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## Govt widens pool for selection of next CDS

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**NEW DELHI:** India's next chief of defence staff (CDS) could be one of the three serving chiefs, any serving three-star officer, any retired chief who is below 62, or any retired three-star officer also below the same age, with the government amending the Army, Air Force and Navy rules that broaden the pool from which the CDS will be selected even as they immediately exclude the most talked about candidates for the critical post.

Scores of top serving and retired officers from the army, air force and navy (the army alone has 91 serving lieutenant generals) will now be eligible for the top post that fell vacant after General Bipin Rawat was killed in a helicopter crash on December 8, 2021. His death is widely seen as having stalled India's push towards jointmanship or theatisation, an imperative for modern fighting forces.

It appears the government has a panel of suitable candidates in mind for the post of CDS, and the field is now open for top serving and retired officers from the three services, said military affairs expert Lieutenant General DB Shekatkar (ret'd), who headed a high-powered committee that presented its report on enhancing the military's combat potential to the government in December 2016. But there's another school of thought that suggests that the amendment of the rules shows that the govern-

### Centre amends service rules

The government has amended the Army, Air Force and Navy rules to broaden the pool from which the CDS will be selected

#### The new eligibility criteria

An officer serving as Lieutenant General or General or an officer who has retired in the rank of Lt Gen or Gen but has not attained the age of 62 years on the date of being appointed can be considered for selection as the Chief of Defence Staff

#### How Gen Rawat was picked

While there was no set criteria for appointment to the post earlier, Gen Bipin Rawat was elevated as the first CDS from among the 3 service chiefs

#### Why this matters

Defence experts believe that an announcement on the new CDS could come shortly, and the hypothetical situation of a 3-star general vaulting over the service chiefs (all four-star generals) and becoming CDS and the first among equals in the military hierarchy (the person would also automatically become a 4-star general) could well play out

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## Crucial step to revive theatisation effort

**NEW DELHI:** The government's announcements on the new eligibility criteria for the chief of defence staff of CDS has stoked hopes that it will soon name an officer to the senior-most military post in the land, and accelerate the theatisation drive and enhance synergy in the armed forces.

The theatisation drive slowed down after former CDS Bipin Rawat's death. Providing impetus to the long-awaited military reform will be one of the top priorities for his successor, officials familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity.

"It is clear that the government is inching closer towards appointing the next CDS. He will have to carry forward the work initiated by General Rawat. The department of military affairs (DMA), headed by CDS, handles key matters including theatisation and other reforms," said one of the officials.

## NO COMMENTS ON RELIGION, BJP ADVISES ITS SPOKESPERSONS

**NEW DELHI:** The Bharatiya Janata Party advised its spokespersons in a set of informal instructions to be more restrained, as it attempted to fireproof the diplomatic crisis in West Asia sparked by a party leader's controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammed.

The party asked spokespersons to use measured language, refrain from criticising any religion, religious figures or symbols, and not violate the party's ideals by getting provoked in TV debates, said senior leaders aware of developments.

"Over the last few months, it was noticed that some members were getting increasingly violent in the media and making unrestrained comments in an attempt to get ahead and be noticed. This trend needed to be arrested," this report added.

But the informal instructions may not have been given across the organisation since many spokespersons HT reached out to denied that they had been spoken to, even if only informally.

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## Secret cash and gold found: ED; AAP calls it lies

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**NEW DELHI:** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday said it recovered ₹2.85 crore in cash and 133 gold coins during raids carried out at the residence of Delhi health minister Satyendar Jain and premises linked to his associates, alleging that the money and the gold was from "unexplained sources" and was "secreted" in the properties searched by its sleuths on Monday.

The agency, which conducted raids at six or seven locations, however, did not give details of what was recovered directly from Jain's house, and what was recovered from people allegedly linked to him.

The searches were part of a Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) case that has become the latest point of con-



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tention between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is in power at the Centre, and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which is in power in Delhi.

Jain and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal have rejected ED's contention and described the agency's action as "political vendetta".

On Tuesday, Kejriwal tweeted that the Centre was after the AAP with all his might. "Lies upon lies upon lies," he said.

## PANEL TO EXPLORE REMOTE VOTING FOR MIGRANT WORKERS, SAYS EC

**NEW DELHI:** A committee will be set up to examine issues of migrant voters and to explore the possibility of remote voting on a pilot basis, the Election Commission of India (ECI) said in a statement on Tuesday.

"The wider consultation with all stakeholders, including political parties, will be started after receipt of report," said the ECI statement. There needs to be a concerted effort to see the problems faced by migrant workers, said an EC official. "We need to see what kind of technologies can be used to facilitate that."

The decision was taken during a meeting of the poll panel on Tuesday under the chairmanship of chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar. Election commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey also attended the meeting.

The commission has been considering the possibility of remote voting by allowing people to cast their votes from their place of work. The project is being tried on a pilot basis, said the poll body.

## OPS IN BENGALURU, KASHMIR | TARGETED KILLINGS

## 1 terrorist held, 4 killed over J&K attacks

**SRINAGAR/BENGALURU:** Four terrorists, including three from the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), were killed in separate encounters in Jammu and Kashmir, and a suspected Hizbul Mujahideen operative was arrested in Bengaluru on Tuesday as the security establishment launched a counter-offensive following a spate of targeted killings.

At least 11 terrorists have been killed in the past 10 days. This follows the killings of

at least seven civilians — including migrant workers and Kashmiri Pandits — between May 20 and June 3.

People aware of the matter said the counter-offensive is being motivated by Union home minister Amit Shah, who has been in touch with lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha and the state police.

The crackdown on terror networks became crucial after the attack perpetrated among the targeted communities.

## Magnetic IEDs dropped by drone recovered in Jammu district: Police

**JAMMU:** The police have recovered three magnetic IEDs dropped by a drone in the border area of Jammu district in a fresh attempt to smuggle explosives through the aerial route, officials familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

The IEDs, with their timers set and packed inside tiffin boxes, were recovered from Kantonwala-Daryaran area of Kanachak in the Akhnor sector, a senior official said.

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The government appears to be pushing through with a plan to amend rules for digital intermediaries to virtually give itself the final say on their content moderation decisions. The proposal entails forming a grievance redressal committee appointed by the government to hear appeals by users who disagree with the company taking down their posts or requests to take down someone else's content. This will be binding. The latest version of these guidelines, Information Technology (IT) Rules, 2021, has been controversial and have been stayed by several high courts after citizens and digital companies challenged it as being unconstitutional.

The plans to amend it further indicate a resolve to double down in face of strong criticism, although it has been clear for some time that social media companies need to be regulated. At the heart of the concerns are two core issues: The prerogative the administration is assuming, and its impact on

free speech. Even with the 2021 rules, experts pointed out that the additional compliances it defined went beyond the broad scope of the IT Act, the underlying Act of Parliament. On top of that are compliances that could lead to a chilling effect by encouraging companies to censor more heavily and create the space for such censorship since there is no clarity on the functioning of the proposed committee and how its members would be chosen. Past run-ins of the government with tech companies showed that content moderation is tricky, with neither side holding a default right to these decisions. For the government to do so, it needs to be through an Act of Parliament, in sync with constitutional principles.

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# Ensure clarity on green nods

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When the government introduced the draft environmental impact assessment (EIA) notification two years ago, it triggered a storm, with protests by activists, environmental researchers, ecologists and conservationists, and eventually, the notification lapsed. But last week, this newspaper reported that the Union environment ministry used draft notifications, office memorandums, and orders to implement many of the controversial clauses in the draft EIA 2020, through the backdoor. This decision represents an erosion of the consultative process that is the bedrock of India's environmental laws. The new clauses represented an eclectic bouquet of issues — exempting highway projects near borders from green clearances, expediting clearances for projects in areas with Left-wing extremism, extending licences of nuclear, mining, and hydropower projects — but they all have one thing in common: They were taken in the absence of a transparent consultative process and without the involvement of key stakeholders, including the communities that will be affected by the projects.



As this newspaper has maintained, legitimising post-facto clearances without consideration of a project's ramifications on wildlife, environment, and communities can upset the delicate balance between development, ecology, and the people that is crucial to ensure a sustainable future. At a time when the climate crisis is having consequences on millions of Indians and stretching weather patterns to extremes, policymakers would do well to stop thinking that deliberative processes to assess the impact of a project are an impediment to development. There is no doubt that the country has a legacy of projects getting entangled in legalese and regulations, but the response to this shouldn't be to junk all consultation. Instead, it should be to streamline these systems, bolster monitoring, and ensure transparency.

India's tryst with green impact assessment is three decades old. Once the government decides on a major project, EIA focuses on key issues, measures their impact, proposes steps to reduce the impact, and prepares a final report. It is the involvement of all stakeholders, including members of underprivileged communities often most affected by a particular project, that bestows legitimacy to the process and ensures that built-in safeguards forestall exploitation of resources. Sequestering the process in opacity will hurt India's quest for a sustainable future. The government must reconsider this course.

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By Anirban Mahapatra

A research article published in *Nature Neuroscience* on June 2 adds to mounting evidence that decades of trying to treat Alzheimer's disease by focusing exclusively on one approach known as the "amyloid hypothesis" may not lead to effective cures for everyone. Researchers focused on this one treatment method for decades. Billions of dollars were spent.

But despite the intense focus, no effective treatments exist for Alzheimer's disease. It is time for science to cast a wider net and to focus on alternative theories on what causes Alzheimer's disease and how it can be treated.

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible and debilitating disease which causes mental decline, short-term memory loss, problems with speech, and

difficulty in performing routine activities. It is primarily a disease of the elderly, and it affects millions of people worldwide.

Since its discovery over a century ago, Alzheimer's disease has been characterised by the presence of plaques in the brain made of a protein called amyloid-beta (or amyloid, for short). The prevailing wisdom has been that the accumulation of amyloid in plaques is what leads to the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

In addition to plaques made of amyloid, researchers have shown that there are tangles of a protein called tau. But drug discovery has focused almost entirely on trying to reverse the symptoms of Alzheimer's by getting rid of amyloid plaques.

In the new research article, mice that had been given a form of Alzheimer's disease showed damage inside neurons of the brain which occurred prior to the formation of amyloid-containing plaques. It was thought that damage in Alzheimer's disease is due to amyloid plaque buildup outside of neurons, but this study shows that damage within neurons happens even before those signs show up. Though the research was conducted in mice (which does not capture all the aspects of human Alzheimer's disease), it lends support to the need for studying other mechanisms of Alzheimer's disease progression.

In short, researchers have taken for granted that amyloid plaques are a cause of Alzheimer's disease because the two are linked, but it's possible that they are a consequence of disease progression in certain cases or even coincidental. This would explain why aducanumab a drug which targets amyloid which was approved last year for Alzheimer's disease by the US Food and Drug Administration, has failed to show clinical benefit in two trials.

The single-minded focus on one theory to the exclusion of others has arguably stymied the development of Alzheimer's disease drugs. Over the past three decades, hundreds of candidate drugs that target the accumulation of amyloid have failed to prevent the memory loss and cognitive decline that harm Alzheimer's disease.

How did researchers get focused on one theory of how Alzheimer's disease develops to the exclusion of others? In his brilliant new book, *How Not to Study a Disease*, noted neurobiologist Karl Herrup exposes how the problems of the field can be traced back to the first case which was described based on its pathological features (plaques and tangles). But Herrup also found after asking different physicians that there's no single definition that covers the entire range of clinical cases. Each physician focuses on a different aspect of the disease.

As Herrup notes, "Alzheimer's disease was to be defined by the presence of plaques. Yet plaques are a feature that is not present in 15 per cent of the people with a clinical diagnosis of Alzheimer's, and a feature that is present in people of all ages including 30 per cent of elderly people without any cognitive impairment. If this doesn't make sense to you, it's because it doesn't make sense."

Or in other words, a significant number of people who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's don't have the plaques (that were supposed to be the landmark characteristic) and around a third of elderly adults have plaques without having Alzheimer's. This loose association did not deter those researchers who declared that anyone with plaques had "preclinical" Alzheimer's disease even though they had no symptoms.

But there is another problem with trying to explain plaques as the sole cause of Alzheimer's disease. There is only a weak link between plaque burden and the severity of disease symptoms.

Despite these criticisms and some spectacular drug failures, the amyloid hypothesis isn't dead. Right now, other drugs that target the pathway for the accumulation of amyloid are in the pipeline. And hopefully one of these will fare better for at least a subset of patients.

Some researchers believe that drugs that target amyloid are being administered too late when irreversible damage has already been done. We need to treat people with preclinical Alzheimer's disease.

But we cannot afford to continue to put all of our eggs in one basket. It's clear that other research avenues need to be investigated. What we need is

accelerated research on other disease targets. Tau, the protein responsible for tangles is one such target that deserves more attention.

Then there's also an alternate theory that infections might play a part in Alzheimer's disease. Last year, in a column I mentioned a long COVID condition in elderly patients that had been dubbed "Alzheimer's-like syndrome" by researchers. For decades there has been mounting evidence that some pathogens might be involved in at least some cases of Alzheimer's disease. But this theory was considered fringe. Now, it is finally being seriously considered by the wider Alzheimer's disease field.

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# Climate and Us | A movement that puts a spotlight on West's wasteful consumption

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By Jayashree Nandi

India launched a global sustainable lifestyle movement on Sunday. It is significant because such a movement puts the spotlight on consumption patterns in developed and developing countries. One of the issues that has been side-lined several times in climate negotiations is that of per capita CO2 emissions. The forbidden words during climate negotiations are historical responsibility, carbon space, and per capita emissions.

The fact that lifestyles and access to basic services are vastly inequitable in the global south and north can be highlighted through a campaign like this.

The launch of the movement will initiate a global call for papers inviting ideas and suggestions from academics, universities, and research institutions on an environment-conscious lifestyle, which can also persuade individuals, communities and organisations to change their way of living.

According to Niti Aayog, which is overseeing the programme along with the ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEFCC), LiFE plans to leverage the strength of social networks to influence social norms surrounding the climate crisis.

Niti Aayog and MoEFCC in partnership with the United Nations, World Resources Institute, Centre for Social and Behaviour Change (CSBC) and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), are inviting ideas from across the world for various research areas. These include behaviour-change solutions aimed at individuals, households and communities on water, transport, food, electricity, recycle and reuse. Ideas are also invited on innovative solutions that promote wider adoption of traditional, climate-friendly practices and/or create livelihood options for communities that may lose their jobs with a shift towards climate-friendly production; international, national and/or local best practices that can be feasibly scaled-up for driving behaviour change related to climate action.

During the Glasgow climate change conference (COP26), a major point of contention was any reference to historical responsibility in the final Glasgow Pact text. A key grouping of developing countries which includes India and China who call themselves the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) raised objections against some segments of the draft proposal and said it amounted to “carbon colonialism” by rich nations.

LMDC said the draft document on the outcome of the summit — particularly its focus on the 1.5°C target for all countries — is reinventing the terms of the 2015 Paris Agreement, which made a differentiation between climate action and ambition. LMDC negotiators said over 60% of the carbon space was occupied by developed countries with only 18% of the world population, and that the historical responsibility of these regions in causing the climate crisis cannot be ignored. They proposed to the COP26 presidency that there be recognition of this historical responsibility and the limited carbon space in the final deal. But the US did not want any reference to the principle of “Common But Differentiated Responsibilities” and “Respective Capabilities” with regard to the carbon budget. Expectedly, the final Glasgow Pact text was very soft on making these connections.



More recently, following the Stockholm +50 conference to commemorate 50 years of the landmark Stockholm conference, a statement of key recommendations came out. When the recommendations were being drafted, scientists and researchers pointed out that the statement failed to capture the issue of consumption. Because, we don't just need sustainable consumption and production but some countries need to cut back majorly. There is no accountability for historical consumption patterns either.

India has highlighted at various forums the disparity in per capita emissions and resource consumption among developed and developing countries. For example, Australia and US's per capita emissions are 22.1 tco<sub>2</sub>eq per person and 20.2 tco<sub>2</sub>eq per person in the US respectively compared to only 2.4 tco<sub>2</sub>eq per person in India and 5.3 tco<sub>2</sub>eq per person in Brazil respectively according to Climate Equity Monitor, an online dashboard for assessing equity in climate action put together by MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF). The resource consumption per capita country-wise also shows the US had the highest per capita electricity consumption in 2019 followed by Australia.

The Climate Equity Monitor also has an interactive map of the global carbon budget with the categorisation of countries based on how much of the global budget they have already exhausted. Most annex 1 countries have consumed more than their fair share and are in debt while non-annex 1 countries have credit for not yet consuming their share. As per the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, China contributed the highest annual cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2020 followed by US, India and the EU.

So, this movement can do just that, highlight the disparities and drive change. It's also backed by some big names. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the LiFE movement on Sunday, Bill Gates, Microsoft co-founder and Co-Chairman of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Lord Nicholas Stern, Chair of the Grantham Research Institute; Prof Cass Sunstein, the Robert Walmsley University Professor at Harvard; Inger Andersen, UNEP Global Head; David Malpass, World Bank President among others joined him to welcome the initiative.

But the movement should also be an opportunity to highlight and address inequities within India. There is a chance that such a movement becomes only outward-looking with little introspection on what is happening in the country. Energy poverty for example is severe in India with millions of people losing work hours during heat wave spells; 71% of Indians cannot afford a healthy diet according to an analysis by Centre for Science and Environment. It suggests that the diet of an average Indian does not contain enough fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts and whole grains; the access of clean water and environment also remains elusive in most parts of the country.

So, the movement should also address the wellbeing and livelihoods of millions of poor people in India, if it's an honest effort at fighting climate crisis. It should also focus on a just transition of coal dependent states which may soon undergo a major transition in industry and jobs.

*From the climate crisis to air pollution, from questions of the development-environment tradeoffs to India's voice in international negotiations on the environment, HT's Jayashree Nandi brings her deep domain knowledge in a weekly column*

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# Beyond diversity, a well-oiled bureaucracy needs to counter structural malaise

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ByRK Raghavan

Last week, the Union Public Service Commission's list of successful candidates featured three women at the top but also marked the lowest number of recruits, 685, in nearly a decade. The diminishing intake is possibly reflective of the government's desire to trim the bureaucracy through a measure of lateral induction from the private and public sectors. There were 244 successful candidates in the unreserved category and 73 from Economically Weaker Sections, 203 people from Other Backward Classes, 105 from Scheduled Castes and 60 from Scheduled Tribes.

Diversity is a key driver of a well-functioning bureaucracy. A senior civil service of any country cannot beget legitimacy and acceptability without such broad-spectrum composition. The inclusion of more women, especially, is heartening as it brings a softer touch to administrative interactions with the common man, who wants a humane and approachable public servant. We must compliment successive governments for having brought about this balance without inviting too much of a controversy.

But is this enough to ensure an administration that is benevolent to the common man in the remotest villages of our country? I am afraid the answer is no. For an effective and efficient bureaucracy, we need to consider two points of structural malaise, and ways to counter them.

One, we need to introspect on how well our senior bureaucracy is rated by the public. This exercise can be painful if done objectively and candidly, in light of reports of growing public servant insensitivity towards the poor. This is especially true of our police stations where every service to the public has to be bought with cash, instead of being justly demanded as a citizen's right.

We have great expectations from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), the two pillars of our bureaucracy. They have some of the finest minds which any country would be proud of. Many are also idealistic. Their zeal for transforming rural India is genuine. A substantial number of them come from rural backgrounds and ought to understand poverty.

But, unfortunately, the pace of change driven by them is slow because they are often inaccessible. Complaints of brusque behaviour by senior government servants are frequent. It is the common man's belief that a district collector or superintendent of police cannot but behave in a high and mighty manner. This indifference towards the public has to change quickly if the image of the civil service is to improve and endemic dissatisfaction against the district administration in many parts of the country is to abate.

The second factor gnawing at the steel frame is the growing dishonesty among senior officers. Not a day passes without a report of seizure of assets from civil servants who cannot account for their wealth. The most recent instance comes from Jharkhand where an IAS officer was hauled up for being in possession of huge stashes of unaccounted wealth. She has been accused of diverting State funds and money laundering, allegedly at the behest of senior politicians.

It is not as if there was no corruption in my time. But it is the magnitude and widespread nature of the current malaise that is baffling. The alibi of high political corruption does not wholly explain the phenomenon of civil

service dishonesty and the craze for luxurious living must be held accountable for the lack of integrity. This is highly disconcerting.

The Central Bureau of Investigation and State Vigilance Bureaus cannot reduce the intensity of the evil. It is the integrity standards set by training academies and the example set by officers at the highest levels that alone can help stem the rot, or at least make a beginning. Nothing else will work.

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# Enrich the quality of India's scholarly community

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 The small size of the scholarly community disincentivises the kind of debates and disagreements that are necessary for advancing knowledge. (HT Photo)

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The tiny community of scholars that follows Indian foreign policy has been watching aghast as a particular expert based in Washington DC has been dropping arbitrary and ill-informed takes since the war in Ukraine began. While this particular imposter has been exceptionally egregious, the quality of foreign policy analysis that comes out on India has often been well below par. As a result, the scholarly community is gradually making itself irrelevant to both the policymakers as well as the general audience. If we want to change this sad state of affairs, we will have to understand the causes behind it. In this article, I will restrict myself to four very important sources of mediocrity.

First, there is a lack of methodological training among almost all journalists, many think-tankers, and even some academics. Very often we see that writers do not define the concepts they use. They talk about changes happening in the world but do not make explicitly clear how they are measuring those changes. It is common to read opinion pages in India



talking about a “flux” in international order without anybody knowing what that means. Some analysts authoritatively advise India to “do more” with other countries, let’s say Singapore. Again, we are not told what it means to “do more.” We don’t know if “doing more” will mean “doing less” somewhere else and if the trade-off is truly worth it.

Second, many — not all — foreign-based analysts do not understand any Indian language. Some of them take up language training at some point but do not complete it. The media landscape of India also contributes to this. Just because the Indian media produces so much content in English, foreign experts end up relying on them without making the effort to gain proficiency in Indian languages. In as much as foreign policy is a product of domestic politics, societal beliefs, and cultural norms, a command over language is not just mandatory but the bare minimum. Apart from learning the language, regional expertise requires a greater engagement with the country’s history, arts, literature, and society beyond elites. What we see, however, is a near-total reliance on select English language media outlets and English-speaking friends in Delhi.

Third, too many experts on Indian foreign policy are overwhelmingly drawn towards history in order to analyse current events. While this is a big topic in itself, I will mention here three reasons why an overreliance on history can lead to misleading inferences in absence of certain precautions. One, experts tend to look at current events and try to make inferences by going back to similar events in history. This creates a problem similar to what is called selection bias. The selection of historical cases itself drives the conclusions they reach.

For example, based on a reading of the negotiations preceding the Treaty of Versailles, Indira Gandhi’s top adviser PN Haksar concluded that India should not impose harsh terms on Pakistan following the victory in the 1971 war. However, if we read Geoffrey Blainey, a historian who did not fall prey to such selection bias, we will reach the opposite conclusions. Based on an examination of all international wars between 1700 and 1971, Blainey concluded that harsh peace treaties are the result of decisive victories and such decisive victories tend to promote peace. Needless to say, historians such as Blainey are rare and we get more of the Haksar kind.

Two, given the process of inductive inference historians indulge in, they can overweigh the importance of too many variables. Observing patterns in real world events involves focusing on a few key variables and dropping the rest. Experts overwhelmed with the clutter of historical events might hesitate to drop a large number of variables.

As a result, such experts reach trivial conclusions. For example, an otherwise great book on the history of India-US-China relations concluded that India and the US pursue aligned policies on China only when they agree on all three — the nature of threat from China, the urgency of that threat, and the means of addressing the threat. This is like me saying that I tend to eat my next meal only when all three conditions are satisfied — I am hungry, I find some food to eat, and I don't hate the food I find. Three, scholars who invest a lot of effort and time in going through archives tend to oversell whatever they find there. So, a relatively minor discovery is catapulted to be the most significant episode of the Cold War. When scholars do not find anything new, they tend to spin old discoveries into new, sometimes completely contrived, frameworks. It is not a surprise that after consulting broadly the same sources, some conclude that Jawaharlal Nehru was a model internationalist while others find him to be a pragmatic nationalist.

Finally, the small size of the community is a big problem in itself. All India-watchers know each other well and do not wish to vitiate the friendly bond between them. They review each other's papers, invite each other to conferences and talks, and seek to write chapters in each other's edited volumes. As a result, they tend not to call out each other on flawed arguments. In contrast, China watchers in the US, comprising a much larger community, consists of scholars who disagree with each other a lot. Their policy recommendations range from extremely hawkish to extremely dovish. The small size of the scholarly community disincentivises the kind of debates and disagreements that are necessary for advancing knowledge.

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# When domestic politics undermines strategy

- There is a clash between the regime's political objectives at home and India's diplomatic objectives. Only the top leadership can resolve it

 To prevent his governance record from being overwhelmed by new identity-based demands internally, and to maintain new friendships and win back old friends externally, it is time for PM Modi to tackle bigotry at home.&nbsp;(ANI)

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To prevent his governance record from being overwhelmed by new identity-based demands internally, and to maintain new friendships and win back old friends externally, it is time for PM Modi to tackle bigotry at home. (ANI)

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By [Prashant Jha](#)

This week, the central paradox of India's foreign policy story of the last eight years came to the fore.

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New Delhi's strategic value in the international system has undoubtedly grown. Its bilateral ties with key States have dramatically improved. Its engagement in key global theatres has expanded. Its contribution to common global good through bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral mechanisms is widely recognised. It has played a key role in norm-setting and the global security architecture through Quad. Its footprint in the neighbourhood, despite the ups and downs that are inevitable with intimacy, remains robust. And it has found new innovative ways to deepen ties with the diaspora, including using Prime Minister Narendra Modi's star power.

At the same time, India's relationship with global civil society has dipped. Liberal non-governmental constituencies in the United States (US) and Europe, the entire wider human rights complex and the international media, are sceptical of India's democratic story. In the world's best universities, it is hard to find scholars of repute across anthropology, political science, history, law, and humanities who have a kind word about India's current trajectory. (The exceptions include the disciplines of economics and international relations, where views are mixed).

The erosion in India's standing extends to wider public opinion in West Asian States, where the lack of democratic expression means that these voices are controlled or mediated by the respective States — but they exist, as we saw in the response to comments by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokespersons about Islam. And it extends to sections of the diaspora, especially the second generation diaspora in the West which, due to its own experience, is deeply wedded to the idea of pluralism and diversity, minority rights and representation and cannot relate to India's current political orientation.

There can be two responses to this paradox.

The first is the belligerent nationalist response, which relies on the arguments of democracy, hypocrisy and conspiracy. India is what it is. It will do what it must do. Foreign powers have always cast an evil eye on India. India's political orientation is an outcome of its democratic processes. No foreign power can have a veto over the policy approach of an elected government. And in any case, ties with foreign governments, which really drives international relations, are on a firm footing.

There is hypocrisy all over. Isn't the US voicing concerns over human rights because the Democrats rely on Muslim constituencies at home for their electoral politics? Does America have any moral authority left to lecture other countries given its own dismal record on peaceful transfer of power, white supremacy, gun violence, and regressive anti-women laws? And what gives West Asia — home to arguably the most authoritarian, regressive, patriarchal, anti-minority societies anywhere in the world — the right to tell India how to treat its minorities?

And then, it is suggested, there are conspiracies. External adversaries, particularly China and Pakistan, are pumping in resources and boosting a narrative to portray India as a tinpot dictatorship because they want to undermine Delhi's ties with the West. India must fight these narratives.

The second response is more introspective.

This has to begin with a set of questions. Why is India's domestic turn eliciting such a fierce global backlash? Is it because the world wants a weaker India or is it because even friends are concerned that current policies will actually weaken India by deepening domestic divisions? Is it because in a world where sovereignty is no longer absolute, domestically disempowered constituencies are seeking external channels to amplify their voices? Is it better to address the root of this discontent and create domestic space for minorities and dissidents, or is focusing merely on the symptoms of the problem enough?

What are the risks of being seen as a country turning towards majoritarianism? What are the external relationships that are being jeopardised due to domestic political objectives? Is it smart to burden Indian diplomacy with the task of putting a gloss over these new (and disturbing) structural features of Indian politics? Is this a battle India needs to be fighting when it has real strategic-security challenges at its border with a belligerent China? Is there a need for correction, not due to external reasons but due to internal reasons?

Narendra Modi has already carved out his domestic legacy and paid his debt to his ideological roots. To the Hindu Right, he will always be the PM who won and brought about the long promised changes to Kashmir's



constitutional status, enabled the construction of the Ram Temple, and created a political and electoral climate where old style politics of secularism (or pseudo-secularism) was buried.

This political design, which excluded Muslims, created both an ideological cover and political incentives for bigotry. It was a feature, not a bug, of the system. But that bigotry now threatens to complicate both Modi's domestic narrative (there is a reason why the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh stepped into calm the temperature on the *mandir-masjid* row; the leadership wishes to consolidate achievements, not inaugurate new disputes everyday), and external legacy (there is a reason why the BJP suspended a long-time student leader turned spokesperson; ties with West Asia are critical).

Like the production of hate was a long process, calibrating it will be hard and reversing it, harder. But to prevent his governance record from being overwhelmed by new identity-based demands internally, and to maintain new friendships and win back old friends externally, it is time for Modi to tackle the bigotry at home. And given how well positioned he is for 2024, he can do so from a position of confidence and strength. What has been a recipe for electoral success is now a political and strategic albatross around India's neck. But it needn't be.

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Over the past three decades, India witnessed a 150 per cent increase in the number of people with diabetes. The growing prevalence of pre-diabetes indicates 'a further increase in diabetes in the near future' the medical body said in its report.
- **[RBI raises benchmark repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90% amid rising inflation](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 11:46]  
The aggressive stance of the RBI comes amid a grim prognosis of geo-political uncertainties over the grinding war in Ukraine
- **[Sidhu Moose Wala death: 'Antim Ardas' held at his residence in Moosa village](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 11:39]  
Sidhu Moose Wala was shot dead in Punjab's Mansa district on May 29 - just a day after his security was downgraded by the state government.
- **[What new ICMR guidelines say on insulin mixing, storage and injection site for Type 1 Diabetes](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 11:33]  
All children and adults with type 1 diabetes (T1DM) require insulin as soon as they are diagnosed and continuously thereafter throughout life," the medical body said in its updated guidelines.
- **[Modi to inaugurate Biotech Start-up Expo tomorrow](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 09:51]  
Biotechnology department and BIRAC are organising the two-day event themed 'Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat'
- **[On Prophet row, Shashi Tharoor says BJP-Centre distinction forgotten in 'overzealous' message](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 09:39]  
Shashi Tharoor said the distinction between the government and a political party has been forgotten - in the context of the Indian embassy in Muscat reportedly sending out BJP's statement to media houses in Oman.

- **Covid-19 in India: New cases top 5,000-mark; nearly 40% jump in daily infections** [Wed, 08 Jun 09:23]  
 Maharashtra recorded 1,881 new infections in the last 24 hours. Mumbai alone reported 1,242 new cases, up from 676 the previous day. Delhi witnessed 450 fresh Covid cases and one death on Tuesday.
- **Iran foreign minister arrives in India to 'warm welcome' amid anger in West Asia over remarks on Prophet** [Wed, 08 Jun 09:18]  
 External affairs minister S Jaishankar is scheduled to hold talks with his visiting Iranian counterpart Hossein Amir-Abdollahian on Wednesday.
- **Morning brief: Military theaterisation to be top priority for the next CDS, and all the latest news** [Wed, 08 Jun 08:56]  
 Here are today's top news, analysis, and opinion. Know all about the latest news and other news updates from Hindustan Times.
- **Spoof video of Qatar Airways' CEO goes viral in India. Here's why** [Wed, 08 Jun 07:43]  
 A social media user called for the 'boycott' of Qatar Airways after Qatar's response to the comments of Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal on the Prophet.&nbsp;
- **Al-Qaeda threatens suicide attacks over sacked BJP leaders' remarks on Prophet: Report** [Wed, 08 Jun 06:44]  
 Small-scale protests erupted in parts of India as Muslim groups demanded the arrest of the suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma.
- **BREAKING: BJP names seven Uttar Pradesh ministers for legislative council polls** [Wed, 08 Jun 05:57]  
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- **PM Modi listens to Muslim countries, not Muslims of India: Owaisi on Nupur Sharma, Naveen Jindal** [Wed, 08 Jun 05:57]  
 Owaisi said PM Modi cannot see the pain of Indian Muslims but took action against party leaders after 10 days when voices were raised by Qatar, UAE and other Muslim countries.&nbsp;
- **On woman's request, Smriti Irani removes cow dung from a Varanasi park** [Wed, 08 Jun 01:54]  
 Seeing minister, Varanasi BJP district unit president Hansraj Vishwakarma and other party workers also joined the cleaning exercise.

- **Centre has nothing to do with Prophet remarks, Gulf ties strong: Goyal** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:46]  
 “These remarks were not made by a government functionary. Therefore, it has no impact on the government,” Union minister Piyush Goyal told reporters in Kochi where he is on a two-day visit.
- **13-year-old girl detained for killing rapist in Rajasthan** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:40]  
 According to the police, the deceased had been allegedly raping the girl for the past six or seven months. He even forced the girl to have physical relationships with three other men from his village
- **No comments on religion, BJP advises its spokespersons** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:38]  
 Spokespersons have been asked to use measured language, refrain from criticising any religion, religious figures or symbols, and not violate the party’s ideals by getting provoked in television debates, said senior leaders aware of developments.
- **LWE-affected and Afspa areas have reduced under Modi govt: Amit Shah** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:35]  
 The number of districts affected by left-wing extremism in central India, and the number of places under Afspa in the north-east have gone down by 70% and 66% respectively, the Union home minister said.
- **Hizbul man held in Bengaluru, 4 terrorists killed in J&K encounters** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:33]  
 At least 11 terrorists have been killed in Jammu & Kashmir over the past 10 days. This follows the killings of at least seven civilians – including migrant workers and Kashmiri Pandits -- between May 26 and June 3.
- **BJP will work towards ending dynastic misrule in T’gana: Modi** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:33]  
 Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the BJP corporators from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation on Tuesday and expressed confidence that the party will work for good governance and ending the “dynastic misrule” in Telangana
- **TN temple refuses to allow govt audit** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:32]  
 In 2014, the Supreme Court ruled that the “podhu dikshithars” will run the temple by setting aside a 2009 Madras High Court order that allowed appointment of an officer by the HR&CE department to oversee the administration of the temple.
- **SC warns Telangana of contempt over delay in clearing fine of ₹2.5L** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:31]  
 The cost was imposed by the apex court in an April 2020 judgment striking down a law passed by the unified Andhra Pradesh government reserving 100% teacher posts for local scheduled tribes in schools situated in their areas within the state.



- **TN moves SC against Mokedatu discussion at CWMA meeting** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:30]

In a petition, the state government said the CWMA does not have powers to discuss construction of the Mokedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project across Cauvery river.

- **Centre unveils India's first National Air Sports Policy** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:30]

The government had earlier said it would take steps to make India one of the top air sports nations by 2030.

- **YSRCP hires I-PAC again for Andhra elections in 2024** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:29]

The I-PAC has already agreed with the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi in neighbouring Telangana, headed by chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao , for the next assembly elections in 2023.

- **Andhra to provide tractors at low rates to farmers** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:28]

As part of the programme, the chief minister also credited ₹175 crore into the accounts of 5,260 farmers through direct benefit transfer under the Rythu Bharosa scheme.

- **Kerala police to train those possessing gun or applying for licence** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:26]

There are different duration courses, the longest is the three-month intensive coaching for which fee will be ₹25,000, read a circular of the state police.

- **Gold smuggling case: CM Vijayan was aware of everything, says Swapna** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:24]

Vijayan, however, rejected Swapna's comments terming them as "wild allegations raised by an accused with contempt".

- **Gyanvapi case: Varanasi judge receives threat letter, say police** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:23]

Diwakar had recently ordered the sealing of part of the Gyanvapi complex where Hindu groups claimed that a Shivling was found during the court-ordered survey on May 16.

- **Election Commission to explore if migrants can cast votes remotely** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:22]

The decision was taken during a meeting of the poll body on Tuesday under the chairmanship of chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar. Election commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey also attended the meeting.

- **BJP will fight Karnataka assembly elections under collective leadership: Yediyurappa** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:22]

The Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Karnataka chief minister B S Yediyurappa stated that he is committed to travel across the state for another 10-years, aimed at strengthening the

party ahead of the assembly election

- **[Congress asked for support in Rajya Sabha polls, says Kumaraswamy](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:22]  
Randeep Singh Surjewala (AICC in charge of Karnataka) spoke to me and asked if the JD(S) could transfer its second preferential votes to the Congress for Rajya Sabha elections, Kumaraswamy said.
- **[Congress, BJP trade barbs over remarks on RSS](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:21]  
Siddaramaiah slammed Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, the president of Bharatiya Janata Party's SC Morcha and newly elected to the upper house of the state legislature, over a picture of him carrying a box of shorts on his head.
- **[Govt: Will scale up coal production to meet the rising power demand](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:17]  
Singh said the country was facing a power deficit in 2014, when there was a shortage of 13-15% in supply, but now India is a power surplus nation.
- **[AIMIM MLA's son among 2 minors held in Hyderabad gang rape case](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:14]  
Meanwhile, another case has been registered under the Information Technology (IT) Act for circulating pictures and video of the victim while she was going in the car, police commissioner CV Anand said.
- **[PM Modi to inaugurate IN-SPACe HQ in Guj on June 10](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 00:00]  
IN-SPACe, approved by the Union cabinet in June 2020, will be the nodal agency for allowing space activities, using of Department of Space-owned facilities by non-government private entities, and ensuring greater private participation in the sector.
- **[After Prophet remarks row, BJP spokespersons asked to exercise caution: Report](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 23:55]  
Some BJP leaders said the party's key outreach policy remains that the party spokespersons on TV debates should focus on the party's central theme of "sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas aur sabka prayas".
- **[Theaterisation to be top priority for the next CDS](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 23:55]  
Last year, General Bipin Rawat, the country's first CDS, had asked the three services to submit comprehensive reports on theaterisation and joint structures by April, but the timeline was not met. The post has been vacant since Rawat's untimely demise in December 2021.
- **[Govt clamps down on diversion of subsidised fertilisers](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 23:51]  
The department of fertilisers had set up 'crack teams' which had been monitoring the domestic movement of fertilisers for over a month after reports of large scale diversion of urea, a key crop

nutrient which is globally in short supply.

- **Govt widens pool for selection of next CDS** [Tue, 07 Jun 23:44]  
Scores of top serving and retired officers from the army, air force and navy will now be eligible for the top post that fell vacant after General Bipin Rawat was killed in a helicopter crash on December 8, 2021.
- **Woman sold newborn that her partner didn't want, goes on a shopping spree** [Tue, 07 Jun 23:38]  
Police said they have also seized the goods bought by the young couple in Indore including a motor cycle, LED TV, washing machine and refrigerator.
- **Love, marriage, deception: Woman leaves string of victims** [Tue, 07 Jun 23:31]  
How a woman duped men by first dating them online, then marrying them, and finally cheating them out of their money and property.
- **Odisha to discuss continuing two-child law in panchayats amid declining TFR** [Tue, 07 Jun 23:02]  
A United Nations Population Fund concept note on demographic transitions in Odisha said the government should revisit provisions of Odisha Gram Panchayat Act on the two-child norm
- **CO2 concentration 50% higher than pre-industrial levels; climate meet begins** [Tue, 07 Jun 22:35]  
CO2 levels are now comparable to the period between 4.1 and 4.5 million years ago, when they were close to or above 400 ppm. During that time, sea levels were between 5 and 25 metres higher than today, high enough to drown many of the world's largest modern cities.
- **Subhash Chandra claims 8 Congress MLAs may cross-vote in Rajya Sabha polls** [Tue, 07 Jun 22:04]  
Subhash Chandra has the support of 33 legislators--30 of the BJP and three of the RLP--and is short of eight votes to win the contest.
- **Respect and accept party's decision: Nupur Sharma after suspension over Prophet remarks** [Tue, 07 Jun 21:47]  
Sharma's comments, made in a TV debate nearly 10 days back, and Jindal's now-deleted tweets sparked a Twitter trend calling for a boycott of Indian products in some countries.
- **Hyderabad gang-rape: AIMIM MLA's son named among accused, say police** [Tue, 07 Jun 21:44]  
A total of five accused have been booked so far – three minors and one adult. The car in which the attack took place has also been seized.

- **[Daily brief: World Bank cuts India's growth to 7.5% for 2022-23, and all the latest news](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 21:12]

Here are today's top news, analysis and opinion. Know all about the latest news and other news updates from Hindustan Times.

- **[Kanpur district magistrate Neha Sharma transferred days after violence](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 21:00]

Clashes had erupted in parts of Kanpur in protest against "insulting" comments on Prophet Mohammed by suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma during a TV debate.


- **[Naveen Jindal, BJP's ex-Delhi media head, claims death threats on social media, seeks cop help](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 20:29]

Jindal had come under attack on social media after his now-deleted tweet about the Prophet on June 1.

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# IMCR issues fresh guideline for Type 1 Diabetes | What you must know

- Over the past three decades, India witnessed a 150 per cent increase in the number of people with diabetes. The growing prevalence of pre-diabetes indicates 'a further increase in diabetes in the near future' the medical body said in its report.

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By [HT News Desk](#)

India is home to the world's second largest population of adult diabetics, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said Tuesday as it released new guidelines for Type 1 Diabetes management. According to ICMR, every sixth person diabetic in the world is an Indian. Over the past three decades, India witnessed a 150 per cent increase in the number of people with diabetes. The growing prevalence of pre-diabetes indicates 'a further increase in diabetes in the near future' the medical body said in its report.

## Here is what the new guidelines on Type 1 Diabetes say:

> ICMR-recommended carbohydrate intake is 50-55 per cent of total calories. Fats should account for up to 30 per cent of total calories consumed on a daily basis. Protein should account for 15-20 per cent of total calorie consumption.

- > Salt intake should be reduced to 2.5g per day for children aged one to three, 3g per day for children aged four to eight, 3.8g per day for children and adolescents aged nine years and above, and 6g per day for adults.
- > Regular physical activity should be encouraged in individuals with Type 1 diabetes. Extra physical activity, however, may necessitate insulin changes on occasion. According to ICMR, lifestyle management (LSM) plays an essential role in managing Type 1 diabetes and understanding the effect of diet and physical activity on glycemia is essential for optimal management of the disease.
- > When compared to the non-diabetic population, patients with Type 1 diabetes have a higher risk of morbidity and mortality from cardiovascular disease. Coronary artery disease, stroke and peripheral arterial disease are all examples of this. Cardiovascular events occur earlier in Type 1 diabetic patients than in the general population.
- > All children and adults with Type 1 diabetes require insulin as soon as they are diagnosed and continuously thereafter throughout life.

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- > Insulin injection at the same place and frequent use of a blunt needle cause lipohypertrophy. Both the physician and the patient should inspect injection sites on a regular basis, especially if there is unexplained blood glucose variability.
- > On blood glucose monitoring ICMR says young children - especially those with poor glycemic control - frequency of daily self-monitoring of blood glucose (SMBG) might range from four to six times per day.
- > In youngsters with improved glycemic control, a more liberal SMBG of two-three times per day may be recommended.

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# RBI raises benchmark repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90% amid rising inflation

The aggressive stance of the RBI comes amid a grim prognosis of geopolitical uncertainties over the grinding war in Ukraine

 Two successive rate hikes point to a clear withdrawal of the RBI's accommodative policies to fuel growth. (AFP)

Two successive rate hikes point to a clear withdrawal of the RBI's accommodative policies to fuel growth. (AFP)

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By [Zia Haq](#)

**New Delhi:** As widely anticipated, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday raised the benchmark repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90% to tamp down rising inflation, governor Shaktikanta Das announced.

At the end of its three-day monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting, the central bank also said it saw inflation higher at 6.7% for the current fiscal year from 5.7% projected earlier, while retaining gross domestic product (GDP) growth at 7.2% for 2022-23.

In a surprise off-cycle meet last month, the central bank hiked the repo rate by 40 basis points to 4.49%. One basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point.

The aggressive stance of the RBI comes amid a grim prognosis of geopolitical uncertainties over the grinding war in Ukraine, continuing supply-chain disruptions, and rising energy and food prices. Consumer prices accelerated to an eight-year high of nearly 7.8% in April, according to official data.



The MPC sees clear risks from runaway prices to the economy. “The Ukraine war has led to globalisation of inflation,” Das said. Emerging economies, such as India, were facing “bigger challenges” because of shifting monetary policies of advanced economies, which were impacting markets, he added. The MPC noted that inflation risk has intensified further.

The two successive rate hikes point to a clear withdrawal of the RBI’s accommodative policies to fuel growth. The central bank slashed the repo rate in March 2020 to push nascent economic recovery after the impact of the Covid pandemic.

The RBI kept two benchmark economywide interest rates unchanged at record lows for almost two years before increasing them on May 4, 2022, a signal that the central bank at the time continued to prioritise growth recovery despite inflationary winds sweeping the world.

The repo rate refers to the rate at which commercial banks borrow money by selling their securities to the Reserve Bank, while the reverse repo rate is the rate at which the central bank borrows money.

These rates are key to boosting credit and investments by businesses. The MPC’s review of the economy is critical for markets and general business sentiment.

The forecast of a normal monsoon will help to ease inflation concerns, the RBI governor said, adding that the repo rate still remained below pre-pandemic levels.

According to the MPC, inflation is likely to remain above 6% in the first three quarters of the current fiscal. “Our steps will be calibrated, focussed on bringing down inflation to the target level,” Das said.

Under Indian laws, if inflation hovers above 6% for three straight quarters, the RBI must explain to the government the reasons for failing to meet its inflation target and recommend remedial actions.

“The June policy was a continuation of the off-cycle policy with the focus remaining squarely on inflation,” said Suvodeep Rakshit, senior economist

at Kotak Institutional Securities.

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# Sidhu Moose Wala death: ‘Antim Ardas’ held at his residence in Moosa village

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The ‘Antim Ardas’ - last prayers for slain Punjabi singer [Sidhu Moose Wala](#) -- was held at his residence in Moosa village in Masa district on Wednesday. Several people have turned up at his residence to pay condolences to the family after his death.

[Congress leader Rahul Gandhi](#) was the latest to have met Sidhu Moose Wala's family in their native village on Tuesday. Gandhi had reached Chandigarh in the morning and had left for the Mansa district with Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Warring and leader of the opposition in the state assembly Partap Singh Bajwa.

On Tuesday, actor Sanjay Dutt had also met the family at their home.

**Also read: [Sidhu Moose Wala murder updates: Punjab Police makes first arrest from Uttarakhand](#)**

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Director-General of Police VK Bhawra had said that Lawrence Bishnoi's group has taken the responsibility for the singer's murder and cited that it is a retaliation to the killing of Youth Akali Dal leader Vicky Midhukhera.

Meanwhile, as Punjab police teams are conducting raids in three states, eight sharpshooters who killed the Punjabi singer have been identified, sources told [Hindustan Times](#). The shooters belong to Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Maharashtra, they added.

Moose Wala had joined the Congress just months before the state elections in Punjab. He had fought from Mansa but had lost to AAP's Vijay Singla.

Moose Wala's killing has led to several attacks from the opposition on the Punjab government. The Congress has been slamming the Bhagwant Mann-led government for downgrading the slain singer's security.

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# What new ICMR guidelines say on insulin mixing, storage and injection site for Type 1 Diabetes

- All children and adults with type 1 diabetes (T1DM) require insulin as soon as they are diagnosed and continuously thereafter throughout life," the medical body said in its updated guidelines.



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By [HT News Desk](#)

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on Wednesday issued a set of [fresh guidelines](#) for Type 1 Diabetes management, including insulin storage and mixing, and directions for needle and injection sites. The fresh guidelines come as the Covid-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected people with diabetes, exposing them to a high risk for severe illness and mortality. "All children and adults with type 1 diabetes (T1DM) require insulin as soon as they are diagnosed and continuously thereafter throughout life," the medical body said in its updated guidelines.

**Here is what the new guidelines say:**

## **ICMR guidelines for storage of insulin**

> At the time of purchasing the insulin, the expiry date should be checked and it should be ensured that there are no clumps or discoloration of the insulin.

- > The unopened insulin vial or cartridge should be kept in the refrigerator shelf for long-term use. They should not be exposed to direct sunlight or never be frozen.
- > Once opened, the insulin vial can be kept at room temperature for up to a month in cooler climates. In hotter climates, insulin can be stored in the refrigerator shelf. At room temperature - 25 degree Celsius - insulin will lose less than one per cent of its potency over a month, while at higher temperatures there will be a greater loss of potency.
- > The latest guidelines say that insulin pens should never be stored with the needles attached since air may be drawn in.

### **Guidelines on insulin needles**

The length of needles recommended by ICMR for injecting insulin in most children and adults is four to six millimetres. The insulin should be injected at an angle of 45 to 60 degrees instead of 90 degrees to avoid the risk of intramuscular injection.

### **Guidelines on insulin injection site**

- > The forearm and calves should never be used for insulin injections.
- > In general, the same region should be used for injection at different times of the day. However, the exact sites should be changed daily by moving 0.5-1.0 inch from the previous site.
- > Injections in the abdomen result in faster absorption and are less affected by exercise, hence the site is suitable for injecting faster-acting insulin preparations.

### **ICMR guidelines on insulin mixing**

Regular and NPH (Neutral Protamine Hagedorn) insulin can be mixed for use in a syringe (split-mixed regimen). For this purpose, regular insulin should be drawn first followed by NPH insulin.

- > Allow insulin vials to reach room temperature and check there are no clumps or particles.
- > Turn the NPH bottle on its side and gently roll it between the palms. Do not shake vigorously as it may damage the vial.
- > Clean the top of the vial with an alcohol swab. Take the NPH insulin vial and inject air equal to the required dose. Do not draw insulin yet. Remove the needle from the vial.
- > Take the vial with regular insulin, clean top with alcohol and inject air of an amount equal to the regular insulin dose.
- > With the needle still in the regular vial, turn the vial upside down and pull the plunger to fill the syringe with the desired dose. Remove any air bubbles from the vial.
- > Re-insert the needle into the vial of NPH insulin, slowly draw the correct amount of insulin and remove the needle from the vial. The syringe is ready for injecting

### **Insulin strengths**

In India, human regular and NPH insulin are available in strengths of 40 units/ml and 100 units/ml in vials. All insulin (regular, NPH, analogs) in pen cartridges have a strength of 100 units/ml.

[Full ICMR report here](#)

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# Modi to inaugurate Biotech Start-up Expo tomorrow

Biotechnology department and BIRAC are organising the two-day event themed ‘Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat’

 Prime Minister Narendra Modi. (Bloomberg)

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**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Biotech Start-up Expo 2022 marking the 10th anniversary of the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) on Thursday in New Delhi and address a gathering at the inaugural event.

Biotechnology department and BIRAC are organising the two-day event themed ‘Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat’, the Prime Minister’s Office said in a statement.

The event aims to act as a bridge to connect entrepreneurs, investors, industry leaders, scientists, researchers, bio-incubators, manufacturers, regulators, government officials, and other significant individuals in the field.

About 300 stalls are being set up at the expo showcasing the application of biotechnology in areas like healthcare, genomics, biopharma, agriculture, industrial biotechnology, waste-to-value, and clean energy among others.

On day one of the expo, a panel discussion on the growth of the bio-economy will also be held. A consultation meeting with stakeholders will follow. The expo will later be open to the public as open house interactions

and networking sessions will be held. On day two, a Start-up Pitching session will be hosted.

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# On Prophet row, Shashi Tharoor says BJP-Centre distinction forgotten in 'overzealous' message

Shashi Tharoor said the distinction between the government and a political party has been forgotten -- in the context of the Indian embassy in Muscat reportedly sending out BJP's statement to media houses in Oman.

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Congress MP [Shashi Tharoor](#) on Tuesday urged external affairs minister S Jaishankar to take action against his colleagues in the Indian Embassy in Muskat which reportedly issued the BJP statement to the media houses in Oman over the Prophet row. Replying to a tweet on which he was tagged, Shashi Tharoor said this is a serious issue. The embassy sending out the BJP's statement is contradictory to the foreign ministry's statement that the objectionable views were of fringe elements, Shashi Tharoor hinted. [Also Read: PM Modi listens to Muslim countries, not Muslims of India: Owaisi on Nupur Sharma, Naveen Jindal](#)

"The very distinction between our government & a political party (which @MEAIndia relied on to distance GOI from the inflammatory remarks) has been forgotten in this over-zealous message," Shashi Tharoor tweeted.

A purported screenshot shared on Twitter showed that the Embassy of India in Muscat sent the BJP's statement issued on Sunday to all media organisations in Oman as a press release from India. It was the same press release in which the BJP said it respects all religions. "The BJP strongly denounces insult of any religious personalities of any religion. The Bharatiya Janata Party is also strongly against any ideology which insults or demeans any sect or religion. The BJP does not promote such people or philosophy," the statement said. After issuing the statement, the party suspended Nupur Sharma and expelled Naveen Kumar Jindal over their controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad.

Several Muslim nations including Indonesia, the UAE, the Maldives, Jordan, Bahrain, Libya, Qatar, Kuwait, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Afghanistan raised objections against the statements made by the former BJP spokespersons making the issue an international one.

New Delhi distanced itself from the controversy and termed Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal as 'fringe elements' whose opinions do not reflect the opinion of the government.

Amid the raging controversy, the embassy in Muscat has reportedly issued the BJP statement to the media houses in Oman. "Can a govt entity do this?" author and journalist Rejimon Kuttappan asked tagging Shashi Tharoor, to which Tharoor said the matter is very serious.

Shashi Tharoor had earlier expressed his opinion on the row and said those who express "bigotry at home" should be aware of the "consequences abroad". "those who express bigotry at home should be aware of the consequences abroad. India has enjoyed a proud standing in the world, which is being undermined by the irresponsibility of the communal-minded who have been allowed free rein for too long by the ruling party," he had said. He also indulged in some wordplay with 'fringe' as he answered a Twitter user. "They've been a 'binge' too long. And some of them are 'unhinged'. In the process the nation has been 'singed'," Shashi Tharoor wrote.

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# Covid-19 in India: New cases top 5,000-mark; nearly 40% jump in daily infections

- Maharashtra recorded 1,881 new infections in the last 24 hours. Mumbai alone reported 1,242 new cases, up from 676 the previous day. Delhi witnessed 450 fresh Covid cases and one death on Tuesday.



The number of active Covid-19 cases went up by 1,881 in the last 24 hours as per health ministry data.((HT File Photo))

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The number of new infections in India crossed the 5,000-mark on Wednesday as the country reported 5,233 [new coronavirus infections](#) in the last 24 hours. This is the first time since early March that the number of new infections went above 5K. Earlier on Monday, the country had recorded a total of [4,518](#) cases.

In the month of June, India has so far reported over 32,000 fresh cases. The number of active Covid-19 cases went up by 1,881 in the last 24 hours as per health ministry data. Active cases now stand at 28,857 or 0.06 per cent of the total cases.

According to the health ministry data, seven deaths have been reported in the last 24 hours, taking the total fatalities to 5,24,715. The recovery rate currently stands at 98.72 percent with over 3,300 people recovering in the last 24 hours. The total number of recoveries in the country is 4,26,36,710.

Maharashtra recorded 1,881 new infections in the last 24 hours, a sizable increase compared to 1,036 infections reported a day before, the state health department said. Mumbai alone reported 1,242 new cases, up from 676 the previous day.

Delhi witnessed 450 fresh Covid cases and one death, while the positivity rate declined to 1.92 per cent, according to data shared by the health department on Tuesday. The state of Tamil Nadu logged 144 new infections, Bengal saw 61 fresh cases whereas Gujarat reported 72 new cases in the last 24 hours. As per data shared by news agency PTI, Goa saw 62 new infections on Tuesday.

In the last 24 hour, 14.9 lakh vaccine doses were administered under the National Vaccination Drive. Of these, over 3.15 lakh were booster doses. Nearly 4 lakh children between the ages of 12 to 14 also were also administered Covid-19 vaccine in the last 24 hours - over 2.85 lakh were second doses.

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# Iran foreign minister arrives in India to ‘warm welcome’ amid anger in West Asia over remarks on Prophet

External affairs minister S Jaishankar is scheduled to hold talks with his visiting Iranian counterpart Hossein Amir-Abdollahian on Wednesday.



Iran foreign minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian (right).

Iran foreign minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian (right).

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Iran foreign minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian arrived in India to a "warm welcome" to hold talks with external affairs minister S Jaishankar amid widespread anger in West Asian countries over controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad made by two BJP leaders, against whom party has taken action. Abdollahian is on a three-day visit with an aim to further enhance bilateral ties.

“Foreign Minister of Iran, Dr. Hossein Amir-Abdollahian arrives to a warm welcome in India. The visit will further boost our deep historical ties and partnership,” Arindam Bagchi, spokesperson for the ministry of external affairs, wrote on Twitter.

Jaishankar and Abdollahian will hold talks at 1 pm on Wednesday. The Iranian minister will travel to Mumbai and Hyderabad after concluding his engagements in New Delhi.

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Abdollahian's is the first visit to India by a senior minister of a member nation of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation after the controversial remarks on the Prophet triggered outrage in the Arab world and soon spread to other Muslim-majority countries. His visit comes two days after Iran joined Arab nations in summoning the Indian envoys to lodge protest against the remarks by BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and party's Delhi media cell head Naveen Kumar Jindal.

Since then, over a dozen countries including Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Indonesia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Jordan, Bahrain, Maldives, Malaysia, Oman, Iraq and Libya have denounced the comments.

The Indian embassies in Qatar and Kuwait responded to the objection saying the comments "made by fringe elements" do not reflect the views of the government, highlighting that action was taken against the two persons by "relevant bodies".

India and Iran have been jointly focusing on improving connectivity between South East Asia and Central Asia. Located in the Sistan-Balochistan province on Iran's southern coast, Chabahar Port is expected to become a key regional transit hub. It is being developed by India, Iran and Afghanistan to boost connectivity and trade ties.

*(With PTI inputs)*

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# Morning brief: Military theaterisation to be top priority for the next CDS, and all the latest news

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## Theaterisation to be top priority for the next CDS

The government's announcement on the new eligibility criteria for the chief of defence staff (CDS) has stoked hopes that it will soon name an officer to the senior-most military post in the land, and accelerate the theaterisation drive and enhance synergy in the armed forces. [Read more...](#)

## UK designates monkeypox as notifiable disease, Canada issues advisory| 5 points

The United Kingdom has the largest identified cases of the monkeypox after Africa, with more than 300 confirmed cases, a month after the

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## **Fitter, calmer Hardik Pandya among upcoming leaders of Indian cricket**

Rahul Dravid kept his words. The first thing he did after completing India's first in-person media interaction in more than two years, was to rush to the ground and have a long chat with Hardik Pandya. Exactly like he had promised during the press conference at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi on Tuesday. [Read more...](#)

## **With AR Rahman, Coke Studio, Riz Ahmed, and Jalebi Baby, Ms Marvel brings desi music to Marvel Cinematic Universe**

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## **Priyanka Chopra in plunging neck contrast gown at Bulgari event takes over Paris with her elegance: See pics, videos**

After making heads turn in an orange sequinned dress and bonding with BLACKPINK's Lisa and Anne Hathaway during Bulgari's event in Paris, Priyanka Chopra attended another show for the Italian luxury label today (IST). The star stepped out in the French capital looking like a Parisian dream in a plunging neck contrast-coloured gown. [Read more...](#)

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# Spoof video of Qatar Airways' CEO goes viral in India. Here's why

A social media user called for the 'boycott' of Qatar Airways after Qatar's response to the comments of Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal on the Prophet.



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A spoof video of Qatar Airways CEO Akbar Al Baker is going viral on social media in India after #BoycottQatarAirways trended on Twitter following Qatar's condemnation of the statements of the former BJP spokespersons Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal on the Prophet. A Twitter user going by the name 'Vashudev' posted a video calling for the boycott of Qatar Airways in response to Qatar's condemnation.

"I am against Qatar Airways," Vashudev said adding that Qatar has already started laying off Indian people. "Boycott Qatar Airways because we should take a tit-for-tat move," he said.

After the video, 'BoycottQatarAirways' with the wrong spelling of boycott started trending and a spoof video of the CEO of Qatar Airways urging Vashudev to withdraw his boycott call went viral. The spoof video imagined the CEO's imaginary reaction to the boycott call – to *Al Jazeera*.

With “fears of dark days ahead”, the CEO in the spoof video said as soon as he came across the boycott video, he cancelled all his meetings and straightaway flew to Qatar. "...Because our biggest shareholder Vashudev decided to boycott our airline from his headquarters which is the terrace of his house. He was having a power cut at that time in his neighbourhood. And he made that devastating video," the CEO in the doctored video made for fun said.

"Vashudev is our biggest shareholder with a total investment of 634 rupees and 50 paise. And we don't know how to operate anymore and we have grounded all the flights... we are requesting Vashudev to take this call for boycott back," he said.

"This is a special kind of boycott because it is b-y-c-o-t-t. Vashudev habibi, we are willing to give you one whole plane to make your TikTok videos or maybe we can give you two litres of petrol free," he added.

"Once you come back from the railway track, please consider our offer and take the boycott back," the CEO said in the spoof video.

The video garnered a lot of attention on social media with people not being able to wrap their heads around the boycott call.

Several Muslim nations, including Qatar, have objected to the comments of Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal against whom the BJP took action for their comments on the Prophet. While the BJP said it respects all religions and henceforth took the action, the external affairs ministry said the comments were the views of the fringe elements and not the views of the government.

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# Al-Qaeda threatens suicide attacks over sacked BJP leaders' remarks on Prophet: Report

Small-scale protests erupted in parts of India as Muslim groups demanded the arrest of the suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma.



Al Qaeda chief Ayman Al-Zawahiri.(AFP file photo)

Al Qaeda chief Ayman Al-Zawahiri.(AFP file photo)

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Terror outfit Al-Qaeda in the Subcontinent (AQIS) threatened suicide attacks in Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Mumbai and Delhi to "fight for the dignity of our Prophet" amid brewing controversy over the remarks by BJP leaders on the founder of Islam, news agency ANI reported. In a threat letter dated June 6, AQIS warned that "saffron terrorists should now await their end in Delhi and Bombay and in UP and Gujarat", according to the report.

"They shall find refuge neither in their homes nor in their fortified army cantonments. May our mothers be bereaved of us if we do not avenge our beloved Prophet."

In an apparent reference to the controversial remarks of a BJP spokesperson, against whom the party has [taken action](#), the terror outfit said that she "insulted and slandered" the Prophet and his wife in the "most vile and evil manner on an Indian TV channel." The letter claimed that the "hearts of Muslims all over the world are bleeding and are filled with feelings of revenge and retribution."



"We shall kill those who affront our Prophet and we shall bind explosives with our bodies and the bodies of our children to blow away the ranks of those who dare to dishonor our Prophet... [They] shall find no amnesty or clemency, no peace and security will save them and this matter will not close with any words of condemnation or sorrow," it added.

### **Centre has nothing to do with Prophet remarks, Gulf ties strong: Goyal**

The threat statement mentioned "Hindutva terrorists occupying India" and said "we shall fight for the dignity of our Prophet, we shall urge others to fight and die for the honour of our Prophet."

The controversial remarks by BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and Naveen Kumar Jindal snowballed into global outrage after West Asia nations took note of the issue and summoned Indian envoys to protest. India's foreign ministry clarified that the offensive tweets and comments did not in any way reflect the government's views.

*(With ANI inputs)*

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Social activist Anna Hazare to arrive in Delhi on 19th June. He will hold a 1-day training camp for his new organisation 'Rashtriya Lokandolan', reported ANI.

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PM Modi listens to Muslim countries, not Muslims of India: Owaisi

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday said the BJP took action against Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal only after Muslim countries raised their voices. [Read more](#)

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## Al-Qaeda threatens suicide attacks

Terror outfit Al-Qaeda in the Subcontinent (AQIS) threatened suicide attacks in Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Mumbai and Delhi to "fight for the dignity of our Prophet" amid brewing controversy over the remarks by BJP leaders on the founder of Islam, news agency ANI reported. [Read more](#)

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## Online game addict 16-year-old boy shot dead mother

Lucknow Online game addict 16-year-old minor boy shot dead his 35-year-old mother when she opposed him of playing game in a residential colony.

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## RBI likely to up rates today

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India will announce an increase in interest rates on June 8.

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# PM Modi listens to Muslim countries, not Muslims of India: Owaisi on Nupur Sharma, Naveen Jindal

Owaisi said PM Modi cannot see the pain of Indian Muslims but took action against party leaders after 10 days when voices were raised by Qatar, UAE and other Muslim countries.

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AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday said the BJP took action against Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal only after Muslim countries raised their voices. No action was taken when the Muslims of the country were raising the same issue, Owaisi said in Maharashtra's Latur where he addressed a rally. "We are angry that the prime minister (Narendra Modi) did not pay heed to the Muslims who are residents of this country. But when the anger of people in foreign countries came out on social media, the action was taken," Owaisi said without naming either Nupur Sharma or Naveen Jindal, but said both should be arrested for their controversial remarks about the Prophet. [Also Read: Ex-BJP leader Nupur Sharma gets police security amid 'threats' over Prophet remark](#)

The leaders should not get rehabilitated after six or eight months, Owaisi said adding, "If you think that those tweets and the language used was

wrong, it is the government's responsibility that a case is registered against them and they are arrested, then it will be justice."

The BJP on Sunday suspended Nupur Sharma and expelled Naveen Jindal for their controversial statements on Prophet. "If today I use unparliamentary words against PM Modi, the BJP will raise 'arrest Owaisi' slogans from tomorrow morning. But here 10 days passed and we raised the issue, but PM Modi took action after Muslim countries protested," Owaisi said.

Indonesia, the UAE, the Maldives, Jordan, Bahrain and Libya have joined Qatar, Kuwait, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Afghanistan to have raised the issue of Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal's hurtful religious comments.

The Maharashtra Police have summoned Nupur Sharma in a case filed against her comments made on a television channel debate. A Delhi Police official said Nupur Sharma and her family have been provided police security after she has been receiving threats over her remarks.

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# On woman's request, Smriti Irani removes cow dung from a Varanasi park

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By [HT Correspondent](#), Varanasi

Union minister Smriti Irani on Tuesday participated in a cleanliness drive in a Varanasi locality after a woman informed her that a park where her daughter's marriage was scheduled was surrounded with heaps of cow dung.

During her two-day visit here, the union minister was out on an inspection of Bhim Nagar Colony in Sikraul area of Varanasi when a woman Chinta Devi, approached her.

She said that the park where her daughter's marriage was to take place was strewn with cow dung and sought the minister's help in getting the park cleaned.

Hearing this, the minister visited the park, picked up a spade and started removing the cow dung. "Seeing her, Varanasi BJP district unit president Hansraj Vishwakarma and other party workers also joined the cleaning exercise," said BJP corporator Madan Dubey who was present at the spot.



The minister also interacted with others present there and directed the public representatives including minister of state Ravindra Jaiswal to solve their problems. She was accompanied by Cantt MLA Saurabh Srivastava, Varanasi city unit president Vidyasagar Rai, city unit general secretary Jagdish Tripathi and Naveen Kapoor, minister Madhup Singh, regional councilor Dinesh Yadav, Madan Dubey, Sandeep Tripathi, Sandeep Raghuvanshi.

She also inspected the health sub-centre and health and wellness center Korouta where she directed the health department officials to make sure that the benefits of all the government schemes reached the poor and needy.

Chief medical officer Dr Sandeep Chaudhary told her more than 200 deliveries are done at the center. The minister applauded the health department team and hugged ANM Rajat, who played an important role in this work. She also administered polio drops to three-month-old Sonam Gupta, who came to the center with her mother Preeti Gupta.

At the health and wellness center, community health officer (CHO) Priya Mall apprised her about the facilities being provided to the citizens at the wellness centre. Mall said that this center is proving to be very beneficial for the people of the area. Chief development officer Abhishek Goyal, district tuberculosis and leprosy officer Dr. Rahul Singh, ACHO (RCH) Dr. AK Maurya, deputy DHEIO Kalpana Singh and Usha Ojha, medical officer in-charge, Kashi Vidyapeeth Dr. Amit Singh besides others were present on the occasion.


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# Centre has nothing to do with Prophet remarks, Gulf ties strong: Goyal

“These remarks were not made by a government functionary. Therefore, it has no impact on the government,” Union minister Piyush Goyal told reporters in Kochi where he is on a two-day visit.

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The controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammed by Nupur Sharma, the sacked spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party, will not affect India’s good relations with the Gulf countries, commerce minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday.

The BJP has taken necessary action against Sharma for her remarks and the foreign ministry has issued a clarification, Goyal told reporters during a two-day visit to Kochi. There was no need of any apprehension to the expatriate community as India’s strong ties with Gulf Cooperation Council nations were intact, he reassured.

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“These remarks were not made by a government functionary. Therefore, it has no impact on the government,” Goyal said. “The BJP has taken action against its functionaries.”

Asked about a social media campaign to boycott Indian products in some Gulf countries in the wake of the contentious comments, Goyal said he was unaware of any such development.

“They have only mentioned that such a statement should not be made and, accordingly, action has been taken against the person who made the comments,” the trade minister said. “All Indians living and working in the Gulf region are safe and do not have to worry.”

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The government has nothing to do with these remarks and they won’t affect the image of the Narendra Modi government, Goyal maintained.

During a live television debate on May 28, Sharma made controversial remarks about the Prophet. On June 1, another BJP leader, Naveen Kumar Jindal, tweeted some objectionable comments. The comments triggered violent protests in many cities in Uttar Pradesh, including Kanpur.

On June 5, the BJP suspended Sharma and expelled its Delhi unit media head Jindal as the row over their derogatory remarks escalated with protests from some Muslim countries. Amid sharp reaction from countries like Kuwait, Qatar and Iran, the BJP also issued a statement asserting “it respects all religions and strongly denounces insults of any religious personality”.

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After her suspension, Sharma unconditionally withdrew her statement and claimed her comments were a “reaction to the continuous insult and disrespect towards our Mahadev (Hindu god Shiva)”. Jindal has since deleted his tweet.

Of the nearly 8.5 million Indians working in various West Asian countries, around 1.8 million are from Kerala.

State's ruling Communist Party of India (Marxist) and opposition Congress have also slammed the ousted BJP leaders' remarks.

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“Sangh Parivar has once again disgraced our revered secular democracy before the world with the derogatory remarks,” chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan tweeted on Monday. “It is high time to raise unanimous voice against forces of bigotry.”

“What else you expected of a party which is hell bent on wrecking everything we have built up and cherished,” leader of the opposition in state assembly VD Satheesan said.

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# 13-year-old girl detained for killing rapist in Rajasthan

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Jaipur: A 13-year-old girl was detained and sent to a juvenile home for allegedly murdering a 45-year-old man who blackmailed and repeatedly raped her for months in Rajasthan's Alwar district, police said on Tuesday.

According to the police, the deceased had been allegedly raping the girl for the past six or seven months. He even forced the girl to have physical relationships with three other men from his village, police said.

The girl, a Class 10 student, strangled the man on May 17 when he was under the influence of liquor, police said, adding his body was recovered the next morning.

The deceased was a married man with two children, both in their 20s.

Initially, his family thought it to be a case of natural death. But, after noticing some marks around the neck, the body was sent for a post-mortem examination, police said.

It was a blind case as there was no reason to suspect the girl who lived nearby, said Mahaveer Singh, SHO, Kotkasim police station (Bhiwadi). Around 10 people were interrogated about the murder, but to no avail, he added.

Later, during inspection of the crime scene, the police found a torn piece of cloth along with a few other clues leading the investigators to the girl.

“She was taken into confidence following which she confessed to the crime. She narrated the story of how she was being blackmailed and raped by him and others for the last six-seven months,” said the SHO.

The girl used to talk with a boy and one day she used the 45-year-old man’s phone to call him, the SHO said. The conversation between the two was recorded on the phone using which, the man started blackmailing and later raping her.

“The girl said that she could not bear the torture anymore and decided to put an end to her ordeal. She plotted the murder on May 17 when he asked her to meet him in the night. She went near his house around midnight where he was present. He was under the influence of alcohol. As soon as he grabbed her, she strangled him with a piece of cloth,” Singh said.

A case of gang rape against the four has been registered under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, said the SHO. The other accused in the case are yet to be arrested.

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# No comments on religion, BJP advises its spokespersons

Spokespersons have been asked to use measured language, refrain from criticising any religion, religious figures or symbols, and not violate the party's ideals by getting provoked in television debates, said senior leaders aware of developments.

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) advised its spokespersons in a set of informal internal instructions to be more restrained, as it attempted to firefight the diplomatic crisis in West Asia sparked by a party leader making controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammed last week.

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The party asked spokespersons to use measured language, refrain from criticising any religion, religious figures or symbols, and not violate the party's ideals by getting provoked in television debates, said senior leaders aware of developments. Only authorised leaders will be allowed to represent the party on air, they added.



One of the leaders said some sort of directional guideline was needed.

“Over the last few months, it was noticed that some members of the party were getting increasingly virulent in the media and making unrestrained comments in an attempt to get ahead and be noticed. This trend needed to be arrested,” this person added on condition of anonymity.

But the informal instructions may not have been given across the organisation since many spokespersons HT reached out to denied that they had been spoken to, even if only informally.

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The developments came on a day Malaysia became the latest country to condemn the remarks made by now-suspended BJP spokesperson, Nupur Sharma, last week. A clutch of Muslim-majority countries in West Asia, South Asia, and South-East Asia have condemned the remark, representing a formidable foreign policy challenge for the government in a region it has assiduously worked to strengthen ties.

Kuwait, Qatar and Iran summoned Indian ambassadors on Sunday to protest against the remarks by Sharma, who was removed as a spokesperson and suspended by the party, and Naveen Jindal, who was expelled by the BJP. The external affairs ministry said such comments reflected the “views of fringe elements”.

“The suspension, expulsion [of spokespeople], and the public action taken in this regard was also meant to act as a deterrent for other leaders, and to send a message to all leaders to temper their language,” said the leader quoted above.

The informal instructions also advised spokespersons to check the topic of a debate and prepare beforehand, not get “tricked” into commenting on divisive issues and focus on upholding the party’s work.

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Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Jordan, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) denounced the remarks and a senior Omani foreign ministry official raised the matter with the Indian ambassador. Indonesia, Maldives and Libya also condemned the remarks. The external affairs ministry did not respond to the statements from the West Asian countries, Indonesia and GCC but spokesperson Arindam Bagchi rejected the criticism from Pakistan and OIC.

On Tuesday, Malaysia said it “unreservedly condemns the derogatory remarks” and added that it had conveyed its “total repudiation” to India’s envoy. “Malaysia calls upon India to work together in ending Islamophobia and cease any provocative acts in the interest of peace and stability,” a statement by the country’s foreign ministry said.

The controversy represents a serious foreign policy challenge for the country because the bulk of India’s energy requirements are met by oil and gas from West Asian countries, especially Saudi Arabia and Iraq. The government has worked assiduously in recent years to bolster relations with the region, described as India’s extended neighbourhood, and ties have dramatically improved with Saudi Arabia and the UAE. West Asia was also home to some nine million expatriates before the Covid-19 crisis, and many Indians who came back home have returned as pandemic-related restrictions were eased.

The government has repeatedly said it accords the “highest respect to all religions”, and that the “offensive tweets and comments denigrating a religious personality were made by certain individuals” The foreign ministry has also said that the remarks “do not, in any manner, reflect the views of the government of India” and “strong action” had been taken against the individuals by relevant bodies.

(with Reuters inputs)

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# LWE-affected and Afspa areas have reduced under Modi govt: Amit Shah

The number of districts affected by left-wing extremism in central India, and the number of places under Afspa in the north-east have gone down by 70% and 66% respectively, the Union home minister said.

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**New Delhi:** Union minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said India's internal security situation has improved sharply during the tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, pointing out that Left-wing extremism (LWE)-affected districts in central India and Afspa areas in the North-East have reduced by 70% and 66% respectively.

Shah also said that the number of deaths and terror incidents have gone down in the regions.

Inaugurating the National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in New Delhi under the aegis of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrations, Shah spoke about the reduction in violence and death in the North-East and LWE areas, and contrasted the Modi rule with the Congress-led UPA era.

“Between 2006 and 2014, the country witnessed 8,700 incidents in North-East, which came down by 70% during PM Modi’s governance. A safe North-East and safe Left-wing extremism-prone areas of Central India will pave the way for tribal welfare.”

The home minister added that 87 security personnel lost their lives in the North-East under the Modi government as against 304 during the Congress rule. “The number of civilian deaths has come down from 1,990 to 217,” he said.

Underlining PM Modi has accorded top priority to research and education since he came to power, the home minister said: “Under the Congress government, in 2014, ₹7 crore had been set aside for this purpose. In 2022, we have kept ₹150 crore for it... Similarly, the budget for Eklavya residential schools went up from ₹278 crore to ₹1,418 crore this financial year.”

Shah also highlighted the key role that NTRI aims to play. “As per Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision, the National Tribal Research Institute is finally coming into existence... By the time we celebrate 100 years of Independence, this institute will be the backbone for tribal communities.”

NTRI will function as a research institute to train employees and organise capacity-building for other institutes, popularise tribal festivals, and maintain the diversity of tribal museums. It will also serve the purpose of acting as a blueprint for the development of the tribal society, said Shah. The institute will also provide policy inputs to the Union government, and act as a national nodal agency.


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# Hizbul man held in Bengaluru, 4 terrorists killed in J&K encounters

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**Srinagar/Bengaluru:** Four terrorists, including three from the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), were killed in separate encounters in Jammu & Kashmir, and a suspected Hizbul Mujahideen operative was arrested in Bengaluru on Tuesday as the security establishment launched a counteroffensive following a spate of targeted killings.

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People aware of the development said the counteroffensive is being monitored by the Union home minister Amit Shah, who has been in touch with lieutenant governor (LG) Manoj Sinha and the state police leadership.

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In Jammu & Kashmir, a total of four terrorists were killed in the last 24 hours in three different gunfights between forces and the militants. In

addition to the three LeT operatives, the fourth was from the Hizbul Mujahideen. Among the four, two were from Lahore, while the others were from Awantipora and Kulgam in Kashmir.

The encounters began after police launched a search operation on the basis of inputs about the possible presence of terrorists in the area.

“Two terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT, including one Pakistani terrorist namely Tufail, killed. Search still going on,” Kashmir inspector general of police (IGP) Vijay Kumar tweeted.

A third terrorist was killed in Badimarg-Aloora area in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district, the official cited above said.

An LeT terrorist from Pakistan was gunned down in an encounter in north Kashmir’s Sopore area.

Since March, at least 12 civilians have been killed by unidentified terrorists so far. Some of the high profile murders included that of a bank manager who was shot dead at work, a government staffer killed at the Tehsil office, a TV actor who was shot while out with her son, and two migrant labourers who were returning after work.

Kumar told news agency ANI that most of the terrorists behind these murders had been neutralised, with one suspect remaining in the bank manager’s case who has been identified and will be “arrested/neutralised” soon.

In Karnataka, police said a suspected Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist was arrested from Bengaluru’s Okalipuram area in a joint operation by Jammu and Kashmir Police and Indian Army’s Rashtriya Rifles on June 3.

The accused, Talib Hussain, is a resident of Kishtwar district in Jammu and Kashmir and is believed to be an active member of Hizbul Mujahideen since 2016, state police officials said. Hussain came to Bengaluru a year ago and was staying in a mosque in Srirampura area, they said.

Mosque authorities, however, claimed they were not aware of Hussain's purported links with the terror outfit. They claimed the suspected terrorist had come with his wife and child during the second wave of Covid pandemic, and refuted police's claim that he would make provocative speeches during Friday prayers.

Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj Bommai said his government will extend all possible help to Jammu and Kashmir Police in the case.

"It is an ongoing process. Police will keep an eye on the movement of people. Our police have extended help. An arrest was made in Bhatkal earlier. Now, the Jammu and Kashmir Police have arrested one person in Bengaluru. We have extended help," he said.

Home minister Araga Jnanendra said the state police had begun a probe following Hussain's arrest. "The state police are coordinating with their Jammu and Kashmir counterparts and intensified investigation to identify those individuals and organisations, which harboured him," he said.

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# BJP will work towards ending dynastic misrule in T'gana: Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the BJP corporators from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation on Tuesday and expressed confidence that the party will work for good governance and ending the “dynastic misrule” in Telangana

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The corporators were accompanied by Telangana BJP chief Bandi Sanjay Kumar and Union minister G Kishan Reddy, who is also from the state.

“Met @BJP4Telangana corporators in GHMC and other party leaders from Telangana. We had wide-ranging discussions on how to focus on community service endeavours and help people at the grassroots. BJP will work for good governance and ending dynastic misrule in Telangana,” Modi said in a tweet.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, who heads the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) in the southern state, has been working to shore up support for an anti-BJP alliance at the national level.

The BJP has so far been unable to make much gains in south India outside Karnataka, but its recent show in Telangana has infused the party with the hope of ensuring a strong presence in another southern state.

The saffron party is also holding its national executive meeting in Hyderabad next month.


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# TN temple refuses to allow govt audit

In 2014, the Supreme Court ruled that the “podhu dikshithars” will run the temple by setting aside a 2009 Madras High Court order that allowed appointment of an officer by the HR&CE department to oversee the administration of the temple.

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By [Divya Chandrababu](#), Chennai

The famous Nataraja temple in Chidambaram on Tuesday did not allow officials of the Hindu, Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) to check their accounts, saying they have “no jurisdiction to call for records or inspect the premises”.

This happened a day after the pontiff of Madurai mutt, an ancient Hindu monastery, called for disbanding of the department as it was interfering in running of the Hindu religious places.

In May, the HR&CE department had served a notice to the general “dikshithars” (hereditary priests) of Nataraja temple to keep records on the temple’s accounts and assets ready for an inquiry committee’s visit on June 7 and 8.

But when a team of five members from the HR&CE department went to inspect the temple on Tuesday they were turned away twice, officials part of the team said. The general dikshithars of Nataraja temple refused to show records to the team from the HR&CE department, contending that the latter had no jurisdiction to call for records or inspect the premises.

Officials said the team was to check records from 2014 relating to income and expenses, audit reports and jewels belonging to the 1,000-year-old temple. The notice for enquiry was promoted after the state's department had received complaints of irregularities in the temple accounts.

In 2014, the Supreme Court ruled that the "podhu dikshithars" will run the temple by setting aside a 2009 Madras High Court order that allowed appointment of an officer by the HR&CE department to oversee the administration of the temple.

Citing the SC order, the temple management said the HR&CE officials cannot inspect records as this isn't a public temple. "We reiterate that we maintain all accounts and other records as per our bye-laws of our Temple sattam (law)," the temple management said in a statement. "We will cooperate with a validly formed committee that has jurisdiction of verification and audit."

The HR&CE department manages 44,000 temples and trusts in Tamil Nadu. HR&CE minister PK Sekar Babu on Saturday assured that the government has no intention to take over the temple. Following the developments on Tuesday, Babu said the state government will consult legal experts and ensure that the accounts of the temple are checked.

"Refusing permission to the HR&CE officials is against 'Manu dharma'. It is a public temple and it is the right of the HR&CE department to look into complaints or irregularities in the temple given by devotees. I personally went to Chidambaram temple on June 6 and explained to them why we need to inspect," the minister said. "Why are they not cooperating with the department to enquire into complaints of irregularities? If they have nothing to hide, why are they resisting?"

On Monday, the pontiff of the Madurai Aadheenam (a Tamil Shaivite monastery) came down heavily on the HR & CE and called for the department to be disbanded accusing them of corruption. “The government does not interfere in the functioning of churches. The same goes for mosques. But the government interferes in the functioning of our temples through the HR & CE department. This department has turned our temples into a den for plunderers, and it should be disbanded,” the chief of the Madurai Aadheenam, Harihara Desika Gnanasambantha Paramacharaya, said on Monday.

To this, Babu said he was making controversial statements only to be in the limelight. On Tuesday, he reiterated that the Madurai pontiff was speaking like a politician. “He has no right to say that we cannot interfere,” Babu told reporters in Chennai.

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# SC warns Telangana of contempt over delay in clearing fine of ₹2.5L

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By Abraham Thomas, New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Tuesday threatened to initiate contempt proceedings against the chief secretary of Telangana if the state government failed to deposit a cost of ₹2.5 lakh within two weeks.

The cost was imposed by the apex court in an April 2020 judgment striking down a law passed by the unified Andhra Pradesh government reserving 100% teacher posts for local scheduled tribes in schools situated in their areas within the state.

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While Andhra had deposited the money with the court, Telangana had filed a review petition against the judgment claiming that at the time when the

law in question was passed, the state was not formed.

On Tuesday, a SC bench of justices MR Shah and Aniruddha Bose said, “Tell us when you (Telangana) will deposit the amount otherwise we will issue contempt notice to your chief secretary.”

Advocate Akansha Mehra, who appeared for the state government, informed the court that it required two weeks’ time to make the payment. She pointed out that the state has filed a review challenging the judgment and was awaiting its outcome.

In its Tuesday order, the SC bench said, “The learned counsel appearing for the state of Telangana, has submitted that the amount shall be deposited within two weeks from today. Let the needful be done within two weeks from today, failing which the matter shall be viewed very seriously.”

The court further directed the Registry of the Supreme Court to transfer the amounts received from the two states to the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee of the Supreme Court.

In its April 2020 judgment, the apex court struck down the law providing 100% reservation for local tribals in teaching posts as it breached the 50% ceiling fixed by the top court in the Indra Sawhney judgment of 1992. Of this, 33% posts were reserved for tribal women. The Court noted that passing such a law was an “illegal exercise” and it was made applicable retrospectively from 1986.

The AP government had justified the law claiming that there was heavy absenteeism of teachers in the schools operating in tribal villages and districts. It was to avoid this trend and ensure better education facilities for tribals, such a measure was adopted, AP government had argued before the top court.

Noting that some appointments were already made under the said Government Order issued on January 10, 2000, the judgment had held, “In the peculiar circumstance, we save the appointments conditionally that the reorganised states, i.e. states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana not to attempt a similar exercise in future.”

Directing both states not to exceed the limits of reservation in future, the top court directed the states to bear the cost of appeals by the non-tribal candidates who had to first approached the Andhra Pradesh high court and then the Supreme Court to challenge the law. “The cost of appeal is quantified at ₹5 lakh and to be shared equally by the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.”

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# TN moves SC against Mekedatu discussion at CWMA meeting

In a petition, the state government said the CWMA does not have powers to discuss construction of the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project across Cauvery river.

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The Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court seeking a direction that the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) should not take up Karnataka's Mekedatu project for discussion at its meeting in Delhi on June 17.

In a petition, the state government said the CWMA does not have powers to discuss construction of the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project across Cauvery river. The government filed the petition after the CWMA included "discussions on Mekedatu project DPR" in the agenda for its 16th meeting in Delhi.

"We have moved the Supreme Court today (June 7) seeking a direction to the CWMA that it should not allow discussion on Mekedatu which is beyond its brief... At the 16th meeting (of CWMA scheduled for June 17), the Tamil Nadu representative will strongly oppose this and point out that this subject is beyond the jurisdiction of the CWMA," Tamil Nadu's water resources minister Durai Murugan said in a statement on Tuesday.

“When the Karnataka government allotted ₹1,000 crore for the project, the Tamil Nadu assembly passed a unanimous resolution opposing the move and sent it to the central government,” Murugan said. He said the state government has told the central government not to accord any sanction for construction of Mekedatu.

Chief minister MK Stalin has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi during their meetings for the project to be dropped.

Minister Murugan said the Tamil Nadu government has written to the CWMA to remove the Mekedatu issue from the agenda as the agency has “no powers to discuss the issue.” The minister also gave assurance that the DMK government will ensure that the rights of the farmers in the Cauvery Delta region are protected.

A few days ago, the DMK’s ally Congress had announced that they would protest against Karnataka’s decision to continue with the Mekedatu project.

The Mekedatu balancing reservoir-cum-drinking water project is to generate 400 MW of power and additionally utilise 4.75 tmcft of water for drinking and domestic needs in the state and particularly Bengaluru.

The dispute over the project is an extension of the decades-long problems between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over sharing of water from the Cauvery river. The Cauvery river basin originates in Karnataka and irrigates the rice bowls of Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu has contended that this project will affect its agrarian community, it will impound and divert uncontrolled flows from the intermediate catchment below the Krishnaraja Sagar and Kabini reservoirs, and Billigundulu which is a common border of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

As the lower riparian state, Tamil Nadu also argues that it’s against federalist principles for Karnataka, the upper riparian state, to go ahead without its agreement. Karnataka is firm that they will complete the project within a legal framework. Though the project was conceived before the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, Karnataka invited expressions of interest

for the project in 2014. The cost of the project now has escalated to ₹9,000 crore.

Karnataka justifies that the project will not affect the interest of Tamil Nadu's farmers and that they will regulate flow as prescribed in orders by the Tribunal and the Supreme Court.

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# Centre unveils India's first National Air Sports Policy

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**NEW DELHI:** India announced its first national air sports policy on Tuesday, taking another step to promote sporting activities such as aerobatics, paragliding, and skydiving.

“The youth of India represent the future of aero sports,” civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said while releasing the policy. “Programmes aimed at raising interest in aerial sports will be encouraged. Schools, colleges, and universities will be encouraged to have air sports included in the curriculum.”

The government had earlier said it would take steps to make India one of the top air sports nations by 2030. The policy will cover air sports such as aerobatics, aeromodelling, model rocketry, amateur and experimental aircraft, ballooning, drones, gliding and powered gliding, hang gliding and powered hang gliding, parachuting, skydiving, base jumping, wing suit flying, paragliding and para-motoring.

The Air Sports Federation of India will be the apex governing body for such sports. It will publish draft guidelines within six months after consulting

stakeholders, the policy said. “This federation will be chaired by civil aviation ministry secretary Rajiv Bansal,” it added.

The federation will be an autonomous body, and represent India at the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) and other global platforms related to air sports, the aviation ministry said. “The policy is indeed amazing so long it gets fulfilled,” said Rachel Thomas, India’s first skydiver and Padmashri awardee. “Since our aviation minister is talking about introducing aero sports from the school level, it is a great step.”

“The moment children are introduced to aeromodelling, paragliding, and parasailing, we will be opening the scope of having more pilots in the country,” Thomas said.

Scindia said, “Air sports is one such emerging sectors which has the ability to transform into a huge emergency in India.” “Because of harsh winter period in Europe, North America, and Australia they must get alternative locations for air sports and that can be India.

“Currently India generates around ₹80 to ₹100 crore revenue from air sports with around 5,000 practitioners. We believe that we can go from ₹8,000 - ₹10,000 crore. We can grow from around 5,000 jobs to almost 100,000 direct jobs,” he added.

“It’s time for India to emerge as a global capital for air sports leveraging the energy of our youth. We hope that we participate in global competitions and host international events in India and in years to come emerge as global hub for air sports in the world,” Scindia said.


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# YSRCP hires I-PAC again for Andhra elections in 2024

The I-PAC has already agreed with the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi in neighbouring Telangana, headed by chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao , for the next assembly elections in 2023.

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The ruling YSR Congress Party in Andhra Pradesh has hired the Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC), founded by election strategist Prashant Kishor, for the second successive term ahead of the 2024 assembly elections, a party leader privy to the development said on Tuesday.

The I-PAC, which set the narrative for the YSRC in the 2019 elections and helped it gain a landslide victory by winning 151 seats in the 175-member state assembly and 22 out of 25 Lok Sabha seats, is going to work for the party again for the 2024 general elections, the party leader added.

“Unlike in the past, Kishor will not directly associate with YSRCP in Andhra this time, as he is busy with his Jan Suraj mission in Bihar. However, a team of professionals from the I-PAC led by Kishor’s colleague, director, and co-founder Rishi Raj Singh would be working for the YSRCP till the next elections,” the party leader said.

The I-PAC has already agreed with the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) in neighbouring Telangana, headed by chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), for the next assembly elections in 2023.

In March this year, Kishor held a series of meetings with KCR, who later admitted at a press conference that the strategist would be working for the TRS for the elections and the party's role in national politics. The chief minister's son and TRS working president K T Rama Rao also confirmed that the party has an agreement with the I-PAC.

In Andhra Pradesh, the YSRC has decided to hire I-PAC for a second successive term to consolidate the party's hold on the state in the wake of reports that the opposition Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is regaining its ground gradually in many parts of the state. The development also comes days after the Pawan Kalyan-led Jana Sena Party offered to ally with the TDP for the 2024 assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh, provided Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is part of the alliance.

The YSRC leader quoted above said chief minister Jagan Mohan Reddy would formally announce the decision at a meeting of the party functionaries at the state party office in Tadepalli of Guntur district on Wednesday. "He is expected to introduce Rishi Raj Singh to the party leaders at the meeting," he said.

The chief minister has convened a meeting of all senior leaders, including in-charge ministers of various districts, parliamentary and assembly constituency in-charges, district party president, regional coordinators and state party leaders to review the recently completed "Gadapa Gadapaku Prabhutvam" (government at every doorstep) programme.

The party leader said the agreement with I-PAC was signed for an undisclosed amount in May. The team has already started the groundwork for the party since May 15, gathering feedback from a cross-section of people on the implementation of welfare schemes, he added.

"The team members have also begun analysing the various media reports about the functioning of the government, apart from various pluses and minuses of the party at the grassroots level," the YSRCP leader said.

Singh, who hails from Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh, was an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur. After working as an investment banker for a couple of years, he, with Prashant Kishor, founded Citizens for Accountable Governance (CAG) in 2013, which later transformed into the I-PAC.

“It was Singh who had spearheaded the campaign for YSRCP before the 2019 elections and helped it win the elections with a huge mandate,” the leader added.

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# Andhra to provide tractors at low rates to farmers

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The YSR Congress Party government in Andhra Pradesh rolled out a scheme on Tuesday to make tractors and combine harvesters available to groups of farmers at subsidised cost at custom hiring centres set up across the state, chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said.

The scheme, named 'YSR Yantra Seva', was launched by chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy at Chuttugunta village in the Guntur district. He flagged off as many as 3,800 tractors, and 320 combine harvesters lined up at the event.

As part of the programme, the chief minister also credited ₹175 crore into the accounts of 5,260 farmers through direct benefit transfer under the Rythu Bharosa scheme.

Stating that his government was committed to the welfare of farmers, Jagan said as many as 10,750 Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs or farmers' assistance centres) were set up all over the state to help the farmers' fraternity in various matters, including the sale of seeds and provision of farm equipment like tractors, and harvesters.

He said that each of the 10,750 RBK centres would have a YSR Yantra Seva centre (custom hiring centre). The total cost of the scheme is ₹2,016 crore.

“The government will bear 40 per cent of the machinery cost as subsidy and arrange loans to the farmers’ groups for 50 per cent of the cost, and the remaining 10 per cent can be paid by the farmers’ groups,” he said.

The farmers’ groups can buy tractors of their choice from 175 models, and the government shall pay the subsidy. “Individual farmers can take the tractors and harvesting machines from these YSR Yantra Seva centres at affordable rates, which will help reduce the input cost,” Jagan said.

Taking the driver’s seat of a tractor, the chief minister, wearing a green scarf, drove a tractor amidst loud cheers from the gathering at the event. Some farmers, led by Agriculture Mission vice-chairman M V S Nagi Reddy, joined Jagan in the tractor ride.

Later, the chief minister inaugurated the Jindal Waste to Energy Plant in Kondaveedu in the Palnadu district and unveiled the pylon installed at the plant.

State home minister Taneti Vanitha, energy minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy, irrigation minister Ambati Rambabu and other officials were present.

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# Kerala police to train those possessing gun or applying for licence

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In a first, the police in Kerala will impart training on handling of firearms to those who have gun licence or have applied for a new licence.

The development came in the backdrop of recent decision of the state government to give permission to shoot crop-invading wild boars to local bodies.

After the new order to empower the local bodies surfaced, many complained about shortage of trained shooters and that they were forced to seek the support of police. A couple of incidents involving accidental firing were also reported.

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As per the circular, the training will be imparted at police training colleges and regular classes will start from July. Before enrolling, the candidates will have to furnish all details and specify reasons for taking the arms training.

A circular issued by state director general of police Anil Kant on Tuesday said police verification is necessary for a candidate to ensure that there are no criminal cases pending against him/her. The applicant should also furnish medical certificate to prove mental health and physical fitness. Those who complete the training successfully will be given certificates.

Earlier, there were many rifle clubs but their numbers dwindled in the state. Last month the government had given permission to local body heads to take decision on killing wild boars that are harmful to human lives.


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# Gold smuggling case: CM Vijayan was aware of everything, says Swapna

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Swapna Suresh, one of the main accused in the 2020 gold smuggling case, on Tuesday raised serious allegations against Pinarayi Vijayan and his family, saying the Kerala chief minister was "aware of everything".

Swapna Suresh, who complained threat to her life two days back, gave a statement before a magistrate in Kochi on Tuesday.

Talking to newsmen after coming out of the court, she said Vijayan was "aware of everything" and she told the court about the role of his family members, senior bureaucrats M Sivasankar, Nalini Netto, former minister KT Jaleel, CM's private secretary CM Raveendran and others.

"It all began in 2016 when the CM was on a trip to the UAE. I was the secretary in the consulate and his principal secretary M Sivasankar contacted me for the first time saying the CM had forgotten to take one of the bags and it had to be taken to Dubai immediately. We sent the bag through a diplomat but before it we scanned and found the bag was filled with currency. That is how all it started," Swapna said.

Vijayan, however, rejected Swapna's comments terming them as "wild allegations raised by an accused with contempt".

She also alleged "biryani vessels" containing some heavy metals were taken to the CM's official residence (Cliff House) from the consulate general's office several times under the instruction of Sivasankar. "I have told the court about the role of everyone. I have limitations in telling everything now. If I get a chance, I will talk about everything later," she said.

Though Swapna raised serious allegations against Sivasankar, after his autobiography was released in February, this is the first time she is taking the name of CM and his family.

"There is a threat to my life. So, I decided to give a statement to the court disclosing everything. I took names of different people and their role in whole exercise (smuggling)," she said.

The CM's office issued a statement saying it was a ploy to denigrate the government that is committed for development welfare of people. "The state government was first to demand a central agency probe into the smuggling case. Many agencies tried to implicate important people but failed. People will reject such wild allegations raised by an accused with contempt," Vijayan was quoted as saying in the statement.

She was released from the jail in November last year after spending 16 months in jail. She was arrested by the National Investigation Agency from Bengaluru on July 11, 2020 after seizure of 30 kg gold worth ₹15 crore hidden in bathroom fittings that came to the UAE consulate in Thiruvananthapuram.

At the time of arrest, Swapna, a former employee of the consulate, was working with the government-owned Space Park as a senior consultant. Later, Sivasankar was suspended from service and arrested by the Enforcement Directorate.

People close to Swapna said she decided to open up after Sivasankar disowned her badly in his autobiography and "some state agencies hounded her badly after her release from the jail." Earlier, she complained when she

was in jail, she was forced to write a complaint that central agencies were forcing her to take the name of important people including the CM. Later, the state government filed cases against the ED officials and they were later quashed by the High Court.

Opposition Congress and BJP said her revelations were serious and sought the resignation of the CM. “He will be the first CM to involve in currency and gold smuggling cases. He has no right to continue in his office,” said Congress state president K Sudhakaran.

Leader of opposition and Congress leader VD Satheesan said: “In solar case, the CM ordered an inquiry based on the statement of a woman who is an accused in more than 40 cheating cases. But we suspect an understanding between the Centre and state governments so many cases including gold smuggling were weakened deliberately.”

BJP state president K Surendran said: “He can’t get away by keeping stony silence. The party will have intervened and seek his resignation. No other CMs never faced such grave charges.”

Sivasankar said: “She has said so many things earlier also. I don’t want to comment on them.” Former chief secretary Nalini Netto also refused to comment.

Workers of Youth Congress and Yuva Morch took out processions before the state secretariat carrying biryani vessels. The ruling CPI(M) is yet to react on the fresh allegations.

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# Gyanvapi case: Varanasi judge receives threat letter, say police

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Ravi Kumar Diwakar, the judge who had ordered a videographic survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex in Varanasi, on Tuesday received a threat letter, police said.

The judge has received a letter by registered post, said Varanasi commissioner of police A Satish Ganesh, adding that a few papers are enclosed with it. “Deputy commissioner of police, Varuna Zone, is investigating the matter,” he said.

“A total of nine additional police personnel have been deployed to guard the judge’s residences in Lucknow and Varanasi,” said the commissioner. “The security is being reviewed from time to time.”

According to a senior police officer civil judge (senior division) Ravi Kumar Diwakar informed the commissioner and the additional chief secretary (home) soon after receiving the letter.

Diwakar had recently ordered the sealing of part of the Gyanvapi complex where Hindu groups claimed that a Shivling was found during the court-

ordered survey on May 16.

Around a month ago, Diwakar had expressed concern about his safety.

### **PIL in HC seeks survey of structure discovered**

Meanwhile, a public interest litigation (PIL) was filed in before the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad high court on Tuesday, seeking the establishment of a committee headed by a retired or sitting judge of the Supreme Court or a high court to ascertain the truth regarding a structure recently found in the Gyanvapi complex.

The PIL is likely to come up for hearing before a vacation bench of Justices Rajesh Singh Chauhan and Subhash Vidyarthi on June 9.

The petition was filed by seven Hindu petitioners claiming themselves to be devotees of Lord Shiva, said a lawyer familiar with the development.

According to advocate Ashok Pandey, in the PIL seven petitioners have sought survey of the structure found in Gyanvapi by a committee headed by a sitting or retired judge of the Supreme Court or high court to find out whether the structure found in mosque is a Shivlinga as claimed by Hindus or a Fountain as claimed by Muslims.

The Hindu side has claimed that a Shivling was found during a videography survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex last month. The claim was disputed by the mosque committee members who said it was part of the water fountain mechanism in the wazookhana reservoir, used by devotees to perform ritual ablutions before offering namaz.

(With agency inputs)


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# Election Commission to explore if migrants can cast votes remotely

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ByDeeksha Bhardwaj

**New Delhi:** A committee will be set up to examine issues of migrant voters and explore the possibility of remote voting on a pilot basis, the Election Commission of India (ECI) said in a statement on Tuesday.

“The wider consultation with all stakeholders, including political parties, will be started after receipt of report,” the election overseer said.

There has to be a concerted effort to look into the problems faced by migrant workers, an official of the commission said, seeking anonymity. “We need to see what kind of technologies can be used to facilitate that.”

The decision was taken during a meeting of the poll panel on Tuesday under the chairmanship of chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar. Election commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey also attended the meeting.

The meeting comes days after Kumar and Pandey trekked about 18km to the most remote polling stations in Dumak and Kalgoth villages of

Uttarakhand's Chamoli district on June 3.

“It was further noted that in villages like Dumak and Kalgoth, about 20-25% registered voters are unable to cast their vote in their constituencies as they are required to move out of their village/state broadly on account of their jobs or educational pursuits,” the poll watchdog said. “This situation opens up the opportunity to explore possibilities of much-awaited leap forward to facilitate remote voting by migrant voters.”

The commission has been considering the possibility of remote voting by allowing people to cast their votes from their place of work. The project is being tried on a pilot basis, said the poll body.

“Voters migrate from the place of their registration to cities and other places for education, employment and other purposes. It becomes difficult for them to return to their registered polling stations to cast their vote,” it said. “The commission felt that time has come to explore possibilities of remote voting, maybe on a pilot basis. A committee would be set up to examine the issues of migrant voters.”

Nearly 10 million migrant workers employed in unorganized sector are registered with the government's e-SHRAM portal. Currently, postal ballots are meant only for voters such as army personnel.

The commission also decided to double the remuneration of officials going to the remote polling stations three days in advance. Remuneration for all polling officials till now used to be a uniform daily amount.

To address voting apathy in urban areas, the poll panel decided to undertake focused awareness activities.

The commission noted with concern the abysmally low voter turnout in some urban areas despite the fact that polling stations are setup within 2km for any voter. “The need to address voting apathy in urban areas was felt,” its statement said.

The poll panel decided to undertake focused awareness activities in this respect and took note of the fact that under the Negotiable Instruments Act,

the polling day is declared as a holiday for all workplaces with the primary purpose of facilitating voting by the employees, said the statement.

The poll body also directed all deputy electoral officers and returning officers to identify at least the five lowest voter turnout booths in each assembly constituency. “They shall visit these booths to identify factors for low voting turnout and take targeted interventions to mitigate the factors hampering the voting process,” the statement said.

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# BJP will fight Karnataka assembly elections under collective leadership: Yediyurappa

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ByPress Trust of India, Belagavi

Karnataka BJP strongman B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday said 2023 assembly polls in the state will be under a “collective leadership”, and that he along with other leaders will travel across to bring the party back to power.

The 79-year-old former Chief Minister even stated that he is committed to travel across the state for another 10-years, aimed at strengthening the party.

“There is no question of (me taking) leadership, under collective leadership we will travel across the state and will put in all the efforts to win the upcoming polls.””As voters are with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP, there will be no hurdles in our path towards victory. We don’t have any doubts about it,” Yediyurappa told reporters in response to a question.

The senior leader said he is ready to travel any time anywhere across the state.

“I will travel across the state for another 10 years and will see to it that no party worker is hurt. I will take everyone into confidence and work towards strengthening the party. This is my commitment,” he added.

The “Lingayat strongman” had led the BJP become the single largest party in 2018 assembly elections and subsequently ensured it came to power in 2019, with the support of a few Congress and JD(S) MLAs who defected to his party.

He stepped down as Chief Minister in July last year, paving the way for his confidant Basavaraj Bommai to succeed him.

Hitting out at Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah, Yediyurappa said, the Congress leader is speaking lightly about RSS and BJP leaders as he is desperate, after getting to know about Congress’s “defeat” in the upcoming elections.

“He (Siddaramaiah) is speaking indiscriminately, as he is desperate. He is speaking lightly about others as he is sure about his party’s defeat”, Yediyurappa said.

“Speaking lightly about RSS and others has become an obsession for him; it will in no way benefit him. In fact he is belittling his position as Leader of Opposition and former CM, by his statements,” he said.


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# Congress asked for support in Rajya Sabha polls, says Kumaraswamy

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By [HT Correspondent](#), Bengaluru

Former chief minister and Janata Dal (Secular) or JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy said on Tuesday that senior leaders of the Congress had approached him to forge an alliance for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections, “to help keep the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at bay for the fourth seat”.

“Yesterday, Randeep Singh Surjewala (AICC in charge of Karnataka) spoke to me and asked if the JD(S) could transfer its second preferential votes to the Congress. But according to the calculations, Congress will get eliminated in the first round of voting since they have just 25 surplus votes. So, I told him yesterday that in such a case, I will try to convince my party to give you their second preferential votes, and you do the same with your



party and let one of the two winners defeat the BJP. He said that he will send some leaders to talk to me about this,” Kumaraswamy said.

He also added that it was the BJP who had initially backed former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda’s candidature to the Rajya Sabha in 2020, after which Congress also decided not to field a candidate.

People associated with the JD(S) said that former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda had reached out to the Congress’s top leadership for its support in the Rajya Sabha elections before the BJP.

The BJP has 32 additional votes after it elects two of its candidates – Nirmala Sitharaman and Jaggesh – and retains the remaining for Lahar Singh Siroya. However, each candidate requires 45 votes to win, and the BJP will require its second preferential votes to get closer to the 45-mark.

The JD(S) has 32 votes and was confident that its candidate, Kupendra Reddy, would have been elected as, at the time, both national parties had not decided to field an additional candidate for the fourth and final seat. Moreover, at least five of its legislators are likely to abstain from the elections as they have decided to part ways with the former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda-led party, people aware of the developments said.

The Congress has fielded Jairam Ramesh as its first-choice candidate and will have 25 additional votes and is trying to get the JD(S) to back its second candidate, Mansour Ali Khan, on the premise that “all secular parties should unite and keep the BJP at bay”.

People aware of the developments said that the Congress national leadership is not leaving room for local leaders to strike deals with their counterparts from other parties, which would potentially dent their chances in the elections.

“We appeal to all political parties to cast their conscience vote for us. We have helped others (read: JD(S)). Siddaramaiah and I have appealed. Do not waste your vote by trying to stick to prestige. If you are secular, then exhibit your secularism,” DK Shivakumar, the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president, said on Tuesday.

The BJP in Karnataka is leaving nothing to chance in the June 10 elections for the Rajya Sabha and spares no room for any backroom negotiations with other parties in the state ahead of the assembly elections next year.

Political analysts said that with the elections so close, the three major political parties –BJP, Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) or JD(S) – have fielded a candidate for the fourth seat in the upper house of parliament even though none of them has adequate votes for the same.

“Both Congress and JD(S) seats are only because of the positioning for the elections. It has nothing to do with winning the Rajya Sabha,” Narendar Pani, political analyst and faculty at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), said.

While the JD(S) and Congress are trying to team up to defeat the BJP, there have been enough instances of other alliances that are not particularly in line with their respective ideologies.

It was no secret that a section of the Congress helped the BJP-backed independent, Sumalatha Amarnath, in the Mandya Lok Sabha elections in 2019 to defeat Nikhil, Kumaraswamy’s son.

Similarly, the JD(S) joined hands with the BJP at the state and local level to keep the Congress out in several elections over the years.

“In Karnataka, it not secular versus non-secular but it is caste-based which the Congress has finally recognised that, on the other hand, as far as the BJP is concerned, they will go along with JD(S) as the minor partner can come into it as and when required and provide the numbers.,” Pani said.


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# Congress, BJP trade barbs over remarks on RSS

Siddaramaiah slammed Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, the president of Bharatiya Janata Party's SC Morcha and newly elected to the upper house of the state legislature, over a picture of him carrying a box of shorts on his head.

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Leader of Opposition and former Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah continued his attack on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Tuesday after he said it was a 'non-secular organisation' and that the top brass of the saffron outfit was never given to a Dalit or anyone from marginalised classes.

In the what is being now called the "Chaddi row", the controversy started after some members National Students' Union of India (NSUI), the student wing of the Congress, burnt a pair of khaki shorts, the traditional outfit of the RSS, outside state education minister BC Nagesh's residence against the alleged "saffronisation" of school textbooks in the state.

"I am telling you from the beginning that RSS is a non-secular organisation. Has a Dalit, OBC or a member of minority communities ever become Sarsanghchalak? What else can chaddis do? They do chaddi work only, chaddis do chaddi work," said Siddaramaiah in Hubli.

Later, the senior Congress leader also slammed Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, the president of Bharatiya Janata Party's SC Morcha and newly elected to the upper house of the state legislature, over a picture of him carrying a box of shorts on his head.

"Mr Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, please read the lesson of self-respect from Baba Saheb Ambedkar is the only advice I would give you," Siddaramaiah said in a post on Twitter.

The BJP has retaliated to Siddaramaiah's relentless attacks on the RSS by collecting old shorts from several villages in Mandya and other places and sending them to the Congress office after the opposition leader said that it would continue to burn these 'Chaddis' as a sign of protest against the RSS.

"Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah has no other issue to speak about other than about the RSS," Basavaraj Bommai, the chief minister, said on Tuesday.

"People of Karnataka are watching everything. People are concerned about the development of the state and their future. It would be better if he(Siddaramaiah) speaks about it," he added.

BJP leader Narayanaswamy asked Siddaramaiah to seek permission from the pollution control board as burning chaddis would cause air pollution.

"If Siddaramaiah wants to burn chaddis, let him burn inside his house. I have told all District Presidents of SC Morcha to help Siddarammaiah by sending their chaddis to him. Firstly, I ask Siddaramaiah to seek permission from the pollution control board because burning chaddis causes air pollution. I never thought Siddaramaiah would stoop to this level," he said, ANI reported

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# Govt: Will scale up coal production to meet the rising power demand

Singh said the country was facing a power deficit in 2014, when there was a shortage of 13-15% in supply, but now India is a power surplus nation.

 RK Singh (PTI)

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By [HT Correspondent](#), New Delhi

: Union power minister RK Singh on Tuesday said that the government will further increase coal production to meet the rising power demand in the country, while adding that coal imports have improved over the past few weeks.

Addressing a press conference, Singh also announced that the government has notified the Green Open Access Rules, 2022, which will enable small commercial and industrial consumers to demand and procure renewable energy from distribution companies if they have a contracted demand or sanctioned load of 100 kW or more. For captive consumers, there will be no load limitation. All applications for open access to green energy will be allowed by the nodal agency within 15 days, and the rules will be applicable for generation, purchase, and consumption of green energy, including from the waste-to-energy projects, the notification said.

Singh said the country was facing a power deficit in 2014, when there was a shortage of 13-15% in supply, but now India is a power surplus nation. He added that the country has been connected to one grid, and 1.12 lakh MW of power can be transferred from one corner to another.

“On a day-to-day basis, our power demand is 40,000-45,000 MW, more than the corresponding day last year. Energy consumption has gone up from

3,500 million units to 4,500 million units. Now, dry fuel output will be increased as its demand has increased,” he said.

The reserve stocks of coal came down from 24 million tonne to 19 million tonne in power plants on 30 April, and further down to 18.5 million tonne on 31 May, the minister said. India faced its worst power crisis in over six years in April due to higher electricity demand, despite record production by Coal India during the year ended March 2022 because of a sudden heatwave which spiked the country’s power demand to 207,111 MW on April 29.

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# AIMIM MLA's son among 2 minors held in Hyderabad gang rape case

Meanwhile, another case has been registered under the Information Technology (IT) Act for circulating pictures and video of the victim while she was going in the car, police commissioner CV Anand said.

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Two more juveniles were apprehended on Tuesday in connection with the gang rape of a minor girl in Hyderabad on May 28, police said.

“The case has come to a logical end with the arrest of all six persons,” said Hyderabad police commissioner CV Anand at a press conference late on Tuesday evening. Of the total six accused in the case, five are juveniles while the sixth one, 18-year-old Saduddin Malik, is lodged in judicial custody, he added.

“While only five accused including Malik were involved in the gang rape, the fifth juvenile who was arrested on Tuesday... got down from the car much before the incident took place,” Anand said.

Though the names of the five juveniles were not disclosed, a senior police official on the condition of anonymity said the fifth juvenile, who was

arrested on Tuesday, is son of a legislator belonging to the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM).

“We have booked the five accused for rape under Sections 376-D (gang rape), 323 (causing injuries) and 376 (kidnapping) of the Indian Penal Code, besides the POCSO Act,” Anand said.

No rape case was lodged against the fifth juvenile, however, after going through the CCTV footage and some videos circulated on social media, a case under IPC Sections 354 (outraging the modesty) and 323 (causing injuries), besides relevant sections of the POCSO Act was registered against him, the top cop said.

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Meanwhile, another case has been registered under the Information Technology (IT) Act for circulating pictures and video of the victim while she was going in the car, the top cop said, adding that the accused will have to bear the medical expenses of the survivor and the cost of her rehabilitation.

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“These sections under which the cases have been booked are very stringent, so much that the accused are liable for imprisonment for not less than 20 years or life. A special court will be set up to try the case and award the punishment,” he said.

Giving details about the crime, the commissioner said the party at Amnesia and Insomnia pub was planned by a minor boy from Bengaluru on March 20. “He consulted his three friends in Hyderabad, who booked the pub for about 150 people in April. The minor had posted the details of the non-alcoholic, non-smoking party on his Instagram account,” the commissioner said.



The party was fixed between 1.30 pm and 6 pm on May 28.

“The CCTV footage obtained from the pub revealed that the accused had conspired to rape the girl in the pub itself,” Anand said.

The girl told the police that a couple of the accused had misbehaved with her and another girl in the pub, but they managed to avoid them.

“As the party was coming to an end, the girls came out and the accused followed them. While one girl left in a cab, the accused trapped the victim girl and took her in a Mercedes Benz car. At a pastry shop, she was shifted to Toyota Innova, in which she was raped,” the commissioner said.

On June 3, the police arrested 18-year-old Malik, in the next two days, three juveniles were apprehended. While Malik was remanded to judicial custody, the juveniles were sent to the custody of the juvenile court. “On Tuesday, we have arrested the fourth juvenile accused in the rape, along with the fifth juvenile. We shall send them to the custody of juvenile court,” he added.

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# PM Modi to inaugurate IN-SPACe HQ in Guj on June 10

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Friday inaugurate the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) at Bopal in Gujarat's Ahmedabad, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said.

"I am happy to announce the inauguration of IN-SPACe Headquarters at Bopal, Ahmedabad by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji on June 10, 2022 at 15:45 Hrs. We are looking forward to working with the industry and ISRO to grow the space sector," IN-SPACe chairman Pawan Goenka tweeted.

IN-SPACe, approved by the Union cabinet in June 2020, will be the nodal agency for allowing space activities, using of Department of Space-owned facilities by non-government private entities, and ensuring greater private participation in the sector.

IN-SPACe will take care of the needs and demands of private players, including educational and research institutions, and explore ways to accommodate these requirements in consultation with ISRO. Existing ISRO

infrastructure is planned to make it accessible to interested individuals to enable them to carry out their space-related activities.

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# After Prophet remarks row, BJP spokespersons asked to exercise caution: Report

Some BJP leaders said the party's key outreach policy remains that the party spokespersons on TV debates should focus on the party's central theme of "sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas aur sabka prayas".



Suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma.(PTI file)

Suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma.(PTI file)

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Days after the BJP took [action against two of its spokespersons](#) over remarks against Prophet Mohammed amid an international outcry, party leaders on Tuesday were reportedly instructed to be "extremely cautious" when talking about religion on public platforms.

News agency *Reuters*, which spoke to two BJP leaders, reported that the verbal instructions were given to more than 30 senior officials, including spokespersons, and some Union ministers, who are authorised to take part in TV news debates.

"We don't want party officials to speak in a way that hurts the religious sentiments of any community...They must ensure the party's doctrine gets shared in a sophisticated manner," Reuters quoted a senior BJP leader and Union minister in New Delhi as saying.

Some leaders, however, told news agency *PTI* that the party has not issued any instructions or guidelines. But they said the party spokespersons on their own are staying away from commenting directly on the suspension of

its national spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expulsion of Delhi media head Naveen Kumar Jindal.

Some BJP leaders, however, said that the party's key outreach policy remains that the party spokespersons on TV debates should focus on the party's central theme of "sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas aur sabka prayas".

"We are not barred from speaking on sensitive religious issues, but we must never insult the basic tenets of any religion," said senior BJP spokesperson Gopal Krishna Agarwal told *Reuters*.

Amid demonstrations by Muslim groups and the sharp reaction from the Arab world, the BJP issued a statement asserting that it respects all religions and strongly denounces insults of any religious personality.

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Though most party leaders remained mum on the action against Sharma, noted lawyer and MP Mahesh Jethmalani said she was not a fringe politician though under provocation she made an insensitive statement.

"Nupur Sharma is not a fringe politician. Under provocation she made an insensitive statement which she has regretted. The real fringe are those who on public platforms stoke the fire created by her error and ruin GOI's efforts to repair the damage and restore India's image abroad," Jethmalani tweeted.

Several people close to the BJP and the RSS have openly come out in support of Sharma on social media and started a campaign in her favour.

Sharma's comments, made during a TV debate nearly 11 days ago, and Jindal's now-deleted tweets sparked a Twitter trend calling for a boycott of Indian products in some countries.

*(With inputs from Reuters, PTI)*

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# Theaterisation to be top priority for the next CDS

Last year, General Bipin Rawat, the country's first CDS, had asked the three services to submit comprehensive reports on theaterisation and joint structures by April, but the timeline was not met. The post has been vacant since Rawat's untimely demise in December 2021.

 The theaterisation drive slowed down after former CDS Bipin Rawat's death (File photo)

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The theaterisation drive slowed down after former CDS Bipin Rawat's death (File photo)

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By [Rahul Singh](#)

**NEW DELHI:** The government's announcement on the new eligibility criteria for the chief of defence staff (CDS) has stoked hopes that it will soon name an officer to the senior-most military post in the land, and accelerate the theaterisation drive and enhance synergy in the armed forces.

Last year, Rawat had asked three services to submit comprehensive reports on theaterisation and joint structures by April, but the timeline was not met.

DMA has been assigned critical responsibilities that include overseeing matters related to India's neighbouring countries, including border disputes and incidents, development of infrastructure in forward areas and deployment of forces.

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The theaterisation drive slowed down after former CDS Bipin Rawat's death and providing impetus to the long-awaited military reform will be one of the top priorities for his successor, officials familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity.

“It is clear that the government is inching closer towards appointing the next CDS. He will have to carry forward the work initiated by General Rawat. The department of military affairs (DMA), headed by CDS, handles key matters including theaterisation and other reforms,” said one of the officials.

“It is critical to appoint the next CDS at the earliest to carry forward the military reforms,” said former Northern Army commander Lieutenant General DS Hooda (retd). The current theaterisation model to enhance tri-service synergy seeks to set up four integrated commands - two land-centric theatres, an air defence command and a maritime theatre command.

“The top priority for the next CDS will be to speed up military reforms and chart out the ways forward for India's military considering global developments including the Ukraine war. He will have to ensure the armed forces are always prepared to take on any challenge,” said military affairs expert Lieutenant General DB Shekatkar (retd).

As CDS, Rawat wore multiple hats. He was the permanent chairman of the chiefs of staff committee (COSC), headed the DMA, and was the single-point military adviser to the defence minister.

Monitoring developments in the Indian Ocean region, Afghanistan, West Asia and South East Asia, and supply of arms and ammunition to friendly countries also come under the purview of the DMA.

Some other responsibilities include restructuring of the army, operational matters of the Indian Air Force, overseas deployment of warships and



coastal security.

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# Govt clamps down on diversion of subsidised fertilisers

The department of fertilisers had set up ‘crack teams’ which had been monitoring the domestic movement of fertilisers for over a month after reports of large scale diversion of urea, a key crop nutrient which is globally in short supply.

 Last year, a global supply-chain squeeze and rising prices hit the availability of fertilizers in the country, as cultivators scrambled for crop nutrients in states such as Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh.  
(REUTERS)

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The Union government has launched a sweeping crackdown on illegal diversion of subsidized fertilisers meant for farmers to industrial units, amid a global scarcity of crop nutrients, an official from the fertilisers ministry said on Tuesday.

In coordinated raids carried out by the Centre’s fertilisers department in the past one month, packaging units across six states were targeted, the official added.

The department of fertilisers had set up ‘crack teams’ which had been monitoring the domestic movement of fertilisers for over a month after reports of large scale diversion of urea, a key crop nutrient which is globally in short supply.

Last year, a global supply-chain squeeze and rising prices hit the availability of fertilizers in the country, as cultivators scrambled for crop nutrients in states such as Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh.

The crunch is expected to keep fertiliser prices elevated this year. India imports up to a third of its fertilizers to meet domestic demand and offers steep subsidies to compensate fertiliser companies who sell them at below-market rates to farmers. The department of fertilisers in coordination with revenue officials and police targeted 52 units across Haryana, Kerala, Rajasthan, Telangana, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh. The units bought cheap urea stocks meant for farmers, repackaged them as industrial-grade urea and sold them as industrial raw materials at huge profits, defrauding the government.

Authorities also raided 38 units selling admixtures of subsidized fertilizers, meant for farmers, to industrial users at markets rates. The Centre has directed cancellation of “25 defrauding units, majority of which are located in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Bihar”, the official cited above said.

India, the world’s largest buyer of urea and diammonium phosphate (DAP), has been hit by a sharp rise in global fertiliser prices due to supply disruptions, costlier raw materials, higher freight charges as well as lower global availability due to US sanctions on exporters Russia and Belarus.

Officials seized 25,000 bags (45kg each) cheap urea worth ₹7.5 crore. They also unearthed Goods and Services Tax (GST) evasion worth ₹63.43 crore networks in these illegal businesses. “Of this, ₹5.14 crore have been recovered,” the official cited above said. Six people were arrested and seven first information reports (FIRs) have been registered so far.

Apart from being a valuable crop nutrient, urea is also a raw material in multiple industries such as resin, plywood, crockery making and moulding-powder units.

India’s fertiliser subsidy is expected to rise by 55% to ₹2.5 lakh crore for the financial year FY23 on the back of an additional allocation of ₹61,000 crore last month for phosphate-based fertilisers to help farmers.

On Monday, minister for chemicals and fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya said India had secured sufficient fertilizer stocks to meet demand from millions of farmers ahead of the crucial kharif or summer-sown season. The government has secured long-term contracts to avoid scarcity caused by the global disruptions, he said.

Official data shows that imported urea prices have soared to \$930 a tonne in April 2022 from \$380 a tonne a year ago, which is a 145% increase. Rates of DAP and MoP (murate of potash) have risen to \$924 and \$590 a tonne in April 2022, up by 66% and 116% compared to a year ago.

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# Govt widens pool for selection of next CDS

Scores of top serving and retired officers from the army, air force and navy will now be eligible for the top post that fell vacant after General Bipin Rawat was killed in a helicopter crash on December 8, 2021.

 General Bipin Rawat, India's first CDS, who died in a helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu in December 2021. The post has been vacant since then. (File Photo/PTI)

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General Bipin Rawat, India's first CDS, who died in a helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu in December 2021. The post has been vacant since then. (File Photo/PTI)

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**NEW DELHI:** India's next chief of defence staff (CDS) could be one of the three serving chiefs, any serving three-star officer, any retired chief who is below 62, or any retired three-star officer also below the same age, with the government amending the Army, Air Force and Navy rules that broaden the pool from which the CDS will be selected even as they immediately exclude the most talked about candidates for the critical post.

It appears the government has a panel of suitable candidates in mind for the post of CDS, and the field is now open for top serving and retired officers from the three services, said military affairs expert Lieutenant General DB Shekatkar (retd), who headed a high-powered committee that presented its report on enhancing the military's combat potential to the government in December 2016. But there's another school of thought that suggests that the amendment of the rules shows that the government has made up its mind, and that an announcement on the new CDS could come shortly. If that is indeed the case, the hypothetical situation of a three-star general vaulting

over the service chiefs (all four-star generals) and becoming CDS and the first among equals in the military hierarchy (the person would also automatically become a four-star general) could well play out.

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Scores of top serving and retired officers from the army, air force and navy (the army alone has 91 serving lieutenant generals) will now be eligible for the top post that fell vacant after General Bipin Rawat was killed in a helicopter crash on December 8, 2021. His death is widely seen as having stalled India's push towards jointmanship or theaterisation, an imperative for modern fighting forces.

Earlier, it was widely believed that one of the three service chiefs may be elevated to the rank of CDS, as had happened in Rawat's case. Also, the Shekatkar committee had recommended in its report that the government should choose CDS from among the three service chiefs.

Three separate gazette notifications, published on June 6, state that the central government may appoint any of these top serving or retired officers as CDS "if considered necessary, in public interest".

"The Central Government may, if considered necessary, in public interest, appoint as Chief of Defence Staff, an officer who is serving as Lieutenant General or General or an officer who has retired in the rank of Lieutenant General or General but has not attained the age of 62 years on the date of appointment," said the gazette notification amending the Army Rules Act, 1954.

The government published similar notifications amending the Navy and Air Force rules. While retired chiefs will now be eligible to be appointed as CDS, none of the immediate predecessors of the current chiefs will be in contention for the top job as they are above 62. Former army chief General MM Naravane and former IAF chief Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria are both over the age of 62; interestingly, at various times in the past year, their names have done the rounds as a contender for the post of CDS.

Service chiefs end their term after three years in the job or when they turn 62, whichever is earlier. Lieutenant Generals and equivalent ranks retire at the age of 60.

“The amendments to the rules are in line with the government’s thinking on appointing CDS through deep selection. It can now select CDS from a broader pool of candidates to take military reforms further,” said former Northern Army commander Lieutenant General DS Hooda (retd).

The notifications add that the government can extend the service of CDS “for such period as it may deem necessary subject to a maximum age of 65 years” in public interest.

Rawat was spearheading the theaterisation drive to best utilise the military’s resources for future wars and operations. His demise was seen as a setback to the ongoing military reforms, including theaterisation.

The current theaterisation model to enhance tri-service synergy seeks to set up four integrated commands — two land-centric theatres, an air defence command and a maritime theatre command. The armed forces currently have 17 single-service commands spread across the country. The army and air force have seven commands each, while the Indian navy has three.

The government expected Rawat, who took charge as India’s first CDS on January 1, 2020, to bring about jointness among the three services in a three-year time frame (by January 2023). Previous timelines may now have to be revised, officials said.

Talking about theaterisation drive in May, army chief General Manoj Pande said that while there were areas of “convergence and common

understanding”, some issues “still need to be addressed”, and these will have to be taken up for resolution at the appropriate level.

As CDS, Rawat wore multiple hats: he was the permanent chairman of the chiefs of staff committee (COSC), headed the department of military affairs (DMA), and was the single-point military adviser to the defence minister.

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# Woman sold newborn that her partner didn't want, goes on a shopping spree

Police said they have also seized the goods bought by the young couple in Indore including a motor cycle, LED TV, washing machine and refrigerator.

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**Bhopal:** A 23-year-old woman has been arrested in Madhya Pradesh's Indore for selling her newborn after her live-in partner declined to let her keep the baby, police said on Tuesday. Her partner and five others including a woman from Dewas 40km away who paid ₹5.5 lakh for the baby have also been arrested.

A social activist alerted the police to the possible sale after he noticed that the couple appeared to have gone on a shopping spree and the newborn was no longer with the young couple.

“The social activist informed us that a woman living with a man, a daily wager, gave birth to a baby 15-days ago.... And now, the baby is missing but they have bought a bunch of home appliances and motor cycle,” said Satish Patel of Indore's Heeranagar police station town inspector.

When police officers probed the case, it turned out that the mother sold her baby to Leena with the help of Pooja, Neelam, Neha and a minor.

Patel added that the mother Shaina Bi, 23, her live-in-partner Anter Singh, three women who brokered the deal, Pooja Verma, Neelam Verma and Neha Suryavanshi, all residents of Indore, and Dewas resident Leena Singh, who bought the baby, and a minor have been arrested under the Juvenile Justice Act which bars illegal adoption.

“Shaina Bi said that she had been living with Anter Singh for the past one year. But when she got pregnant, Anter refused to accept the baby. The woman discussed the matter with her landlord Neha. Neha found a resident of Dewas town Leena with help of Pooja, Neelam and a minor,” the officer said.

Leena told the police that she lost her twins weeks after their birth and wanted adopt a baby. Because the adoption process takes time, she decided to buy the baby, Patel said, citing her statement.

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# Love, marriage, deception: Woman leaves string of victims

How a woman duped men by first dating them online, then marrying them, and finally cheating them out of their money and property.

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Ajay Kumar, the woman's seventh victim, has met six men who said they were duped by her (HT photos)

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**Gurugram:** August 7, 2020 was the happiest day of Ajay Kumar's life, or so he thought.

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The 31-year-old had met Kajal Gupta on a dating app six months ago, fallen in love, proposed to her, and got engaged. He was smitten, and though his family members objected at first to the match, they were won over by Kajal's smartness and winning manners. With friends and family cheering and under a shower of flowers, the duo was married with full Hindu rituals in an east Delhi temple in the autumn of 2020. "Happily ever after" seemed well within reach.

“I thanked god for giving me such a wonderful partner; she never demanded anything and always talked about saving money and planning our future and old age,” said Kumar.

Except, it was all a ruse. One year into their marriage – four days after their first anniversary – Kumar came back one evening to find the house cleaned out and his wife missing.

He was the seventh victim of a woman – and this list included a share broker, a financier and a doctor – who duped men by first dating them online, then marrying them, and finally cheating them out of their money and property. As Kumar investigated deeper into the person he was going to share a life with, he realised how little he knew of her – not even her real name. He met other victims, shared stories and realised how foolproof her plan was each time – she would construct a new identity and vanish into thin air.

But in meeting Kumar, she made one mistake. Her straight-and-narrow suburban mathematics teacher of a husband was also a part-time private detective, who spent a year painstakingly putting together the fragments of her long con. She’s still absconding, but police now say they have a handle on her multiple identities, and are close to arresting her. She was last seen in Uttarakhand’s Rudrapur on May 30.

Ballabgarh deputy commissioner of police Kaushal Singh said that teams were tracking her movements and were close to arresting her. “She has travelled from Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh to Dehradun and Nanital in Uttarakhand,” he said.

Using accounts given by Kumar, some of her victims, her friends and police investigators, HT pieced together how this extraordinary crime unfolded.

### **Fairytale romance**

In February 2020, Kumar, a resident of Ballabgarh in Faridabad, befriended a woman, who introduced herself as Kajal Gupta. She seemed impressed with him, shared her number, and started chatting on WhatsApp. In July, they decided to meet in east Delhi’s Vinod Nagar. She used to live

in a rented flat there, and told Kumar that her parents and relatives lived in different parts of the Capital. She also introduced Kumar to one of her friends, and by next month, he had met 11 people who said they were family to Kajal.

“I fell in love with her and proposed marriage, to which she agreed. Her family members supported our decision and we got married on August 7, 2020,” he said.

Kumar remembered that the initial months were bliss. She told him that she wanted to be a housewife, raise a family, and live a simple life. She got up early, did all the chores, and attended to his relatives and friends. The first wave of the pandemic nixed their plans of a honeymoon, and forced them to spend most of their time in their three-room flat in Ballabgharh, but he wasn’t complaining. “She was active on social media and her family members often visited us and spent time with her. Everything was going on well,” said Kumar.

In October, she told Kumar that she wanted to bolster the family income by opening a boutique. Kumar readily agreed, and planned to rent a shop in east Delhi’s Laxmi Nagar. Kajal introduced him to a consultant and wholesale cloth supplier, who first asked them to arrange ₹12 lakh to begin the business, and later asked for ₹20 lakh more. On November 7, Kumar handed over his entire savings of ₹15 lakh to his wife. He took loans from four different banks to pay the rest, he added. Kumar borrowed ₹2 lakh from HDFC Bank, ₹3 lakh from ICICI Bank, and ₹4 lakh from Axis Bank. He is still receiving notices from bank and calls from recovery agents.

DCP Singh said they have got the bank accounts checked and the amount was withdrawn, but Kunal has not paid the banks back.

The boutique, Sanjana Fashions, was launched on November 20 with a small function attended by all of Kajal’s relatives. Kumar was a little apprehensive but on November 25, Kajal brought home ₹1 lakh in cash, and told Kumar that it was profit from the shop, he said. “I was amazed at the business acumen of my wife....I thought my decision to support her business was right. I hoped I would be able to repay the loans soon,” said Kumar.

## **The betrayal**

On July 15, 2021, the couple moved into a two-bedroom apartment above the shop.

Kumar used to run a coaching centre in Ballabgarh and would commute from Laxmi Nagar to Ballabgarh every day, and stay at his parents' house for a couple of days during examinations because the sessions at the centre would run late. He made roughly ₹1.75 lakhs a month, while the shop made another ₹70,000, according to Kumar.

Everything seemed normal until August 11, 2021. Kumar was in Ballabgarh, and as usual, called up Kajal. She did not answer. He tried again, but the phone was switched off. Kumar suspected something was amiss. He rushed back to Delhi.

When he reached the apartment, what awaited him came as a shock. All the furniture, property, money and even the leftover stock at the shop was gone. "I enquired from the neighbours. They said Kajal and her family members took away all the stuff saying they are shifting to Faridabad. I could not believe them and went to her parents' house, but even there the neighbours told me they had also shifted out two days ago," he said. In all, he lost ₹45 lakh.

He went to the police but no one believed him. It was then that he decided to fall back on his part-time gig as a private detective. He solved over 20 fraud cases in the last three years, Kumar said, adding that it was his dream to work as a detective.

## **Other victims**

In September, he chanced upon his first clue. He started frequenting places where he had met the people who had claimed to be Kajal's friends and relatives. After two weeks of relentless vigil, he met a woman he'd met before as Kajal's best friend – at the same fast-food joint she loved. "She was shocked to see me, and tried to make excuses but after I pleaded and cried, she narrated the entire story. After I threatened to get her arrested, she helped me get in touch with Kajal's earlier husbands," he said.

Between 2021 and May 15, 2022, he met six men who said they'd been duped by the same woman. Some were happily married now, some still stewing after being cheated, and others bent upon revenge. Kumar said her previous husband lived in Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurugram, Faridabad and Delhi.

### **Police is taking cognisance...**

Through their testimonies, a profile of Kajal started to emerge. There were some common threads in what she told the people he spoke to. She was born in Ludhiana on January 1, 1990, and wanted to be a model but couldn't due to financial problems.

At 19, she apparently got married for the first time to a man in Delhi in 2010, but stole money and valuables and fled the house in 2012, ostensibly for Mumbai.

In 2014, she married a man, Ajay Gupta, she met on the train from Mumbai. "I wanted to help her as she had no one for support. I kept her in a friend's place for a few days and asked her to work for me. After four months, she proposed to me and we got married, my family was very fond of her and we were a perfect couple," Gupta told HT.

"I am into finance and lending money, and always had cash lying in the office and home. On December 3, 2014, she went missing along with ₹30 lakh from the almirah. We tried to search for her but to no avail. We went to her relative's place but could not find anyone," said Gupta, now a resident of Noida. He never lodged a case, hoping she'd come back one day. Gupta is now married, and has three children with his wife.

Another man, a 33-year-old stockbroker, said he later realised the woman worked with a gang of 11 people, who posed as friends and family members. "I met her on a dating app and after getting married to her in Delhi, I was duped of ₹40 lakh. Her gang members threatened me and said they would upload compromising pictures and videos of me on social networking sites. I was doing well in my career so I relented," said the man, requesting anonymity. He now lives in Gurugram with his wife and two children.

The woman's "best friend", Anjali, said she got married in February this year and has not been in touch with the woman since. Anjali said the two became friends in 2018. "She was in bad company and her only motive was to dupe people. She loved shopping, spending time on social media, travelling and leading a lavish life. She used to borrow money from people and never returned, she wanted to collect money and settle abroad. She has married six men in my presence and duped all of them," added Anjali.

### **Police in pursuit**

By September 2021, Kumar could see a pattern.

The woman found men on websites and social media platforms, dated them for a while, and then married them. She would stay for a few months in a shared home, and introduced members of her gang as family members. After winning their trust, she would vanish with whatever valuables she could get.

Police said she owned nine different Aadhaar cards, six PAN cards and 12 voter identity cards.

Armed with this knowledge, Kumar created an alias on the app they met, and saw her – this time, as Sonali Singh, a resident of Noida. "I was following her post and I saw a reel on Instagram. I saw the name of a hotel near Moradabad and I contacted the hotel. The manager told me that she, along with her husband, left early in the morning for Nainital," Kumar said.

Kumar left for Nainital immediately. On the way, he saw that Singh had shared another video from Nainital with the name of a hotel. Kumar called the hotel again, and was told that Singh was on her honeymoon. "We reached there on May 25 but she had left for Dehradun. I collected all the details, pictures and recorded statements of people and handed them over to Faridabad Police," he said.

On May 26, police registered a case under sections 420 (cheating), 506 (criminal intimidation), 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code and the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Kumar belongs to the Dalit community.



Kushal Singh, deputy commissioner of police (Ballabhgarh), said that they have formed teams and are conducting raids to arrest her. “We have recovered evidence against her and her gang members. She has duped many men and we are reaching out to all of them,” he said.

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# Odisha to discuss continuing two-child law in panchayats amid declining TFR

A United Nations Population Fund concept note on demographic transitions in Odisha said the government should revisit provisions of Odisha Gram Panchayat Act on the two-child norm

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**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha will this week discuss if its two-child norm in the gram panchayats and zilla parishads needs to be relooked, people familiar with the matter said amid reports of significant decline in fertility rates between 2005-06 and 2019-2.

According to a concept note by the United Nations Population Fund on the demographic transitions in the state, the government should revisit provisions of Odisha Gram Panchayat Act, which prohibits anyone with more than two children from contesting elections since the target of bringing down the total fertility rate to below 2% has been achieved.

Quoting from the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21), the concept note pointed that the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of Odisha has declined to 1.8% from 2.1% in 2015-16.

TFR is the average number of children a woman is expected to have during her child-bearing years. Simply speaking, it is the average number of

children in a nuclear family.

The concept note said the 15-year decline in TFR at over 1.9% every year was one of the sharpest decline in the fertility. “Odisha is projected to witness ‘baby bust’. Between 2011-2036, Odisha will see 25% fewer babies, which in absolute terms, is projected to be around 0.7 crore less births in 2036 compared to 2011. Odisha may like to revisit the existing policy frameworks for adolescents and young people, old age people, urban development and women empowerment,” the note said.

The two-child norm in panchayats started soon after the 1991 census when the National Development Council set up a committee on population with then chief minister of Kerala K Karunakaran as its chairperson in 1992. Rajasthan introduced the two-child rule for panchayats and municipalities in 1992 before the NDC committee’s recommendations were received. Odisha introduced it for zilla parishads in 1993 and for panchayat samitis and gram panchayats in 1994.

Odisha’s director of family welfare, Bijay Panigrahi declined to comment on the note, saying it was a policy decision of the government.

An official of the planning and convergence department said a meeting on UNPF suggestion is scheduled on June 11.

A senior official of panchayati raj department, however, said it will not be prudent to withdraw the rule.

“In a poor state such as Odisha where the percentage of people living below poverty line is still high, we would not want families to become bigger. Despite the declining TFR, it is not as if population growth has become stagnant. I don’t think the state government will do away with the two child norm,” he said.

Quoting the NFHS-5 which reported a decline in sex ratio at birth in 18 of the state’s 30 districts, the concept note said there is massive sex selection happening in Odisha and families now want only male child. “If the phenomenon and practice is not changed and corrected, the future

complexion of Odisha's adolescent and young population will be more masculine," it said.

The UNFPA note said though the population growth rate has declined, the 4.1 crore population of Odisha in 2011 would be around 4.9 crores in 2036.

It also cautioned that Odisha's population is ageing at a relatively faster pace and underlined that the size of its 60+ population is projected to increase by 114% between 2011-2036. The old age or 60+ population bracket of Odisha is projected to increase from 0.38 crore in 2011 to 0.83 crore in 2036, it said.

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# CO2 concentration 50% higher than pre-industrial levels; climate meet begins

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**NEW DELHI:** Atmospheric carbon dioxide has peaked at 421 parts per million in May, according to measurements carried out at the Mauna Loa observatory of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Carbon dioxide levels are now more than 50% higher than pre-industrial times, the World Meteorological Organisation said on Monday, concentrations that have not been seen for millions of years.

These alarming data were shared by the organisations as country representatives gathered on Monday for a climate change conference in Bonn in Germany under the auspices of United Nations that seeks to lay down the agenda for the 27th annual climate summit to be held in November at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt. The Bonn gathering is expected to

discuss mitigation, adaptation, support to developing countries, particularly finance, and loss and damage.

“The science is irrefutable. Humans are altering our climate in ways that our economy and our infrastructure must adapt to. We can see the impacts of climate change around us everyday,” NOAA administrator Rick Spinrad said in a statement. “The relentless increase of carbon dioxide measured at Mauna Loa is a stark reminder that we need to take urgent, serious steps to become a more climate ready nation.”

CO2 levels are now comparable to the period between 4.1 and 4.5 million years ago, when they were close to or above 400 ppm. During that time, sea levels were between 5 and 25 metres higher than today, high enough to drown many of the world’s largest modern cities. Temperatures then averaged 7 degrees Fahrenheit higher than in pre-industrial times, and studies indicate that large forests occupied today’s Arctic tundra.

CO2 emissions come from burning fossil fuels for transportation and electricity generation, cement manufacturing, deforestation, agriculture and many others. Along with other greenhouse gases, CO2 traps heat radiating from the planet’s surface that would otherwise escape into space, causing the planet’s atmosphere to warm steadily.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Bonn climate change conference opened on Monday where governments are expected to discuss mitigation, adaptation, support to developing countries - particularly finance - and loss and damage. It will also lay down the agenda for COP 27 to be held in Sharm El Sheikh.

“We urgently require political-level interventions and decisions in each of these areas in order to achieve a balanced package. Doing so will send a clear message to the world that we are headed in the right direction. Because the world is going to have one question in Sharm El-Sheikh: what progress have you made since Glasgow?” UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa said on Monday.

On day 1, there was a delay in adopting two issues in the provisional agenda of the Subsidiary Bodies (SBs) under the UN Framework

Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). These issues were the global goal on adaptation (GGA) and the Glasgow Dialogue on loss and damage, two issues of priority for developing countries, the Third World Network (TWN), an international research and advocacy organisation said on Tuesday.

The need for balance in the treatment of adaptation and mitigation was stressed several times by many developing countries and their groupings. While the GGA agenda item was eventually adopted as an additional agenda to be considered by Parties, the agenda item on the Glasgow Dialogue on loss and damage was kept in abeyance, TWN said.

The ‘Glasgow-Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the GGA’ was established last year. During several meetings held before the official opening of the Bonn conference, Like Minded Developing Countries (LMDC), a grouping of developing countries requested that it be included in the Bonn meeting agenda. Developed countries, however, were not in favour of the proposal, TWN said.

The global goal on adaptation aims to provide a system for tracking and assessing a country’s progress on adaptation actions and providing adaptation finance. During an informal briefing for journalists by Union environment ministry on Tuesday, a senior official said: “Adaptation finance should be equal to mitigation finance. The developed nations do not want to invest in adaptation because the return on investments is low. But adaptation is a matter of existence for island nations and many developing countries. Going forward, finance for adaptation and loss and damage will be very important and India will take this forward.”

A delegation of 10 officials from India are in Bonn for the negotiations, the official said. He added that India will be submitting its updated nationally determined contribution (NDC) under Paris Agreement before COP 27 at Sharm El Sheikh.

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# Subhash Chandra claims 8 Congress MLAs may cross-vote in Rajya Sabha polls

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 BJP-backed Independent candidate Subhash Chandra.(Mint File)

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BJP-backed Independent candidate Subhash Chandra on Tuesday claimed that eight Congress MLAs may vote for him in the Rajya Sabha polls and asked former Rajasthan deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot to also cross sides.

This would be an opportunity for Pilot to avenge his "humiliation", the media baron told reporters.

Pilot had rebelled against Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot two years ago, plunging the Congress government in the state into a crisis.

Following the rebellion, Pilot was removed from the posts of the deputy chief minister and the state Congress president.

"This is an opportunity to take revenge or to give a message. If he misses this opportunity, he will not be able to become the chief minister till 2028," Chandra said as he claimed that Pilot is feeling "humiliated" in the party.

Apparently referring to the Congress, he said, "It is my guess that eight MLAs will cross-vote. They will cross-vote not because they have affection

towards Chandra but due to the behaviour of the government and the kind of humiliation."

The Independent candidate made the statement in the wake of the ruling Congress expressing fears of horse trading by the BJP ahead of the elections to four seats of the Rajya Sabha from the state.

While the Congress with its 108 MLAs is set to win two seats, it requires the support of Independents and legislators of other parties to win a third seat.

Chandra has the support of 33 legislators--30 of the BJP and three of the RLP--and is short of eight votes to win the contest.

The BJP with its 71 MLAs is set to win one seat.

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# Respect and accept party's decision: Nupur Sharma after suspension over Prophet remarks

Sharma's comments, made in a TV debate nearly 10 days back, and Jindal's now-deleted tweets sparked a Twitter trend calling for a boycott of Indian products in some countries.



Former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma (ANI)

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PTI | , New Delhi

Suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma on Tuesday said she "accepts and respects" the party's decision.

The BJP on Sunday had suspended its national spokesperson Sharma and expelled its Delhi unit's media head Naveen Kumar Jindal as the row over their alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Mohammed escalated with protests from some Muslim countries.

"I have practically grown up in the organisation. I respect and accept their decision," Sharma said after she was asked about the BJP's action against her.

Amid demonstrations by Muslim groups and the sharp reaction from countries like Kuwait, Qatar and Iran, before suspending its leaders, the party on Sunday had issued a statement asserting that it respects all religions and strongly denounces insult of any religious personality.

Sharma's comments, made in a TV debate nearly 10 days back, and Jindal's now-deleted tweets sparked a Twitter trend calling for a boycott of Indian

products in some countries.

Party general secretary Arun Singh in a statement had said that the party is strongly against any ideology which insults or demeans any sect or religion.

The BJP does not promote such people or philosophy, he said.

The BJP statement, however, made no direct mention of any incident or comment.

The statement announcing action against Sharma and Jindal also made no particular reference to their controversial remarks.

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# Hyderabad gang-rape: AIMIM MLA's son named among accused, say police

- A total of five accused have been booked so far – three minors and one adult. The car in which the attack took place has also been seized.

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By [HT News Desk](#)

The minor son of an All India Majli-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MLA, named as an accused in the alleged gang-rape of a teenage girl in Hyderabad's Jubilee Hills last week, has been arrested, the Hyderabad Police said during a press briefing on Tuesday.

A total of six accused have been booked so far – five minors, including the latest, and one adult. All of them belonged to politically-connected families. The car in which the attack took place has been seized.

“While only five accused including Saduddin Malik were actually involved in the rape, the fifth minor who was arrested on Tuesday was not present when the gang rape of the girl took place. He got down from the car much before the heinous incident took place,” Police commissioner C V Anand said at the briefing.

No rape case was filed against the fifth juvenile, Anand said. However, he added, after going through the CCTV footage and the videos circulated in the social media, a case under Section 354 (outraging the modesty) and Section 323 (causing injuries) of the IPC, besides under POCSO Act, was filed against him.

Saduddin Khan, 18, was sent to judicial remand on Saturday, while the others were kept in the custody of the juvenile court in the Nampally criminal court complex.

A 17-year-old girl was allegedly gangraped while returning home from a party in the posh Jubilee Hills area on May 28. Outrage broke out when the incident came to light after the victim's father submitted a complaint to the police regarding the incident.

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## India to grow at 7.5% in 2022-23, says World Bank report

As the global economy enters a period of “feeble growth” and “elevated inflation”, India will grow at 7.5% in 2022-23, the World Bank has said in its latest Global Economic Prospects report, released on Tuesday. [Read more](#)

## AAP says ED raids on Jain aimed to divert int'l backlash, calls seizures 'a lie'

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sanjay Singh on Tuesday said the raids by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on jailed Delhi minister Satyendar Jain are a witch hunt on the party and its “honest minister” to “hide the international insult India is facing” because of the BJP. [Read more](#)

## **Punjab Congress alleges political vendetta after former minister Dharamsot's arrest**

Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring on Tuesday described the arrest of former forest minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot as “political vendetta” and asked chief minister Bhagwant Mann to let the law take its course and not resort to “kangaroo court justice”. [Read more](#)

## **'That's why he's been picked...': Rahul Dravid identifies Dinesh Karthik's role ahead of 1st India vs South Africa T20I**

One thing constant in India's training session at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi ahead of the first T20I against South Africa was Dinesh Karthik's broad smile. [Read more](#)

## **Inside Ekta Kapoor's surprise birthday party at BFF Ridhi Dogra's home that left her in shock. Watch**

Producer Ekta Kapoor turned 47 on Tuesday. The producer shared a video of herself on her Instagram handle. [Watch here](#)

## **World Brain Tumour Day: Can brain tumour cause depression, personality changes?**

An abnormal cell growth or mass in the brain, brain tumour isn't necessarily cancerous and some can be benign or non-cancerous too. [Read more](#)

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# Kanpur district magistrate Neha Sharma transferred days after violence

Clashes had erupted in parts of Kanpur in protest against "insulting" comments on Prophet Mohammed by suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma during a TV debate.



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By [HT News Desk](#) | Written by Aniruddha Dhar, New Delhi

Days after violence broke out in parts of Kanpur after Friday prayers, the Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday transferred district magistrate (DM) Neha Sharma, in a major bureaucratic reshuffle in the state. Sharma will be replaced by chief minister's office special secretary Vishak G Iyer. Sharma has been posted as director of local bodies.

The district magistrates of Ballia, Aligarh, Basti, Jalaun, Etawah, Firozabad and Gorakhpur have also been changed. According to reports, current Lucknow DM Abhishek Prakash has now been posted as secretary of the industrial department.

Clashes had erupted on June 3 in parts of Kanpur as members of two communities indulged in brick-battling and hurled bombs over attempts to shut shops in protest against "insulting" comments on Prophet Mohammed by suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma during a TV debate.

The police have so far arrested 50 people in connection with the Kanpur violence. Around 10 more suspects have been detained for questioning.

Besides, a 16-year-old boy walked into the Colonelganj police station and surrendered after his picture appeared on posters put up by police, DCP (East) Pramod Kumar said.

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# Naveen Jindal, BJP's ex-Delhi media head, claims death threats on social media, seeks cop help

- Jindal had come under attack on social media after his now-deleted tweet about the Prophet on June 1.



File photo of former BJP Delhi media head Naveen Kumar Jindal.&nbsp;(PTI)

File photo of former BJP Delhi media head Naveen Kumar Jindal. (PTI)

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By [HT News Desk](#), New Delhi

Naveen Jindal, who was sacked as the BJP's Delhi media head a few days ago over his controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammed amid an international uproar, on Tuesday said that he and his family members were receiving death threats on social media platforms. He [urged the Delhi Police to take note](#) of the matter.

"Me and my family members have been receiving death threats on social media platforms. I would like to request the Delhi Police to kindly take note of it," Jindal wrote on Twitter. Jindal had come under attack on social media after his now-deleted tweet about the Prophet on June 1.

After his remarks created a furore, Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta, in a communication to Jindal, said his views on social media vitiated communal harmony and were in violation of the party's fundamental beliefs. "He has acted against the party's policies and ideology," Gupta said.

"Your primary membership is immediately terminated and you are expelled from the party," Gupta added.

Jindal said he had tweeted in response to those who were attacking and insulting Hindu deities. He added that his comment was not aimed at hurting the religious sentiments of any community.

Earlier in the day, the Delhi Police provided security to suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and her family after an FIR was registered on a complaint that she was getting death threats over her controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad, officials said. She had requested police to provide security citing harassment and threats she had been receiving.

*(With agency inputs)*

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The UK is stepping up its monkeypox reporting requirement as it is dealing with a massive outbreak.
- [\*\*Iran carries out mass execution of 12 Baluchi prisoners: Report\*\*](#) [Wed, 08 Jun 07:10]  
Activists have long expressed concern that executions in Iran disproportionately target members of Iran's ethnic and religious minorities, notably Kurds in the northwest, Arabs in the southwest and Baluch in the southeast.

- **[China fears wind is blowing Covid virus in from North Korea](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 06:04]

Despite being locked down since the end of April, daily cases have been trending up in Dandong, a city of 2.19 million.

- **[Cracks within Shehbaz Sharif govt over ISI's proposed role in appointments](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 05:53]

PPP leader Mian Raza Rabbani moved a motion withdrew five constitutional amendment bills under Rule 115 of the 2012 Senate rules and regulations in protest against the "shrinking space for civilians" in the country, Dawn reported.

- **[EU orders switch to common phone chargers by 2024](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 01:57]

For most portable devices the requirement for charging via a USB Type-C port will come into effect from late 2024, negotiators said, while laptops will be given more time.

- **[CO2 now 50% higher than pre-industrial levels: WMO](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 23:59]

Carbon dioxide emissions come from burning fossil fuels for transportation and electricity generation, cement manufacturing, deforestation, agriculture and many others.

- **[Malaysia latest to 'condemn' remarks on Prophet, summons Indian envoy](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 19:11]

Malaysia's foreign ministry in a statement said it has summoned India's high commissioner to Malaysia this afternoon to convey the country's total repudiation over the statements.

- **[Australian military plane in South China Sea threatened sovereignty: China](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 17:01]

The Chinese foreign and defence ministry confirmed that a People's Liberation Army (PLA) air force fighter jet and an Australian P-8 reconnaissance aircraft were involved in an incident over the disputed South China Sea in May

- **[Pakistan government apologizes to masses, vows to rectify power shortage: Report](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 15:30]

Former prime minister Abbasi said that the authorities had to opt for a four-hour load-shedding due to shortfall and the government needs time to rectify power shortage.

- **[Australia military plane in South China Sea threatens sovereignty: Beijing](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 12:53]

Tan Kefei, spokesman at the Chinese defence ministry, said Australian military aircraft seriously threatened China's sovereignty and security and the countermeasures taken by the Chinese military were reasonable and lawful.

- **[Pakistan asks Qatar for more LNG to help ease its fuel crunch](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 12:48]

The government asked Qatar -- its biggest LNG supplier -- for several additional shipments every month starting as soon as this year, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

- **[China harvests half of wheat crop with favourable weather ahead](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 12:42]

China's farmers are making progress on government orders to bolster food security by ensuring this season's wheat harvest goes smoothly.

- **[Trudeau criticises Chinese jets for 'provocative' actions towards Canadian planes](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 12:16]


Canada's foreign minister Melanie Joly said on Friday the matter would be raised formally at the UN Security Council



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# Has cancer cure been finally found? What is Dostarlimab? All you need to know

Cancer is a leading cause of death worldwide, accounting for nearly 10 million deaths in 2020, or nearly one in six deaths, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

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In the first time in history, a small clinical trial in the United States showed 100% eradication of the cancer disease in patients at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan. Although the trial was done on a small scale, it has raised hopes that the world may soon be able to get rid of the dreaded cancer disease.

Cancer is a leading cause of death worldwide, accounting for nearly 10 million deaths in 2020, or nearly one in six deaths, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). In 2020, the most common cancers are breast (2.26 million cases), lung (2.21 million cases), colon and rectum (1.93 million cases), and prostate cancers (1.41 million cases).

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**Here is all you need to know about the trial:**

1. The trial included 18 cancer patients who took a drug called ‘Dostarlimab’ for around six months, and by the end of it, every one of them got rid of their tumours, reported the New York Times.
2. As per the NYT, the 18 patients had undergone various treatments before for cancer including chemotherapy, radiation, and invasive surgery. The patients had reportedly undergone the US trial expecting to have to go through other procedures in the next step. However, no further treatment was needed.
3. According to experts, the drug ‘Dostarlimab’ includes laboratory-produced molecules and acts as substitute antibodies in the human body. As per experts, cancer is undetectable by physical exam - proving that the drug could be a potential cure for the disease. Dr Luis A. Diaz J. of New York's Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center said this was “the first time this has happened in the history of cancer,” reported ANI.

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4. The patients took the drug Dostarlimab every three weeks for six months during the trial. Notably, all the patients were in the similar stages of cancer and had not spread to other organs.
5. According to experts, the trial has been “shocking” and “unheard of”. Oncologist Dr Andrea Cercek described the moment patients found out they were cancer-free: “There were a lot of happy tears”, she said, as quoted by the NYT.

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# Canada, India welcome progress in negotiations towards interim trade pact

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A container ship sits docked at the Port of Vancouver in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (AFP/FILE)

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By [Anirudh Bhattacharyya](#)

**TORONTO:** Canada and India have welcomed the progress in the second round of negotiations towards an interim trade pact.

The matter was discussed during a virtual meeting between Canada's Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development Mary Ng and India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday.

The Early Progress Trade Agreement (EPTA) was decided upon when Ng visited India this March. At the same time, the two countries "continue to work towards a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement", a readout from Global Affairs Canada, Canada's foreign ministry said.

It added that the ministers "discussed the status of negotiations on key issues, including trade in goods and services, and investment protection".

“Minister Ng and Minister Goyal reaffirmed their commitment to maintain momentum into the next round of negotiations, to take place in the coming months,” the statement added.

In a tweet, Goyal said that both nations were “working to identify sectors for greater partnership & investments to deliver early gains for our businesses and people.”

Enhanced bilateral engagement between the two countries has been evident in recent months after a difficult period since Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s visit to India in February 2018.

Last week, Canada’s Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault and India’s Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav, signed a Memorandum of Understanding “to increase bilateral cooperation on climate action, environmental protection and conservation”, according to a Canadian release on Friday. The described India as “a key partner in addressing climate change and environmental issues”.

The MoU was signed on the margins of the Stockholm+50 meeting in the Swedish capital. “We are launching a collaborative process between our two governments that will strengthen each of our responses to the challenges we face in dealing with climate action and nature protection,” Guilbeault said.

Last month, the India-Canada Science and Technology Cooperation Committee meeting took place in Ottawa, and was chaired by Department of Science and Technology Secretary Prof Srivari Chandrasekhar and his counterpart, Deputy Minister for International Trade at Global Affairs Canada David Morrison.

A joint statement noted that both countries were “committed to deepening ties” and science, technology and innovation were “a key pillar of the relationship”.

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# New Zealand plans to charge farmers for burps, belches by 36 million sheep, cows

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Reuters |

New Zealand on Wednesday released a draft plan to put a price on agricultural emissions in a bid to tackle one of the country's biggest sources of greenhouse gases, belching sheep and cattle.

The proposal would make New Zealand, a large agricultural exporter, the first country to have farmers pay for emissions from livestock, the Ministry for Environment said.

New Zealand, home to 5 million people, has about 10 million cattle and 26 million sheep.

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Nearly half its total greenhouse gas emissions come from agriculture, mainly methane, but agricultural emissions have previously been exempted from the country's emissions trading scheme, drawing criticism of the government's commitment to stop global warming.

Under the draft plan, put together by government and farm community representatives, farmers will have to pay for their gas emissions from 2025. Short-and long-lived farm gas will be priced separately, although a single measure to calculate their volume will be used.

"There is no question that we need to cut the amount of methane we are putting into the atmosphere, and an effective emissions pricing system for agriculture will play a key part in how we achieve that," Climate Change Minister James Shaw said.

The proposal includes incentives for farmers who reduce emissions through feed additives, while on-farm forestry can be used to offset emissions. Revenue from the scheme will be invested in research, development and advisory services for farmers.

**Also read: [New Zealand prime minister Jacinda Ardern tests positive for Covid-19](#)**

"Our recommendations enable sustainable food and fibre production for future generations while playing a fair part in meeting our country's climate commitments," said Michael Ahie, chair of the primary sector partnership, He Waka Eke Noa.

The proposal would potentially be the biggest regulatory disruption to farming since the removal of agricultural subsidies in the 1980s, said Susan Kilsby, agricultural economist at ANZ Bank.

A final decision on the scheme is expected in December.

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# 10 killed, 50 more injured in train derailment in Iran

- Iran also has some 17,000 annual deaths on its highways, one of the world's worst traffic safety records.



Experts said auto, tempo drivers must strictly follow traffic norms to avert road accidents. (Pic for representation)

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AP |

A passenger train partially derailed in eastern Iran early Wednesday, killing at least 10 passengers and injuring 50 more, some critically, state TV said.

The report said the number of casualties could rise.

Four of the seven cars in the train derailed in the early morning darkness near the desert city of Tabas, the report said.

Rescue teams on ambulances and three helicopters were arriving in the remote area where communication is poor.

The derailment happened some 50 kilometers (30 miles) to Tabas, about 550 kilometers (340 miles) southeast of the capital Tehran, on the rail that links the town to the central city of Yazd.

The report said the crash is under investigation but reports say train crashed into an excavator.



Another train crash in 2016 killed dozens and injuries of scores of people. Iran also has some 17,000 annual deaths on its highways, one of the world's worst traffic safety records. The high toll is blamed on wide disregard for traffic laws, unsafe vehicles and inadequate emergency services.

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# Ukraine War | Zelensky wants ‘direct talks’ with Putin amid fierce battle in east: Top points

- Amid fears of a global food crisis because of the war, Kremlin officials said Tuesday that the Russian-occupied Ukrainian ports of Berdyansk and Mariupol were ready to resume grain exports while Ukraine accused the Russian troops of bombing and looting grain warehouses.

 Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.(via AP)

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.(via AP)

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Ukrainian President [Volodymyr Zelensky](#) on Tuesday said that he is ready for “direct talks” with Russian President Vladimir Putin as peace talks remained suspended since March. "There was nobody else to talk to but" the Russian president, he was quoted as saying by news agency AFP.

Meanwhile, Russia claims to have taken control of 97 per cent of one of the two provinces that make up Ukraine's Donbas, bringing the Kremlin closer to its goal of fully capturing eastern Ukraine. Putin signed a decree to officially recognise the independence of two separatist regions in eastern Ukraine - Donetsk and Luhansk, just a few days after the invasion.

However, Ukraine maintains its core position that it retains sovereignty over areas occupied since 2014 by Russian and pro-Russian forces.

## Top points on Russia-Ukraine War

1. The Russian forces continued their offensive in the separatist Donetsk region on Wednesday, according to a Bloomberg report citing the General Staff of the Ukrainian army. “Reports of heavy shelling near Izyum (city

near Donetsk in eastern Ukraine) suggests Russia is preparing to make a renewed effort in the northern axis,” the UK Ministry of Defense said in its latest intelligence update on Twitter.

2. Russian defense minister Sergei Shoigu said yesterday that Moscow’s military had occupied 97 per cent of the territory of Luhansk, one of two regions that is the focus of Vladimir Putin’s war, Bloomberg reported. Russia has been seeking to seize the entire Donbas, consisting of Luhansk and Donetsk which Moscow claims on behalf of separatist proxies.

3. Russia returned 210 bodies of Ukrainian soldiers, mainly from the once-besieged Azovstal steel plant in the port city of Mariupol, Ukraine’s intelligence agency said in a statement as per news agency Reuters. Ukrainians were holed up in the Azovstal steelworks for weeks as Russia tried to capture the city. The Ukrainian soldiers eventually surrendered last month and were taken into custody by Russia.

4. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Tuesday reiterated calls for more weapons to strike back at invading forces. "We are inferior in terms of equipment and therefore we are not capable of advancing," he told a British daily paper. "We are going to suffer more losses and people are my priority."

5. Asked about talks with Russia which have been suspended since late March, Zelensky said that Ukraine has not changed his position. He said he maintains the view that war should be ended at the negotiating table. The Ukrainian President also stated that was ready for direct talks with Vladimir Putin, adding that there was "nobody else to talk to" but the Russian president, news agency AFP reported.

6. In the global impact of war, the United States added further sanctions to Moscow by banning US money managers from buying any Russian debt or stocks in secondary markets.

7. The World Bank approved \$1.49 billion in fresh funds to help pay wages for government and social workers in Ukraine on Tuesday. The World Bank said in a statement that the latest funding is supported by financing guarantees from Britain, the Netherlands, Lithuania and Latvia.

8. Amid fears of a global food crisis because of the war, Kremlin officials said Tuesday that the Russian-occupied Ukrainian ports of Berdyansk and Mariupol were ready to resume grain exports while Ukraine accused the Russian troops of bombing and looting grain warehouses. Ukraine is one of the world's biggest exporters of grain, and Western countries accuse Russia of creating the risk of global famine by shutting Ukraine's Black Sea ports. Meanwhile, Moscow has denied responsibility for the international food crisis, blaming Western sanctions.

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# UK designates monkeypox as notifiable disease, Canada issues advisory| 5 points

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The United Kingdom has the largest identified cases of the monkeypox after Africa, with more than 300 confirmed cases, a month after the outbreak began. So far, over 700 cases of the virus have been detected, with several more suspected cases in over 20 countries across the world. The virus is known to spread when there is close contact with an infected person, as per the World Health Organization (WHO).

## Here are the latest updates on the monkeypox outbreak:

1. The UK health security agency has designated monkeypox as a ‘notifiable infectious disease’, as more than 300 cases of the disease have been detected in the country. With the designation of the disease, doctors in England will have to notify local authorities when they suspect a patient to have the virus. Wendi Shepherd, monkeypox incident director at UKHSA in a statement said, “Rapid diagnosis and reporting is the key to interrupting transmission and containing any further spread of monkeypox. This new

legislation will support us and our health partners to swiftly identify, treat and control the disease,” as quoted by the news agency Reuters.

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2. The UK is stepping up its monkeypox reporting requirement as it is dealing with a massive outbreak. The country is speeding the collection and analysis of data, helping officials detect possible outbreaks and trace contacts rapidly, while offering vaccinations when needed, reported Bloomberg.

3. Canada has issued a monkeypox-related travel notice - advising travellers of over two dozen countries - including Australia, Britain, and the United States - to take precautions. Canada, in its level 2 notice, has also warned of potential delays returning home if the passengers fell ill.

4. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said that it has removed a mask recommendation from its monkeypox travel notice to avoid "confusion" over the disease. Earlier, the agency had suggested that travellers should wear a mask as it can help protect against "many diseases, including monkeypox".

5. [A five-year-old from Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad](#), who was suspected to have been infected with monkeypox, tested negative on Tuesday. The sample was sent for testing after the child had complained of itching and rashes on the body.

*(With inputs from agencies)*

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# Iran carries out mass execution of 12 Baluchi prisoners: Report

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Iran has carried out a mass execution of 12 inmates at a prison in its southeast, an NGO said on Tuesday, as concern grows over the rising number of executions in the Islamic republic.

The 11 men and one woman -- convicted either on drugs-related or murder charges -- were hanged on Monday morning in the main prison of Zahedan in Sistan-Baluchestan province close to the borders with Afghanistan and Pakistan, Norway-based Iran Human Rights (IHR) said.

They were all members of the Baluch ethnic minority who mainly adhere to the Sunni strain of Islam rather than the Shiism that is dominant in Iran, it added.

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Of the 12, six were sentenced to death for drug-related charges and six were sentenced for murder. None of the executions had been reported by

domestic media or confirmed by officials in Iran, it said.

The woman executed -- identified only by her surname Gargij -- was sentenced for the murder of her husband and arrested in 2019, it said.

Activists have long expressed concern that executions in Iran disproportionately target members of Iran's ethnic and religious minorities, notably Kurds in the northwest, Arabs in the southwest and Baluch in the southeast.

"Data gathered by Iran Human Rights shows that Baluch prisoners accounted for 21 percent of all executions in 2021, while only representing 2-6 percent of Iran's population," IHR added.

There has also been concern over a recent upsurge of executions in Iran, as the country's leaders are confronted with protests over price rises for basic goods.

The National Council of Resistance of Iran, outlawed in the country, also said that the 12 executions had taken place in Zahedan on Monday.

"Facing expanding popular protests, the clerical regime has intensified repression and killings, setting an unprecedented record in executions," the NCRI said.

According to IHR, at least 333 people were executed in Iran in 2021, a 25-percent increase compared to 2020.

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Amnesty International, in its annual report on use of the death penalty worldwide, said executions in 2021 rose by 28 percent in Iran compared to the previous year to 314 but warned that the figure was likely an underestimate.

"Death sentences were used disproportionately against members of ethnic minorities for vague charges... and as a tool of political repression,"



## Amnesty charged.

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# China fears wind is blowing Covid virus in from North Korea

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Health workers carrying out coronavirus tests in a shopping mall in Dalian (STR / AFP)

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Officials in a Chinese city on the border with North Korea say they can't figure out where persistent new Covid-19 infections are coming from -- and suspect the wind blowing in from their secretive neighbor.

Despite being locked down since the end of April, daily cases have been trending up in Dandong, a city of 2.19 million. Most of the infected people found in the community during the past week hadn't been outside of their housing compounds for at least four days prior to their diagnosis, according to the city's Center for Disease Control.

While the virus is flaring elsewhere in China, including in its northern regions, officials say they're unable to establish a chain of transmission. Their suspicions have instead settled northward, with authorities urging residents living by the Yalu River that runs between the two countries to close their windows on days with southerly winds, according to a government notice. They're also being asked to go for more frequent testing, said a Dandong resident, who asked not to be named for fear of reprisal.

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Residents suspect authorities are considering the possibility that the virus is being carried through the air from North Korea, the person said. The isolated nation is experiencing a full-blown crisis with suspected cases topping 4 million since late April, according to the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

Representatives from the Dandong and Liaoning CDCs said they had no details about the virus spreading through the air when reached by phone.

**Kim Orders Lockdown After North Korea Reports First Covid Case**

Elsewhere, Beijing reported 8 infections for Tuesday. The capital started to roll back more virus restrictions on Monday, including resuming public transport and allowing people to move around more freely. Shanghai recorded 15 infections on Tuesday. Relief over last week's lifting of a grueling lockdown has been curtailed somewhat by an uptick in cases outside government-mandated quarantine, with four cases found in the community yesterday.

**Beijing Sees No New Covid Cases Outside Quarantine in Four Days**

Not everyone is convinced about the risks from North Korea. Many Chinese social media users said that the suggestion that the coronavirus can travel in the air for hundreds of meters is unscientific. Research shows that infections through airborne transmission is unlikely over long distances, particularly in outdoor settings without repeated exposure.

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The mysterious flareup underscores the challenges China faces in adhering to its Covid Zero goal as the virus becomes ever more transmissible and contact tracing breaks down. China's border towns have been subject to some of the harshest containment measures of the pandemic as the virus persistently seeps in. Ruili, a city on China's border with Myanmar, has

been in lockdown intermittently for more than 160 days, according to local media reports.

North Korea and China share a porous 1,300 kilometer (807 mile) border, in some areas separated by the Yalu River that is less than one kilometer wide in parts of Dandong.

The city is a key trading hub for the two countries. Around 70% of North Korea's foreign trade went through Dandong prior to the pandemic. Rail freight between Dandong and neighboring Sinuiju city in North Korea has been suspended for much of the pandemic.

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# Cracks within Shehbaz Sharif govt over ISI's proposed role in appointments

- PPP leader Mian Raza Rabbani moved a motion withdrew five constitutional amendment bills under Rule 115 of the 2012 Senate rules and regulations in protest against the "shrinking space for civilians" in the country, Dawn reported.

 Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sherif.(Reuters/File)

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Former Senate chairman and Pakistan People's Party leader Mian Raza Rabbani on Monday moved a motion in the House seeking the withdrawal of five constitutional amendment bills he had introduced by him earlier in protest against what he called shrinking space for civilians.

He withdrew the bills under Rule 115 of the 2012 Senate rules and regulations in protest against the "shrinking space for civilians" in the country, Dawn reported.

"The Constitution and the constitutional system in Pakistan are under a severe attack," the PPP senator said while explaining the absence of unconstitutionality in the country as he said the judiciary had introduced the 'reading in the Constitution' doctrine and, on the other, the ISI had been given the role of vetting appointments, transfers, postings and promotions of the civil bureaucracy.

He said the civilians were ceding space day by day and, under the given circumstances, he deemed it fit that the bills he had introduced do not burden either a committee or the secretariat. Instead of tabling the bills to amend the Constitution, parliament should stand like a rock to defend the Constitution, system and institutions.

"If the 1973 Constitution survives, it can be improved by introducing amendments," he added. The motion for withdrawal of the bills was moved, however, after listening to some voices of 'no', the chair deferred the motion, reported Dawn, citing sources.

Earlier, the house witnessed a war of words after the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) condemned the government for triggering the price hike in the country.

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate Dr Shahzad Wasim, at the very outset of the proceedings, regretted that after the increase in power rates and prices of petroleum products, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) had also increased gas prices by 45 per cent.

When Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani interrupted him and suggested that the agenda items be taken up first, Dr Wasim said: "The house is on fire and you are talking about interior decoration."

He said petrol prices were set to see a further surge. "They have accepted subjugation, but the price is to be paid by the people of Pakistan," he said and alleged that the public money was being spent by the ruling coalition for personal publicity of its leaders.

About the government's plans to arrest the PTI chief, he said the house should be set in order and priorities must be reset. "If you want to arrest, then arrest inflation, corruption, price hike and dollar flight."

Leader of the House in the Senate and Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar accused the opposition leader of trying to please his leader. In his counterattack, he said the PTI should be held accountable for the alleged corruption of Farah Khan.

He also accused the PTI of the economic mess the country is facing due to poor political set-up and economic meltdown.

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# EU orders switch to common phone chargers by 2024

For most portable devices the requirement for charging via a USB Type-C port will come into effect from late 2024, negotiators said, while laptops will be given more time.



European Union flags are seen outside the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. (REUTERS/Francois Lenoir/File Photo)  
European Union flags are seen outside the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. (REUTERS/Francois Lenoir/File Photo)  
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Apple will have to change the connector on iPhones sold in Europe by 2024 after EU countries and lawmakers agreed on Tuesday to a single mobile charging port for mobile phones, tablets and cameras in a world first.

EU member states believe a standard cable for all devices will cut back on electronic waste, but iPhone juggernaut Apple argues a one-size-fits-all charger would slow innovation and create more pollution.

iPhones are charged from a Lightning cable, while Android-based devices use USB-C connectors. Half the chargers sold with mobile phones in 2018 had a USB micro-B connector, while 29% had a USB-C connector and 21% a Lightning connector, according to a 2019 Commission study.

For most portable devices the requirement for charging via a USB Type-C port will come into effect from late 2024, negotiators said, while laptops will be given more time. The USB-C rule will also stretch to digital cameras, headphones, headsets, portable speakers and E-readers.



The decision will be formally ratified by European Parliament and among EU member states later this year before entering into effect. “We have been able to do it in nine months, that means that we can...move fast when there is a political will,” the EU internal market commissioner Thierry Breton said. “We are able to say to the lobbies, ‘sorry, but here it is Europe and we’re working for our people’,” he added.

Breton also said the deal would save around 250 million euros (\$267 million) for consumers. “It will also allow new technologies such as wireless charging to emerge and to mature without letting innovation become a source of market fragmentation and consumer inconvenience,” he said.

The 27-nation union is home to 450 million people, some of the world’s richest consumers, and the imposition of the USB-C as standard could affect the entire global market.

“This is a rule which will apply to everyone,” said Alex Agius Saliba, who led the negotiations for the European Parliament. “If Apple...or anyone wants to market their product, sell their products within our internal market, they have to abide by our rules,” he said.

Apple, which uses USB-C connectors on some of its iPads and laptops, has insisted any legislation to force a universal charger for all mobiles in the EU is unwarranted. “The proposal is vastly disproportionate to any perceived problem,” the company said in its response to the commission when the law was being drafted. Imposing a charger standard, it argued, would stifle innovation and “reduce European consumer choice by removing more affordable older models from the market”.

The European Commission had long defended a voluntary agreement it made with the device industry that was set in place in 2009 and saw a big reduction in cables, but Apple refused to abide by it.

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# CO2 now 50% higher than pre-industrial levels: WMO

Carbon dioxide emissions come from burning fossil fuels for transportation and electricity generation, cement manufacturing, deforestation, agriculture and many others.



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By Jayashree Nandi

**NEW DELHI:** Carbon dioxide (CO2) measured at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA's) Mauna Loa Atmospheric Baseline Observatory peaked for 2022 at 421 parts per million in May. The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) on Monday said CO2 levels are more than 50% higher than the pre-industrial levels.

The CO2 concentrations in the atmosphere are in territory which has not been experienced for millions of years, scientists from NOAA and at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego announced on June 3.

NOAA's measurements of carbon dioxide at the mountaintop observatory on Hawaii's Big Island averaged 420.99 parts per million (ppm), an increase of 1.8 ppm over 2021. Scientists at Scripps, which maintains an independent record, calculated a monthly average of 420.78 ppm.

“The science is irrefutable: humans are altering our climate in ways that our economy and our infrastructure must adapt to. We can see the impacts of climate change around us every day. The relentless increase of carbon dioxide measured at Mauna Loa is a stark reminder that we need to take urgent, serious steps to become a more Climate Ready Nation,” said NOAA administrator Rick Spinrad.

CO2 levels are now comparable to the Pliocene Climatic Optimum, between 4.1 and 4.5 million years ago, when they were close to, or above 400 ppm. During that time, sea levels were between 5 and 25 metres higher than today’s offsite link, high enough to drown many of the world’s largest modern cities. Temperatures then averaged 7 degrees Fahrenheit higher than in pre-industrial times, and studies indicate that large forests occupied today’s Arctic tundra.

CO2 emissions come from burning fossil fuels for transportation and electricity generation, cement manufacturing, deforestation, agriculture and many others. Along with other greenhouse gases, CO2 traps heat radiating from the planet’s surface that would otherwise escape into space, causing the planet’s atmosphere to warm steadily.

### **UN climate change conference begins**

The United Nations Bonn climate change conference opened on Monday where governments are expected to discuss mitigation, adaptation, support to developing countries - particularly finance - and loss and damage. It will also lay down the agenda for COP 27 to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh.

“We urgently require political-level interventions and decisions in each of these areas in order to achieve a balanced package. Doing so will send a clear message to the world that we are headed in the right direction. Because the world is going to have one question in Sharm El-Sheikh: what progress have you made since Glasgow?” UN Climate Change executive secretary Patricia Espinosa said on Monday.

On day 1, there was a delay in adopting two issues in the provisional agenda of the Subsidiary Bodies (SBs) under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). These issues were the global

goal on adaptation (GGA) and the Glasgow Dialogue on loss and damage, two issues of priority for developing countries, the Third World Network (TWN), an international research and advocacy organisation said on Tuesday.

The need for balance in the treatment of adaptation and mitigation was stressed several times by many developing countries and their groupings. While the GGA agenda item was eventually adopted as an additional agenda to be considered by Parties, the agenda item on the Glasgow Dialogue on loss and damage was kept in abeyance, TWN said.

The ‘Glasgow-Sharm El-Sheikh work programme on the GGA’ was established last year. During several meetings held before the official opening of the Bonn conference, Like Minded Developing Countries (LMDC), a grouping of developing countries requested that it be included in the Bonn meeting agenda. Developed countries however were not in favour of the proposal, TWN said.

### **10-member Indian delegation at Bonn conference**

The global goal on adaptation aims to provide a system for tracking and assessing countries’ progress on adaptation actions and providing adaptation finance. During an informal briefing for journalists by union environment ministry on Tuesday, a senior official said: “Adaptation finance should be equal to mitigation finance. The developed nations do not want to invest in adaptation because the return on investments is low. But adaptation is a matter of existence for island nations and many developing countries. Going forward finance for adaptation and loss and damage will be very important and India will take this forward.”

A delegation of 10 officials from India are in Bonn for the negotiations, the official said.

He added that India will be submitting its updated nationally determined contribution (NDC) under Paris Agreement before COP 27 at Sharm El-Sheikh.

The Bonn conference will conclude on June 16.

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# Malaysia latest to ‘condemn’ remarks on Prophet, summons Indian envoy

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Malaysia on Tuesday became the latest country to condemn the [controversial remarks made against Prophet Mohammed](#) by a now-suspended BJP spokesperson and an expelled leader and welcomed the ruling party's action against them.

The foreign ministry (Wisma Putra) in a statement said it has summoned India's high commissioner to Malaysia this afternoon to convey the country's total repudiation over the statements.

“Malaysia welcomed the decision by the ruling party to suspend the party's officials due to their provocative remarks that has generated rage among Muslim Ummah,” the statement read.

While the BJP faced more criticism at home, the diplomatic fallout of the row continued as Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Indonesia, Jordan, the UAE, Maldives, Oman and Afghanistan joined several Muslim nations in condemning the alleged derogatory remarks.

The BJP had on Sunday suspended its spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled Naveen Kumar Jindal, its Delhi media head, in a fire-fighting exercise.

While Sharma is facing cases in various cities over her remarks, the Delhi Police has registered an FIR on her complaint that she is receiving death threats.

Delhi Police officials said the FIR has been registered under various IPC sections like 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence), 506 (criminal intimidation), and 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) against the unidentified people.

Sharma has been summoned on June 22 by the Mumbai Police to record her statement in connection with an FIR against her on a complaint by Muslim outfit Raza Academy over her remarks, according to Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Panday.

Earlier, the Indonesian foreign ministry said it "strongly condemns unacceptable derogatory remarks against Prophet Muhammad PBUH (peace be upon him) by two Indian politicians. This message has been conveyed to Indian Ambassador in Jakarta".

Qatar has asked for an apology for the comments.

The Iraqi Parliamentary Endowments and Tribes Committee said in a statement the anti-Islam insults "will have serious repercussions and, if not contained, may lead to dire consequences that will have unimaginable consequences for the peaceful coexistence, as well as increase strife and tensions between peoples".

Kuwait, Qatar, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan were among the first to make formal protests against the provocation.

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# Australian military plane in South China Sea threatened sovereignty: China

The Chinese foreign and defence ministry confirmed that a People's Liberation Army (PLA) air force fighter jet and an Australian P-8 reconnaissance aircraft were involved in an incident over the disputed South China Sea in May



Chinese structures and buildings on the man-made Fiery Cross Reef at the disputed Spratlys group of islands in the South China Sea are seen on March 20, 2022. (AP)

Chinese structures and buildings on the man-made Fiery Cross Reef at the disputed Spratlys group of islands in the South China Sea are seen on March 20, 2022. (AP)

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By [Sutirtho Patranobis](#)

**BEIJING:** China on Tuesday warned Australia to stop “dangerous and provocative” actions in the South China Sea, saying it recently expelled an Australian air force surveillance aircraft from the maritime region because it had threatened the country’s territorial sovereignty.

The Chinese foreign and defence ministry confirmed that a People's Liberation Army (PLA) air force fighter jet and an Australian P-8 reconnaissance aircraft were involved in an incident over the disputed South China Sea in May.

According to a statement from Canberra released on Sunday, the Chinese J-16 drew alongside the Australian P-8 while the latter was on a routine surveillance mission in international airspace in late May before releasing

flares and chaff (metal decoy) that entered at least one of the Australian aircraft's engines.

The interception resulted in a dangerous manoeuvre that posed a safety threat to the P-8 aircraft and its crew, the Australian statement said.

The Chinese defence ministry dismissed the allegation on Tuesday, accusing the Australian aircraft of provoking the incident.

Senior colonel Tan Kefei, a Chinese defence ministry spokesperson, said the Australian military aircraft seriously threatened China's sovereignty and security and the countermeasures taken by the Chinese military were reasonable and lawful.

"The PLA Southern Theatre Command organised maritime and aerial forces to identify and warn away an Australian P-8A ASW aircraft, when it repeatedly approached the Chinese airspace of the Xisha Islands for a close-in reconnaissance on May 26 despite repeated warning from the Chinese forces," Tan said in a statement.

The Xisha islands, known as Paracel in English, is a disputed archipelago claimed by China, Vietnam and Taiwan in the northwestern part of the South China Sea.

"The Australian warplane severely threatened China's sovereign security, and the Chinese military's countermeasures were professional, safe, reasonable and legitimate," Tan said.

The Chinese foreign ministry backed up Tan's statement on Tuesday.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson, Zhao Lijian alleged Canberra was spreading false information about the incident.

"China firmly opposes this. We urge the Australian side to immediately stop such dangerous and provocative actions and strictly restrict the actions of naval and air forces, otherwise it will bear all the serious consequences," Zhao said at the regular ministry briefing on Tuesday.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has said that his government had raised the issue with Beijing.

“This was not safe, what occurred, and we’ve made appropriate representations to the Chinese government expressing our concern,” Albanese was quoted as saying.

This is the second time in a week that Chinese aircraft have been accused of endangering the reconnaissance flights of foreign air forces.

Last week, Canada said Chinese warplanes buzzed its reconnaissance aircraft enforcing United Nations sanctions on North Korea.

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# Pakistan government apologizes to masses, vows to rectify power shortage: Report

Former prime minister Abbasi said that the authorities had to opt for a four-hour load-shedding due to shortfall and the government needs time to rectify power shortage.



Pakistan's prime minister-elect Shehbaz Sharif(AFP)

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After facing backlash from its citizens over a hike in electricity prices as well as power shortage, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-led government on Monday apologized to the masses and vowed to rectify the problem of load-shedding.

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said that the government was "sorry" for the ongoing electricity load-shedding in the country and vowed to fix the issue in the coming days, reported Geo News.

Former prime minister Abbasi said that the authorities had to opt for a four-hour load-shedding due to shortfall and the government needs time to rectify power shortage.

He said that once coal is imported, load-shedding will move below three hours by June 16, reported Geo News.

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In a press conference flanked by federal ministers, Abbasi said the government needed time to rectify the power shortage as the country was producing 21,000 megawatts and there was a shortfall of 4,000 megawatts.

Abbasi said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif held a meeting in this regard and decided to reduce load-shedding to 3.5 hours, adding that additional funds have been released to facilitate power providers.

In the next phase, when coal is imported, load-shedding will move below three hours by June 16, Abbasi said, adding that from June 30, the power outages will be in between 1.5-2 hours only.

He added the government hopes that the duration of the load-shedding will further decrease in July.

The Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) government lied to the nation that the power generation capacity of the country was 30,000 megawatts.

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"Two big plants that were used to generate cheap electricity were to be completed in 2019 could not be completed till today. Not a single plant has been installed in the last four years," he added.

"Even if all power plants are started, they will not be able to produce 27,000 megawatts combined. Not even 1 kilowatt of energy was generated," said Abbasi, adding that the "country was only safe because of the Qatar agreements."

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# Australia military plane in South China Sea threatens sovereignty: Beijing

Tan Kefei, spokesman at the Chinese defence ministry, said Australian military aircraft seriously threatened China's sovereignty and security and the countermeasures taken by the Chinese military were reasonable and lawful.



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Reuters |

China said on Tuesday that its military has identified Australian military aircraft and warned them to leave after Australia said fighter aircraft intercepted one of its military surveillance planes in the South China Sea.

Tan Kefei, spokesman at the Chinese defence ministry, said Australian military aircraft seriously threatened China's sovereignty and security and the countermeasures taken by the Chinese military were reasonable and lawful.


A Chinese fighter aircraft dangerously intercepted an Australian military surveillance plane in the South China Sea region in May, Australia's defence department said on Sunday.

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# Pakistan asks Qatar for more LNG to help ease its fuel crunch

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Pakistan is in discussions for increased deliveries of liquefied natural gas from Qatar, the latest effort by the South Asian nation to help ease a crippling fuel crunch.

The government asked Qatar -- its biggest LNG supplier -- for several additional shipments every month starting as soon as this year, according to people with knowledge of the matter. Pakistan is requesting additional cargoes as part of its long-term contract, one of the people said.

Discussions are ongoing, and it isn't clear if Qatar has the spare capacity to meet the request, said the people, who requested anonymity as the talks aren't public. Qatar, one of the world's top LNG exporters, is also being asked for more cargoes by European and Asian buyers amid a global supply shortage, and has repeatedly said it has little ability to boost deliveries in the short term.

Pakistan's petroleum minister Musadik Malik did not respond to a request for a comment.



The global energy crunch is the latest problem for Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's administration, which came into power in April after a period of political upheaval. The nation's energy import costs doubled in the 10 months ended April, while an ongoing fuel shortage is triggering rolling blackouts across the country.

Boosting deliveries from Qatar would not only alleviate Pakistan's fuel supply deficit, it would also help insulate the country from the volatile and expensive spot market. State-owned Pakistan LNG didn't award a spot market purchase tender last week after two suppliers were disqualified, which could further exacerbate its fuel shortage.

Pakistan also aims to sign a new long-term liquefied natural gas purchase deal, and is considering an agreement with various countries.

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# China harvests half of wheat crop with favourable weather ahead

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China's farmers are making progress on government orders to bolster food security by ensuring this season's wheat harvest goes smoothly.

The country gathered 55% of its winter wheat crop as of June 6, passing the 50% mark two days earlier than last year, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs said in a statement late Monday.

Premier Li Keqiang last month stressed the importance of reaping crops, telling a pre-harvest work meeting that local authorities will be held accountable for obstacles amid fears activity could be disrupted by Covid mobility curbs.

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The agriculture ministry said wheat harvests in Sichuan and Hubei provinces are almost done, and are nearly 80% complete in Henan. In northern provinces including Shaanxi and Shandong, activity is nearing its peak. Weather in the north will be favorable for crop filling, reaping and drying, China's National Meteorological Center said Monday.

Food security -- including domestic production -- has become a major focus for Beijing as global shortages push up prices for agricultural commodities and fuel inflation. Russia's invasion of Ukraine and bouts of extreme weather have ruptured crop supplies and spurred a wave of food protectionism.

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While the major uncertainty in global wheat supply is how much grain will eventually be shipped from Ukraine, a decent harvest in China will at least alleviate another risk. Wheat prices have swung since hitting a record in March, with Chicago futures rebounding Monday from their worst week in two months.

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By [Anirudh Bhattacharyya](#)

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Monday criticised recent incidents of Chinese fighter jets buzzing a Canadian aircraft on a United Nations mission in the Indo-Pacific.

Speaking to reporters in Ottawa, Trudeau said, “China’s actions are irresponsible and provocative and we will continue to register strongly that they are putting people at risk while at the same time not respecting decisions by the UN.”

The Canadian plane was part of Operation NEON, Canada’s contribution to a coordinated multinational effort to support the implementation of UN Security Council sanctions imposed against North Korea.

It was buzzed repeatedly in recent times, as Chinese fighters drew aggressively close to the aircraft, and the “interactions”, Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) said in a statement last Wednesday, “were “unprofessional and/or put the safety” of the Royal Canadian Air Force personnel “at risk”.

Canada’s foreign minister Melanie Joly said on Friday the matter would be raised formally at the UN Security Council. She was quoted by the outlet Global News, which first reported the buzzing episodes, as saying, “Canada is doing this surveillance work in the context of a UN mission, and China being a part of the UN Security Council, we expect them to respect our work.”

Canada isn’t the only country that has raised concerns over the actions of the People’s Liberation Army Air Force. On Monday Bloomberg reported that Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese had said his government reached out to Beijing over a “dangerous manoeuvre” between a Chinese fighter jet and an Australian surveillance plane over the South China Sea.

Australia’s department of defence had stated that a P-8 aircraft was undertaking routine maritime surveillance activity in the region on May 26 when it was intercepted by a Chinese J-16 fighter aircraft, according to the report.

“Such interactions, which occur in international airspace during UN-sanctioned missions, are of concern and of increasing frequency. These occurrences have also been addressed through diplomatic channels,” the CAF release added last week.

Relations between Canada and China have deteriorated in recent times, since senior Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou was detained in Vancouver in 2018 on charges of allegedly defrauding a financial institution to bypass sanctions upon the Iranian regime.

Days later, two Canadians, including a former diplomat, were arrested by China. Trudeau described that as “hostage diplomacy”.

After more than 1000 days in captivity and being charged with spying, they were released in September last year in what was seen as an exchange of

prisoners as Meng returned to China after agreeing to a plea deal with American prosecutors.

The Canadian government announced last month it was banning two Chinese majors, Huawei and ZTE, from its advanced telecommunications network, including 5G or fifth generation infrastructure.

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# Reserve Bank hikes rates for 2nd straight month; no 'accommodative' in stance

"Upside risks to inflation as highlighted in last policy meetings have materialized earlier than expected," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said after the policy decision.

The Reserve Bank of India.&nbsp;(file image)

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The [Reserve Bank of India](#)'s key interest rate was raised by 50 basis points on Wednesday as widely expected, the second hike in as many months, in a bid to cool persistently high inflation in Asia's third-largest economy.

The central bank also dropped the long-standing phrase that future policy would remain 'accommodative', reinforcing expectations of further rate hikes and other forms of tightening in coming months as fighting inflation becomes its main focus.

"Upside risks to inflation as highlighted in last policy meetings have materialized earlier than expected," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said after the policy decision.

The monetary policy committee (MPC) raised the key lending rate or the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 4.90%. The Standing Deposit Facility rate and the Marginal Standing Facility Rate were adjusted higher by the same quantum to 4.65% and 5.15%, respectively.

Das had said earlier that a June 8 move was a "no brainer". But analysts polled by Reuters had been divided over how much it would hike, with forecasts ranging between 25 and 75 bps.

Wednesday's increase follows a 40-bps rise in early May at an unscheduled meeting that kicked off the central bank's tightening cycle, which economists expect to be relatively short.

"The more hawkish tone on inflation suggests to us that the MPC will continue to frontload policy tightening over the coming months, perhaps with another a 50bp hike in the next scheduled meeting in August," said Shilan Shah, senior India economist at Capital Economics.

### **Price pressure intensifying**

Das said inflation will likely remain above the RBI's upper tolerance band in the first three quarters of the financial year that started on April 1.

"The MPC also decided to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation remains within the target going forward, while supporting growth," Das said.

Retail inflation in April accelerated to 7.79% from a year earlier, above the RBI's tolerance band for inflation of 2% to 6% for a fourth month in a row, and a further rise in global prices of crude oil, food and other commodities is expected to keep up the upward pressure.

The price spikes have hammered consumer spending and darkened the near-term outlook for India's economic growth, which slowed to the lowest in a year in the first three months of 2022.

The RBI raised its inflation projection for 2022/23 to 6.7% from 5.7% earlier, while maintaining its growth projection at 7.2%.

The central bank had slashed the repo rate by a total of 115 bps since March 2020 to soften the blow from the COVID-19 crisis.

India's 10-year benchmark bond yield fell to a low of 7.43% from the day's high of 7.56% after the policy decision, while the rupee was little changed at 77.69 per dollar.

"The comment on the orderly completion of the government borrowing programme has served to cool the 10-year G-sec yield," said Aditi Nayar, chief economist at rating agency ICRA.

India's NSE share index and the BSE index both recouped losses to trade up 0.2% each. [.BO]

"We were expecting a cash reserve ratio hike of 50 bps which did not happen," said Vivek Kumar, economist at research firm QuantEco.

"However, we would still expect some sort of a liquidity action in line with the assumption of guiding the overall surplus lower. This can happen via CRR route or via increased FX intervention (dollar sales) by the RBI," he added.

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# This CEO fired 900 on Zoom call, now being sued for 'misleading investors'

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Vishal Garg, [the CEO of Better.com](#), who drew flak for firing 900 of his staff on a single Zoom call, is again in the soup. A former employee of Better.com has sued the company and Garg accusing them of misleading the investors. Sarah Pierce, a former executive vice-president for sales and operations at the SoftBank-backed company, claimed in her lawsuit that Garg misrepresented Better.com's statements to ensure investors go through with a SPAC merger instead of withdrawing due to its financial condition.

A company lawyer, contacted by Reuters, said the claims were "without merit".

Better.com is a company that offers mortgage and insurance products to homeowners. Headquartered in New York, the company is headed by Indian-American business entrepreneur Vishal Garg who came to the limelight last year after he fired 900 employees in a sweep at a Zoom call and later apologised for the way he handled the issue.

This year, Garg sent a mail to his employees where he acknowledged that he personally guaranteed \$750 million of the \$1.5 billion cash infusion into the company by SoftBank. "I am fully committed with everything I own and will ever own. Five years from now, when that SoftBank \$750 million loan comes due around my 50th birthday, it means I have nothing. Well, at least we will have given it a real shot... this is true. I did personally guarantee three quarters of a billion dollars and I'm personally liable for it," he told the employees.

Garg has always remained controversial over his handling of the company but the mass firing over a Zoom call went viral. After the incident, Garg wrote an anonymous post on the company message board accusing those laid-off employees of stealing from the company by working just two hours a day. Later, Garg admitted that the post was written by him. "You guys know that at least 250 of the people terminated were working an average of 2 hours a day while clocking in 8 hours+ a day in the payroll system? They were stealing from you and stealing from our customers who pay the bills that pay our bills. Get educated," Garg wrote.

(With agency inputs)

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# RBI maintains India's GDP growth estimate at 7.2% for 2022-23

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RBI governor Shaktikanta Das. (PTI PHOTO)

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday maintained its growth projection at 7.2% for financial year 2022-23 after three-day Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting. Unveiling the [third monetary policy](#) for the current fiscal, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das underlined that the real GDP growth for the four quarters has been estimated at 16.2%, 6.2%, 4.1%, and 4.0% for Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4, respectively.

He, however, cautioned that there are risks from the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

Earlier in April, the RBI had slashed the GDP growth projection for 2022-23 to 7.2 per cent, from its earlier forecast of 7.8 per cent.

Das also highlighted the provisional estimates released by the National Statistical Office on India's GDP growth in 2021-22, saying this level of real GDP in 2021-22 has exceeded the pre-pandemic level.

The RBI governor said that boost in rural consumption is expected on the back of normal monsoon, as predicted by the Indian Meteorological

Department (IMD). He added that rebound in contact intensive services will sustain urban consumption.

“Assuming normal monsoon in 2022 and average crude oil price of \$105 per barrel in Indian basket, inflation is projected at 6.7% in 2022-23,” Das said in a video statement, while noting that [upside risks for inflation](#) like elevated commodity prices, revision in electricity tariffs, high animal feed costs, supplychain bottlenecks, elevated international crude prices persist.

"The war in Europe is lingering and we are facing newer challenges each passing day," Das said, pointing to higher food and fuel prices.

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# Inflation to hover around 6.7% for 2022/23, well above RBI's target band

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Retail inflation is likely to hover around 6.7 per cent for the current financial year, i.e., for 2022/23, Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das said Wednesday after a scheduled meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), raising the forecast from the 5.7 per cent seen earlier.

"With the assumption of a normal monsoon, in 2022 and average crude oil price in the Indian basket of 105 dollars per barrel, inflation is now projected at 6.7 per cent in 2022-23," the RBI governor said, noting the impact of war in Ukraine remains a concern and that the economy faces new challenges daily that accentuates supply chain woes leading to globalisation of inflation.

Inflation has been above the RBI's 2-6 per cent target band since the beginning of this year.

India bounced back strongly from the coronavirus pandemic with one of the world's fastest growth rates, but is now grappling with rising costs as commodity prices skyrocket worldwide.

CPI (or consumer price index)-based inflation surged to an eight-year high of 7.79 per cent in April.

It has been above 6 per cent since January 2022.

The MPC has hiked the policy repo rate by 50 basis points - a second hike in two months after May's off-cycle meeting increased the rate from 4 per cent to 4.4 per cent to contain rising inflation; this was the first hike since August 2018.

The new repo rate is now 4.9 per cent.

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"Consequently, standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 4.65 per cent and marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and bank rate - to 5.15 per cent," governor Das added.

The key policy rate hike was widely expected. A total of 17 of 41 economists polled by Bloomberg said they expected a 50 basis point-hike while another 11 said they expected a 40-point hike.

One basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point, or 0.01 per cent.

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# Repo rate hiked again; RBI retains GDP growth forecast at 7.2%

RBI Monetary Policy: The real GDP growth for the current year has been retained at 7.2%, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said. Inflation has been revised to 6.7% from 5.7% earlier for the current year.



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The Reserve Bank of India on Wednesday increased the repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90%. The current repo rate is 4.40% after the rates were increased by 40 basis points at an off-cycle meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee. The repo rate remains still below the pre-pandemic level, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said as he explained the MPC is unanimous in its decision to gradually withdraw the extraordinary accommodation during the pandemic situation. [Also Read: Sensex opens in green with 238.17 points; Nifty up by 58.60 points](#)

The central bank has also decided to raise MSF Rate and Bank rate to 5.15% from 4.65%.

The real GDP growth has been retained at 7.2%, Das said. Giving an overview of the global challenges, the governor said the Indian economy has remained resilient and the economic recovery gained momentum despite the ongoing war and the pandemic. However, inflation increased and a large part of it can be attributed to supply shortage because of the war.

Inflation has been projected at 6.7% for the current year, Das said. Earlier it was projected at 5.7%.

The rate hike, the second in two months, does not come as a surprise as the increase was highly anticipated. A total of [17 of the 41 economists](#) who participated in a Bloomberg poll expect the MPC to announce a rate hike of 50 basis points – one basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point – while another 11 expect an increase of 40 basis points.

The last hike in the repo rate and the reverse repo rates are already reflected in loans and mortgages. HDFC, the country's largest home loan company has increased its retail prime lending rate, on which adjustable-rate home loans are benchmarked, by 35 basis points (including by 5 basis points on Tuesday). ICICI Bank has raised the marginal cost of fund-based lending rate or MCLR (the minimum rate at which they can issue loans) by 30 basis points.

### **Linking credit cards to UPI**

The RBI on Wednesday proposed to allow the linking of credit cards to the UPI platform to provide additional convenience to the users. In the beginning, Rupay credit cards will be linked to the UPI platform. As of now, the UPI platforms are linked to debit cards. "UPI has become the most inclusive mode of payment in India with over 26 crore unique users and five crore merchants on the platform. The progress of UPI in recent years has been unparalleled. Many other countries are engaged with us in adopting similar methods in their countries," Shaktikanta Das said.

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# OnePlus Nord CE 2 Lite treads a different path to achieve Android affordability

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By [Vishal Mathur](#)

Android phones that start just below the ₹20,000 price mark are becoming increasingly more powerful, capable, and therefore have a higher future-proofing ceiling. It has been in the offing for a while. One will be able to hold on to them much longer, something we couldn't have said a couple of years ago. What has been possible is the rushed improvement Qualcomm rival chipmaker MediaTek has been engaged in. That defines two very different paths which Android phones are taking to achieve the same result.

OnePlus' most affordable phone in India at this time, the OnePlus Nord CE 2 Lite, has a spec sheet that isn't weak. The power comes from the Qualcomm Snapdragon 695 chip, a 6.59-inch display with 120Hz refresh rate, fast charging and a 64-megapixel camera at the helm of a troika. Prices for the Nord CE 2 Lite start around ₹19,999. Yet, the question remains simple — Is this enough?

A quick comparison with its closest rival, the Xiaomi's Redmi Note 11 Pro, is relevant. It's undercutting the Nord CE 2 Lite slightly with prices starting around ₹17,999, with slightly larger display (6.67-inches with 120Hz),

MediaTek Helio G96, a 108-megapixel camera leading the quad set-up, and faster charging (67-watt compared to 33-watt).

There may be a chance you'd be wondering — why not spend a little extra (₹23,999 onwards) on the Nord CE 2 for that much bit more power and potential longevity? Though it definitely ticks the performance aspect with MediaTek Dimensity 900 chipset, what you'd get instead is a slightly smaller display (6.43-inches) and limited to 90Hz refresh rate (that's perplexing!), but 45-watt faster charging with a smaller 4,500 mAh battery (instead of 5,000 mAh).

From the design perspective, you'll get two colours — Blue Tide and Black Dusk. There's a subtle dual tone finish. In the Blue, you'd get a bit of glimmer, while Black reminds us of the sandstone finish that OnePlus has always done so well. Fairly conventional looks and finish, at par with expectations, but nothing that stands out. Except the 3.5mm headphone jack, which would likely be very useful for a lot of users.

OnePlus has taken advantage of the comparative performance advantage 'Snapdragon 695' offers. It has faster core frequencies for processing cores and graphics, but that in itself makes a difference during multitasking — those occasional stutters are reduced while switching apps or navigating visually heavy interfaces. What'd also help is choosing the 8GB RAM spec instead of 6GB RAM, purely for the added headroom you'll inevitably need for apps.

While this chip is comparatively faster than its direct rival, it is all relative. This is a phone that's still going to touch the performance limits soon enough. The 120Hz refresh rate in a way accentuates slightly slower interface transitions. Open too many apps and load times get a bit longer. Surprisingly, it is quite pronounced when accessing content in-app too, including Microsoft Edge and Google Chrome web browsers; it feels like your broadband connection has suddenly slowed down. Affordable Android phones and their uniqueness!

The clean Oxygen OS 12.1 does prevent any further load on system resources. That's on par with the software layer that's common across all OnePlus phones. There is a touch of simplicity and minimalism about



Oxygen OS, even after being significantly revamped. There is the virtual memory option that can redirect some of the system space to act as a bolted-on RAM, but we didn't notice any performance boost with this turned on. Best to leave it off, and not strain the storage bandwidth.

This is a fairly bright display to work with. Almost 6.6-inch screen is the space that should do well for most apps. But the tech is quite basic. It's a simple LCD screen, and that means an always-on display option isn't on the menu. Colours are rich, and the white itself doesn't seem very accurate (it leans towards cool). Enough colour settings to try out, and things look up soon enough. Adequately sharp and has largely the same pixel density as Nord CE 2's slightly smaller display.

While a 64-megapixel sensor leads the way (others being macro and depth sensors, both 2-megapixels, each), you'll have to work hard with most photos you click. By default, this will capture 16-megapixel photos, with 64-megapixel high-definition mode too. Landscapes and still subjects come through rather nicely but moving subjects and rustling leaves end up looking blurred or smudged often — it indicates an inability to process photos quick enough.

You'll like the colour richness and the dynamic range when the OnePlus Nord CE 2 Lite's camera is used with patience and poise. The camera app itself is quite simple, which should be helpful in getting the hang of it soon enough. There is no 'raw' photo mode available, but then again, that's to be expected.

Would we recommend the OnePlus Nord CE 2 Lite? The answer is affirmative, for the most part if you keep in mind the limitations. As a phone, this is competent enough to not get in the way. Looks good, the software is reminiscent of more expensive OnePlus phones, and battery stamina elicits no complaints at all. The camera requires you to be patient, while the performance doesn't stretch far enough to allow for any real serious games.

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# RBI likely to hike policy repo rate by 40-50 basis points, banks cautious

As many as seventeen of the 41 economists who participated in a Bloomberg poll expect the central bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to announce a rate hike of 50 basis points, while another 11 expect an increase of 40 basis points.



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That the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India will announce an increase in interest rates on June 8 is a given. However, the MPC resolution will be keenly watched for its inflation and growth forecasts as well as other policy measures to augment what is the arguably the most challenging phase since India adopted an inflation targeting framework in 2016.

Seventeen of the 41 economists who participated in a Bloomberg poll expect the MPC to announce a rate hike of 50 basis points – one basis point is one hundredth of a percentage point – while another 11 expect an increase of 40 basis points. The MPC increased policy rates by 40 basis points to 4.4% in an unscheduled meeting in May, even as it retained monetary policy stance as accommodative.

“Broadly, you are right to the extent that RBI would like to raise the rates in the next few meetings or in the next meeting at least. I myself have said in my minutes that one of the reasons for the off-cycle meeting in May was that we did not want a much stronger action in June, which is highly

avoidable,” RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had said in an interview to CNBC-TV18 on May 24. Several private banks, including India’s largest private sector bank HDFC, announced an increase in their lending rates anticipating the central bank’s action, Mint reported on June 7.

The April hike has already reflected in loans and mortgages. Since the unscheduled MPC meeting, HDFC, the country’s largest home loan company has increased its retail prime lending rate, on which adjustable rate home loans are benchmarked, by 35 basis points (including by 5 basis points on Tuesday). ICICI Bank has raised the marginal cost of fund based lending rate or MCLR (the minimum rate at which they can issue loans) by 30 basis points.

The consensus on a rate hike notwithstanding, banks seem to have made a representation to RBI against any drastic action on sucking liquidity from the system. Economic Times reported on June 7 that the Indian Banks Association has requested RBI to not increase the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) any further. CRR is the mandatory share of deposits banks have to keep with RBI, and MPC increased it by 50 basis points to 4.5% in May, sucking more than ₹83,000 crore of cash out of the system.

To be sure, there is more to the MPC resolution which will be released on June 8 than just a rate hike or even its quantum. Among the most important things to watch out for will be the central bank’s outlook on inflation and growth for the current fiscal. While MPC did not give actual numbers for its growth and inflation outlook in its unscheduled May 2022 meeting, the resolution did cite “significant upside risks to the inflation trajectory set out in the April statement of MPC”. On the growth front, MPC flagged the need to “continuously monitor the balance of risks” even though it noted that “the Indian economy appears capable of weathering the deterioration in geopolitical conditions”.

The April 2022 resolution of MPC projected the benchmark inflation rate, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to be 5.7% in 2022-23 and GDP growth to be 7.2%. Most private forecasters expect annual inflation to stay above the six percent mark, the upper limit of RBI’s tolerance band even as they have made downward revision to their growth forecasts for the

Indian economy. This is despite high frequency indicators have been doing well, as was discussed in an HT story on June 3 (<https://bit.ly/3GY4WQ7>).

Results of forward-looking surveys conducted by RBI – these include the Consumer Confidence Survey and the Household Inflation Expectations' Survey – will give a good idea into the state of the economy, especially the degree of inflationary headwinds to growth prospects.

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# RBI may hike policy interest rates, inflation forecast tomorrow: Top points

The RBI is likely to revise the inflation forecast for the current financial year to above 6 per cent, considering the recent uptick in inflationary pressure.



RBI governor Shaktikanta Das.(ANI file photo)

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The [Reserve Bank of India \(RBI\)](#) is expected to increase the benchmark lending rate by 25-50 basis points on Wednesday as inflation continues to remain above its comfort level, news agency *PTI*.

Last month, the RBI raised the repo rate or short term lending rate by 40 basis points in an off-cycle monetary policy review to check spiralling inflation.

## Here are top points:

> The decision of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, is scheduled to be announced at 10 am on Wednesday.

> Considering the recent uptick in inflationary pressure, the RBI is likely to revise the inflation forecast for the current financial year to above 6 per cent.

- > A report by HDFC Bank Treasury Research Desk said the RBI is likely to raise the policy rate by 25 bps while continuing to keep its stance and the CRR rate unchanged. It expects RBI to change the inflation forecast by 70-80 bps from 5.7 per cent earlier, citing the change in global and domestic price pressures.
- > Indranil Pan, chief economist at Yes Bank, said the inflation surprise has brought to the fore the need for the RBI to tighten the monetary policy.
- > The government has tasked RBI to ensure India's Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of two per cent on either side.
- > Inflation has been above the RBI's 2-6 per cent target band since the beginning of this year.
- > CPI-based inflation surged to an eight-year high of 7.79 per cent in April. It has been above 6 per cent since January 2022.
- > Last month, MPC raised the key policy rate (repo) by 40 basis points to 4.4 per cent to tame the rising inflation. It was the first-rate hike after August 2018.
- > With an aim to cushion the impact of lockdown, the RBI had slashed the repo rate by 75 basis points to 4.40 per cent in March 27, 2020, from 5.15 per cent.
- > On May 22, 2020, RBI again cut the repo rate by 40 basis points and brought it down to 4 per cent. Thereafter, it maintained status-quo in the benchmark interest rate for almost two years before increasing it on May 4, 2022.

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# World Bank cuts India's economic growth forecast to 7.5 pc for FY23

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The World Bank on Tuesday cut India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.5 per cent as rising inflation, supply chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions taper recovery.

This is the second time that the World Bank has revised its GDP growth forecast for India in the current fiscal 2022-23 (April 2022 to March 2023). In April, it had trimmed the forecast from 8.7 per cent to 8 per cent and now it is projected at 7.5 per cent.

The GDP growth compares to an 8.7 per cent expansion in the previous 2021-22 fiscal.

"In India, growth is forecast to edge down to 7.5 percent in the fiscal year 2022/23, with headwinds from rising inflation, supply chain disruptions, and geopolitical tensions offsetting buoyancy in the recovery of services consumption from the pandemic," the World Bank said in its latest issue of the Global Economic Prospects.

Growth, it said, will also be supported by fixed investment undertaken by the private sector and by the government, which has introduced incentives

and reforms to improve the business climate. This forecast reflects a 1.2 percentage point downward revision of growth from the January projection, the bank added.

"Growth is expected to slow further to 7.1 percent in 2023-24 back towards its longer-run potential," it noted.

A rise in prices across all items from fuel to vegetables and cooking oil pushed WPI or wholesale price-based inflation to a record high of 15.08 per cent in April and retail inflation to a near eight-year high of 7.79 per cent.

High inflation prompted the Reserve Bank to hold an unscheduled meeting to raise the benchmark interest rate by 40 basis points to 4.40 per cent last month and another hike is expected on Wednesday.

Prior to the World Bank's action, global rating agencies too had slashed India's economic growth forecast. Last month, Moody's Investors Service trimmed the GDP projection to 8.8 per cent for the calendar year 2022 from 9.1 per cent earlier, citing high inflation.

S&P Global Ratings too had cut India's growth projection for 2022-23 to 7.3 per cent, from 7.8 per cent earlier, on rising inflation and longer-than-expected Russia-Ukraine conflict.

In March, Fitch had cut India's growth forecast to 8.5 per cent, from 10.3 per cent, while IMF has lowered the projection to 8.2 per cent from 9 per cent.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has pegged India's growth at 7.5 per cent, while RBI in April cut the forecast to 7.2 per cent from 7.8 per cent amid volatile crude oil prices and supply chain disruptions due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

According to the World Bank report, growth in India slowed in the first half of 2022 as activity was disrupted both by a surge in COVID-19 cases, accompanied by more-targeted mobility restrictions and by the war in Ukraine. The recovery is facing headwinds from rising inflation.

The unemployment rate has declined to levels seen prior to the pandemic, but the labour force participation rate remains below pre-pandemic levels and workers have shifted to lower-paying jobs.

In India, the focus of government spending has shifted toward infrastructure investment, labour regulations are being simplified, underperforming state-owned assets are being privatised, and the logistics sector is expected to be modernized and integrated, the bank said.

World Bank President David Malpas, in his foreword to the report, said after multiple crises, long-term prosperity will depend on returning to faster growth and a more stable, rules-based policy environment.

"There is good reason to expect that, once the war in Ukraine stops, efforts will redouble -- including by the World Bank Group -- to rebuild the Ukrainian economy and revive global growth."

Global growth is expected to slow sharply from 5.7 per cent in 2021 to 2.9 per cent this year. "This also reflects a nearly one-third cut to our January 2022 forecast for this year of 4.1 per cent," he said.

"The surge in energy and food prices, along with the supply and trade disruptions triggered by the war in Ukraine and the necessary interest-rate normalization now underway, account for most of the downgrade," Malpass added.


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# India to grow at 7.5% in 2022-23, says World Bank report

The World Bank said the global economy was entering a period of feeble growth and elevated inflation, resemblance to 1970s stagflation.

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**Washington:** As the global economy enters a period of “feeble growth” and “elevated inflation”, India will grow at 7.5% in 2022-23, the World Bank has said in its latest Global Economic Prospects report, released on Tuesday. In January, the Bank had pegged [India's growth projection for the fiscal year at 8.7%](#). For 2023-24, the report projects that India will grow at 7.1%.

The downward revision in India's prospects comes in the backdrop of a projected slowdown globally, with growth expected to slump from 5.7% in 2021 to 2.9% in 2022 — in January, the Bank had projected global growth this year to 4.1%. The slowdown is due to the lasting effects of the pandemic but the more immediate trigger is the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

“The war in Ukraine, lockdowns in China, supply-chain disruptions, and the risk of stagflation are hammering growth. For many countries, recession will be hard to avoid,” said World Bank Group president David Malpass.

The report draws a parallel between the current period with the stagflation in 1970s, and points out three similarities — these include “persistent supply-side disturbances fueling inflation, preceded by a protracted period of highly accommodative monetary policy in major advanced economies, prospects for weakening growth, and vulnerabilities that emerging market and developing economies face with respect to the monetary policy tightening that will be needed to rein in inflation.”

But it also points to the distinctions with the crisis of the 1970s. These include a much stronger dollar; smaller percentage increases in commodity prices; and stronger balance sheets of major financial institutions. “More importantly, unlike the 1970s, central banks in advanced economies and many developing economies now have clear mandates for price stability, and, over the past three decades, they have established a credible track record of achieving their inflation targets.”

In India’s case, the report noted that there had been a slowdown in the first half of 2022 due to a surge in Covid-19 cases, targeted mobility restrictions, and then the Russian war in Ukraine. “The recovery is facing headwinds from rising inflation. The unemployment rates have declined to levels seen prior to the pandemic, but the labour force participation rates remain below pre-pandemic levels and workers have shifted to lower-paying and less-secure jobs.”

Explaining its downward revision for India, the report pointed to “headwinds from rising inflation, supply chain disruptions, and geopolitical tensions offsetting buoyancy in the recovery of services consumption from the pandemic”. It, however, added that growth will be supported by fixed investment undertaken by the private sector and by the government, “which has introduced incentives and reforms to improve the business climate”.

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# Sensex tumbles 568 points; markets fall for third day in a row

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Benchmark indices declined for the third day running on Tuesday, with the [Sensex](#) tumbling 567.98 points amid weak global markets and continuous foreign funds outflow. Investors were risk-averse ahead of the RBI's policy decision on Wednesday, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 567.98 points or 1.02 percent to settle at 55,107.34. During the day, it dived 792.91 points or 1.42 percent to 54,882.41. The broader NSE Nifty fell by 153.20 points or 0.92 percent to end at 16,416.35.

From the Sensex pack, Titan, Dr Reddy's, [Larsen & Toubro](#), HUL, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance, TCS and Nestle were the biggest laggards. In contrast, NTPC, Maruti, [M&M](#) and Bharti Airtel were the gainers.

Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Hong Kong and Seoul finished lower, while Tokyo and Shanghai ended with marginal gains. European markets were trading lower during afternoon trade. Stock markets in the US had ended with gains on Monday.

Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.26 percent to USD 119.2 per barrel. Foreign institutional investors offloaded shares worth



a net ₹2,397.65 crore on Monday, according to stock exchange data.

## **Rupee declines 7 paise to close at 77.73 against US dollar**

The rupee slipped 7 paise to close at 77.73 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday as a massive sell-off in domestic equities and stronger greenback overseas on investor sentiment. Persistent foreign capital outflows and elevated global crude oil prices also impacted the domestic unit, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 77.72 and witnessed an intra-day high of 77.69 and a low of 77.73 against the US dollar.

The local unit finally settled at 77.73, down 7 paise over its previous close of 77.66. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.22 per cent to 102.67.


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# HDFC Bank hikes lending rates by 0.35%; 2nd hike in two months

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The country's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank on Tuesday announced a 0.35 per cent hike in lending rate.

The hike, which comes a day ahead of the RBI's scheduled policy review, is the second such move from the lender in as many months, taking the cumulative hike to up to 0.60 per cent.

The RBI had surprised all with a 0.40 per cent hike in key interest rates on May 4 to tame the inflation situation and is widely expected to follow up with further tightening of the policy on Wednesday.

HDFC Bank increased its Marginal Cost of funding based Lending Rate by 0.35 per cent from June 7, as per the new rate structure published on its website.

The one-year MCLR, on which a bulk of consumer loans are pegged, will be 7.85 per cent after the newest review as against 7.50 per cent earlier.

The overnight MCLR will be 7.50 per cent against 7.15 per cent, while the three-year MCLR will be 8.05 per cent compared to 7.70 per cent.

It can be noted that the rate hikes come at a time when credit growth is not very high and banks are keen to accelerate on the same. There have been hikes in deposit rates as well, which have preceded the lending rate hikes, along with the change in the policy environment.

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# Shares fall for third session ahead of RBI rate decision

The NSE Nifty 50 index closed 0.92% lower at 16,416.35 and the S&P BSE Sensex slipped 1.02% to 55,107.34.



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Indian shares ended lower for a third straight session on Tuesday as a surprise interest rate hike in Australia deepened worries around aggressive policy tightening ahead of a meeting of the domestic central bank.

The NSE Nifty 50 index closed 0.92% lower at 16,416.35 and the S&P BSE Sensex slipped 1.02% to 55,107.34.

The movement was in line with broader weakness in equities after a 50-basis-point rate increase by the Reserve Bank of Australia compounded concerns that hawkish central banks could tip the global economy into a recession.

The Indian stock market has seen volatile moves in the run-up to a central bank rate decision on Wednesday. Grappling with stubbornly high inflation, the Reserve Bank of India was expected to further tighten policy after its unscheduled rate hike in May.

The central bank will be likely to concentrate interest rate hikes over the coming months in a relatively short tightening cycle, to reach its terminal level early next year, a Reuters poll showed.

On Tuesday, the market was weighed down by broad-based losses, with banks, real estate and pharmaceutical stocks all losing more than 1%.

Beaten-down technology stocks closed 1.6% lower to take their losses for the year to more than 24%.

Financial services platform PB Fintech settled down 11.5% after it said the firm's chief executive intends to sell 3.8 million shares through bulk deals on the stock exchange.

Consumer stocks fell for a third straight day, closing down 1.5%.

Among the few gainers, energy stocks on the Nifty settled 1.1% higher, led by a 5.1% jump in Oil and Natural Gas Corp.

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# PwC fined £5 million for shoddy audits at 2 construction firms

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PricewaterhouseCoopers was fined almost £5 million pounds (\$6.22 million) for a series of poor audits of two UK construction companies, as the regulator continued to crack down on audit failings by the Big Four.

PwC will pay £3 million in relation to its audits of Galliford Try Plc, and £1.96 million over a review of Kier Group Plc, the Financial Reporting Council said Tuesday. It was also ordered to report on its most modern audits that considered long-term contracts, the FRC said.

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The breaches “concern failures to properly audit revenue recognised under specific complex long-term contracts,” said Claudia Mortimore, the FRC’s deputy executive counsel.

“We are sorry that aspects of our work were not of the required standard,” PwC said in a statement. The auditor said it’s “invested heavily” in a program to strengthen audit quality, including those on long term contracts and has “seen the positive impact of the actions we’ve taken.”

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# 'Citigroup to hire 3k in Asia institutional banking business in growth push': Asia CEO

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Reuters |

Citigroup Inc plans to hire around 3,000 new staff for its Asia institutional business in the next few years, sharpening its focus in a fast-growing region where it has exited consumer banking in most markets, its Asia Pacific chief executive said.

The previously unreported staff expansion plans underline Citi's ambition to make institutional banking and wealth management engines of growth, seeking to bolster revenue in a region that has become a battleground for global banks looking to tap its vast economies and growing wealth.

Citi's institutional business includes investment banking, and corporate and commercial banking units that provide trade finance, cash management, payments, and custody services, among others.



"We're talking about real meat on the bones on growing our business across Asia," Asia-Pacific CEO Peter Babej told Reuters in an interview. Babej took on the role in 2019 and previously worked as global head of the bank's financial institutions group.

Citi has around \$200 billion in wealth assets in Asia, and the bank was "on track" to grow client assets by \$150 billion by 2025, a spokesman said, despite global economic and markets uncertainties.

The bank's expansion of Asian institutional business comes on top of plans announced last year to hire about 2,300 people by 2025 for its wealth management unit.

Citi said last year that \$7 billion in capital released from divestment of consumer banking businesses in 13 markets, 10 of which were in Asia, would be either returned to shareholders or invested in lucrative institutional banking and wealth management units.

The bank's main regional institutional business are in Hong Kong and Singapore, and Babej said that these two hubs would be a key focus of the 3,000 additional headcount for the unit. It does not disclose the existing headcount for the business.

"That gives you a sense that the magnitude of the set of investment we're talking about both from a people perspective, and from a capital perspective, it is very significant," Babej said.

Last year, Citi created a single wealth management business, to deliver services to clients from the affluent segment as well as ultra-high net worth individuals. The Asia wealth business is also centered in Singapore and Hong Kong, hubs where the bank still retains its consumer banking units.

### **'Importance of China'**

Wealth managers at the big global banks are tempering their expectations for Asia, after China's regulatory crackdown and Covid-driven slowdown helped to push clients to the sidelines, bankers and analysts told Reuters last month.

"As global growth slows down, Asia slows down as well, but the relative growth is still higher than most other places in the world," said Babej.

"And that growth, which translates into portfolio wealth, is one that we're incredibly excited about, and the global solutions that we can provide for that wealth are increasingly relevant for our Asian clients."

Babej believes the wealth that's been accumulated, and continues to grow, in China is "very significant", despite macroeconomic headwinds, uncertainties around Beijing's so-called 'common prosperity' drive, and challenges from COVID control measures.

"Even at a lower GDP (gross domestic product) growth rate, it's something that actually grows faster than it does in the rest of the world," Babej said, noting the common prosperity drive's impact on clients' international investing was hard to predict.

Even as China's economy was expected to slow sharply this year due to pandemic-induced challenges, among other things, the Citi Asia head said China's economic and geopolitical challenges would be short-lived and would not change the bank's strategy.

"We're in China for the long term," he said. "There are question marks in light of the geopolitical situation and macroeconomic situation but longer-term we are big believers in the importance of China."

Babej, however, admitted that not being able to travel to China due to mandatory weeks-long quarantine for inbound travellers as part of the country's zero-Covid approach, was a challenge for both clients and bankers of Citi.

"Our clients are much more willing to work over Zoom but at the end of the day, especially from a private bank view, not being able to travel is a challenge."

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# Sony ex-CEO Idei, who led brand's global growth, dies at 84

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AP |

Nobuyuki Idei, who led Japan's Sony from 1998 through 2005, steering its growth in the digital and entertainment businesses, has died, the company said Tuesday. He was 84.

Idei died of liver failure on June 2 in Tokyo, Sony Group Corp. said in a statement.

Sony Chief Executive Kenichiro Yoshida said he and the company were indebted to Idei's vision in preparing Sony for the Internet age.

"During his seven years as CEO from 1998, Mr. Idei made an immense contribution to Sony's evolution as a global company. In particular, the prescience and foresight with which he predicted the impact of the Internet and engaged proactively with digitalization across Sony amazes me to this day," he said.

Tokyo-based Sony is among Japan's stellar brands, having brought the world the Walkman portable music player. But it had humble beginnings in the 1940s, when the nation was rebuilding from the ashes of World War II.

Sony was founded by Akio Morita, who co-wrote “The Japan That Can Say No,” which advocated for a more assertive and prouder Japan, and Masaru Ibuka. In the 1970s, when Sony was developing the Walkman, some engineers were skeptical. But Morita insisted people would listen to music on-the-go.

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Idei joined Sony in 1960, after graduating from Tokyo's prestigious Waseda University, and worked in its audio and video divisions.

He was appointed president in 1995, and is credited with being behind hit products such as the Vaio laptop.

He became chief executive three years later, hand-picked by Norio Ohga, who led Sony in the 1980s and 1990s and was a flamboyant music lover who played a key role in the company's development of the compact disc.

Idei pushed Sony's digital operations under the slogan “Digital Dream Kids.” He also accelerated Sony's global expansion, including the PlayStation video game business, and Sony's sprawling entertainment empire that includes music and movies.

Idei also solidified a global group management framework and corporate governance structure at the company. He was appointed to lead Japan's government IT Strategy Council in 2000, helping the nation set up broadband networks.

He was succeeded by Howard Stringer, the first non-Japanese to lead Sony, an appointment meant to better integrate Sony's electronics and entertainment businesses.

That shake-up in 2005 came at a time when concerns were growing about whether Sony could revive its electronics operations in the face of cheaper competition from Asian rivals. Sales of products that were once pillars of Sony's power, such as TVs and portable players, had dived.

In 2003, under Idei's helm, Sony stock nosedived in what was dubbed the "Sony shock" after it reported worse-than-expected red ink.

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Sony had repeatedly promised to generate profits through futuristic gadgets that download entertainment for the network-linked home, allowing the company to exploit both its electronics and entertainment divisions.

"The Sony shock was a shock for us, too," Idei said at the time. "We want to change the shock into something positive."

After his retirement from Sony, Idei established the consulting company Quantum Leaps Corp. that focused on reshaping companies and nurturing a next generation of leaders.

Idei is survived by his wife and their daughter, according to Sony. A private funeral service was carried out with immediate family, and a company memorial event in his honor is being planned for a later date, it said.

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- **[RBSE Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022 Live: Class 5, 8 result delayed](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 16:52]  
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- **[UP Board UPMSP Class 10th, 12th results not on June 9, beware of fake message](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 13:30]  
UPMSP UP Board Class 10th, 12th Result 2022: When announced, Uttar Pradesh board exam results will be available on results.upmsp.edu.in and upresults.nic.in.
- **[UP Board Result 2022 Live: UPMSP 10th, 12th results likely by June 15](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 13:08]  
UP Board Result 2022 Live: UP Board Results 2022 for UPMSP Class 10 and Class 12 students are expected by June 15, officials said.&nbsp;
- **[CBSE Class 12 mathematics exams 2022: What students said after paper](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 13:03]  
CBSE Class 12 mathematics exams 2022: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) conducted Class 12 maths exam today. Here is what students said about the paper.
- **[Odisha govt enhances pre-matric scholarship for ST, SC boarders](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 12:42]  
The Odisha government has enhanced the pre-matric scholarship for ST and SC boarders from ₹750 to ₹950 for boys and from ₹800 to ₹1000 for girls.

- **SC agrees to consider plea seeking special stray round of counselling in NEET** [Tue, 07 Jun 12:36]

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider a plea by medical students seeking a special stray round of counselling to fill vacant postgraduate medical seats under the All-India Quota (AIQ) in the NEET 2021.

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# Maharashtra HSC Results 2022: Maharashtra board (MSBSHSE) declares 12th results

- Maharashtra HSC results 2022 have been announced and links will be available on mahresults.nic.in and on other official websites after 1 pm.

 Maharashtra HSC Results 2022: Maharashtra board (MSBSHSE) declares 12th results(HT File)

Maharashtra HSC Results 2022: Maharashtra board (MSBSHSE) declares 12th results(HT File)

Updated on Jun 08, 2022 11:45 AM IST

By [HT Education Desk](#), New Delhi

Maharashtra MSBSHSE HSC Results 2022: Maharashtra Class 12th board exam result 2022 has been declared. Candidates who took the exam can visit the board websites after 1 pm to check their HSC final exam mark sheets. Official websites for Maharashtra board HSC results are mahresult.nic.in, hscresult.mkcl.org, hsc.mahresults.org.in. Additionally, results will also be available on some private websites. Follow [Maharashtra HSC result 2022 live updates](#).

As many as 1439731 students appeared for HSC exam in Maharashtra this year of whom 1356604 have cleared the exam. The pass percentage stands at 94.22%. The number is significantly low compared to 2021, when results were announced without board exams.

Konkan division has once again emerged as best performer with students' success rate of 97.21% while Mumbai division has the lowest pass percentage of 90.91%.

Maharashtra HSC results 2022 direct link (will be available after 1 pm).

Maharashtra HSC final exams were conducted in Physical mode following COVID precautions from March 4 to April 7.

Last year, MSBSHSE did not conduct these exams amid the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic and used an alternative method to calculate scores.

As many as 14,85,191 students have registered for HSC exams this year, of whom 8,17,188 are male students and 6,68,003 are female students.

## How to check Maharashtra HSC result 2022

1. Go to mahresults.nic.in or any of the websites mentioned here.
2. Open the HSC result link and login with the required credentials.
3. On the next page, result will be displayed. Check it and take a printout for future use.


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# Maharashtra Board HSC 12th Result 2022: 94.22 % students pass

- Maharashtra State Board Of Secondary And Higher Secondary Education (MSBSHSE) will release HSC or Class 12 board exam results at 1pm.

 Maharashtra Board HSC 12th Result 2022: 94.22 % students pass  
Maharashtra Board HSC 12th Result 2022: 94.22 % students pass  
Updated on Jun 08, 2022 11:31 AM IST  
By [HT Education Desk](#)

Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education will announce Maharashtra HSC Result 2022 on June 8 at 1 p.m. Candidates who took the Class 12 board exam in the state can access their results at mahahsscboard.in, the MSBSHSE website once the result link is out.

There were 14,85,191 students registered for the HSC examinations, with 817,188 male students and 6,68,003 female students.

The state's Class 12 board examination was held offline from March 4 to April 7, 2022. The examination was carried out in accordance with the COVID19 guidelines issued by the state and central governments.

In Maharashtra, 94.22 percent of students pass the HSC exam, the results of which will be announced at 1 p.m. The state's passing percentage has increased by 5.41 percent compared to the previous year, when there was no exam due to covid.

This year, 14,39,731 students took the HSC examination in the state, with 13,56,604 passing the exam. Out of 13,56,604 students who cleared exam,

95.35% are girls and 93.29% are boys.

The HSC examination was passed by 99.63 percent of students last year. The pass percentage for the Science stream was 99.45 percent, 99.83 percent for the Arts stream, and 99.91 percent for the Commerce stream.

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# Maharashtra HSC Result 2022: Maha Class 12th results today on mahresult.nic.in

- Maharashtra HSC or Class 12 board exam results will be published today on mahresult.nic.in and other websites.

 Maharashtra HSC Result 2022: Maha 12th results today on mahresult.nic.in (Getty Images/iStockphoto)

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Maharashtra HSC Result 2022: Maharashtra State Board Of Secondary And Higher Secondary Education (MSBSHSE) will announce HSC or Class 12 board exam results on June 8, at 1 pm. Once declared, students can check their board exam result on mahahsscboard.in, mahresults.nic.in and other websites. [Maharashtra HSC result 2022 live updates](#).

Maharashtra HSC result 2022 date and time was confirmed by School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad. She tweeted, “Results for HSC exams held in March-April 2022 by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education will be announced online on 8th June at 1 pm.”

Gaikwad also shared a list of websites to check results. These include mahresult.nic.in, hscresult.mkcl.org, hsc.mahresults.org.in and some other unofficial sites.

This year, a total of 14,85,191 students had registered for HSC exams of whom 817,188 are male students and 6,68,003 are female students.

Maha HSC exams 2022 were held offline following COVID precautions from March 4 to April 7.

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# BSER Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022: RBSE Class 5, 8 result today

BSER Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022 will be declared today, June 8, 2022. RBSE Class 5, 8 result will be announced at 11 am.

 BSER Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th&nbsp;Result 2022: RBSE Class 5, 8 result today

BSER Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022: RBSE Class 5, 8 result today

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By [HT Education Desk](#), New Delhi

Directorate of Education, Rajasthan will announce BSER Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022 on June 8, 2022. The RBSE Class 5, 8 result will be releasing today, June 8 at 11 am. Candidates who have appeared for Class 5 and Class 8 board examinations can check their respective results on the official site of RBSE on [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in).

RBSE conducted the Class 5th Board exams from April 27 to May 17, 2022 and the Class 8 Board Exams from April 17, 2022 to May 17, 2022 in the state at various exam centres. This year a total of 12.63 lakh candidates appeared for Class 8 board exams and 14.53 lakh candidates appeared for Class 5 board exams. [RBSE Class 5, 8 Result Live Updates](#)

## **BSER Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022: How to check**

Candidates who have appeared for Class 5 and Class 8 board exams can check the result through these simple steps given below.

- Visit the official site of RBSE on [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in).
- Click on Results 2022 link available on the home page.

- Press Class 5 or Class 8 result link and enter the login details.
- Your result will be displayed on the screen.
- Check the result and download the page.
- Keep a hard copy of the same for further need.

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# NIPER JEE 2022 admit card released: Know how to download, link here

- NIPER Hyderabad, has released the admit card for the NIPER Joint Entrance Examination (NIPER JEE) 2022.

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The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hyderabad, has released the admit card for the NIPER Joint Entrance Examination (NIPER JEE) 2022.

NIPER JEE 2022 exam will be conducted in computer-based examination (CBT) on June 12. Candidates can obtain their NIPER JEE hall tickets via the official website, [niperhyd.ac.in](http://niperhyd.ac.in).

[Here's the direct link to download the NIPER JEE 2022 admit card](#)

NIPER JEE 2022: Know how to download the admit card

Step 1: Visit the official website of NIPER Hyderabad at [niperhyd.ac.in](http://niperhyd.ac.in)

Step 2: On the homepage click on “ NIPER JEE 2022: Download Hall Tickets for NIPER JEE 2022. Click here for details”.

Step 3: Key in your credentials

Step 4: Click on Get Admit card tab

Step 5: Your admit card will be displayed on screen

Step 6: Download and take print out.

The final result for the Master's examination will be released on June 21 while the final result for Ph.D courses will be out on July 5 and the final result for - Integrated PG-PhD courses will be released on June 25.

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# Maharashtra HSC Result 2022

## Live: 94.22 % pass, direct link after 1 pm

Maharashtra HSC Result 2022 Live: MSBSHSE will publish HSC or Class 12 result direct link at 1 pm. This year, 94.22% students have cleared the exam.



Maharashtra HSC Result 2022 Live: 94.22 % pass, direct link after 1 pm  
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Updated on Jun 08, 2022 11:28 AM IST

By [HT Education Desk](#), New Delhi

Maharashtra HSC Result 2022 Live Updates: Maharashtra State Board Of Secondary And Higher Secondary Education has shared information on Maharashtra HSC Result 2022 according to which, 94.22% students in Arts, Science and Commerce streams have passed the exam. MSBSHSE Class 12 result link will be activated at 1 pm. Candidates who took the Class 12

board test in the state can view their results on the MSBSHSE websites mahresult.nic.in. hscresult.mkcl.org and hsc.mahresults.org.in. Candidates are advised to keep their admit card handy to check the result.

A total of 14,85,191 students had registered for the HSC exams of which 817,188 are male students and 6,68,003 are female students.

The Class 12 board examination in the state was conducted in offline mode from March 4 to April 7, 2022. The examination was conducted by following all COVID19 guidelines issued by the state and central government. For more related details candidates can check the official website of MSBSHSE.

**Follow all the updates here:**

- Jun 08, 2022 11:27 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: Division-wise pass percentage

Pune: 93.61%

Nagpur: 96.52%

Aurangabad: 94.97%

Mumbai: 90.91%

Kolhapur: 95.07%

Amravati: 96.34 %

Nashik: 95.03%

Latur: 95.25%

Konkan: 97.21%

- Jun 08, 2022 11:24 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: Konkan division has 97.21% pass percentage

Konkan division has once again recorded the best pass percentage – 97.21% – in Maharashtra HSC result 2022.

- Jun 08, 2022 11:22 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: Pass percentage drops

In Maharashtra HSC result 2022, 94.22% students have passed and the pass percentage has come down by 5.41 percentage points since last year. Notably, there were no board exams in Maharashtra last year.

- Jun 08, 2022 11:16 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: 94.22% students pass

This year, 94.22% students have passed the Maharashtra HSC exam 2022.

- Jun 08, 2022 11:09 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: Login credentials for MSBSHSE 12th results

To check Maharashtra Class 12th result on mahresult.nic.in, hscresult.mkcl.org and hsc.mahresults.org.in, students will have to use board exam seat number and mother's name.

- Jun 08, 2022 10:53 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC 12th result 2022 time

Around 2 hours remaining for Maharashtra HSC Class 12th results. Students will get their e-mark sheets on mahresult.nic.in, hscresult.mkcl.org and hsc.mahresults.org.in at 1 pm.

- Jun 08, 2022 10:43 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: Over 14 lakh students wait

This year, as many as 14,85,191 students have registered for Maharashtra HSC exams. The number is slightly higher than last year's when 13,19,754 had registered for Maharashtra 12th exams.

- Jun 08, 2022 10:31 AM IST

Maharashtra Class 12th result 2022: Stream-wise results last year

Commerce pass percentage: 99.91%

Vocational: 98.80%

Overall (Science, Arts, Commerce, Vocational): 99.63%

- Jun 08, 2022 10:17 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: Some exams were postponed

Maharashtra HSC exams for second and third language subjects, earlier scheduled for March 5 and 7, were postponed till April 5 and 7 as the truck carrying these question papers caught fire. These papers were meant for Pune division students.

- Jun 08, 2022 09:57 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC 12th result 2022: Where can students check results

As informed by Maharashtra School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad, websites to check HSC or Class 12th results include [mahresult.nic.in](http://mahresult.nic.in), [hscresult.mkcl.org](http://hscresult.mkcl.org), [hsc.mahresults.org.in](http://hsc.mahresults.org.in) and some other unofficial sites.

- Jun 08, 2022 09:45 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: What will be mentioned on MSBSHSE scorecards



In Maharashtra 12th result scorecards, candidates' name, address, school details, marks secured in each subject, total marks, pass/fail status, etc will be mentioned.

- Jun 08, 2022 09:24 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: When is SSC result?

Maharashtra HSC students will get their results on June 8 but there is no official update on SSC result date and time. Usually, the board announces both Maharashtra Class 10 and Class 12 results within a few days.

- Jun 08, 2022 08:59 AM IST

Maha HSC results 2022 on mahresults.nic.in

mahresults.nic.in, the official website for Maharashtra examination results, has been updated ahead of HSC results. A notification on the website reads results will be declared "on June 8th, 2022 at 13:00 Hrs."

- Jun 08, 2022 08:46 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: Arts, Science, Commerce results together

MSBSHSE announces Maharashtra HSC results for Science, Arts and Commerce streams together.

- Jun 08, 2022 08:31 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022 date and time

HSC result 2022 Maharashtra date: June 8

Maharashtra HSC results time: 1 pm.

- Jun 08, 2022 08:14 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: Toppers' list to be released?

This year, MSBSHSE may release the HSC exam toppers' list as exams were conducted in the conventional manner. Last year, the toppers' list was not released as there was no board exams and results were prepared based on an alternative assessment scheme.

- Jun 08, 2022 08:01 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: 99.63% passed last year

The Maharashtra board recorded a 99.63% pass percentage in HSC results last year.

- Jun 08, 2022 07:47 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC 12th result 2022: Full marks to students for this question

The Maharashtra board will award full marks (1) for one question asked in the HSC English paper as it was printed without the necessary guidelines.

- Jun 08, 2022 07:36 AM IST

Maharashtra Class 12th result 2022: Exam held after a year

This year MSBSHSE was finally able to conduct board exams in offline mode. Last year, these exams were cancelled in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Jun 08, 2022 07:21 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: Where to check MSBSHSE Class 12th result 2022

As informed by School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad, these are the websites to check Maharashtra HSC results 2022:

[mahresult.nic.in](http://mahresult.nic.in)

[hscreresult.mkcl.org](http://hscreresult.mkcl.org)

[hsc.mahresults.org.in](http://hsc.mahresults.org.in)

and some other unofficial sites.

- Jun 08, 2022 06:44 AM IST

HSC results 2022 Maharashtra: What Varsha Gaikwad said

To announce Maharashtra HSC result 2022 date and time, School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad posted a video message on her Twitter and wrote, “Results for HSC exams held in March-April 2022 by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education will be announced online on 8th June at 1 pm.”

- Jun 08, 2022 06:40 AM IST

HSC result 2022 Maharashtra board: Over 14 lakh candidates wait

This year, a total of 14,85,191 candidates had registered themselves for HSC Class 12 final examinations in Maharashtra.

- Jun 08, 2022 06:35 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022: List of websites to check scores

Official websites for Maharashtra board HSC result 2022 are:

1. [mahresults.nic.in](http://mahresults.nic.in)
2. [mahahsscboard.in](http://mahahsscboard.in)
3. [msbshse.co.in](http://msbshse.co.in)

- Jun 08, 2022 06:26 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC result 2022 time

As per the latest updates, Maharashtra HSC result 2022 will be announced at 1 pm on June 8.

- Jun 08, 2022 06:23 AM IST

Maharashtra HSC results 2022 today

Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (MSBSHSE) will declare HSC or Class 12 final examination result on June 8.

- Jun 07, 2022 07:40 PM IST

HSC Maharashtra results: Last year 14 lakh students registered for the HSC exam

Last year, 14 lakh students have enrolled for Maharashtra Class 12 examinations.

- Jun 07, 2022 07:39 PM IST

HSC Maharashtra result : Last year the result was announced on August 2

School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad declared the Maharashtra HSC Result 2021 Date on August 2, 2021. Candidates received the results at 4 p.m. on August 3, 2021.

- Jun 07, 2022 06:51 PM IST

HSC Maharashtra result: Websites to keep eye on

<http://mahresult.nic.in>

<http://hscresult.mkcl.org>

<https://hsc.mahresults.org.in>

- Jun 07, 2022 06:48 PM IST

HSC results tomorrow: How to check

Go to the official website at mahsscboard.in.

Click the link for the HSC, 12th exam result 2022.

Enter your log-in information

The results of the HSC test 2022 will be displayed on the screen.

Download the HSC exam results and print it for future reference.

- Jun 07, 2022 06:26 PM IST

HSC exam result tomorrow: Maharashtra class 12th result

Around 15 lakh students are awaiting their Maharashtra HSC result.  
Maharashtra class 12th result will be announced tomorrow.

- Jun 07, 2022 06:20 PM IST

HSC Maharashtra result: 14,85,191 students had registered

Total students registered for Maharashtra HSC exam: 14,85,191

Total number of girls students: 6,68,003

Total number of boys students: 8,17,188

- Jun 07, 2022 06:16 PM IST

HSC result tomorrow

Result date: June 8

Result time: 1pm

- Jun 07, 2022 06:13 PM IST

Maharashtra HSC result date out

Varsha Gaikwad has announced the date for the Maharashtra HSC Results 2022. Maharashtra 12th Results will be available for all students tomorrow, June 8, 2022.

- Jun 07, 2022 06:08 PM IST

Maharashtra HSC result: Last year pass percent

Last year, 99.63 percent of students passed the HSC exam. The pass percentage for the Science stream was 99.45%, the Arts stream was 99.83%, and the Commerce stream was 99.91%.

- Jun 07, 2022 06:07 PM IST

Maharashtra HSC result: List of websites

[www.maharesult.nic.in](http://www.maharesult.nic.in)

[www.maharesult.nic.in](http://www.maharesult.nic.in)

[www.hscresult.mkcl.org](http://www.hscresult.mkcl.org)

[www.hscresult.mkcl.org](http://www.hscresult.mkcl.org)

[hsc.maharesults.org](http://hsc.maharesults.org)

- Jun 07, 2022 06:01 PM IST

MSBSHSE board exams for class 12 were held in two shifts

The examinations were held in two shifts: morning and evening. The morning shift lasted from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., while the evening shift lasted from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Jun 07, 2022 05:57 PM IST

MSBSHSE class 12th board examination result tomorrow

The MSBSHSE board exams for class 12 theory were held between March 4 and April 7, 2022, while the practical exams were held between February 14 and March 3, 2022. A total of 14.85 lakh students enrolled for the examinations, including 8.17 lakh boys and 6.68 lakh girls.

- Jun 07, 2022 05:54 PM IST

Maharashtra HSC result on June 8

The Maharashtra Class 12 result date and time was shared by State School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad. The tweet shared by the Minister reads, “Results for HSC exams held in March-April 2022 by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education will be announced online on 8th June at 1 pm.”

- Jun 07, 2022 05:51 PM IST

Maharashtra Board HSC result: List of websites to check

<http://mahresult.nic.in>

<http://hscresult.mkcl.org>

- Jun 07, 2022 05:47 PM IST

Maharashtra Board HSC exam

This year the Maharashtra Board HSC or Class 12 board examination in the state was conducted from March 4 to April 7, 2022

- Jun 07, 2022 05:45 PM IST

Maharashtra HSC exam results tomorrow

- Jun 07, 2022 05:32 PM IST

Maharashtra HS result on June 8

A total of 14,85,191 students had registered for the Maharashtra HSC exam. There are 8,17,188 boys and 6,68,003 girls.

- Jun 07, 2022 05:25 PM IST

Maharashtra HS results tomorrow

Taking to the twitter Prof. Varsha Eknath Gaikwad said, “ The subject wise edited marks of the students registered for the examination through 9 divisional education boards namely Pune, Nagpur, Aurangabad, Mumbai, Kolhapur, Amravati, Nashik, Latur, Konkan will be available on the next official website after 1 pm tomorrow”.

- Jun 07, 2022 05:21 PM IST

Maharashtra class 12th result 2022

Maharashtra State Board Of Secondary And Higher Secondary Education will release the Maharashtra HSC Result 2022 tomorrow.

- Jun 07, 2022 05:08 PM IST

Maharashtra Class 12 Result 2022: Date

Maharashtra Class 12 Result 2022 date have been released. The Class 12 or HSC result will be declared on June 8, 2022 at 1 pm.

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# Maharashtra Board 12th HSC Result 2022 Date: MSBSHSE Class 12 Result on June 8

Maharashtra Board 12th HSC Result 2022 Date have been announced.  
MSBSHSE Class 12 Result will be declared on June 8, 2022 at 1 pm.

 Maharashtra HSC Result 2022 Date(PTI Photo)

Maharashtra HSC Result 2022 Date(PTI Photo)

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By [HT Education Desk](#), New Delhi

Maharashtra State Board Of Secondary And Higher Secondary Education has released Maharashtra HSC Result 2022 Date. The MSBSHSE Class 12 result will be declared on June 8, 2022 at 1 pm. Students who have appeared for the Class 12 or HSC examination can check the result through the official site of MSBSHSE on [mahahsscboard.in](http://mahahsscboard.in).

The Maharashtra Class 12 result date and time was shared by State School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad. The tweet shared by the Minister reads, “Results for HSC exams held in March-April 2022 by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education will be announced online on 8th June at 1 pm.”

The result for Class 12 can also be checked by candidates on [mahresult.nic.in](http://mahresult.nic.in) and also on [msbshse.co.in](http://msbshse.co.in).

This year the Class 12 board examination in the state was conducted from March 4 to April 7, 2022. A total of 14,85,191 students had registered for the HSC exams of which 817,188 are male students and 6,68,003 are female students. Candidates who have appeared for the Class 12 board

examination can check for more related details on the official site of MSBSHSE.

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# RBSE Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022 Live: Class 5, 8 result delayed

- RBSE Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022 Live: Rajasthan Board Class 5, 8 results will be declared soon. Here are the latest updates regarding the Rajasthan Board Class 5 and Class 8 results:



RBSE Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022 Live : Latest updates on results at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in).(HT File)

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By [HT Education Desk](#)

RBSE Rajasthan Board Class 5th, 8th Result 2022 Live Updates:  
Directorate of Education, Rajasthan will announce Rajasthan board class 5th and 8th Result 2022 on June 8 . Candidates who took the RBSE Class

5th and 8th Board exams can see their results at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in), the RBSE's official website.

The result will be also available at [rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in). A total of 12.63 lakh candidates took class 8 examination and 14.53 lakh candidates took class 5th examination.

### **[Direct link for Rajasthan Board 5th and 8th results](#)**

The RBSE held the Class 5th Board Exams from April 27 to May 17, 2022, and the Class 8 Board Exams from April 17, 2022 to May 17, 2022, at several exam centres around the state. Approximately 25 lakh students have registered for Class 5 and Class 8.

This year, around 27 lakh students in Rajasthan took their Class 10 and 12 exams. From March 24 to April 26, the exams were held offline.

### **Follow all the updates here:**

- Jun 08, 2022 11:43 AM IST

Rajasthan Board Class 5, 8 Result 2022: Result delayed, to release at 1 pm

Rajasthan Bopard Class 5, 8 result 2022 has been delayed. The result will be announced at 1 pm.

- Jun 08, 2022 11:38 AM IST

RBSE Class 5, 8 Result 2022: Credentials required

Students can access their results by using the roll numbers shown on their admit cards. Students can check their results at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in) and [rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in).

- Jun 08, 2022 11:31 AM IST

## Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022: How to check result on mobile

Open your phone's internet browser

On the search bar, type the name of the board website

Go to the board website and click on either Class 5 or Class 8 result link

Type your credentials and login

Submit and view result

- Jun 08, 2022 11:26 AM IST

RBSE Class 5, 8 Result 2022: When was exam conducted

The RBSE held the Class 5th Board Exams from April 27 to May 17, 2022, and the Class 8 Board Exams from April 17, 2022 to May 17, 2022, at several exam centres around the state.

- Jun 08, 2022 11:21 AM IST

Rajasthan Result 2022 for Class 5, 8: Result link to be available on School Education Department website

Rajasthan Result 2022 for Class 5, 8 link will be available on School Education Department website [rajshaladarpan.nic.in](http://rajshaladarpan.nic.in).

- Jun 08, 2022 11:16 AM IST

Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022: Time postponed

Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th result 2022 will be announced at 11.30 am instead of 11 am. The direct link to check result will be available here after declaration.

- Jun 08, 2022 11:10 AM IST

BSER 5th, 8th Result 2022: 27 lakh students to check result

This year 27 lakh students will check the BSER 5th, 8th Result 2022.

RBSE Class 8th: 12.63 lakh

RBSE Class 5th: 14.53 lakh

- Jun 08, 2022 11:05 AM IST

Rajasthan Class 5, 8 Result 2022: How to check

Visit the official website of the RBSE or Rajasthan Board at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in)

Look for the RBSE class 5th and 8th result link

Key in your roll number and credentials and click on submit

Your RBSE Class 5th and 8th result 2022 will be displayed on the screen

Download and take a printout of the result for future reference.

- Jun 08, 2022 11:00 AM IST

BSER Class 5, 8 Result 2022: Official website not responding

BSER Class 5, 8 Result 2022 will be declared in a while. The official website as for now is not responding. Candidates are advised to keep checking the official website of RBSE.

- Jun 08, 2022 10:55 AM IST

Rajasthan 5th, 8th Result: Only 5 minutes left

Only 5 minutes left for Rajasthan 5th, 8th Result to be announced. Candidates will find the direct link to check here.

- Jun 08, 2022 10:51 AM IST

RBSE 5th, 8th Result 2022: List of websites

The RBSE 5th, 8th Result 2022 can be checked by candidates on these websites given below.

[rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in)

[rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in)

- Jun 08, 2022 10:45 AM IST

BSER Result 2022: Check Education Minister tweet

- Jun 08, 2022 10:41 AM IST

Rajasthan Class 5, 8 Result 2022: No update on toppers list

There is no update if Rajasthan Class 5, 8 result 2022 will have toppers list as well. The Board has not announced anything regarding announcement of toppers name or release of merit list.

- Jun 08, 2022 10:36 AM IST

Only 30 minutes left for RBSE 5th, 8th result declaration

Only 30 minutes is left for RBSE 5th, 8th result declaration. The direct link will be available to candidates soon after declaration.

- Jun 08, 2022 10:11 AM IST

Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022: Less than an hour left for declaration

Less than an hour is left for Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022 declaration. The Class 5, 8 result can be checked on [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in), [rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in).



- Jun 08, 2022 10:00 AM IST

BSER Result 2022 for Class 5, 8: How to check on mobile

Open your phone's internet browser

On the search bar, type the name of the board website

Go to the board website and click on either Class 5 or Class 8 result link

Type your credentials and login

Submit and view result

- Jun 08, 2022 09:53 AM IST

Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022: No confirmation on merit list

There is no confirmation that the Board will release the merit list or not. The Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022 will be declared in an hour.

- Jun 08, 2022 09:46 AM IST

RBSE Class 5, 8 Result 2022: State Education Minister confirmed the result date and time

Rajasthan Education Minister Dr. BD Kalla stated on Twitter that the Class 5th and 8th results will be declared on June 8, 2022 at 11 a.m. Both classes' results will be accessible at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in).

- Jun 08, 2022 09:41 AM IST

BSER Class 5, 8 Result 2022: How to check

Visit the official website of the RBSE or Rajasthan Board at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in)

Look for the RBSE class 5th and 8th result link

Key in your roll number and credentials and click on submit

Your RBSE Class 5th and 8th result 2022 will be displayed on the screen

Download and take a printout of the result for future reference.

- Jun 08, 2022 09:36 AM IST

Rajasthan Board Result 2022: When was Class 5, 8 exam conducted

The RBSE held the Class 5th Board Exams from April 27 to May 17, 2022, and the Class 8 Board Exams from April 17, 2022 to May 17, 2022, at several exam centres around the state.

- Jun 08, 2022 09:26 AM IST

RBSE Result 2022 for Class 5, 8: Where to check

[rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in)

[rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in)

- Jun 08, 2022 09:20 AM IST

Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022: Result at 11 am

Rajasthan Board 5th, 8th Result 2022 will be announced at 11 am today, June 8, 2022. The result link will be available here soon after declaration.

- Jun 08, 2022 08:56 AM IST

[rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in) Rajasthan Class 5th, 8th results 2022

Rajasthan Class 5th and Class 8th final exam results may also be available on [rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in). Students are advised to check the website

after 11 am for results.

- Jun 08, 2022 08:47 AM IST

Rajasthan RBSE Class 5th, 8th result 2022: Number of students who appeared in exams

RBSE Class 8th: 12.63 lakh

RBSE Class 5th: 14.53 lakh

- Jun 08, 2022 08:35 AM IST

RBSE Class 5th, 8th result 2022: How to check Rajasthan board result on mobile

1. Open your phone's internet browser
2. On the search bar, type the name of the board website
3. Go to the board website and click on either Class 5 or Class 8 result link
4. Type your credentials and login
5. Submit and view result

- Jun 08, 2022 08:17 AM IST

Rajasthan board Class 5th, 8th results 2022 official websites

1. [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in)
2. [rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in)

- Jun 08, 2022 08:03 AM IST

RBSE Class 5th, 8th results 2022: How to check Rajasthan board results

1. Go to the official website of the board
2. Select Class 5 or Class 8 results, as required
3. Login with your credentials
4. Download the mark sheet and check results

- Jun 08, 2022 07:42 AM IST

RBSE Rajasthan Class 5th, 8th results 2022: What Education Minister said

Rajasthan Primary and Secondary Education Minister BD Kalla on June 7 tweeted, “the examination results of 12.63 lakh candidates of class-8 and 14.53 lakh candidates of class-5 will be declared digitally on June 8, 2022 at 11.00 am. My best wishes and blessings to all the students.”

- Jun 08, 2022 07:25 AM IST

RBSE Class 5th, 8th result 2022 live updates

Over 27 lakh students took Class 5 and Class 8 board exams in Rajasthan this year. Class 5th exams took place from April 27 to May 17, 2022, and Class 8 exams were held from April 17, 2022 to May 17, 2022.

- Jun 08, 2022 06:46 AM IST

RBSE Class 5th, 8th results 2022: Number of students

This year, in Rajasthan, as many as 12.63 lakh candidates took Class 8 examinations and 14.53 lakh candidates appeared for Class 12 final exams.

- Jun 08, 2022 06:36 AM IST

RBSE Class 5th, 8th result 2022: Where to check results

Once declared, students and parents can check Rajasthan Class 5th and 8th results on [rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in) and [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in).

- Jun 08, 2022 06:27 AM IST

Rajasthan RBSE Class 5th, 8th result 2022 time

Rajasthan board Class 5th and Class 8th final exam results will be available on the board websites at 11 am.

- Jun 08, 2022 06:24 AM IST

RBSE Rajasthan Class 5th, 8th result 2022 date

Directorate of Education, Rajasthan will declare Class 5th and 8th final exam results on June 8.

- Jun 07, 2022 07:32 PM IST

RBSE Class 5th and 8th result: Result will be available at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in)

Rajasthan Education Minister Dr. BD Kalla stated on Twitter that the Class 5th and 8th results will be declared on June 8, 2022 at 11 a.m. Both classes' results will be accessible at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in).

- Jun 07, 2022 07:28 PM IST

RBSE Class 5th and 8th result releasing tomorrow

Rajasthan Education Minister Dr. BD Kalla stated on Twitter that the Class 5th and 8th results will be declared on June 8, 2022 at 11 a.m. Both classes' results will be accessible at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in).

- Jun 07, 2022 06:50 PM IST

RBSE class 5th and 8th result tomorrow

Education Minister Bulaki Das Kalla tweeted that the RBSE Class 5th-8th Result 2022 would be released on Wednesday, June 8th.

- Jun 07, 2022 06:23 PM IST

RBSE Board result 2022: How to check results

Students can access their results by using the roll numbers shown on their admit cards. Students can check their results at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in) and [rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in).

- Jun 07, 2022 06:10 PM IST

RBSE Board exam result tomorrow: Exam was held in April and May

RBSE Board examinations for classes 5 and 8 were held in the months of April and May 2022.

- Jun 07, 2022 06:04 PM IST

RBSE class 5th and 8th exam: Result on June 8

RBSE class 8th: 12.63 lakh candidates

RBSE class 5th: 14.53 lakh candidates

- Jun 07, 2022 05:59 PM IST

RBSE class 5th and 8th result on June 8: How to check results

Candidates would need their roll numbers and date of birth to view the RBSE Class 5, 8 Results 2022.

- Jun 07, 2022 05:53 PM IST

RBSE results tomorrow

A total of 12.63 lakh candidates of class-8 and 14.53 lakh candidates of class-5 are awaiting their result.

- Jun 07, 2022 05:44 PM IST

RBSE class 5th and 8th result: Results on June 8

RBSE Class 5th and 8th results tomorrow at 11 am

- Jun 07, 2022 05:36 PM IST

RBSE Class 5th and 8th result

Around 27 lakh students took Rajasthan Class 10 and 12 examinations this year. The tests were held offline from March 24 to April 26.

- Jun 07, 2022 05:23 PM IST

RBSE class 5th and 8th result: RBSE Arts result was announced on June 6

Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan announced the RBSE Rajasthan Board 12th Arts Result 2022 on June 6, 2022.

- Jun 07, 2022 05:05 PM IST

RBSE class 5th and 8th result tomorrow at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in)

Rajasthan Education Minister Bulaki Das Kalla has announced the RBSE 5th and 8th Result 2022 Date.

- Jun 07, 2022 05:03 PM IST

RBSE class 5th and 8th result tomorrow: How to check

Visit the official website of the RBSE or Rajasthan Board at [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in)

Look for the RBSE class 5th and 8th result link

Key in your roll number and credentials and click on submit

Your RBSE Class 5th and 8th result 2022 will be displayed on the screen

Download and take a printout of the result for future reference.

- Jun 07, 2022 04:58 PM IST

RBSE Class 5th and 8th result: List of websites

[rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in)

[rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in)

- Jun 07, 2022 04:57 PM IST

RBSE Class 5th and 8th results tomorrow

RBSE will announce the examination results of 12.63 lakh candidates in class 8 and 14.53 lakh candidates in class 5 tomorrow, June 8.

- Jun 07, 2022 04:55 PM IST

RBSE class 5th and 8th result on June 8

Cabinet Minister Dr. Bulaki Das Kalla announced on his official twitter handle, “The examination results of 12.63 lakh candidates of class-8 and 14.53 lakh candidates of class-5 will be declared digitally on June 8, 2022 at 11.00 am. My best wishes and blessings to all the students”.

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RBSE Class 5th and 8th result tomorrow

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# RBSE 5th, 8th Result 2022 Date: Rajasthan Class 5, 8 result releasing tomorrow

RBSE 5th, 8th Result 2022 Date has been announced. Rajasthan Class 5, 8 Result will be declared on June 8, 2022 at 11 am.

 RBSE 5th, 8th&nbsp;Result 2022 Date: Rajasthan Class 5, 8 result releasing tomorrow(HT File)

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Directorate of Education, Rajasthan has announced RBSE 5th, 8th Result 2022 Date. The Rajasthan Board Class 5, 8 result will be declared on June 8, 2022 at 11 am. Candidates can check the result through the official site of RBSE on [rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in](http://rajeduboard.rajasthan.gov.in). The Class 5, 8 result can also be checked on [rajresults.nic.in](http://rajresults.nic.in).

The RBSE 5th, 8th Result 2022 Date has been announced by Rajasthan Education Minister Bulaki Das Kalla.

The Minister shared a tweet in this regard. The tweet reads, “The examination results of 12.63 lakh candidates of class-8 and 14.53 lakh candidates of class-5 will be declared digitally on June 8, 2022 at 11.00 am. My best wishes and blessings to all the students.”

This year Class 5 examination was conducted in the state from April 27 to May 17, 2022 and Class 8 examination was conducted in the state from April 17 to May 17, 2022 at various exam centres. A total of 12.63 lakh

candidates appeared for Class 8 and 14.53 lakh candidates appeared for Class 5.

To check the RBSE Class 5, 8 Results 2022, candidates will require the roll numbers and date of birth. Candidates can check for more related details through the official site of RBSE.

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# LSAT 2022: Registration process ends tomorrow, details here

- Discover Law will end the registration process for LSAT India 2022 on June 8.



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By [HT Education Desk](#)

The last date to register for Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is tomorrow, June 8. Candidates who have not applied for Law School Admission Test (LSAT) for the can do it through the official site of Discover Law on [discoverlaw.in](https://discoverlaw.in).

"LSAT—India June 2022 Registrations Ends on June 8th, 2022", reads the official website.

[Direct link to apply.](#)

## LSAT 2022: Know how to apply

Visit the official LSAT India website at [discoverlaw.in](https://discoverlaw.in).

On the homepage click on the, LSAT- Indian'

Click the "Register for India" button.

Upload a passport-sized picture in the format required.

Submit your information and click the "Apply Now" button.

Fill out the application form by updating all of the essential information.

Pay the LSAT India 2022 application cost

submit your application

Keep the hard copy of the same for future use.

## **LSAT 2022 Exam pattern**

The test lasts 2 hours and 20 minutes, with multiple choice questions. There will be no negative grading. The LSAT is divided into four sections:

Analytical Reasoning, Logical Reasoning 1 and 2, and Reading Comprehension. Each section's time restriction is 35 minutes.

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# UPMSP UP Board Class 10th, 12th Results 2022 expected by June 15, say officials

- UPMSP UP Board Class 10th, 12th Results 2022 Date: As per officials, students can expect Uttar Pradesh board results by June 15.

 UPMSP UP Board Class 10th, 12th Results 2022 expected by June 15, say officials

UPMSP UP Board Class 10th, 12th Results 2022 expected by June 15, say officials

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UP Board Class 10th, 12 Results 2022: Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad (UPMSP) is likely to declare Class 10 and Class 12 final exam results, 2022 by June 15, state education officials said, requesting anonymity. [UP board 10th, 12th result 2022 live updates](#).

Students can expect UPMSP Class 10th, 12th results 2022 by mid-June, officials at the Secondary Education Department, who do not want to be named, have confirmed.

Results, when declared, will be available on the UPMSP website, [results.upmsp.edu.in](http://results.upmsp.edu.in) and on [upresults.nic.in](http://upresults.nic.in).

## UP board results 2022 not on June 9

A WhatsApp message in circulation that claims [UP board Class 10 and Class 12 results](#) will be out on June 9 at 12:30 pm has turned out to be fake.

A decision on result date and time is yet to be taken an official of the Uttar Pradesh Education Department said on June 7.

A total of 51,92,689 students had registered for Class 10 and Class 12 final exams in Uttar Pradesh this year, of whom 47,75,749 students appeared for the exams.

Evaluation work of over 2 crore answer sheets is over.

Uttar Pradesh Class 10 Board examinations were held from March 24 to April 13, and Class 12 Board exams were held from March 24 to April 13.

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# UP Board UPMSP Class 10th, 12th results not on June 9, beware of fake message

- UPMSP UP Board Class 10th, 12th Result 2022: When announced, Uttar Pradesh board exam results will be available on [results.upmsp.edu.in](https://results.upmsp.edu.in) and [upresults.nic.in](https://upresults.nic.in).

 UP Board UPMSP Class 10th, 12th results not on June 9, beware of fake message. (For Representation)

UP Board UPMSP Class 10th, 12th results not on June 9, beware of fake message. (For Representation)

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By [HT Education Desk](#), New Delhi

UPMSP UP Board Result 2022: A WhatsApp message saying Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad (UPMSP) will declare Class 10 and Class 12 final exam results on June 9 at 12:30 pm has turned out to be fake. The board is yet to take a decision on result date and time, an official of the Uttar Pradesh Education Department has said. [UP board 10th, 12th result 2022 live updates](#).

Additional Chief Secretary, Secondary Education, Aradhana Shukla on Tuesday said the result date has not been officially declared by the board.

Students will receive prior information regarding UP board 10th, 12th result 2022 date and time on the UPMSP website, [upmsp.edu.in](https://upmsp.edu.in).

When announced, UPMSP board exam results will be available on [results.upmsp.edu.in](https://results.upmsp.edu.in) and [upresults.nic.in](https://upresults.nic.in).



This year, 51,92,689 students had registered and 47,75,749 students out of them appeared for Class 10 and Class 12 final exams in Uttar Pradesh.

Evaluation work of over 2 crore answer sheets is over.

Class 10 Board examinations were held in the state from March 24 to April 13, and Class 12 Board exams were held from March 24 to April 13.

In a recent notification, UPMSP warned students and parents about fake calls to pass them in Class 10 and 12 board exams or to increase marks. UPMSP has asked them not to fall for such temptations and report such incidents.

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Live

# UP Board Result 2022 Live: UPMSP 10th, 12th results likely by June 15

UP Board Result 2022 Live: UP Board Results 2022 for UPMSP Class 10 and Class 12 students are expected by June 15, officials said.



UP Board Result 2022 Live: Latest updates on UPMSP Class 10th 12th Result(PTI)

[OPEN APP](#)

Updated on Jun 08, 2022 10:57 AM IST

By [HT Education Desk](#), New Delhi

UP Board UPMSP Class 10, 12 Result 2022 Live: Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad is expected to announce UP Board 10th, 12th Result 2022 by June 15. A few news about UPMSP 10th, 12th result date is circulating that states that UP Board result for this year will be announced on June 9, 2022.

Reacting to the fake news, Additional chief secretary secondary education, Aradhana Shukla on Tuesday said, "Date not officially declared by the department."

UP board results are expected around June 15. According to state secondary school department officials who requested anonymity.

This is not the first time the Board has announced students to beware of the fake news. Earlier in May 2022 also, UPMSP has warned students and parents about fake and fraudulent phone calls.

This year, a total of 51,92,689 students had registered for UP board Class 10, 12 exams and 47,75,749 of them appeared in the exams.

**Follow all the updates here:**

- Jun 08, 2022 10:57 AM IST

UP board Class 10th, 12th results 2022: Students to get bonus marks

Some questions in UPMSP board exams 2022 were asked from reduced portions of the syllabi and some had other errors. Because of this, the board has decided to award full marks to students in those questions.

- Jun 08, 2022 10:03 AM IST

UP board 10th, 12th results 2022: What officials said

Officials of the Secondary Education Department on June 7 said that students can expect UPMSP 10th, 12th results by June 15.

- Jun 08, 2022 09:07 AM IST

UP board UPMSP 10th, 12th results 2022: Official update

UPMSP will provide prior information about UP board Class 10th, 12th result 2022 date and time to students through its official website, [upmsp.edu.in](http://upmsp.edu.in). When announced, students will be informed about the result date here.

- Jun 08, 2022 08:33 AM IST

UP board 10th, 12th result 2022: How to check UPMSP results

1. Go to [upresults.nic.in](http://upresults.nic.in)
2. Click on the Class 10 or Class 12 result link
3. Login with your credentials
4. Download the mark sheet and check your result

- Jun 08, 2022 07:39 AM IST

UP board result 2022: Where to check UPMSP 10th, 12th results

UP board result official websites are:

1. [upresults.nic.in](http://upresults.nic.in)
2. [upmsp.edu.in](http://upmsp.edu.in)

- Jun 08, 2022 06:48 AM IST

UPMSP UP board 10th, 12th results tomorrow? What we know

A fake message circulating on WhatsApp claims UP board 10th, 12th results will be declared on June 9. However, a state education official has confirmed the date for result declaration has not been decided yet.

- Jun 08, 2022 06:30 AM IST

UP board Class 10th, 12th result 2022: UPMSP results awaited

UP board results 2022 for over 47 lakh students are awaited. They will most likely get their results by mid-June.

- Jun 07, 2022 04:39 PM IST

Uttar Pradesh Board Result 2022: Practical exams reconducted

Around 1.05 lakh students who failed to appear in their intermediate practical examination-2022 of the UP Board were given a chance again. The practical exams for such candidates who missed them owing to any reason were conducted from May 17 to 20, 2022 in the state.

- Jun 07, 2022 04:02 PM IST

UP Board Results 2022: Evaluation process completed

The evaluation of more than 2.25 crore answer sheets of Class 10 and class 12 examinees of 2022 undertaken at 271 centers spread across the state is now complete.

- Jun 07, 2022 03:15 PM IST

UP board results 2022

This year, a total of 51,92,689 students registered for Class 10 and Class 12 final examinations in Uttar Pradesh, with 47,75,749 students taking the exams.

- Jun 07, 2022 03:11 PM IST

UP Board result 2022: Exam held from March 24 to April 13

Uttar Pradesh Class 10 Board examinations were held from March 24 to April 13, and Class 12 Board exams were held from March 24 to April 13.

- Jun 07, 2022 03:08 PM IST

UP Board result 2022: List of websites to check

[upmsp.edu.in](http://upmsp.edu.in)

[upresults.nic.in](http://upresults.nic.in)

[upmspresults.up.nic.in](http://upmspresults.up.nic.in)

- Jun 07, 2022 03:03 PM IST

UP Board result 2022: Results are expected by mid June

Students are expected to receive UPMSP Class 10th and 12th results 2022 by mid-June, according to Secondary Education Department officials who did not want to be named.

- Jun 07, 2022 02:52 PM IST

UP Board class 10th and 12th result 2022: 47,75,749 candidates awaiting results

A total of 47,75,749 candidates are awaiting their UP Board Class 10 and Class 12 results .Officials from the state secondary education department, who requested anonymity, stated the UP board results are expected on June 15.

- Jun 07, 2022 02:43 PM IST

UP Board result 2022: Results expected by June 15

A WhatsApp message stating that the Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad (UPMSP) will announce Class 10 and Class 12 final exam results on June 9 at 12:30 p.m. has been debunked. However, the state secondary education department officials requesting anonymity said that UP board results expected by June 15.

- Jun 07, 2022 02:35 PM IST

UP Board result 2022

UP board results expected by June 15. According to state secondary education department officials requesting anonymity

- Jun 07, 2022 02:26 PM IST

Uttar Pradesh Board Result 2022: Where to check

[upmsp.edu.in](http://upmsp.edu.in)

[upresults.nic.in](http://upresults.nic.in)

- Jun 07, 2022 02:15 PM IST

UPMSP Class 10, 12 Result 2022: Exams conducted with 30 percent reduced syllabus

UP board 10th, 12th exams were held based on 30% reduced syllabi, considering the impact of COVID-19 on academic activities of this year's batch. However, many questions in the exam were from this reduced portion, for which the board has decided to give students bonus marks.

- Jun 07, 2022 02:06 PM IST

UP Board Result 2022: How to check

Visit the official site of [upresults.nic.in](http://upresults.nic.in).

Click on UP Board Result 2022 link available on the home page.

Enter the login details and click on submit.

Once done, your result will be displayed on the screen.

Check the result and download the page.

Keep a hard copy of the same for further need.

- Jun 07, 2022 01:55 PM IST

UPMSP Class 10, 12 Result 2022: Fake news circulated earlier

This is not the first time the Board has announced students to beware of the fake news. Earlier in May 2022 also, UPMSP has warned students and parents about fake and fraudulent phone calls.

In the notification it said that the Board is aware of candidates and their parents receiving calls to help them pass or increase marks in Class 10 and Class 12 board exams. The board further requested them to stay away from these calls and report such incidents to officials.

- Jun 07, 2022 01:43 PM IST

UP Board 10th, 12th result 2022: How many students appeared

This year, a total of 51,92,689 students had registered for UP board Class 10, 12 exams and 47,75,749 of them appeared in the exams.

- Jun 07, 2022 01:28 PM IST

Uttar Pradesh Class 10, 12 result 2022: No official update on result date

Till now, UPMSP has not shared any Uttar Pradesh Class 10, 12 result 2022 date and time yet. Candidates are advised to keep a check on official website for latest updates on result date and time.

- Jun 07, 2022 01:18 PM IST

UPMSP Result 2022: What officials said about fake news

A fake news that was circulating regarding UPMSP Result 2022 date has been put to rest. Additional chief secretary secondary education, Aradhana Shukla on Tuesday said, "Date not officially declared by the department."

- Jun 07, 2022 01:08 PM IST

UP Board Result 2022: Date and Time

UP Board Result 2022 date and time have not been fixed. The Class 10, 12 result date that is circulating is fake.

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# CBSE Class 12 mathematics exams 2022: What students said after paper

- CBSE Class 12 mathematics exams 2022: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) conducted Class 12 maths exam today. Here is what students said about the paper.

 CBSE Class 12 mathematics exams 2022: CBSE Class 12 students discussing maths paper after exam in Lucknow on Tuesday.(Handout)  
CBSE Class 12 mathematics exams 2022: CBSE Class 12 students discussing maths paper after exam in Lucknow on Tuesday.(Handout)  
Updated on Jun 07, 2022 02:41 PM IST  
By [HT Education Desk](#)

CBSE Class 12 mathematics exams 2022: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) conducted the Class 12 mathematics exam on Tuesday, June 7. Here is what students said after paper:

Saumya Pandey, a class 12 student of Prayagraj Public School, Lalgopalganj in Prayagraj said that her exam went well.

“I found the question paper to be moderately tough and slightly lengthy. It was definitely tougher than the Term-1 question paper. However I did manage to answer all the 14 questions of 40 marks within the stipulated two hours,” she said.

Rajeev Goel, also a class 12 student of Prayagraj Public School, Lalgopalganj in Prayagraj said that he found the question paper along expected lines and had no hidden surprises. “The question paper was as per

the pattern of the sample paper and moderately tough. The 3D Geometry questions were surely time-taking,” he said.

Suresh Narain Pandey, a Mathematics teacher at MPVM Ganga Gurukulam, Phaphamau in Prayagraj said that the question paper was a well balanced one and all questions were from within the syllabus.

“Students did find the Probability and 3D Geometry questions tough but overall it was a good question paper providing good opportunity for students to score marks,” he maintained.

## **Lucknow**

CBSE class 12 students who appeared in Mathematics exam in Lucknow on Tuesday said that paper was lengthy and a bit difficult but was based on NCERT concepts and content.

As per Aryan Pratap and Karan Sundararaman, students of GD Goenka Public School Lucknow paper was lengthy and a bit difficult.

Aryan Agarwal and Shreyansh Agarwal again from GD Goenka Public School said they are expecting full marks as they were better prepared.

Other students like Parth, Pranjal, Sakshi Tiwari and Om kharola stated paper was moderate and lengthy.

Harshil Agarwal and Priyanshi said that the practice from the sample papers helped a lot as most of the question paper was as per the format.

Most of the students found the paper lengthy and of standard difficulty level as the board examination paper should have been.

Overall paper has competency based content as per blue print by CBSE.

*(With inputs from K Sandeep Kumar in Prayagraj and Rajeev Mullick in Lucknow.)*

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# Odisha govt enhances pre-matric scholarship for ST, SC boarders

The Odisha government has enhanced the pre-matric scholarship for ST and SC boarders from ₹750 to ₹950 for boys and from ₹800 to ₹1000 for girls.



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The Odisha government has enhanced the pre-matric scholarship for ST and SC boarders from ₹750 to ₹950 for boys and from ₹800 to ₹1000 for girls.

The provision of pre-matric scholarships to ST and SC boarders of schools under the ST and SC Development Department and School & Mass Education Department is one of the flagship schemes of the state government.

The pre-matric scholarship, primarily meant for mess management in the hostels, aims at the educational and holistic development of ST and SC boarders. Further, millet (mandia) based food items would be introduced in hostels menu to address the nutritional security of the boarders.

The scheme would benefit more than five lakh ST and SC boarders. An expenditure amounting to ₹490 crores would be incurred annually towards pre-matric scholarship. The monthly rate of PMS of ST and SC boarder students was last enhanced in the year 2015.

Earlier on Sunday, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik asked his newly inducted Ministers into the Cabinet to 'Tour' more and reach out to a maximum number of people with a view to "strengthen the grassroots further".

Patnaik convened a meeting soon after the swearing-in ceremony of the new Ministers after the entire cabinet ministers resigned from their respective positions on Saturday.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister added one more 'T' to the 'mantra' of 5 Ts which include Team Work, Technology, Transparency, Transformation and Time Limit with 'Tour' being the latest addition.

Patnaik asked his Ministers to work for the benefit of the people, visit every district, block and gram panchayat and spend more time with the people and make efforts to fulfil all the promises.

A total of 21 ministers (13 Cabinet and 8 Minister of State - Independent charge) took oath in Naveen Patnaik Cabinet on Sunday, out of which five are women ministers.

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# SC agrees to consider plea seeking special stray round of counselling in NEET

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider a plea by medical students seeking a special stray round of counselling to fill vacant postgraduate medical seats under the All-India Quota (AIQ) in the NEET 2021.

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The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider a plea by medical students seeking a special stray round of counselling to fill vacant postgraduate medical seats under the All-India Quota (AIQ) in the NEET 2021.

A vacation bench of Justices M R Shah and Aniruddha Bose asked the counsel appearing for the candidates to serve a copy of the petition to the Medical Counselling Committee (MCC), National Board of Examination, and the Centre.

“Let the advance copy of the petition be served on Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, Additional Solicitor General who may get instructions in the matter. The petitioner may serve one advance copy of the petition in the Central Agency also,” the bench said.

The matter will now be heard on June 8.

The petition filed by Astha Goel and others has sought a direction to MCC to conduct a special stray round of counselling to allow the candidates to participate for the vacant seats, available after the conduct of the stray vacancy round of AIQ.

The petitioners also sought a direction to MCC to provide the exact number of vacant seats after the conduct of the stray vacancy round of AIQ.

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# Elections

<p>Election Result 2022: Get updates on Assembly Elections in UP, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur along with Live Result, News, Schedule, Polling dates, Exit Polls, Opinion Poll and Results. Also get live updates on UP Election and other 4 states like Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur.&nbsp;</p>

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# Sports

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- **[Five things you might not know about Antonio Rudiger](#)**

[Wed, 08 Jun 11:21]

Real Madrid are signing the German international defender from Chelsea and will be getting a natural-born leader and all-round action man.

- **[Kane penalty earns England draw against Germany; Italy win](#)** [Wed, 08 Jun 07:39]

Kane slotted the equalizer from the spot in the 88th minute, though there was controversy over referee Carlos del Cerro Grande's decision to award it after a VAR check as Kane looked to be offside before going down in a tangle with Germany defender Nico Schlotterbeck.

- **[Emma Raducanu 'has no idea' if she will play at Wimbledon after injury](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 21:46]

Raducanu retired when she was a break down at 4-3 in the opening set against Viktorija Golubic, nearly half an hour into the match after she suffered what appeared to be a side strain.

- **['Favourites' India seek front-foot start to Asian Cup qualifiers](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 21:45]

Need to press from the first minute, says head coach Igor Stimac ahead of Cambodia tie

- **[Kale dominates the gymnastics competition with a high-five](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 20:56]

The 16-year-old walked away with five gold medals in the rhythmic gymnastics event.

- **[Rafael Nadal reveals Roger Federer message after his 2022 French Open win](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 20:14]

Tennis fans on social media noticed that neither Federer nor Novak Djokovic shared any post on Nadal after his stupendous haul on Parisian clay.

- **['India were very lucky': Afghanistan coach Anoush Dastgir in search of 'revenge' at Asian qualifier](#)** [Tue, 07 Jun 18:52]

Anoush Dastgir is confident that the current Afghanistan national team, which he proudly claims to be the best in the last five years, will deliver the results.


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# Five things you might not know about Antonio Rudiger

- Real Madrid are signing the German international defender from Chelsea and will be getting a natural-born leader and all-round action man.

 Germany's Antonio Rudiger acknowledges fans after the match&nbsp;(REUTERS)

Germany's Antonio Rudiger acknowledges fans after the match (REUTERS)

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By [HT Sports Desk](#), New Delhi

Real Madrid aren't just signing a world-class centre-back in Antonio Rüdiger, but one of football's true characters. The German international decided to leave Chelsea at the end of his contract after five seasons with the London club, where he won the Champions League in 2021, the Europa League in 2019 and the FA Cup in 2018, among other trophies.

The German, at 1.90m, is an aerial presence in both boxes. If any Real Madrid fans have been missing Sergio Ramos, they should look forward to this new arrival. He is proactive and throws himself into tackles with unparalleled aggression, making him a terrifying prospect for opposition forwards to tangle with and a delight for his own supporters to roar on.

Playing with his heart on his sleeve, Rüdiger is also a threat with the ball at his feet, driving the team forward from the back and not being shy of a shot from distance. He finished his spell at Chelsea with 12 goals in 203 appearances across all competitions, while he is also a strong passer and capable of taking opponents on and trying skilful manoeuvres, atypically for a defender.

Born in Berlin to a German father and Sierra Leonean mother, he ended up making his breakthrough in professional football at Stuttgart, debuting in the 2011/12 season in the Bundesliga.

AS Roma loaned Rüdiger in August 2015 and executed a purchase option the following summer. Chelsea then pounced in 2017 to buy him and he instantly became an important player for Antonio Conte, playing 45 games in his first campaign, including a start in the FA Cup final win over Manchester United.

Rüdiger also enjoyed life under Maurizio Sarri the following year, but under Frank Lampard fell out of favour. Tuchel's arrival in January 2021 changed things for him and, over the last year and a half, he has been undroppable.

Real Madrid experienced Rüdiger's quality on multiple occasions in that time, as Chelsea eliminated them in last season's Champions League semi-finals. This season Carlo Ancelotti's team got their revenge, although Rüdiger still shone in the second leg at the Bernabéu, scoring in the visitors' 3-2 victory, making an early impression on his new fans.

*Now, here comes five interesting facts about Rüdiger that his new fanbase might not have been aware of.*

### **His nickname was 'Rambo'**

As a youngster in Berlin, his nickname was 'Rambo' for the aggression he used to play with on the concrete pitches in his neighbourhood. It's no wonder he likes to throw himself into tackles on the grass and is viewed as a leader by his teammates.

### **Known for throwing shapes**

Rüdiger is known for his dance moves in the dressing room and they are often showcased by his Chelsea teammates on their social media feeds. He doesn't need a drink before throwing shapes either; as a practicing Muslim, he abstains from alcohol.

## **Rüdiger's striking ambition**

Rüdiger used to idolise strikers, including Liberia and AC Milan forward George Weah, as well as former Real Madrid hitman Ronaldo Nazário. He started off as a striker himself before converting into a defender. These days, when he gets the chance to shoot, he still takes it.

## **His visits to children in hospital**

Even though opponents hate going up against him, Rüdiger regularly showed his kinder side by attending Chelsea and Westminster Hospital during his time at the club to visit children who were patients there, as well as staff. The defender even made a farewell visit before his move to Real Madrid. Rüdiger also says if he wasn't a footballer then he would be a doctor, although he's afraid of seeing blood.

## **Admiration for Pepe**

Real Madrid fans might be interested to hear that Rüdiger's dream centre-back partner, given the chance to pick any player in the history of football, would be former Los Blancos star Pepe. "He's always at the edge, sometimes over it, but that's the way I like it," said Rüdiger. "People just see the aggression in him, but the way he plays football, it's classy."

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# Kane penalty earns England draw against Germany; Italy win

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AP | , Munich

Harry Kane's late penalty earned England a 1-1 draw in Germany in their Nations League game on Tuesday, when Italy and Turkey registered wins.

Kane slotted the equalizer from the spot in the 88th minute, though there was controversy over referee Carlos del Cerro Grande's decision to award it after a VAR check as Kane looked to be offside before going down in a tangle with Germany defender Nico Schlotterbeck.

It had looked like Jonas Hofmann's 51st-minute goal would give Germany a measure of consolation for losing to England at the European Championship last year and condemn Gareth Southgate's team to its second consecutive loss after its 1-0 defeat to Hungary on Saturday.

But Kane, who missed several good chances, stayed cool to convert the best chance late on.



Germany coach Hansi Flick made seven changes to the team that drew in Italy 1-1 on Saturday, while Southgate made four to the side that lost in Hungary.

Both teams' players knelt on one knee before kickoff in a stand against racism. The Munich stadium was also illuminated in rainbow colors as a sign against homophobia.

Germany made the better start, forcing two corners early on. Kyle Walker made a potentially goal-saving clearance off the line for England.

England midfielder Calvin Phillips had to go off early after a clash with Schlotterbeck. Schlotterbeck's 18-year-old Borussia Dortmund teammate Jude Bellingham came on for his 14th appearance in Phillips' place.

Hofmann had a goal ruled for offside after a lengthy VAR check, then Kane fired over an empty goal from close range after a corner at the other end.

The 18-year-old Jamal Musiala, who was playing an outstanding game, fired a good opportunity at goalkeeper Jordan Pickford toward the end of the first half. There was still time before the break for Bukayo Saka to test Manuel Neuer, then shoot another chance just wide.

Germany failed to make more of further chances after Hofmann made the breakthrough.

## ITALY WINS

Lorenzo Pellegrini continued his impressive scoring form to help Italy beat Hungary 2-1 in Cesena.

Pellegrini finished off a well-worked team move on the stroke of halftime when Matteo Politano cut into the right side of the area and put in a low cross for the Roma midfielder to slot in at the far post.

It was Pellegrini's second goal in as many matches for Italy, having also scored against Germany. Pellegrini scored nine times for Roma in Serie A

last season and five times in the Europa Conference League to help his team win the trophy.

Nicolò Barella had scored Italy's opener in the 30th minute. Leonardo Spinazzola controlled a long ball over the top and rolled it across the edge of the area for Barella to place a precise shot into the top left corner.

Italy was playing with renewed enthusiasm and had several chances to score a third. But the Azzurri allowed Hungary back into the game in the 61st minute when Gianluca Mancini turned a cross from substitute Attila Fiola into his own net.

It was nevertheless a convincing performance from Roberto Mancini's team which is going through a rebuilding process again. European champion Italy did not qualify for a second consecutive World Cup and lost 3-0 to Argentina in the Finalissima last week.

Also, Turkey romped to a 6-0 win in Lithuania and Luxembourg enjoyed a 1-0 win in the Faeroe Islands.

Finland defeated Montenegro 2-0 and a goal from Smail Prevljak was enough for Bosnia-Herzegovina to defeat Romania 1-0.

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# Emma Raducanu 'has no idea' if she will play at Wimbledon after injury

Raducanu retired when she was a break down at 4-3 in the opening set against Viktorija Golubic, nearly half an hour into the match after she suffered what appeared to be a side strain.



Britain's Emma Raducanu walks off as she retires from her first round match against Switzerland's Viktorija Golubic (Action Images via Reuters)

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Reuters |

U.S. Open champion Emma Raducanu has no idea if she would be fit to play at Wimbledon, the 19-year-old said after a "freak injury" forced her to retire from her opening match at the WTA 250 event in Nottingham on Tuesday.

Britain's Raducanu retired when she was a break down at 4-3 in the opening set against Switzerland's Viktorija Golubic, nearly half an hour into the match after she suffered what appeared to be a side strain.

Raducanu reached the last 16 at Wimbledon in 2021 but will need a quick recovery to compete at this year's tournament which will be held from June 27 to July 10.

"First game, absolute freak. I think I pulled something. I'm not really sure what exactly happened. I just came off court," Raducanu told British media.

"It's on the side of my body. It feels, I don't know, maybe around my rib or something."

Asked if she would be fit for Wimbledon, Raducanu said: "I've got no idea.

"It could've just seized up and spasmed and then it's really bad for a few days. But I've got no idea. I can't diagnose myself, so I'll get it checked out."

Raducanu, who has been without a full-time coach since April, shot to stardom last September when, as a qualifier, she won the U.S. Open title, becoming Britain's first female Grand Slam champion since Virginia Wade in 1977.

She has, however, suffered a string of fitness issues since winning her maiden Grand Slam title and was eliminated in the second round of the French Open last month.

"I am obviously disappointed and it is really bad luck," Raducanu added.

"You just want to catch a break but I haven't really. That's out of my control, but right now all I can focus on is what I am doing and I think I am doing a lot of good work."

Wimbledon had its ranking points taken away by the men's ATP and women's WTA after it opted to exclude players from Russia and Belarus because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which Moscow calls a "special operation". Belarus has been a key staging area for the invasion.

(Reporting by Manasi Pathak in Bengaluru Editing by Christian Radnedge)


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# ‘Favourites’ India seek front-foot start to Asian Cup qualifiers

Need to press from the first minute, says head coach Igor Stimac ahead of Cambodia tie

The Indian football team trains ahead of their match against Cambodia at the AFC Asian Cup qualifiers.(AIFF)

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By [Dhiman Sarkar](#), Kolkata

Over the next seven days, India will have to show that they are good enough to be among the top 24 football teams in Asia. Not used to hobnobbing with the elite—India have played only four finals of this quadrennial competition that began in 1956—it will be an important step in the difficult journey progress in international football entails. Should India make it, they need to top the four-team group or be among the five second-best countries, it will be the first time in their history that they would have qualified for successive finals of the Asian Cup which expanded from 16 to 24 teams in 2015.

Up against them are Cambodia, who have got Japanese expertise to up their game, Afghanistan, whose coach pointed out that India were “lucky” in their last two meetings, and Hong Kong sans eight regulars. All teams are below India in the Fifa rankings but given that Igor Stimac’s men are 19th among 47 teams in Asia, it would be understating the obvious to say that for India the games would not be a pleasant evening stroll at Salt Lake stadium.

Stimac knows all about it having been part of an enduring underdogs’ story from a country known to punch above its weight in sport. “The gap between teams ranked 100 and 180 are very small. We need to be ready, hungry and

fully motivated,” he said, ahead of Wednesday’s opener against Cambodia, who at 171, where India were in 2014. India are now ranked 106.

Proof of what Stimac said came in the last SAFF Championship where India had to endure a wobbly start before settling down to win their eighth title. The difference between last October and now is that India have had 45 days to get ready, and barring the injured Rahul Bheke, everyone is available. “I joined the team a bit late. But when I came in, I could gauge the improvement in the squad,” said defender Sandesh Jhingan.

Stimac said India would press from the first minute. “We need to prove that we are favourites and we need to control as well as be ready to handle the counter-attacks.”

If the press yields a goal in the first half-an-hour, controlling the game would be easier, said Stimac. Including Manvir Singh’s 33rd minute goal against Maldives, that’s happened only twice for India in their last eight games. But three of them were friendlies against higher-ranked teams, “against whom we don’t have enough quality yet to score regularly,” games that were part of “our learning process,” said Stimac. “Now, for 90 minutes, there is more strength in our legs and more oxygen in our brains.”

According to the website *11v11.com*, India have lost to Cambodia once in four meetings and that was in the qualifiers for the 1968 Asian Cup. The last two meetings, in 2007 and 2017, have ended 6-0 and 3-2 but since then Cambodia have got Keisuke Honda as general manager even as he continues as a player in the Lithuanian league. With a whistle, the former Japan and AC Milan midfielder was at training on Tuesday.

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In forward Chan Vathanaka and France-born midfielder Thierry Bin, Cambodia have players who have played outside the country, in Thailand and Malaysia. Afghanistan have 14-15 who are part of Europe’s lower leagues and also have players based in USA, Australia, Bahrain, Indonesia and Thailand, said Anoush Dastgir, their 32-year-old head coach who grew up in Delhi’s Tilak Nagar before moving to Holland. Hong Kong—they

play Afghanistan in Wednesday's first match—too have six players in the Chinese Super League, but according to coach Jorn Andersen, they were not released by clubs because of China's stiff quarantine rules.

Andersen, a former Norway and Eintracht Frankfurt striker, also said two national team players couldn't travel because of "family reasons". But the squad has six players from Kitchee FC, who made history by qualifying for the Asian Champions League pre-quarter finals, and naturalised Brazilians.

In a bid to acclimatise, Afghanistan trained for two weeks in Vietnam, said Dastgir. Hit by a lockdown to curb Covid-19 from January to April, Hong Kong travelled to Malaysia and Thailand, said Andersen.

All this is why Stimac said easy games in football ended 50 years ago. If India do it his way, fine. If India do it the way of his predecessor Stephen Constantine which, according to Sunil Chhetri, usually was a long ball from the goalie to the front third and "then we would start", or any other way, that would be fine too. Because getting to the Asian Cup is "massive", Jhingan said. Getting there repeatedly is important, Chhetri said last week. "Then you will start getting stronger in the World Cup qualifiers," said Stimac. The cycle could start on Wednesday.

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# Kale dominates the gymnastics competition with a high-five

- The 16-year-old walked away with five gold medals in the rhythmic gymnastics event.



Maharashtra's teen gymnast Sanyukta Kale

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Having won one gold medal in the previous day, Maharashtra's teen gymnast Sanyukta Kale entered Ambala's War Heroes Memorial Stadium arena in a positive state of mind with coach Mansi Surve by her side.

Coach Mansi knew if her 16-year-old trainee performed to her potential she could be winning more gold medals on the day.

Showing off her mettle during her first Khelo India Youth Games appearance in the U-18 women section, Kale bagged four more gold medals to walk away with as many as five gold medals in rhythmic gymnastics bolstering Maharashtra's medal tally.

She was declared a winner in the rhythmic individual all round event, rhythmic individual apparatus-ball, rhythmic individual apparatus-clubs, rhythmic individual apparatus-hoop and rhythmic individual apparatus-ribbon.

"I was mentally prepared to give my best today. The coach was constantly egging me to perform to my strength and aim for the gold. That really helped and I was able to do well," said Kale, who has been performing



consistently well for Maharashtra in the recent years in the sub-junior and junior nationals.

A product of Phoenix Gymnastics Academy, run by former gymnasts Mansi Surve and Pooja Surve in Thane, Sanyukta took to rhythmic gymnastics when she was five. This academy has become a nursery for producing talented and skillful gymnasts. Maharashtra has been constantly winning medals in the gymnastics events in the several age-group nationals in the last decade.

Kale was the first Indian to compete in the Junior Asian Championship back in 2019 and she finished seventh in the rhythmic events.

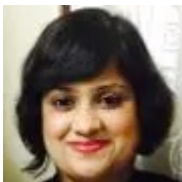
“She was brilliant in that tournament; she scored over gymnasts from Japan and Uzbekistan. Apart from my sister Pooja who represented India in the Commonwealth Games 2010 in the rhythmic events, nobody else has represented India at international level. I feel Sanyukta can shine for India at international level and win many medals,” added coach Mansi.

Next up for Kale is the Asian Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship, scheduled to be held at Pattaya in Thailand from June 23 to 26.

“I have been working hard on my skills and fitness along with temperament. I am confident of delivering the goods and winning a medal for my country. It will be my first international event in the senior category as well,” said Kale who has also set her eyes on upcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

“I am in the probables list for the Commonwealth Games. I hope to get a spot in the team and represent India in such a mega-event. Also competing in Olympics remains the ultimate dream,” Kale added.

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# Rafael Nadal reveals Roger Federer message after his 2022 French Open win

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If most, if not all, have been wondering why there has not been a congratulatory social media post made by Roger Federer after Rafael Nadal lifted a record-extending 14th French Open title on Sunday, the Spaniard finally revealed why. Nadal, who beat his apprentice Casper Ruud in straight sets in the final on court Philippe Chatrier to regain his supremacy at Roland Garros, revealed that Federer had personally sent him a message post the win.

When Nadal had lifted a record-equalling 20th Grand Slam trophy at the US Open in 2019, Federer had shared a long post on Instagram. When Nadal had become the first man to 21 Grand Slam trophy, the Swiss maestro had led the congratulatory wishes on Twitter. But tennis fans on social media noticed that neither Federer nor Novak Djokovic shared any post on Nadal after his stupendous haul on Parisian clay.

However, Nadal revealed that Federer had personally congratulated him after the big win.

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“With Roger we have a good relationship and a special feeling,” Nadal told Sky Sports in Italy. “After the victory he wrote me a message to congratulate me.”

While Nadal, after his win on Sunday, vowed to continue fighting as long as he can, he cast a doubt over his Wimbledon participation admitting that his appearance at the All England Club this year will only depend on how his body feels after getting a treatment for his foot injury.

Nadal, who remains two clear of Djokovic and Federer in the all-time Grand Slam list now, admitted that his absence from the tour would give the Serb to level and subsequently surpass his tally.

"Anything can happen," Nadal told the ATP. "Clearly Novak is in the best position to be able to beat that because he has no physical problems, and he's playing at a spectacular level.

"Federer has been out for a long time and you can always expect something special from him, but we all know how difficult it is to come back, even more so at 40. We'll see what happens. As I've always said, it didn't bother me when we were level, and it doesn't bother me now that I'm two ahead. I just want to keep competing."

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# **‘India were very lucky’: Afghanistan coach Anoush Dastgir in search of 'revenge' at Asian qualifier**

Anoush Dastgir is confident that the current Afghanistan national team, which he proudly claims to be the best in the last five years, will deliver the results.



Afghanistan coach Anoush Dastgir with Farshad Noor at AFC Asian Cup qualifiers.(AIFF)

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After spending much of his childhood in New Delhi's Tilak Nagar, the Afghanistan football team head coach Anoush Dastgir is on a visit to the country but with a renewed purpose. His boys are all set to compete against the Blue Tigers at the AFC Asian Cup qualifiers, but before that they'll have to take a tricky Hong Kong test at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Ahead of their arrival in the city, the Afghanistan unit, which has almost 14-15 players from Europe, assembled for a two-week long boot camp in Vietnam to adapt to the weather conditions.

Dastgir is confident that the current bunch, which he proudly claims to be the best in the last five years, will deliver the results.

“For the first time I've 20 fit players," said the coach at a press conference at the stadium on Tuesday afternoon. "I've picked the strongest ones, not only quality wise but players who can adapt very well in the weather as there were different factors to think. But I can say, the team I've at the moment is the best I ever had in the last four-five years.”

Dastgir is not very happy about the changes in Afghanistan's schedule but chooses not to crib about it. In fact, one thing the 32-year-old coach is determined about is to exact “revenge” against the hosts, who he claimed had been “very very lucky” in the previous two meets. To those unaware, the last two encounters between the sides ended in a 1-1 draws.

"As you know our game is on 4:30 pm but at first all our games were scheduled at 8:30 pm, that's what AFC did. But Indian football federation they took time to put themselves at 8:30 and put us at 4:30. No problem, we are not going to talk about that because we are prepared more than before.

“In the last two games against India, I can tell you they were very very lucky. So this time we are also here for the revenge,” the coach further stated.

However, the animosity is just limited to 90 minutes on the football pitch, as Dastgir still calls India his “second home”.

“I've lived in India for than 10 years, I speak very good Hindi. I was one year old, when I came to New Delhi, Tilak Nagar and we lived here before I moved to Holland with my parents. I love the country and I feel like it's like my second home here,” he said.

Dastgir started coaching at a young age of 20 and now carries an experience of over 12 years.

“I'm 32 and if you would have asked me 12 years ago, what's my dream I would tell you coaching the national team of Afghanistan is my biggest dream. But sometimes you have luck in your life and national team becomes one of your first step,” he said.

Being a war-torn nation, the Afghanistan players don't have the luxury to play at home and considering the match will be played at the 'Mecca of Indian football' with a fullhouse anticipated at the stadium. However, the players have formed an unique ideology to turn the adversity into their own advantage.

“Afghanistan is never playing at home so the more crowd is there, the more motivated we get. So we will be happy if the stadium will be full against India. We're never playing at home, so we've accepted that just enjoy every game,” the coach said.

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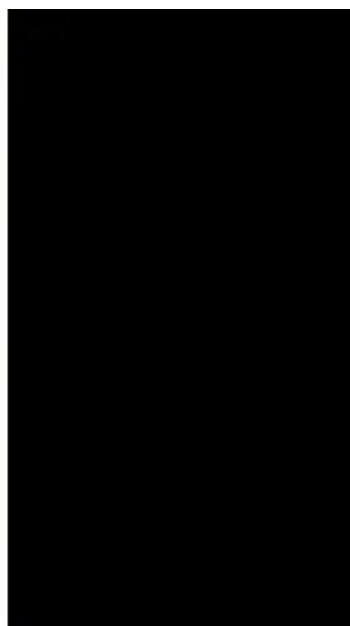
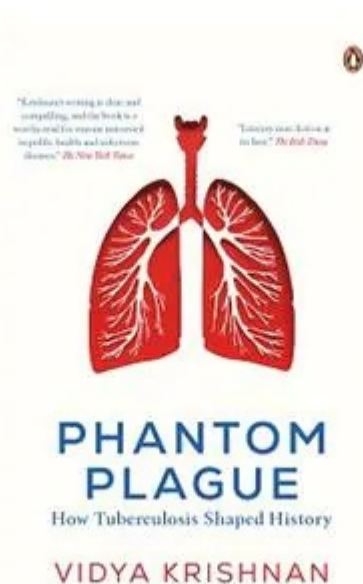
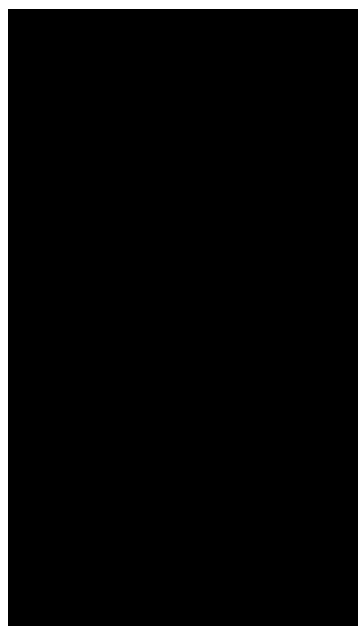
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The WHO estimates that one-fourth of the world's population has latent TB.



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Indian TB patients are in the same situation South African patients diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in the 1990s were: the epidemic is at its peak, and the drugs are not available. The Indian government is engaging in TB denialism with as much fervor as the South African government once did. TB has become a twenty-first-century disease being fought with (for the most part) nineteenth-century tools.



Author Vidya Krishnan (Courtesy Penguin)

In the private sector — where retaining the patient is more important than treating them — doctors send back patients, asking them to try antibiotics for a couple of weeks, leaving them to infect others during this period.

The HIV epidemic was a rude awakening.

Suddenly there was a realization that TB was a grave crisis. HIV, because it compromised immunity, liberated the latent TB. The logic was inescapable: any widespread epidemic that adversely affected immunity had the capacity to make latent TB into an active and deadly killer.

In Mumbai, TB is everywhere and nowhere. Spotting the bacteria is not unlike spotting a tiger in a jungle— while glimpses are uncommon or fleeting, there are fresh prints that show a predator is lurking nearby. You don't have to walk into hospitals to find it. You see it in spit stains all over

the city, in the unprotected coughing and sneezing in crowded buses, in tightly packed ghettos. Today, India is a moist “nation of spitters.”

The spread of TB is extensive. And it is extensively denied.

In India, these medieval tools are wielded by an army of science-deficient doctors for a government with scant respect for science, each piling errors on errors.

According to the WHO, the first case of extensively drug resistant tuberculosis was reported in 2006 in Italy.<sup>1</sup> In 2009, fifteen TB patients in Iran were diagnosed with the same strain.<sup>2</sup> In December 2011, Mumbai doctors reported four patients, and a few weeks later, the Times of India reported eight more cases in Mumbai. The WHO took a while, as is customary, before settling on calling it XDR TB. Meanwhile, scientists in different parts of the world were using new terms like “XXDR TB,” “super XDR TB,” and “totally drug-resistant TB” (“TDR TB”) interchangeably.

In Mumbai, Dr Udwadia was calling it TDR TB.

He had treated the four patients in 2011 and, methodical as he is, wrote a paper about the new, untreatable avatar of TB. He and his colleagues called the strain TDR TB, the term coined in 2009 by Iranian doctors who had treated the fifteen patients showing no response to the first- and second-line antibiotics. Dr Udwadia’s paper warned of an antibiotic apocalypse, when there will be no drugs known to modern medicine that could cure these emerging strains of the bacteria.

The Indian government did not like the prognosis.

It raided his lab, seized the patient samples, and pressured Dr. Udwadia to retract the paper. The NTEP did everything it could to sweep this piece of bad news under the rug. The tidal wave of bureaucracy rolled over the unimpeachable scientific evidence and once again drowned the science out in the twenty-first century as it had in the nineteenth. The Indian government’s response to new data on TDR TB had the same hallmarks of ignorance and arrogance that Ignaz Semmelweis dealt with.

Dr Udwadia has spent years speaking up to an increasingly unreasonable government.

He has a skeptical squint and a wry smile that redoubles the sense of skepticism. “They came down on us like a ton of bricks. Their first response was denial. Their second response was to take away our samples,” remembered Dr Udwadia, still surprised at the government’s reaction, years later.

He and his employers at the Hinduja Hospital were accused of spreading panic by using the term “totally drug resistant.” The Indian government argued that no such term had been approved by the WHO. Then, the NTEP dismissed his findings because the Hinduja Hospital’s laboratory — one of the finest in the country — had not been accredited by the government. So, their word could not be taken seriously. The government refused to investigate any further. But global media was starting to cover the story, so the ministry needed to be seen to run their own tests. “Literally, they seized culture from our laboratories. They took them for cross-checking,” says Dr Udwadia.

His epic struggle against TB and the Indian government’s vast labyrinth of bureaucracy was reported in the New York Times in September 2016.

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The study in which actors were trained to walk into a doctor’s clinic with every red-flag symptom of TB has since been replicated in three other countries: South Africa, China, and Kenya. The “patients” all report a persistent fever and cough for two weeks, the first red flag. Then they follow a set script:

Regular Jane Doctor: Do you have cough with phlegm?

RJ Actor-Patient: Yes.

Fever?

Yes.

Weight loss?

Yes.

Loss of appetite?

Yes.

This is the textbook definition of a patient who should be screened for a TB test. In all the participating countries, the study discovered three alarming failures:

1. Most doctors could not correctly diagnose TB patients.
2. Even if they did, they did not correctly treat them.
3. Without proper medical guidance, the patients—all falling through the cracks of the health-care system — continued to infect their loved ones.

The number of undetected TB cases is genuinely alarming. Within global health, this problem has come to be known as “the missing millions.” According to the WHO, in 2019, 10 million people fell ill with TB. Only 7.1 million were picked up by national TB treatment programs. So 2.9 million were either undetected or unreported.

You cannot treat what you cannot diagnose.

The study found that across all four countries — India, South Africa, China, and Kenya — only 35 percent of the actor-patients were “correctly managed.” To begin with, researchers had set a low bar for the definition of “correctly managed.” “If the doctor referred the patient to another doctor or referred her to a government hospital — instead of screening her — we accepted it as a ‘correct diagnosis.’ We accepted any screening test they recommended as well — x-rays, sputum smears, and Gene Xpert. It was broadly defined,” Dr Pai told me in a Skype interview.

Even using this lenient definition, only one in five actorpatients was correctly managed. In Mumbai, 37 percent of patients were correctly

managed, Nairobi 33 percent, rural China 28–38 percent, and South Africa, the “best” performer, 43 percent.

At this stage the study team was not looking at what was being prescribed but simply trying to see if doctors could diagnose TB correctly. The treatment, when it was recognized as necessary, often compounded the problem: “What they [doctors who’ve correctly diagnosed their patients] end up doing is, hit them with multiple rounds of broad-spectrum antibiotics.”

Basically, the few patients who are diagnosed correctly are carpet-bombed with powerful antibiotics, cough syrups, steroids, and antihistamines to see what “works.” Doctors, especially those in the private sector, were throwing a bunch of pills at the bacteria, found Dr Pai. “An average prescription has four to five pills, and the doctors say come back in two weeks if it doesn’t get better,” Dr Pai told me in 2019.

Only 10 percent of the actor-patients were referred to specialists, as they should have been immediately. “The job of the primary care doctor seems to be to retain the patient. At this stage, referral is practically dead,” the study concluded.

The hellish cycle of misdiagnosis can last for weeks as the patient is bounced from one doctor to another, feeling increasingly worse: “In most parts of the world, TB is only diagnosed after about three rounds of this. . . . Patients start with pharmacy, go to traditional medicine, switch to allopathy, change doctors,” Dr Pai told me.

Thanks to the study, we now know it takes a TB patient an average of sixty days and a minimum of three doctors to receive correct treatment. During this diagnostic delay, patients are actively infectious.

Government hospitals at least keep records.

India is, not coincidentally, home to one of the largest unregulated private sectors in the world, a vast and unregulated mess whose *raison d’être* has been to undercut the government-run, taxpayer-funded health system.

In April 2019, Dr Pai described the discrepant numbers regarding undetected or unreported TB to an audience at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicines: “The missing could either be because they are walking around, undiagnosed. Or they are seeking care at pharmacies, or at private clinics. My hunch says that the missing patients are diagnosed but not reported. The countries with the most privatized health care are not only the ones with the largest patient burden but also the ones with the most missing patients. There is a clear correlation between private care seeking and the missing millions. That’s why working with the private sector is so critical, especially for India,” explained Dr Pai.

Global TB experts, including Dr Pai, reviewed thirty-two national tuberculosis surveys done in twenty-six countries between 2000 and 2016. All surveys revealed that, globally, everyone had underestimated the prevalence of TB.

It was a phantom plague.

In October 2016, the WHO said it had seriously underestimated the global TB epidemic because of inaccurate estimates of the tuberculosis burden in India between 2000 and 2015. The most alarming finding of the latest Global TB Report 2016 was that India had reported only 56 percent of its TB burden in 2014 and 59 percent in 2015. The massive underestimating resulted in the WHO revising the global TB burden upward by over four million cases.

The same problem occurred in all seven countries with the most TB patients in the world — India, Indonesia, China, the Philippines, Pakistan, Nigeria, and South Africa.

Speaking to me on the condition of anonymity, a senior bureaucrat in the health ministry was clear about the prospects of meeting Modi’s ambitious 2025 target to eliminate TB: “We did not give this target. This was set by nontechnical people. If you are asking me whether we will end TB by 2025, the answer is simple: we will not.”

To “end TB” by 2025, India would have to bring down new infections from the current 204 per one million people to 40. “This cannot even be done by



2040, if all hands were on deck, and the policy had no budget constraints,” the official added.

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