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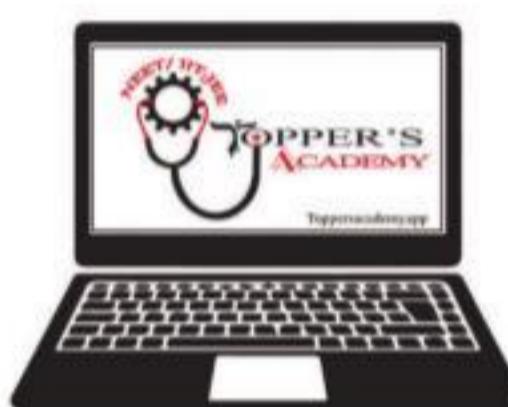
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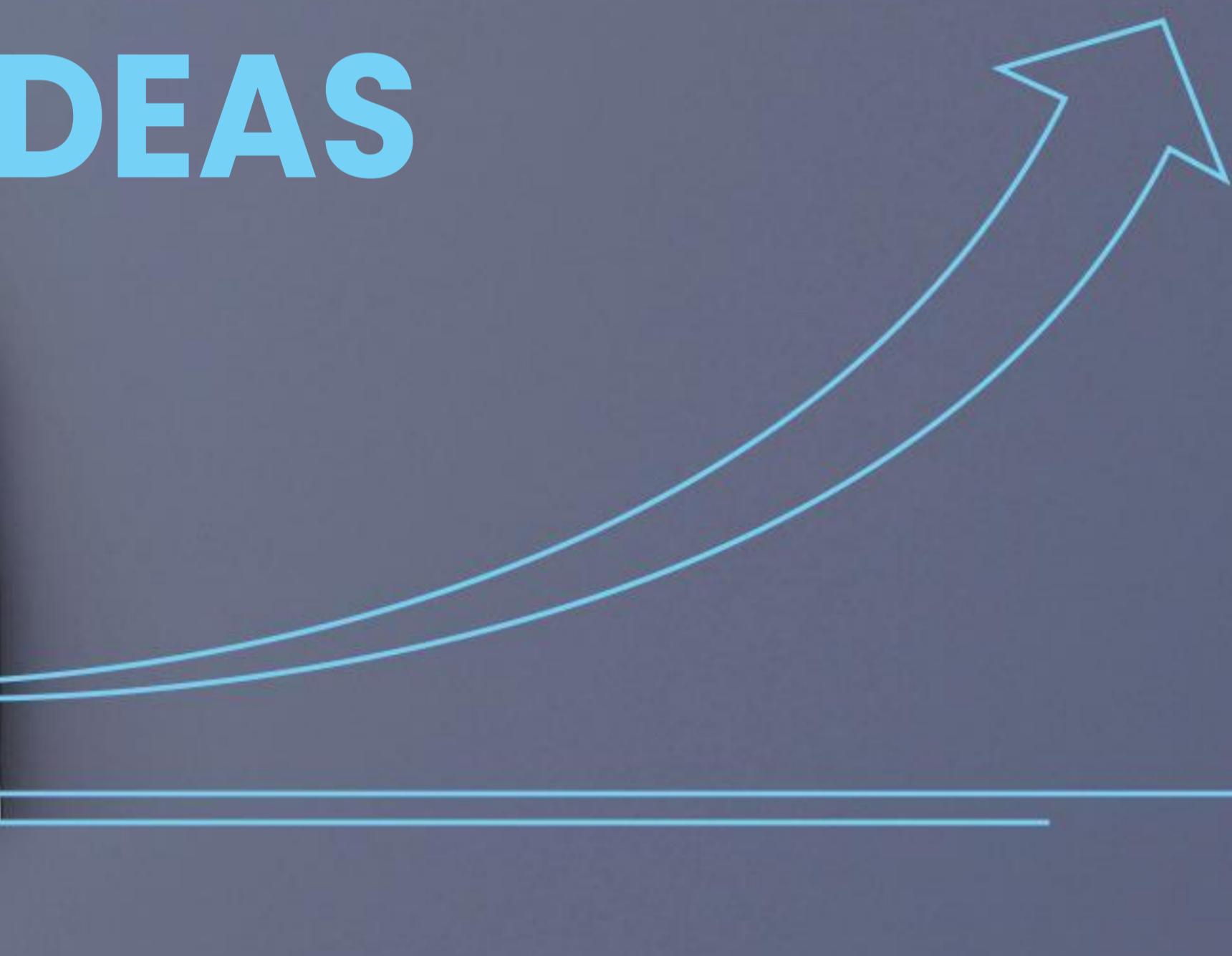
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AN OVAL WIN AFTER 50 YRS

Virat Kohli, Ravindra Jadeja celebrate a wicket as India beat England to lead the Test series 2-1, at The Oval, Monday. AP PAGE 22

Ex-governor faces sedition case over UP govt comment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 6

THE RAMPUR police has booked former Uttar Pradesh governor Aziz Qureshi on sedition charges for allegedly making derogatory comments against the Yogi Adityanath government.

Qureshi had gone to Rampur late Saturday evening to meet Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan's wife Tanzeem Fatima, a local MLA. Azam Khan and his son Abdullah Khan are in judicial custody in connection with cases pending against them. Tanzeem Fatima was released from jail in December last year.

Leaving after meeting Fatima, Qureshi allegedly compared the Adityanath government to a "blood-sucking demon".

On the basis of a complaint filed by local BJP leader Akash Saxena, an FIR was lodged against Qureshi at the Civil Lines Police Station Sunday under IPC Sections 153-A (promoting enmity between two groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc, and acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony), 153-B

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surge to a "hard lockdown" in urban areas during April-June, and described the rebound in female participation as a "positive sign".

The surge in female labour force participation rate, as evidenced in the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data for July 2019-June 2020, can be interpreted as a positive sign, but there is a catch: much of this increase is in the most sub-optimal category of unpaid family workers. The rise in agriculture, too, is mostly in this category — those working in household enterprises without drawing wages.

In agriculture, which constitutes about 16 per cent of the GDP,

the PLFS data show that in 2019-20, there has been an increase in percentage terms of those reported to be working in the

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FOR FIRST TIME, ISLAMISTS ENTER VALLEY FORTRESS

Last pocket of resistance falls, Taliban raise flag in Panjshir

Massoud vows to keep fighting; Taliban assure people of 'no discrimination'

SAMI SAHAK, WALI ARIAN & JIM HUYLBROEK
SEPTEMBER 6

THE TALIBAN claimed on Monday to have captured the Panjshir Valley, raising their flag over the last Afghan provincial capital not firmly under their control, even as representatives of the opposition forces there declared they would fight on from the mountains.

If the Taliban manage to keep Panjshir under control, it would be a symbolic capstone to their lightning-quick conquest and return to national power.



A partitioned classroom at Avicenna University, Kabul. Reuters

Very different from the '90s: 5 takeaways from fall of Panjshir

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

THE FALL of Panjshir, the last remaining holdout controlled by the Northern Alliance forces, means curtains for the armed

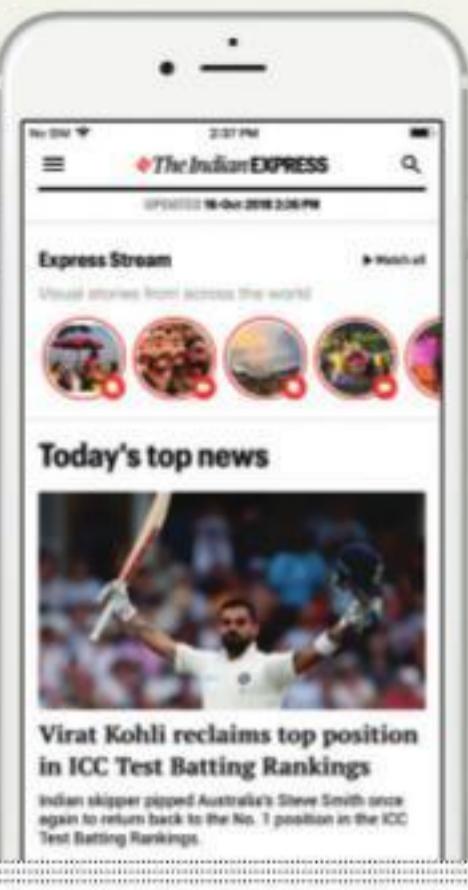
opposition to the new rulers of Afghanistan for now.

There are broadly five takeaways from the victory that the Taliban claimed on Monday.

First, the new strategy employed by the Taliban has worked.

Unlike in the 1990s, when the Northern Alliance were able

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ISI Chief in Kabul, India at the Tokyo Paralympics, and 'Kisan Mahapanchayat'

In this episode, we discuss the significance of the ISI chief visiting Kabul, India's performance at the Tokyo Paralympics, and the Kisan Mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar

SC to hear pleas against Centre's decision on quota for OBCs, EWS in NEET

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear pleas challenging Centre's decision to implement 27 per cent quota for Other Backward Class (OBC) and 10 per cent for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category in NEET admissions for medical courses. A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, Vikram Nath and Hima Kohli issued notice to the Centre and Medical Counselling Committee and tagged them with a pending matter.

Senior advocate Arvind P Datar, appearing for petitioner Neil Aurelio Nunes and others, submitted that the decision is against the order of Madras High Court as it also raises question whether there should be horizontal or vertical reservation.

The bench said that it will issue notice and tag the matter.

Meanwhile, the SC refused to defer the NEET-UG examination, scheduled for September 12, saying it does not want to interfere with the process and it will be "very unfair" to reschedule it. PTI

CBI nabs 4 more in JEE-Main 'rigging' case

New Delhi: The CBI on Monday arrested four more people in connection with the alleged manipulation of JEE (Main) exams case.

Among those arrested is Sandeep Gupta, an assistant professor from Hindu Engineering College in Sonepat, Haryana, one of the centres for the exam, where alleged manipulation took place. The CBI had raided the college on Thursday and claimed to have uncovered the racket. Besides Gupta, the others arrested, CBI sources said, were Kuldeep Garg and Arvind Saini, both lab technicians; and Tulsi Ram, a peon – all of them employed with the Sonepat college.

Earlier, CBI had arrested seven people in the case, including the three directors of Noida-based Affinity Education Pvt Ltd, which had allegedly manipulated the exams in connivance with exam centre officials. ENS

Majority Firozabad cases dengue, Centre asks UP for vector control

New Delhi: Days after a central expert team was sent to Firozabad to investigate the cause of fever outbreaks and deaths among children, the Centre on Monday directed Uttar Pradesh government to institute vector surveillance and augment isolation beds in district hospitals.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan wrote to UP Chief Secretary Rajendra Kumar Tiwari, stating that the central team has observed that a majority of cases are due to vector-borne disease dengue, while a few are a result of bacterial infections – scrub typhus and leptospirosis.

The Centre recommended the state to strengthen ELISA-based testing facilities, and continue activities related to fever survey, vector control, and fever camps. "Isolation beds and admission facilities in district hospital in Firozabad and neighbouring districts to be augmented," Bhushan wrote.

Bhushan also asked the state to organise a "short reorientation" of all doctors at PHC, CHC and district hospitals for management of dengue, scrub typhus, and leptospirosis. ENS

FROM PAGE ONE

Panjshir falls

sometimes after suffering heavy casualties.

The Taliban have always been bitterly opposed to the fighters of the Panjshir and were complicit in the assassination of their storied commander Ahmad Shah Massoud 20 years ago.

While rumours of the Taliban's having taken over in Panjshir swirled this past weekend, it was not until Monday morning that the group officially claimed control.

"Panjshir Province completely fell to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan," Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban's spokesman, wrote in a statement on Twitter.

Taliban fighters posted images online said to be of militants raising the flag of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan as the Taliban call the country, in the provincial capital, Bazarak, as well as of their forces talking to local leaders.

But while the Taliban claimed that they had conquered the entire province, the opposition group, the National Resistance Front, disputed that account, saying that its forces were still positioned across the Panjshir Valley.

"We assure the people of Afghanistan that the struggle against the Taliban and their partners will continue until justice and freedom prevails," it said on Twitter.

The conflicting accounts of what was happening on the ground in the area 70 miles north of Kabul, the country's capital, were hard to verify because Internet and telephone service into the region has been cut off.

The resistance group's leader, Ahmad Massoud, son of Ahmad Shah Massoud, the commander who was assassinated in 2001, issued an audio recording on Monday calling for the nation to rise up against the Taliban.

"Wherever you are, whether inside the country or outside, we appeal to you to rise up in resistance for the dignity, integrity and freedom of our country," he said, according to a transcript of the recording.

He added that, despite the Taliban's claims to want a peaceful negotiated settlement with the opposition forces, "they began a full-scale military offensive on our people which led to numerous victims, among them my close family members."

There were reports on Sunday of possibly significant losses among the resistance fighters, including the deaths of several commanders and of the resistance spokesman Fahim Dashti.

For their part, the Taliban sought to reassure the local population that their forces meant them no harm.

"We give full assurance to the honourable people of Panjshir that they will not be discriminated against," Mujahid said. "They are all our brothers, and we will serve a country and a community goal."

The Taliban took over the majority of Afghanistan with astonishing speed after the withdrawal of most American forces. After months of heavy fighting and taking horrific casualties, the US-trained Afghan security forces melted away before the militants in the end, culminating in the Taliban's seizure of Kabul on August 15.

The Taliban have yet to formally announce the structure of their new government, but said on Monday that they would soon offer more detail.

In what appeared to be a bid to try and keep former Afghan soldiers in the fold, Mujahid said that "former forces that were trained and are professionals should be recruited" into the new regime.

That, he added, would be done through "a procedure" that he did not elaborate on.

Still, pockets of resistance in Afghanistan remained, particu-

Farm, low-wage women labour surge

sector (45.6 per cent, see chart). This comes after decades of a progressive fall that signalled movement to high productivity jobs outside.

At the same time, the surge for 2019-20 corresponds to a decline in manufacturing and construction in the latest survey.

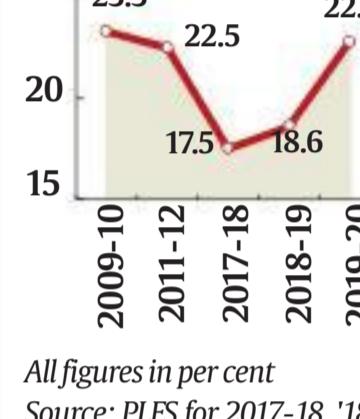
These figures are based on the "usual principal status" and the "subsidiary status" approach in which data is obtained for those who worked or were available for work for a relatively long part of the 365 days preceding the date of survey – and those from the remaining population who had worked at least for 30 days during the same reference period.

The findings are more stark for the "current weekly status" for which the reference period is of the seven days preceding the date of survey. The weekly approach is closer to the global norm, and captures unemployment over a shorter term while the longer-term "usual status" tends to include chronic unemployment and seasonal work patterns.

However, PLFS data for 2019-20 also show that the employment rate for unpaid workers in household enterprises in rural and urban areas increased to 15.9 per cent from 13.3 per cent in 2018-19. For female workers, it increased to 35 per cent in 2019-20 (for rural and urban areas) from 30.9 per cent in 2018-19.

India had recorded a steady decline in employment in the agricultural sector corresponding to the share of output over the years, as is the case for most major developing nations – a

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE - SURGE IN FEMALE WORKERS RURAL + URBAN



All figures in per cent
Source: PLFS for 2017-18, '18-'19, '19-'20; NSS Employment-Unemployment Survey for 2011-12, 2009-10

trend that has now been reversed.

"There has been an increase in the share of employment in agriculture in 2019-20 even as the share of agriculture in GDP has declined. Lot of people lost jobs during the pandemic and agriculture became the employment of last resort. The distress, however, was brewing before the pandemic struck. GDP had slowed down, demand had declined and manufacturing was not expanding. Between 2004-05 to 2011-12, many exited agriculture to join the construction sector with a big push to infrastructure," Radhika Kapoor, Fellow at Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), said.

"Rural India was doing well, but after 2011-12, problems

surfaced such as the twin balance sheet problem and rural growth story started petering out. With the inability of the construction sector to absorb those who were exiting agriculture and with the manufacturing sector not taking off, workers got pushed back into agriculture," Kapoor said.

In the case of women, the PLFS data for 2019-20 show a sharper rise in the participation rate, particularly in rural areas. But worryingly, much of this is again in the category of unpaid family workers.

For instance, the overall female participation rate increased to 22.8 per cent in 2019-20 from 18.6 per cent in 2018-19. In urban areas, the rate increased to 18.5 per cent in 2019-20 from 16.1 per cent in 2018-19, and in rural areas, more sharply to 24.7 per cent in 2019-20 from 19.7 per cent in 2018-19.

Correspondingly, though, the rate of females employed as unpaid workers in households increased to 11.1 per cent (in 2019-20) from 9.6 per cent (2018-19) in urban areas and to 42.3 per cent from 37.9 per cent in rural areas.

"If you look at the details, you find that this increase is not in good quality work but in the unpaid family work category or in the unorganised sector. This is not something to be happy about," P C Mohanan, former acting head, National Statistical Commission, said.

The two trends, Mohanan said, cannot be viewed as good in terms of gender empowerment. "After demolition, there was a slump in employ-

ment for all categories and the unemployment rate was very high. Things were recovering slowly up to the end of 2019, but then suddenly a pandemic came in and everything got reversed. After the pandemic, it appears women workers are more affected because of the restrictions such as for public transport," Mohanan said.

New research by Ashwini Deshpande and Jitendra Singh of Ashoka University suggests that frequent transitions, as well as fall in participation rate, are "consistent with the demand-side constraints, viz., that women's participation is falling due unavailability of steady gainful employment".

Using 12 rounds of a high frequency household panel survey, they assert that women are likely to be displaced from employment by male workers, especially when there are negative economic shocks such as demonetisation or the pandemic.

This trend had intensified, as corroborated by CMIE data for months beyond July 2020.

"Industries that employ women haven't done well. Unlike Bangladesh, we did not have labour intensive manufacturing. Even though rising education levels have been seen among females, there aren't enough good jobs for them," Kapoor said.

The updated CMIE's Pyramid Household Surveys for months subsequent to July 2020 show a loss of employment in service and manufacturing sectors that seems to be accompanied by a progressive shift towards low-paying subsistence work.

A(sedition) and 505(1)-B(intent to cause fear or alarm to the public).

Saxena said when Qureshi visited Azam Khan's house, several people including mediapersons had gathered. "While speaking to the public, Aziz Qureshi made derogatory remarks against the Uttar Pradesh government." Saxena complained, adding that Qureshi's statement was doing the last man standing against the Taliban, who has made a tactical retreat to fight another day.

Five, to the extent that the fall of Panjshir marks the success of the Taliban and the Pakistani military, it is a setback for India as well.

New Delhi, which had earlier backed the Northern Alliance through funds and material – as has been documented in Steve Coll's seminal book, Directorate S – appears to have taken a cue from the Americans and stepped back this time.

In one of his last interviews to a TV station on August 13, 2001, the senior Massoud was asked whether India had assisted his government in any way. He had replied: "We have good relations. We thank India for the assistance, which is extended from time to time in the fields of humanitarian assistance for Afghan migrants. We have good political relations and we consider it to be a positive step."

Massoud was also asked whether India and his government shared common interests, and what India could do to help bring peace to Afghanistan.

The main commonality is that both countries want peace and stability in the region and do not want tension. India is a big country in the region and is effective through different ways to restore peace in Afghanistan," Massoud had replied.

Ahmad, who was educated at the elite Royal Military College at Sandhurst in Britain and at King's College London, and earned a degree in war studies before returning to Afghanistan in 2016, is said to have escaped to Tajikistan as the Taliban rolled into Panjshir.

Along with Ahmad, the mantle of resistance has passed to a

While Azam Khan is currently in a hospital in Lucknow on complaints of breathlessness, Abdullah is lodged in Sitapur district jail.

Paswan's bust

bust may have complicated matters. The BJP leadership fears that Chirag could "politicise the issue" by refusing to move out. Given the considerable influence the late Paswan had among the Dalit community, the BJP knows it can ill-afford to antagonise his family at such a crucial juncture – the UP Assembly elections are months away, and the BJP hopes to consolidate non-Jatav Dalit votes in eastern UP. The party relies on Paswan community votes in a number of constituencies in central and eastern UP.

The results of the survey, conducted in August this year, are based on interviews of 1,400 households in rural hamlets and urban bastis "inhabited by underprivileged families – the sort of families that send their children to government schools".

"About 60% of the sample households reside in rural areas, and close to 60% belong to Dalit or Adivasi communities," the report states.

The survey makes it clear that the reach of online education is "very limited". The urban-rural divide is stark, with 24% of urban students studying regularly online while this figure for rural students was a mere 8%.

The biggest reason behind the limited reach of online education is that many sample households (about half in rural areas) have no smartphones. Even among households with a smartphone, the proportion of children accessing online learning resources is just 31% in urban areas and 15% in rural areas. This is mainly because "smartphones are often used by working adults, and may or may not be available to school children, especially the younger siblings". Another problem, especially in villages, was that schools were not sending online study material or parents were not aware of it.

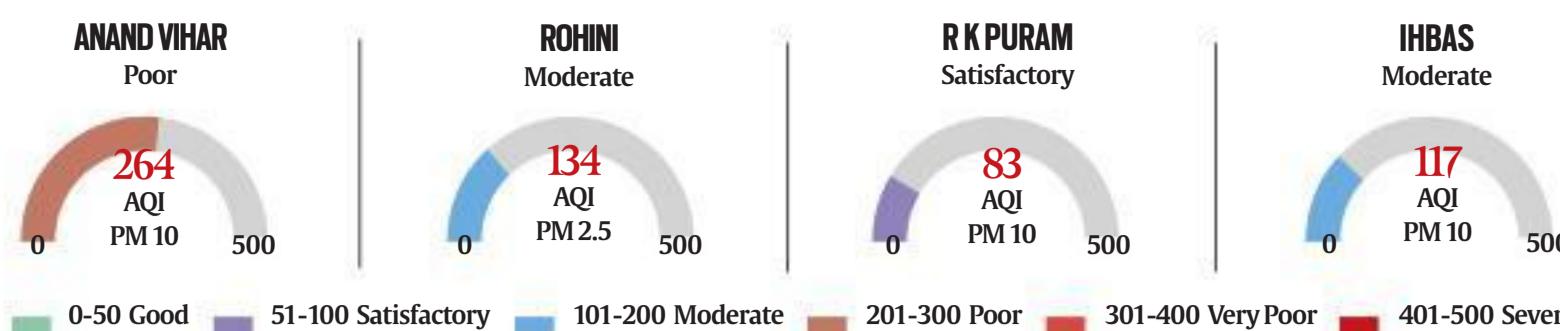
Of the 1,400 children surveyed, about one-fifth were studying in private schools when schools started closing in March last year. A quarter in this sample, among those initially enrolled in private schools, had migrated to government schools by August 2021, the survey report states. This number could have been much higher since several parents are currently struggling to meet private schools' condition to clear all dues before taking a "transfer certificate".

Though the Union government had ordered states to provide midday meal substitutes in the form of foodgrain and money, a ground assessment by the surveyors showed that the distribution was "quite sporadic and haphazard". Twenty per cent of urban students and 14% of rural students in government schools had received neither.

As learning outcomes surveys in the past have already shown, only half the students in Class 5 are able to read texts meant for Class 2. The report says "most parents feel their child's reading and writing abilities have gone down during the lockdown". The pre-lockout learning gap, coupled with a decline in reading and writing abilities and mass promotions, are a "recipe for disaster", the report states.

"For instance, a child who was enrolled in Grade 3 before the lockout, but actually did not master the curriculum beyond Grade 2 because of her disadvantaged position, and now finds herself closer to Grade 1 in that respect, is enrolled in Grade 5 today, and will be promoted to the upper-primary level in a few months' time! Dealing with this massive disconnect requires major changes in curriculum and pedagogy over an extended transition period – years rather than months," according to the report.

Earlier this year, the Bihar cricket body had figured in another controversy by holding a T20 league without proper permission from the BCCI. Within a month of getting pulled up by the board, a group of BCA officials floated



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DU, JNU reopen, with caution

DU libraries open, practicals for final-yr students to resume from Sept 15; JNU opens doors to PhD students who need to submit their theses this year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

DELHI University and Jawaharlal Nehru University have decided to welcome students back to campus in a phased manner.

Libraries at DU opened Monday while laboratories and practical work for final-year students will resume with 50% capacity from September 15. At JNU, V-C M Jagadesh Kumar said the administration has decided to start its phased reopening, beginning with PhD research students who need to submit their theses this year. The university issued an order to this effect on Monday, stating that physical entry of students is voluntary and attendance is not compulsory.

For DU students, it will be necessary that those entering the university or college premises have received at least one dose of the vaccine. To avail of hostel facilities, both doses have been deemed 'essential' but students with one dose may also be permitted.

"Any plan of transition to offline mode must take into account the prevailing conditions and specific requirements of the institutions concerned, allowing



PhD students return to JNU on Monday. Praveen Khanna

it to deal with any eventuality arising due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, keeping the safety concerns as the utmost priority, it was also considered necessary to transit into the blended online-offline mode of teaching and learning in a phased manner," stated a notice from the DU registrar's office.

Laboratory and practical work offline will be permitted for only final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students from September 15. Only those exercises and practicals may be conducted that are considered essential in that semester and

only 50% of the facilities' capacity is to be used.

In the meantime, all theory classes are to continue in the online mode as before.

At the libraries, if seating arrangements are rendered inadequate by following the Covid SOPs, students must be allowed to borrow books on a regular basis. It has also been suggested to colleges, departments and centres to give date and time slots to students for using the library to avoid crowding in the premises.

The order also states that, "final-year students may be allowed to join for academic con-

sultation and placement purposes, as per the decision of the head of the institution. However, it should be ensured that students not more than 50% of the sitting capacity should be present at any point of time."

Meanwhile, the JNUV-C said a committee is looking into opening the campus in different phases.

In a web interaction with students on Monday, he said: "The Covid situation in the country is definitely improving... However, in certain regions, it is still a serious matter. We also have issues related to Covid variants..."

Considering the situation in the country and following guidelines we received from the government, the JNU administration has decided to open the university in a phased manner. There is a committee looking into it which has decided that PhD students who need to complete their thesis work before 31st December will be permitted to enter the campus first... There are lots of requests from students to open the campus fully... the committee is looking at opening the campus in different phases. After PhD, terminal students in various programmes will be called, and then the entire university will be opened..."

22 apprehended in police combing drive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

TWENTY-TWO people were apprehended by Noida Police during a joint operation with their counterparts in Ghaziabad and Delhi. Called 'Operation Prahar 2', the special drive was held to identify people who had skipped parole and had cases pending against them. The operation was carried out in Ghaziabad's Khora after police received inputs of several criminals living in the area.

"For the last few days, we had been preparing a list of criminals from Khora area involved in loot, theft, snatching and similar cases. Inputs were shared between Noida, Delhi and Ghaziabad police and we decided to carry out raids collectively. Twenty-two

accused were brought in and their criminal dossiers prepared. We will be carrying out more such drives against criminals," said Rajneesh Verma, ACP 2, Gautam Buddha Nagar.

According to police, Khora has a population of more than 10 lakh and shares 28 border points between Noida, Ghaziabad and Delhi. Many people live here on rent without proper verification.

The drive involved nearly 140 officials from three districts. The operation lasted three hours.

Those found to have skipped parole were sent back to jail. One accused, Durgesh Mota, had more than 65 cases pending against him, police said.

In some homes, police found freshly cut vegetables, indicating people had been tipped off about the raids.

HC declines to pass order on Gahlot's appeal

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Monday declined to grant interim relief to Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot in the appeal filed by him against an order passed by a single bench last month, refusing to grant any ex parte injunction against BJP MLA Vijender Gupta.

Gahlot, in the defamation suit

pending before the single bench, sought Rs 5 crore as damages from Gupta and accused him of making scandalous allegations against him with regard to alleged irregularities in purchase and maintenance of buses by the DTC. "You don't have to be so sensitive about it," the division bench told Gahlot. **ENS**

Appointment of Vice-Chancellor
Search-cum-Selection Committee Notification

The Search-cum-Selection Committee invites applications for the post of Vice-Chancellor, Chettinad Academy of Research and Education (CARE), Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 from distinguished academicians with highest level of competence, integrity, morals, institutional commitment and possessing a minimum of ten years of experience as Professor in a University system or ten years of experience in an equivalent position in a reputed research and/or academic administrative organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.

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Home guard hangs self at police station, inquiry against SHO

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A HOME guard allegedly hanged himself at Pandav Nagar police station in East Delhi on Monday.

The victim, Brij Lal (46), was posted at the police station this year. No suicide note was found at the spot. Police said an enquiry has been initiated against the Station House Officer for alleged harassment. DCP (East) Priyanka Kashyap said he has been sent to district lines.

The DCP said Lal was found hanging in the morning and policemen rushed him to LBS hospital, but he was declared dead on arrival. A medical board is being constituted to carry out the autopsy, she said.

During the enquiry, it was found that Lal took a loan of Rs 30 lakh and was in debt. He hailed from Bulandshahr in UP and is survived by his wife and four children. His family has been informed, said police.

Four months ago, a 31-year-old sub-inspector had allegedly shot himself with a service pistol at the same police station. Rahul Singh's family members had protested outside the station and asked senior officers to take action against the SHO and others for allegedly harassing him. VP Singh Chaudhary, Rahul's father-in-law, claimed: "Rahul always complained of pressure from his seniors, especially the SHO, and that they didn't allow him to take leave. He was upset but we never thought we would lose him." Seniors officers at the time had said they will look into allegations raised by the family.

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Sector-32, Panchkula	Hospital Site
Sector 30, Pinjore	Clinic Site
Sector-1, Ambala	Clinic Site
Sector-8, Ambala	Nursing Home
Sector-34, Ambala Cantt	Nursing Home
Sector-15, Jagadhri	Nursing Home
Sector-18, Part-A Kaithal	Nursing Home
Sector-21, Part-D Kaithal	Nursing Home
Sector-20, Kaithal	Clinic Site
Sector-5, Kurukshetra	Nursing Home
Sector-30, Kurukshetra	Clinic Site
Sector-16, Karnal	Hospital Site
ZONE: FARIDABAD	
Sector-62, Faridabad	Hospital Site
ZONE: GURUGRAM	
Sector-9A Gurugram	Nursing Home
Sector-10A Gurugram	Nursing Home
Sector-38, Gurugram	Nursing Home
Sector-38, Gurugram	Clinic Site
Sector-53, Gurugram	Hospital Site
Sector-56, Gurugram	Hospital Site
Sector-18, Defence Rewari	Clinic Site
ZONE: HISAR	
Sector-9, Jind	Hospital Site
ZONE: ROHTAK	
Sector-3 Rohtak	Nursing Home
Sector-2, Bahadurgarh	Nursing Home
Sector-7, Panipat	Polyclinic Site
Sector-13-17, Panipat	Nursing Home
Sector-15, Sonipat	Clinic Site

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Sector-6, MDC, Panchkula	High School
Sector-8, Ambala	Nursery-cum-primary
Sector-10, Ambala	High School
Sector-4, Nariangarh	Nursery School
Sector-18, Jagadhri	High School
Sector-18-C, Kaithal	Sr. Sec. School
Sector-30, Kurukshetra	Nursery School
Sector 5, Karnal	Primary School
ZONE: FARIDABAD	
Sector-2, Faridabad	Nursery School
Sector-46, Faridabad	Primary School
Sector-56 & 56A, Faridabad	Primary School
Sector-62, Faridabad	High School
Sector-64, Faridabad	Primary School
Sector-65, Faridabad	Primary School
ZONE: GURUGRAM	
Sector-9, Gurugram	Nursery School
Sector-9-A, Gurugram	Nursery School
Sector-10A, Gurugram	Nursery School
ZONE: HISAR	
Sector-7, Jind	Primary School
Sector-9, Jind	Sr. Sec. School
Sector-11, Jind	Nursery School
ZONE: ROHTAK	
4-EXTN, Rohtak	Primary School
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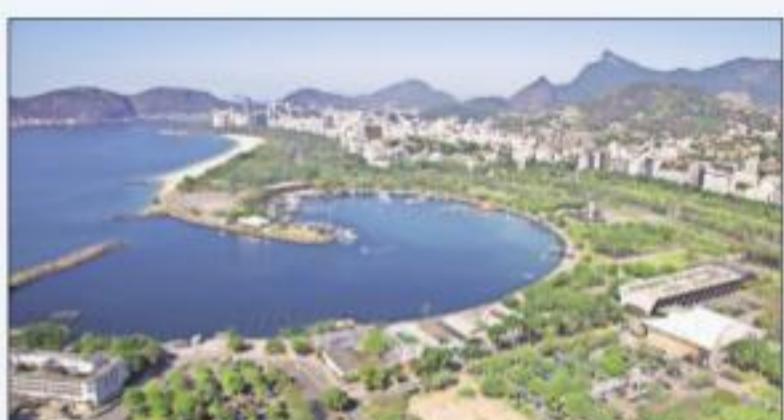
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Rio de Janeiro was announced in 2020 as the first UNESCO-International Union of Architects (UIA) World Capital of Architecture. Rio de Janeiro, Flamengo Park, built in the 1960s as the largest public park in the world, is a masterpiece by Brazilian landscape designer Roberto Burle Marx. In July 2021, his private gardens (sitio Burle Marx) were included on the UNESCO heritage list. Rio's spectacular scenery was recognized as UNESCO Heritage in December 2016 for its "Landscapes between Mountain and Sea".



Brasília's inscription on UNESCO's World Heritage List took place in 1987. This was the first modern project ever inscribed in UNESCO's list. The Parliament Building (with the Senate Chamber on the left and the House of Representatives on the right) was built in 1958 by Brazilian Architect Oscar Niemeyer (1907-2012). He was the first Brazilian to receive the Pritzker Architecture Prize in 1988.



The **São Paulo** Pinacoteca Museum was built in 1993 (on the ruins of a former building from 1905) by Brazilian architect Paulo Mendes da Rocha. He unfortunately passed away in 2021. He received the Pritzker Prize for his extraordinary work in 2006.



The **São Paulo** Museum of Art was built in 1967 by Lina Bo Bardi (1914-1992) the Italian born Brazilian architect. She was awarded posthumously, in 2020, the Golden Lion of the Venice Architecture Biennale.

Ouro Preto, in the State of Minas Gerais, symbolizes the beautiful architecture that Portuguese colonizers brought to many areas in Brazil, as well as to Goa in India. This Church, Nossa Senhora do Rosário, is from 1785. Ouro Preto was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1980.

BRAZIL & INDIA: Strategic partners for innovation & growth



H.E. André Aranha Corrêa do Lago, Ambassador of Brazil to India

On 7th September 1822, Brazil ended colonial rule and joined the ranks of independent nations. In 2021 we are celebrating the achievements of these past 199 years. We also celebrate 73 years of our relations with India. Over these decades, our bilateral ties have matured into a mutually beneficial Strategic Partnership.

The Plan of Action to strengthen our bilateral partnership, signed in January 2020 by our leaders, is a blueprint for our countries to identify and fully develop opportunities in areas such as agriculture, energy, technology, health, trade and investment.

Lately, we have been experiencing the human, social and economic challenges posed by COVID-19. In this period, the solidity of our partnership has been demonstrated once again. India was crucial for my country's vaccination kick-off. By expeditiously allowing exports of vaccines to Brazil, the Indian Government showed the bonds of fellowship and solidarity between our nations. This is evidence of a willingness to strengthen our relationship even in the harshest times, on the basis of shared interests.

In the economic field, for instance, Brazil has proven to be an attractive investment destination. Indian companies are present in Brazil in areas such as electricity transmission, pharmaceuticals, services, technology, machinery and construction. In a country with the largest economy in the Southern Hemisphere spread out over 8.516 million square kilometres, the opportunities unlocked by Brazil's Investment Partnership Programme are immense: mining, ports and airports, and energy production and transmission, and roads and railways.

Brazilian investors are also looking at India as an attractive destination, adding to the Brazilian companies already operating in the areas of health, machinery, financial infrastructure, energy and services. Initiatives under our Plan of Action, such as the Startup Bridge established between Brazil and India, our cross-incubation programme for agritech, and our fintech dialogues, have been supporting shared innovative solutions for financial inclusion, sustainable food production, and clean energy, to name a few.

As India adopts a bold mandate for clean fuel, Brazil is ready and willing to share our knowledge and experience with ethanol. Our success in rolling out ethanol fuel 40 years ago — and flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs) in the past 20 years — shows that we can reduce pollutant emissions in the transport sector while generating rural employment, supporting livelihoods and providing better air quality in urban environments. Research on second-generation biofuels is also a key part of our bilateral dialogue. Ethanol has done a lot for Brazil and is bound to do even more for the whole world.

Cooperation in other areas of science and technology, such as material applications and space technologies, also present an immense potential. Brazil's Minister for Science and Technology visited India in February 2021 to boost our research ties and witness the launch of Amazonia-1, Brazil's earth-observation satellite. Our space scientists worked side-by-side with Indian teams to put our satellite into orbit, opening an avenue for further dialogue and cooperation which will shape the future.

Brazil is also a partner of India on many global issues, working together at the United Nations, the BRICS, the IBSA and other international forums. In 2022 Brazil will join India on the United Nations Security Council, where our nations will work side-by-side to improve international peace and security. Our sensitivities as developing countries and our long and proud experience with peacekeeping endow the two countries with a unique advantage in dealing with security crises.

These are a few of the many areas in which our countries cooperate on a daily basis, through the Embassy, our officials in government, our businesses and our researchers. I remain convinced that the talent and entrepreneurship of our peoples, pooled together, are already finding innovative solutions for the sustainable development challenges that the whole world faces. Together, Brazil and India can help draw a better, more inclusive future for all.

Brazil and India: Two key pillars of BRICS

BRICS, the five-nation group of the world's largest emerging economies -- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa -- stands tall on two important stabilising pillars from South America and South Asia: Brazil and India.

BRICS nations comprise 41% of the world population, 24% of the world Gross Domestic

Product and over 16% of world trade, according to World Bank data. The same data shows that Brazil and India together share 42% of the BRICS nations' population, 25% of the BRICS GDP and a corresponding share of the BRICS trade figures.

BRICS countries have been the main engines of global economic growth over the years. Over a period of time, BRICS countries have come together to deliberate on important issues under the three pillars of political and security, economic and financial and cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

Brazil and India were among the founding members of the group and in view of the sheer size and weighty presence they hold in the group have a very important and a key role to play in strengthening BRICS.

In 2019, when Brazil was the chair of BRICS, the South American nation focused on the theme of "economic growth for an innovative future". Brazil's priorities as the chair of BRICS included strengthening of the cooperation in science, technology and innovation; enhancement of the cooperation on the digital economy; invigoration of the cooperation on the fight against transnational crime, especially against organised crime, money laundering and drug traffic; and encouragement to the rapprochement between the New Development Bank (NDB) and the BRICS Business Council.

The Brasília Declaration at the end of the 11th BRICS Summit in 2019 noted that over 100 BRICS meetings were held that year, including ministerial and other high-level meetings on finance, trade, foreign affairs, national security matters, communications, environment, labour and employment, science, technology and innovation, energy, agriculture, health and culture, apart from those of the New Development Bank Board of Governors, all with excellent outcomes.

As chair of BRICS in 2021, India will work on specific deliverables across all three pillars of intra-BRICS cooperation.

POLITICAL AND SECURITY

To enhance cooperation and dialogue on issues of global and regional security, developments in the global political space for peace, security and prosperity. India's priorities under this pillar are: Reform of the Multilateral System and Counter-Terrorism Cooperation.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL

To promote economic growth and development for mutual prosperity through the expansion of intra-BRICS cooperation in sectors such as trade, agriculture, infrastructure, small and medium enterprises, energy and finance and banking. This will be done by recognising the advantages of using technological and digital solutions for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals in BRICS countries with a special focus on: Implementation of the BRICS Economic Partnership Strategy 2020-25; Operationalisation of the BRICS Agriculture Research Platform; Cooperation on Disaster Resilience; Innovation Cooperation; and Digital Health and Traditional Medicine.

CULTURAL AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE

To qualitatively enrich and enhance intra-BRICS people-to-people contacts in cultural, academic, youth, sports, business, through regular exchanges. Exchanges among Parliamentarians and young scientists are also held. "BRICS acts as a vital pillar of hope for this world full of political challenges, safety-related challenges and economic challenges," Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said.

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Brazil-India ties strengthen democracy globally

THE world's two largest democracies -- Brazil and India -- have a strong commitment to common values such as democratic ideals, and to contribute to the prosperity and freedoms enjoyed by the world through their economic cooperation. In January 2020, during the State visit of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, the nations from South America and South Asia had agreed upon an action plan to strengthen their bilateral strategic partnership, a comprehensive document that is forward-looking and outlines joint work by the two nations in all spheres of cooperation, including political, social, economic, technological, and cultural.

Some of the commonalities enjoyed by Brazil and India include their mutual support for their countries' aspiration to permanent membership of an expanded United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Brazil and India, a part of the G-4 nations aspiring to the high table at the UNSC, have repeatedly reaffirmed their commitment to the reform of the United Nations, particularly the Security Council, through its expansion in the permanent and non-permanent categories. Brazil has also extended its unflinching support to India's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), as both nations share a commitment to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

In the technological sphere, Brazil and India have had fruitful interactions in the recent past and are eager to advance cooperation in areas of mutual interest and to share expertise for mutual benefit through a Joint Working Group on Space Cooperation.

Both nations are convinced of the need to enhance bilateral security cooperation in combating international terrorism, trans-national organised crimes and trafficking in illicit drugs and narcotics. The two nations have reiterated multiple times that international terrorism constitutes one of the most serious threats to peace and security and emphasised the need for concerted and coordinated action by the international community on the issue, with the ultimate objective of eradicating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations including cross-border terrorism.

India and Brazil have strong economic linkages and are committed to working in a result-oriented and mutually beneficial manner by injecting renewed momentum into the broad-based economic engagement between the two countries. The two nations are confident of a realistic bilateral trade target of \$15 billion for 2022.

India and Brazil have underscored the importance of diversification of trade between the two countries and reiterated the interest of both countries in the expansion of the India-MERCOSUR Prefer-

ential Trade Agreement towards a more comprehensive and encompassing agreement. Both countries have an important role to play in one another's energy security. Oil and oil products have been the main item of bilateral trade both ways. There is significant potential for further strengthening the energy partnership, considering that India is one of the leading countries driving global oil demand growth and that Brazil is expected to sharply increase its oil production in the next decade, becoming one of the top exporters of the commodity and contributing to global energy security.

The two nations had signed the Air Services Agreement in 2011 and it is important to accomplish direct air connectivity. Similarly, there is a need to make the shipping lines economical and efficient in order to reduce the cost and time of shipment of goods between India and Brazil.

For people-to-people exchanges, it is important for both sides to encourage tourism, facilitate business ties and enhance people-to-people contacts between the two countries. Brazil and India have signed up for a cultural exchange programme between 2020 and 2024, which aims to further promote bilateral ties. One way of ensuring this cultural exchange is to teach each nation's language to the other -- Hindi in Brazil and Portuguese in India.

Wishing Happy Independence Day to the wonderful people of Brazil. Congratulations on 199 years of sovereignty

Tis a real pleasure to share a few words about the Brazil and India relationship. We share a close and multi-faceted relationship which is based on shared democratic values and convergence of views on many global issues. Our two countries cooperate not only bilaterally but also at plurilateral fora such as BRICS, IBSA, G-20 and in multilateral bodies such as the UN and WTO, among others. India-Brazil relations were elevated to a Strategic Partnership in 2006, thereby heralding a new phase in bilateral ties.

At the invitation of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Brazilian President Mr. Bolsonaro paid a State Visit to India from 25-27 January 2020. He was the Chief Guest at India's Republic Day Parade on 26 January 2020 and was accompanied by a high-level delegation which included eight Ministers, four Members of Parliament, senior officials of the Brazilian Government and members of the business community.

During the visit, an Action Plan to Strengthen the Strategic Partnership between India and Brazil was adopted which provides a roadmap aimed at revitalising ongoing engagements in a focused manner. Fifteen MOUs/Agreements in diverse sectors that include Investment, Assistance in Criminal Matters, Cyber Security, Oil & Gas, Bioenergy, S&T, Culture, Animal Husbandry, Health and Traditional Medicines were signed. Both sides also discussed other areas of cooperation including Trade and Investments, Defence, Space and areas of Cooperation on global issues of mutual interest. The leaders agreed on the need to work together more closely in BRICS, IBSA, UN and



Mr. Apparao V Mallavarapu,
Honorary Consul of Brazil in Bengaluru
Chairman, Centum Electronics Ltd, Bengaluru

other international fora, including on the fight against Terrorism.

The relationship and cooperation between Brazil and India in high technology areas is growing stronger. Earlier this year, in Feb 2021, a satellite built in Brazil, Amazonia, was launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). This launch was attended by Dr. Marcos Pontes, Brazilian Minister for Science and Technology, who is an astronaut himself. I had the privilege to host Dr. Pontes in Centum Electronics Bangalore which I founded 27 years back. Centum is one of the leading electronic companies in hi-tech areas such as Space, Defence, Aerospace, Transportation, Medical and Industrial sectors. A majority of our customers are in North America and Europe. Along with Dr. Pontes, I had the privilege to witness the launch of Amazonia satellite at Sriharikota, which is an excellent example of the strong partnership between Brazil and India in high-tech areas.

Finally, the Indian community in Brazil is estimated to be around 5,000 people, with a majority of them living in Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Manaus. The community comprises primarily of professionals and businessmen, with some scientists/researchers also working in the fields of space, agriculture, physics, and biotechnology. There is an Indian Association in Sao Paulo, which organises events to celebrate national days and community festivals.

Happy to have the possibility to unfold the Brazilian Love all through the world. Once again Happy Independence Day, Brazil!

Defence sector cooperation a win-win for India and Brazil

There is huge scope for cooperation between the aerospace and defence companies of India and Brazil through joint ventures, partnerships, procurement of systems and components and joint development of systems and platforms.



India and Brazil have enjoyed a strong defence relationship with mutual benefit over the last two decades since they signed a cooperation agreement in 2003. The agreement calls for cooperation in defence-related matters, especially in the field of research and development, acquisition and logistics support, military training, and exercises.

Since 2007, India has established a defence wing at its embassy in Brasilia and Brazil reciprocated by establishing one at its embassy in Delhi in 2009. India had bought for \$210-million three Embraer 145 jets from Brazil and to jointly develop an Airborne Early Warning System for the Indian Air Force.

During the State Visit of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro to New Delhi in January 2020, he reiterated to Prime Minister Narendra Modi the importance of broad-based defence cooperation in enhancing the strategic partnership with India. A high-level delegation from the Brazilian defence industry had also participated in

In the maritime domain, India and Brazil have strong naval cooperation, which is epitomised by the naval exercise they conduct along with South Africa called IBSAMAR – India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime Exercise, since 2008. The scope and intensity of this naval exercise has steadily increased over the last six editions

(HAL) to shape its business. Though both these companies were started almost at the same time, Embraer has grown by leaps and bounds, to emerge as a global aerospace giant. Taking a leaf out of Embraer's book could help HAL to realise its potential.

There is huge scope for cooperation between the aerospace and defence companies of India and Brazil through joint ventures, partnerships, procurement of systems and components and joint development of systems and platforms. Joint ventures and partnerships have been a preferred route of leading companies in the aerospace and defence sector. This route assures commitment from both the sides, with established defence manufacturing companies in both the countries bringing in their brand, reputation and technical know-how and augmenting them with skilled manpower, land, and facilities and local government relationships.

This mode of engagement is expected to get a further fillip with the recent easing of the foreign direct investment limit to 74% from 49% through the automatic route. This will elevate any Intellectual Property related concerns that the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) might have.

Several leading defence manufacturers globally have already leveraged the procurement of systems and components approach from India for their global clients and this has also been a very important growth area for Indian companies. Indian companies have been able to bag prestigious contracts with OEMs and integrators as their suppliers. This approach can be adopted by Brazilian OEMs too.

Brazilian OEMs and Tier-1s can bring their expertise and collaborate with Indian research organisations and manufacturers to jointly develop advanced platforms that both the countries might be independently working on. This will help reduce the development costs and create platforms that are effective in a wide range of scenarios and terrains. These platforms will not only meet the requirements of the parent countries but can be exported jointly to friendly countries.

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Prosecution using dilatory tactics in riots case: Umar

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6



Umar Khalid withdrew his bail plea in a UAPA case connected to the riots and substituted it with a new one

FORMER JNU student Umar Khalid Monday withdrew his bail application in a UAPA case connected to the Northeast Delhi riots and substituted it with a new one, stating that the prosecution was resorting to dilatory tactics. Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat, who was hearing the matter, adjourned it to Wednesday and asked the prosecution to file a reply to the new application.

This development comes in the backdrop of the prosecution raising the issue of maintainability of the bail plea filed by former councillor Ishrat Jahan. In that case, the prosecution had argued that Jahan's bail plea was filed under CrPC Section 439 and the same could not be entertained by a special court. The prosecution had contended that Jahan's only option was to withdraw the present bail plea and file a fresh one under the relevant provision of Section 437 CrPC.

During Umar's bail hearing, Special Public Prosecutor Amit

Pais asked the court to let him continue with the arguments so that a "day's time is not wasted". He submitted that the written response of the prosecutor that it's not a dilatory tactic may come on record.

The court, however, stated that if the previous bail application is withdrawn then as per procedure the prosecution has to file a fresh reply stating that it does not want technical issues to come later on in the case.

On the last date of hearing, Pais argued at length submitting that Umar was painted as communal in the UAPA chargesheet, whereas it was the officer who drafted the chargesheet who was communal.

Pais had argued that the "witness statements are being fabricated against me" and one protected witness was "speaking in forked tongues".

He also drew parallels between the statements carried in the chargesheet to Harry Potter villain Voldemort's references among other examples to state that the final report filed by the police was "rubbish" and "no one should be arrested in this case".

Court raps police for 'lackadaisical attitude' in riots case

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

UPSET OVER the delay in trial, a Delhi court, in two separate orders related to the Northeast Delhi riots, has pulled up the Delhi Police for its "lackadaisical attitude", failure in "supervisory duties", and trying to avoid "taking responsibility". Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Arun Kumar Garg passed the orders Monday, directing the Delhi Police Commissioner to take appropriate measures to expedite the investigation in these cases.

In both cases, the houses of two persons were destroyed by a mob. In one, the complainant stated that he had saved money and stocked gold for his children's wedding which was looted, and in the other, the complainant's family, which fled from a mob, found that Rs 14-15 lakh had been looted.

In the first case, prison authorities failed to produce three inmates despite repeated calls, following which the court asked DCP (Prisons) to offer an explanation within three days.

Police had filed a supplementary chargesheet on October 26, 2020. But on March 22, 2021, a request for adjournment was made by the State for arguments on charge on the ground that another supplementary report had to be filed along with the CCTV footage and the FSL report. On the last date of hearing, police had sought adjournment on the same ground; and during the hearing on Monday, the same request was made yet again.

The court noted that the reply filed by the SHO Gokulpuri

and DCP Northeast "seems to be absolutely evasive as if they are not aware of the status of investigation/further proceedings in the present case as the said replies... are conspicuously silent about the intent of the police to file supplementary chargesheet".

The court said it deems it appropriate to report the matter to the Commissioner of Police "so as to bring the conduct of SHO Gokulpuri and DCP Northeast to his notice as they are failing in their supervisory duties" and are trying to avoid "taking any responsibility in the matter by not conducting further investigation... despite repeated directions, causing delay in trial despite the fact that all four accused in the present case are in JC(judicial custody) for over a period of almost one year".

The Police Commissioner has been directed to submit an action taken report within a week.

In the second case, the court granted the police "last and final opportunity" to file a supplementary chargesheet in three weeks, "failing which the court shall proceed further with the matter without giving any further opportunity to the State."

The court noted that it is "unable to proceed with the case on merits along with other riots cases due to lackadaisical attitude of the investigating agency, including supervising officers up to the rank of DCP and above".

It also directed that this copy be sent to the Police Commissioner so that he may take "appropriate action as per law so as to ensure proper and expeditious investigation/further investigation in the present case as well as other riots cases within the timeline given by this court".

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Uptick in dengue cases in capital

Dirty water stagnant for days, disease fears rise in JJ colony



At Bhalswa JJ Colony-2 in Northeast Delhi. Shivnarayan Rajpurohit

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPURROHIT
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

RESIDENTS OF Bhalswa JJ Colony-2 in Northeast Delhi fear an outbreak of dengue or malaria due to stagnation of sewage water for a week. People, including school-going children, were seen wading through dirty water at the main market and streets of C6, C5 and D6 blocks.

Two small drains running along the market were clogged while the main drain was blocked with garbage. Instead of emptying out sewage water into the main drain, a water pump installed by the North MCD was circulating it back to the colony, residents claimed.

"First, rainwater entered our homes a week ago. Now, we are struggling with foul-smelling sewage. We have knocked on everybody's doors, but to no avail. When we went to the councillor (Vijay Bhagat), he said first get the main drain cleaned as it comes under the Delhi government. Another official also says get this or that done," said Ali Ansari, a resident. With around 3,000 households in the area, 15,000-odd people are said to be affected.

Nasimun, a scrap seller, said a few children in her lane had fallen sick: "We can't run errands nor can I go to work. The government keeps asking us to wash hands or maintain social distancing. What about this dirty water? Will it not become a breeding ground for malaria or dengue, like in UP?"

Viral fever and dengue have claimed at least 50 lives in UP's Firozabad district.

Residents alleged that a faulty drainage system was another reason for flooding. "A few months ago, officials connected small drains from nearby Swarup Nagar to the main drain without any regard for its carrying capacity," claimed Abdul Kalam, who runs a

construction material shop.

A North MCD official said due to its low-lying location, the locality is flood-prone. "The JJ Colony has to be raised so sewage water does not collect," said NDMC engineer Jitendra Dabas.

AP's Badli MLA Ajesh Yadav said he had given Rs 3 crore from his MLALAD funds to the civic body for the development of the colony. "But there is politics too. The BJP-led North MCD does not want to utilise the money. However, I am trying everything to help residents," he said.

Deputy Commissioner (Civil Lines) Satnam Singh said he had asked his engineers to pump out sewage water at the earliest.

AHEAD OF MCD POLLS

Haridwar to Ayodhya: Delhi BJP plans tirth yatras for constituents

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

DELHI BJP leaders, including state in-charge Adesh Gupta, will organise 'tirth yatras' or pilgrimages to places such as Vrindavan, Mathura, Haridwar, Ayodhya for people of their constituencies.

Councillor from Dwarka, Nitika Sharma, for instance, will take people to Vrindavan and Mathura, while Put Khurdi councillor Anju Aman will take them to Haridwar. Mandal head of Mandawali, Kailash Yadav, took a batch of 55 people on Sunday to Mathura, Vrindavan, and Barsana on a day-long trip.

Incidentally, the Delhi government also runs the Mukhyamantri Teerth Yatra, under which residents above 60 are eligible to take free pilgrimages to several holy sites along with their spouse.

BJP leaders said it was general secretary, organisation, Siddharthan and Delhi chief Gupta who asked BJP workers to organise the free tours every month. The initiative comes around six months before the MCD elections, where BJP faces three-term anti-incumbency and a buoyant AAP.

Gupta, also a councillor from

Patel Nagar, is preparing a list of people from his constituency to take to Haridwar for a pilgrimage. He said more than 500 have registered and the first batch would leave this month itself. He said that due to Covid, senior citizens have been facing a hard time at home, so party workers have been asked to make arrangements to take them for pilgrimages.

Political canvassing and religious activities often go hand in hand in the capital, with party leaders using platforms such as Ramila, Chhath ghats and Durga Puja pandals for subtle campaigning.

Councillor Anju Aman said the pilgrimages will start from September 11 from DTU college in Shabbad Dairy. "Ten buses will leave for Haridwar every day. It will be two-day tour, during which I have made arrangements for their stay and food."

Nitika Sharma said she has made arrangements for 10-15 buses and the group will leave from the third week of September.

Yadav said around 55 people can be accommodated in each bus and the initiative will continue for a few months. Gupta added that during Covid, income has decreased because of which families had to cut down on such yatras.



MAKESHIFT SCHOOL

Around 120 kids attend classes under an under-construction flyover opposite Mayur Vihar Phase I. Abhinav Saha

Extortion case: Malayalam actor sent to 15-day police custody

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informed every time they are taken out of Delhi, the court said.

Additional public prosecutor Atul Srivastava, who appeared on behalf of police, moved a remand application seeking 28 days' custody of the accused as they had to "investigate hawala transactions and shell companies". He submitted that the accused had to be taken to Kerala, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu for further investigation.

SEED MONEY PROJECT: WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ALL GOVT SCHOOLS FROM TODAY, SAYS SISODIA

Bluetooth speakers, printed tees: 41 kids turn entrepreneurs in 6 weeks

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

CREATING AND selling bluetooth speakers, handmade chocolates, customised printed accessories – 41 government school students in East Delhi started nine entrepreneurship ventures and raised small profits in six weeks, using seed money provided to them by the Delhi government.

The seed money project, part of Entrepreneurship Mindset Curriculum, was introduced in the School of Excellence in Khichripur for class XI students in January. Each child was given Rs 1,000 and could either use it individually to start their own ventures or pool together their seed money for group ventures.

In six weeks, the final projects and their profits were: 'Home 2 Creations' created homemade chocolate and handicrafts from waste and made Rs 9,580 profits;

'Mobisite' sold refurbished phones and phone accessories and made Rs 21,000; 'Ink Family' sold customised printed T-shirts and accessories with Rs 3,830 profits; 'Craft Cottage' sold handmade jewellery and made Rs 2,000; 'Tap and Draw' sold portraits and sketches and made Rs 11,840; 'IONALTS' created a business around OTT platform password sharing and made Rs 6,950 profits; 'Divine Creations' sold paintings and made Rs 22,335; 'Hebi Naturals' sold compost and made Rs 3,580 profits; and 'Speakersters' produced and sold bluetooth speakers and made Rs 5,650 profits.

When the project was introduced, best friends Sheeza Ali and Sakshi Jha decided to use the curriculum's primary refrain, 'Try to be job providers, not job seekers', as their starting point. They conceived of a venture creating handicrafts and homemade chocolates, with the idea of scaling it up

to provide employment to housewives. Sakshi said she visited several local bakeries around her home in Trilokpuri to observe how they made chocolates. "In the market, youngsters and boys can get jobs but there are housewives who want to support their families but have too many responsibilities and can't spend the whole day in the office. We de-

cided to provide jobs in their homes. We want to scale up now as we have enough profit to pay them in advance; we can make videos to teach them how to make these products," said Sheeza. Deputy CM Manish Sisodia said after this pilot, the seed project is going to be implemented in all government schools from Tuesday with Rs 2,000 per child.

"The seed money project is so that children learn how to invest, lose the fear of starting a business, and learn and experience how to make a profit... in just six weeks, these students have shown that with some hand-holding and support, government school kids can become successful businesspeople," he said.

Students' own experiences

gave birth to some other ideas. For example, the experience of their worlds moving online prompted the idea to sell low-cost but high quality bluetooth speakers. "While attending online classes, we found that the audio from phones is not always enough and using earphones for a long time can irritate the ears. We did market research and

found that big companies had speakers in the Rs 3,000-Rs 5,000 range, and decided to produce low-cost speakers of high quality. Our own product is for Rs 299," said Yash Gupta.

Yash, group leader for Speakersters, said there is a factory which manufactures speakers near his home and he spent time there to learn about the creation process, while Sukhsagar, group leader of Mobisite, said he picked up skills and techniques from a friend of his who does mobile repair work.

A bigger challenge than creating products was selling them. Tap and Draw organised their team into different roles. They had their two artists, Abhishek and Sakshi, create portraits of their clients. Another team member was in charge of getting the material and handling deliveries; yet another was in charge of their social media handles which they used for their marketing, taking

orders and doing the management work.

"We all were drawing salaries from the company. Other than that, if I would get an order, 20% would be my commission money so all four of us were trying to get as many orders as possible," said group leader Mayank Shukla. Ink Family found that while buying T-shirts for printing in bulk was cheaper for them, they



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Congress President Sonia Gandhi's decision to appoint M Veerappa Moily as the convenor of a committee to study matters related to caste census has amused some leaders in the party. Moily had been very vocal in favour of caste census. He was one of the ministers in the UPA government who had argued forcefully for holding of caste census while some of his then colleagues in the Cabinet, like Anand Sharma and Kapil Sibal, were not in its favour, arguing that it could open a Pandora's box. Making Moily the convenor of the panel, some leaders argue, signals that the party could take a line in favour of caste census, although there is no unanimity on the issue yet. The UPA government had held a socio-economic caste census in 2011 but the data was not released.

PINNING THE BLAME

EVEN AFTER over a year of his retirement and joining the private sector, former chief of Air India and Indian Railways Ashwani Lohani continues to speak up about bureaucratic inertia. At a limited-audience function this weekend, Lohani said the problems with Indian Railways is not about the trains, the problem with Air India is not about the planes, and in Indian Tourism Development Corporation – which he headed once – it is not about the hotels. The problem, he said, lies with the bureaucracy not leading these institutions with empathy, integrity and resolve.

NEW ASSIGNMENT

FORMER UNION minister Vijay Goel has been appointed as the new vice-chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, a society in charge of looking after Rajghat and managing the museum and library at Gandhi Smriti. Goel's appointment, made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who heads the society, was announced by Culture Ministry on Monday. Once considered the face of Delhi BJP, Goel had been sidelined in the party unit, losing out to Harsh Vardhan, until he made a comeback in 2016 as a Minister of State.

J&K cops release videos of Geelani home to counter family's claims

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 6

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Police Monday said its officers were made to wait for three hours at separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani's home when they went there for his burial after his death, and that the family resorted to anti-national activities "probably under pressure from Pakistan and miscreants".

The police also released four videos through its Twitter handle to show that 91-year-old Geelani was laid to rest as per the rituals in the intervening night of September 1 and 2.

Geelani's younger son, Syed Naseem Geelani, had earlier alleged that some police personnel barged into their house at night, took away the body, and held the last rites on their own. Naseem said they were later informed that Geelani had been buried. Family members had said they were only allowed to visit the grave in the morning.

"After the death of SAS Geelani, IGP Kashmir Shri Vijay

Rahul Gandhi a political cuckoo, uses others for his agenda: BJP

New Delhi: The ruling BJP on Monday took exception to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks over the farmers' protest, and called him a "political cuckoo" who does not want to work on the ground but uses others for his political agenda.

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra alleged that the Congress leader posted an old picture of the farmers' protest while referring to their Sunday mahapanchayat in UP's Muzaffarnagar district, and said this is part of his politics of "spreading confusion and lies".

"The Congress is without a (regular) president. It is incapable of raising ground issues. That is why Sonia Gandhi holds virtual meetings with leaders of other parties while Rahul Gandhi relies on old photographs..." ENS

Day after UP farm rally, Karnal prepares: Net out, Sec 144 in

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 6

A DAY after the Muzaffarnagar mahapanchayat, where farmers protesting against the three farm laws gave a call to campaign against the BJP, the action has shifted to Karnal, the home town of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, where farmers have called for an indefinite gherao of the government's Mini Secretariat starting Tuesday.

As many as 40 companies of security forces, including 10 companies of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), have been deployed in the town, and internet services have been suspended from Monday afternoon to Tuesday night. Internet and SMS services have been suspended in Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Jind and Panipat too.

Wary of the situation escalating, Karnal Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav has issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC, which prohibits the assembly of five or more people.

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha had on August 30 given a call for gherao of the secretariat, demanding registration of an FIR against officers who had ordered a lathicharge on agitators during their



Forty CAPF companies have been deployed in Karnal. Express

protest against a BJP event in Karnal on August 28.

On Monday, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij said, "I have ordered ADGP (Law and Order) Navdeep Singh Virk to be present in Karnal to oversee the situation and to ensure peaceful conclusion of the event. Stern action as per law will be taken against those trying to disturb law and order."

Farmer-leader Subhash Gurjar said, "The morale of farmers is high after their show of strength in Muzaffarnagar... Several barricades have been put up to prevent farmers from entering Karnal..."

In a video message to farmers, senior BKU leader Gurnam Singh Chaduan said, "After the police lathicharge we had decided to hold a big panchayat and gherao

the DC office. For that we will gather in Karnal Anaj Mandi at 10 am on Tuesday where we will take a call for further move." Other senior SKM leaders will also reach Karnal on Tuesday.

The farmers are also demanding the registration of an FIR against then SDM, Ayush Sinha, who had on August 28 ordered police to "break the heads" of those who breach the security cordon.

On the elaborate security arrangements in Karnal, ADGP Navdeep Singh Virk said, "The objective of these arrangements is to maintain public peace and order, prevent any kind of violence, facilitate the functioning of traffic and public transport system and to safeguard public property."

Maya, Akhilesh on Muzaffarnagar rally: Ground shifting for BJP

Lucknow: A day after the Kisan Mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar, opposition parties, including the SP and BSP, on Monday said the gathering highlighted Hindu-Muslim brotherhood and shifting of grounds against "BJP's politics of hatred".

BJP chief Mayawati, who has of late been perceived to be warming up to the BJP, said,

"During farmers' mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar yesterday, the attempt to encourage communal harmony between Hindus and Muslims is also commendable."

The state goes to the Assembly polls next year.

Farmers had on Sunday gathered in Muzaffarnagar, which was rocked by communal riots in 2013, to protest three contentious farm laws.

SP chief and former chief minister of UP Akhilesh Yadav likened the gathering to an "anti-BJP wave led by people's mandate". "Muzaffarnagar has given birth to such a revolt that it will uproot BJP's politics of hatred..." he said.

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Coal scam case: ED questions Abhishek, he says ready for probe

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Monday questioned Lok Sabha MP and Trinamool Congress (TMC) national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee in connection with its money laundering probe into illegal mining and pilferage in Eastern Coalfield Ltd.

Banerjee, an MP from Diamond Harbour constituency and nephew of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, arrived at the agency's Jamnagar House office around 11 am. His questioning continued till late evening.

Outside the ED office, Banerjee told the media that he would cooperate with the investigations. "I am ready to face investigation... the agency officials are doing their work and I will cooperate with



Abhishek Banerjee speaks to the media in Delhi. Abhinav Saha

them," PTI quoted him saying.

Banerjee has earlier denied all allegations against him and his wife, Rujira, in the case. Sources said Banerjee was questioned about financial links between the alleged kingpin of the illegal coal mining scam, Anup Majee, and Rujira.

After his questioning was over, TMC tweeted a video of Banerjee attacking the BJP. He told the media, "BJP's tyranny will be defeated. Let BJP put all its might, vigor, threat and resources."

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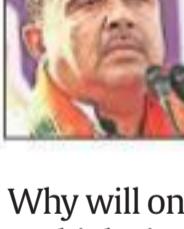
Suvendu won't contest, someone else will defeat Mamata now: BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 6

BJP MLA and Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari would not contest against Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in the upcoming Assembly bypoll for the Bhabanipur constituency, Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said on Monday.

Ghosh told mediapersons in Medinipur that the party was yet to decide its candidate.

"Someone else will contest from Bhabanipur. Suvendu Adhikari has already defeated her by 1,956 votes."



Suvendu gets HC relief over his plea

Why will one person defeat her multiple times? This time someone else will," said Ghosh.

Ghosh said his party is exploring the option of moving the Calcutta High Court against the Election Commission's move to hold bypoll in Bhabanipur and that the BJP might seek legal opinion on the matter.

The MLA on Monday expressed inability to appear before the CID for questioning in the 2018 case, citing a busy schedule.

Meanwhile, the Calcutta High Court has ordered that no coercive action can be taken against Suvendu Adhikari in the case pertaining to the alleged suicide of his bodyguard in 2018, and in two more where he is named in the FIR. The BJP MLA approached the court seeking relief from police investigations in six FIRs registered in four police stations across the state, alleging that the cases were politically motivated.

The meeting will be attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

...Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the 13th BRICS Summit on September 9 in virtual format," the MEA said in a statement.

The theme for the summit is:

"BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS cooperation for continuity, consolidation and consensus".

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Learning takes hit in pandemic yr: ASER

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AFTER A year-and-a-half of Covid-enforced school closures come findings that confirm the worst fears: reading and numeracy skills among children have taken a big hit, especially among students in primary classes.

The latest Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), conducted in March this year in rural Karnataka, shows that in the two years between 2018 and now, the percentage of students in Class 4, for example, who cannot recognise even a letter in Kannada, went from 5.1% in 2018 to 12% in 2020. For students in Class I, this percentage dipped from 40.3% in 2018 to 56.8% in 2020.

Numeracy skills were impacted too. For example, the percentage of children in Class 1 who cannot recognise digits between 1 and 9 went up from 29.7% in 2014 to 42.6% in 2020. For Class 5 students, this figure was 2.3% in 2014 and now stands at 4.6%.

The percentage of Class 4 students who can do simple division went down from 12.1% to 3.6% in the same period.

The findings from the survey offer crucial pointers for a possible roadmap as schools reopen after more than a full academic year.

"The findings show that when children get back to school, we must enable them to learn to read and do basic arithmetic. We should not worry about grades and curriculum right now."

Without a solid foundation, children cannot progress toward curricular expectations," Rukmini Banerji, CEO, Pratham, the organisation that conducts the ASER survey, told *The Indian Express*.

The highest level of text given in the ASER reading assessment is from Class 2. Only 9.8% children in Class 3 in both government and private schools could read the text, down from 18.3% in 2014. This dip



SOME BACK IN SCHOOL: In Bengaluru on Monday. PTI

is sharper for private schools -- from 23.3% in 2014 to 9.9% now.

The learning loss was less acute in higher classes, an indication that reading and numeracy skills set in in the primary years. Among Class 8 students, for instance, the learning loss in terms of reading fell from 70.6% in 2014 to 66.4% in 2020.

Numeracy skills were impacted too. For example, the percentage of children in Class 1 who cannot recognise digits between 1 and 9 went up from 29.7% in 2014 to 42.6% in 2020. For Class 5 students, this figure was 2.3% in 2014 and now stands at 4.6%.

The percentage of Class 4 students who can do simple division went down from 12.1% to 3.6% in the same period.

The findings from the survey offer crucial pointers for a possible roadmap as schools reopen after more than a full academic year.

"The findings show that when children get back to school, we must enable them to learn to read and do basic arithmetic. We should not worry about grades and curriculum right now."

Without a solid foundation, children cannot progress toward curricular expectations," Rukmini Banerji, CEO, Pratham, the organisation that conducts the ASER survey, told *The Indian Express*.

Centre suggests measures to contain Nipah

New Delhi: The Union Health Ministry Monday recommended Kerala government to take several measures, based on the first report submitted by the central expert team visiting the state in the wake of the Nipah outbreak.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan urged Kerala Chief Secretary VP Joy to strengthen hospital-based and community-based surveillance, and to undertake active search of cases in containment areas. "Awareness needs to be created among field formations for early detections of cases of Acute Encephalitis syndrome/respiratory distress and risk communicated to the public," Bhushan wrote. He said district authorities must identify primary and secondary contacts.

"All high-risk contacts may be moved to identified facility quarantine and observed for symptoms," he wrote.

Bhushan said that adequate number of single rooms and ICU may be earmarked as standby at the Government Medical College, Kozhikode. The Centre also recommended setting up a control room for daily reporting of cases. ENS

Day after Kerala Nipah death: 251 contacts isolated, 11 with symptoms

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPT 6



Experts collect bat samples at Chathamangalam in Kozhikode on Monday. PTI

A DAY after a 12-year-old boy in Kozhikode succumbed to Nipah virus disease, 251 persons in the victim's contact list have been isolated and a habitat of fruit bats -- considered a reservoir of the zoonotic virus -- has been found in the victim's locality. The source of infection remains unclear.

The government has sounded an alert in Kozhikode and nearby districts of Malappuram and Kannur. Health Minister Veena George said to ensure that none of the boy's contacts is left out, a door-to-door survey will be conducted in the area which has been declared a containment zone.

After a review meeting, the health minister told the media in Kozhikode that of the 251 persons quarantined, 11 have developed symptoms of the infection. "However, all of them, including those who had exhibited symptoms from Sunday, are stable. Results of the samples of eight

Samples of half-eaten rambutan fruits, which could be either bitten by bats or pecked by birds, were collected. Besides, a habitat of fruit bats has been spotted at the other side of a river near the victim's house. Blood samples and throat swabs were taken from sheep reared by the victim's family. Team of experts from NIV-Bhopal would soon visit the location to collect the samples of bats for analysis," said the minister.

The minister said teams of trained personnel will carry out a door-to-door survey, each assigned 25 houses.

Veena George said that facilities for point-of-care (TrueNat) and RT PCR tests would be arranged at Kozhikode government medical college, with the help of experts from NIV-Pune. The facility is expected to become operational on Tuesday. However, samples would continue to be sent to NIV-Pune for final confirmation, she said.

Covid-19 vaccination will be suspended in Kozhikode taluk for next 48 hours.

Tamil Nadu tables Bill to ensure seating arrangements for employees at shops

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 6

THE TAMIL Nadu government on Monday tabled a Bill in the Assembly to mandate all shops and establishments to facilitate seating arrangements for employees.

A similar rule was brought in by Kerala in 2018 following protests to ensure the right of women workers to sit during work hours.

"The premises of every establishment shall have suitable seating arrangements for all employees so that they may take advantage of any opportunity to sit which may occur in the course of their work and thereby avoid on their toes' situation throughout the working hours," said the Bill description meant for an amendment to the Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Act, 1947. The amended portion will be added after Section 22 of the Act, said C V Ganesan, Minister for Labour Welfare and Skill Development.

The statement of objects and reasons said those employed in shops and establishments are made to stand

throughout their duty time, resulting in varied health issues. "Considering the plight of the employees who are on their toes throughout their duty time, it is felt necessary to provide seating facilities to all the employees of the shops and establishments."

Members of the labour advisory board have unanimously approved the amendment.

With one of the largest textile and clothing units in the country -- with over 65 percent of the total spinning units in the country -- the new Bill is also meant for thousands of employees, especially women, attached to the retail sector.

For over three decades, the state has been reporting several trends in the industrial and retail sector that were risking or violating the basic rights of employees -- such as the Sumangali Scheme, in which parents from poorer, rural backgrounds send their children, especially daughters, to work. Agents of big retail groups visit villages to hire teens and women for a sum, usually Rs 25,000 to Rs 1 lakh, which would be paid in one or two installments for a contract that lasts for six months to two years.

Message, video call, blackmail: Modus operandi of a new phishing crime wave

MOHAMED THAVER
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 6

the notoriety of being the 'New Jamatara', a reference to the place in Jharkhand that is known to be hub for similar digital frauds.

On July 4, the Agra Cyber Police arrested three men from Mewat who were allegedly involved in various forms of cyber crime, including making "nude video calls to blackmail people". Police believe that it is this same gang that targeted Bhasin.

Recalling the incident that took place on July 2, Bhasin said he got a friend request on Instagram from a woman. "You tend to meet people at various points and may not remember them. Since this person was also friends with others on my Instagram list, I added her," said the 33-year-old.

Bhasin said the woman then sent him a Direct Messages (DMs), asking for his WhatsApp number. "I didn't share that considering I didn't know her personally. What

was odd was that within a few minutes, she started making video calls on Instagram. Initially I ignored the calls but after seven or eight of those, I answered the phone," he says.

"On the other side was a naked woman performing obscene acts. It took me around 15 seconds to figure out what was going on. And then, I disconnected the call," he said.

What followed was a series of messages from the woman threatening to share his video. "I told her, 'What are you going to share? Please go ahead and share whatever you want.'

Police say that this is usually the start of the blackmailing process, especially if the victim appears scared or pleads to the scammer to not share her or his videos. But Bhasin says he had decided he wouldn't give in to their tactics and deleted the per-

son from his Instagram profile.

By this time, it had only been minutes since he received the Instagram invite, and the harassment had just begun.

Fifteen minutes later, Bhasin started receiving messages and frantic calls from family and friends about a video they had got. "The scamsters had taken a picture of my face from the video call I had with them and superimposed it on someone else's body. In the video they shared, it appears as if I am having a sex chat," Bhasin said.

His sister in New York received a collage where Bhasin's face had been morphed with the private parts of a man and woman. "I received the morphed photo as an Instagram message from this woman. I added her on Instagram since she was friends with my brother. She also messaged me, making several allegations against my brother," Bhasin's sister told

The Indian Express.

By now, his family and friends had got several such Instagram stories. "The scamsters had made several such morphed videos after taking a screen shot from my video call," Bhasin said.

The same day, Bhasin gave a written complaint at the local police station in Delhi's Defence Colony, along with screen shots of his chats. Police told me there are hundreds of such cases that take place every day," Bhasin said, adding that he took the help of cyber expert Rakshit Tandon.

"Generally, in these cases, the fraudsters record the screen when they make a video call. Later, they also make calls claiming to be police officers. People have paid lakhs to protect their reputation," Tandon told *The Indian Express*, adding cyber hygiene calls for never answering a video call from unknown persons.

Delhi court sends Anil Deshmukh lawyer, CBI S-I to judicial custody

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ADELHI court on Monday rejected the CBI's plea seeking five-day custody of former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh's lawyer Anand Daga and the agency's ss-inpector, Abhishek Tiwari, held for allegedly leaking documents connected to the ongoing probe against Deshmukh.

The court sent both to 14-day judicial custody.

In his order, Special Judge Vimal Kumar Yadav considered the fact that data to be extracted and analysed was voluminous and the accused could not be confronted with entirety of the record.

"In these circumstances, when the accused persons have been remanded in CBI custody for 4 days, there appears to be no reason to further extend their CBI custody, as nothing new showing the nature of data extracted and the confrontation of the same is before the court," the order read.

The action against Tiwari and Daga comes after the leak last weekend of the purported preliminary enquiry (PE) report of CBI, which purportedly found that no cognizable offence was made out against Deshmukh on allegations levelled by former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh in Bombay High Court.

In Monday's hearing, CBI public prosecutor Vivek Srivastava moved an application seeking five-day CBI custody. The agency submitted that they have "extracted some data, but the analysis is still going on".

RAPED AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, INCLUDING RLYS OFFICE; 8 HELD: COPS

Teen abducted from Pune railway station, gangraped

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in the crime. The girl has been hospitalised.

A First Information Report in the case has been registered at a police station in Pune City jurisdiction. Officials from the police station said they started looking into the case after the girl was reported missing by her family. The girl had reportedly left her house and gone to the Pune railway station on August 31.

A police official said, "...The girl went to the Pune railway station area as she wanted to travel outside the city to meet a friend. An auto-rickshaw driver, who is now one of the arrested suspects, told her that the train she was looking for was not scheduled until the next day. On the pretext of giving her a lift and helping her find a place to stay, he took her to another area. The man is then believed to have called his accomplices. Over the next several hours, the girl was taken to different places and was gangraped multiple times. The suspects have taken her to secluded areas, places with either a

tree cover or a lodge. The girl was also raped in the rickshaw and even on the premises of the Railways office. The suspects also threatened to harm her and her family members as they continued to subject her to sexual abuse."

Meanwhile, the police were approached by the family of the girl on September 1, when they filed a missing persons report.

As per procedure, the police registered a case of kidnapping as the missing complaint was about a minor girl.

After being released by the perpetrators, the girl is believed to have travelled outside Pune, and she was finally traced by police on September 5. She was then taken to a hospital for medical assistance. Police officials said that the timeline of when she was released by the suspects, and how and where she went after that, was being ascertained.

Based on various leads, including those from CCTV footage, police have arrested eight persons.

persons are awaited from NIV-Pune. Of the 251 persons... 129 are health workers... among the 54 persons in the category of high risk, 30 are health workers," said the minister.

A team of the state animal husbandry department collected samples of fruit bats from the victim's village Chathamangalam. "The family of the victim had stated about the frequent presence of fruit bats at their property, where there are rambutan trees.

The minister said that facilities for point-of-care (TrueNat) and RT PCR tests would be arranged at Kozhikode government medical college, with the help of experts from NIV-Pune. The facility is expected to become operational on Tuesday. However, samples would continue to be sent to NIV-Pune for final confirmation, she said.

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The same are also available on the Company's website www.indiaexpocentre.com. Additionally, the notice of AGM is also available on the website of National Securities Depositories Limited ('NSDL') at <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com>. The documents pertaining to the business to be transacted at the AGM are available for inspection at the Registered Office of the company between 12 Noon and 3 PM on all working days except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays upto the date of AGM. The dispatch of notice of AGM has been completed on September 4, 2021.

In terms of Section 108 of Companies Act, 2013, read with rules thereto, as amended, the company is pleased to provide Remote e-voting facility to the members to cast their vote by electronic means (Remote e-voting) on all the resolutions set forth in the notice. The company has engaged services of NSDL for providing e-voting facility. Kindly refer the notice of the AGM regarding instructions on e-voting.

The remote e-voting commences on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM (IST) and will end on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:00 PM (IST). The remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time.

- The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by electronic means or at the AGM is Wednesday, September 22, 2021.
- A person whose name is recorded in the register of members as on the cut-off date, i.e. September 22, 2021, shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting facility available at the meeting, as the case may be.
- Any person who has acquired shares of the company and becomes member of the company after dispatch of the Notice and holding shares as on cut-off date, may obtain the login id and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or cs@indiaexpocentre.com by mentioning Client ID/DP ID No.
- The company shall also provide facility for voting through electronic voting system or polling paper at the meeting and Members attending the meeting who have not already casted their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right to vote at the AGM.
- The members who have casted their vote by remote e-voting prior to the meeting may participate in the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.
- In case of any queries, you may refer to the 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQs) and 'e-voting user manual' available in downloads section of NSDL's e-voting website <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com>. In case of any grievances, you may contact Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager, of NSDL at Toll free number 1800-1020-990 and 1800-2244-30; email: evoting@nsdl.co.in who will also address grievances connected with the voting by electronic means.
- The results of voting would be declared as stipulated under the relevant rules and will also be posted on the above-mentioned company's website and website of NSDL.

By Order of the Board of Directors
Anupam Sharma
Company Secretary

September 07, 2021
Delhi

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REPUTATION & HARM

Panchjanya attack on Infosys does what it accuses IT giant of doing – damages national interest. Time for India Inc to stand up

OVER THE LAST few years, a growing number of people and institutions have been labelled "anti-national" and accused of belonging to the "tukde tukde gang" – students like Umar Khalid and Disha Ravi, teachers like Anand Teltumbde, activists like Sudha Bharadwaj, entire universities and those protesting against the CAA, NRC and farm laws. This name-calling has had disturbing consequences – a chilling effect on free speech and dissent, a narrowing of public spaces under the burden of a restrictive and unforgiving patriotism. These labels also act as dog whistles to the mob, which often hounds those so targeted in both digital and real-world spaces. Now, the "tukde tukde gang" has been expanded by the *Panchjanya* – a publication associated with the Sangh Parivar, that counts as its first editor BJP stalwart and former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee – to include Infosys. The RSS has distanced itself from the *Panchjanya* piece, but this is a step down a very slippery slope.

By any reckoning, Infosys Limited is a blue-chip Indian company, part of the backbone of the IT and related services industry. It was listed on the Nasdaq as early as 1999 and, long before tech "unicorns" became a frequent occurrence, had a billion-dollar valuation. The company, whose founders did not inherit but made their wealth, has been, and continues to be, a powerful symbol of an aspirational and confident IT and corporate sector, a testament to the rise of 21st-century, post-liberalisation India. The *Panchjanya* cover story titled "Saakhi aur Aaghat (Reputation and Harm)", which alleges that Infosys is in cahoots with "Naxals, Leftists and the tukde tukde gang" to try and "destabilise the Indian economy" cites as reason for these entirely unsubstantiated accusations the alleged problems in the functioning of the Income Tax Portal that Infosys has been developing. It is no one's case that the tech giant should not be held accountable for glitches in a system that is crucial to filing tax returns. And the government is within its rights to demand that the company fix these issues – as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has already done. But a technical software glitch is not a conspiracy. Now more than ever, the Indian economy, already ailing before the pandemic, needs investment from, and cooperation of, the private sector. The "Atmanirbharta" vision outlined by the prime minister, or the Centre's asset monetisation drive, is unlikely to succeed if organisations close to the ruling party and its ideological fountainhead are seen to target corporations and question their patriotism.

The ball is also in the court of India Inc. Barring a few exceptions, corporate and industry leaders have maintained a studied – and perhaps strategic – silence about the vitriol that has been seeping into the public discourse, and corroding it. Now that the guns are trained on one of their own, it may be time to speak up. Both their bottom-lines and the national interest are at stake.

BECOMING STAKEHOLDERS

Karbi Anglong peace deal points to importance of addressing smaller insurgencies that scar Northeast landscape

THE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT signed by the Centre, five insurgent groups active in Karbi Anglong, and the Assam government, marks the culmination of an extended process of negotiation to end insurgency in the region. According to the Memorandum of Settlement, greater autonomy will be devolved to the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council; the identity, language, culture of Karbi people will be protected; and more focused development carried out in the Council area. The government will also consider notifying Karbi language as the official language of the Council. Over a thousand armed insurgents have surrendered their arms under the peace deal.

The Northeast's map is dotted with big and small insurgent groups that have made demands ranging from a separate nation-state to statehood within the Indian Constitution and autonomy under the state government. The Naga insurgency has been an inspiration for these separatist movements, which exploit alienation caused by an insensitive and exploitative state, and engage in extortion. While the focus has been on big groups such as the NSCN-IM and ULFA, the smaller insurgencies have been no less disruptive of the state-building process in the region. If the ULFA emerged as an expression of Assamese nationalism, many smaller groups, some of which pre-date the Assam Movement of the late 1970s, have fought to protect their distinct ethnic, linguistic and cultural identity from being subsumed within a broader Assamese identity. They have tried to build on older memories of kinship and legacies of ancient kingdoms and refute the umbrella of the nation state. The Centre's double-barrelled approach to this threat to sovereignty has been to offer autonomy under the Constitution on the one hand while using security forces to crush militancy, on the other. Insurgents who negotiate for peace are accommodated in state legislatures or Autonomous Councils. This approach has had various degrees of success, in Mizoram, Tripura, the Bodo areas. In Assam's hill districts of Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong, separation that rejected Sixth Schedule status transformed into a demand for an autonomous state under Article 244(a) of the Constitution after militancy peaked in the 1990s. The Karbi Anglong agreement signed on Saturday falls short of fulfilling that demand though it promises more autonomy than currently enjoyed by the Autonomous Council under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

However, autonomy and funds may not be sufficient to improve the condition of the people on whose behalf ceasefire agreements and settlement deeds are signed. Autonomous Councils are often captured by vested interests, who invoke fears of a militant past, and the enhanced development funds are diverted to private parties. The transition from an insurgent to a stakeholder or agent of democracy is not easily achieved.

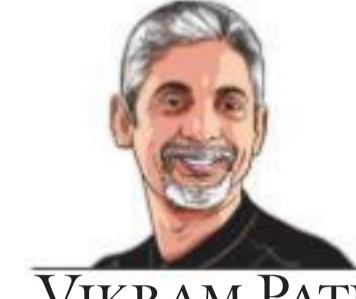
THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

With two new songs, it's almost as if the last 40 Abba-less years never happened

IN 2020, COVID-19 brought the world together in anxiety and in 2021, Abba has brought it together in nostalgia and renewed anticipation. The Swedish pop group, which disbanded in 1982, has dropped two new singles, *I Still Have Faith in You* and *Don't Shut Me Down*, both of which zoomed to the top of the charts. A new studio album, *Voyage*, is set to release on November 5, and fans are already buying tickets to the concert in London next year which will feature Agnetha Fältskog, Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson and Anni-Frid Lyngstad as virtual avatars of their 1979 selves.

Incredibly, in its heyday, the group's music was often derided as kitschy, disco fluff, with one critic famously dismissing *Abba's Greatest Hits Vol.2* – which featured fan favourite single *Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!* – with the words, "We have met the enemy and they are them". In all, Abba's reign lasted only six years, from its breakthrough albums *Greatest Hits* and *Arrival* (both in 1976) to its eighth – and until now last – studio album, *The Visitors* (1981).

And yet, few musical acts can boast of Abba's cross-generational appeal. Its fans range from those who remember the day in 1974 when it won the Eurovision contest with *Waterloo* as well as youngsters who first heard Abba's songs in the two *Mamma Mia!* movies (2008 and 2018). Artistes as diverse as The Sex Pistols and Elvis Costello have cited Abba as a musical influence, bringing new fans into the fold with cover versions of classics such as *Dancing Queen* and *The Winner Takes It All*. And when the group joined TikTok last week, it got a million subscribers within five days. It's almost as if the last 40 Abba-less years never happened.



VIKRAM PATEL

I VIVIDLY RECALL when we were told that the pandemic would end in May 2020 thanks to the country's dramatic and brutal lockdown. Then, when the first wave appeared soon after the lockdown relaxed, that universal masking would help beat the pandemic. Then, when this first wave mysteriously petered out despite low levels of masking, we were told this was because a very high proportion of people had experienced asymptomatic infections. This implied that the virus had swept across the land, and most people were not even aware that they had been infected. We had miraculously attained that fabled goal of "herd immunity". By Diwali 2020, we thought the nightmare was behind us and bars, wedding venues and holiday destinations began heaving with people, celebrating that the virus had been beaten and that we were well on our way back to normal.

Only we were not.

Like that childhood monster that leaps out of the closet just when we have let our guard down, it was back with a vengeance. By the time of the devastating second wave, though, the game had changed: We had the vaccine. Now we were told that not only would we protect ourselves with the vaccine, but we would also help our populations get to herd immunity because, once vaccinated, a person was very much less likely to get infected and to transmit the infection to others. Vaccinating a sufficiently large chunk of our people would win the war. No one is quite sure exactly how many people we need to vaccinate, though whatever the target is, we are still a long way from it.

But will we beat the pandemic even then? Several bits of emerging data suggest that we won't. It seems that vaccination, while certainly effective in protecting us from falling ill and dying (a very important benefit, of course), seems to have two potential limitations. First, it does not eliminate our chance of being infected; on the contrary, it appears that if a vaccinated person is infected with the delta variant, now the dominant variant in most countries, they have similar viral loads as people who are not vaccinated.

Covid-19 might never go away. It's time for a national conversation on how to reopen society

Furthermore, the hopes that vaccination may reduce the chances of passing it on to others because the vaccinated are less likely to become ill are being tempered by the discovery that the delta variant starts spreading even in the absence of symptoms. And so, vaccination will not stop transmission no matter how many we vaccinate. This implies the continuing threat of further mutations. One can only pray that the coming mutations are more benign than its parent.

To compound this, the second limitation is that it now appears that vaccine-induced immunity wanes with time and new variants. This may well be the reason why Israel, once lauded for achieving very high levels of vaccination coverage, is now experiencing another wave. In response to the findings of declining protection, countries with cash are gearing up to start booster doses less than a year after completing vaccination. The necessity of booster doses, except in the immunocompromised, is yet to be determined but it's likely that they will prolong protection. In short, the current regime of vaccination offers neither "herd immunity" nor long-term protection.

So now, what next? This is surely the elephant in the room for governments, scientists and communities, for it is slowly dawning that, as some pundits had predicted at the very start of the pandemic, we will never eliminate this virus, unless we discover a vaccine which is highly effective in blocking its entry into the body. Another possible game-changer might be a highly effective antiviral medication. But history makes me somewhat pessimistic given the failure of decades of efforts to conjure similar magical potions for any other coronavirus infection.

The dilemma is how to shape policy in the light of these facts. On the one hand, we risk being trapped in a seemingly never-ending cycle of lockdowns, uncertainty, vaccination drives, restrictions on travel and in-person interactions, the evisceration of occupations that require in-person interactions, the loss of learning for children shut out of schools, wearing masks in indoor spaces and so on. Given the rising levels of fatigue, anger and

despair with this dispensation, not to mention the shattering of the most vulnerable livelihoods, I cannot countenance such a future. On the other hand, we would have to contend with waves of the epidemic sweeping across the population at regular intervals, sickening and killing many in its wake. Assuming we enter the era of booster doses, the feasibility, acceptability and value of vaccinating a billion people each year is questionable. But there is a glimmer of good news that the risk of dying of Covid-19 is falling, not only due to vaccination but also more effective medical care for the very ill.

Maybe the way forward lies in a middle path. Thus, one may prioritise public resources for vaccinating only the vulnerable, such as the elderly and those with co-morbidities, and all frontline workers. This is the situation we have with influenza, a close cousin of Covid-19; we live with the virus with no restrictions to travel, work or mingle, annually vaccinate those who are vulnerable, and accept that some of us will fall ill and a small fraction will die. Mortality can be further reduced by investment in infectious disease surveillance, community-based supportive care and peripheral hospital critical care.

What seems increasingly likely is that we will need to learn to live with the virus because it is becoming endemic, which simply means it will always be amongst us. This is the time for a national conversation, with public health experts joining up with social scientists, political leaders, businesses and representatives of civil society, to figure out how we, as one people, can soldier forward with solidarity for all sections of our diverse population. Then, we might find the right path towards fully reopening our society while ensuring that the goal is not to eliminate the infection but to reduce sickness and mortality to as low as one possibly can.

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JO CHOPRA

I FIRST met Keshav Desiraju over 20 years ago in a dusty, low-level government office in Dehradun. He sanctioned a Rs 1 lakh grant for a national conference the Latika Roy Foundation was organising for parents of disabled children. "What you're doing is important. I wish it could be more. That's the limit for what I can sanction without getting you into endless red tape," he said apologetically.

Endless red tape and how to avoid it was the story of his life. As a government officer who rose eventually to become India's health secretary, Keshav cut through the bureaucracy for so many of us. He had a special passion for disabled children and the mentally ill, but he went to bat for anyone trying to ensure that the public health system delivered for those it was meant to serve.

Others will record the facts of his well-known family and his illustrious career. My memories have to do with his unwavering support for my organisation and the cause of disabled children; of his passion for Indian classical music, his sense of the absurd and his eccentric and prodigious vocabulary (he described a friend I once sent his way as "fetching, but rather gormless").

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FIGHTING OUR CORNER

Keshav Desiraju believed in building institutions, and standing up for justice

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the Health Secretary for the Uttarakhand government and I had gone to him with a proposal to set up an early intervention centre for disabled children in the government hospital in Dehradun. That day, as I was describing the importance of early intervention, I could see I was losing his attention. Then I quoted James Heckman, the Nobel Prize winning economist, paraphrasing his research for the Indian economy. "For every rupee the government invests in early intervention for disabled children, you'd get a 13 per cent annual return."

Keshav sat up straighter. He proceeded to ask a series of searching questions about the incidence of disability in Uttarakhand, the per child cost of providing early intervention and the long-term cost of not doing it. The result of that conversation was the approval of a grant for Gubbara, the first NGO-run early intervention centre in a government hospital in India, providing state-of-the-art services to disabled children in Uttarakhand.

He worked tirelessly to make Gubbara happen, fighting our corner in Uttarakhand and later in Delhi, where he was eventually transferred. But he never asked me for cute pictures or heart-warming stories. Every argument he made was based on economics, scale and hard data. He demanded numbers and he made it clear that when you are thinking about a whole country, you have to raise your game.

Ultimately, his commitment to the country was what cost him. Asked to sign off on a dubious appointment to the Medical Council of India, he refused and was transferred.

When I next met him, he was secretary for consumer affairs in a polly little office in the South Block, but as cheerful as ever. With no illusions about the nature of government work, he still believed that institution-building was the only way forward. Political parties would come and go, corruption would always be with us – but if we stayed true to the values of democracy, fairness and social justice, eventually good would triumph.

Watching Keshav run a meeting or deal with supplicants or handle seven things simultaneously was like walking into the wide-open blue sky. His mastery of his work, his powers of expression and his unerring sense of what was required were formidable. I never once saw him at a loss for words or wonder what needed to be done. He could cut through anyone's ramblings to get to the heart of the matter in a flash, and I saw him do it again and again. It was a marvel of skill and eloquence. He was witty, generous and true. He kept his head down and did what needed to be done to make this a stronger, better country. India is poorer today for his loss.

The writer is the director of the Latika Roy Foundation, a non-profit for disabled children in Dehradun



SEPTEMBER 7, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

DOST'S VISIT

THE AFGHAN FOREIGN Minister Shah Mohammad Dost will be visiting Delhi for a one-day visit. The hurried visit comes in view of the coordinated efforts made by India and the Soviet Union to promote a dialogue between India and Pakistan. The visit also has significance in view of the forthcoming session of the UN General Assembly and the conference of the Commonwealth Heads of Government at Melbourne where the issue is likely to figure. Kabul and New Delhi have been in touch with each other since the August 24 proposals by the Afghanistan President for tripartite talks between his country, Pakistan and Iran.

NEW MOORE PEACE

INDIA AND BANGLADESH announced a breakthrough in efforts to defuse the tension over New Moore, the tiny island in the Bay of Bengal which sprouted in 1979 and emerged as an issue between the two countries in March the following year. A communiqué issued simultaneously in New Delhi and Dhaka said the two countries have succeeded in diffusing the tension on New Moore. The Bangladesh Foreign Minister will be visiting India this week at the invitation of his counterpart in Delhi, P V Narasimha Rao.

IRAN CRACKDOWN

AUTHORITIES IN IRAN confirmed the crackdown on leftist opposition by announcing the execution of 25 dissidents in the provinces of Mazandaran and Lorestan. The Tehran Bazaar normally open on Sunday was closed to mourn the Ayatollah killed on September 5.

DEFICIT RAINFALL

THE EARLY WITHDRAWAL of rains in North India will adversely affect the kharif crop and is causing anxiety to the agriculture ministry. Rao Birendra Union Agriculture ministers said that the Haryana, Punjab and UP governments have been asked to provide a large share of power to the agriculture sector.

TALIBAN REMARK



Javed Akhtar

Mumbai police provide security outside Akhtar's residence

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 6

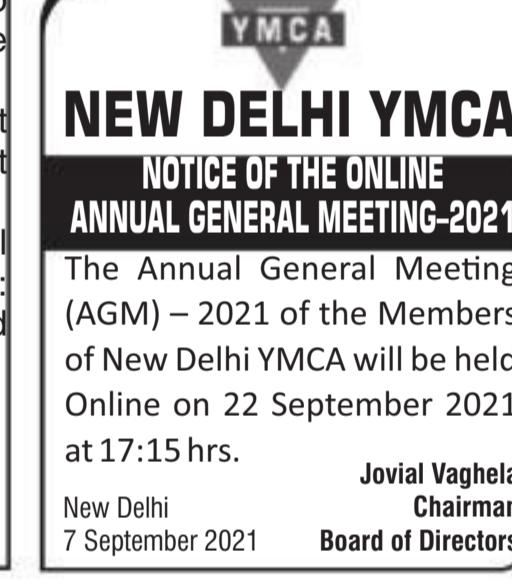
THE JUHU police have deployed teams outside the residence of lyricist and poet Javed Akhtar since Saturday to prevent any untoward incident over his alleged comments on *NDTV* comparing the RSS and Taliban.

Following the alleged comments last Friday, BJP MLA Ram Kadam had threatened that his party would not allow the release of any film involving Akhtar until he apologises.

Ajuhi police official said, "We have stationed two police vans and teams outside Akhtar's residence. Till now, there has been no protest, nor have we received any complaint by or against Akhtar. Akhtar has not communicated with us for any security either. But just as a preventive measure, we have suo motu deployed our teams outside his residence."

As per a report on the *NDTV* website, Akhtar said the Taliban and RSS shared a fascist ideology and while Taliban was "more empowered with weapons, but the view, outlook, and ideology are mirroring each other". Akhtar also criticized Indian Muslims who supported the return of Taliban in Afghanistan.

Shiv Sena on Monday said that Akhtar was "completely wrong" in comparing the RSS with the Taliban. "How can you say those who favour the concept of Hindu Rashtra are of Taliban mindset? We don't agree with this," an editorial in *Saamana* said.



NEW DELHI YMCA

NOTICE OF THE ONLINE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-2021

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 2021 of the Members of New Delhi YMCA will be held Online on 22 September 2021 at 17:15 hrs.

Jovial Vaghela

New Delhi Chairman

7 September 2021

Board of Directors

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NOTICE OF THIRTY THIRDED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE

1) Notice is hereby given that the thirty third (33rd) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Company will be held on Wednesday, 29.09.2021 at 03.00 p.m. IST to transact the business set forth in the Notice of the said meeting through Video Conference /Other Audio Visual Modes (VC/OAVM) in compliance of applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated 8th April, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13th April, 2020, General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5th May, 2020 and General Circular No. 02/2021 dated 13th January, 2020 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs and other applicable circulars issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) without physical presence of members at venue.

2) In compliance of the relevant circulars, the notice of 33rd AGM alongwith explanatory statement and the Annual Report for the year ended 31.03.2021 to members as on 27.08.2021 has been dispatched in electronic mode to the members, whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company or Depository Participant(s). The notice of AGM and Annual Report will be available on the Company's website www.concorindia.co.in and on the website of Stock Exchanges (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com).

3) Shareholders will have an opportunity to join and participate in 33rd AGM through VC/ OAVM facility only and cast their vote on the items of business as set forth in the Notice of the AGM through remote e-voting prior to the AGM and through electronic voting system during the AGM. The detailed instructions for participation in the AGM, remote e-voting for shareholders holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for those shareholders whose e-mail IDs are not registered, have been provided in the notice of AGM.

4) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing its members the facility to cast their votes electronically on all the resolutions set out in the Notice of AGM from a remote location ("Remote e-voting") through National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL). The business of AGM may therefore be transacted through e-Voting services of NSDL and the members holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form may cast their vote electronically. All the members are informed that:

i. The business set forth in the Notice of the 33rd AGM may be transacted through voting by electronic means;
ii. The remote e-voting shall commence on Saturday, 25.09.2021 at 09.00 AM;
iii. The remote e-voting shall end on Tuesday, 28.09.2021 at 05.00 PM;

iv. The cut-off date for determining the eligibility for remote e-voting or at the AGM is Wednesday, 22.09.2021. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a member of the Company after despatch of the Notice and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. 22.09.2021 may obtain login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or concor@beetalfinancial.com. However, if a person is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting, then existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote;

v. Members eligible to vote may note that:

(a) The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL beyond 05.00 PM on 28.09.2021 and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently;
(b) The facility for voting through electronic voting system will be made available at the AGM;

(c) The members who have cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again; and

(d) A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositaries as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting at the AGM.

vi. In case of any queries, members may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evoting.nsdl.com under help section or may contact Ms. Soni Singh (Assistant Manager), NSDL, 4th Floor, 'A' Wing, Trade World, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013. Email: evoting@nsdl.co.in, Tel: 1800 102 990/ 1800 224 4430.

5) Shareholders holding shares in physical mode and who have not updated their e-mail IDs, mobile numbers or bank details (for receiving electronic payments of dividend, as & when declared by the Company) are requested to update the same by sending an e-mail at concor@beetalfinancial.com with copy marked to investorelations@concorindia.com alongwith a signed request letter mentioning Folio No., Name of shareholder(s), address, bank details, scanned copy of shares certificate (front & back), self-attested scanned copy of PAN card, cancelled cheque, address proof (Aadhaar Card/ Driving License/Passport) etc.

Shareholders holding shares in dematerialized mode, are requested to register their e-mail addresses, mobile numbers and bank details (for receiving electronic payments of dividend, as & when declared by the Company), with their Depository Participants.

6) Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with applicable Rules thereunder and Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 23.09.2021 to 29.09.2021 (both days inclusive), to determine the shareholders entitled to final dividend of Rs. 2.00 per equity share of the face value of Rs.5/- each for the year ended 31.03.2021, if declared at the Annual General Meeting. This final dividend will be paid on or before 28.10.2021 to those Members whose names appear in the Register of Members of the Company.

7) Pursuant to Finance Act, 2020, dividend income will be taxable in the hands of shareholders w.e.f. April 1, 2020. Accordingly, the Company will be required to deduct tax at source (TDS) at the time of making payment of dividend, at the rates prescribed in the Income Tax Act, 1961. To enable compliance with the TDS requirements, shareholders are requested to submit Form 15G/15H/ Other exemption/ lower deduction documents and update their residential status, PAN, category as per the Income Tax Act, 1961 etc. with their Depository Participant(s) or with the Company/ R&TA at the e-mail IDs mentioned above. If valid PAN of the shareholder is not available, TDS is required to be deducted at the rate of 20% as per applicable provisions.

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Place: New Delhi (Harish Chandra)
Date: 06.09.2021 ED (Finance) & Company Secretary

Nirav's brother-in-law may appear before court

Mumbai: Fugitive diamond jeweller Nirav Modi's brother-in-law, who has become a prosecution witness against him, is likely to appear before court Tuesday. Maiank Mehta, along with

his wife and Modi's sister Purvi, had in January sought to become approvers in the case filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on charges of money laundering against Modi and others. ENS



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Maria Kolesnikova attends a court hearing on Monday. Reuters

BELARUS

Protest leader sentenced to 11 years in jail

MARIA KOLESNIKOVA, one of the leaders of mass street protests against Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko last year, was sentenced to 11 years in prison on Monday, the state-run Belta news agency and the Belarusian opposition reported. Kolesnikova, 39, was detained after ripping up her passport to prevent Belarusian security forces from deporting her in a standoff at the Ukrainian border in September. The musician-turned-politician became one of the faces of the mass opposition movement during the August 2020 presidential election, which the protesters say was rigged to extend Lukashenko's grip on power. **REUTERS**

BRITAIN

UK to increase eggs, sperm, embryo freeze limit to 55 years

PEOPLE ACROSS THE UK will have more choice over when to start a family with plans to increase the storage limits for eggs, sperm and embryos, the UK government announced Monday. Following a public consultation this year, proposals will be introduced in Parliament to increase the statutory storage limits for everyone from the current 10 years, to a period up to a maximum of 55 years. Under the system, prospective parents will be given the option at 10-year intervals to keep or dispose frozen eggs, sperm and embryos. **PTI**

AUSTRALIA

3-yr-old found in bush 3 days after going missing

EMERGENCY SERVICES in Australia rescued a three-year-old boy three days after he went missing from his family's property. Video footage released by New South Wales police showed the boy, Anthony Elfalak, desperately scooping water into his mouth in a creek in Putty, around 150 km northwest of Sydney, just before his rescue. A boy was taken to hospital and was reported to have suffered some scrapes from a fall and a nappy rash. It was unclear why the boy had wandered away from his home on Friday. **REUTERS**

THE WORLD



HONG KONG

NEWLY DISCOVERED NAPOLEON HAT ON DISPLAY

A newly discovered hat with DNA evidence proving it belonged to the legendary French military leader Napoleon Bonaparte was previewed by auction house Bonhams in Hong Kong on Monday. Described as the "first hat to bear the Emperor's DNA", it is on display in Hong Kong before it moves to Paris and then London, where it will be auctioned on Oct 27.

Americans, Afghans stranded as Taliban deny clearance for departure of flights

Talks to allow planes to depart from Mazar-i-Sharif airport drags on for days

MELISSA EDDY & THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF
SEPTEMBER 6

AROUND 1,000 people, including dozens of American citizens and Afghans holding visas to the US or other countries, remained stuck in Afghanistan for the fifth day on Sunday as they awaited clearance for the departure from the Taliban. The holdup reflects the challenges of foreign governments working with the group, which has yet to form a government.

Negotiations to allow the planes to depart, involving officials of the Taliban, the US and Qatar, have dragged on for days, leaving the evacuees in an increasingly precarious limbo, according to representatives of organisations trying to get them to safety.

The plight of the passengers hoping to leave the country from



Six commercial airplanes are seen at the Mazar-i-Sharif airport, in northern Afghanistan, last week. Reuters

the airport in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif mirrors that of thousands of people who were unable to board planes from Kabul, the capital, after Taliban militants took the city on the eve of the US troop withdrawal.

The American pullout and

the end of the two-decade war in Afghanistan were overshadowed by chaotic efforts to airlift tens of thousands of Americans and their allies fleeing the Islamist fighters, who many fear will limit the rights of women and others once they officially

return to power.

The Biden administration has faced criticism for leaving Americans and allies behind after the final troops left on Aug 30.

"The reason the Taliban wants to prevent these people from leaving is likely because they intend to punish them for their cooperation with the US," said Mick Mulroy, a former senior Pentagon official who has been working with the group Task Force Dunkirk to help evacuate Afghans from the country.

The US State Department and organisers on the ground in Qatar said the planes had received necessary clearance and were awaiting final approval from the Taliban. "If and when the Taliban agrees to take off, we are tracking that the landing sites will be prepared to accept the expected flights," the US State Department said in an email to congressional officials. **NYT**

EXPLAINED **E** Adding to persisting concerns

THE CONFUSION regarding the reasons behind why the Taliban have not allowed the evacuation flights to take off from Mazar-i-Sharif has added to fears in Afghanistan and abroad about whether the group would honour its promises to allow people to leave, and to not persecute Afghans who cooperated with foreign forces. While the circumstances behind the Taliban's refusal to clear the departures remain unclear, US lawmaker Michael McCaul has been among those to suggest that the group may be trying to use the situation as a bargaining chip in their quest for international recognition.

A truck that was abandoned in floodwaters in Manville, New Jersey. **NYT**

Friday, "rescue workers searched the culvert where McDonald's Brook leads toward the Passaic River and where witnesses said the pair were swept into the waterways under the city".

A total of five boats from the Sheriff's Department, Passaic, Clifton, Hawthorne and Ringwood departments are being used to scour the area and look for the youngsters.

Trentacost said, "Rescue workers are also concentrating on the banks and the area where the culvert empties into the river."

Four persons of Indian origin had drowned as the massive flooding ravaged New York and New Jersey following Hurricane Ida. **PTI**

Taliban: Won't allow any country, including Pak, to interfere in Afghan internal affairs

Group confirms ISI chief met Baradar

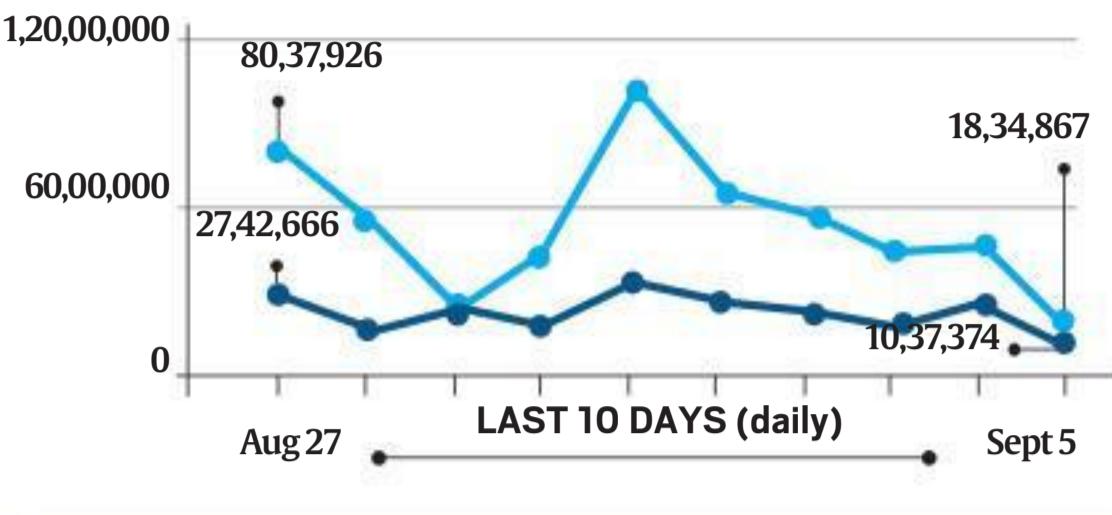


People from Afghanistan cross into Pakistan at the border town of Chaman on Monday. Reuters

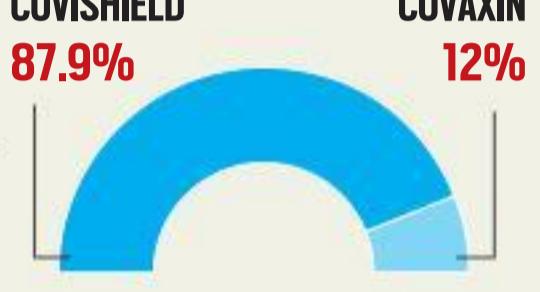
CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA (at least one dose)
52,63,81,797

■ First dose ■ Second dose

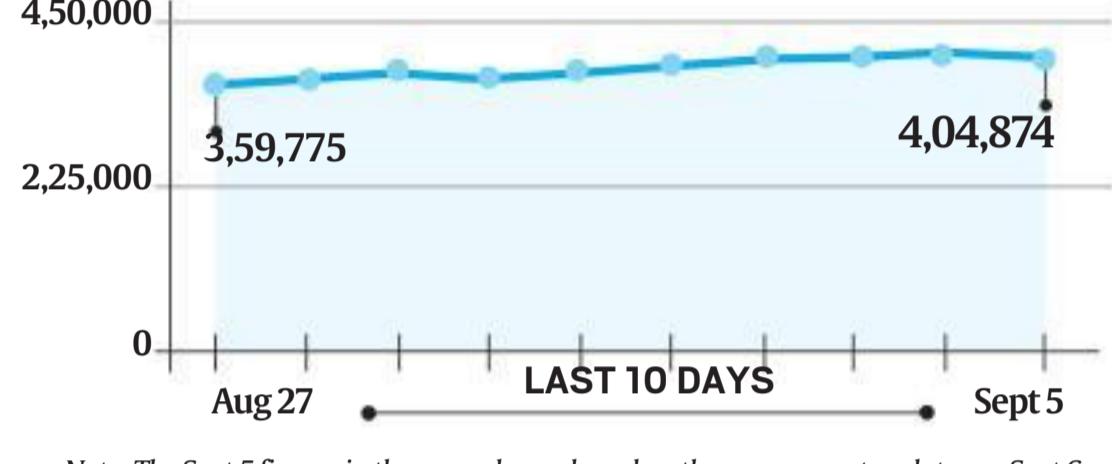


TOTAL DOSES
68,75,41,762
(Sputnik V's 7,82,252 doses not represented in pie)



DOSES ON SEPT 5: 28,72,241
SEPT 4: 74,58,316 (1ST DOSE: 46,80,717; 2ND: 27,77,599)

INDIA ACTIVE CASES 4,04,874



Note: The Sept 5 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on Sept 6

INDIA TOTAL CASES 3,30,27,621

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on September 6

New clues about origins of lung cancer in non-smokers

A GENOMIC analysis of lung cancer in people with no history of smoking has found that a majority of these tumours arise from the accumulation of mutations caused by natural processes in the body. This study was conducted by an international team led by researchers at the US National Cancer Institute (NCI), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The findings, published on Monday in *Nature Genetics*, describes three molecular subtypes of lung cancer in people who have never smoked. These insights will help unlock the mystery of how lung cancer arises in people who have no history of smoking and may guide the development of more precise clinical treatments, the NIH said in a press release.

The researchers used whole-genome sequencing to characterise the genomic changes in tumour tissue and matched normal tissue from 232 never smokers, who had been diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer. The patients had not yet undergone treatment for their cancer.

The researchers discovered that a majority of the tumour genomes of never smokers bore mutational signatures associated with damage from endogenous processes, that is, natural processes that happen inside the body.

Source: NIH (US)



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Why Moderna's mRNA candidate brings new hope for an HIV vaccine

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS

PUNE, SEPTEMBER 6

FORTY YEARS since the HIV global epidemic began, new hope has arisen in the hunt for the so-far-elusive vaccine. The US pharmaceutical and biotech company Moderna, which rolled out the world's first Covid-19 vaccine, recently announced human trials for two HIV vaccines. These are based on the same platform — mRNA — as Moderna's Covid vaccine.

The human trials

Moderna will be trialling two versions of its vaccine candidate. This is the first mRNA vaccine against HIV to be trialled in humans. According to the US National Institutes of Health's (NIH) clinical trials registry, 56 HIV-negative people between the ages of 18-50 have been recruited in the phase-1 trial.

There will be four groups in the first phase, with two receiving a mix of the mRNA vaccine versions and two receiving one or the other. The trial is not blind. Participants will know which group they are in.

The two mRNA vaccines will eventually be used alongside another vaccine, developed by the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and Scripps Research.

The hypothesis is that the two Moderna vaccines have the potential to prime a specific type of B-Cell to produce effective neutralising antibodies, and the other vaccine will stimulate them to do so. The study sponsored by IAVI and others is expected to run until May 2023, with the first phase lasting around 10 months.

HIV burden

HIV has claimed 36.3 million lives so far, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). There were an estimated 37.7 million living with HIV at the end of 2020.

There is still no cure. However, with increasing access to effective prevention, diagnosis and care, including for opportunistic infections, HIV infection has become a manageable chronic health condition in recent years.

According to the National AIDS Control Organization's India HIV Estimation 2019 report, there were an estimated 23.48 lakh people living with HIV in 2019. Overall, the estimated adult (15-49) HIV prevalence

trend has been declining in India since the peak in 2000, and has been stabilising in recent years.

The elusive vaccine

HIV tends to change its envelope so rapidly that it is difficult to provide any antibody cover. Additionally, the envelope proteins are covered by a sugar coating that affects generation of an immune response, said Dr R R Gangakhedkar, former director of National AIDS Research Institute, and former Head, Division of the Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases division of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

"An anti-HIV vaccine has been a challenge given the fact that it is a fast replicating virus and tends to mutate rapidly... Escape mutants are generated rapidly due to the high replication rate of HIV," said Gangakhedkar, who is also a C G Pandit national chair, ICMR.

Even when antibodies are made, by the time they are produced, the virus rapidly evolves and the antibodies do not neutralise the virus. This rapid mutation allows the virus to escape the antibody response, said leading vaccine scientist Dr Gagandeep Kang. For example, the virus sequences of

an untreated individual with HIV tested three months apart would show differences between the later and earlier viruses, she said.

Previous attempts

Dr Kang said previously inactivated forms of the virus and adenovirus vector-based vaccines have been tried, but have not worked. A handful of HIV clinical trials were very carefully set up and conducted, but were halted either for futility when vaccines did not work, or in the case of adenovirus vectored vaccine where there was a signal that participants were more susceptible to HIV, instead of being protected, she said.

"The most important challenges in HIV vaccine development has been the inability to identify the exact correlates of immune response that need to be stimulated to protect against HIV and the enormous diversity potential of the virus. Inducing broadly neutralising antibodies against HIV envelope protein and CD8 T cell responses has been the major focus," said Dr Sanjay Pujari, infectious diseases consultant and expert member of the national Covid 19 task force.

mRNA: way forward

The Moderna trial is different as it allows one to use technology to design and develop a vaccine really fast, Dr Kang said. It is similar to the Covid-19 vaccine development work so that the body's cells can produce the virus's spike envelope to trigger an immune response.

In the HIV context, the mRNA platform has shown promising results in vitro and monkey studies, and it would be useful to test it in human clinical trials, Dr Pujari said. The hope is that this platform has the ability to tweak the RNA to address emerging variants and their potential to escape immune response. "Until now the major challenge for the development of mRNA vaccines was lack of efficient delivery technologies. This has been overcome successfully with Covid-19 mRNA vaccines," Dr Pujari said.

Preventive & therapeutic

Experts say two approaches can be considered for an HIV vaccine — a preventive and therapeutic one.

A preventive approach would have to check how many vaccinated people develop HIV post-vaccination, or whether the vaccinated ones can resist infection. A ther-

apeutic approach would result in an immune response that would attack the infected cells and prevent further replication, Dr Kang said.

Therapeutic vaccines have been tried without success to achieve a functional cure. It would be interesting to study the performance of the mRNA platform in this context, Dr Pujari said.

For a therapeutic vaccine to work, it has to stimulate cells to generate broadly neutralising antibodies, Dr Gangakhedkar said. "While antiretroviral therapy controls the infection, one has to take drugs lifelong and there are side effects. A curative modality with a therapeutic vaccine and medicine can cure HIV. However, this has to be tested over a period of time, to assess whether the immune response is sustained," Dr Gangakhedkar.

With HIV incidence having gone down, it reduces the risk of exposure to HIV. Moreover, use of other preventive measures adds to reduction in HIV incidence. These factors pose challenges in undertaking these trials and finding out whether or not the vaccine producing broadly neutralising antibodies actually prevents HIV infection, Dr Gangakhedkar said.

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Shape of economic recovery

The government has compared Q1 GDP year-on-year to claim a V-shaped recovery, while critics have compared quarter-on-quarter to claim a contraction. Why the discrepancy, and how to read the data.

UDIT MISRA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

LAST WEEK, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the GDP (gross domestic product) and GVA (gross value added) data for the first quarter of the current financial year.

The government used the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) comparison method — which showed that the GDP grew by 20.1% in Q1 this year as against the Q1 last year — to claim that India was witnessing a V-shaped recovery.

Critics of the government chose to look at the quarter-on-quarter (Q-o-Q) method — which showed the economy contracted by 17% in Q1 this year as against Q4 (January, February and March) of the last financial year — to claim that the economy was fast losing momentum.

What is the true state of the Indian economy?

Both characterisations about GDP growth are factually correct. However, both are equally misleading as well. There are specific reasons for each, but there is a broader reason: the use of percentage change to assess economic recovery in times of massive upheavals such as the Covid-induced disruption since early 2020.

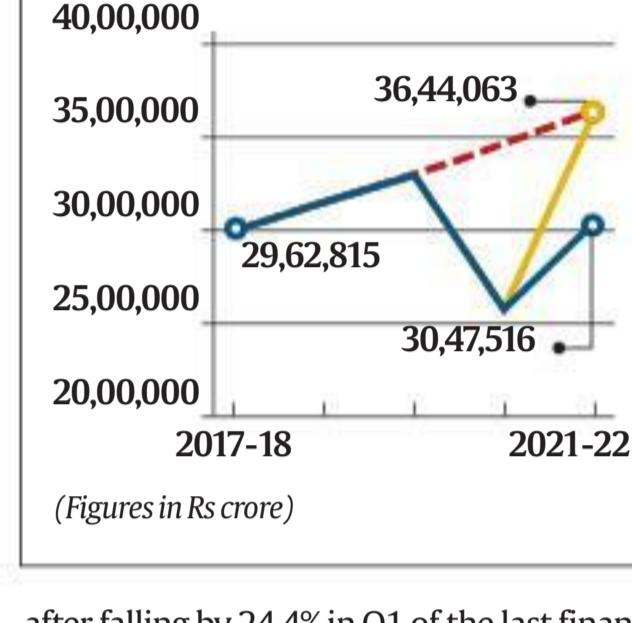
For instance, a 25% reduction in Rs 100 — equal to Rs 25 — is more than a 25% increase in Rs 75 — equal to Rs 18.75. So, while both the fall and rise percentages are the same, the impact in absolute values is quite different; the final value is almost Rs 7 short of the original. It is for this reason that during such a crisis, one should always look at the absolute amount of GDP.

Why is the claim of a V-shaped recovery misleading?

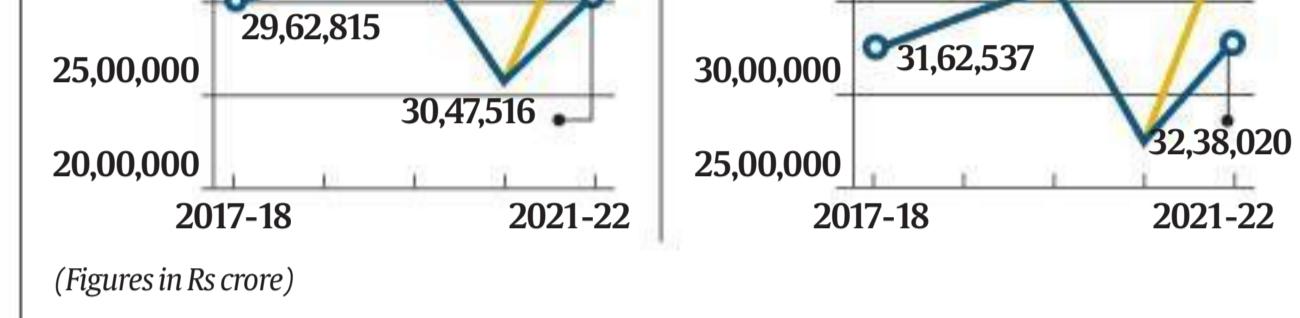
It is true that when one looks at the percentage change, India's GDP growth rate rose by 20.1% in Q1 of the current financial year

L-SHAPED, NOT V-SHAPED

GVA
Actual (L-shaped)
Trend level
V-shaped



GDP
Actual (L-shaped)
Trend level
V-shaped



the first quarters of 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. If that happens, which is a slightly optimistic assumption, then at the end of June in 2024-25, India's Q1 GDP would be Rs 39,66,714 — still short of the level that constitutes a V-shaped recovery in 2021-22.

The reality — a Q1 GDP of Rs 32,38,020 — points more towards an "L-shaped" recovery instead of a "V-shaped" one.

A similar trend appears when one looks at the GVA data. If one calculates the GVA level that a V-shaped recovery would require, one finds that it is 20% more than what the actual Q1 GVA is. Again, even if GVA grows by 7% (Y-o-Y) from here on, it will take another three years just to cross the level that marks a V-shape recovery this year.

Of course, in three years' time, both GVA and GDP would have grown much higher according to the original trend line, and that is why the reality may be closer to an L-shaped recovery, which points to a permanent loss of GDP and GVA.

Why does it matter how one reads the growth data?

It is true that economic output is what it is and will not change per se whether one sees it as a V-shaped recovery or a contraction. But how one sees the growth momentum has policy implications. If policymakers believe the economy has recovered when, in reality, it hasn't — as is the case with India — it is possible for the government to make policy mistakes. For instance, weak Private Final Consumption Expenditure data in GDP calculations suggest India suffers from weak consumer demand. The correct policy solution would be one that boosts demand either by increased government spending or additional tax relief to consumers (say a cut in fuel taxes or GST rates). However, if the government believes that the economy is already rebounding, it can end up cutting its spending — as indeed it has done in Q1 — thus further dragging down growth. Similar mistakes can happen when one believes that growth has contracted when in fact it has grown, albeit far more feebly than what the government claims.

tological malignancies, tropical infections, adverse mental health outcomes, pregnancy complications, allergies, and cardiovascular and pulmonary morbidity and mortality".

Why now

The joint editorial in health journals comes weeks ahead of COP26, the 26th edition of the annual UN climate conference, in Glasgow. Before that, a similar UN meeting on biodiversity is scheduled in Kunming, China. The editorial is part of the exercise to create momentum for concrete and ambitious decisions at these meetings.

Such exercises are normal in the run-up to these big meetings. In the weeks and months leading up to the climate summit, there is usually a lot of activity. Countries unveil new plans and pledges, NGOs and research institutions release several reports and studies, protests and demonstrations take place, all aimed towards creating sufficient pressure on negotiators to come to more ambitious agreements.

All these do feed into the decision-making process and, to some extent, also influence the final outcome of these meetings.

The editorial's emphasis on the need to hold global rise in temperatures to 1.5°C — not just 2°C — is in line with growing clamour to put pressure on the governments not to abandon the 1.5°C. The recent IPCC report had mentioned that the 1.5°C target was likely to be reached in less than two decades.



A firefighter tries to extinguish the flames during a wildfire last month on Evia island, about 176 km north of Athens, Greece. AP

mate, are an example of direct health impacts of climate change. Changing crop patterns, declining yields, water scarcity, and extreme precipitation are expected to have health consequences as well. Food shortages and resultant malnutrition are considered major side-effects of rising temperatures.

The World Health Organization estimates that about 250,000 excess deaths are likely to be caused by climate-change-induced factors — malnutrition, malaria, diarrhoea, and heat stress — between 2030 and 2050.

SENSEX: 58,296.91 ▲ 166.96 (0.29%) NIFTY: 17,377.80 ▲ 54.20 (0.31%) NIKKEI: 29,659.89 ▲ 531.78 HANG SENG: 26,163.63 ▲ 261.64 FTSE: 7,184.00 ▲ 45.65 DAX: 15,887.41 ▲ 102.61



GOLD

₹46,503



RUPEE

₹73.10



OIL

\$71.86



SILVER

₹64,168

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10g, silver per 1kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as on September 3, 2021

International market data till 1900 IST

POLICY WATCH INSOLVENCY & BANKRUPTCY CODE

Code of conduct plan for CoCs: Fair working, on-time resolution in focus

KARUNJITSINGH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

THE INSOLVENCY and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has called for public comments on a proposal to introduce a code of conduct for Committees of Creditors (CoCs) of companies undergoing proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

Code of conduct for CoCs

Under the IBC, a CoC, composed of financial creditors to the Corporate Debtor (CD) or operational creditors in the absence of unrelated financial creditors, is empowered to take key decisions including decisions on haircuts for creditors that are binding on all stakeholders including dissenting creditors. The CoC is also empowered to seek and choose the best resolution plan for a corporate debtor from the market. The IBBI noted that a code of conduct for CoCs would promote transparent and fair working on the part of CoCs.

Issues that the code is seeking to address

The IBBI noted several cases in which certain lenders have withdrawn funds from a CD undergoing insolvency proceedings and contributed to delays in the insolvency process. Delays in resolution are seen as contributing to loss of value in CDs and have become a key criticism of the IBC,

47% closed cases in liquidation

New Delhi: Nearly 47 per cent or 1,349 cases closed under the insolvency law ended up in liquidation till the end of June this year but economic value in majority of the cases had eroded even before commencement of the insolvency resolution process, as per the IBBI.

A total of 4,541 CIRPs (Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process) were initiated till end of June, of them, 2,859 were closed. PTI

with over 75 per cent of ongoing insolvency proceedings having crossed the 270-day timeline envisaged in the IBC.

The IBBI highlighted cases in which representatives of lenders have had to seek approval from seniors for decisions such as appointment of resolution professionals, recommending that a code of conduct require that members of the CoC nominate representatives with sufficient authorisation to participate in meetings and make decisions. The IBBI noted that in the resolution process of Bhushan Steel, the resolution professional paid a fee of Rs 12 crore to legal counsel of a lender rendered prior to the insolvency process.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

RBI ANALYSIS OF LISTED NON-FINANCIAL, NON-GOVT COS IN JUN QTR

India Inc unlocks profits post Covid losses; sales up 60%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 6

AIDED BY a decline in Covid cases and unlocking of restrictions, sales and net profit of listed non-financial, non-government companies have reported a significant jump for the quarter ended June 30, 2021.

According to an RBI analysis, 2,610 companies posted a 60.6 per cent rise in sales to Rs 9.87 lakh crore in June 2021 as against Rs 6.11 lakh crore. This rise was aided by low base in the June quarter of 2020 as Covid pandemic forced companies to shut down operations and sales plummeted.

Net profits of these companies skyrocketed to Rs 90,325 crore for June 2021 as against a loss of Rs 2,646 crore in the same period of last year. Interest cost of these corporates declined by 8.6 per cent to Rs 35,744 crore from Rs 38,527 crore a year ago. Staff costs soared by 15.6 per cent to Rs 1.17 lakh crore in June 2021 from Rs 1.01 lakh crore.

With companies resuming op-

ANALYSIS OF 2,610 COS

INTEREST COST

▼ 8.6% At ₹35,744 cr

STAFF COSTS

▲ 15.6% At ₹1.17L cr

RBI analysis

erations, raw material costs soared by 109.1 per cent to Rs 4.04 lakh crore in June this year from Rs 1.89 lakh crore a year ago, according to the RBI study.

Meanwhile, sales of 1,647 manufacturing companies recorded extraordinarily high growth (y-o-y) of 75.0 per cent in Q1 of 2021-22, which was aided by very low base 41.1 per cent decline in Q1 of 2020-21, reflecting the Covid pandemic impact on operations. All the major sectors recorded high growth during the quarter, it said.

Sales growth of information technology (IT) sector companies, which remained in positive terrain throughout the pandemic, accel-

erated to 17.5 per cent in Q1 of 2021-22 from 6.4 per cent in the previous quarter. Sales of non-IT services companies also surged (y-o-y) in June quarter of 2021-22, but the revenues of telecom companies within this group declined, the RBI study said.

It said manufacturing companies increased their expenditure on raw materials during Q1 of 2021-22 in tandem with the rise in sales. Staff cost growth (y-o-y) accelerated for all sectors during Q1 of 2021-22. Operating profits of manufacturing as well as services sector companies (both IT and non-IT) recorded high growth in the June quarter of 2021-22 in line with the rise in sales. Interest coverage ratio (ICR) of manufacturing companies remained steady at 7.5 in Q1 of 2021-22 (7.3 in the previous quarter). The ICR of non-IT services firms remained below unity.

Operating profit margin remained stable for manufacturing and IT companies during the quarter, but it moderated for the non-IT services companies, it said.

Meanwhile, one of the fallouts

of the pandemic was the phenomenon of deleveraging in the corporate sector. This was not really surprising as investment activity slowed down and the future was laden with uncertainty. A sample of 691 companies show a sharper fall in outstanding debt.

"Overall, the debt for the 691 companies increased from Rs 9.47 lakh crore in FY17 to Rs 11.50 lakh crore in FY21. However, in this period it had declined in FY18 to Rs 9.37 lakh crore and once again in FY21 from Rs 12.81 lakh crore in FY20. In FY19 debt was Rs 10.41 lakh crore," Care Ratings said in a report.

In the last 5 years ending FY21, growth in total outstanding debt was CAGR of 9.2 per cent for the larger sample which comes down to 5 per cent for the sample excluding finance companies, it said.

Clearly the tendency to deleverage is not just a pandemic situation but a policy that has been followed post the AQR process when banks came under pressure due to the ballooning of the non-performing assets.

NATIONWIDE SERVICES SOON

CSCs to soon start passport services collection centres

ASHASHARYAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

THE COMMON Services Centres (CSC) has received approvals to manage and operate Passport Seva Kendra kiosks in rural areas, sources in the know of the development told *The Indian Express*.

The village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs), who operate Common Services Centres, will be entrusted with collecting documents, photographs and other details necessary for the passport process as well as the initial non-police verification, a source said.

lockdown to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the CSC allowed VLEs the option to launch a Grameen e-store. While initially launched for easy delivery of essential items in villages, gram panchayats and other rural areas, these e-stores soon expanded their portfolio to start sale of non-essential items such as soft drinks, biscuits, soaps, shampoos, pencils, pens, electric and electronic appliances.

Despite all the tie-ups with domestic and multinational corporations, however, the CSC has stressed that it does not want to give up the independence of the smallest unit in the delivery infrastructure ecosystem, i.e. the VLE. Over the last two months, the MeitY had, in consultation with the CSC, turned down at least two such offers from global retail giants Walmart and Amazon, stating that the autonomous functioning of the VLEs is important.

Earlier in August, Tata Motors signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen its commercial vehicle reach in rural India. Apart from Tata Motors, companies like Renault and Bajaj Auto are also likely to sign agreements to benefit from the last mile delivery system of the CSCs.

Apart from vehicle makers, CSCs have also tied up with many FMCG companies such as PepsiCo, Coca Cola, Nestle, Tata Consumer Products, Shahi Masala, Adhar Foods, and Unibic Foods.

Last April, after the nationwide

VLEs TO COLLECT DOCUMENTS

■ Village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs), who operate Common Services Centres, will be entrusted with collecting documents, photographs and other details, along with initial verification, a source said

'Domestic air passenger traffic up 31% in Aug over month-ago'

Domestic air passenger traffic continued its growth trajectory in August with volumes growing up to 31% to 66 lakh over the previous month, an Icra report said

51 lakh Domestic passenger traffic recorded in July 2021

131% Spike in domestic passenger traffic on a year-on-year basis — against 28.3 lakh

Why is it important: Though the recovery continued in August, there is continued stress on demand, driven largely by the second wave of the pandemic, limiting the demand to only necessary travel



With Covid-19 infections showing a downward trajectory, airlines' capacity deployment rose in August, with

i.e. around 57,500 departures against 28,834 departures

■ 22% rise over July 2021

Source: Icra Ratings/PTI

CAPTIVE COAL MINES OF GENCOS GET 1 WEEK

Boost output or face supply cuts: Govt to gencos amid shortage

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

FOLLOWING CRITICISM from privacy advocates and industry peers, Apple has delayed the launch of its software that would detect photographs depicting child sexual abuse on iPhones. The programme was announced last month and was slated for launch in the United States later this year.

What is the software and how would it have worked?

Apple last month said it would roll out a two-pronged mechanism that scans photographs on its devices to check for content that could be classified as Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM). As part of the mechanism, Apple's tool neuralMatch would check for photos before they are uploaded to iCloud — its cloud storage service — and examine the content of messages sent on its end-to-end encrypted iMessage app. "The Messages app will use on-device machine learning to warn about sensitive content, while keeping private

communications unreadable by Apple," the company had said.

neuralMatch compares the pictures with a database of child abuse imagery, and when there is a flag, Apple's staff will manually review the images. Once confirmed for child abuse, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) in the US will be notified.

What were the concerns?

While the move is being welcomed by child protection agencies, industry peers and advocates of digital privacy are raising red-flags suggesting that the technology could have broad-based ramifications on user privacy.

It is believed that it is nearly impossible to build a client-side scanning system that is only used for sexually explicit images sent or received by children, without such software being tweaked for other uses. The announcement had put spotlight once again on governments and law enforcement authorities seeking a back-

door into encrypted services.

Will Cathcart, head of end-to-end encrypted messaging service WhatsApp, had said, "This is an Apple-built-and-operated surveillance system that could very easily be used to scan private content for anything they or a government decides it wants to control.

Countries where iPhones are sold will have different definitions on what is acceptable."

Why has Apple backed off?

In a statement, Apple said it would take more time to collect feedback and improve proposed child safety features after the criticism of the system on privacy and other grounds both inside and outside the company.

It said, "Based on feedback from customers, advocacy groups, researchers and others, we have decided to take additional time over the coming months to collect input and make improvements before releasing these critically important child safety features."

Maruti Suzuki hikes prices by up to 1.9%

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Monday said it has increased prices of its entire product range, except Celerio, by up to 1.9 per cent with immediate effect.

In a regulatory filing, the company noted that it has taken the decision to hike prices due to an increase in various input costs.

The weighted average price rise in ex-showroom prices (New Delhi) across select models is 1.9 per cent, it added. This is MSI's third price hike this year.

The auto major has already raised prices in January and April this year, with an overall hike of around 3.5 per cent.

The carmaker had last month said that a price hike was necessary, as it looks to protect its profitability amid a steep rise in commodity prices. ENS

'Ahead of festive season, gold imports double as prices dip'

RAJENDRA JADHAV
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

GOLD IMPORTS in August nearly doubled from a year ago to the highest in five months on strong demand and as weaker prices prompted jewellers to ramp up purchases for the festive season, a government source said.

Higher imports by the world's second-biggest bullion consumer could support benchmark gold prices, which have corrected nearly 12 per cent from an all-time high of \$2,072 in August 2020.

The surge in imports could increase the trade deficit and pressure the rupee. India imported 121 tonnes of gold in August, compared to 63 tonnes a year earlier, the source said on Monday after an ideal opportunity

for jewellers who wanted to build inventories for the upcoming festive season, said a Mumbai-based dealer with a gold importing bank.

Local gold futures fell to 45,662 rupees per 10 grams on August 10, the lowest in four months.

"Retail demand was good in August as coronavirus cases fell and people stepped out to shop," said Harshad Ajmera, a gold wholesaler in Kolkata. Authorities had imposed localised lockdowns in the June quarter as Covid-19 infections surged to a record high, but allowed businesses to reopen in a phased manner as cases fell.

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OVL among cos in talks to buy stake in Vostok, Arctic LNG-2 projects

New Delhi: ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) is among major energy companies in discussions to buy a stake in Russia's Vostok oil project as well as a planned liquefied gas project Arctic LNG-2, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said.

The Vostok Oil project contains combined estimated resources of over 6 billion tonnes, or around 44 billion barrels, of premium crude.

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Gold imports in the first eight months of 2021 tripled to 687

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I, Manoj Kumar S/O Mahipal Singh, R/o C-286, Sector-37, Greater Noida, Eachachar, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201310, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manoj Kapasia.

0070752891-1

T, Malti Devi Tiwari, W/O Satish Kumar Tiwari R/o 592K/656, Hind Line Gali No- 5, Subhani Khera, Teli Bag, Dilkhusha, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mayatri Devi Tiwari.

0070752878-1

T, Khushi Tyagi D/O Late Arvind Kumar Tyagi, R/o 1482, Near Tagore School, Sector -3, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana -120004, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anmol Tyagi.

0070752936-1

T, Ganga Watt D/O Suresh, R/o B-18/501, Jhuggi Indra Camp, Kalyan Puri, East Delhi-110091, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Siya Thakur.

0070752937-1

T, Eshaq Mohannad S/O Late Mohammed Osman, Employed as Aircraft Technician, Posting Address : Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, ARDC, Design Complex Marathahalli Post, Bengaluru, R/O 24/3, 13th Main 10th Cross, 1st Stage, Phase, Gokula Extn, Mathikere, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560054, having Permanent Address- 24/3, 13th Main 10th Cross, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Gokula Extn, Mathikere, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560054, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Eshaq Mohannad.

0070752879-1

T, Champa Jyothi Chandrasekhar D/O Chandrasekhar Neelakantaiah, R/o No- 1, First Floor, 1st A Cross Kariyanapalya, Lingarajapuram, Near New Shobha Store, St Thomas Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560084, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Champa Srinidihi.

0070752881-1

T, Baisakhi Roy alias Baisakhi Roy Sarkar D/O Pranab Kumar Roy, R/o W Manas Sarkar R/o Flat No. 1502, Tower H, Emaar The Palm Drive, Golf Course Extension Road, Sector 66, Badshahpur, Gurgaon, Haryana-122101, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Baisakhi Sarkar.

0070752928-1

T, Ashish Saxena S/O Arun Kumar Saxena, R/o K-73, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Asheesh Saxena.

0070752882-1

I, Anumeha Rawal D/O Narendra Singh Rawal, W/O Dhrijit Dafouti R/o S R Puram Dhar Bithoria No-1 Near H.P School Unchappal Haripura Naik Haldwani Nainital Uttarakhand-263139, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anumeha Dafouti.

0070752923-1

I, Aman S/O Balwan Singh, R/o Chhan(9), Hisar, Haryana-125121, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AMAN SEELAY.

0070752898-1

I, GURSEWAK SINGH BHANDARI S/O KULBIR SINGH BHANDARI R/O.C-580, BLOCK-C, NEW FRIENDS COLONY, SOUTH DELHI-110025, have changed my name GURSEWAK SINGH BHANDARI to GURSEWAK SINGH and I shall be hereafter be known as GURSEWAK SINGH.

0070752917-1

I, hitherto known as RUDRAKSHA DUBEY S/O-C.V.DUBEY, R/O-A-403,PAN Oasis Society,Sector-10,Noida,have changed,my name and shall hereafter be known as RUDRAKSH DUBEY for all,purposes.

0040583333-10

I, Charanjit Singh S/o-Late Chanan Singh R/o/WZ-22, Plot No-47,Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-18 have changed My Name to Charanjeet Singh.

0070752900-1

I, hitherto known as M.Anand,W/o Om Kant anand,R/o E-/5,Associated Apartment,Plot.no.83, IP,Exteention,Delhi-110029, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Smt Mohinder Kaur.

0040583333-9

I, Yogesh Kumar,son of,Late Shri,Sohan Lal,Resident of,123 CPS-Flat East-of-Kailash,New Delhi-110005,have changed my minor daughter's name,from Anushka Kumari to Anushka Kanjaria,for all,purposes,in future.

0040583333-8

I, Vikash Jaiswal S/o Purushottam Das Jaiswal R/o Flat-C-2110, Gaur Sportswood, Sector-79, Noida, have changed my name to Vikas Jaiswal for all purposes.

0040583318-1

I, Urmila Devi W/o, Brijmohan No.045354B Rank HONY SUB.Lt. R/o,B-1/96,Paschim vihar, Delhi-63,have changed my name to Urmila Devi Sharma.

0040583340-1

I,Tanushree Dey,D/o-Samarendra Kishore Biswas,R/o-Flat No.-Tower-9/502,Plot No-GH-04, and 05,Sector-99,Noida,G.B. Nagar,U.P.-201304, have changed my name to Tanushree Biswas for all purposes.

0040583345-1

I,SAGAR AGARWAL,S/O PRAMOD AGARWAL R/o-1544, FIRST FLOOR, OUTRAM-LINE, KINGSWAY CAMP,GTB-NAGAR, DELHI-110109,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SAGAR AGRAWAL.

0040583337-2

I,Ranjeet Kumar S/o/Gaya Prasad R/o D-23,HNG-COLONY, BAHADURGARH, JHAJAR-124507, HARYANA. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AMAR SINGH YADAV.

0040583333-3

I,Yashpriya R/o Flat No.1003, 10th Floor, Best Paradise The Bhartiya CGHS Ltd, Plot.No.4, Sec-19, Dwarka, Delhi-110075 inform that my minor (05.12.2015) daughter's name Aauya and Araanya both are of same and one person. Araanya is the official/school name of my daughter for all purposes.

0040583337-3

I,Ram Parsad S/O-Himanshu Jain R/O-G-461,Gali-No.23 Near-Bhim Singh Complex, Badarpur,Molar Band,South Delhi-110044,Have Changed My Name To Ram Parsad Jana For All,Future Purposes

0040583340-6

I,Pawel,S/o-Shri Rajeev Kumar, R/O-A-4/6,Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Pawel Rajeev Kumar.

0040583345-4

I,Parveen Gogia,s/o Doharam Pat Gogia,R/o F-28/B, First-Floor, F-Block,Laxmi Nagar,Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Praveen Gogia,for all future purposes.

0040583302-1

I,PUSHPA DEVI W/O MAHENDER BANSAL R/O D-15/302,IREO VICTORY VALLEY,GURGAON-122001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PUSHPA BANSAL.

0040583336-6

I,PRAKASH SINGH SANDHU/PRAKASH SINGH/PARKASH SINGH/S/O DALBIR SINGH SANDHU R/O A-622-63, DDA-COLONY, CHOUKHANDI, TILAK-NAGAR, DELHI-110018. CHANGED MY NAME TO PARKASH SINGH SANDHU.

0040583337-6

I,TPAWAN KUMAR BHARDWAJ S/O RAMESH CHANDER R/O 329, NANGAL THAKRAN, BAWANA, DELHI-110039.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PAWAN BHARDWAJ.

0040583334-4

I,Nisha Bhasin,W/o-Vaibhav Bhasin and/o-Prem Shankar Mishra,R/o-A/3/182,2nd floor,Paschim Vihar,Delhi-110063,have changed my name from Nisha Bhasin to Nisha Mishra for future.

0040583345-3

I,Meena Sharma W/O-Anil Sharma R/o/P-O/No-149/1,Flat No-7,3rd Floor,Premdham Apartment-2,New Basti, Devli,New Delhi-110062,Have Changed My,Name To Meenu Sharma For All,Future Purposes.

0040583340-7

I,TPAWAN KUMAR BHARDWAJ S/O RAMESH CHANDER R/O 329, NANGAL THAKRAN, BAWANA, DELHI-110039.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PAWAN BHARDWAJ.

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0040583340-7

I,Manoj Kumar Agarwal S/O Laxman Das Agarwal R/O HNo-367/3rd Floor,Gagan Vihar,Delhi-110051 Have Changed my Name to Manoj Agarwal.

0040583337-1

I,Mahak Jain,D/o-Shri Pradeep Jain,R/o-0/179,Vivekanand Puri,Delhi-110007,have changed my name to Mehak Jain.

0040583345-5

I,MAHENDER KUMAR S/O JEET RAM R/O D-15/302,IREO VICTORY VALLEY,GURGAON-122001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHENDER BANSAL.

0040583333-5

I,Kamla Devi W/o, Rohtas, No.13867951L, EX NYK/R.o, H.no.497,P-4-Block,Sultanguri, Delhi-86,have changed my name to Kamlesh.

0040583340-2

I,Palpana Sahu W/o Anil Sahu R/o-ho.No.33/2,Chander Vihar,Nilothi-Extn,Nilothi-West Delhi-110041,I have changed my name to Palpana Kumari to Palpana Sahu,for all future purpose

0040583345-1

I,Jayakrishnan Raveendran Nair S/o Raveendran Nair R/o-136C, near Gopal Mandir Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to Jayakrishnan R.

0040583337-8

I,JASKARAN Singh Gurwara S/o- Mr. Harinder Singh, R/o-F-71/D,Gangotri Enclave, Alaknanda, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Jaskaran Singh for all future purposes.

0040583345-9

I,Gulshan S/o Mittar Kumar R/o-58, 5th-Floor Pocket-15,Rohini Sector-24 Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Gulshan Kumar.

0040583337-10

I,Shivani Beri w/o Rachit Anand r/o 1/209, Ground Floor, Subhash Nagar, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Shivani Anand.

0040583250-1

I,Anil Kumar,S/O-Jawahar Singh R/o-Plot No-149/1Flat,No-07,3rd Floor,Premdham Appartment-2,New Basti Devli,New Delhi-110062,Have Changed My,Name To Anil Kumar Sharma For All,Future Purposes.

0040583340-8

I,TANGAD SINGH'S/OPAKASH SINGH SANDHU R/O-A-622, DDA-COLONY, CHOUKHANDI, TILAK-NAGAR,DELHI-110018. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANGAD SINGH SANDHU.

0040583337-7

I,AMAR SINGH'S/CHUNKU PRASAD R/O D-23,HNG-COLONY, BAHADURGARH, JHAJAR-124507, HARYANA. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AMAR SINGH YADAV.

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Aditi finishes creditable tied-12 at Creekhouse

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
AHUS (SWEDEN), SEPTEMBER 6

INDIAN GOLFER Aditi Ashok endured a rollercoaster final round, carding an even par 72 to finish a creditable Tied-12th at the Creekhouse Ladies Open here.

Aditi, who finished fourth at the Tokyo Olympics, had a wild ride with five birdies, three bogeys and a double bogey for another even par 72 on Sunday evening.

With earlier rounds of 74-73-72, she totalled 3-over and was Tied for 12th place, close on the heels of her Tied-10th finish at Skafot Open last week.

Tvesa Malik had missed the cut earlier in the week. Maja Stark held her nerve on the final day to claim a four-shot victory and secure her first LET title in just her third event. The 21-year-old, who only turned professional last month, continued to play some excellent shots throughout the day and carded a final round score of one under 71 to finish with an overall score of nine under.

It was a Swedish one-two at Kristianstad Golf Club, with Stark's compatriot Linn Grant claiming a second successive second-placed finish after a final round score of one under 71 saw her finish on five under overall.

Race to Costa del Sol leader Attitha Thitikul continued her impressive run of form this year to claim a tenth top-ten finish of the season.

Sitting a shot behind Thitikul were Carmen Alonso, Christine Wolf and Lydia Hall, who shared the fourth spot after registering a final score of two under from their four rounds. All three players claimed their highest finish of the season after a strong showing on Swedish soil.



Aditi had a wild ride with five birdies, three bogeys and a double bogey for another even par 72 on Sunday. Reuters

In & out

Officials from Brazil's health regulator Anvisa invade pitch to stop a World Cup qualifier around five minutes after kickoff over quarantine breach



Players and officials are seen on the pitch as play is interrupted after Brazilian health officials objected to the participation of three Argentine players they say broke quarantine rules.

ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAO PAULO, SEPTEMBER 6

A WORLD CUP qualifier between Brazil and Argentina was suspended amid chaotic scenes after local health officials walked onto the pitch in a bid to remove three players who didn't comply with coronavirus restrictions.

The match featuring Argentina's Lionel Messi and Brazil's Neymar was stopped in the 7th minute because of the extraordinary interruption on Sunday. The referee eventually suspended the game with the score at 0-0 after players, coaches, football officials and local authorities argued for several minutes on the field at NeoQuimica Arena.

Brazil's health agency said three of Argentina's England-based players should have been in quarantine instead of playing in the match. FIFA will have to determine what happens next with the qualifier.

Antonio Barra Torres, the president of Brazil's health agency, Anvisa, said four Argentina players would be fined and deported for breaching Brazil's COVID-19 protocols. The four had been ordered to quarantine by Brazil's health agency ahead of the match. Despite that order, three of the four started for Argentina.

Aston Villa's Emiliano Martinez and Emiliano Buendia and Tottenham's Giovani Lo Celso and Cristian Romero joined the Argentina squad despite the Premier League not wanting players to be released for international duty because of the need to quarantin-

ine for 10 days in a hotel on their return. Brazil's quarantine restrictions have added another complicating factor.

The Argentine football federation on Sunday night tweeted the message "We are going home!" along with a picture of the squad, including Emiliano Martinez and Buendia, boarding a flight for Buenos Aires.

TV Globo reported that the four England-based players told Brazilian police at the airport they did not fill their entry forms upon arrival. The report said the footballers were not deported and received permission to fly back with their team.

Brazil's health agency said all four allegedly told immigration officers that in the previous 14 days they hadn't been to Britain or anywhere else that Brazil puts on its own red list for COVID-19 risks. Those who have been in countries on the so-called red list face a 14-day quarantine in Brazil.

Martinez, Romero and Lo Celso started the match. Anvisa there'd been a meeting Saturday involving regional and national football representatives to discuss the quarantine situation. "At that meeting, Anvisa and local health authorities determined the players should quarantine," Anvisa said.

"However, even after the meeting and the report to authorities, the players took part of Saturday evening's training session."

The agency added that attempts earlier Sunday to remove the players and take them to the airport were frustrated.

"The decision to interrupt the match was never within Anvisa's reach. However, field-

ing players who did not comply with Brazilian laws and health norms, and also offered false information to authorities did require the agency to act, at its time and its way," the Brazilian agency said.

Brazilian TV showed several exchanges between players and coaches during the chaos. Brazil coach Tite seemed to be the most upset. "They had 72 hours before the match. They had to do it at the time of the match!" Tite shouted to the Anvisa agents.

Lionel Messi also sounded irritated. "They did not talk to us before this," the Argentine captain repeated.

Brazil called up nine Premier League players for the World Cup qualifiers in September but none of them traveled to South America because of the restrictions.

Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said both teams would have liked to play the game.

"A match between some of the best in the world ends like this. I would like people in Argentina to understand that as a coach I have to take care of my players. If people come and say they have to deport them, I will not allow," Scaloni told channel TyC Sports.

"We wanted to play the match, so did the Brazilians."

Both national football associations issued statements to criticise the move by Brazil's health agency. Brazil players stayed on the field after Argentina left, and started doing training exercises. Argentinians, including those considered to be a COVID-19 risk, stayed for more than three hours in their dressing room until they left for the airport.

No safety net for throws, pole vault apparatus at JLN

ANDREW AMSAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

NO apparatus for pole vaulters. No safety net around the throwing area. The Delhi State Athletics Meet to select the squad for the Nationals were beset by inadequate infrastructure at the country's premier track and field venue - the Sports Authority of India's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. While the pole vault couldn't take place, the discus and hammer throw posed a risk to athletes and officials assembled at the venue.

Officials of the Delhi state association said it was the stadium management's responsibility to provide the pole vault apparatus and ensure the venue was competition-ready.

"We booked the practice area since renovation work is going on in the main stadium. We booked the stadium two weeks back and they have to ensure all the equipment needed for an athletics meet is in place," said a senior official from the association.

With the Open Nationals in Warangal slated for September 15, the city's pole vaulters are fretting over lack of practice. The issue of the non-availability of pole vault apparatus, the athletes say, dates back to the time when sporting activities came to a halt in the Capital during the second coronavirus wave.

"We had a pit earlier but authorities took it away saying it was old and not fit for use. But there is no clarity on if and when another pit will arrive anytime soon. I haven't been able to practise at all and there's a national meet in two weeks. I will skip it. I don't want to go there without training," said a junior Asian medallist.

Extremely dangerous'

The throwing arena in the practice area of the stadium looked in dire need of repair. The lack of netting not only posed a risk to

I work on the night shift as a guard and do my training at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. I requested the authorities to allow us to at least use the old pole vault mat until we have a new one but they did not agree."

DEVRAJ SINGH
2019 DELHI STATE POLE VAULT CHAMPION

those present near the arena but affects the competitors' focus, said a medallist in the U-18 discus throw event on Monday.

"It's very dangerous. The chances of something going awry are very high."

Pole vaulter Devraj Singh, the 2019 Delhi state champion, will take part in the Open Nationals in Warangal but admits his chance of medalling look bleak with "no practice".

"I work on the night shift as a guard and do my training at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. I requested the authorities to allow us to at least use the old pit until we have a new one but they did not agree," says Devraj.

'Another meet for vaulters'

When association secretary Sandeep Mehta was asked what would be the fate of the city's pole vaulters, he said: "We will organise a meet for our vaulters soon. We are in the process of finalising another venue," he said.

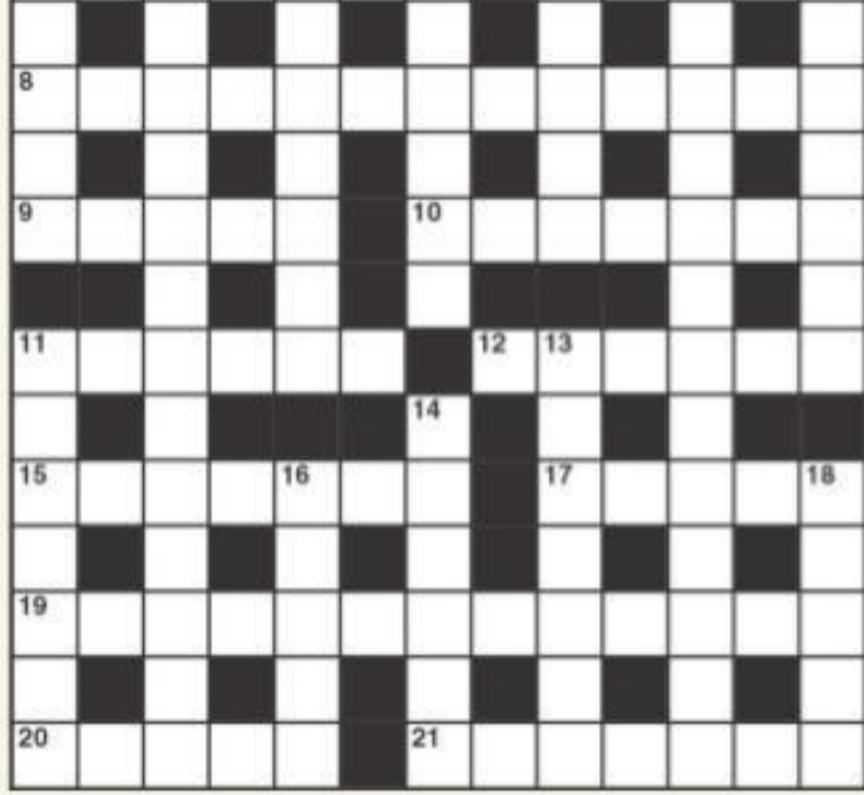
An administrative staff at the venue, who was identified as the store in-charge by athletes, refused to comment. The other official in charge directed the reporter to wasn't available in his cabin. The Sports Authority of India media team was reached out for a comment as well but there has been no response till the edition went to print.



The U-18 discus throw event at the Delhi State Meet takes place without proper safety netting at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Monday.

Andrew Amsan

CROSSWORD 4528



ACROSS

- 1 Disease makes Jack low (7)
- 5 Taunts from US troops about to be fallen in (5)
- 8 Release after a confession without a charge (9,4)
- 9 Business deal (5)
- 10 Different ships an armada consisted of (7)
- 11 Eat lightly say (6)
- 12 Mixes up a signal and gets into a row (6)
- 15 Monotonous droning noise reaches the hearer (7)
- 17 It is proper arias are included in this (5)
- 19 A grave charge? (4-9)
- 20 A claw that can pick up a pound in weight (5)
- 21 They may commemorate different battles (7)

Solutions Crossword 4527: Across: 1 Hanoi, 8 Somebody, 9 Jiffy, 10 Fiascoes, 11 Manna, 12 Ago, 16 Beheld, 17 Abacus, 18 Off, 23 Stern, 24 Overlook, 25 Bingo, 26 Artistry, 27 Skate. Down: 2 Animated, 3 Offender, 4 Losing, 5 Sense, 6 Yo-yos, 7 Gypsy, 12 Ado, 13 Oaf, 14 Hat trick, 15 Outright, 19 Floors, 20 Total, 21 Death, 22 Close.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

A documentary photograph is not a photograph. - Dorothea Lange (7)

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DEWLTT

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AGLNUF

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

If you're handling money on behalf of others, you'll be making good progress. However, in all spheres of life, events may work out very differently from what you intended. Patience is to be cultivated in all things. Even more than that, you need to pay exact attention to every single detail.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Life should still be bouncing along thanks to the benevolent impact of the graceful planet Venus. You may even have the strength to recover from a recent emotional clash, repairing the damage that was done to an important friendship. You're changing your mind, and partners will just have to wait until you're ready.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

There's a great deal of activity behind the scenes and you may be keeping your feelings very much to yourself. However, you'll be more than happy to talk about superficial developments and casual arrangements. And more than eager to benefit from partners' generosity.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

This is not a period to rely on your normal routine, and you must expect prior engagements to become irrelevant or even be cancelled. By all means try and force the pace, but realise that you may alienate colleagues if you push too hard. A little flattery could win them over.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Lively planetary aspects bring restless conditions, although you will still be perplexed by a series of statements or actions that are difficult to explain. Even unlikely events may shake you out of a rut. But, then, perhaps you rather like your rut.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

Friends and partners may hold the centre stage, and interesting events may affect you in a pleasant, if indirect, manner. Delays early on will be compensated for by dramatic happenings over the next few days. You're still facing delays, but with every day that passes, easier times come closer.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

Financial affairs are strangely unpredictable today, although Venus is still on your side as far as joint arrangements are concerned. Nobody will get the better of you when it comes to striking a deal. But then you've still got a couple of trump cards ready.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

The accent is on financial affairs and there are signs of constructive movement. However, news received at different times may be contradictory and might make it rather difficult for you to take decisions. You'll have some fine judgments to make, but I know you'll do it right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Nothing is ever as clear as you hoped, but you're used to that by now. You may find it impossible to rely on life following its usual orderly pattern. If arrangements are broken, leaving you high and dry, you must be perfectly aware that nobody is getting at you personally.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Personal and professional pressures dovetail in a way which is difficult to pin down. If your work is connected to family or domestic affairs, not necessarily your own, expect interesting developments. All of you will be affected by emotional ups and downs which may cause you to question your accepted routine.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

There'll be movement on family issues quite soon. This week marks a turning point which will help you get your priorities into a better perspective. In addition, your responsibilities are accumulating, perhaps cutting down on your free time, but opening the way to fresh opportunities.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Financial affairs are looking erratic, partly because you'll be ruled by your head. Fears of loss will prove unfounded, as long as you take the utmost care in all cash transactions. If you look the other way for just a moment you may find that you've slipped up.

SUDOKU 4587

Difficulty Level 4s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4586



Bumrah's secret is the back-spin at release: Balaji

SIRRAM VEERA
SEPTEMBER 6

FORMER INDIA pacer and CSK bowling coach Lakshmipathy Balaji talks about the two Jasprit Bumrah game-changing deliveries at The Oval.

The way Bumrah got Ollie Pope and Jonny Bairstow, what's your take?

I don't know whether all those who watched understood the greatness on display. I hope they do. It wasn't your usual reverse swinging session where the ball is bending corners. I am totally amazed with his ball-selection. Skill is one thing but this cricketing intelligence is another level - and he has both. The fitness to do this on the fifth day of the fourth Test match is incredible.

What does he do that makes his reverse-deliveries stand out from the rest?

It's his back-spin at release that makes it deadlier. It's what makes the seam of the ball hold up so perfectly for most of the trajectory. Round-arm reverse swing bowlers get the ball to wobble a bit. Bumrah's ball doesn't wobble in the air too early. The seam is so upright and only then the ball will swing late in the air and beat the batsman's plans about what the ball is about to do. Pace and full length, yes but that seam has to be upright for it to deviate late.

Could you detail the effects of back-spin?

If it wasn't for that back-spin, the seam of the ball would start wobbling early due to aerodynamic drag, as we call it. Put simply, the ball will fall limp without that much venom. That backspin helps the ball maintain the resistance needed in the air to swing late. The backspin allows the ball to cut through the air that much quicker with a proud seam and that's what beats the fast bat-speed of even the good batsmen. The seam doesn't wobble too early which delays the swing for that much longer. And all this is happening at high-speed. No wonder Pope and Bairstow didn't have a chance.

Bumrah's reverse-curlers seem almost within the line of the stumps...

Yes, that effect would be better described and understood by what the batsmen don't do against his reversing balls. You don't see the batsmen try to take the front foot out of the way, like they might do to many reverse-swing bowlers. It's because he doesn't allow them. Bumrah's back-spin and the angle of release makes the ball stay in the zone, almost wicket to wicket. With some bowlers you see the seam pointing towards slips or wide fine-leg. You get an indication of the ball's direction; with him you don't. They shape to play and then get stunned by that late deviation at that hot pace. Bowlers like Rabada and Jofra Archer use back spin and end up bowling very good seaming deliveries. But the way Bumrah does it - and the way he releases the ball, extending his arm all the way in front, that makes the difference. Everything is inside the corridor so to say. It's also the reason why his bouncers are so difficult to tackle. Again, the wrist and finger snap happens at the last instant and batsmen don't see much cues. By then it becomes too late.

Keeping it tight

The game started to change after the first drinks break through India's run-choke. Jadeja's accuracy and use of the rough made the England openers uncomfortable. Burns reached his half-century, but Shardul's peach of a delivery got the better of him, the ball angling in before seaming away.

India turned the screw and England became edgy. Haseeb Hameed attempted an uncharacteristic slog against Jadeja, but Mohammed Siraj at mid-on dropped a dolly. The hosts returned the favour through a needless run-out of Dawid Malan, a dismissal that had the hastiness of T20 cricket. In any case, the final day wasn't going to be the left-handers' day out, for they barely had a chance against Jadeja.

Hamed's strokeless stubbornness was a concern. But India's planning shone through. Jadeja, from over the wicket, targeted the rough outside the batsman's leg

US OPEN

Why Reilly Opelka's pink tote bag landed him a US\$ 10,000 fine

SHAHID JUDGE
SEPTEMBER 6

WHEN REILLY Opelka walked out on court in the second round of the US Open, what drew attention - more than his 6-foot-11 frame - was the pink tote bag he was carrying. The American carried the bag instead of the usual handbag provided by his racquet sponsor. But since the unexpected selection advertised a brand logo bigger than what is permitted, organisers were quick to slap a US\$ 10,000 fine on the World No 24 - the biggest fine to be handed out at the tournament so far.

Why was the bag a problem?

According to the rules, bags provided by a player's racquet manufacturer (Wilson, in Opelka's case) can advertise the name of two other brands the player is associated with. However, "neither commercial identification (can exceed) four square inches."

The name mentioned on Opelka's tote bag was longer than four inches in length, and so irked the organisers. The chair umpire had reportedly asked Opelka to cover up the bag when he walked out on court to play against Italian Lorenzo Musetti. The American, however, ignored the umpire's suggestion.



Reilly Opelka carried the pink bag instead of the usual handbag provided by his racquet sponsor. Screengrab

What was the brand on the bag?

The words 'Tim Van Laere Gallery' were emblazoned on one side of the bag. The gallery is based in Antwerp, Belgium, and displays works of emerging or established artists, according to its website.

The homepage of the gallery has a pink background with the name in black, the same way it was on Opelka's bag.

Former World No. 1 Andy Roddick took to social media to assert that it is the gallery that should pay Opelka's fine for the publicity they were getting at such a big event.

"If I'm the company, I pay the fine for him, and have him take the bag back out again for (the next match)," Roddick tweeted.

How did Opelka react?

He called it "a joke" in the press conference following his third-round win against Nikoloz Basilashvili.

"The head referee was telling me you should have come in and had this thing measured. We had that logo specifically made," Opelka said.

"We measured. It is too big. We made the effort to make it smaller. There was a mistake in production, I think, because in Europe with the conversion, with what was allowed. But I made the effort."

"I thought (the fine) was a bit harsh, a bit excessive. My job is not to measure logos. My job is to win matches. I have bigger things to worry about."



EXPLAINED

"You want to take away our prize money the whole time? I guess they're making up for lost ticket sales last year. I'd love to see it get donated elsewhere. We've had a few tragedies here in the States the last couple weeks. If they are going to take 10K from me, it better not go to a major corporation. That's my thought."

Has individual branding for players been a problem for organisers?

Not really. However, considering what happened with Opelka, it is curious that Danish player Holger Rune was reprimanded for carrying an IKEA tote bag for his match against Novak Djokovic. The Swedish company's name was clearly marked on the straps of the blue bag he carried with him. It's unknown if Rune's bag was measured before he walked into Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Last year, in his second-round match at the US Open against India's Sumit Nagal, Dominic Thiem opened up an energy drink can he is sponsored by. Organisers quickly asked him if they could take the can off court and pour it into an unmarked cup.

INDIA IN POOL B OF ONLINE CHESS OLYMPIAD

India has been placed in Pool 'B' of the Top Division in the second edition of the online FIDE chess Olympiad to be held from September 8. India, the joint winner of the tournament last year, will be joined by teams including France, Belarus and Azerbaijan among others in Pool B.

PTI

CLEARLY THE BEST TEST TEAM IN THE WORLD & THAT TITLE IS THOROUGHLY DESERVED TOO! LONG LIVE TEST CRICKET
SHANE WARNE, after India's first win at The Oval in 50 years

Flat track bullies

The taunt that undermined India's home wins for decades is turned on its head, all thanks to the bowlers



James Anderson asked for a review after nicking Umesh Yadav, momentarily delaying India's celebration. Reuters

SCORECARD

ENGLAND vs INDIA

THE OVAL

Toss: England, chose to field

IND 1ST INNS	191
ENG 1ST INNS	290
IND 2ND INNS	466
ENG 2ND INNS	210 (o/n 77/0)
R Burns c Pant b Thakur 50	(125b, 5x4)
H Hameed b Jadeja	63 (193b, 6x4)
D Malan run out	5 (33b)
J Root b Thakur	36 (78b, 3x4)
O Pope b Bumrah	2 (11b)
J Bairstow b Bumrah	0 (4b)
M Ali c sub b Jadeja	0 (4b)
C Woakes c Rahul b Yadav	18 (47b, 1x4)
C Overton b Yadav	10 (29b, 1x4)
O Robinson not out	10 (32b, 2x4)
J Anderson c Pant b Yadav	2 (5b)
■ Extras: (b 2, lb 5, nb 7)	14
■ FoW: 1-100 (Rory Burns, 40.4 ov), 2-120 (Dawid Malan, 53.1 ov), 3-141 (Haseeb Hameed, 61.3 ov), 4-146 (Ollie Pope, 64.5 ov), 5-146 (Jonny Bairstow, 66.3 ov), 6-147 (Moeen Ali, 67.2 ov), 7-182 (Joe Root, 80.1 ov), 8-193 (Chris Woakes, 84.1 ov), 9-202 (Craig Overton, 88.5 ov), 10-210 (James Anderson, 92.2 ov)	
■ Bowling: U Yadav 18.2-2-60-3, J Bumrah 22-9-27-2, R Jadeja 30-11-50-2, Mhd Siraj 14-0-44-0, S Thakur 8-1-22-2	
■ India won by 157 runs	

Fast four and the furious figurehead

SANDIP

SEPTEMBER 6

AT THE Oval, India's hustling and bristling quartet of fast-bowlers burned a stereotype that was waiting to be burned for a while. That, India could never be a fast-bowling powerhouse, that they are not conditioned or dispositioned to.

This series, and Test specifically, underlined that India not only have an enviable ensemble of fast-bowling riches but also arguably the most lethal phalanx of pace bowlers in contemporary cricket. A multi-faceted and multi-dimensional brigade, each unique in their craft and capable of series-defining moments.

Meanwhile, Jadeja worked over Moeen Ali, another ball turning from the rough into the left-hander. From 141/2 at one stage, the hosts slumped to 147/6. But Root was still there and it felt like India would wait for the second new ball for a final push. But Kohli didn't take the second new ball after 80 overs, bringing on Thakur instead. And off the first ball, Lord Shardul, as his fans call him, all but secured India's victory. Root played on, undone by the slowness of the pitch and the softness of the old ball.

The depth they have is frightening and literal, connecting an imaginary line from South Patel Nagar in Delhi to Chinnappampatti in Salem, from Ahmedabad to Hyderabad and Moradabad, from Palghar in the outskirts of Mumbai to Padmanabhanagar in outer realms of Bangalore. They have conquered different poles – Brisbane and Kingston, London and Melbourne, the Wanderers and Lord's, on pitches that were turners and dust-bowls, on those that swung and seamed, and on those that were ridiculously flat, as the Oval pitch was.

It's where the significance of the Oval win kicks in. It was perhaps the flattest track outside the subcontinent. This statistic is illuminating: In the second innings, England's quartet despatched 115.2 overs for seven wickets, conceding 325 runs, which is a wicket that



Jasprit Bumrah's post-lunch spell was one for the ages. Reuters

came at a cost of 46 runs, and came between 99 balls. India's bowlers picked the same number of wickets, at 21 runs per wicket and between 53 deliveries. To accomplish the triumph without two of their most experienced seamers, Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami, advertises the dauntlessness their replacements exude. Victory in Australia with a third-string side was not an aberration but a precursor.

Synchronisation

Umesh Yadav had not played first-class cricket in 16 months, but he was India's deadliest paceman in the first innings and burst through the defences of the man who has been batting like a dream, Joe Root. There was Shardul Thakur, filing in and out of the team,

his four Tests spread across 36 months. He influenced with both bat and ball, two half-centuries to accompany the precious scalps of Root in the second innings. Mohammed Siraj's energy and intensity sustained the pressure when wickets were hard to bargain, apart from re-

viving the momentum by snaring a well-set Jonny Bairstow in the first innings.

There, invariably, was Jasprit Bumrah, the mantelpiece in marble of this Indian attack. His post-lunch spell was one for the ages, an exhibition of intelligently hostile fast bowling that had the audience spellbound and entranced.

In demonic synchronisation, they mined movement off the surface, both conventional and reverse. Bumrah tailed the ball fiendishly into the static feet of batsmen and made some hold the length. Both Siraj and Umesh too harnessed extravagant reverse swing, while Shardul Thakur probed the fifth-stump channel with unrelenting accuracy.

Gifted as the pool of fast-bowlers is – undisputedly the best India ever had – Virat Kohli could be excused for benching the prolific off-spinner Ravi Ashwin, despite the barrage of criticisms, and in his steadfast belief that world domination could only be achieved through pace-bowling prowess. There is no harm in following the West Indies-Australia route to global supremacy.

Though he has shrugged off appellations that he is a fast bowler's captain, he often concedes the impression that he's more comfortable with the pace-men around him. He led them admirably – making the right bowling changes, keeping his bowlers charged-up, keeping an extra over out of them, eternally encouraging them, at times cracking a joke to keep their spirits, and setting clever fields (like the slip-like leg-side field when the ball was reversing). At his hands, four was not a crowd.

It's ironic that India's most successful Test captain – more importantly India's most successful Test captain outside Asia – doesn't often get his dues for his leadership. The Oval triumph should open their eyes. It's another stereotype that's waiting to be burned, like India and the fast-bowling myth.

'Happy-go-lucky' Fernandez upsets Kerber

New Delhi: Leylah Fernandez is a self-described "happy-go-lucky girl" having the time of her life at Flushing Meadows, raising her fists, pumping her arms and riling up crowds while beating two past U.S. Open champions to reach her first Grand Slam quarterfinal.

A day before her 19th birthday, the unseeded left-hander from Canada grabbed the last five games to eliminate 2016 title winner Angelique Kerber 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2 on Sunday, demonstrating that an earlier upset of defending champion Naomi Osaka was certainly no fluke.

With grit and guile, plus a veteran's poise in the face of big deficits against much more accomplished opponents, Fernandez is displaying strokes and a demeanor that left Kerber offering this assessment: "She can go really far in the next few years."

How about over the next week?

There's no time like the present for the teens in tennis: Also into the quarterfinals with a win Sunday was Carlos Alcaraz, an 18-year-old from Spain who became the youngest man to get that far at the U.S.

Open since 1963 by outlasting his 32-year-old foe, 141st-ranked qualifier Peter Gojowczyk of Germany, 5-7, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, 6-0. Alcaraz now plays No. 12 seed Felix Auger-Aliassime, a 21-year-old from Canada who reached his second straight major quarterfinal by defeating Frances Tiafoe of the U.S. 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6), 6-4 with the help of 24 aces. "At some point, age is just a number," Auger-Aliassime when asked about Alcaraz. "He already feels like a player that is established."

AP KEY RESULTS: (Fourth round) Men's singles: 2-D Medvedev (Rus) bt 24-D Evans (GBR) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; C Alcaraz (Esp) bt P Gojowczyk (Ger) 5-7, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, 6-0; 12-F Alcaraz (Can) bt F Tiafoe (USA) 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6), 6-4; Women's singles: 5-E Svitolina (Ukr) bt 12-S Halep (Rom) 6-3, 6-3; LA Fernandez (Can) bt 16-A Kerber (Ger) 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2; 8-B Krejcikova (Cze) bt 9-G Muguruza (Esp) 6-3, 7-6 (4)