipped into deficit for the first time in almost 40 months earlier this week, prompting the Reserve Bank of India to infuse funds into the system.

"We think the real challenge is the gap between

**Lenders are facing tightening liquidity and rising credit demand ahead of the festive season**

deposit growth and loan growth, as deposit growth is weak, at 9.5% YoY - a good 600 bps below loan growth," said Suresh Ganapathy, head of financials research at Macquarie.

"Over the next few weeks, as the festive season gathers steam, liquidity will tighten further."

**Nestle mulls ₹5,000-crore investment in India by 2025****Press Trust of India**

NEW DELHI

Global food and beverage conglomerate Nestle SA plans to invest ₹5,000 crore in India by 2025, CEO Mark Schneider said.

The move will help the company accelerate its core business in the country and leverage new opportunities for growth.

The investments would be in capex, new plants, acquisitions and expansion of its product portfolio.

**Airbus sees India role in green plane design****Mini Tejaswi**

BENGALURU

Commercial airplane maker Airbus said it would have its first zero emission (ZEROe) aircraft ready by 2035 and India would play a significant role in its design, research and development.

Siddharth Balachandran, head, Innovation & Scale, Airbus India and South Asia, said the aircraft maker would see its maiden emission-free aircraft ready in service by 2035.

"The work towards building the world's first zero-emission commercial aircraft has already begun and Airbus India is involved in the design and future development of the ZEROe aircraft," he said in an interview. The ZEROe aircraft is expected to help explore many configurations and hydrogen technologies that would shape the development of its future zero-emission aircraft.

Hydrogen propulsion would power this future aircraft, as liquid hydrogen would be used as fuel for combustion with oxygen.

**Sathiyan moves into last four; Sharath pulls out midway through quarterfinals with back pain****TABLE TENNIS****K. Keerthivasan**

SURAT

As expected, G. Sathiyan, the top seed of Tamil Nadu, entered the semifinals of the table tennis event of the 36th National Games here on Friday, but his Statemate and second seed Sharath Kamal pulled out, complaining of lower back pain, midway in his singles quarterfinals against West Bengal's Soumyajit Ghosh.

Sathiyan defeated local boy Manav Thakkar 11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 14-12, 13-11 in the round of eight.

On the other hand, Sharath, the Birmingham Commonwealth Games he-



**Breaking point:** Sharath was laid low by injury during his last-eight clash against Soumyajit. A.M. FARUQUI

ro, was leading by two games to one, and 6-1 in the fourth when he asked for medical time out. After the physio examined him, Sharath said he could no longer continue. Soumyajit will now take on Manush Shah, seeded sixth.

Harmeet continued his excellent form from the team event with a clinical

11-3, 11-6, 11-2, 11-9 win over Deepit Patil of Maharashtra. Harmeet, seeded four, will now face Sathiyan in the semifinals.

**In his element**  
Sathiyan, too, has been in his element. The top seed snuffed out any comeback hopes of Manav, after he won the third game, to win 11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 14-12, 13-11.

It has not been an easy ride for Delhi's Manika Batra, but the top seed has fought her way through to the semifinals.

Manika will meet West Bengal's Sutirtha Mukherjee, while Diya Chitalde of Maharashtra will face Telangana's Sreeja Akula.

Earlier, there were five upsets in the pre-quarterfinals.

**Industry urges duty remission revamp in Foreign Trade Policy****The Hindu Bureau**

NEW DELHI

Industry is hoping for concrete measures from the new foreign trade policy to give a fillip to India's exports amid slowing global demand, including an overhaul of the duty remission scheme introduced last year and removal of the levy of GST on global trade intermediaries.

The Commerce and Industry Ministry is expected to unveil the new policy next week as the 2015 policy, currently in operation, expires on September 30 after being extended for two and a half years.

The Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP) scheme was supposed to take care of various duties and taxes outside GST that add to the cost of exports, but is unable to do so because of various anomalies, restrictions and very low rates, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Pradeep Multani said on Friday.

The industry chamber has urged the government to consider tweaking the scheme so that exporters are specifically reimbursed on the basis of actual taxes and duties paid by them on outbound shipments.

Mr. Multani also pointed out that buying agents and consultants hired by foreign buyers are key intermediaries who facilitate exports of over a billion-plus dollars for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), but their services are being taxed at 18% under the GST Act.

"We expect removal of



Pradeep Multani

this GST levy as it is akin to "Export of Taxes" which is against the basic premise of the GST law as well as against the international trade practices," he said on Friday.

"There is an urgent

**MARKETS****MARKET WATCH**

	FRIDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	58,899	-1.73
US Dollar	81.09	-0.37
Gold	50,326	-0.14
Brent oil	85.95	-4.82

**NIFTY 50**

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	913.80	-32.85
Apollo Hosp	4418.45	-190.45
Asian Paints	3395.25	-40.75
Axis Bank	768.60	-20.60
Bajaj Auto	3698.90	-30.00
Bajaj FinServ	1721.90	-50.45
Bajaj Finance	7507.15	-212.40
Bharti Airtel	771.35	-12.75
BPCL	311.95	-3.90
Britannia Ind	3796.70	-29.25
Cipla	1068.10	6.20
Coal India	222.85	-4.20
Divis Lab	3642.60	-62.50
Eicher Motors	3688.45	-60.30
Gasim Ind	1697.40	-35.30
HCL Tech	895.85	-1.80
HFDC Bank	1446.15	-39.85
HFDC Life	539.45	-6.35
Hero MotoCorp	2762.05	-14.90
Hindalco	396.35	-15.75
Hind Unilever	2682.05	-10.70
ICICI Bank	882.25	-21.15
IndusInd Bank	1183.35	-33.20
Infosys	1365.45	-2.50
ITC	346.40	1.35
JSW Steel	669.00	-10.35
Kotak Bank	1862.70	-30.05
L&T	1856.85	-31.35
M&M	1272.30	-38.10
Maruti Suzuki	9343.45	-58.40
NestleIndia	18495.70	-142.40
NTPC	163.95	-4.70
ONGC	128.60	-0.05
PowerGrid Corp	202.55	-17.55
Reliance Ind	2439.50	-46.60
SBI Life	1273.00	-12.50
State Bank	550.60	-16.70
Shree Cement	21201.45	-502.05
Sun Pharma	921.10	-13.10
TataConsumerProduct	781.55	-21.65
Tata Motors	423.10	-9.10
Tata Steel	104.30	0.70
TCS	2982.05	-25.35
Tech Mahindra	1035.10	-13.30
Titan	2672.45	-65.15
UltraTech Cement	6139.55	-99.45
UPL	702.85	-18.50
Wipro	394.35	-3.60

**EXCHANGE RATES**

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	80.79	81.11
Euro	78.82	79.13
British Pound	89.28	89.64
Japanese Yen (100)	56.52	56.75
Chinese Yuan	11.34	11.39
Swiss Franc	82.25	82.58
Singapore Dollar	56.68	56.92
Canadian Dollar	59.66	59.90
Malaysian Ringgit	17.64	17.72
Australian Dollar	53.07	53.28

Source: Indian Bank

**Sport****Sathiyan moves into last four; Sharath pulls out midway through quarterfinals with back pain****The key is to make use of every opportunity, says Rahul Chahar****CRICKET****S. Dipak Ragav**

CHENNAI

Just a year ago, Rahul Chahar was picked ahead of the experienced Yuzvendra Chahal for the ICC Twenty20 World Cup. However, since the tournament ended, the 23-year-old has been left out of the national side.

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# Triple jump's band of brothers dares to dream

Eldhose Paul, Abdulla Aboobacker, Praveen Chithravel and Karthik Unnikrishnan have raised their level and given Indian athletics new hope. With greater support and international exposure, they will have the platform to show that the CWG success wasn't a one-off

## Stan Rayan

**E**ldhose Paul used to be a decent cricketer. A fast-bowler, he played college-level tournaments.

"Whenever I got time after my athletics workouts, I used to play cricket for my college team, I've played for MA College [at Kothamangalam, Ernakulam] in MG University events too," says the 25-year-old.

"But there was nobody to guide me about how to go about cricket, to do proper workouts. And cricket is an expensive sport."

Perhaps it is for the best that Paul did not get swept away by the cricket wave. For the young man has made history in another sport, the triple jump.

Paul finished ninth at the World Athletics Championships in Oregon (USA) in late July and last month became the first Indian triple jumper to win the Commonwealth Games gold, in Birmingham. The joy was doubled, with his very consistent training-mate Abdulla Aboobacker taking silver. Praveen Chithravel missed the bronze by four centimetres.

The 17m in triple jump used to be a rare thing in Indian athletics. Olympian Renjith Maheswary first entered the elite circle with 17.04m in June 2007 in Guwahati. And before this year, Asian Games gold medallist Arpinder Singh was the last to cross 17m with 17.09 in 2018.

And when former Asian champion Maheswary jumped 17.30m in 2016 (he was fourth in the world list that year) for a new National

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**ELDHOSE PAUL**  
CWG champion

record in Bengaluru, a month before the Rio Olympics, many rubbed their eyes in disbelief.

But 2022 has raised triple jump in India as never before. In a two-month period, May and June, three jumpers – Kerala's Aboobacker (17.19m) and Karthik Unnikrishnan (17.10m) and Tamil Nadu's Chithravel (17.18m) – breached 17m and grabbed three of the top five rungs in the Indian all-time jumpers' list. And Paul is on the edge of the landmark, in sixth spot with 16.99m.

How did this happen?

"Mainly, it's teamwork. Three of us [Paul, Aboobacker and Unnikrishnan] do our workouts together. All of us are in the same performance range, so there is a strong competitive spirit," says Paul, who despite not having officially crossed 17m (the 17.03m that fetched him the Commonwealth Games gold was wind-aided, +3.1 wind), covered himself in glory this year.

"We are almost like brothers, we support each other well and even help out during competitions. So, every day there is some improvement. If we had been training in different places, perhaps India would not have got such performances from us. And we train under the same coach M. Harikrishnan [at the national camp in Bengaluru, former two-time Worlds silver medallist Yoandri Betanzos of Cuba coaches Chithravel at JSW's Inspire Institute of Sport, Ballari]."

Why have the triple jumpers responded so well to Harikrishnan's methods?

"One, my workouts are suitable for their body, next... their faith in the coach, they blindly



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believe in me. And third is hard work," says Harikrishnan, who was not sent for the World Championships but coached them online around midnight every day from the national camp.

"I'm very lucky to have students like them. And I have another youngster, Gailey Venister from Tamil Nadu, who is also very promising."

Like 2021, which had the Tokyo Olympics, and this year (Worlds and CWG), 2023 too will be very busy, with the Worlds again in Budapest (August), the Asian Games in Hangzhou (Sept-Oct) and the Asian Championships (most probably in Pattaya, July).

With so many majors lined up, Paul feels Maheswary's National record of 17.30m will fall.

## National record under threat

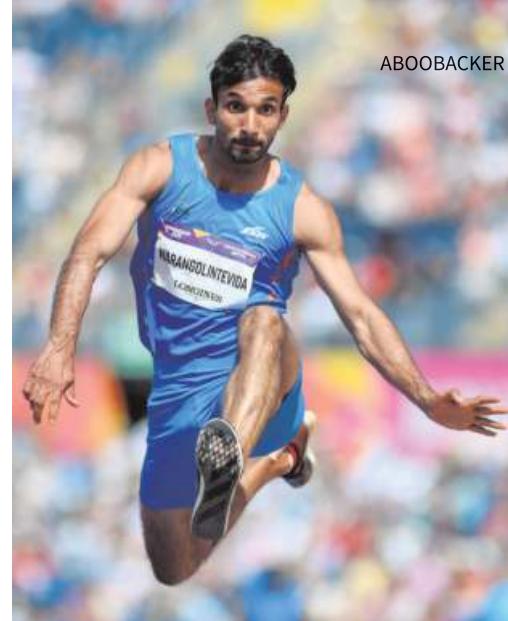
"I'm sure one of us will break the National record and the best jump next year could be around 17.40m. The World Championships entry standard (17.20m) is an achievable target. The last two major competitions have given me a big boost for next season. More than happiness, the confidence that big medals bring matter more," says Paul, who was raised by his grandmother in Ramamangalam, a village near Piravom in Ernakulam District, from the age of four after his mother's death.

Harikrishnan feels all three are capable of achieving 17.40m next year. "But there should be no injuries," says the assistant national coach, who like Aboobacker – this year's India No. 1 – is with the Indian Air Force.

"For Eldhose, it will all depend on the technical corrections I'm working on. There was a problem with his running style, he had a throwing-type running style, we changed that. With that, his hop, rebound and 'plant' became set. I will know how much each one can improve once the major corrections are done."

Paul – earlier coached by T.P. Ouseph, who guided former Worlds long jump bronze medallist Anju Bobby George in her early years – is a quick learner.

"He is quick at grasping things. And Abdulla gets nervous fast but if you motivate him, he will get ready quickly. Physically and mentally, each one is a different make."



Karthik has just a motivation problem but he is very mature," says Harikrishnan.

"Karthik can do a lot better, he should have crossed 17.10 much earlier. In my plan, he should be jumping 17.35 to 17.40 in 2023. And in 2024, around 17.55 to 17.60."

And Harikrishnan explains the trick that helped Aboobacker grab the silver in Birmingham.

"I could not go for the Commonwealth Games and when I saw that Abdulla was fourth after four jumps, I realised he was in a sort of silent mode. I knew I had to get him worked up to produce a good jump."

"I told [long jumper Muhammed] Anees to carry his mobile and put it on loudspeaker mode so that he could hear it. I told Abdulla, 'Abdu consider you are a mad man...jump like a mad man, think you are a vattan, a pranthan (mad man). Don't think about your technique. And have the entire stadium in your grip. Clap and only when you feel motivated, do the jump.' And he did it!" says the coach.

## Sense of unease

Despite the historic Birmingham performance, there is a sense of unease among the triple jumpers. Six months ago, the Athletics Federation of India brought in Russian Denis Kapustin, the 2000 Sydney Olympics bronze medallist, as the head coach for horizontal jumps. The jumpers are worried about the transition when the camp resumes for next year.

"Both Kapustin and Harikrishnan should decide the workouts together, if there is a sudden change our body will take some time to adapt. Gradually, both their workouts should merge...I think that will be the plan going forward," says Paul.

The possible logistical issues for Kapustin, after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, are also something that must be considered. The triple jumpers were without a coach at the Worlds and CWG as Kapustin could not get visas and there is a feeling it could trouble them next year too.

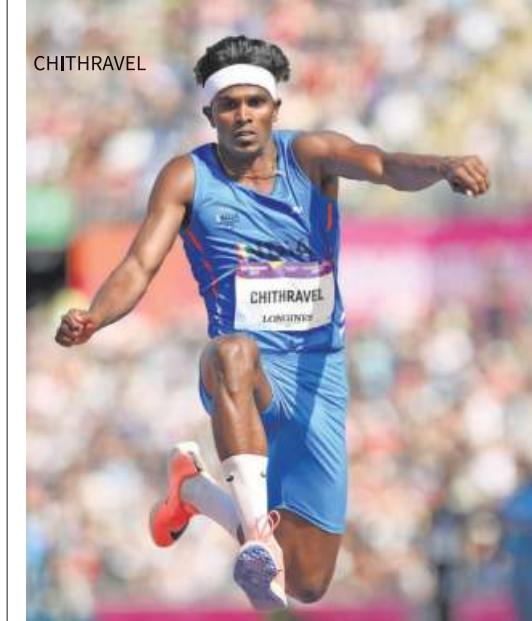
Paul feels that competing in Europe next year will give the triple jumpers a big boost.

"The climate there is different, we should get used to it...instead of doing competitions here, we should be competing in European meets and try to peak for the majors through those competitions," he says.

"We should also try to qualify for the Worlds from foreign competitions and if you are looking to gain ranking points, the Indian meets offer us very few points. The more we compete abroad, the better it will be in major meets."

"In India, we are forced to peak in domestic competition and when we travel abroad, we go down."

Like the long jumpers, the triple jumpers have offered Indian athletics new hope. It is time to offer them more support and see what they are capable of doing.



## STACKING UP



### ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,740	17
2	Casper Ruud	23	5,850	23
3	Rafael Nadal	36	5,810	10
4	Daniil Medvedev	26	5,065	19
5	Alexander Zverev	25	5,040	19
6	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,810	22
7	Novak Djokovic	35	3,570	11
8	Cameron Norrie	27	3,550	24
9	Andrey Rublev	24	3,390	24
10	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,355	22
11	Jannik Sinner	21	3,200	21
12	Taylor Fritz	24	3,055	23
13	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	2,950	24
14	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,510	23
15	Matteo Berrettini	26	2,360	18



### F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	335	11
2	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	219	3
3	Sergio Perez	Red Bull Racing	210	1
4	George Russell	Mercedes	203	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	187	1
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	168	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	88	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	66	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	59	0
10	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
11	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	22	0
12	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	22	0
13	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	20	0
14	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	19	0
15	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0



### Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	122,606	34
2	Kento Momota	92,904	21
3	Anders Antonsen	92,700	29
4	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	32
5	Chou Tien Chen	91,126	31
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	85,179	28
7	Loh Kean Yew	81,594	27
8	Jonatan Christie	76,912	29
9	Lakshya Sen	75,874	33
10	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	70,849	30
11	Rasmus Gemke	68,691	28
12	K. Srikanth	68,431	37
13	Ng Ka Long Angus	67,297	27
14	Lee Cheuk Yiu	66,461	27
15	Wang Tzu Wei	64,416	32



### Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	887	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	879	879
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	719	772



### Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	C

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# Rafael Leao: from rough diamond to crown jewel

**Although the 23-year-old winger is blessed with rich gifts, his supporters once wondered whether he would fulfil his potential. But he has followed up a breakthrough season with AC Milan – the club won the Scudetto, he took home the MVP title – with a barnstorming start to 2022-23**

**Reuters**  
**Agence France-Presse**

**R**afael Leao looks every inch the predator he is on the football field: tall, muscular, dangerous. The Portuguese star is also one of the rarest profiles in the game, a 'big-body' winger who can deliver the final ball, break defensive lines with his dribbling, act as a ball-carrying outlet on the counter and finish like a centre-forward while also possessing an aerial threat.

Just consider the various ways in which the AC Milan wide-man can hurt the opposition.

Leao can burst into a powerful run from a standing start, stop on a dime and take off again, reaching top-line speed in almost no time. He leaves his markers for dead just with his explosive changes of pace. He also has a bag of tricks – step-overs, shoulder-drops, sharp cuts with the inside and outside of his foot, drags with the sole, body feints and direction changes.

Defenders have few options to contain the 23-year-old. Staying touch-tight and getting physical doesn't work – he's 6'2", bigger and stronger than any full-back he is likely to encounter on the wing. Leao can hold his man off, roll through contact, turn and breeze past. Standing off and trying to control his position is just as fraught with danger; Leao is adept at squaring his marker up and once he has his man on his heels, his tricks are even more devastating. He can go on the outside or cut in; he is very effective doing both.

At his best, Leao can find a pass, off either foot, from out on the touchline or the half-space. Equally, he can



break diagonally into the box and finish. In the Milan derby earlier this month, several of his abilities were on display as he played a part in all three goals the Rossoneri scored in a 3-2 win over bitter city rival Inter.

His first goal was a one-touch, left-footed finish across the goalkeeper, into the side-netting. He then found Olivier Giroud in the box with a left-footed pass from the touchline, almost a long-distance cut-back. To have such influence with his 'weaker' foot was a sign of just how special he is. The match-winner saw Leao leave two defenders in his wake as he drove into the box on the back of some trickery before scoring, this time with his stronger right foot.

**Shedding a tag**  
The display showed just how valuable Leao is to Milan – and how convincingly he has overcome his early reputation as a frustrating talent who wasn't living up to his potential.

Former Sporting Lisbon youth team coach Tiago Fernandes made the claim that Leao was "the best player in the history of the academy" – better than the likes of Luis Figo and Cristiano Ronaldo at the same age. When he moved to Lille, quitting Sporting after players and staff were reportedly attacked by a group of fans, he was nicknamed 'The Portuguese Mbappe'. Then coach Christophe Galtier also said, however, that "he's a player who can make you pull your hair out but, a few minutes later, bring you a lot of hope and a smile".

Leao's early years in Milan were of a similar nature – the talent was obvious. In December 2020, the youngster scored the fastest goal in

Serie A history, netting after just 6.2 seconds at Sassuolo. There were other flashes of brilliance, but also the inconsistency that young players often have to deal with. Perhaps it didn't help that coach Stefano Pioli compared his style to Thierry Henry's. Also, Leao's swagger may have rubbed some fans the wrong way.

## Top form

Those days are now firmly in the past, with the Milan fans in love with their crown jewel. After a breakthrough season, during which he won the 2021-22 Serie A MVP title and Milan claimed the Scudetto, Leao has begun this season even better: three goals and three assists in six Serie A appearances and two Champions League assists in two games.

"Naturally, every time we put him in one-on-one situations, he's an important weapon in our armoury," Pioli said. "Rafa has a body language that might confuse people, but I can assure you he knows what potential he has and is very eager to learn. In order to improve, you need talent and intelligence, so Leao has both of those. We gave him the time and freedom to make mistakes so he could learn."

Leao's numbers over the last year place him among the best in Europe. According to statistical outlet fbref.com, the 23-year-old is in the top 15% for non-penalty goals per 90 minutes (0.37), the top 4% for assists per 90 (0.42), the top 4% for dribbles completed per 90 (2.96) and the top 10% for progressive carries per 90 (8.79), compared to other attackers in Europe's five major leagues. So in terms of goal threat and advancing the ball, he is elite. He is also versatile: although primarily deployed off the left, he can play across the front line.

So it's no surprise that other European giants

are circling, looking to see if Leao extends his Milan contract, scheduled to run out in 2024. Chelsea already made an informal offer in the summer, Milan's technical director Paolo Maldini recently confirmed. It was rejected but he added that "it's pointless being a romantic", with the likes of Manchester City, looking for Raheem Sterling's replacement on the left wing, and even Real Madrid supposedly interested.

There is no doubt that Milan will miss Leao if a move were to materialise. Already this season, the club suffered against Napoli, tasting defeat for the first time in 2022-23 after the left-winger was suspended for receiving a red card in the previous fixture. Without access to his lightning pace, line-breaking ability and eye for goal, Milan looked a considerably less threatening side.

Former Milan players, including former striker Jean-Pierre Papin, have urged Leao to stay in Italy and develop. According to Gazzetta dello Sport, that seems to be the direction of the Portuguese star's thinking as well. It reported that Leao wants to reach an agreement on an extension with Milan before the World Cup starts in November to avoid potential distractions. The Serie A champion is reportedly offering him a salary increase, worth about €6 million per season, but Leao wants a number closer to €7m.

But wherever Leao's future lies, what's certain is that he has figured out how to translate his potential into match- and championship-winning performances. And he did it in Milan, which could influence the decision on where he wants to play his next few years.

"God has given me the talent, which is rare, but I must add sacrifices and hard work," Leao said in an interview with La Repubblica. "I have a talent to cultivate but you don't play alone in football and I've proved that I can make it at Milan."

## GAME THEORY

**Greatness in numbers**

Roger Federer called time on a record-studded career last week. A look at some of the stats that place him in the top tier of tennis' greatest-ever players:

<b>1,251</b>	Second-most matches for a male player in the Open Era (since 1968). He won 1,012, also the second-most. Jimmy Connors owns both records (1,274; 1,066)
<b>35</b>	One of only two men to win three Majors after turning 35, Ken Rosewall the other
<b>20</b>	First man to win 20 Grand Slam titles. Only Rafael Nadal (22) and Novak Djokovic (21) have more
<b>10</b>	Only male player to reach 10 consecutive Major finals (2005 Wimbledon to 2007 US Open)
<b>5</b>	One of five men to have won the career Grand Slam in the Open Era. Rod Laver, Andre Agassi, Nadal and Djokovic are the others
<b>3</b>	One of only two players to reach the final of all four Grand Slams in the same season on three occasions (2006, 2007, 2009). Steffi Graf is the other
<b>36 years, 320 days</b>	Oldest World No. 1 in ATP history

## PICTURE THIS



### Apocalypse now

Just another day of cricket in the County Championship, with dark, dramatic clouds adding to the spectacle in Taunton, where Somerset and Gloucestershire locked horns earlier this month.

County cricket has been derided

and a dog. With the burgeoning of domestic white-ball competitions, its doom has been foretold.

But while county cricket needs swift improvement, it still serves a vital purpose.

Its value to English cricket is fundamental, but it also offers cricketers from other countries considerable benefits.

It remains a finishing school

for young red-ball players and a sanctuary for older pros to work on their games away from the pressure of international cricket.

Zaheer Khan and Ishant Sharma are two Indian cricketers in recent years who gained from county stints.

Indians once featured prominently on the county circuit, but their presence had reduced in

recent times.

The 2022 season, however, saw an uptick in participation. Cheteshwar Pujara (Sussex), Washington Sundar (Lancashire), Umesh Yadav (Middlesex), Navdeep Saini (Kent), Shubman Gill (Glamorgan), Mohammed Siraj and Jayant Yadav (both Warwickshire) turned out in creams.

## GENERAL

**World Cup winner Kaka to make marathon debut in Berlin**



Former FIFA World Cup-winning footballer Kaka will make his debut at the Berlin Marathon on Sunday. Kaka, who played for Real Madrid and AC Milan before retiring in 2017, said his father's struggle with Covid-19 had inspired him to run the marathon. "I want to run around 3 hours, 40 minutes," said the Brazilian.

## GOLF

**USA firmly in the lead against Internationals in Presidents Cup**



The U.S. Team jumped out to a 4-1 lead over the International Team on the first day of the Presidents Cup on Thursday at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte. The Americans are huge favourites with 10 of the world's 16 top-ranked players to none for an International roster decimated by defections to the LIV Golf Series.

## CRICKET

**Brook and Duckett help England thump Pakistan in third T20I**



Ben Duckett and Harry Brook smashed half-centuries as England scored a 63-run win over Pakistan in the third T20I on Friday. **The scores:** England 221/3 in 20 overs (Harry Brook 81 n.o., Ben Duckett 69 n.o., Will Jacks 40) bt Pakistan 158/8 in 20 overs (Shan Masood 65 n.o., Mark Wood 3/24).

## FORMULA ONE

**Nicholas Latifi to part ways with Williams at the end of 2022**



Nicholas Latifi will part ways with Williams at the end of the 2022 season at the conclusion of the Canadian driver's current contract, the Formula One team announced on Friday. After confirming that Alex Albon will continue for next year and beyond, Williams said it would announce its full 2023 driver line-up in due course.

# Rohit's blitzkrieg complements Axar's spell as India pulls level

Wade's dazzling, unbeaten 43 and Zampa's triple strike go in vain for Australia in the second T20I reduced to an eight-a-side shootout due to a wet outfield; Bumrah shows encouraging signs on his comeback; Karthik provides the winning punch

## AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

**Ashwin Achal**  
NAGPUR

**R**ohit Sharma (46 n.o., 20b, 4x4, 4x6) and Axar Patel (two for 13) scripted a six-wicket win for India against Australia in the second T20I here on Friday. The victory helped the Men in Blue level the three-match series 1-1.

The outing was reduced to an eight-over-per-side shootout as the start was delayed due to a wet outfield. The full house at the VCA Stadium (Jamtha) was naturally disappointed with the long wait, given that there was no rain around.

**Surprising**  
The venue had witnessed showers a full day earlier, so it was surprising that the outfield could not be dried in time for action.

The deep third-man area, when bowling from the pavilion end, was the worst affected spot. The umpires K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan and Nitin Mehta made three inspections before deciding that it was safe to play.

After being put in to bat, Australia posted fighting 90 for five. Matthew Wade (43 n.o., 20b, 4x4, 3x6) was the best batter on view.

Wade took a liking to Harshal Patel, hitting the pacer for three sixes in the last over.

Left-arm spinner Axar was exceptional, conceding just 13 runs in his two overs. Axar was rewarded for accuracy, as he castled middle-order batters Glenn Maxwell and Tim David. Both batters cleared their front legs to slog, but failed to make contact.



**Leading the charge:** Rohit guided the Men in Blue past the finish line with an unbeaten 46. K.R. DEEPAK

## Throwback



**Moment frozen in time:** On this date 15 years ago, M.S. Dhoni led India to a memorable triumph in a thrilling maiden ICC World T20 final against Pakistan in Johannesburg. Batting first, India scored 157 for five with opener Gautam Gambhir contributing 75. In reply, Pakistan was bowled out for 152 in the 20th over. All-rounder Irfan Pathan, who finished with three for 16, will remember this day forever as he was declared the Player-of-the-final. GETTY IMAGES

## Dilip Tirkey elected new HI president

## Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

Former India captain Dilip Tirkey, who was the frontrunner for the post of Hockey India president, was elected unopposed for the top job on Friday.

Hockey India elections were scheduled to be held on October 1 but the results were declared in advance as there were no contestants for any of the posts, paving the way for the incumbent candidates to be elected unopposed as per the federation's Constitution.

Tirkey was elected after Uttar Pradesh Hockey chief Rakesh Katyal and Hockey



Jharkhand's Bhola Nath Singh, who were in the fray for the president's post, withdrew their nominations on Friday. Bhola Nath has been elected unopposed as secretary general.

## McEnroe upbeat on future despite Federer, Serena exit

## Agence France-Presse

LONDON

John McEnroe says Roger Federer and Serena Williams are "irreplaceable" but that tennis "goes on no matter what" as the Swiss prepares to play his final match on Friday.

McEnroe, who is captain of Team World, admitted the sport would miss the two players but is optimistic about the future, just weeks after 19-year-old Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz won the US Open.

"These two players are irreplaceable," he said. "I don't think there is any question about that."



**The show will go on:** McEnroe admitted the sport would miss Serena and Federer, but is optimistic about the future. AFP

But he added: "The opportunity is there to market these young kids in a way that I don't think we have successfully done before."

