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**IN BRIEF**  
**Mamata's stand on Murmu keeps everyone guessing**

**KOLKATA**  
 With the NDA's Presidential nominee Droupadi Murmu arriving in Kolkata on Monday, political observers are keenly watching how the TMC leadership will react to her visit as CM Mamata Banerjee had softened her stand on Ms. Murmu's candidature.  
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**National Emblem unveiled atop new Parliament**

**NEW DELHI**  
 The Prime Minister on Monday unveiled a 6.5-metre-tall National Emblem on the roof of the under-construction Parliament building. The emblem, which is made of bronze, weighs 9,500 kg.  
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**7 Sena Lok Sabha MPs skip party meeting**

**PUNE**  
 Seven of the 19 Lok Sabha MPs of the Shiv Sena were missing at a meeting called by party president Uddhav Thackeray at his residence in Mumbai on Monday.  
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## Rival Panneerselvam ousted, Palaniswami to lead AIADMK

Violent clashes break out at party headquarters over leadership question

**T. RAMAKRISHNAN**  
**CHENNAI**

Vanagaram near Chennai, which played host five years ago to a unity meeting of two camps of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, witnessed on Monday the expulsion of senior leader O. Panneerselvam from the main Opposition party in Tamil Nadu, and the election of Edappadi K. Palaniswami as its interim general secretary.

The day saw dramatic developments in the morning with Mr. Panneerselvam, a three-time Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and party coordinator and treasurer till recently, and his supporters entering the AIADMK headquarters in Royapettah in the city after breaking open the locks amid a violent clash between rival groups. Revenue authorities sealed the party office even as Mr. Palaniswami was delivering his "victory" speech at the general council meeting.

The meeting began at a wedding hall in Vanagaram, after the Madras High Court gave the green signal to it, dismissing a petition filed by Mr. Panneerselvam. The court pulled him up for seeking to achieve through the judiciary what he could not do internally in the party.



**Way forward:** AIADMK leader Edappadi K. Palaniswami flanked by his supporters after being elected the interim general secretary of the party in Chennai on Monday. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

At the general council, a resolution was adopted, abolishing the posts of coordinator and co-coordinator on the ground that they had "ceased to exist" as the election re-appointing Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Palaniswami coordinator and co-coordinator, respectively, last December, was "not ratified" at the June 23 meeting. By another motion, the party

approved the adoption of the system of "single leadership" and revived the post of general secretary, which was scrapped in September 2017. Three of Mr. Panneerselvam's associates — legislators R. Vaithilingam and Manoj Pandian and party spokesperson J.C.D. Prabhakar — were removed from the party. Mr. Panneerselvam's expulsion was carried out

through a resolution, the text of which was read out by organisation secretary Natham R. Viswanathan, who was in his camp five years ago. Mr. Panneerselvam said he remained the party coordinator and would legally face the challenge with the support of the cadres.

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## Cong. acts against Lobo and Kamat

Goa situation under control: party

**SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE**  
**PUNE**

A day after the Congress leadership in Goa alleged that senior legislators Michael Lobo and Digambar Kamat were attempting to split the party by hobnobbing with the ruling BJP, the party on Monday moved disqualification petitions against the duo for "anti-party activities".

Senior Congress leader Mukul Wasnik, MP, sent as a troubleshooter to the coastal State, declared that the situation was "under control".

After high-voltage drama on Sunday with much suspense on whether the party would be able to keep its flock together, the Goa Congress leadership on Monday said seven of the 11 Congress MLAs stood firm with the party.

Given that the party's Goa desk in-charge Dinesh Gundu Rao had removed Mr. Lobo as the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader on Sunday, State party chief Amit Patkar said a new Opposition leader would be named soon. He said the party leaders had met the Speaker to discuss the seating arrangements in the House as Mr. Lobo was no longer the CLP chief.

Yet, even as the party cracked the whip on Mr. Lobo and Mr. Kamat, both in-



Michael Lobo

sisted they were still in the Congress, with Mr. Kamat professing to be "deeply hurt" by Mr. Rao's remarks against him on Sunday.

Moreover, the five MLAs — Mr. Lobo, Mr. Kamat, Rajesh Faldessai, Kedhar Naik and Delilah Lobo — who reportedly went "incommunicado" on Sunday, attended the first day of the monsoon session of the Assembly on Monday.

"I am shocked, stunned and his [Mr. Rao's] statements have hurt me beyond words. He visited my house on Saturday and I told him my position was akin to being 'retired hurt' owing to the humiliation I suffered after the Assembly election this year... There have been rumours spreading against me since the last two elections that I am going to the BJP. Yet, I have stood firm," Mr. Kamat said.

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## Set Abu Salem free after 25 years in jail: SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
 NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday held that the Centre was "bound to advise" the President to remit the life sentence of gangster Abu Salem in the 1993 Mumbai blasts case on his completion of 25 years of his jail term in view of the national commitment made to Portugal during his extradition.

The 25-year period would be calculated from his detention on October 12, 2005.

"On the appellant [Salem] completing 25 years of his sentence, the Central government is bound to advise the President for the exercise of his powers under Article 72 of the Constitution and to release the appellant in terms of the national commitments and the principles based on the comity of courts," Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, heading the Bench, ordered in the judgment.

The papers should be forwarded to the President within a month of Salem completing the 25-year period.

The Centre could itself consider remission on the completion of 25 years' sentence in terms of Sections 432 and 433 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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# Neighbour arrested for raping two minor girls in Model Town

59-year-old assaulted girls, aged 6 and 7, several times: police

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Two girls, aged six and seven years, were sexually assaulted by a 59-year-old neighbour in north-west Delhi's Model Town. The accused, Kalicharan, who works as a vegetable vendor, was arrested on Saturday, said the police. He lured the girls with chocolates and toys, and after committing the crime threatened them to not tell anyone about it, the police said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (North West) Usha Rangnani said the matter came to light on Saturday when the mothers of the two minors approached the police, alleging that their girls were raped by a neighbour. A police team reached the spot and a Crisis Intervention Centre counsellor spoke to the girls.

The statements of the mothers were recorded and a medical examination of the victims was conducted

**The accused used to lure the victims by giving ₹5-₹10 to buy toffees and toys. The latest assault was committed two-three days ago**

SENIOR POLICE OFFICER

later in the day. The medical report has confirmed sexual assault on both the victims, said the police.

A senior police officer said the girls told them that the neighbour assaulted them several times in the past 10-12 days. The victims and the accused lived nearby. He used to lure them by giving ₹5-₹10 to buy toffees, chocolates and toys. The latest assault was committed two-three days ago, the officer said.

**Victims threatened**

The accused threatened to kill the victims if they spoke about the incident to their parents, the officer said, ad-

ding that the older girl mustered some courage and told her mother about the assault. The mother then informed the other victim's parents and together they decided to approach the police, the officer said.

The accused, who had fled the neighbourhood on Saturday, was arrested the same day by tracking his call detail records.

Based on the mothers' statements and the counsellor's report, a case under Section 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354B (assault or use of criminal force to woman with intent to disrobe), 376AB (person committing an offence of rape on a woman under twelve years of age), 506 (criminal intimidation) and relevant sections of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act has been registered and further investigation is under way, the DCP said.

# Teen shot dead by guard on theft suspicion

Security guards can shoot to confront intruders or in self-defence but must aim below waist, say police

ARNABJIT SUR  
NEW DELHI

An 18-year-old boy, who was allegedly trying to steal an iron rod from a construction site, was shot dead by a security guard in east Delhi on Sunday, the police said.

The incident raises questions about gun regulations binding security agencies and their right to use extreme force.

The officers said they received information on July 10 at 9:51 p.m. from Hedgewar Hospital in Karkardooma regarding the admission of the victim, identified as Ashish, a Class IX dropout and a resident of NSA Colony in Vishwas Nagar.

Following this, a police team reached the spot and took the statement of an eyewitness, Kunal, who claimed that he along with his friend Ashish were trying to steal an iron rod from C.B.D. ground where the Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System project is going on.

"The deputed security

guard at the site fired at Ashish, after which he was brought to Hedgewar Hospital, where he was declared brought dead by the doctor concerned," said DCP (Shahdara) R. Sathiyasundaram.

**Murder case**

A case under IPC Section 302 pertaining to murder has been lodged at the Anand Vihar police station and the security guard has been arrested, said the police.

The DCP said that the deceased, whose mother is a homemaker and father a driver, was previously arrested in a narcotics case that was lodged at Farsh Bazaar police station this year.

The security guard has been identified as 48-year-old Rajendra, who was working with his security agency for the last eight months.

Officers said that Rajendra was carrying his own licensed single barrel rifle at the time of the incident and that his father is an ex-serviceman.

The police said that Kunal



Ashish, the victim, was a Class IX dropout. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

is still being interrogated and has not been arrested yet. Officers said a security guard could fire in self-defence or to confront intruders. But the guards have to aim at the

legs and fire below the waist. In this case, the deceased was shot twice – on his chin and on his chest, an officer said.

"The guard was trying to shoot the deceased below the waist but as the platform where Ashish was standing was quite high, the bullet ended up hitting him above the waist," an officer said.

**'Carry own weapons'**

The owners and managers of security agencies whom *The Hindu* spoke to, said that security guards carry their own licensed weapons and are told to not use their weapons unless "absolutely necessary". Arun Kumar, the owner of Angel Security Services, said, "Our job is to check whether the licence of the guards is authentic. The rules of using the weapons depend on the licensing authority and the establishment where the guard has been deployed". Vijay Salaria, the owner of TRIG security services, said

that the guards deployed outside banks and ATMs are allowed to possess weapons and they are mostly ex-Army personnel.

"If an incident occurs where our security guard has deliberately or inadvertently fired at someone, it becomes the responsibility of the agency," Mr. Salaria said. Meanwhile, Ashish's mother, Geeta, said her son was "innocent". "He used to do petty jobs. He would go to the construction site every day but I don't know what he did there. But he definitely could not have been stealing," she said.

Dashrath Ram, who has been working as a security guard in the city for over 20 years, said, "At the hospital, where I was posted till a few weeks ago, we were not even provided sticks, as the area was largely peaceful. But in places where there is a chance of confronting intruders, security guards carry guns, which they are expected to use if such a situation arises."

# Govt. to restore monuments under its jurisdiction

As part of the exercise, five heritage structures in the Capital will be illuminated with Tricolour lights

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi government on Monday announced plans to restore and give a facelift to heritage sites in the city that come under its jurisdiction.

Most monuments in the Capital come under the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India, but there are 71 heritage structures that fall under the jurisdiction of the Delhi government.

Announcing the initiative, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said that these 71 monuments were hidden



Hidden gems: Malcha Mahal, a Tughlak-era hunting lodge, is one of the monuments that will be restored. FILE PHOTO

gems that had remained neglected for a long time.

"These monuments have great historical importance.

The Delhi government is working on restoration of these sites and will organise various cultural events

around them to celebrate their historical importance and spread awareness about them," Mr. Sisodia said. He added that the government is ensuring that each of the monuments under its jurisdiction gets a facelift without tampering with the essence of history associated with it.

Mr. Sisodia, who also holds the portfolio of art and culture, will soon visit the sites to review conservation work, an official said.

As a part of the exercise, the government said five major monuments in Delhi will

be illuminated with Tricolour lights. These are Bijri Khan's Tomb in R.K. Puram, Baradari, Qudisia Bagh, Bara Lao Ka Gumbad at Vasant Udyan, Gol Gumbad near Lodhi Flyover and Tomb of Paik at Mukarba Chowk. Other sites where restoration work will be carried out include Malcha Mahal and Azim Ganj Serai.

The government also said it was conducting conservation activities at Dara Shikoh's library located on the campus of Ambedkar University at Kashmere Gate.

# FIR filed for 'harassing' Delhi BJP leader

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

An FIR has been registered against unknown persons for allegedly sexually harassing a female spokesperson of the Delhi BJP after a video defaming her was posted on social media platforms, the police said.

A case has been lodged under IPC sections pertaining to sexual harassment and IT Act at New Delhi district's Cyber police station, DCP (New Delhi) Amrutha Guguloth said.

The complaint lodged by the Delhi BJP stated that some videos and "wrong information" against its spokesperson were going viral, "insulting the modesty of women by using an electronic mode". "This act was intended to harm the reputation of the BJP spokesperson by using her name in the link of the video and defaming her publicly," the complaint stated.

# Govt. to spend ₹23.24 cr. to strengthen roads

15 roads chosen in four areas across city

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi government on Monday approved road strengthening projects worth ₹23.24 crore for 15 roads across south Delhi.

According to the government, 15 roads across areas including Kalkaji, Greater Kailash, Malviya Nagar and Kasturba Nagar will be strengthened. A total of 18.19 km of road will be strengthened.

The Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Manish Sisodia said the initiative would seek to free lakhs of commuters from traffic jams and inconvenience. He said that by using advanced technology and following global standards of street design, the roads would be made safer and better.

"We are working in a phased manner to develop roads across the national

Capital," Mr. Sisodia said.

He also said poorly maintained roads not only cause inconvenience to commuters but also restrict the movement of vehicles.

In addition to strengthening the roads, Mr. Sisodia said, the PWD would also pay special attention to proper road markings, signages and related infrastructure on these stretches.

The roads being taken up as part of the project include Hansraj Sethi Marg, Baba Fateh Singh Marg, Maharaja Agrasen Marg, Kanshi Ram Takkar Marg and Hansraj Gupta Marg.

Other stretches that are also part of the initiative include BRT to Hansraj Gupta Marg, B-76 to B-111 in Greater Kailash-I, the Asian Games Village road, NIFT road, Subhash Chopra road, August Kranti Marg and Bipin Chandra Marg.

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# PWD appeals in HC against ₹38.7 lakh fine

Court seeks Forest Dept.'s response

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday asked the Department of Forest and Wildlife to respond to a plea by the Public Works Department (PWD) challenging an order of the Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) who imposed a fine of ₹38.7 lakh on the PWD for allegedly failing to deconcretise trees in Vasant Vihar.

The PWD said the fine was imposed "in spite of work for deconcretisation of trees having been completed and information having duly been submitted before the High Court through various status reports/ compliance affidavits".

It said that DCF's February 4 order was liable to be

set aside as it was passed on "incorrect and arbitrary application of law and without an appreciation of facts" in the present matter. The PWD argued that the October 8, 2015 notice, about the penalty of ₹10,000 to be imposed on persons found to have "victimized trees", does not specify fines for failure to deconcretise trees.

In 2015, the DCF announced the penalty on persons found to have victimised trees by putting up signages etc. on them.

The DCF, in its February 4 order, said there were 387 trees in Vasant Vihar which were surrounded by concrete enclosures. It had imposed a fine of ₹10,000 per tree on PWD, totalling ₹38.7 lakh for 387 trees.

# IN BRIEF



## 153 dengue cases reported this year so far

NEW DELHI  
The Capital recorded 10 cases of dengue over the past week (till July 9), taking the season's caseload to 153, according to a civic report on Monday. Of the 10 cases, eight were recorded under the untraced after investigation category. A total of 100 of the 153 cases reported so far have been recorded under the untraced category this year.

## Cloudburst: ₹10 lakh aid to victims' families

NEW DELHI  
The Delhi government on Monday day extended financial aid of ₹10 lakh each to the families of two victims of Amarnath cloudburst tragedy. Both the victims – Virmati and Prakash – were residents of south Delhi's Madangir. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met the bereaved families and assured them of all possible help from the government.

## Govt. begins drive to plant 35 lakh saplings

NEW DELHI  
The Delhi government on Monday began its annual plantation drive – "Van Mahotsav". The government aims to plant a total of 35 lakh saplings this year. Inaugurating the drive in Central Ridge, Environment Minister Gopal Rai said that all MLAs will lead plantation drives in their respective constituencies.

# APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



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**Tribal man assaulted**

INDORE  
Four persons were arrested on Monday on charges of attempt to murder and other offences for allegedly assaulting a tribal man at Indore in Madhya Pradesh, a police officer said. P11

# Mamata's remarks on Murmu keep everyone guessing

West Bengal CM, who played a key role in bringing the Oppn. parties together, has softened her stand on NDA nominee

**SHIV SAHAY SINGH**  
KOLKATA  
National Democratic Alliance (NDA) presidential nominee Droupadi Murmu arrived in Kolkata on Monday evening. While she is likely to meet the lawmakers of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), political observers will be keenly watching how the Trinamool Congress leadership reacts to the NDA presidential nominee.

West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool chief Mamata Banerjee had on July 1 softened her stand on the NDA candidate saying had she been aware of Ms. Murmu's candidature earlier, things would have been different.

"If we had got suggestions about who their [BJP's] candidate was, we could have discussed at the all-party meeting," she had said. The Trinamool chairperson, who played a key role in getting the Opposition parties together in fielding Yashwant Sinha as their candidate for presidential polls, had also added

that Ms. Murmu has higher chances of winning the poll for the highest office in the country.

Two factors could have led the Chief Minister to make these comments. One is the support of the tribal population in the State, which in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls had largely supported the BJP. The second is a fact Ms. Banerjee has herself admitted, that "she is biased towards women".

**Pranab precedent**

The remarks by the Chief Minister on the NDA presidential nominee have even left her party members, particularly the electoral college of MLAs and MPs, guessing.

State BJP leaders Suvendu Adhikari and Sukanta Majumdar have written to Trinamool lawmakers seeking support for Ms. Murmu. However, there has been no formal response from the Trinamool to the request.

This is not the first occasion Ms. Banerjee has



NDA's Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu at the Netaji Subhash International Airport in Kolkata on Monday. P11

changed her stand on the Presidential poll. Almost a decade years ago in 2012, the Trinamool chairperson had put all her might into seeking a second term for A.P.J. Abdul Kalam for the office of President of India. But later, when the former President refused to contest as there was no consensus among all the parties, she supported Pranab

Mukherjee and organised a civic reception for him on his first visit to West Bengal after assuming the office of President.

It is still not clear whether the change in the Trinamool chairperson's stand was owing to the tribal vote bank or any other issue. The Scheduled Tribe population in West Bengal is less than 6% as

per the 2011 Census and the population is concentrated in certain pockets of south Bengal and north Bengal.

It was Ms. Banerjee who called for the Opposition parties to come together as far as fielding a candidate for the presidential poll was concerned. She visited the national capital and participated in a meeting on June 15 where representatives of 17 Opposition parties, including the Congress, decided to put up a candidate.

On June 21, instead of Ms. Banerjee, her nephew and party general secretary Abhishek Banerjee participated in the meeting of Opposition parties on the same issue.

**'Cross-voting likely'**

With more and more parties coming out in support of the NDA nominee and the recent political developments in Maharashtra where a rebel faction of the Shiv Sena allied with the BJP to oust the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance govern-

ment and install Eknath Shinde as the Chief Minister, many feel that the Trinamool chairperson lost her interest in the Presidential election.

Sources in the Trinamool say that with only less than a week left for the election, Mr. Sinha may skip campaigning in West Bengal even though he was a Trinamool Congress member until being picked as the Opposition candidate.

Biswanath Chakraborty, who teaches Political Science at Kolkata's Rabindra Bharati University, said that the inconsistency in the stand of the Trinamool chairperson as far as the Opposition candidate for the presidential election is concerned will have a bearing on her image as an Opposition leader across political parties in the country.

"There is also a possibility of cross-voting particularly by MPs and MLAs of Trinamool representing tribal areas of West Bengal. This has become clearer after the Chief Minister's remarks on Droupadi Murmu," he said.

# Rajbhar seeks meeting with Akhilesh

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The Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief Om Prakash Rajbhar on Monday said he has sought time from Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav to discuss their alliance, indicating that the meeting's outcome could determine his party's stand on the Presidential election.

The SBSP leader also asserted that he will wait till Tuesday to know the Samajwadi Party (SP) chief's stand before taking a decision on whom to vote in the upcoming Presidential election.

"I would like to know from the SP chief under what circumstances was I not invited in the programme organised for the joint-Opposition candidate for the Presidential election, Yashwant Sinha," he said.

Mr. Rajbhar said he will also discuss other issues concerning the coalition.

# Irani inaugurates Sealdah metro station

TMP leaders boycott event to protest 'last minute' invitation to CM Mamata

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
KOLKATA

Union Minister Smriti Irani on Monday inaugurated the Sealdah metro station of the East-West corridor amid allegation of the Trinamool Congress that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was invited to the event only at the last moment. A number of TMC leaders including Kolkata's Mayor Firhad Hakim said the Centre had not shown respect to the Chief Minister, who during her tenure as the Railway Minister had envisaged the project. TMC MP Sudip Bandyopadhyay and MLA Pareswari Pal boycotted



Union Minister Smriti Irani inaugurating the Sealdah metro station on Monday. DEBASISH BHADURI

the programme on the grounds of insult to the Chief Minister.

Ms. Irani said that the 2.33-km extension of the metro line from Phoolbagan up

to Sealdah would help around 35,000 passengers in their daily commute. The East-West Metro is a mega infrastructure project that will connect Howrah Maidan to Sector V in Salt Lake along a 16.6 km stretch. About 10.8 km is connected through an underground tunnel, parts of which pass below the river bed of the Hooghly. The East-West Metro services had started in phases in March 2020, and at present operates a truncated 6.6 km from Sector V to Phoolbagan with six stations.

Ms. Irani said that she was not aware why the Chief Mi-

nister and members of TMC did not participate in the event.

"I was also invited at the last moment. But for me it was important to be part of the historic occasion," she said.

Questions were also raised as to why Ms. Irani and not the Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurate the Sealdah station.

In May this year the East-West Metro project faced hiccups when seepage of water into metro tunnel was observed and buildings in Bowbazar area of north Kolkata developed cracks.

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# Punjab CM appoints Chadha advisory panel chief

State has been made a colonial outpost of Delhi, says Congress; AAP MP de facto CM, says Akali Dal

VIKAS VASUDEVA  
CHANDIGARH

Days after Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann decided to set up a committee to advise his government on matters of public importance pertaining to public administration, AAP Rajya Sabha member Raghav Chadha was on Monday appointed chairman of the advisory committee. The Opposition cornered the Aam Aadmi Party over the move and termed it "anti-Punjab".

According to a government statement, Mr. Chadha in the new role will shoulder the responsibility of overseeing the conception and implementation of the pro-people initiatives of the AAP

government in Punjab and advise the government on matters of finance accordingly.

The notification was issued by Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Janjua on July 6.

Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa said with the setting up of the committee and making Mr. Chadha its chairman, AAP has made Punjab a "colonial outpost" of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

"This move is nothing more than circumventing the peoples' will and choice in Punjab and making the State a colonial outpost of Arvind Kejriwal. Absolutely uncalled for! Like Sir Henry



Raghav Chadha

Lawrence foisted as the British Resident in Punjab in 1846 to control the Sikh empire for an outsider, Raghav Chadha today has been appointed as the representative of AAP Delhi Durbar in Punjab," he tweeted.

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Daljit Cheema said

Mr. Chadha would now be the de facto Chief Minister of Punjab, who will officially take all decisions which are otherwise in the purview of the Chief Minister.

**'Rubber stamp'**  
He added that the SAD condemns the formation of the advisory committee, which had made the office of the Chief Minister a "rubber stamp". Asserting that the current developments were occurring as per the template which had already been disclosed by SAD earlier, Mr. Cheema said, "Now that the Chief Minister has been neutralised and all power has been concentrated in the hands of Mr. Kejr-

wal, the river waters of the State are also in jeopardy. Mr. Kejrwal's stand on the Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal is already known to Punjab. After the sell-out on the issue of Punjab's capital Chandigarh, we will witness a sell-out on the SYL issue."

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh said it was the darkest day in the recent political history of Punjab as the Chief Minister has given all his powers to an unconstitutional authority to run the State. Demanding Mr. Mann's resignation, he said, "The steering wheel of Punjab will be in the hands of Mr. Kejrwal and Mr. Mann will become an official dummy Chief Minister."

# Spend 35% of funds on SC welfare: RLD

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
GHAZIABAD

Rashtriya Lok Dal chief Chaudhary Jayant Singh has directed the party MLAs to spend at least 35% of the MLA Local Area Development (MLAD) Fund on the welfare of the Scheduled Castes.

The U.P. MLAD Fund was increased from ₹3 to ₹5 crore in May this year. The party has eight MLAs in the Assembly. In a letter to Rajpal Balyan, leader of the legislative group, Mr. Singh said the decision was in line with the party's belief in social justice and asked the MLAs to raise the voice of the SCs in the Assembly.

# Facing flak, Punjab govt. scraps textile park project

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
CHANDIGARH

After facing severe criticism from several quarters, the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab on Monday decided not to go ahead with the setting up of a 'Textile Park' at Koom Kalan village near the Mattewara forests on the banks of the river Sutlej in Ludhiana.

"Not only in Mattewara, but the State government will not allow any industry to come up on the river

banks of Punjab to avoid water pollution," Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said after a meeting with the Public Action Committee set up by activists for the conservation of the Mattewara forest.

Hitting out at the government, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa said the government's flip-flop surrounding the project is an embarrassment and shows the lack of vision AAP has for Punjab.

# Population stabilisation should not spark demographic imbalance: U.P. CM

ANUJ KUMAR  
GHAZIABAD

On World Population Day, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that population stabilisation should not lead to demographic imbalance and described the increase in the population of a particular group as a matter of concern.

He said it could become a "matter of concern for religious demography" and leads to "disorder and anar-

chy". "So when we talk of population stabilisation, we should rise above caste, religion, region, and language," he said.

**'Paid by society'**  
The CM said in a particular group, both infant mortality and maternal mortality rates were high because of the inadequate gap between two pregnancies. "Its cost has to be paid by the whole society," he said.

Mr. Adityanath added that

population stabilisation should not be the goal of only the Health Department, other departments such as Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Education should work in tandem with each other, and awareness and enforcement should work together. "ASHA workers and Aanganwadi workers should work in sync with the Panchayati Raj officials in villages and cities and basic education teachers to spread awareness," he said.

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**'Have enough material for case against Swapna'**

KOCHI The Kerala government on Monday submitted before the High Court that the Crime Branch had collected sufficient material to substantiate the allegation that Swapna Suresh, accused in the diplomatic gold smuggling case, had hatched a conspiracy with some persons to cause alarm and riots in the State. She had made a public statement against Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, others in connection with the case.

**Inaction over threat letters to writers flagged**

BENGALURU An individual, who signs off as "Sahishnu Hindu" (tolerant Hindu), has written at least 19 death threat letters to writers, since April 2022, the latest being to Chitradurga-based writer B.L. Venu. Many writers have got more than one letter, and Mr. Venu himself has got two so far. Despite the letters being brought to the notice of the police at various places in Karnataka, the writer is still at large. The police have also not filed FIRs in most cases, which has shocked writers.

**Tirumala Brahmotsavams will be grand affair: TTD**

TIRUMALA The annual Brahmotsavams of Lord Venkateswara scheduled to commence from September 27 will be conducted in all its splendour and glory with the active participation of the devotees, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy said. The two-time daily procession of the presiding deity on various vahanams around the mada streets encircling the hill shrine will be thrown open to the devotees this year, he said.

# A.P.'s Godavari delta in the grip of floods

Officials decide to release entire inflow of flood water

T. APPALA NAIDU  
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM The Godavari delta of Andhra Pradesh is in the grip of floods as water is being released into the sea from the Polavaram irrigation project and Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage at Dowleswaram.

The flood water is expected to arrive at the barrage from Bhadrachalam by early Tuesday.

At least 80 pregnant women have been shifted to government hospitals from the Polavaram project submergence areas, which have been affected by the floods in the Alluri Sitaramaraju district. In Chintoor Agency alone, 63 habitations have been hit by floods along the



**Nature's fury:** People being evacuated from the Polavaram project submergence areas in the Chintoor Agency in Alluri Sitaramaraju district on Monday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

banks of the Sabari and Godavari.

According to reports, the inflow at the Sir Arthur Cotton barrage was five lakh cusecs on Monday morning. "We have lifted all the gates of the Sir Arthur Cotton barrage to ensure that the entire

inflow of five lakh cusecs is released into the Godavari delta without delay," Sairam, an irrigation official, said.

Downstream of Sir Arthur Cotton barrage, the flood water will enter the sea through the canal systems in the eastern, central and western del-

tas in the erstwhile East and West Godavari districts.

The first Godavari flood warning is issued when the inflow touches 10 lakh cusecs. The inflow now depends on the outflow at the Polavaram irrigation project. Polavaram Irrigation Pro-

ject Chief Engineer B. Sudhakarbabu said that the authorities had decided not to impound water at the project site. "We have decided to release the entire 27 mcm of flood water that arrived at the project by Monday," he said.

Many rivulets are in spate cutting off the connectivity between 10 habitations from the administrative headquarters of Chintoor.

About 100 personnel of State Disaster Response Force and National Disaster Response Force had arrived for relief operations.

"Over 3,800 people affected by the flood have been evacuated to the relief camp at V.R. Puram by Monday evening. The evacuation operation remains in progress," Project Officer (ITDA-Chintoor) K. Rama Seshu said.

(With inputs from Chintoor)

# Evacuation apace at Bhadrachalam

People shifted from riverside villages in Telangana, Chief Minister holds review

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM

As heavy rain continued in its catchment areas, the swollen Godavari flowed perilously above the danger mark of 53 feet at Bhadrachalam on Monday evening necessitating evacuation of people living in various riverside villages and other flood prone areas located along the river course in seven Agency mandals to relief camps.

Following copious inflows from upstream, the Godavari swelled rapidly at Bhadrachalam as it crossed the first flood warning level of 43 ft around Sunday midnight, second warning level of 48 ft at 6 a.m. on Monday and third warning level of 53 ft at 4 p.m. later in the day.



SP G. Vineeth monitoring the evacuation of villagers of Sunnambatti in Telangana on Monday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The authorities issued the first, second and third warnings within a span of just 16 hours and deployed the sectoral officers in the flood-prone areas and initiated flood contingency measures as per the flood manual.

As many as 336 persons belonging to 44 families

from the flood-prone/affected villages in Charla, Dumugudem and elsewhere in the district were moved to as many as 30 relief camps set up in Bhadrachalam town and various other parts of the Agency mandals on Monday afternoon.

Flood water from the

swollen streams submerged various stretches of the Bhadrachalam-Charla highway cutting off the road link between Bhadrachalam and Mulugu district's Venkatapuram mandal, sources said.

The TSRTC suspended all its bus services between Bhadrachalam-Parnashala and Bhadrachalam-Charla. Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao reviewed the rain and flood situation with officials on Monday. He assessed the situation on screen with regular inputs from officials in the districts. He enquired from them about the flood in Godavari, the water flow and the status of river tributaries, a press release said.

(With inputs from Hyderabad)

# Heavy rain continues in Karnataka

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Heavy rain continued in Karnataka districts and disrupted life.

Officials said that at least 200 houses were completely or partially damaged in Belagavi district and four school buildings in Khanapur were damaged in the last 24 hours.

The water discharge from the Krishnaraja Sagar reservoir in Mandya district was stepped up as the outflow from the dam crossed 70,000 cusecs amid continuous rain in the catchment area in Kodagu.

There is no let-up in the rain situation in Kodagu and an orange alert has been declared till Tuesday.

# No murder charge in Anish Khan's death case

5 police personnel named accused

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KOLKATA

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the West Bengal Police on Monday filed a chargesheet against five police personnel in the case of death of student leader Anish Khan before a court in Howrah district. While the FIR registered on February 19 invoked Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code, the chargesheet drops the murder charge. The accused are a former officer in-charge of the Amta police station, one assistant sub-inspector, one home guard and two civic police volunteers.

According to the chargesheet, they went to Anish Khan's residence in connection with a post the student leader had put up on the hijab row in Karnataka. He died after falling from the second floor of his house.

**No hopes, says father** The SIT had arrested two of the accused and they were later released on bail. Sa-



Activists of All Bengal Minority Youth Federation staging a protest over the Anish Khan murder case, in Kolkata. •FILE PHOTO

lem Khan, father of Anish Khan, said on Monday he had no hopes on the SIT and reiterated his demand for a CBI investigation.

The Calcutta High Court had on June 21 dismissed Salem Khan's petition seeking such an investigation. The court said the petitioner's apprehension that the accused police officers would be shielded by the police was devoid of merit.

Anish was found dead under mysterious circumstances after three policemen allegedly entered his house at Amta.

# Aaditya used children in 'Save Aarey' protest: panel

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The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) has written to the Mumbai Police on Monday asking it to register an FIR against Shiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray for using children during the recent "Save Aarey" protest.

In a letter to Police Commissioner Vivek Phansalkar, the commission's registrar, Anu Chaudhary, has sought a copy of the FIR as well as statement of children within

three days of receiving the letter.

The letter read, "A complaint was received from Dhrutiman Joshi, legal head, Sahyadri Rights Forum citing Twitter links alleging that Mr. Thackeray, president of Yuva Sena, used children in the protest in the "Save Aarey Protest" campaign."

The commission stated, "The act is prima facie in contravention of several Acts and Articles of the Indian Constitution as well as the Indian Penal Code."

# 'Dwarka Expressway to be ready next year'

It will help reduce traffic congestion, air pollution in Delhi-NCR, says Gadkari

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The Dwarka Expressway, which is being developed as the country's first elevated urban expressway, will become operational in 2023 and help reduce air pollution in the Delhi-National Capital Region, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said on Monday.



The 22-km-long corridor from Gurugram to Sohna was opened to the traffic on Monday •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**Golden Quadrilateral** In a series of tweets, Mr. Gadkari said the expressway will reduce pressure on the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway, which is a part of the Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai arm of the Golden Quadrilateral, and arterial roads that experience severe traffic congestion, primarily from commuters of West Delhi.

"Nearly 50%-60% of traffic

on NH-8 will be diverted to the new expressway, thereby improving traffic movement towards Sohna Road, Golf Course Road," the Minister said.

He said the expressway is a 16-lane, access-controlled highway with provision of minimum three-lane service

roads on both sides. Mr. Gadkari said the 29-km expressway, connecting Dwarka in Delhi to Gurugram in Haryana, is being developed at a cost of ₹9,000 crore.

Around 19 km of the expressway falls in Haryana while the remaining 10 km is in Delhi.

The expressway begins from Shiv-Murti on NH-8 (Delhi-Gurugram Expressway) and ends near Kherki Daula Toll Plaza, passing through Dwarka Sector 21, Gurugram border and Basai.

The 22-km-long access-controlled corridor from Gurugram to Sohna on National Highway-248A, widened and strengthened, was opened to traffic on Monday.

The opening of the corridor would considerably cut travel time from Gurugram to Sohna. The NHAI had awarded two separate tenders for the project, starting from Rajiv Chowk. The first package involved six-laning and strengthening of the road from 0.340 km to 9.282 km starting from Rajiv Chowk and a 4.752-km-long elevated road.

# Contempt plea likely against Sreelekha

Former DGP said police fabricated evidence against Dileep, were targeting him

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The revelations of former DGP (Prisons) R. Sreelekha that the police had fabricated evidence against actor Dileep in the case pertaining to the rape of a woman actor has added a new legal twist to the ongoing case.

While prosecution sources hinted that they may explore the possibility of moving a contempt of court petition against Ms. Sreelekha, the first woman IPS officer in Kerala, the Crime Branch will interrogate her against the backdrop of the revelations.

It was through her YouTube channel that Ms. Sreelekha slammed the police for 'fabricating evidence and targeting the actor.'



R. Sreelekha

What has worried the prosecution is the allegation of fabrication of evidence, which has raised a question mark on the credibility of the police investigation and the court proceedings. Had it been an allegation of lack of evidence against Dileep in

the case, it would not have hit the prosecution hard.

**'Decision will be taken'** A decision on the contempt proceedings will be taken shortly in consultation with senior police and legal functionaries, they said. Ms. Sreelekha refused to respond to the developments.

The contempt of court proceedings will have to be moved at the special court considering the actor rape case.

The trial court is to consider on Tuesday, a contempt of court proceedings against Nikesh Kumar, the editor of Reporter TV and Balachandrakumar, a filmmaker who came up with a revelation that he was a witness to a conspiracy hatched

by Dileep and a few others to eliminate the investigation officers who probed the rape case. The contempt of court petition was moved by Dileep. Mr. Balachandrakumar has shot down Ms. Sreelekha's revelations.

**Expiry of deadline** The deadline fixed by the High Court for the police to complete the further investigation, which was launched after the revelations of Balachandrakumar, will expire on July 15.

The police are likely to seek an extension.

The prosecution case is that the actor was sexually assaulted on the night of February 17, 2017, in a moving car in Kochi while she was returning from Thrissur.

# Satheesan, CPI(M) spar over Saji Cherian issue

Party says Cong. leader has RSS links

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The row over former Kerala Minister Saji Cherian's allegedly "anti-Constitution" remarks that compelled his resignation last week appears to have acquired a new political dimension.

On Monday, *Deshabhimani*, the CPI(M) mouthpiece, carried a photograph showing Kerala Leader of the Opposition V. D. Satheesan attending a function marking the release of a book authored by RSS ideologue P. Parameswaran.

The event was in April 2013 in Thrissur. The photograph showed Mr. Satheesan on the stage and against the backdrop of a portrait of Swami Vivekananda.

Mr. Satheesan said the CPI(M) had published the photograph and a distorted version of the episode as a tit-for-tat for the Opposition

forcing the resignation of Mr. Cherian over his controversial take on the Constitution. Mr. Satheesan had accused Mr. Cherian of echoing Golwalkar's view on the Constitution. The RSS ideologue had purportedly described the Constitution as a "British-crafted document that ill-served the people of India".

Mr. Satheesan said the BJP had released the photograph on social media to undermine his secular credentials. The CPI(M) played the second fiddle to the Sangh Parivar by regurgitating the BJP smear. In the process, the CPI(M) had also sullied the name of former Chief Minister and CPI(M) veteran V. S. Achuthanandan.

"At the venue, I spoke about how the RSS had wrongly claimed Swami Vivekananda's legacy," Mr. Satheesan said.

# 'Need system to identify illegal loan apps'

Many apps exist on Google Play Store against RBI norms: Telangana government

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The Telangana Government has asked the Reserve Bank of India to establish a market surveillance mechanism to identify illegal loan apps which are functioning in violation of the RBI guidelines so that action can be initiated against them.

"Many loan apps exist on Google Play Store against RBI guidelines. They are not disclosing the names of associated non-banking finance companies (NBFCs)," the State said in a representation submitted to the RBI.

The complaint follows increasing crimes related to loan apps in the State.

Telangana government said from 61 cases reported in the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal in 2021, the number increased to 900 this year with 107 FIRs filed and eight persons dying by suicide.



**Strong action:** The complaint follows increasing crimes related to loan apps in Telangana. •GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

A detailed analysis by the Finance department on the frauds reported identified 213 loan apps and 80 NBFCs associated with them.

Among these NBFCs, 33 were identified as registered with the RBI and the rest were not. "Also many apps have not displayed any NBFC details and could not be established through our analysis based on available data," Finance Special Chief Secre-

tary K. Ramakrishna Rao said in the memorandum submitted to RBI.

**Misusing names**

Some loan apps were misusing the names of NBFCs though they were not actually associated with the latter. The RBI should accordingly publish the list of NBFCs and the associated loan apps on its website and keep updating it in real time. This would

help the public as well as law enforcement agencies to identify unscrupulous apps in the market.

Many NBFCs were violating RBI norms in that they were not having office at the declared address and not having customer grievance redressal mechanism which was in violation of the RBI norms. The Bank should accordingly initiate action to cancel the registration of such NBFCs. Steps should be taken to ensure that illegal digital money lending platforms clearly disclosed the associated bank/NBFCs prominently upfront to the customers and also the grievance redressal mechanism.

"Also they should display clearly the nature of user data they capture and also the privacy policy," the department said in the memorandum submitted during the recent State finance secretaries' conference.

# Devaswom Board takes over virtual queue system

Police to manage pilgrim inflow

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In compliance with a High Court order, the Kerala government has transferred the ownership of the virtual queue system, which allows devotees to book their darshan at Sabarimala in advance to the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB).

At a meeting of top TDB and government officials on Monday, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the State police would help the TDB run the system.

Law enforcement would chip in with vetting visitors and managing pilgrim inflow to prevent law and order issues and stampedes.

Mr. Vijayan said Sabarimala faced several security threats and police control of the pilgrim centre was imperative to preempt any untoward incidents.

The TDB, in turn, would

strengthen its IT division. The police would train TDB staff to man the permanent check-posts at Pampa and Nilackal. The TDB would also manage the spot booking centres during the pilgrimage season.

The High Court had ordered establishing an online reservation system for pilgrims after the Pulmedu stampede that claimed 106 lives during the Makaravilakku festival season in 2011. Sabarimala had witnessed aggressive protests and way-laying of pilgrims following the Supreme Court's decision to allow women of all ages entry into the temple in 2018. In April 2022, the High Court directed the government to hand over the reins of the system to the board.

The Bench stressed that the police be allowed to access the data to mitigate security threats to the temple.



## Far apart

China seems to want to test India's resolve to sustain its forward deployments

The July 7 meeting between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' meet in Bali, served as a reminder of the curious state of affairs in India's relations with China. That the two Ministers had their second meeting in four months – Mr. Wang was in New Delhi in March – indicates both sides see value in continued engagement and remain dissatisfied with the current low level of relations. The problem, however, is that the commonalities appear to end there. Mr. Jaishankar reiterated India's stand, conveyed to China on numerous occasions since the start of the LAC tensions in 2020, that normalcy would not be possible without a resolution of the boundary crisis and full disengagement from all friction areas. The MEA said the External Affairs Minister called for an early resolution of all outstanding issues, and reiterated the need to sustain the momentum to complete disengagement from all the remaining areas.

It is, however, clear that Beijing does not appear to share that view. On the contrary, recent actions suggest Beijing has no desire to resolve the row immediately, which India reasonably sees as a prerequisite for restoring normalcy in relations. Indeed, the official Chinese readout of the Bali talks failed to make a single mention of the LAC crisis, suggesting it is not a priority for Beijing. Instead, it emphasised Beijing's current interest in engaging with India on multilateral groupings such as BRICS and the SCO, which China and Russia see as valuable platforms to counter the West, and to promote, as Mr. Wang put it, "a fairer international order". The Chinese military, meanwhile, has dragged its feet in responding with dates for the 16th round of military talks, marking the longest pause since the talks began. At the last round, that was held as long as four months ago on March 11, both sides failed to achieve a breakthrough to disengage at Patrolling Point 15 in Hot Springs. Depsang and Demchok also remain unresolved. There is little expectation in New Delhi for an imminent breakthrough, particularly with domestic politics in China on edge before the Party Congress this fall when Xi Jinping will begin a third term and the military leadership will also see sweeping changes. The Chinese Foreign Minister, in Bali, said both countries "should push for the early return of bilateral relations to the right track". That aspiration, however, contrasts sharply with Beijing's continued unwillingness to restore the status quo of April 2020. The apparent goal appears to be aimed at testing India's resolve to sustain its forward deployments and to force New Delhi to accept a new normal at the LAC. Until that changes, the stalemate along the borders, and in the relationship, is likely to endure.

## Safety in the sky

The DGCA should have no tolerance for laxity among airlines seeking to cut corners

Bird hits, cracked windshields, component failures, engine compressor surges and blade failures, flight deck indicator and system-related warnings, flight diversions, mid-air engine shutdowns, pressurisation problems, and a case of severe turbulence in the monsoon – these aviation-related occurrences in Indian skies in recent months, reaching a crest over the last 30 days, with most of them affecting one airline, have raised concerns about air passenger safety. In its 'show cause notice' issued recently to SpiceJet, the carrier in focus, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has highlighted some of the reported events. In its tersely worded observations on the low-cost airline's operations – a fleet of narrowbody jets and turboprops – the aviation regulator has pointed to a 'degradation of safety margins', and touched on 'poor internal oversight' and 'inadequate maintenance actions'. Further, the DGCA has added, a financial assessment (September 2021) could point to a shortage of spares and, therefore, the 'invocation' of flying with a minimum equipment list. In its initial response, the airline management has put forward a defence of being an IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) air carrier. And, second, given the scale of flight operations in India – according to Ministry of Civil Aviation data, there were 5,268 aircraft movements in the domestic sector, on July 10 – such incidents are not an aberration. It has even cited an average of 30 such episodes a day, which some official sources have backed, though feebly.

The metric is problematic – even aviation experts concur on this. There is no comparison with a global standard, or even a category breakup. Even worse, and dangerous, is not having the acknowledged root causes addressed. In the DGCA's Annual Safety Review 2020, edition V, for example, under 'Deficient maintenance' (the objective is to improve the maintenance of Indian registered aircraft), for a target of 2.16 for incidents involving component/system failure per 10,000 flight hours, the achieved performance is 2.39. Similarly, under the number of maintenance errors per 10,000 flight hours, for a target of 1.43, the performance is 1.46. Repeated snags are a red flag, pointing to faults in the safety oversight system. In an ideal ecosystem, issues with safety would be analysed in terms of the rate of occurrence using tiered categorisation, with the goal of reduction to the minimum level. Troublesome too is how an airline continues its operations despite a 'show-cause notice' and during the monsoon. With passenger numbers climbing back to pre-COVID-19 levels, the entry of new airlines, the existing players indicating aggressive fleet expansion plans, and an international safety audit that is happening once too often for India, the regulator needs to be nimble and more vigilant. The industry watchword – safety – cannot be glossed over.

# The new 'normal' of political splits and shifts

Parties are more closely aligned with the state; the party bond exists only as long as it ensures a legislator's success



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Political parties sometimes break up like marriages, and like remarriages, individual legislators switch parties. In both cases, the consequences can be severe. When individual legislators or a group decide to leave a party, form another party, or join another party, it could have repercussions in terms of government formation, maintenance, and termination. In Maharashtra, recently, and in Madhya Pradesh, a while ago, splits in the ruling party and a subsequent realignment of legislators inaugurated new governments.

### Distinct waves

Splits and switches are commonplace in legislatures across the globe, and India has witnessed at least three distinct waves. The first wave occurred towards the latter half of the 1960s when challengers to the Congress attempted to displace it in the States. There was literally great shoving and pushing and a quick turnover of governments due to the free movement of legislators across political parties.

The next phase was inaugurated with an attempt to end the free movement and regulate the behaviour of legislators through the anti-defection law. While the law discouraged individual movement, it incentivised a collective movement of legislators since it laid down specific numbers to legitimise and validate party switches. When legislators switch in groups, the costs are shared, and the move also appears less opportunistic, which in many ways defeats the purpose of the legislation. Though the law has placed hurdles before splits and switches, the activity has continued. To make matters

worse, the implications of the law now influence the strategies of legislators and parties.

The third phase was inaugurated in 2014 with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on the ascendance when already-dominant parties began to use splits and switches to weaken and destroy their competitors. Aided by friendly Governors, the BJP, like the Congress did earlier, benefited from a string of governmental changes, including Arunachal Pradesh (2016), Bihar (2017), Karnataka (2019), Madhya Pradesh (2020), and Maharashtra (2022), which were brought about by legislators switching sides. In Puducherry (2021), switches led to fresh elections, bringing a BJP alliance to power. In Goa (2022) and Manipur (2017), though the Congress was returned as the single-largest party, it was outmanoeuvred by the BJP soon after. It was only in Uttarakhand that a Supreme Court of India intervention saved the Congress government.

### A regional example

It is not the BJP alone, as around the same time, ruling parties had a field day in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. In Telangana (2014), the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) decimated the Congress and the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) by encouraging shifts. In 2018, the Congress again crumbled under pressure. Likewise, in Andhra Pradesh, first, the TDP did the same to the Yuvajana Shramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) after 2014, and subsequently, when the YSRCP came to power in 2019, it paid the TDP back in the same coin. In all these cases, the ruling party already had a comfortable majority of its own and did not necessarily need additional support.

Therefore, the current phase is bizarre when compared to the past because dominant parties appear to be actively cheering splits and shifts and having no respect for the basic rules of the game. The anti-defection law and control of institutions are now weaponised by dominant parties to inter-



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vene in the internal working of Opposition parties, and sometimes make and break them. Furthermore, legislators are switching support even if it does not count to the making or maintenance of governments.

### A perspective

So what do we make of the splits and switches? Much of our discussion is dominated by the morality of splits and switches, and this revolves around the damage it causes to the foundations of representative democracy. And these are undoubtedly reasonable arguments. First, switchers violate the trust relationship with their constituents as voters get something other than what they bargained for. Second, assuming voters vote for parties and not candidates, the argument is that uncohesive parties make it difficult for voters to draw definitive lines of responsibility. Consequently, it is difficult for voters to hold party governments accountable for their actions during elections.

Despite sound arguments about the despicable nature of splits and switches, they continue to happen routinely. The question then arises: Why do legislators split from and switch parties without fearing the negative connotations? We cannot answer this question as long as our perspective of political parties is dated.

While we keep track of party system change, we ignore the point that the component parts, parties which make up the system, too change and transform. Our conceptualisation of parties is stat-

ic and is drawn from an era long gone by. Parties constantly adapt new modes to sustain and find success for themselves.

Our popular image of a party is that of the classical mass party, which rises from societal movements and is essentially internally democratic. They are linked to mass organisations and groups that share a common goal encompassing different dimensions of societal life. The leadership comes from the organisation, is accountable to it and is committed to the goal. Our normative posturing comes from this ideal type. This is what even the Election Commission of India imagines a party should be since many of its guidelines lay stress on the 'democratic spirit' and the need for transparency and participation in internal decision-making.

However, in reality, parties are anything but this. While they mobilise and compete around identity and group solidarity issues such as mass parties, the internal democracy element is missing, and their links with society and mass organisations are at best tenuous. Today's parties are centralised vote-getting machines which primarily work to ensure the return of political leaders to office. Mass inputs and ideas do not matter, and it is the central leadership that counts. All party activities begin and end with elections.

In this model, it is not surprising that paid professionals occupy a central place. They pick strategies, run campaigns and are sometimes involved in ticket distribution. New forms of communication and campaign methods have displaced traditional campaign modes. Consequently, the vast pool of voluntary unpaid labour which traditionally formed the backbone of parties and linked parties with the grass roots are no longer as closely involved as they were in the past.

Leaders are "elected unanimously" and party conferences are choreographed events where ordinary members meet and greet

leaders. These events are used to enhance the profile of the leadership elite and are indeed not a forum for intra-party debate and discussion. Since parties are mainly concerned with electoral success, anyone who enjoys the confidence of the top leadership and can help increase the seat share is likely to get a ticket. Moreover, we now know that parties prefer candidates who bring in their own money, fund other candidates and raise resources for the party. All this puts the party on the ground in the shade.

### New alignment

Finally, the most significant change is that parties are more closely aligned with the state rather than civil society. Parties exchange material and psychological rewards, and goods and services the state provides for electoral advantage. Voters also see parties as a supplier of services. This connection pushes legislators and parties to be in government or at least close to the government. This was one of the most common reasons for Members of Legislative Assemblies who switched parties in the two Telugu-speaking States. As a corollary to this shift, the party has become a shadow of what it once was and has been reduced to an instrument to defend policies and programmes of the government.

On the supply side, the party on the ground no longer calls the shots; parties are election vehicles and a supplier of services. The party bond exists only as long as it ensures success for the legislator. On the demand side, the voter does not appear to have any problem, whether it is 'A' or 'B', as long as "services" are available. Consequently, splits and switches are not seen as objectionable by legislators and are not punished by voters as well. Legislators will, therefore, be willing to do anything if the benefits exceed the costs.

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# The scam faultline is damaging Indian banking

More steps to prevent frauds are needed which include tightening the internal and external audit systems of banks



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The biggest banking scam in India has come to the forefront in the midst of celebrations of 'Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'; in this case, Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) has hoodwinked a consortium of banks driven by the Union Bank of India to the tune of ₹35,000 crore through financial misrepresentation. The DHFL case was not an isolated case. In February this year, ABG Shipyard Limited of Surat had already taken a loan of about ₹23,000 crore in a fake manner.

### Taking a hit

On February 1, 2019, a consortium of banks had held a meeting to take cognisance of the serious allegations of loan repayment default against the DHFL. Subsequently, a core committee of seven of the largest banks – the State Bank of India (SBI), the Bank of Baroda (BoB), the Bank of India, Canara Bank, the Central Bank of India, Syndicate Bank and the Union Bank of India (UBI) – was formed. KPMG (a 'global network of professional firms providing audit, tax and advisory services') was roped in as the evaluator to lead a unique survey review of the DHFL for the period April 1, 2015-March 31, 2019.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in its first information

report, has shown that the State Bank of India was the most badly hit with a non-performing asset (NPA) base of ₹9,898 crore the very sum the DHFL acquired from it. Essentially, the Bank of India and Canara Bank have been plundered to the tune of more than ₹4,000 crore each by the DHFL. Also, more than ₹3,000 crore each has been supposedly cleaned up by the DHFL from the Union Bank of India and the Punjab National

Bank. The banking system of any country is the backbone of its economy. Excessive losses to banks affect every person in the country because the amounts deposited in banks belong to the citizens of the country. The NPAs that banks incur are mainly due to bad loans and scams.

Data by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) show that around 34% of scams in the banking industry are on account of inside work and due to poor lending practices by and the involvement of the junior and mid-level management. The data by the RBI also show that one of the fundamental problems in the way of the development of banking in India is on account of rising bank scams and the costs consequently forced on the framework. Strangely, as in a Global Banking Fraud survey (KPMG), the issue is not just for India alone; it is a worldwide issue.

### An NPA projection, a list

In a Financial Stability Report released by the RBI in December 2021, there is a projection of the gross NPAs of banks rising from 6.9% in September 2021 to 8.1% of total assets by September 2022



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(under a baseline scenario) and to 9.5% under a severe stress scenario. Frauds in the banking industry can be grouped under four classifications: 'Management', 'Outsider', 'Insider' and 'Insider and Outsider' (jointly). All scams, whether interior or outside, are results of operational failures. Research by Deloitte has shown that limited asset monitoring after disbursement (38%) was the foremost reason behind stressed assets and insufficient due diligence before disbursement (21%) was among the major factors for these NPAs.

There are news reports every few weeks of some fresh/new bank scam or the other which is breaking the trust of the common man in the banking system. There are many examples of bank scams: the Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi scam involving the Punjab National Bank (₹11,400 crore), the case of businessman Vijay Mallya (₹9,000 crore) involving nearly 13 banks, the Andhra Bank fraud (₹8,100 crore), the PMC scam (₹4,355 crore), the Rotomac Pen scam (₹3,695 crore), the Videocon case (₹3,250 crore), the Allahabad Bank fraud (₹1,775 crore), the Syndicate Bank scam (₹1,000 crore), the

Bank of Maharashtra scam (₹836 crore), the Kanishk Gold Bank fraud (₹824 crore), the IDBI Bank fraud (₹600 crore), and the R.P. Info Systems Bank scam (₹515 crore) to name just a few.

A high NPA also reduces the net interest margin of banks besides increasing their operating cost; these banks meet this cost by increasing the convenience fee from their small customers on a day-to-day basis.

According to the RBI data, corporate loans account for nearly 70% of these bad loans, while retail loans, which include car loans, home loans and personal loans, account for only 4%. A study by the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore has shown that poor bank corporate governance is the cause behind rising bank scams and NPAs.

### Steps that need consideration

Over time, bad loans lead to higher NPAs. So, banks have to exercise due diligence and caution while offering funds. The regulation and the control of chartered accountants is a very important step to reduce non-performing assets of banks. Banks should be cautious while lending to Indian companies that have taken huge loans abroad. There is also an urgent need to tighten the internal and external audit systems of banks.

The fast rotation of employees of a bank's loan department is very important. Public sector banks should set up an internal rating agency for rigorous evaluation of large projects before sanctioning loans. Further, there is a need to implement an effective Management Information System (MIS) to

monitor early warning signals about business projects. The CIBIL score of the borrower (formerly the Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited) should be evaluated by the bank concerned and RBI officials. This must also include the classification and responsibilities of the lending and recovery departments.

Financial fraud can be reduced to a great extent by the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to monitor financial transactions. However, the adoption of digitisation beyond a point may have limits as AI provides quantitative information but does not take into account the qualitative aspects.

While the Government of India and the RBI have taken several measures to try and resolve the issue of scams in the banking industry, the fact is that there is still a long way to go. Rather than having to continuously write off the bad loans of large corporates, India has to improve its loan recovery processes and establish an early warning system in the post-disbursement phase. Banks need to carry out fraud risk assessments every quarter.

Only establishment of National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL) or the 'bad bank' is not a real solution. These measures can help only after a loan is bad but not the process of a loan going bad.

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### The Sri Lanka crisis

It is apt to see the ongoing upheaval in Sri Lanka as an out-of-an-unprecedented economic disruption that has been caused by factors that are internal, external and global. The island-nation has gone through situations, may be not as severe, in earlier times as well. But then for a while, it had outsourced policy to the Chinese and blinkered its institutions. Robustness of systems and institutions and the acumen

in policy formulations, must rank high for foundational stability. In China, both were uni-linear. While it helped push economic prowess, its policy rigidity stymied the nation to leave it nonplussed in a pandemic. The United States has been prone to frequent policy miscalculations but its institutions are bestowed with an ability to recoup. Back home, even acceptable policies lack transmission as institutions

are short on onus. It is the strength of institutions that we install that sustains nations in adversity and must take precedence, without which leaders and policies trail the curve.

R. NARAYANAN,  
Navi Mumbai

■ The days ahead are very critical for Sri Lanka. The country faces a catch-22 situation: fresh elections cannot be afforded; nor can it be without leadership. The next leader or form of

leadership or the Speaker has his or her hands full in shaping things, in a way that is acceptable to the people and global institutions. India has to watch the situation carefully.

BALASUBRAMANIAM PAVANI,  
Secunderabad

■ The developments in Sri Lanka indicate the intensity of the wrath of the people. The ignominious exit of the Rajapaksa family also reflects the poor state of governance in the nation. In fact, the

developments in Sri Lanka would surely stand out as a classic cautionary note of perform or perish to other nations ridden with similar distress in their economies. They must understand the importance of delivering responsive governance to the people.

G. RAMASUBRAMANYAM,  
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

■ Djokovic prevails Novak Djokovic winning his seventh Wimbledon title is testimony to his fitness and

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hunger to excel ('Sport' page, July 11). The year may have started on a sour note for him with the fiasco at the Australian Open, but Djokovic has proved that he has moved on and has loftier goals in mind. Tennis fans may have been disappointed that Rafael Nadal had to withdraw. Let us celebrate tennis irrespective of our loyalties. SUBASH BALAKRISHNAN, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

# Why the world needs peace in Ukraine

The world cannot afford the continuation of this war, and India is in a unique position to help



SHASHI THAROOR

As the war in Ukraine rages on, an end to the destruction and suffering seems increasingly elusive, as neither side seems prepared to yield – not least because both seem to believe they can “win”. For Russia, its revised strategic objectives appear to include the capture of the rich industrial, manufacturing and agricultural area known as the Donbas in eastern Ukraine, extending its reach southwards to create a land link to Crimea, which it has already held since 2014. Some analysts think Russia intends to go further, capturing the entire southern Ukrainian coast, including the major port of Odessa and linking that territory to the Russian separatist republic of Transnistria in eastern Moldova.

As for the Ukrainians, they seem to be prepared for nothing short of expelling the Russians from all of Ukrainian territory, including, in some tellings, even Crimea.

There are no serious peace efforts underway at the moment. The Israelis and Turks seem to have given up their efforts, and the visit of the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, helped improve humanitarian relief but did not deal with a military truce. India is well placed to try, enjoying as it does the trust of both sides, but our government seems to be hobbled by a curious reticence to address the issue – perhaps because it is deeply pessimistic about the chances of peace.

## ‘War against Russia’

But if someone were somehow to persuade both sides to come to the negotiating table, what would a possible peace look like? Between the maximalist positions of both sides, one possible formula was offered, somewhat controversially, by the veteran statesman Henry Kissinger at Davos last month. He suggested that it was impossible for Ukraine and the West to expel the Russians fully, and equally impossible for Russians to achieve what they are attempting to do currently, given the extent of NATO countries’ military and financial



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support to Kyiv. Instead, 99-year-old Mr. Kissinger argued that a compromise should be to return the dividing line between Russia and Ukraine to the *status quo ante bellum* – the positions of the two forces before Russia’s invasion began on February 24. For Ukraine and its supporters in the West, that would be a victory, Mr. Kissinger argued, whereas pursuing the war to expel Russians even from the Ukrainian territory they held before February “could turn it into a war not about the freedom of Ukraine but into a war against Russia itself.”

Questioned by *The Spectator* recently, Mr. Kissinger explained, “If the war ends as I sketched at Davos, I think it will be a substantial achievement for the allies. NATO will have been strengthened by the addition of Finland and Sweden, creating the possibility of defence of the Baltic countries. Ukraine will have the largest conventional ground force in Europe linked to NATO... Russia will have been shown that the fear that has hung over Europe since World War II, of a Russian army descending... can be prevented by the NATO conventional action. For the first time in recent history, Russia would have to face a need for coexistence with Europe as an entity, rather than America being the chief element in defending Europe with its nuclear forces.”

There is one flaw in Mr. Kissinger’s analysis, though – and that is that there is no real reason why Russia should accept such a formula. After its initial failure to capture Kyiv, its

severe loss of military personnel (including seven generals) and refocus on narrower targets, Russia has made significant progress, capturing every major town in the Donbas and the key southern port city of Mariupol. Given the hefty price it has paid for its invasion so far, it makes no sense for Russia to agree to a peace that obliges it to surrender every one of these gains. The only way that Russia could be persuaded to do so is if the price of the world’s opprobrium and international sanctions become unbearable, but there is no sign of that being the case, at least not yet.

## The pandemic effect

Meanwhile, the collateral damage of the war is being borne by the rest of the world. We are all reeling under the “double whammy” of the economic consequences of COVID-19, especially the associated lockdowns and disruptions of supply chains. Even the massive stimulus packages post the COVID-19 pandemic have, as Martin Wolf wrote in the *Financial Times*, “ignited an inflationary fire” across the world. Meanwhile, the punitive Western sanctions on Russia have led to a major increase in energy prices, hurting countries like India that have nothing to do with the conflict. The war has taken two-thirds of the world’s wheat exports off the markets, sending food prices soaring. India used to import 75% of its sunflower seeds and oil from Ukraine; that is now down to zero. Commodity prices are shooting up everywhere, and inflation shows no sign of slowing down.

And then there is the persistence of the pandemic itself, as various forms of the Omicron virus have kept popping up around the world, causing so far only minor alarms but always carrying the potential of a new healthcare crisis. China, with its zero-COVID policy, reacted to the reappearance of COVID (in the form of Omicron) with comprehensive lockdowns, including in the major commercial capital of Shanghai. With China still the world’s principal manufacturing engine, shutting down factories and plants in that country has seriously disrupted the flow of essential supplies, again contributing to global inflation. The crisis next door in Sri Lanka, as the country simply found itself unable to pay its bills, is merely the most extreme manifestation of a problem that, in one form or the other, stares much of the developing world in the face.

Continuing the war is to make a mockery of human suffering. It will destroy world trade, ravage poor countries, and set global economic growth back by years. The World Trade Organization (WTO)’s Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said, “The war in Ukraine has created immense human suffering, but it has also damaged the global economy at a critical juncture. Its impact will be felt around the world, particularly in low-income countries, where food accounts for a large fraction of household spending... Smaller supplies and higher prices for food mean that the world’s poor could be forced to do without.”

The Russians and Ukrainians may not be interested in peace, but the rest of the world surely is. We cannot afford the indefinite continuation of this war. Western countries may take longer to realise this – no doubt the prospect of a freezing winter without Russian oil and gas might help concentrate European minds on this realisation – but the developing world already knows that the situation is unbearable, and if the war continues, further disaster looms. Someone must take the initiative and call for peace. If no one else is willing, I hope that call will come from the land of Mahatma Gandhi – before it is too late for all of us.

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# Comprehending public health

With planned investments in health and education, Tamil Nadu has become a national leader in disease prevention



T. JACOB JOHN & M.S. SESHADRI

The recently articulated vision of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, for decentralised district level health management, is timely in the post-pandemic era. Tamil Nadu is ahead of most other States in socio-economic development, thanks to the high priority given to health and education, by successive governments.

During the British Raj, doctors were mandated to report every case of 24 “notified communicable diseases” to health officers, enabling the Public Health Department to detect, count and counter specific diseases, control outbreaks and document all data. During major epidemics, public health assumed extraordinary powers through the 1897 Epidemic Diseases Control Act, recently invoked in 2020 to face the COVID-19 pandemic.

Independent India assigned public health to the Ministry of Health, and disease surveillance fell by the wayside. India became notorious for not collecting or verifying data on diseases or causes of death. For want of functional public health infrastructure, the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) acted after the disaster struck; public health would have forecast the emergency and intervened pro-actively.

Health must be managed like an asset. What is health? The best definition has two parts – subjective: physical, mental and social well-being, and objective: absence of disease, validated with evidence. Many people conflate public sector healthcare with public health, two systems for the common good of keeping citizens healthy and improving health indicators. Public health has disease prevention through interventions targeted at social and environmental disease determinants, as its primary purpose.

## Functional epidemiology

Epidemiology is the foundation science of public health. Disease surveillance and epidemiology are two sides of the same coin; the former provides real-time information for action and the latter analyses data and facilitates planning. During the COVID-19 pandemic, lack of functional epidemiology led to inadequate forward planning. India has good epidemiologists, but they use their expertise predominantly for research and teaching – it is high time they used this discipline for managing public health.

Among British India’s presidencies, Madras alone retained the legacy of the Public Health Act – the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine (DPHPM) continues since 1930 – unique among Indian States.

After State reorganisation, Tamil Nadu assigned primary healthcare to DPHPM, secondary healthcare to the Department of Health Services and tertiary healthcare to the Department of Medical Education, each with its directorate within the Health Ministry.

After achieving population stabilisation by planned activities, Tamil Nadu is moving forward for greater investment in health and education, with assured, perpetual, high-order returns.

The 2017 National Health Policy (NHP) recognises “the emergence of a robust healthcare industry estimated to be growing at double digit”. Medical professionals in private tertiary care facilities make us proud, providing world class surgical and medical interventions and attract healthcare seekers even from developed countries. Paradoxically, our citizens are forced to pay for services that are due to them as legitimate human right.

## Eliminating significant diseases

Tamil Nadu was the first to eliminate smallpox, guinea worm, polio and measles mortality and the first to document Japanese encephalitis, dengue virus types 1 to 4, HIV and hepatitis B infections, in India. North Arcot District had a District Level Disease Surveillance model that pioneered pulse polio immunisation. Its monthly health information bulletin (called NADHI), widely appreciated globally, was undervalued nationally.

Given the wide penetration of mobile phones, the State easily revise and revise it – utilising electronic data collection and communication, up-scaled to every district in Tamil Nadu – to become a potential national leader in systematic data collection, analysis, disease prevention, outbreak control and credible recording of causes of death.

Tamil Nadu must also design a just system of universal healthcare, maximising public-private partnership. We now need to design an equitable health delivery system for everyone, with seamless referral from primary to tertiary care.

It is now for the administrative machinery to put in place a health management programme consisting of public health and universal healthcare in Tamil Nadu.

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## STATE OF PLAY

# Checkmating political rivals

With Assembly elections a year away, Telangana is experiencing intense political heat

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The first week of July can aptly be summed up as a week of smart political moves aimed at checkmating political rivals going by another round of one-upmanship played out by the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Hyderabad witnessed the BJP’s calculated move to hold its two-day national executive with an eye to consolidate its chances in Telangana in the run-up to the Assembly elections next year. Vijay Sankalpa Sabha, the public meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 3 with an array of top BJP leaders was touted as the next big step towards reaping the benefits of the anti-TRS sentiment among the youth and other sections as perceived by the BJP leadership.

After a fiery war of words between the ruling TRS and the BJP preceding the meeting, everyone expected that Mr. Modi will go all out against Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and his government. But it turned out to be an anti-climax as the Prime Minister totally ignored TRS and its leadership and focussed pointedly on the largesse doled out to Telangana by the BJP government.

For the record, a day prior to the rally, Mr. Rao upstaged the BJP by inviting Opposition Presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha to Hyderabad to canvas support. The TRS cadres turned out in large numbers to accord a rousing welcome to Mr. Sinha. In his one-hour long address, Mr. Rao hit out at the BJP government for its failure and shot nine questions at the leadership, daring it to answer them. Simultaneously, the streets of Hyderabad witnessed a turf war with both parties vying with one another in erecting flexi boards and posters.

The two-day national executive, success of the PM’s public meeting and the TRS leaders appropriating the Opposition Presidential candidate has now set the stage for another round of battle for supremacy among the TRS and the BJP. This, in

turn, has thrown a challenge to the Congress, which, to date, was considered the main Opposition party.

The BJP, to take forward its success to the logical end and ride to power on what it perceives winds of change, needs to consolidate its position in each constituency. The BJP leaders should not forget the fact that those mulling the idea of floor-crossing are facing strong anti-incumbency in their respective constituencies and are worried about being denied tickets. Taking such leaders could be counterproductive too.

Simultaneously for the TRS, the success of the two-day BJP national executive and good response to the Prime Minister’s public meeting should come as a wake-up call. The pink party should start serious damage control measures to minimise the impact of the BJP leaders’ campaign on corruption, family rule and fair play to fulfil the promises made in the manifesto.

The TRS simply cannot make light of the BJP’s posturing and Congress Party’s determined bid to improve its fortunes. If Mr. Rao has to make his mark in national politics, he should first retain power in the State again.

The present Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) chief A. Revanth Reddy, who completed one year in office, has been successful in revitalising the party despite a lot of obstacles created by the seniors in the party.

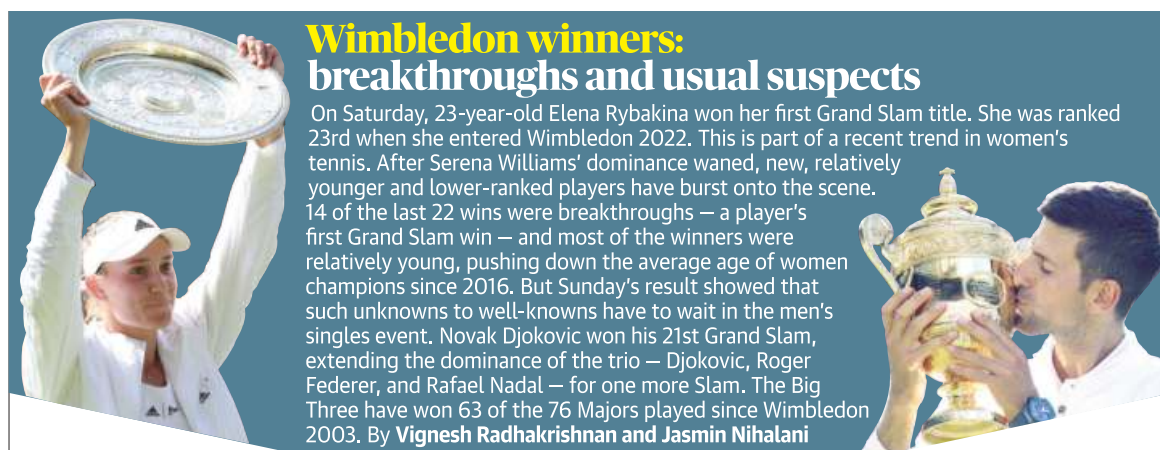
Cadres see in Mr. Reddy a ray of hope of performing well in the coming Assembly elections.

On Sunday, Mr. Rao challenged the Opposition parties saying that he was ready to face an early election. The Congress and the BJP responded in the same tone challenging the TRS chief to dissolve the Assembly and seek fresh elections.

While the Assembly elections are more than a year away, Telangana is already witnessing intense political heat.

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## DATA POINT



### Wimbledon winners: breakthroughs and usual suspects

On Saturday, 23-year-old Elena Rybakina won her first Grand Slam title. She was ranked 23rd when she entered Wimbledon 2022. This is part of a recent trend in women’s tennis. After Serena Williams’ dominance waned, new, relatively younger and lower-ranked players have burst onto the scene. 14 of the last 22 wins were breakthroughs – a player’s first Grand Slam win – and most of the winners were relatively young, pushing down the average age of women champions since 2016. But Sunday’s result showed that such unknowns to well-knowns have to wait in the men’s singles event. Novak Djokovic won his 21st Grand Slam, extending the dominance of the trio – Djokovic, Roger Federer, and Rafael Nadal – for one more Slam. The Big Three have won 63 of the 76 Majors played since Wimbledon 2003. By Vignesh Radhakrishnan and Jasmin Nihalani

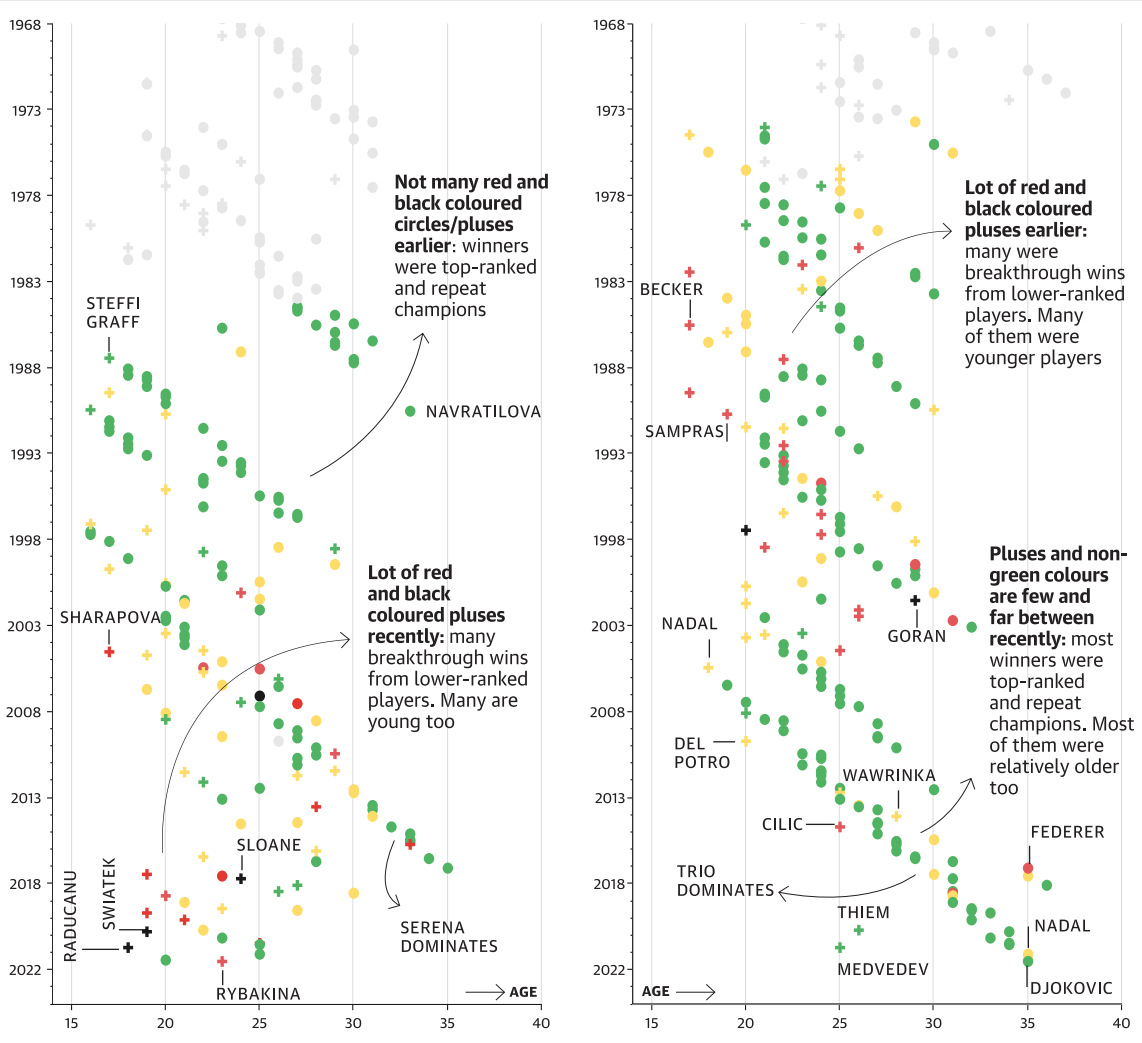
### Female champions

Four of the 22 Slam winners since 2017 were teenagers. In 14 instances (63%), the winners were aged <25. Twelve (54%) were breakthrough wins. Ten winners (45%) were ranked outside top 10

### Male champions

None of the 50 Slam winners since 2010 were teenagers. In eight instances (16%), the winners were aged <25. Only five (10%) were breakthrough wins. Three winners (6%) were ranked outside the top 10

**How to read the charts** | The charts show the age of winners in Grand Slams in the men’s and women’s singles in the open era. Players’ rankings when they entered a Slam are depicted by colours: ● 1-3; ● 4-10; ● 10-50; ● >50  
+ corresponds to breakthrough wins



## The Hindu

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 12, 1972

### India-Bangladesh visa system

New Delhi, July 11: The Governments of India and Bangladesh have decided to introduce the passport and visa system for travel between the two countries with effect from September 1. Enquiries reveal that the initiative for this has come from the Bangladesh Government and the Indian Government has readily agreed to this proposal in view of the large-scale illegal travel between the two countries. At present, a permit system exists for travel from one country to another, but this has not proved very effective in checking unauthorised movement of persons between India and Bangladesh. The Government of India expects that the passport and visa system would only be a temporary affair and when once conditions get stabilised, this could be given up. There have also been several cases of smuggling from India of goods of vital importance into Bangladesh. More recently, it is learnt, there has been an acute shortage of commodities in Bangladesh and this has made smuggling of such goods from India a lucrative business. Though strict vigilance is kept on the border and the cases of smuggling have been on the decrease in the last few days, this is still a problem which has to be tackled. The Border Security Force has, therefore, been given strict instructions to be on their guard.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 12, 1922

### Irish situation

London: According to a list published by the Irish army headquarters, 19 national soldiers were killed and ill-wounded in the recent fighting in Dublin while it is estimated that 65 civilians were killed and 261 wounded. Dublin has been quiet since the fall of the rebels’ stronghold in Sackville street except for occasional night sniping in the suburbs but tranquility was broken last night by 2 ambushes of military lorries one near Stephens Green and other in Stillorgan road. The assailants were driven off but escaped. Warfare in country is wearing an increasingly guerilla character. Irregulars are evacuating their positions before they are attacked and are frequently burning buildings on the line of retreat. The condition of prisoners taken indicates the irregulars are dispirited and poorly armed and supplied. Mr. Barton and Maedongagu, both members of Dail Eireann who took part in Dublin fighting, have escaped from Portobello barracks with a number of other prisoners.

# Text & Context

## NEWS IN NUMBERS



### Unsafe abandonment

**819** The number of children to have died in state-run specialised adoption agencies since 2018, according to the Central Adoption Resources Authority (CARA). The main reason for the fatalities, of which most were below two years old, was "unsafe abandonment". This included children being found with dog bites as well as being in a condition too vulnerable to be saved, officials said. Most specialised adoption agencies are meant for children below six years. Children older than six are housed in childcare institutions. PTI

### Aiding Sri Lanka

**3.8** In \$ billion, the amount committed by India to aid Sri Lanka during the latter's economic crisis which had been building up over a while, according to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. A line of credit was provided by India to Sri Lanka to ensure the flow of essential commodities from India over the last several months and for the purchase of fuel. He added that the government follows a neighbourhood first policy which makes special efforts to support the country's neighbours in a manner that meets their requirements. PTI

### World population

**8** In billion, the expected world population by November 15, 2022, according to a UN report. The report said that India will surpass China as the most populous country by 2023. The overall population milestone "is a reminder of our shared responsibility to care for our planet and a moment to reflect on where we still fall short of our commitments to one another," Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said. The forecast by the UN Dept of Economic and Social Affairs said that the world's population is growing at its slowest pace since 1950. AFP

### Fall in mangoes

**40** In percentage, the fall in mango production in many parts of Pakistan according to farmers, because of high temperatures and water shortages in a country identified as one of the most vulnerable to climate change. The arrival of mango season in Pakistan is eagerly anticipated, with around two dozen varieties arriving through the summers. This year, however, temperatures rose sharply in March — earlier than usual — followed by heatwaves that damaged crops and depleted water levels in canals that farmers depend on for irrigation. AFP

### Increase in pay

**108** In \$ thousand, the median wage for an H-1B worker in 2021, well over double the median wage of all U.S. workers, according to a study by CATO Institute. The majority of H-1B workers are making more than about 8% of U.S. workers. The latest data refuted the claims by opponents of the H-1B visa who believe that H-1B employers "pay low wages". H-1B workers have wages in the top 10% of U.S. wage earners. From 2003 to 2021, the nominal median H-1B wage grew 52%, while it only grew by 39% for all U.S. workers. CATO INSTITUTE

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## EXPLAINER

# The search for dark matter

What are distance scales? How do they help in proving the existence of dark matter?

SHUBASHREE DESIKAN

## THE GIST

■ Dark matter is made up of particles that do not have a charge. So, these particles are "dark", namely because they do not emit light, which is an electromagnetic phenomenon, and "matter" because they possess mass like normal matter and interact through gravity.

■ There is strong indirect evidence for dark matter, and this evidence is reflected at various levels (or distance scales, as physicists would explain).

■ As of today, the most sensitive dark matter detector experiment in the world is LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) in South Dakota in the U.S.

**The story so far:** Many physicists strongly believe that the entire visible part of the universe forms only 5% of all matter in it. They believe the rest is made up of dark matter and dark energy. Once this was convincingly demonstrated through various indirect observations and calculations, experiments started being set up to hunt for these elusive particles. The latest to hit the news in the field of dark matter is a dark matter detector experiment named LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) in South Dakota in the U.S. As of today this is the most sensitive dark matter detector in the world. To give an idea of the degree of difficulty in measuring evidence of a dark particle, it is said that the chamber of this LZ detector, can contain only one gram of dust if it is to detect a dark matter particle. This is the extent to which researchers have to go to rule out unwanted signals coming from other entities.

### What is dark matter and why is it so elusive?

All interactions in the universe are a result of four fundamental forces acting on particles — strong nuclear force, weak nuclear force, electromagnetic force and gravitation. Dark matter is made up of particles that do not have a charge — which means they do not interact through electromagnetic interactions. So, these are particles that are "dark", namely because they do not emit light, which is an electromagnetic phenomenon, and "matter" because they possess mass like normal matter and hence interact through gravity.

Gravitational force, besides not being fully integrated and understood by particle physicists, is extremely weak. For one thing, a particle that interacts so weakly becomes rather elusive to detect. This is because interactions from other known particles could drown out signals of dark matter particles.

### If we cannot see it and have not detected it yet, why do physicists believe strongly that dark matter exists?

There is strong indirect evidence for dark matter, and this evidence is reflected at

various levels (or distance scales, as physicists would explain). At the shortest distance scale, consider the rotation of galaxies. If you look at stars all the way from the centre of any galaxy to its rim, the way the velocities of the observed stars change may be plotted. In the lab this same function may be plotted on a graph by assuming the visible matter is all that exists. There is a marked difference between the observed plot of star speeds and the calculated value as you move from the inner part of the galaxy towards its rim. Now if you assume there is a certain fraction of matter which exerts a gravitational pull on the rest of the stars in the galaxy, for it cannot be seen in any other way, and recalculate the plot, it fits in with the observed value. This means that there is a definite amount of dark matter in the galaxy.

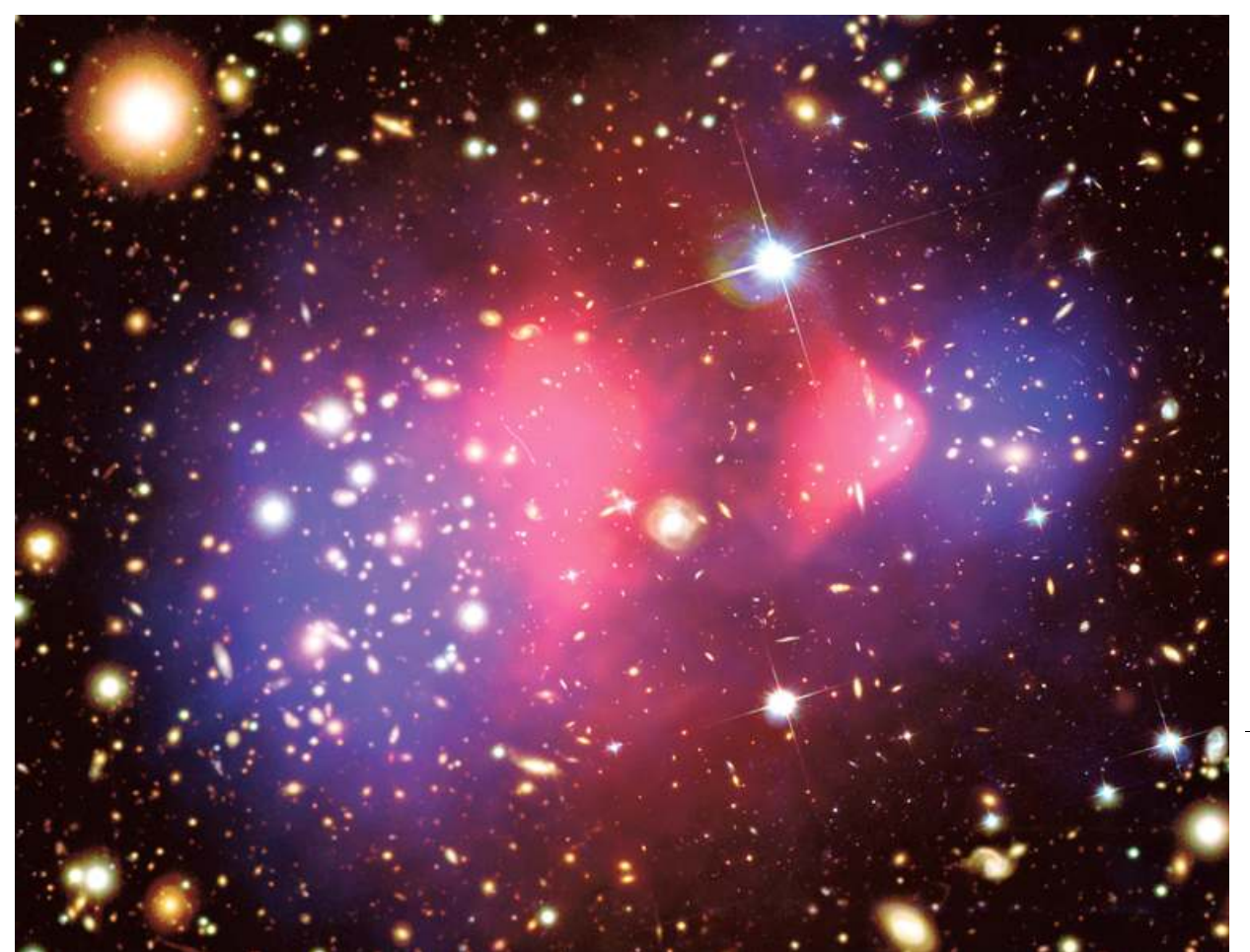
One may argue that it is the model that is at fault and there is some other way to reconcile this discrepancy between the calculated and observed value of velocities in rotating galaxies. This is where evidence from other distance scales comes up.

### What are the evidences from other distance scales?

The universe can be observed at various levels — at the level of electrons and nuclei or atoms, or galaxies, or galaxy clusters, or even larger distances where the entire universe can be mapped and studied. Cosmologists, people who study the physics of the universe, typically work in the last mentioned three scales, and particle physicists study the lowest and even smaller scales.

### Dark matter is made up of particles that do not have a charge — which means they do not interact through electromagnetic interactions

In this context, the second evidence came from observations of the so-called Bullet cluster of galaxies. The Bullet cluster is formed through the merging of two galaxy clusters. Physicists found from their calculations that the way these mergers took place could not be fully explained if we believed that the visible universe were all



that existed. Therefore, there should be something like dark matter as well as an estimate of how much dark matter there should be in the universe.

Similar arguments exist from mappings of the universe such as the Sloan Digital Sky Survey and studies of the filamentous nature of the universe at a closer look. While fixing the model could help explain away one of these discrepancies, not all of them can be explained in the same manner. Hence physicists now take the concept of dark matter very seriously.

### What are the candidates for dark matter particles?

"The neutrino would have been an excellent

candidate if it had been more massive," says Shrihari Gopalakrishna of The Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, who has worked on the theory of dark matter. However, being too light, it doesn't fit the bill. Other postulated entities include the supersymmetric partner of the Z boson, a particle that mediates the electro-weak interaction. Yet other explanations talk about "hidden sector particles" and Axions, a boson and a condensate of dark matter. There are many other theories.

The search is on to find one of these candidates, for the story is one that spins together gravity, supersymmetry, hidden worlds and is the stuff of which science fiction is made.

This composite image shows a Bullet cluster formed after the collision of two large clusters of galaxies. ■ NASA/CXC/M. WEISS - CHANDRA X-RAY OBSERVATORY

## EXPLAINER

# The new guidelines to prevent unfair trade practices

Why has the Central Consumer Protection Authority issued new guidelines? How do they protect consumer interests?

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**The story so far:** On July 4, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) announced five guidelines to prevent unfair trade practices and to protect consumer interests regarding the levy of service charges in hotels and restaurants. The guidelines are in addition to the Centre's 2017 guidelines which prohibit the levy of service charges on consumers by hotels and restaurants, and terms the charging for anything other than "the prices displayed on the menu card along with the applicable taxes" without "express consent" of the customer as "unfair trade practices".

### What are the powers of the CCPA?

The CCPA has been established to regulate matters related to the violation of the rights of consumers. Under the Consumer Protection Act (CPA), 2019, the authority was established to regulate violations of consumer rights, unfair trade practices, and false or misleading advertisements that are prejudicial to the interest of the public.

The CCPA has authority under section 18 of the CPA, 2019 to protect, promote and most importantly enforce

the rights of the consumers and prevent violation of their rights under the Act. It also seeks to ensure that no person engages in unfair trade practices. It is also empowered to issue guidelines to enforce the rights of the consumers laid down in the Act. The authority has issued a letter to the Chief Secretaries of the States on service charge imposition, asking them to ensure compliance with the new guidelines on service charges. It has also been said that the State should instruct all the district magistrates to take appropriate action against violations of the guideline.

### What is a service charge?

A service charge is a tip or a direct transaction between the customer and the restaurant staff, specifically the wait staff.

It is a fee collected to pay for services associated with the purchase of a primary product or service. It is collected by hospitality sectors and food and beverage industries as a fee for serving customers.

### What do the new guidelines specify?

As per the new guidelines, hotels or restaurants are prohibited from levying extra charges automatically or by default in the bill or by any other name. Also, they are not allowed to force service charges, and must clearly inform the consumers that service charges are voluntary, optional, and at their discretion. Most importantly, hotels and restaurants are no longer allowed to restrict entry or services based on the collection of service charges. Furthermore, hotels cannot add service charges to their bills and charge GST on the total.

The point here is that any tip, donation, token, gratuity, etc., is no longer permitted to be charged and shall be considered as a separate transaction between the consumer and the staff of the hotel and restaurant. It is entirely up to the consumer to decide whether or not to tip. If a consumer enters a restaurant or orders something, the restaurant policy cannot

require them to tip. Therefore, consumers cannot be forced to pay a service charge without having the choice to decide whether they want to do so.

### Why were new guidelines issued?

The CCPA has taken cognisance of various grievances that were registered on the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) related to the unnecessary levying of service charges in the bill. Usually, this charge is levied in addition to the total price of the food items mentioned on the menu and applicable taxes, often in the guise of some other fee. The said guidelines now consider charging a customer other than the price of food items displayed on the menu along with applicable taxes, as an 'unfair trade practice' under the CPA.

In general, the price of any product covers both the cost of the product and the cost of the service. This implies that the price of food and beverages served in the hotels and restaurants includes the price of the 'service'. There is no restriction on hotels or restaurants to set the prices at which they want to offer food or beverages to consumers. Placing an order involves consent to pay only the prices of food items displayed on the menu along with applicable taxes. Charging anything other than the

said amount would amount to 'unfair trade practice' under the Act.

### What are the redressal mechanisms?

If any consumer finds that a hotel or restaurant is levying a service charge in violation of these guidelines, they may request the concerned hotel or restaurant to remove the service charge from the bill or may lodge a complaint on the NCH, which works as an alternate dispute redressal mechanism at the pre-litigation level by calling 1915 or through the NCH mobile app. A complaint may also be filed against unfair trade practice with the Consumer Commission electronically through edaakhil.nic.in. for its speedy and effective redressal.

As a result of these new guidelines, consumers will no longer be subject to involuntary payments under the heading of 'service tax'. However, it will be interesting to observe the effective compliance of these guidelines by restaurants since levying a service charge has become an 'accepted trade practice' in India.

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## THE GIST

■ On July 4, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) announced five key guidelines to prevent unfair trade practices regarding the levy of service charges in hotels and restaurants.

■ Service charge is a fee collected to pay for services associated with the purchase of a primary product or service. It is collected by hospitality sectors and food and beverage industries as a fee for serving customers.

■ If any consumer finds that a hotel or restaurant is levying a service charge in violation of these guidelines, they may lodge a complaint on the NCH by calling 1915 or through the NCH mobile app. A complaint may also be filed through edaakhil.nic.in. for effective redressal.



**At constant odds:** People from tribal villages fishing in rain water flowing from the Eastern Ghats at Kasipatnam on June 11 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. ■ FILE PHOTO

FROM THE ARCHIVES

# Failing the forest

Both human and wildlife rights groups have not used the Forest Rights Act as a conservation tool

## THE GIST

■ There is a sharp binary between the human rights and wildlife rights-based groups. The wildlife rights groups argue that implementation of the FRA could lead to 'encroachments' and fresh clearance of forestland for human dwellings. The human rights groups have argued that the FRA was passed by Parliament and is aimed at correcting historical injustices to traditional forest dwellers.

■ The first myth that needs to be busted for the wildlife lobby is that when a right is recognised of a forest dweller/Adivasi on a piece of land, it doesn't mean that he/she will cut down all the trees in that area. Recognising rights on forestland is not the same as clear-felling that forest.

■ Both groups have been so locked in ideological debates that they have failed to protect the forest. The FRA was meant for forest dwellers, but it could have also been a powerful tool for conservation.

BAHAR DUTT

On June 28, the Environment Ministry notified the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 under the Forest (Conservation) Act to replace the earlier rules. *Rajya Sabha member and Congress politician Jairam Ramesh lashed out against the Centre stating that the government is trying to dilute the Forest Rights Act, 2006 with the new conservation rules. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav clarified that the new rules "do not dilute or infringe on" the provisions of the FRA. But has the FRA ever been a tool for forest conservation? In this article dated March 4, 2019, Bahar Dutt explains how the FRA has mostly been used as a weapon by NGO lobbyists to evict/retain forest dwellers.*

On February 13, the Supreme Court ordered the eviction of more than 10 lakh Adivasis and other forest dwellers from forestland across 17 States. The petitioners, mainly wildlife NGOs, had demanded that State governments evict those forest dwellers whose claims over traditional forestland under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, known simply as the Forest Rights Act (FRA), had been rejected. On February 28, the court stayed its controversial order and asked the States to submit details on how the claims of the dwellers were decided and the authorities competent to pass final rejection orders.

While the Supreme Court has now made it clear that there will be no forcible eviction, what the order has succeeded in doing is resuscitating a sharp binary between the human rights- and wildlife rights-based groups that have for decades tried to swing public opinion in their favour.

The wildlife groups who went to court argue that implementation of the FRA could lead to 'encroachments' and fresh clearance of forestland for human dwellings.

The human rights groups have argued that the FRA was passed by Parliament and is aimed at correcting historical injustices to traditional forest dwellers who, since colonial times, have been subject to a cycle of evictions.

Since colonial times, as governments asserted their control over forests, India's forest history has become a cycle of evictions from forestland and

rebellions by forest dwellers.

### A fundamental difference

Now, here's the problem. Both groups have been so locked in ideological debates – whether in the courtroom or on social media – that they have failed to protect what could potentially have been beneficial to their respective interest groups: the forest. The FRA was meant for forest dwellers, but it could have also been a powerful tool for conservation. Sadly, both sides have propagated misinformation to garner support for themselves.

### Since colonial times, as governments asserted their control over forests, India's forest history has become a cycle of evictions from forestland and rebellions by forest dwellers

The first myth that needs to be busted for the wildlife lobby is that when a right is recognised of a forest dweller/Adivasi on a piece of land, it doesn't mean that he/she will cut down all the trees in that area. This is often the strongest note of dissonance between the two groups – the implication that recognising rights on forestland is the same as clear-felling that forest. Therefore, to argue that the rights of millions of forest dwellers have been recognised through the Act does not mean that the forest is a pie to be divided. On the other hand, when forestland is 'diverted' for big development projects, like mining or highways or roads, it is actually clear felled or submerged. If this fundamental difference between 'recognition of rights' and 'diversion' were accepted, the groups at loggerheads would in fact find grounds for commonality.

It is in fact the Supreme Court that paved the way for this commonality in 2013 when it asked the gram sabhas to take a decision on whether the Vedanta group's \$1.7 billion bauxite mining project in Odisha's Niyamgiri Hills could go forward or not. It thus affirmed the decision-making power of the village councils of Rayagada and Kalahandi under the FRA. All 12 gram sabhas unanimously rejected mining in the hills.

Again, in 2016, it was the FRA that was invoked by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) when the

people of Lippa in Himachal Pradesh were given the powers to decide whether or not they wanted a hydel power project in this area. The project would have led to submergence of forestland and also caused heavy siltation in the river.

When wildlife groups point towards the thousands of 'bogus claims' that are being filed and that should be rejected, what should not go unnoticed is that the state in fact is not always keen to recognise the rights of people in forest areas (even if it may get them votes) as it becomes tough to 'divert' land for big projects. A case in point is the Maphithel Dam that is under construction in Manipur. Once commissioned, it will submerge 1,215 hectares (ha) of land, 595 ha of which are under forest cover. In 2015, the NGT had asked for the state to seek forest clearance for the project. To obtain forest clearance, the State government would have to prove that the rights of the tribal people and forest dwellers would not be affected. However, the State government refused to recognise the rights of the people living there since it was keen to construct the dam.

There have been hundreds of cases that offered both these divergent groups the opportunity to come together for the cause of the environment and communities. Can the two groups put down their metaphorical swords and use their powers to fight the battle that needs to be fought?

### Correcting historical injustice

Likewise, could not the same wildlife NGOs which filed this petition in the Supreme Court have joined hands with the local communities and used the FRA to challenge big development projects coming up on forestland instead? Human rights groups too cannot be absolved of blame. Most of them have been quick to respond when the judiciary steps in, but have been missing when it comes to the tedious groundwork of working with the gram sabhas and ensuring that genuine claims are filed. The same human rights groups did not come forward to fight cases that could have helped conservation as well as the people who live in those areas. Both groups have failed the forest. There is a chance to correct the historical injustice has been inflicted on the people and to India's forests. And it is through the FRA that India can achieve that aim.

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KEYWORD

## Mill's fourth proposition on capital

How investment funded by savings is the real driver of economic growth

PRASHANTH PERUMAL

Mill's fourth proposition on capital states that "demand for commodities is not demand for labour." It was stated by English political economist John Stuart Mill in his famous 1848 book *The Principles of Political Economy* as one of his four propositions on capital. Mill argued that, contrary to popular belief, labour and other factors of production that go into the making of final goods and services are not really supported by consumer spending but by savings. The understanding of Mill's fourth proposition on capital, English historian Leslie Stephen noted in 1876, is "the best test of a sound economist."

### Refuting derived demand

Mill's fourth proposition is seen as a refutation of the idea of "derived demand," which states that demand for labour and other factors of production comes from consumer demand for final goods and services. The idea of derived demand has been widely used by Keynesian economists to argue that consumer spending is the driving force behind economic activity. According to this logic, increased consumer spending on finished goods and services would have a chain effect of causing an increase in the demand for labour and other factors of production. For example, demand among consumers for shoes would increase the demand for the services of cobblers and others involved in the production of shoes. Conversely, if consumer spending were to drop, there would be a drop in the demand for the various factors of production. Saving, by the same logic, would cause a drop in consumer demand and in turn affect demand for the factors of production that go into the making of final goods and services.

A severe drop in consumer spending was believed to be the primary reason behind many major recessions of the past. Hence, policymakers have discouraged savings in order to boost consumer spending believing that things won't be produced unless people are willing to spend money to buy things. Most economists still believe that consumer spending is the key to prosperity and recommend monetary and fiscal stimulus that puts more cash in the hands of consumers. After all, during recessions it is easy to find many goods that are left unsold, and boosting consumer spending seems like the best solution.

### Investments and savings

In contrast to the theory of derived demand, Mill's fourth proposition states that labour and other factors of production are not supported by consumer demand. Instead, it argues that the demand for labour and other factors of production comes from investment funded by savings. Without savings, it would not be possible to support the various factors of production over an extended period of time until the final product is fully made and ready to be sold to consumers. So savings, according to Mill, are what really sustain labour and other factors of production. It should be noted that since savings can only come at the cost of spending on immediate consumption, higher consumer spending will actually lead to lower savings and lower investment. This would hamper capital formation and affect economic growth – Mill's second proposition on capital in fact states that capital is formed as a result of the investment of savings. This implies that, in Mill's view, the Keynesian emphasis on consumer spending as the primary driver of economic activity will actually lead to slower economic growth. Supporters of Mill's view on capital do not see economic downturns as primarily the result of a drop in consumer spending. Instead, they view recessions, which are marked by unsold supplies, as the result of entrepreneurial errors that led to the overproduction of certain goods and services and the simultaneous underproduction of others.

## THE DAILY QUIZ

**Novak Djokovic won a seventh Wimbledon title and his 21st Grand Slam crown on July 10 with a four-set triumph over Nick Kyrgios. Here is a quiz on the oldest tennis tournament in the world**

**1** The All England Club is best known as the venue for the Wimbledon Championships. When the club was founded in 1868, which sport was played there? What was the club called?

**2** The 1877 Wimbledon Championship was the inaugural championship. Who won? This person was the first player ever to use a specific technique in the game. What is the technique called?

**3** Since 2001, the courts used for Wimbledon have been sown with which type of grass to improve durability and strengthen the sward to better withstand the increasing wear of the game?

**4** This sports brand has the longest sporting sponsorship in world history, thanks to its association with the Wimbledon Tennis Championship, providing balls for the tournament since 1902. Which is the brand?

**5** Traditionally, spectators at the Wimbledon tournament eat these, and they have become culturally synonymous with the tournament. What are they?

**6** This term is a British and Japanese analogy which compares the fame of the Wimbledon Championships with the economic success of the U.K.'s industries. What is the term called?

**7** The Wimbledon Championship is sometimes referred to by the name of a famous postcode. What is it?

**8** She is the only player in history to have ranked No. 1 in singles for a total of 332 weeks, and a record 237 weeks in doubles, making her the only player to have held the top spot in both disciplines for over 200 weeks. Name her.



◀ Both were British tennis players active during the late 19th century. One of them shared the all-time male record of seven Wimbledon singles titles with Pete Sampras until 2017. Additionally, they won the doubles title five times together. Identify them.

Please send in your answers to the [dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in](mailto:dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in)

**Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:** 1. The "Yellow Revolution" featured a series of demonstrations in this country against a dictatorship of 20 years. Name the dictator, his son and the country. **Ans: Ferdinand Marcos, Ferdinand Marcos Jr, Philippines**

2. An uprising against the ruling military regime forced it to hold elections and bring about other democratic reforms. Name the country and the President who was first nominated by the military regime. **Ans: South Korea, Roh Tae-woo**

3. The "Jasmine Revolution" overthrew long time president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. One of the reasons for the success in the transition to democracy was the presence of a major trade union among other civil society actors. Name the union and the civil society collective that won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2015 and the country. **Ans: Tunisian General Labour Union, Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet, Tunisia**

4. This military coup which was started by left leaning military officers later received support from a civil resistance movement. Name the country and the revolution that took place here in 1974. **Ans: Portugal, Carnation revolution**

Visual: This former Prime Minister was one of the architects of a peace treaty that ended civil war in his country. **Ans: Baburam Bhattarai**

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# PM unveils National Emblem atop new Parliament building

The sculpture made of bronze weighs 9,500 kg and is 4.34 metres wide

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday unveiled a 6.5-metre-tall National Emblem on the roof of the under-construction Parliament building here.

The emblem, which is made of bronze, weighs 9,500 kg. A steel structure of 6,500 kg was made to support the weight of the emblem, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

"The concept sketch and process of casting of the National Emblem on the roof of New Parliament Building has gone through eight different stages of preparation from clay modeling/computer graphic to bronze casting and polishing," it added.

After the ceremony, Mr. Modi interacted with the workers building the new Parliament, which is scheduled to be completed by



**Imposing figure:** A view of the National Emblem on top of the new Parliament building in New Delhi on Monday. ■R.V. MOORTHY

October. In a tweet, Mr. Modi said: "I had a wonderful interaction with the *Shramjeevis* who have been involved in the making of the Parliament. We are proud of their efforts and will always remember their contribution to our nation".

The emblem was created by Sunil Deore from Aurangabad and Laxman Vyas from Jaipur and the fabrication was carried out in Au-

rangabad, Jaipur and Delhi, the government's consultant for the project, HCP Design, Planning and Management Ltd., told *The Hindu* last week. It had taken nine months to complete the 4.34-metre-wide sculpture, HCP said.

## 'Norms violated'

Reacting to the photos of the ceremony released by the government, AIMIM presi-

dent and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi said in a tweet: "Constitution separates powers of Parliament, govt & judiciary. As head of govt, @PMOIndia shouldn't have unveiled the National Emblem atop new Parliament building. Speaker of Lok Sabha represents LS which isn't subordinate to govt. @PMOIndia has violated all constitutional norms".

BJP chief spokesperson and Rajya Sabha member Anil Baluni said the allegations by the Opposition were politically motivated. "Opposition parties questioning the unveiling ceremony should understand the administrative process. Right from its design to funds and constructions supervision, entire work is being done by the urban development department. Even the foundation laying was done by the Prime Minister," he said.

# PM's visit: Bihar BJP in damage-control mode

Deputy CM seeks to pacify Minister after outburst against Nitish-led government

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Ahead of PM Narendra Modi's visit to the State on Tuesday, the State unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is in damage-control mode after its Minister Ram Surat Rai expressed anguish over a bulk of transfers and postings he had cleared being put on hold by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar over alleged irregularities.

Sources said Deputy CM Tarkishore Prasad met the Revenue and Land Reforms Minister on Sunday and nudged Mr. Rai to soften his stand.

The transfer orders of more than 100 department officials issued by the Minister last month were put on



CM Nitish Kumar. ■FILE PHOTO

hold on July 8 leading him to lament, "There is no point in continuing as a Minister if I have no freedom to work". Mr. Rai, however, did not respond to requests for comment from *The Hindu* on his softened stance.

The Minister's outburst is only the latest of several friction points between the BJP and Janata Dal (United), the largest constituent of the NDA after the BJP. Several State BJP leaders, including Bihar chief Sanjay Jaiswal, have targeted their own State government over issues ranging from law and order to education.

Sources in the Bihar NDA say a section of State BJP leaders are not happy with the style of functioning of the JD(U)-led government and strongly advocating that the party needs to grow on its own.

The BJP central leadership sent Dharmaendra Pradhan twice in the last two months as an emissary to soothe tempers, with the Union Minister announcing on June 28 in Patna that Mr. Kumar will complete his current term as Chief Minister. "The BJP is in two minds as far as Bihar is concerned. Between 2005-13 and 2017-2020, we hardly saw any adverse comments against the CM and the JD(U) but since 2020 the fault lines in the alliance are somewhat visible. The central leadership, which is aiming for 2024, wants to continue the alliance while a section of State leaders have different thoughts," said Manindra Nath Thakur, who teaches in JNU.

# PM to visit Jharkhand, Bihar today

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PATNA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Tuesday visit Deogarh in Jharkhand for the inauguration of the newly constructed airport there. Mr. Modi will then visit Patna to participate in the concluding ceremony of the centenary celebrations of the Bihar Legislative Assembly.

"In October, the President of India had attended the centenary functions of Bihar Assembly, while in February the Lok Sabha Speaker had addressed the legislators. Narendra Modi will be the first PM to visit the premises and that makes it a historic event for the Bihar Legislative Assembly," Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha told journalists.

Mr. Modi will also unveil a 40-foot-tall *Shatabdi Stambh* (centenary column). President Ram Nath Kovind had laid the foundation stone for the column last year.

# ED summons Congress chief Sonia on July 21

For deposing in *National Herald* case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Congress president Sonia Gandhi for recording her statement on July 21 in connection with a money laundering case linked to the *National Herald* newspaper.

Ms. Gandhi, who was to appear on June 23, had earlier written to the ED seeking a postponement to fully recover from COVID-related issues.

The agency had issued the first summons to her for June 8. However, she tested positive for COVID-19 on June 2. She had to be hospitalised on June 12 due to infection in the respiratory tract and nasal bleeding.

"Since she has been strictly advised rest at home following her hospitalisation on account of COVID-19 and lung infection, Congress president Smt. Sonia Gandhi has written to ED today seeking the postponement of her appearance there by a few weeks till she has recovered completely," Jairam Ramesh, Congress' communication chief, had later tweeted.

The agency has already



Sonia Gandhi

recorded the statement of former party chief Rahul Gandhi, who was summoned multiple times.

The money laundering case alleges that the assets of Associated Journals Ltd., which published the *National Herald* newspaper, were fraudulently acquired and transferred to Young Indian, in which Ms. Gandhi and her son owned 38% shares each.

It was alleged that Young Indian paid ₹50 lakh to the Congress for transferring the ₹90-crore debt to it. According to the Congress, Young Indian was a not-for-profit company under Section 25 of the Companies Act, that could neither accumulate profits nor pay dividends to its shareholders.

# Zubair remanded in judicial custody

Lakhimpur police seek access to his mobile, laptop in connection with 2021 tweet

STAFF REPORTER  
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Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair was on Monday remanded in judicial custody for 14 days (till July 25) in the case registered against him by the Lakhimpur Kheri police for a fact-check of a television channel report he had posted in May 2021.

A court in Lakhimpur Kheri also admitted an application by the police seeking Mr. Zubair's remand for 14 days and a bail application filed by the journalist, both of which will now be heard on July 13, advocate Harjeet Singh, who represented Mr. Zubair in Lakhimpur, said.

Mr. Zubair was on Monday produced before the Lakhimpur court virtually from the Sitapur jail. The Lakhimpur police, while seeking his custody, informed the court that they had now also "added" Sections 153B (imputations, as-

sertions prejudicial to national integration), 505(1)(B) (publishing or circulating statements, rumours, or reports with intent to cause, or which is likely to cause, fear or alarm to the public, or to any section of the public whereby any person may be induced to commit an offence against the State or against the public tranquillity) and 505(2) (Statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill will between classes) of the Indian Penal Code in the case against him.

The case was registered at the Mohammadi police station in Lakhimpur on September 18, 2021, on the complaint of one Ashish Kumar Katiyar, a journalist working at Sudarshan TV. The case was initially registered under Section 153A (promoting enmity among different groups on grounds of religion, race, caste, etc.) of the IPC.



Mohammed Zubair

The tweet for which this case has been registered had pointed out that the channel had superimposed an image of a famous Medina mosque on an image of the Gaza strip, to incorrectly show that the said mosque was being destroyed in Israeli air strikes. The complainant claimed this post was inciting Muslims against the said television channel.

In their application for police remand, the Lakhimpur Kheri police told the court that they also need to visit Bengaluru to seize the device with which the May

2021 tweet was posted, his laptop, and other electronic devices.

## Bail plea in Delhi case

Mr. Zubair's lawyers in Delhi said they have moved a fresh bail application in the Delhi Police Special Cell (IFSO) case, registered in June 2022 in connection with a 2018 tweet.

This case was over a tweet which had an image of a 1983 CBFC-approved film *Kissi Se Na Kehna*, which showed a fictional hotel's name being changed from "Honey-moon" hotel to "Hanuman" hotel.

Mr. Zubair is currently in judicial custody in this case and an earlier bail plea in this case was denied by chief metropolitan magistrate Snigdha Sarvaria. The fresh bail application is expected to be heard on July 12 by the court of the additional sessions judge as per the roster, Mr. Zubair's lawyers said.

# Cong. demands debate in Parliament on LAC crisis

PM's silence harmful to country, it says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Raising the issue of Chinese transgressions in eastern Ladakh, the Congress on Monday claimed that the July 7 talks between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi did not yield the desired result in restoring the *status quo ante* prior to May 2020 at the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Lok Sabha member Gaurav Gogoi, at a press conference, demanded a two-day debate in Parliament and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address the nation on its concerns over national security, integrity and sovereignty.

"More than two years after the border crisis with China began in eastern Ladakh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strategy can be summed up with DDLJ: Deny, Distract, Lie, Justify," the

Congress leader said.

"While the Ministry of External Affairs' statement following the meeting called on China 'to complete the disengagement from all remaining areas', the Chinese statement made no reference to Ladakh whatsoever. Instead, it discussed Chinese concerns over Ukraine. We have reached such a sorry situation that the Chinese don't even bother to acknowledge India's demands," Mr. Gogoi added.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "Some truths about the Prime Minister: 1. Is afraid of China. 2. Hides the truth from the public. 3. Just protects his own image. 4. Lowers the morale of the Army. 5. Plays with the security of the country". "The increasing infiltration by China and the Prime Minister's silence are very harmful for the country," he said.

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Scheme / Work(s) : "Engagement of Management Consultant for Kolkata Municipal Corporation"; Last date and time of bid submission : 08.08.2022 upto 01.00 p.m.; The document for Request for Proposal (RFP) and other details are available on and from 15.07.2022 from 05.00 p.m. from the website <https://wbttenders.gov.in> and [www.kmcgov.in](http://www.kmcgov.in) 362/22-23

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CENTRAL OFFICES, Stores & Purchase Department, Behind NEKRTC, Kalaburagi-1 division office, Old ITI Building, MSK Mill Road, KALABURAGI. Tel & Fax: 08472 - 260502, Mobile: 7760686172(COSP), 7760992029(SO), No. KKT/CO/COSP/03/2022-23. Date: 11.07.2022.

Notice Inviting Short Time Tender (through e-procurement mode only)

KKRTC invited short time tender for procurement of the following goods through e-procurement portal. The details are as below.  
Tender No: G-03/2022-23 dt: 11.07.2022. Details : Supply of Thermal paper Rolls for Electronic Ticket Machines.  
Tender Value in Lakhs Rs.97.50 (Approx). Last date for submission of tenders @ 17.00 hrs.: 19.07.2022  
The details of Registration, Tender documents etc. are available at <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. Mail to [cospnekrct@gmail.com](mailto:cospnekrct@gmail.com) or support@helpdesk.com for further information, if required.  
Note: Further, any addendum/corrigendum with respect to any changes in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc. Will be uploaded / published through e-portal only.

Sd/- Controller of Stores & Purchases, (Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/KALABURAGI/353/MCA/2022-23

Government of Karnataka  
**Department of Mines & Geology**  
#49, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001 E-mail: [dir-mines@karnataka.gov.in](mailto:dir-mines@karnataka.gov.in)

No. DMG-17012/5/2021/2022-23 Date: 11th July 2022  
C. No. 558708

**NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for iron ore mines"

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments notified thereunder, **clarifications issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India** and also the Supreme Court Judgments, and orders in Samaja Parivarthana Samudaya and Ors v/s. State of Karnataka and Others W.P. (C) 562 of 2009, the Government of Karnataka is conducting second attempt of five (05) Category 'C' iron ore mines for electronic auction for grant of Mining Lease.

S. No.	Name of the mine	Mineral	Concession Area (in Ha.)	Estimated resources (in MMT)
1.	M/s Srinivasalu ML No. 2631	Iron ore	75.14	9.88
2.	Rangad Mines & Minerals Pvt. Ltd. ML No. 2451	Iron ore	24.04	2.137
3.	M/s Thangavelu & Others ML No. 2585	Iron ore	60.92	3.303
4.	B.R Yogendranath Singh ML No. 2186	Iron ore	15.89	2.84
5.	Sri. Allum Veerabhadrappa ML No. 2436	Iron ore & Manganese	24.53	Fe - 3.645 Mn - 0.93

The second attempt is being undertaken as per clause (b) of sub-rule 11 of Rule 9 of Mineral (Auction) Rules 2015 and amendments thereunder. Any person, firm or company who satisfies the eligibility criteria can participate in the auction. Technical and financial bids for the above listed mines are invited online. Apart from the online Technical Bids, bidders will have to submit duly executed original physical copies of their Technical Bids to the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka. Eligibility conditions, terms and conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form only at the website of MSTC Ltd (<http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mcl/index.jsp>). Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves at the above website. On successful registration, bidders will obtain login ID and password, which are necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and summary of the mine shall be available free of cost at the website of MSTC Limited (<http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mcl/index.jsp>). For participating in the bidding process, the registered bidders will have to purchase the mine specific tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd by paying Rs 2,00,000/- (Rs. Two Lakhs Only) + GST. The sale of tender document shall commence from 12th July 2022. Last date for sale of tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd is 10th August 2022. Last date for submission of Technical Bids plus the Initial Price Offers at the website of MSTC Ltd is 17:00 hours IST on 16th August 2022. Physical copies of the Technical Bids must reach the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka on or prior to 17:00 hours IST on 16th August 2022.

Sd/-  
Director

DIPR/CP/1306/Zombkar/2022-23

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# 14 candidates score 100 in JEE Main

Four from Telangana and three from Andhra Pradesh got the top score in the first session of the test

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI

Fourteen candidates have achieved the perfect score in the engineering entrance exam JEE-Main, the results of which were announced on Monday.

According to the National Testing Agency (NTA), four candidates from Telangana got the top score in the first edition of JEE-Main, 2022. It was followed by three from Andhra Pradesh.

The top scorers from Telangana are Jasti Yashwanth V.V.S., Rupesh Biyani, Aniket Chattopadhyay and Dheeraj Kurukunda.

Koyayana Suhas, Penikapati Ravi Kishore are Polisetty Karthikeya are the top scorers from Andhra Pradesh.

Other candidates who scored 100 are Sarthak Maheshwari (Haryana), Kushagra Srivastava (Jharkhand), Mrinal Garg (Punjab), Sneha Pareek (Assam), Navya (Rajasthan), Boya Harsen Sath-



Wait is over: Over seven lakh aspirants appeared for the examination this year. ■ FILE PHOTO

vik (Karnataka) and Saumitra Garg (Uttar Pradesh).

"Over 8.7 lakh candidates had registered for the exam, of whom 7.69 lakh appeared. The examination was conducted at 588 examination centres in 407 cities, including 17 cities outside India — Manama, Doha, Dubai, Kath-

mandu, Muscat, Riyadh, Sharjah, Singapore, Kuwait City, Kuala Lumpur, Lagos, Colombo, Jakarta, Vienna, Moscow, Port Louis, and Bangkok," a senior NTA official said.

"Over 550 observers, 424 city-coordinators, 18 regional coordinators, 369 deputy

and independent observers, and two national coordinators were deployed for the smooth and fair conduct of the examination," he added.

The official explained that the NTA score was not the same as percentage of marks. "NTA scores are normalised scores across multi-

session papers and are based on relative performance of all those who appeared for the examination in one session. The marks obtained are converted into a scale ranging from 100 to 0 for each session of the examinees," the official said.

## In 13 languages

The examination was conducted in 13 languages — Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu.

The second session of JEE-Main is scheduled from July 21 to 30. After both sessions, the ranks of the candidates will be released taking into consideration the best of the two NTA scores.

"A control room was opened in the NTA premises where virtual observers were deployed for live CCTV coverage of all examination centres in India to curb malpractices," the official said.

# HC adjourns hearing in Mumbai train blasts case

Govt. had filed plea to confirm death penalty of five convicts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday adjourned the hearing on the confirmation of the death sentence awarded to five convicts in the Mumbai train blasts case, saying it was "overburdened".

July 11 marked the 16th anniversary of the seven blasts in a space of 11 minutes that killed over 200 people and injured over 700.

A Division Bench of Justices R.D. Dhanuk and M.G. Sewlikar was hearing an appeal filed by the Maharashtra government seeking confirmation of the death penalty. The court was also hearing an appeal filed by seven other convicts challenging their life sentence.

Special public prosecutor Raja Thakare informed the court that hearing all the matters would take at least six months. The Bench re-



Mahendra Pitale, whose one hand was amputated after the blasts, pays tribute in Mumbai on Monday. ■ PTI

marked that it was already overburdened, and the Chief Justice should be approached to assign a dedicated Bench to hear the cases.

Mr. Thakare then told the court that these matters were assigned to Benches led by Justices Naresh Patil, B.P. Dharmadhikari and S.S. Jadhav, but they were all due to retire.

The lawyers said this Bench was assigned the case

and therefore, the matter must be heard by it.

"Yes, but we are already overloaded," the court said. "I will simply place this matter for hearing in August for directions and final hearing."

On September 30, 2015, a special Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act court sentenced to death Faisal Sheikh, Asif Khan, Kamal Ansari, Ehtesham Siddiqui and Naveed Khan who planted the bombs on different trains.

Mohammed Sajid Ansari, who prepared the electrical circuits for the bombs; Mohammed Ali, who made his residence available to make them; Tanveer Ansari, one of the conspirators; and Majid Shafi, Muzammil Shaikh, Sohail Shaikh and Zamir Shaikh who provided logistical support were sentenced to life imprisonment.

## CBI files case in ₹1,438-cr. bank fraud

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

The CBI on Monday filed a case on a complaint from the State Bank of India that a private company and its directors caused a loss of ₹1,438.45 crore to the bank and four other consortium member banks.

The agency said it conducted searches on three premises of the accused in Mumbai and Pune.

"It was alleged that the private/borrower company (engaged in trading of ferrous and non-ferrous metal) and its promoter directors along with unknown entities had caused loss to SBI and consortium member banks (the Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, the Oriental Bank of Commerce (now Punjab National Bank and the Bank of Maharashtra) by diverting/siphoning off funds, showing sales to overseas dormant entities, manipulating books of accounts, etc," the CBI said.

## India set to beat China in population: UN report

'This will challenge economic growth'

REUTERS  
NEW DELHI

India is set to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023, with each counting more than 1.4 billion residents this year, a United Nations report said on Monday, warning that high fertility would challenge economic growth.

The world's population, estimated to reach 8 billion by November 15 this year, could grow to 8.5 billion in 2030, and 10.4 billion in 2100, as the pace of mortality slows, said the report released on World Population Day.

India's population was 1.21 billion in 2011, according to the domestic census, which is conducted once a decade. The government had deferred the 2021 census due to the pandemic.

In 2021, the average fertility of the world's population stood at 2.3 births per woman over a lifetime, having fallen from about 5 births in 1950.

"This is an occasion to celebrate our diversity, recognise our common humanity, and marvel at advancements in health that have extended lifespans and dramatically reduced maternal and child mortality rates," UN Secretary-General António Guterres said in a statement. Still, a growing population was a reminder of a shared responsibility of care for the planet and to "reflect on where we still fall short of our commitments to one another," he said.

The UN said more than half of the projected increase in the global population up to 2050 will be concentrated in eight countries — Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and the United Republic of Tanzania.

## 'Amarnath-like events unpredictable'

Flash floods were due to 'sudden' cloud formation: Ministry of Earth Sciences

JACOB KOSHY  
NEW DELHI

The flash floods in the vicinity of the Amarnath caves that cost 16 lives already were not due to a cloudburst but an 'extreme event' that could not be forecast in advance. The consequences of global warming are that events such as these are likely to be frequent, said M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

The MoES is the parent Ministry of the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

On the sidelines of an event on July 11 to announce a clean-up of beaches in coastal States in September, Mr. Ravichandran said the floods were due to a "sudden" cloud formation and predicting them in advance was not yet possible because both the science as well as sophisticated instruments necessary for forecasting were insufficient.

IMD meteorologist Sonam Lotus, who heads the centre



ITBP personnel carry out rescue operation following the flash floods near the Amarnath cave shrine last week. ■ PTI

at Srinagar, in an interview to news site *Kashmir Files*, said rainfall registered at the Amarnath cave was around 2.5-3 cm an hour. Though that was not a substantial amount in the plains, in hilly regions it could mean a large volume that could inundate and overwhelm temporary habitations.

July has seen the monsoon revive over many parts

of the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Moisture laden easterly winds have been travelling from lower levels, reaching up to western Himalayas. These winds have been colliding with the westerly winds flowing across the upper levels. Convergence of the winds flowing from opposite directions led to formation of cumulonimbus clouds over the Kashmir region.

In the hills, clouds don't easily dissipate and can get trapped over a certain area, bringing torrential showers and even a cloud burst. Monsoons in previous years too have seen similar short torments that have caused immense damage.

There have also been incidents of rock debris and ice breaking off glaciers and causing floods such as the 2021 avalanche in Chamoli, Uttarakhand that claimed at least 200.

A 2020 report by the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences noted that there was rise in high intensity rain episodes along the west coast of India and along the foothills of western Himalayas between 1969 and 2015.

## Brinda Karat slams new forest rules

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Opposing the amended Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022, CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat, in a letter to Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav, has said the amended rules are aimed at corporatisation and not conservation.

Ms. Karat said, "It is objectionable, condemnable and unacceptable how the amended rules have totally eliminated the rights of gram sabhas and tribal communities and others living in forests."

The new rules stipulate a two-stage approval process — in-principle approval and final approval. Shockingly, Ms. Karat said, to get either of these approvals from the Centre, in the list of compliances, the condition for the consent of the gram sabha had been totally eliminated. The tribal community too has no say, Ms. Karat said

# Go First cabin crew, technicians go on leave en masse against salary cuts

IndiGo too sees 'mass sick leave' for fourth day

JAGRITI CHANDRA  
NEW DELHI

The unrest over salaries in the aviation industry has spread to Go First, with nearly 70 cabin crew members across the airline's network going on mass sick leave on

Monday in protest against salary cuts.

Go First's technicians, who maintain aircraft to ensure they are airworthy, went on mass sick leave in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru on Sunday and stayed away from work on Monday too. They have also called for this form of protest on Tuesday at the Ranchi, Kolkata and Ahme-

dabad airports as well.

According to a source from the airline's engineering team, the anger is over low salaries. Though technicians have not faced pay cuts, they typically earn ₹18,000 to ₹20,000 a month and some recent increments were a mere "₹40-50". "We work in extremely hazardous circumstances often with little training. A techni-

cian's job is not very different from an aircraft maintenance engineer's but they get paid between one-fifth to one-sixth of the latter," said the person who also shared concerns over salaries.

It is reliably learnt that nearly 70 cabin crew at the airline have also called in sick. There was also panic over salaries across all sections

of employees, including pilots, which was not deposited till late on Monday. A pilot said he had been drawing a salary of ₹60,000 for the past two years, when his salary pre-pandemic was ₹4 lakh a month.

A Go First spokesperson said salaries had been delayed since the pandemic, but didn't reply to a query on the impact of the mass leave.

At IndiGo too, technicians at stations such as Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai were on "mass sick leave" for the fourth straight day. "I paid ₹5 lakh for my training to become a technician and joined the company on a salary of ₹8,000, and now I earn ₹16,000," said a technician.

Though there were attempts by the management

to resolve the issue, including by offering a transport allowance of ₹1,000, sources among technicians say they will continue the protest until they get a revised salary.

"I am pleased to share that we have an agreement on rationalising the anomalies caused by the pandemic. The letters reflecting this will be issued to you over the next two weeks and will be

with effect from August 1," IndiGo senior vice-president Sanjay Gupta wrote to his team on Monday evening.

A Directorate General of Civil Aviation official said, "The airlines have reported there is no impact on flight schedule as the flights are cleared by aircraft maintenance engineers. We have been told that there are discussions to resolve the issue of salaries."

### THE CROSSWORD + 13606

(set by Hypatia)

To solve this puzzle online, get access to our crossword site @ <https://qr.go.page.link/jjpTn>

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**Across**

1 A way to be in touch with friends? (4,4)  
 5 Overlook either of two adjacent letters daily (6)  
 10 Say THCC Admin: Extremely ethical (7)  
 11 Relaxed in Vigilante's bed, said Spooner (3,4)  
 12 Appoint former footballer quietly leaving court (5)  
 13 Became familiar with a president through archaic legend mostly (7,2)

**Down**

1 He attacks cybersecurity knowingly — extorts ransom, basically! (6)  
 2 Shiny looking old enamel bottles (6)  
 3 Made perfect feni? (4-5)  
 4 Perhaps one out of two registered in obscene group (6,8)  
 6 Orchestral combination taking eight together, basically! (5)  
 7 Protecting a Government during conflicts (8)  
 8 Tom Kenny cast as SpongeBob's father, perhaps (8)  
 9 Crash their data banks in unsuccessful attempt (1,4,2,3,4)  
 15 Not even 20? Quite the opposite.. (9)  
 16 Monsters releasing drugs in outlets for oxygen (8)  
 17 Drive vehicle up to Institute's entrance (8)  
 19 Animal at a loss, perhaps without tail (6)  
 20 Drunkard, hot after gulping a second becomes flat (6)  
 22 Supply event adjourned regularly (5)

### SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

**Solution to puzzle 13605**

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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# Political stalemate persists in Sri Lanka

Speculation heightens over Gotabaya's whereabouts; SJB says Premadasa should be interim President

MEERA SRINIVASAN  
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka on Monday was rife with speculation over President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's whereabouts, and uncertainty over the island's political future, two days after citizens mounted massive resistance against the two leaders over an unprecedented economic crisis.

President Gotabaya, who has promised to resign on July 13, was on Monday flown to an airbase near the main international airport in Katunayake, near Colombo, AFP reported. When *The Hindu* contacted spokespersons of the island's Civil Aviation Authority and the Air Force, both said they were unaware of such a development.

## Official word

There is no official word from the President's office on his current location, except a statement that said all messages issued by President Gotabaya would henceforth be released by the Speaker. "Therefore, kindly request that only the announcements issued by the Speaker to be considered as official announcements issued by the President," the Presidential Media Division



**Turmoil continues:** People throng President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's official residence on Monday, two days after protesters occupied the colonial-era structure. ■ AP

said. Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, who earlier told BBC that the President was in a "nearby country" and was expected to return by Wednesday, backtracked on the statement later. "I made a mistake," he said, further fuelling rumours of the President "fleeing" the country to a Gulf capital.

Meanwhile, the Speaker convened a party leaders' meeting for the second time

since angry protesters stormed the homes and offices of the President and the PM on Saturday, in a dramatic takeover of the buildings, pushing both leaders to agree to resign. Neither has formally stepped down yet, but opposition parties have been holding talks on forming a caretaker government with all parties in it, for a short period.

Opposition leader Sajith

Premadasa, who leads the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB or United People's Power), said President Gotabaya, PM Ranil Wickremesinghe, and the ruling party had "lost legitimacy". "We will form a new government with a new President & a new PM. All those who oppose this process will be responsible for the ensuing anarchy," he said in a tweet on Monday.

"As the largest opposition

party, we believe that any interim government we form must be led by Sajith Premadasa as President," said SJB lawmaker Eran Wickramaratne.

## Fringe elements

"We are very clear that this must be an interim, short-term arrangement to address immediate economic issues. We must soon go in for elections because people must be given an opportunity to give us a mandate. Otherwise, fringe elements may try to capture the space," he told *The Hindu*.

The SJB, with about 50 seats in the 225-member Parliament, is counting on "independent" MPs and dissenting members from the ruling camp to join its MPs and put forward a Prime Ministerial candidate, but political sources said they were far from an agreement on the matter. At the party leaders' meeting on Monday, it was also decided that should President Gotabaya resign on July 13, as has been assured by him, Parliament would be summoned on July 15. A nomination for Presidency would be made on July 19 and a parliamentary vote will be held on July 20.

# Europe frets over reduced gas supplies from Russia

Gazprom begins 10 days of maintenance on Nord Stream 1

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
BERLIN

Russian energy giant Gazprom began 10 days of maintenance on its Nord Stream 1 pipeline on Monday — with Germany and other European countries watching anxiously to see if the gas comes back on.

The annual work on the gas link was scheduled long in advance. But the fear is that — with relations between Russia and the West at their lowest in years because of the invasion of Ukraine — Gazprom might take the opportunity to simply shut off the valves. "Putin is going to turn off the gas tap... but will he turn it back on one day?" German mass-market daily *Bild* asked on Sunday on its website.

Italian energy company Eni and Austrian Group OMV both reported their supplies from Gazprom had also been reduced.

"There are a number of scenarios in which we could end up in an emergency," Klaus Mueller, the head of Germany's federal gas network regulator, told public



**Bottlenecks in pipeline:** The receiving station of the Nord Stream 1 natural gas near Lubmin, Germany. ■ GETTY IMAGES

broadcaster ZDF on Monday.

"We are confronted with an unprecedented situation — anything is possible," German Vice-Chancellor Robert Habeck told public radio over the weekend. "It is possible that the gas will flow once more, even at a higher volume level than before."

But, he warned, "it is possible that nothing comes through, and we still have to prepare for the worst" as Europe scrambles to transition away from Russia for energy supplies.

Moscow had wound down supplies by 60% in recent weeks, blaming the absence

of a turbine even as Berlin denounced what it calls a "political" decision.

Those cuts had a knock-on effect on supplies to a number of EU States, while Poland and Bulgaria have also seen their supplies stopped altogether.

One issue at least was resolved over the weekend, when Canada agreed to return to Germany the turbine, which had been undergoing maintenance, despite the objections of Ukraine.

Berlin has also speculated that for technical reasons it would be difficult for Gazprom to stop deliveries via Nord Stream entirely.

# Lithuania widens curbs on trade via Kaliningrad

Russia, Belarus moot joint response

REUTERS  
VILNIUS

Lithuania on Monday expanded restrictions on trade through its territory to Russia's Baltic exclave of Kaliningrad, as phase-ins on earlier-announced European Union sanctions against Moscow took effect.

Additional goods barred from Monday morning include concrete, wood, alcohol and alcohol-based industrial chemicals, a spokesperson for Lithuanian customs said.

Russia warned Lithuania and the European Union on Friday that it could adopt "harsh measures" against them if the transit of some goods to and from Kaliningrad did not resume "within the coming days".

"An emphasis was made on the situation in connection with the illegal restrictions imposed by Lithuania on the transit of goods to the Kaliningrad region," the Kremlin said on Monday.

"In this context, some possible joint steps were discussed."

The trade curbs have been upgraded as governments, markets and compa-

nies worry that Russia could choose to extend the shutdown of the biggest single pipeline carrying Russian gas to Germany beyond a planned 10-day maintenance period.

Kaliningrad borders on NATO and European Union states Lithuania and Poland and relies on railways and roads through Lithuania for most goods. The coastal territory has been cut off from some freight transport from mainland Russia since June 17 under EU sanctions imposed over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Goods that fall within humanitarian or essential categories, such as food, are exempted from the sanctions.

## Debt default

The row over Kaliningrad's isolation is testing Europe's resolve to enforce the sanctions, raising fears of an escalating confrontation with Russia after other restrictions pushed Moscow to default on its debt.

European officials, with the backing of Germany, sought in June a compromise to resolve the standoff.

(With AFP input)

# U.K. Conservatives jostle in testy leadership race

Candidates are promising tax cuts

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
LONDON

Candidates to replace Boris Johnson as Britain's Prime Minister are scattering tax-cutting promises to their Conservative Party electorate, as party officials prepare to quickly narrow the crowded field of almost a dozen candidates.

Little-known Junior Minister Rehman Chishti became the 11th candidate to declare he wants to succeed Mr. Johnson, who quit as Conservative leader on Thursday. Other contenders include Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, Treasury chief Nadhim Zahawi, former Health Secretaries Sajid Javid and Jeremy Hunt, and backbench lawmakers Tom Tugendhat and Kemi Badenoch.

The new leader will be chosen in a two-stage election, in which the 358 Conservative lawmakers reduce the race to two candidates through a series of elimination votes. The final pair will be put to a postal ballot of party members across the country. Under Britain's

parliamentary system the new leader will automatically become Prime Minister without the need for a general election.

The party's 1922 Committee, which runs leadership contests, is set to elect a new executive on Monday, which will lay out rules for the contest. The committee wants to complete the parliamentary stage of the election before lawmakers break for the summer on July 21. That would mean a summer second round with a new leader in place by the time the House of Commons returns on September 5.

One key decision by the committee will be how many nominations a candidate will need to get onto the first ballot. At the last leadership contest in 2019 it was eight, but the threshold could be 20 or more this time — a move that could eliminate some contenders immediately.

Many Conservatives are wary of leaving Mr. Johnson in office for too long, concerned a lame-duck leader is the last thing U.K. needs.

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ओल्ड लैंड, वॉटरप्रूफिंग एवं अग्नि शक्ति प्रणाली का पुनःसंयोजन (सिविल तथा पीएच कार्य) / Revamping of Fire Hydrant System at Old Land, Vattiyorkavu (Civil & PH works)  
ई-निविदा सूचना सं. / E-Tender Notice No. NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C01/07/2022-23 Dt. 26.05.2022

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निविदाओं को खोलना / Opening of tenders दिनांक 22.07.2022 को 15:00 / At 15:00 Hrs on 22.07.2022

योजना मानदंड तथा अन्य शर्तों को पाने के लिए इच्छुक निविदाकार ई-निविदा आर्गनाइजेशन के वेबसाइट पर (ई-एनआइटी) का अवलोकन करें, जिसे [www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO](http://www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO) से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website [www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO](http://www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO).

Sd/- गुरु निदेशक, सीएमजी, वीएसएससी / Group Director, CMG, VSSC

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No.: DCE/RUSA/GEN/68/2021/RUSA- (Computer No. 611450) Date: 11.07.2022

**E-Tender Notification**

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following tenders. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.

Tender Schedules are as below

Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e-Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal
1.	Tender No: DCE/2021-22/IND1068/CALL-3 "Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of CCTV System to RUSA Colleges under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	07.07.2022	12.07.2022 11.00 AM	08.08.2022 05.00 PM

Sd/-  
Director of Collegiate Education Bangalore, Karnataka

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# Ex-Trump adviser agrees to testify at riot hearings: reports

Bannon was set to face trial for defying Congress subpoena

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
WASHINGTON

Former Trump adviser Steve Bannon has agreed to testify in the Capitol riot hearings, days before he was to face trial for defying a subpoena from the committee investigating the attack on Congress, U.S. media reported on Sunday.

"Mr. Bannon is willing to, and indeed prefers, to testify at your public hearing," his lawyer Robert Costello wrote in a letter to the House Select Committee on Saturday, which was initially reported by *The Guardian* and cited by U.S. media.

Mr. Bannon was among dozens of people called to testify on last year's assault on the Capitol aimed at shutting down Congress over former President Donald



Steve Bannon

Trump's baseless claims that Joe Biden won the 2020 election due to voter fraud.

Investigators believe Mr. Bannon and other advisers to Mr. Trump could have information on links between the White House and the mob that invaded the Capitol on the day it was due to certify Mr. Biden as winner.

Although he was not a White House employee or an

official aide of Mr. Trump, Mr. Bannon's attorneys had previously claimed he was protected by presidential executive privilege and did not have to cooperate with the committee.

According to the letter explaining his about-face, Mr. Bannon told the committee that "circumstances have now changed."

"President Trump has decided that it would be in the best interests of the American people to waive executive privilege for Stephen K. Bannon, to allow Mr. Bannon to comply with the subpoena issued by your Committee."

Last November, Mr. Bannon turned himself in to the FBI to face charges of contempt of Congress after refusing to testify.

# 'SE Asia should avoid being chess pieces'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
JAKARTA

Southeast Asian nations should avoid becoming "chess pieces", China's Foreign Minister said on Monday.

Wang Yi held five hours of talks on Saturday with U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken — their first since October — on the Indonesian island of Bali, after the pair attended a Group of 20 gathering the day before.

"We should insulate this region [ASEAN] from geopolitical calculations and the trap of the law of the jungle, from being used as chess pieces in major power rivalries," Mr. Wang said.

"I told the U.S. side very solemnly, that our two sides should consider discuss the establishment of rules for positive interactions in the Asia Pacific and to uphold jointly open regionalism," the Foreign Minister said.

# Kishida calls for unity to achieve Abe's goals

Constitutional reforms on agenda

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
TOKYO

Boosted by a new election mandate, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Monday called for party unity for political stability and to achieve the assassinated former leader Shinzo Abe's unfinished goals of strengthening the military and revising the war-renouncing Constitution.

Mr. Kishida's governing Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and its junior coalition partner Komeito secured a solid majority in the Parliament's Upper House in elections on Sunday.

Mr. Kishida welcomed the victory but also acknowledged that unifying the party will be a hard task without Abe, who even after resigning as PM in 2020 had led a powerful party faction.

"Because we've lost a great leader, undeniably we could be affected in many ways," he said. "Our party

must unite as we face difficult issues." "We will inherit his will and tackle the issues he had to leave unachieved," including an amendment to the U.S.-drafted postwar Constitution.

Sunday's vote gave the LDP-led coalition 146 seats in the 248-seat upper chamber, the less powerful of Parliament's two Houses.

The result means Mr. Kishida could rule uninterrupted until a scheduled election in 2025 and allows him to work on long-term policies.

Advancement on amending the Constitution is now a realistic possibility. With the help of two Opposition parties supportive of a charter change, the governing bloc now has two-thirds majority in the upper chamber needed to propose an amendment. The governing bloc already had the needed support in the lower house.

**KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION**  
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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 3 Dated: 07/07/2022**

Tenders (Pre-qualification and or commercial offers) through e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>) are invited for supply the following goods: Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded / published through e-portal only.

Tender No	Nomenclature of Items/ Services	Tender Value in Crores Rs.(Approx)	Last date for submission of tender @17.00Hrs
G-12/22-23	Procurement of Window Frame Assemblies with Glasses	0.50	18/07/2022
G-13/22-23	Electro Resistant Welding Galvanized Iron Tube & Cold Roled Mildsteel Square Tubes & CRMS Round Tubes	8.00	08/08/2022
G-14/22-23	Supply,Installation & Commissioning of Minor Garage equipment's on turnkey basis	1.50	08/08/2022
G-15/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing Call Centre services	0.95	08/08/2022
G-16/22-23	Bus Body Building items required for Regional Workshops	0.48	21/07/2022
G-17/22-23	Procurement of Iron & Steel (GP Sheets, HR sheets) etc	0.48	21/07/2022
G-18/22-23	Procurement of Balata Packing	0.30	21/07/2022
G-20/22-23	Procurement of Trichloroethylene	0.49	21/07/2022
G-22/22-23	Procurement of Stationery	0.38	21/07/2022
A-01/22-23	Procurement of Steering Components & Assemblies	3.80	08/08/2022
A-02/22-23	Procurement of Clutch and Clutch Parts	20.00	10/08/2022

**SHORT TERM Tender**

G-10/22-23	Procurement of 2K PU Paints & Allied Materials	13.00	21/07/2022
G-11/22-23	Procurement of Aluminium Plain Sheets & Extrusions	8.00	21/07/2022
G-19/22-23	Procurement of Vinly Flooring Mat	0.85	21/07/2022
G-21/22-23	Procurement of Hessain Based Bitumen Felts for water proofing	2.50	21/07/2022
G-23/22-23	Procurement of Automotive Batteries	17.00	21/07/2022
A-03/22-23	Procurement of FIP Spares.	25.00	16/07/2022
A-04/22-23	Procurement of Head Lamp Assemblies & Accerories	6.50	21/07/2022
A-05/22-23	Procurement of Radiator Assemblies & Core	5.75	21/07/2022

**Addendum/ Corrigendum**

\*G-29/20-21- Self Adhesive Plastic Felt - (Notification no:5 Dated:02/11/2021 ), G-19/20-21 - Procurement of 2K PU Paints & Allied Materials, A-18/21-22-Procurement of Radiator Assemblies & Cores,A-20/21-22- Procurement of FIP Spares,A-21/20-21-Procurement of Head Lamp Assemblies & Accerories- (Notification no.: 06 Dated: 26/12/2021) G-60/21-22- Procurement of Automotive Batteries & G-62/21-22-Procurement of Vinly Floor Mat -(Notification no:10 Dated: 26/03/2021) is been cancelled due to technical reasons.  
\*G-07/22-23 - Procurement of Automotive Glasses-tender value to be read as 8 crores,(Notification no:2 Dated:13/05/2022)

**NOTE:** Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. In capse of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell (Phone No.: 080-22230960, 080-22234115). Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to [eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com](mailto:eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com) for further information if required.

Sd/-, CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASES  
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MARKET WATCH

	11-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	54,395	-0.16
US Dollar	79.45	-0.23
Gold	50,561	-0.10
Brent oil	106.46	-

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	729.20	13.50
Apollo Hosp	3933.25	-2.90
Asian Paints	2933.05	53.25
Axis Bank	679.85	10.70
Bajaj Auto	3848.55	23.55
Bajaj Finserv	11938.15	-64.95
Bajaj Finance	5861.50	-11.70
Bharti Airtel	660.55	-34.60
BPCL	315.90	-9.40
Britannia Ind	3795.40	-21.55
Cipla	947.55	12.10
Coal India	193.35	3.55
Divis Lab	3734.10	62.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4501.00	94.80
Eicher Motors	3046.85	115.25
Grasim Ind	1406.00	14.65
HCL Tech	943.55	-40.00
HDFC	2249.50	9.75
HDFC Bank	1406.15	9.05
HDFC Life	546.65	1.30
Hero MotoCorp	2868.10	18.80
Hindalco	356.20	-1.35
Hind Unilever	2490.60	-6.25
ICICI Bank	769.50	13.80
IndusInd Bank	858.35	9.75
Infosys	1473.15	-41.30
ITC	295.00	1.95
JSW Steel	577.30	11.10
Kotak Bank	1741.25	-3.50
L&T	1663.00	-24.45
M&M	1165.05	31.45
Maruti Suzuki	8507.65	31.70
Nestle India Ltd.	18489.40	70.25
NTPC	144.80	1.10
ONGC	125.50	4.00
PowerGrid Corp	217.05	-1.75
Reliance Ind	2423.90	32.50
SBI Life	1147.40	0.50
State Bank	488.20	-0.35
Sure Cement	19854.15	-78.65
Sun Pharma	857.25	-0.45
Tata Consumer	765.90	4.50
Tata Motors	437.05	-4.50
Tata Steel	912.75	26.85
TCS	3113.80	-151.65
Tech Mahindra	1007.55	-18.95
Titan	2163.60	19.25
UltraTech Cement	5854.25	15.15
UPL	690.80	0.55
Wipro	411.20	-7.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 11

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.24	79.56
Euro	80.08	80.40
British Pound	94.62	95.00
Japanese Yen (100)	57.81	58.04
Chinese Yuan	11.81	11.86
Swiss Franc	80.76	81.09
Singapore Dollar	56.47	56.70
Canadian Dollar	60.95	61.20
Malaysian Ringgit	17.90	17.98
Australian Dollar	53.78	53.99

Source: Indian Bank

IN BRIEF



Mercedes-Benz India first-half sales rise 56%

MUMBAI Mercedes-Benz India said it sold 7,573 units in the first half of the year, a 56% increase from the first half of 2021. Sales volumes of 3,551 reported in the second quarter of calendar year 2022 were 113.5% higher, compared with a year earlier. "The LWB E-Class remained the single highest-selling model for Mercedes-Benz," the firm said in a statement.

City Union Bank to ink pacts with more insurers

CHENNAI City Union Bank (CUB) said it would tie up with three more insurers for distribution of insurance products in life, health and general sectors. On Monday, CUB announced a tie-up with Care Health Insurance. Over the next few days, the bank said, it would ink pacts with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co. Ltd., Royal Sundaram General Insurance Co. Ltd. and Aditya Birla Health Insurance.

IRDAI panels to sort out insurer-reinsurer issues

NEW DELHI Regulator IRDAI on Monday said it has set up two task forces to sort out issues between insurers and re-insurers. Bhargav Dasgupta, MD and CEO of ICICI Lombard General, has been named the chairman of the panel to sort out the issues between non-life insurers and reinsurers. The second task force headed by Naveen Tahilyani, CEO and MD, Tata AIA Life Insurance, will look at the life insurance segment and reinsurers. PTI

SC seeks govt. reply on digital system for DIN

NEW DELHI The Supreme Court on Monday sought the Centre's response to a plea seeking implementation of a digital system for generation of Document Identification Number (DIN) for communication sent by State tax officers. A Bench listed the case for hearing on July 18 after considering the submissions that only Karnataka and Kerala had a proper DIN system in place.

# 'Corporate profit margins likely dipped for 3rd straight quarter'

Revenues may have risen on price increases and volume, says Crisil Research

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MUMBAI

India Inc. is staring at the third consecutive quarter of a year-on-year drop in profit margins for the April-June 2022 period, a Crisil Ratings arm said on Monday. Operating profit margins have likely fallen by 2-3 percentage points for the June quarter compared with a year earlier, Crisil Research said after analysing 300 companies excluding those from the financial services and oil and gas sectors. It said almost half of the 47 sectors it tracked were likely to see margin contraction. Corporate revenues are estimated to grown 30%, lar-



Bearing the brunt: Construction-linked sectors likely saw the worst decline in operating profit margins. AFP

gely supported by price increases and moderately rising volumes, it said. The coming days would see results announcements by companies amid adverse events such as the impact of geopolitical tensions on commodities and depreciation in the Indian rupee to record lows. Operating profit margins in construction-linked sectors were likely to have fallen

the most, at more than 9.9%, followed by the investment-linked segment, which saw an on-year margin erosion of over 2.6%, the agency said. Within this segment, steel products saw a sharp margin contraction of about 15% as input cost escalation was higher than the rise in steel prices. In contrast, consumer discretionary services and products, as well as consumer staples services, would report an expansion of up to 3 percentage points in operating profit margin, it said, attributing the rise to airline services, followed by telecom services and the media and entertainment segment.

# RBI sets up system to settle international trade in rupees

Move to aid trade with nations under sanctions: EEPIC India

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has put in place a mechanism to facilitate international trade in rupees (INR), with immediate effect. Banks acting as authorised dealers for such transactions would have to take prior approval from the regulator to facilitate this. "In order to promote growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of global trading community in INR, it has been decided to put in place an additional arrangement for invoicing, payment, and settlement of exports / imports in INR," the



RBI said in a notification. "The RBI's move... would facilitate trade with countries under sanction like Iran and Russia," said EEPIC India Chairman Mahesh Desai. "As a result of the trade facilitation mechanism... we see payment issues with Russia easing. The move would also reduce the risk of

forex fluctuation specially looking at the Euro-rupee parity. We see this as a first step towards 100% convertibility of rupee," he said. Trade under the facility may be denominated and invoiced in rupees and the exchange rate between the currencies of the two partner countries may be market determined, RBI said. **'To strengthen rupee'** "Amid ongoing rupee weakness, the RBI announced steps which appear to be aimed at reducing demand for foreign exchange, by promoting rupee settlement of trade flows," said Rahul Bajoria, MD and Chief India Economist, Barclays.

# India's imports of Russian oil said to surge to record

Russia accounts for 20% of shipments

REUTERS NEW DELHI

India's oil imports from Russia surged to a record of about 9,50,000 barrels per day (bpd) in June, accounting for almost a fifth of overall imports by the world's third-largest oil consumer, data provided by trade sources showed. Indian refiners have been snapping up Russian oil sold at hefty discounts to Brent and West Asia staples after some Western companies and countries shunned purchases from Moscow following its invasion of Ukraine on February 24.



about 23% higher than a year earlier, the data showed. Last year, India's oil imports were low as fuel demand was hit by a second deadly coronavirus wave. Oil imports from Russia rose 15.5% in June from May, while those from Iraq and Saudi Arabia dropped by 10.5% and 13.5%, respectively, dragging the share of West Asia to 56.5% from 59.3%, the data showed.

# Rupee drops 19 paise to new low of 79.45

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The rupee depreciated 19 paise to close at a fresh lifetime low of 79.45 against the U.S. dollar on Monday amid broad-based dollar demand and foreign capital outflows. "With the U.S. economy adding jobs at an impressive pace in June, the odds of a series of aggressive rate hikes have increased further, which is pushing the dollar index on an upward trajectory," said Sugandha Sachdeva, vice-president - Commodity and Currency Research, Religare Broking Ltd. "On the domestic front, concerns about a ballooning trade deficit... are adding further pressure on the local unit," she said.

# 'Oil marketing firms will likely post Q1 loss of ₹10,700 crore'

Selling at rates below cost to spur marketing loss: brokerage

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum may post a combined loss of ₹10,700 crore in the June quarter on selling petrol and diesel at rates below cost, ICICI Securities said in a report released on Monday. While raw material - ie, crude oil - prices soared in April-June, petrol and diesel prices at the pumps were not revised in tandem, leading to marketing losses, which offset strong refining margins, it said. The three state-owned oil marketing firms - IOC, BPCL and HPCL - control 90% of the retail fuel sales in the



country. They also own refineries that turn crude oil into fuel such as petrol and diesel. ICICI Securities said the companies were losing ₹12-14 per litre on petrol and diesel, completely offsetting the strong refining performance during the quarter. "We estimate gross refining margins (GRMs) to re-

main fairly strong at \$17-18 per barrel levels (factoring in inventory loss of \$0.1-0.2 a barrel) and marketing volume growth of 17-20%, thanks to continued recovery in prospects and a weaker base," the brokerage said. Yet, the sharply higher retail losses in petrol and diesel will "drive an EBITDA loss of ₹6,600 crore and a net loss of ₹10,700 crore for the OMCs in Q1FY23E (April-June quarter of 2022-23 fiscal)," it added. Going forward, with some decline seen in crude in the last few days and the resultant dip in key product spreads as well, some respite would be forthcoming for the marketing losses.

# SAT urges SEBI relook at Cairn dividend case

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has set aside a SEBI order in a matter related to the non-payment of dividends by Cairn India Ltd. to Cairn UK Holdings Ltd. and directed the regulator to hold an enquiry and find a 'logical conclusion' in the case within six months. Cairn India merged with Vedanta Ltd. in 2017. The appellate tribunal's order, dated July 5, came after an appeal was filed by Cairn UK Holdings Ltd. against the SEBI order. In April 2017, the U.K.-based firm approached the regulator over the non-payment of dividends amounting to more than ₹340 crore by Cairn India.

# TI arm set to unveil electric three-wheeler

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI

TI Clean Mobility, a subsidiary of Tube Investments of India Ltd. (TI), will unveil electric three-wheelers and an electric tractor this year, a top official said. "We have been testing the electric three-wheeler for three years," Arun Murugappan, executive chairman, TI, told reporters. "It will be unveiled by end-August or early September under the brand Montra." The company is planning to produce the electric three-wheelers at Ambattur. TI has set aside ₹350 crore for investment in TI Clean Mobility. TI had acquired start-up Celestial, which is into making e-tractors. These e-tractors would be introduced by the year end.

# Bharti Airtel stock slides 5%, Vodafone gains 3.44%

Trades follow Adani statement on 5G

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

Bharti Airtel shares plunged 5.03% to ₹660.30 on the BSE on Monday while Vodafone Idea climbed 3.44% to ₹8.72. Shares of Adani Enterprises, the Adani Group's holding company, also gained 3.42% to ₹2,371.55. The Adani Group had clarified that it would not enter the consumer mobility space, but that its bid for 5G spectrum auction was meant to help provide privatised network solutions along with enhanced cybersecurity in the airport, ports & logistics, power generation, transmission, distribution and manufacturing operations. "5G could supplement their data centre business to begin with," said Deven Choksey, MD, KRChoksey

**To begin with, 5G could supplement Adani's data centre business**

DEVEN CHOKSEY MD, KRChoksey Shares & Securities

Shares & Securities. "The data centre business, with cloud computing, AI, VR and MR offerings, could [help offer] services to their own group businesses apart from connecting the group's customers, suppliers and other service providers on the captive network," he added. In public networks, because the bandwidth is shared with other users, "that could result in non-exclusivity or non-priority in services, it may affect the business case of a large user base such as of the Adani group", he pointed out.

# Top recruiters expect slowdown in tech hiring

They cite likely recession in the West

MINI TEJASWI BENGALURU

Leading recruiters in India said they expected a slowdown in tech hiring in the coming quarters owing to geopolitical uncertainty, an anticipated global economic slowdown and recession in many customer geographies. "Owing to global macroeconomic factors like geopolitical uncertainty and expected economic slowdown in many markets, we are expecting a slowdown in tech hiring in India in the coming quarters," said Vidya Sagar Gannamani, CMD, Adecco India. According to B.S. Murthy, CEO, Leadership Capital, a Bengaluru-based CXO recruitment firm, a recession may have already started in



the U.S. and high inflation and falling interest rates have only added to 'slowing economic growth in India'. Taking a contrarian view, Manish Sabharwal, vice-chairman, Teamlease Services, said, "I don't think there will be a global recession. Even if there is one, it is like this, that we are all in the same storm, but not on the same boat."

# Bank of Maharashtra cuts loan rates

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) on Monday said it has slashed the marginal cost of fund-based lending rate (MCLR) by up to 35 basis points (bps) for various tenors. The lender has revised the MCLR with effect from July 11, according to a regulatory filing. The one-year tenor MCLR - which is a benchmark for most consumer loans such as auto, home and personal loans - has been revised down to 7.5% from the existing 7.7%, the bank said. Likewise, the six-month tenor loan will have MCLR at 7.4%, down by 20 basis points. The three-month tenor rate is down by 35 bps to 7.2%, the state-owned lender said.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE**

Chief Engineer/TMC, Northern Railway, Headquarters office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites 02 No tenders through E-Procurement system for supply of the following items:

Sl.No.	E-Tender No.	Description of item	Qty.	Due Date Time
1.	TM225037	Digital Ultrasonic Testing Equipment	10 Nos.	04.08.2022 at 14:30 hours.
2.	A33P90TMC2022	Tamping Tools for WST Machine	256 Nos.	04.08.2022 at 11:15 hours.

Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement tenders are available on website "www.irops.gov.in". The firms who desire to participate against E-Tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would be required to have a class-III digital certificate from certifying agencies authorized under IT Act, 2000, by Govt. of India. Manual offers against E-tenders will not be accepted.

Tender Notice No.: 219-S/1/TMC/22/2022-23 Dated: 11.07.2022 1714/22

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General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Vinni D/o: Virender Singh, R/o: H.No. A-103, Gali No. 11, Phase-10, Shiv Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi. Aged: About 17 years 6 Months has been kidnapped from her house 28.06.2022. In this regard a case FIR No. 311/22, u/s 363, IPC Dated 01.07.2022, has been lodged at P.S. Karawal Nagar, Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:

**Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5' Feet, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** T-Shirt & Jeans and Chappal in Feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this kidnapped, may inform to the following at **E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.nic.in** or **website: http://cbi.nic.in** Tel No.: 11-24368638 or 24368641

**S.H.O. P.S. Karawal Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-22932396, 22932232**

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON**

General public is hereby informed that one person namely **Shahnawaz S/o Nasir R/o H. No. D-4/56, Gali No.-4, Behind Shiv Mandir, Dayalpur, Delhi.** Age about 32 years, Height 5'7", Complexion Wheatish, Face Long, Built Medium, Wearing Black Shirt, Blue Jeans & Black Shoes in feet has been missing since 02.05.2022 from his house. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this person, but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a DD No. 127-A dated 07.05.2022 has been lodged at PS Dayalpur, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following **Website: http://cbi.nic.in** Email: cbc@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-23011334 Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218 DP/1617/NE/2022

**SHO PS Dayalpur, Delhi Ph. 011-22800215, 22800216**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely Moni Sexana D/o Late Sh. G. B. Sexana R/o H.No WZ79A 1st Floor Nagal Raya near Red Light, New Delhi** has been missing in the jurisdiction of PS: Sagar Pur, Delhi. In this regard, a case **DD No. 48A dt. 26.06.2022 has been registered at P.S. Sagar Pur, Delhi.** The description of the missing girl is as under.

**Age:** About 39 Years, **Height:** 5' 3", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Unknown, Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing girl then please inform P.S. Sagarpur Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in, providing clue about the person.

**Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639**

**Sd/- S.H.O. Sagar pur Delhi DP/1307/SW/2022 Tel No. 011-28522653, 28522652**

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male **Age:** About 40-45 years, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Normal, wearing white colour shirt and black colour pant was found unconscious on 07.07.2022 at Gali No. 3, H-Block, Jai Prakash Nagar, Gamri Road, Near Hansraj Dairy, Ghonda. He was admitted in JPC Hospital vide MLC No. 17012, during the treatment doctor declare him dead. In this regard DD No. 76-A dated 08.07.2022 has been lodged at P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification for 72 hours in the mortuary of GTB Hospital, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased person may kindly inform to the following:- **SHO : P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi Tel. No. 011-22172410, 22175468**

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**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: **unknown**, residence and family is **unknown** about 40-42 years of age was found in an unconscious state at Waiting room East Side PF No. 16, O.D.R.S. Delhi, Old Delhi Railway Station on 07.07.2022 at 6:45 AM. Whom Dr. Saheb of Railways declared dead after checkup. In this regard a DD No. 8A dated 07.07.2022 has been registered at **Police Station Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.** Dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary for Identification. His physical description is as under:-

**Sex:** Male, **Age:** 40-42 years, **Height:** 5'5" ft., **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** White Printdar shirt, White Banyan & White Pant & Bare Foot.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.

**SHO P.S. Old Delhi Rly. Stn. Delhi Ph.: 011-23961522 Mob. No.: 8750871302**

DP/217/RLY/2022

# India keen to emulate T20I blueprint in ODIs

It would be interesting to see how Dhawan adapts to the new mindset; injured Kohli doubtful for opening game

## INDIA IN ENG

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LONDON**  
India won't go ballistic from ball one but the batters are expected to carry their fearless approach from the shortest format to the ODIs when the three-match series against England begins here on Tuesday.

India's high-risk play helped it win the series against England and considering that the ODIs have become an extension of the shortest format, skipper Rohit Sharma sees no reason why his team should back down from that approach.

England redefined the way ODI cricket was played and its dominant run culminated with the World Cup trophy in 2019.

It won't be an exaggeration to say that India's fresh outlook towards the shorter formats is inspired by the English template.

The three games will be the only 50-over contests India will feature in before the T20 World Cup in Australia later this year, but Rohit asserted they still hold a lot of importance.

### Eye on the workload

"All matches are important for us. We can't play thinking ODIs are not a priority, but we have to keep in mind the workload of each player. We will make changes but our ultimate goal is to win matches. We will not leave that thought process behind," said Rohit on Sunday after the third T20 at Nottingham.

"For us, the aim is to understand white-ball cricket, how to play, new guys are playing. 50-over is an extension of T20. Maybe you take less risk in ODIs as compared to T20 cricket but you

have to take it."

For someone like Shikhar Dhawan, who only plays only one format and will be captaining the team in the West Indies, it will be a challenge to take on the England attack from the word go.

### Groin strain

Meanwhile, out-of-form batter Virat Kohli is likely to miss the first ODI after sustaining a groin strain during the third T20I on Sunday.

The extent of Kohli's niggle is still not known, but the Indian team management wouldn't mind giving him a break so that he is available for the next two games at Lord's (July 14) and Manchester (July 17).

It has been learnt that Kohli didn't travel from Nottingham to London in the team bus and the reason could be a stopover to get a medical check-up to assess his condition.

On Monday, only the players selected for the ODIs – Dhawan, Shardul Thakur and Prasidh Krishna – had an optional net session at The Oval.

### Redemption

The ODI series will be Buttler's first since taking over as white-ball skipper from Eoin Morgan. After the T20I disappointment, the hosts will be eager to bounce back strongly.

Buttler himself will be looking to make the big scores he is known for, having failed in the T20Is.

### Big boost

England will be bolstered by the return of its star players Ben Stokes, Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow, the hero of the Birmingham Test win.

While Root doesn't play T20s, Stokes and Bairstow were rested after the historic

Overall **M 103**

In England **M 42**

**India 55**

**India 16**

**England 43**

**England 22**

Tied 2

NR 3

## White-ball caravan's next stop

As Rohit's India locks horns with Buttler's England in the 50-over format, a glance at the rivalry

THE DECADE-WISE BREAK-UP					
	M	India	England	Tied	NR
1970-79	3	0	3	0	0
1980-89	17	8	9	0	0
1990-99	16	8	7	0	1
2000-09	34	22	11	0	1
2010-19	30	15	12	2	1
2020-	3	2	1	0	0

TOP RANKERS* FOR INDIA						
Batting	M	Runs	HS	Avg.	SR	100s/50s
Kohli	14	548	107	42.15	87.53	1/4
Bowling	M	Wkts.	BBI	Avg.	Econ.	4W/5W
Shami	5	13	5/69	17.00	5.20	0/1
Jadeja	8	13	4/28	26.92	5.55	1/0

FOR ENGLAND						
Batting	M	Runs	HS	Avg.	SR	100s/50s
Root	9	430	113 n.o.	61.42	85.14	3/0
Bowling	M	Wkts.	BBI	Avg.	Econ.	4W/5W
Wiley	3	5	3/40	22.60	4.70	0/0

\*Players from the current squads and their performances in India-England ODIs in England

**THE SCHEDULE:** 1st ODI: July 12, The Oval, 5.30 p.m. | 2nd ODI: July 14, Lord's, 5.30 p.m. | 3rd ODI: July 17, Manchester, 3.30 p.m.

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# Rohit slams experts questioning Kohli's place

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NOTTINGHAM**

India skipper Rohit Sharma has hit back at "experts" who are questioning Virat Kohli's place in the T20 side, saying the star batter's "quality" is beyond doubt and the team management will continue to back him.

"It's not difficult at all for us because we don't listen to outside noise. Also, I don't know who these experts are and why they're called experts. I don't get that," said Rohit.

"Also, if you are talking about form, it goes up and down for everyone. The quality of the player doesn't go bad. We should always keep in mind when such comments are passed.



Rohit and Kohli. \*FILE PHOTO

We're backing a player's quality. It's happened with me, it's happened with XYZ. There's nothing new," said Rohit.

# Change in mindset the biggest takeaway: Rohit

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NOTTINGHAM**

India skipper Rohit Sharma spoke about the biggest takeaways from the T20I series against England.

"The biggest takeaway has been the approach of each and every individual who has played in this series. How they've relished the moment in the middle, taking on the opportunity, the opposition, taking that extra risk.

"The mindset is something we're trying to change and that is the biggest takeaway for all the players.

"They are willing to do that, they are willing to take that risk. And when I go and talk to certain individuals or players and I hear the same kind of response from them, that is the biggest takeaway.

"Obviously while doing that, results will go here and there. We're looking at the larger picture and to achieve that we'll make some mistakes," he said.

## India-England T20I series in numbers

Batting	M	Runs	HS	SR	100s/50s
Suryakumar	3	171	117	201.17	1/0
Malan	3	117	77	150.00	0/1
Bowling	M	Wkts.	BBI	Econ.	4W
Jordan	3	8	4/27	7.25	1
Hardik	2	5	4/33	8.85	1

# Sri Lanka thrashes Australia, shares series honours

Chandimal's double century and Jayasuriya's 12-wicket match haul fashion innings win in second Test

## AUS IN SRI LANKA

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE GALLE**

Dinesh Chandimal's maiden double century and a match haul of 12 wickets by debutant Prabhat Jayasuriya led Sri Lanka to an innings and 39-run thrashing of Australia in the second Test here on Monday.

Chandimal made an unbeaten 206 in Sri Lanka's 554 as the hosts managed a first innings lead of 190. Jayasuriya, a left-arm spinner, then took six wickets to help dismiss Australia for 151 in the final session on day four as the hosts bounced back from their opening loss to end the series at 1-1.

The tourists posted 364 with Steve Smith hitting an unbeaten 145 in the first innings but their batting faltered the second time around.

Off-spinner Ramesh Mendis trapped David Warner lbw for 24 before tea and



**Delightful dozen:** Debutant Jayasuriya spun a web around the Australian batters. \*AFP

Jayasuriya soon took over with his left-arm spin in the final session to send back Usman Khawaja (29) and Steve Smith (0) in one over.

The 30-year-old Jayasuriya, who claimed a six-for in the first innings, kept up the charge with another twin strike to expose the Australia

tail. Jayasuriya got the final wicket to trigger celebrations in the Sri Lankan camp and crowd. Jayasuriya's match figures of 12 for 177 are

## SCOREBOARD

**Australia — 1st innings:** 364.

**Sri Lanka — 1st innings:** Pathum Nissanka c Green b Starc 6, Dimuth Karunaratne lbw b Swepson 86, Kusal Mendis lbw b Lyon 85, Angelo Mathews c Labuschagne b Starc 52, Dinesh Chandimal (not out) 206, Kamindu Mendis b Swepson 61, Niroshan Dickwella c Cummins b Lyon 5, Ramesh Mendis lbw b Starc 29, Maheesh Theekshana b Cummins 10, Prabhat Jayasuriya b Starc 0, Kasun Rajitha lbw b Swepson 0; Extras (b-4, lb-6, w-3, nb-1): 14; Total (in 181 overs): 554.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-12, 2-164, 3-186, 4-269, 5-402, 6-409, 7-477, 8-498, 9-505.

**Australia bowling:** Starc 29-3-89-4, Cummins 30-5-95-1, Lyon 6-5-194-2, Green 6-0-20-0, Swepson 38-2-103-3, Head 8-0-27-0, Labuschagne 6-0-16-0.

**Australia — 2nd innings:** David Warner lbw b R. Mendis 24, Usman Khawaja c Fernando b Jayasuriya 29, Marnus Labuschagne lbw b Jayasuriya 32, Steve Smith lbw b Jayasuriya 0, Travis Head b R. Mendis 5, Cameron Green st. Dickwella b Jayasuriya 23, Alex Carey (not out) 16, Mitchell Starc c K. Mendis b Jayasuriya 0, Pat Cummins lbw b Theekshana 16, Nathan Lyon lbw b Theekshana 5, Mitchell Swepson b Jayasuriya 0; Extras (b-1): 1; Total (in 41 overs): 151.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-49, 2-59, 3-59, 4-74, 5-112, 6-117, 7-117, 8-144, 9-150.

**Sri Lanka bowling:** Rajitha 5-1-16-0, Theekshana 5-0-28-2, R. Mendis 15-2-47-2, Jayasuriya 16-2-59-6.

**Player-of-the-Match:** Jayasuriya; **Player-of-the-Series:** Chandimal.

the best ever by a Sri Lankan bowler on debut as he went one better than Praveen Jayawickrama, who took 11 in his first Test last year.

# India bows out of knockouts

Segu's goal three minutes from time seals it for Spain

## WORLD CUP

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA TERASSA (SPAIN)**

India was eliminated from the FIH Women's World Cup title race after losing 0-1 to co-hosts Spain in a crossover match here on Sunday.

After a fiercely-contested three quarters, the Indian defence let in a goal just three minutes from the final hooter when Marta Segu scored from a rebound.

### Woeful PC conversion

India fared poorly once again in converting penalty corners, earning four and squandering all. India's first penalty corner came in the eighth minute but the Spanish defence was up to the task.

After a hesitant first quarter, Spain began exploring ways to get past the India backline.

But, captain Savita, in goal, showed why she has such high reputation, pulling



**Battling it out:** The Indians held firm before allowing the Spaniards to break through in the dying minutes. \*FIH

ing off several saves.

India created a great opportunity to take the lead when Salima Tete set it up for Vandana Kataraiya with a brilliant run, but the latter dinked over the crossbar while trying to chip it over Garcia's reach.

In the final quarter, Sara Barrios shot wide with only Savita to beat and then a

lovely flowing move by India was cut short in time.

The deadlock finally broke just three minutes from the hooter through Segu who scored off a rebound after Clara Ycart's shot was saved by Savita.

India will next play Canada in a 9-16th place classification match to be held on Tuesday.

# Taniya gets the nod, Sneha returns

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI**

Wicketkeeper Taniya Bhatia was on Monday named in the Indian women's squad for the upcoming Commonwealth Games.

The most notable player to make a comeback is all-rounder Sneha Rana.

**The India squad:** Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana (Vice-capt.), Shafali Verma, S. Meghana, Taniya Bhatia (wk), Yastika Bhatia (wk), Deepti Sharma, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Pooja Vastrakar, Meghna Singh, Renuka Thakur, Jemimah Rodrigues, Radha Yadav, Harleen Deol, and Sneha Rana; **Stand-bys:** Simran Bahadur, Richa Ghosh, and Poonam Yadav.

**India's schedule:** July 29: vs Australia; July 31: vs Pakistan; Aug. 3: vs Barbados, all matches at Edgbaston.

# Djokovic: seeking love alongside tennis immortality

The Serb has long been seeking the missing ingredient to make him an equal of Federer, Nadal



**Awkward interloper:** Djokovic is a spikier character than the smooth, unruffled Federer or the self-effacing Nadal.

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE LONDON**

Novak Djokovic is already a sporting immortal but he will be desperately hoping he is finally becoming a "people's champion" after winning a seventh Wimbledon crown on Sunday.

The Serb has long been seeking the missing ingredient to make him an equal of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal in the hearts of tennis fans.

His four-set victory over the unseeded Nick Kyrgios nudged him ahead of Federer into second place in the all-time list of Grand Slam men's winners with 21 titles, one behind Nadal.

Djokovic nibbled a blade of grass in his customary celebration before making his "cup of love" gesture to all corners of the Centre Court,

the fans roaring their approval for the champion.

While Federer and Nadal enjoy an almost god-like status in the game, the Serb has been a player that fans have found more difficult to love.

Many had already picked either the Swiss or the Spaniard as "their man" by the time Djokovic won his first Major in 2008, leaving him in a position as the awkward interloper.

The Serb, who left Belgrade when he was 12 to train in Munich and escape NATO's bombardment of his home city, is a spikier character than the smooth, unruffled Federer or the self-effacing Nadal.

Djokovic – so used to battling the crowd as well as his opponent – appeared to have turned a corner at last year's US Open final, which

he lost to Daniil Medvedev.

He received heartfelt support from fans who urged him to fight back against the Russian, but it was ultimately in vain as he missed his chance to become the first man to win a calendar Grand Slam since Rod Laver in 1969.

"The amount of support and energy and love I got from the crowd was something I'll remember forever," he said.

Djokovic, just a year younger than Nadal, shows no sign of losing his physical edge – if anything, he appears to be getting better with age. He dropped gluten from his diet and his lithe physique allowed him to chase down lost causes, transforming him into the rubber man of tennis with a rock-steady defence.

# Federer unranked for first time in 25 years

**ASSOCIATED PRESS WIMBLEDON**

Roger Federer dropped out of the ATP rankings entirely for the first time in a quarter-century on Monday, while Novak Djokovic slid four spots to No. 7 a day after winning Wimbledon for the seventh time.

Federer had appeared in the singles rankings every week since he made his debut at age 16 in September 1997, tied for 803rd, and held the record for most time at No. 1 until Djokovic broke it.

Federer was 97th before play began at the All England Club but now has zero points because the rankings are based on a player's results over the



Federer. \*AP

previous 52 weeks.

On Monday, Djokovic, Kyrgios and all other players lost whatever points they earned at Wimbledon in 2021, while not gaining any benefit from how they performed during this fortnight.

So Elena Rybakina's first Grand Slam title did her no good in the WTA rankings; she remained at No. 23.

