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Etching history: Giorgia Meloni holding a placard reading 'Thank You Italy' after a speech in Rome on Monday. AFP

Italy tilts right as voters line up behind Giorgia Meloni's party

Associated Press
ROME

A party with neo-fascist roots has won the most votes in Italy's national election, setting the stage on Monday for talks to create the country's first far-right-led government since the Second World War with Giorgia Meloni at the helm as Italy's first woman Premier.

Italy's lurch to the far right immediately shifted Europe's geopolitics, placing the eurosceptic far-right Brothers of Italy in position to lead a founding member of the European Union and its third-largest economy.

Right-wing leaders across Europe immediately hailed the 45-year-old Ms. Meloni's victory.

Near-final results on Monday showed the right-wing coalition netting 44% of the parliamentary vote, with Ms. Meloni's Brothers of Italy snatching 26% in its biggest win.

Ms. Meloni's coalition partners divided up the remainder, with the anti-immigrant League party led by Matteo Salvini winning 9% and the Forza Italia of ex-Premier Silvio Berlusconi taking around 8% of the vote.

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Team Gehlot in the wrong, says Cong.; CM denies role in revolt

Sonia Gandhi asks for written report from Kharge and Maken; party rejects demand of protesting legislators that a one-line resolution authorising the Congress president to nominate new Rajasthan CM should be applicable after October 19

Sandeep Phukan
Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The open rebellion by Rajasthan lawmakers loyal to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has derailed the plan of the Gandhi family to field Mr. Gehlot as a candidate in the Congress presidential elections and appoint Sachin Pilot as his successor for the Chief Minister's post.

On Monday, Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who is learnt to be annoyed by the developments, asked for a written report after Mallikarjun Kharge and Ajay Maken briefed her on the Sunday rebellion at her residence.

Both were sent as observers to Jaipur to attend a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) to decide on Mr. Gehlot's successor. Party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, who was in Kerala with the Bharat Jodo



Fluid situation: Congress leader Ajay Maken after meeting party president Sonia Gandhi on the Rajasthan issue in Delhi on Monday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Yatra, was summoned to the meeting.

Asserting that the timing and venue of the CLP meeting were decided by Mr. Gehlot, Mr. Maken, briefing presspersons after an hour-long meeting with Ms. Gandhi, said "the parallel meeting convened by the MLAs of the Gehlot camp was an act of indiscipline".

Distancing himself from the revolt when over 90 MLAs refused to attend the

CLP meet and handed over the resignation to Speaker C.P. Joshi, the Rajasthan Chief Minister is learnt to have told Mr. Kharge that "what happened shouldn't have happened", but reiterated that he had no role in it. Mr. Maken, however, did not meet with the Chief Minister.

While the episode has prompted many of the Gandhi family loyalists to pitch for another contender for the presidential

polls, sources said the issue of leadership change in Rajasthan could be put on hold until the process of filing the nomination ends on September 30.

Many in the party are angry that Sunday's episode not only embarrassed the party leadership but also gave an opportunity to the BJP to target the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

The leadership issue not only deepened the fault lines in the Rajasthan Con-

gress but also triggered a war of words between Gehlot loyalists and All India Congress Committee (AICC) observers.

Mr. Maken said that after submitting their resignations before the Speaker, the protesting MLAs sent their emissaries - Shanti Kumar Dhariwal, Pratap Singh Khachariyawas and Mahesh Joshi - to put their demands before the CLP meeting.

"They said the one-line resolution to authorise the Congress president to nominate a new CLP leader should be applicable after October 19," Mr. Maken said. This, he said, was rejected because it was felt that "it would lead to conflict of interest since Mr. Gehlot, who is a front runner for the president's post, cannot empower himself by sending in such a resolution".

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IN BRIEF



CM has lunch with Dalit family from Gujarat

NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday had lunch with a Dalit sanitation worker and his family from Gujarat at his Delhi residence. The meeting invited sharp criticism from the BJP and the Congress, with the former alleging that the AAP chief was only "pretending" to be sympathetic to Dalits.

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Uttarakhand: officials to probe razing of resort

NEW DELHI

Following questions over the demolition of a resort in Uttarakhand where a murder victim worked, authorities are examining which agency carried out the action.

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Rupee drops to a record low of 81.67 against dollar

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The rupee plunged to another record low against the dollar on Monday owing to further strengthening of the U.S. currency against other major currencies.

The rupee's continuing slide will adversely impact importers, students studying abroad and outbound travellers. The Indian currency fell for the fourth consecutive session, closing at 81.67 compared with Friday's 81.09.

The S&P BSE Sensex fell 953.70 points to 57,145.22.

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Winter is coming



Seasonal shifts: Mist floating in the air at Bengalmattam village near Udhagamandalam in Tamil Nadu. After 10 hot, sunny days, the Nilgiris have been receiving rain since Sunday. M. SATHYAMOORTHY

Azad floats party, vows it will be democratic and independent in decisions

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday launched a political party, the Democratic Azad Party (DAP), and said "it will not be autocratic but democratic".

"The DAP will be based on the principles of democracy. It will not be influenced by any outside leader or other party. It will have independent thinking and will stay independent in its decisions. It will not be autocratic and power will not be in one hand," Mr. Azad, while ad-



New innings: Ghulam Nabi Azad unveiling the flag of his newly launched Democratic Azad Party in Jammu on Monday. PTI

ressing a press conference in Jammu, said. He was quick to add that his surname has nothing to do with 'Azad' in the party name.

Mr. Azad quit the Con-

gress on August 26 after over four decades following differences with the party high command.

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Centre's push for NavIC system lands smartphone giants on unknown road

Reuters
NEW DELHI

The Union government is pushing tech giants to make smartphones compatible with its home-grown navigation system within months, worrying the likes of Samsung, Xiaomi and Apple who fear elevated costs and disruptions as the move requires hardware changes, according to two industry sources and government documents seen by Reuters.



The government says NavIC provides more accurate domestic navigation. REUTERS

In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's drive for self-reliance, India has

over the years expanded the use of its regional navigation satellite system called NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation).

Foreign systems

The Union government wants to reduce dependence on foreign systems, including the widely used U.S. Global Positioning System (GPS), and says NavIC provides more accurate domestic navigation and that its use would benefit the economy.

China, the European Union, Japan and Russia have their own global or regional navigation systems to rival GPS. Operational since 2018, NavIC's uptake is minimal; it is mandated in public vehicle location trackers, for example.

But government and industry documents show Mr. Modi's administration and space officials want to broaden its use.

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Dalit student dies in U.P. after being beaten by teacher for writing wrong answers in exam

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

A Dalit student died while receiving medical treatment in Lucknow on Monday, days after he was allegedly beaten by his teacher for writing incorrect answers in an examination.

The boy, a Class X student of Adarsh Inter College, Achhalda, in Auraiya, suffered internal injuries after reportedly being beaten on September 7 by his social science teacher Ashwini Singh.

The incident led to an outrage in the Dalit community of the region, with members of the Bhim Army, a Dalit rights organisation, reaching the village of the victim.

The district administration has deployed additional forces in the village to handle the situation.

BSP attacks BJP govt. The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) mounted pressure on the State government and said under the BJP's rule, violence and atroci-

ties against the Dalit community were on the rise.

"The death of a 10th standard Dalit student who was studying at Adarsh Inter College, Achhalda, in Auraiya is very disturbing. It highlights that violence and atrocities against the Dalit community are increasing. The Auraiya police must send the accused teacher to jail immediately, the Director General of Police, Uttar Pradesh, should take stern action to stop these incidents and the Yogi [Adityanath] govern-

ment should implement a concrete policy to stop incidents of murder, kidnapping and rape in the State," Ramji Gautam, a Rajya Sabha MP of the BSP, said in a post on Twitter.

On September 7, the boy was admitted to a hospital in Etawah for treatment and later shifted to Lucknow. An FIR has been lodged at the Achhalda police station based on a complaint filed by the victim's family. The police have started a search operation to nab the teacher.

CM has lunch with Dalit family from Gujarat; Oppn. calls it 'yet another gimmick'

Kejriwal trying to bridge the gap between the public and its representatives, says AAP leader; BJP asks what has he done for the families of Delhi sanitation workers who died during COVID

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday met a Dalit sanitation worker and his family from Gujarat at his Delhi residence.

The meeting invited sharp criticism from the BJP and the Congress with the former alleging that the AAP chief was only "pretending" to be sympathetic to Dalits.

Mr. Kejriwal had invited the sanitation worker, Harsh Solanki, to the Capital at a townhall in Ahmedabad on Sunday, which was part of AAP's campaign for the upcoming Assembly election in Gujarat.

"We don't have time for petty politics; we work for the public and that's why they like us. The public first formed our government in Delhi, then in Punjab and now the people of Gujarat are saying that AAP's government is going to be formed there too," Mr. Kejriwal said on Monday after having lunch with Mr. Solanki and his family.

The family also visited a Delhi government school and hospital. Mr. Solanki was quoted as saying by AAP that "government schools and hospitals like



Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal having lunch with the family of a sanitation worker from Gujarat at his residence in New Delhi. AAP MP Raghav Chadha is also seen in the photo. PTI

Delhi's should be built in Gujarat too". He also gifted Mr. Kejriwal a photo of B. R. Ambedkar, said AAP.

AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha said till now leaders used to go to people's houses for votes, but today a leader has heartily invited someone's family to come to his house and termed it a "big shift". "For many years there has been a gap between the public and its representatives, this is an attempt to bridge that gap," he said.

'No compensation' BJP MLA and Leader of the Opposition in Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, however, accused Mr. Kejri-

wal of ignoring the families of sanitation workers who risked their lives while working during the peak of COVID-19 in Delhi.

"As many as 206 sanitation workers died during the pandemic in Delhi when they were engaged in the service of COVID patients... The Kejriwal government neither considered them corona warriors nor released ₹1 crore compensation to each of them. The Chief Minister had publicly claimed that sanitation workers would be provided with life-saving kits but those were never issued to them," he said.

The Delhi Congress

called the meeting "yet another gimmick" by the Chief Minister to mislead the Dalit community.

Delhi Congress chief Anil Kumar said, "Kejriwal's anti-Dalit attitude is evident from the fact that he has not raised his voice against the draft report by the delimitation committee for MCD wards, which has cut down Dalit-dominated reserved wards at the behest of the BJP."

He added that in recent months many Dalit workers have died while manually cleaning manholes but the Delhi government has not given any financial compensation to the families of those workers.

HC seeks ED stand on Jain's challenge to transfer of case

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday asked the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to respond to a petition by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Minister Satyendar Jain challenging a local court's order to transfer a money laundering case against him to another court.

Justice Yogesh Khanna asked the agency to submit a "short reply" while posting the case for further hearing on September 28.

The AAP leader was arrested by the ED on May 30 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), based



AAP leader Satyendar Jain

Gupta transferring the case to Special Judge Vikas Dhull from Special Judge Geetanjali Goel who was hearing his bail plea.

The hearing of Mr. Jain's bail plea has been going on since August 30 at the court of Special Judge Goel, who on September 13 had directed the ED's counsel to submit a fresh chart of entities and shares in the alleged money laundering case registered against Mr. Jain and two of his aides.

"The order itself states that the judge is upright and honest. Where is the question of transfer then? The bias is unfounded. It sends a wrong message," Mr. Jain's counsel argued.

on a disproportionate assets FIR registered against him by the CBI in 2017. Mr. Jain has since been in judicial custody.

In his plea before the High Court, Mr. Jain challenged a recent order of Principal District and Sessions Judge Vinay Kumar

Amanatullah sent to 14-day judicial custody

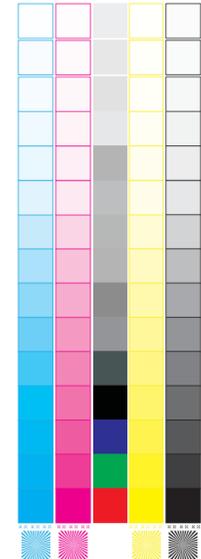
The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Monday sent AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan to 14-day judicial custody in a case pertaining to alleged irregularities in the Delhi Waqf Board recruitment, which is being investigated by the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB).

Appearing for Mr. Khan, senior advocate Rahul Mehra urged the court to hear his client's bail plea at the earliest. Special Judge Vikas Dhull sent Mr. Khan to judicial custody and posted his

bail hearing for Tuesday. The AAP MLA and Delhi Waqf Board chairman was arrested by the ACB on September 16 from Okhla in connection with a complaint alleging illegal appointments and unauthorised renting out of Waqf properties in the city.

The ACB has accused Mr. Khan of illegally appointing 32 persons in various capacities in the Delhi Waqf Board and paying a total of ₹3 crore to them as salaries over two years, causing a loss to the exchequer.



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5. NIT 73/2022-23/EE/CD-V/Acs/ (ID No. 2022_IFC_229591_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 U/C. N.O.W.-: Construction of road and drain in Shakti Vihar Meethapur in Badarpur Constituency AC-53 (Regn No. 400). E.C. Rs. 2,06,24,747/- Earnest Money Rs 4,12,495/- Period of Completion 240 Days. (Date of opening 29.09.2022).

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8. NIT 76/2022-23/EE/CD-V/Acs/ (ID No. 2022_IFC_229599_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 U/C. N.O.W.-: Construction of road and drain in Lakhpat colony Part-I Meethapur Extension in Badarpur Constituency AC-53. E.C. Rs. 2,64,40,041/- Earnest Money Rs 5,28,801/- Period of Completion 270 Days. (Date of opening 29.09.2022).

9. NIT 77/2022-23/EE/CD-V/Acs/ (ID No. 2022_IFC_229601_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 U/C. N.O.W.-: Construction of road and drain in Hari Nagar Part-II D-Block in Badarpur constituency AC-53 (Regn No. 805). E.C. Rs. 1,49,00,247/- Earnest Money Rs 2,98,005/- Period of Completion 150 Days. (Date of opening 29.09.2022).

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DU launches phase two of its UG admissions process

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Delhi University launched the second phase of its admission process for undergraduate admissions on Monday. In phase two the applicants who successfully completed their application process in the earlier phase will mark their preferences for programmes + colleges on the Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) portal.

The university started admissions for its 70,000 seats earlier this month. The university said that applicants should first map their Common University Entrance Test (CUET) undergraduate subjects with the subjects that have passed in Class-XII Boards. After this, the students will be able to see their program-specific CUET scores, based on the CUET's normalized score, for all the programs in which they



Students at Delhi University on Monday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

are eligible. "These program-specific CUET scores will be auto-calculated and displayed on the dashboard of the candidate's portal," a statement issued by the university read.

Admission portal Applicants will then have to proceed to the "preference selection" and click on the "available preferences" tab which will display all the possible programmes + college combinations.

"The order of selection will also determine the preference order. It is advisable to choose the maximum number of preferences as adding/editing the programs and colleges after the deadline for the preference-filling phase will not be allowed," the university's statement added.

To help students fill their forms, the university will conduct a series of webinars between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. starting from Tuesday.

Pollution check: Minister asks DPCC to crack whip on unauthorised units

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) has been directed to take strict action against unauthorised industries with a view to curb air pollution, Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Monday.

"The winter action plan for this year is structured on 15 focus points. The DPCC has been directed to form teams for the plan as soon as possible," he said. The winter action plan is a set of directions for dif-

ferent departments to focus on reducing air pollution during the winter.

Mr. Rai directed DPCC officials to ensure that all construction and demolition projects larger than 500 square metres are registered on the C&D (construction and demolition) portal and to launch a special drive for it.

The Minister has also asked the DPCC to focus on controlling dust pollution, industrial pollution, upgradation of the green app and real-time source apportionment study.

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129 dengue cases in city over last week

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As many as 129 cases of dengue were reported from the city over the past week (till September 21), taking the total number of cases this year to 525, according to a civic report.

Out of the 129 cases, 72 were recorded in Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) governed areas, while 36 were marked under the 'untraced after investigation' category.

Explaining the term, a senior civic official said that in cases where an infected patient has been identified but the details and address of the patient are not properly registered, are marked as 'untraced after investigation'.

Of the total cases this year, 257 have been recorded in MCD-governed areas, while nearly half of the cases this year, 230, were marked 'untraced after investigation'.

According to a senior civic official, dengue cases are likely to increase in the coming week with over 300 suspected cases being investigated. However, some patients showing dengue-like symptoms are also from outside the Capital, the official added.

"The peak in dengue cases will be observed in October," the senior civic official also said.

Flight attendant raped in south Delhi flat, accused held

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A 34-year-old air hostess was allegedly raped by an acquaintance at south Delhi's Freedom Fighter Enclave, the police said on Monday.

The accused, Harjeet Yadav, 39, a political party's block president from Khanpur, has been arrested, they said. According to the police, they received a PCR call on Sunday from the victim who said she had been sexually assaulted and she had locked the accused in a room. A police team reached her flat and took the victim and the accused to the police station.

The victim said she has been in contact with the accused for the past one and a half months. She alleged that Yadav came to her flat in an inebriated state and raped her, DCP (south) Chandan Chowdhury said. A senior police officer said that the two live close by.

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DDA's renewed attempt to sell 8,500 flats in Narela sub-city

The LIG, EWS flats on offer in Narela have found few takers in the past; to attract homebuyers, the urban body has relaxed norms and is trying to augment connectivity, police presence in Narela

Muneef Khan
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) recently made another bid to dispose of its unsold inventory in Narela by offering over 8,500 flats in batches for the lower income group (LIG) and economically weaker section (EWS) nearly a fortnight ago.

In the first batch, 1,281 flats are on offer, whose sale is expected to fetch the urban body ₹196.90 crore in revenue. Of these, 870 flats have already been sold, say officials.

In order to attract homebuyers, the DDA is offering its flats on a "first-come-first-serve" basis through a "running" scheme, which means that it has no deadline. Moreover, the urban body has relaxed its norms for the allotment of EWS houses. The relaxation mainly involves doing away with the condition that the applicant's annual individual income should be less than ₹3 lakh.

However, there's a long way to go before DDA manages to attract enough attention to dispose of the first batch of its 8,500 flats, which itself is a fraction of the 50,000 unsold flats that the urban body has in Narela.

Officials whom The Hindu spoke to, spoke about



Relaunch bid: In the first batch, 1,281 DDA flats are on offer in Narela. FILE PHOTO

the issues ailing DDA's housing projects in Narela and the manner in which the urban body is trying to fix them.

Three big issues

According to a senior official, the DDA faces three major hurdles in the Narela sub-city - its poor image among homebuyers given that the flats have remained unsold despite being offered in multiple housing schemes, deficient connectivity with the other parts of the Capital and sparse deployment of the police.

"I feel that with the norms being relaxed, our scheme will get some traction. But some issues, in terms of its location and connectivity, may take lon-

ger to resolve. If it were only about the image of the area, we could have dealt with it. Perceptions can be changed. But it's a combination of both," said a senior DDA official.

Connecting sub-city

He added that the urban body is in talks with the Delhi Transport Corporation to chalk out a few bus routes closer to the housing pockets in Narela, to improve the area's connectivity.

At the moment, DTC operates two buses in two shifts from Narela pocket-G and Narela Sector-A1 to Central Secretariat. Moreover, to improve the police's presence in the area, the DDA has also allotted land to Delhi Police for

construction of 11 police stations in various sectors of the sub-city.

"Narela has been pitched on the lines of a sub-city that will come up in the future and large-scale development works are already underway. However, these works, and connectivity improvements such as the metro rail, will take time," said a second DDA official.

"Even in the case of Dwarka, homebuyers were initially not keen about purchasing houses. But if we look at it now, the picture is completely different. Similarly, Narela is a place which will appeal to homebuyers in the future. It will definitely find takers once the issues are sorted out," the official added.

JNU receives ₹28 crore from UGC, repair work to start soon

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jawaharlal Nehru University on Monday said it has been allocated ₹28 crore out of ₹56 crore promised to it by the University Grants Commission (UGC), to carry out structural repair and renovation and upgradation in academic, administrative, residential and other buildings on campus.

"The first instalment of ₹14 crore has been released," the university said in a statement on Monday, adding that the repair work will be carried out in

The renovation work will start after UGC's approval is received, the university said in a statement

two phases. Under phase one, structural repair works in Ganga, Kaveri and Periyar hostels will be carried out, along with a renovation of the dining hall, kitchen and toilets of Sabarmati Hostel.

"The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has been intimated. The repair work will start after we receive approval from the UGC," the

university statement added.

The need for upgrading infrastructure at the university has been a long-standing demand of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU), which has been highlighting the living conditions in hostels on social media. This year, a student was injured when the ceiling of a bathroom fell on him at the Sabarmati hostel.

The university also said that it will launch its admission portal for undergraduate admission through the Common University Entrance Test on Tuesday.

Jacqueline gets interim bail

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Monday granted interim bail to actor Jacqueline Fernandez in a ₹200 crore money laundering case involving alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekar. The court also sought a response from the ED on the regular bail plea of the actor who claimed to "herself a victim of circumstances."

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TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and zeal at DPS Rohini. A fun-filled cultural programme was organised by the school cabinet. From decorating the staff rooms to creating personalised caricatures for all the teachers, students expressed their love and respect by organising various events and games throughout the day. Principal, Ms. Kanika Sachdeva Govi, expressed her gratitude to all the teachers for their sincere efforts. The teachers were given a day off, as the senior students adopted the roles of teachers efficiently by organising numerous activities for their younger peers.

INVESTURE CEREMONY

The badge holders of Gyan Bharati School, Saket, were invested with the responsibility of taking their school to the heights they desire. This year marked the beginning of a new tradition where students from classes four and five were also appointed as Prefects (Junior) and Deputy Prefects (Junior) to instill the sense of responsibility at a younger age. All the student leaders pledged their sincere commitment to the school while also maximizing their own potential. The function was presided over by the school's Director, Ms. Lata Vaidyanathan and the Principal, Ms. Jyoti Saxena.

TEACHERS AWARD CEREMONY 2022

The pre-primary wing of Ahlcon International School hosted an Award Ceremony to felicitate and acknowledge leaders in education. CBSE Awardee, Ms. Sunanda S. Kumar who recently received the CBSE Honour for Excellence Award in Teaching and School Leadership 2021-22, was honoured for her outstanding contribution in enhancing the quality of teaching and learning. Mr. Sanjay Yadav, Principal, extended his heartiest wishes to all the winners for their exemplary work. Dr Ashok K. Pandey, Director, Ahlcon Group of Schools, felicitated all the awardees.

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Do not give space to communal forces: Stalin

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday called upon his party workers to remain careful and not to give any space for the "poisonous communal forces" that seek to get a foothold in the State by distorting and selectively quoting the speeches made by DMK office-bearers, Ministers, MLAs and MPs.

"Thanthai Periyar would say that one can fight with 1,000 honourable people, but not with one dishonourable person. We are under compulsion to fight with some parties that lack political ethics, integrity and honour," he said.

This follows the circulation of speeches of DMK Ministers and senior leaders on social media to create an impression that the government was against Dalits and Hinduism. "The forces try to take advantage of the situation to develop a base for themselves in Tamil Nadu. That is why they distort and selectively use the speeches to create confusion among the people," he said.

Mr. Stalin said while the media praised the DMK government for turning the attention of the nation to its achievements, some evil forces had been trying to bring a bad name to it. "We should continue our journey without giving any space to these poisonous forces. People have elected the DMK to power after a gap of 10 years. We are duty bound to work tirelessly to fulfil their expectations," he said.

Cong. for debate on 'burning issues' in Punjab Assembly

One-day session to be held today after Governor gave nod to convene the House after days of squabbling between Raj Bhavan and AAP govt.

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Ahead of the Punjab Assembly session on Tuesday, Leader of the Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa (Congress) has asked the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to utilise the session for discussing "burning issues" of the State.

Mr. Bajwa, in a letter to the Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan, requested him to include issues surrounding the Sutlej Yamuna Link canal (SYL) dispute with Haryana, sacrilege cases, including Bargari and Behal Kalan, "deteriorating" law and order situation in the State and AAP's guarantee of paying ₹1,000 to women above 18 years of age among others.

Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Sunday gave his nod to convene the House on September 27 after days of squabble between Raj Bhavan and the AAP government over holding the Assembly session.

The Governor's approval had come a day after the AAP government informed him about the issues to be taken up during the session.

The Bhagwant Mann-led government on Saturday had informed the Governor that issues like stubble burning, goods and services tax and power supply



The Bhagwant Mann government had announced that it would take up issues such as GST, stubble burning and power scenario in the Assembly session. PTI

It will be interesting to see whether the AAP govt. brings a confidence motion in the Assembly

would be discussed in the regular Assembly session on September 27.

The Governor was also informed that in addition, business on different issues as per notices received from the members may also be taken up during the session according to relevant provisions of the "rules of procedure and conduct of business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha".

It will be interesting to see whether the AAP government brings a confidence motion in the Assembly. Earlier, the Governor had withdrawn permission to hold a special session on September 22 when the AAP government wanted to bring only a confidence motion.

Congress leader Sukhpal Singh Khaira on Monday dubbed the one-day session a "joke" and said it should have been summoned to discuss burning issues like Sutlej Yamuna Link canal, sacrilege and crop damage due to untimely rains.

Shiromani Akali Dal leader Daljit Singh Cheema said the session should be held for more days to discuss the State's important issues including "corruption, illegal sand mining, deteriorating law and order and the excise policy".

There is no point in holding the session if AAP wants to enact a "drama" by bringing the confidence motion, said Mr. Cheema.

AAP had recently claimed that at least 10 of its MLAs were approached by the BJP with an offer of ₹25 crore each in a bid to topple the six-month-old government.

(With inputs from PTI)

Making a statement: Bihar Minister's candour leaves new govt. red-faced

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Bihar's new Agriculture Minister and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Sudhakar Singh, 46, is fast gaining a reputation for his candour and plain-speaking, with his headline-grabbing comments leaving the new Mahagathbandhan government red-faced on more than one occasion.

On Sunday, Mr. Singh created a stir after he advised farmers in his constituency to beat up with shoes the officials in his department who demand bribes. The Minister says he had made the comment after receiving several complaints about errand officials. Earlier, on September 13, he caused a major embarrassment to the JD (U)-RJD government by making a statement that officials in his department were thieves and hence he was the head of thieves



Sudhakar Singh (extreme left) with other Cabinet Ministers during the swearing-in ceremony in Patna. FILE PHOTO

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Later, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said he had questioned Mr. Singh over his statements at a Cabinet meeting, but he walked away without responding.

"Being a Minister I am not supposed to disclose what transpired in the Cabinet meeting, but the Chief Minister violated this code by revealing this incident to the media. I stand by what I said... I'm answerable only to the people

of my constituency and my party chief Lalu Prasad," he says.

Mr. Singh asks how can anyone stop an Agriculture Minister from raising the issues of farmers and that too "when 80% of our State's population is dependent on agriculture".

A Delhi University graduate, Mr. Singh is the son of State RJD chief Jagdanand Singh and a first-time MLA from Ramgarh in Kaimur district. Earlier, he was a

member of the BJP.

"The problem is that when you are in the Opposition, you keep raising people's problems. But once you become a part of the government, you get disconnected from the same people. I'm not going to let that happen. I'll keep raising the grievances of people whether anyone likes it or not," Mr. Singh told *The Hindu* over phone.

Addressing grievances

The Minister points out that the State has not had a grievance redressal mechanism for farmers for the past 17 years.

Mr. Singh says he visits his constituency every weekend and holds four to five meetings to hear out the grievances of people. "If they cannot expect me to solve their problems, where else will they go? It is my responsibility to hear their grievances and provide redressal," he says.

RSS doesn't decide for the government, says Hosabale

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

From the annual budget of the organisation to if it proactively condemns violence against other communities, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale fielded several questions from journalists working for foreign publications in India during an informal interaction in Delhi on Monday.

This was second physical meeting of top RSS func-

tionaries with a group of foreign correspondents in India. Chief Mohan Bhagwat attended the first such informal meeting in 2019.

A journalist who attended the Monday event quoted Mr. Hosabale as saying that in RSS all funds come from the people.

He also reportedly said that the organisation strongly condemns any kind of violence and that Muslims are not outsiders in Pakistan and Bangladesh have the same DNA.

There were moments of humour too. When a journalist pointed out that the government went ahead with the Air India sale despite the opposition of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, the RSS's labour wing, Mr. Hosabale reportedly retorted, "See, we told you, we don't decide for the government. We have been saying this forever." Asked about women's participation in the organisation, another attendee quoted him as saying that the RSS can't run without women.

Ex-Tripura CM bids adieu to Assembly

Syed Sajjad Ali
AGARTALA

Former Tripura Chief Minister and newly elected Rajya Sabha Member Biplob Kumar Deb, in a rare moment of cordiality, shook hands with MLA Sudip Roy Barman as he bid goodbye to the State Assembly on last day of the current session on Monday.

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Why encroach on rights of others: Bombay HC to Jains

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday asked Jains, seeking a ban on advertisements for meat and meat products in media, why they want to encroach on the rights of others.

A Division Bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice Madhav Jambdar was hearing a plea by three religious charitable trusts and one local resident seeking directions to authorities to frame guidelines to ban advertisement of non-vegetarian foods across print and electronic

media. They said their families are forced to watch such advertisements which is infringing upon their right to live peacefully.

The court said, "What about violation of Article 19 (right to freedom of speech and expression) of the Indian Constitution? Why are you (petitioners) seeking to encroach on others' rights? Have you read the Preamble of our Constitution? It makes certain promises. You are asking the High Court to order the State government to frame a rule, law or guidelines to ban something. It is for the legislature to say, not us."

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Film actor arrested for verbal abuse, released

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KOCHI

Malayalam cinema actor Sreenath Bhasi was arrested on Monday in Kochi on charge of abusing a woman anchor of a YouTube channel and the camera crew, during an interview held in connection with the promotion of his new movie.

The Maradu police arrested him as he arrived at the station along with his lawyer. A case had been registered on Friday based on a complaint by the anchor that Bhasi showered a volley of abuse at her and the camera crew, after he told them to switch off the cameras during the interview.

The police will decide whether to slap more charges on him after interrogation.

The CCTV visuals at the hotel where the interview was held and other evidence are being verified, police sources said.

Another clip of the actor abusing a radio jockey during an interview had recently become viral. He was released on bail from the police station.

President Murmu inaugurates Dasara festivities in Mysuru

Clad in an exclusively woven iconic Mysore silk sari, she made floral offerings to the deity of Chamundeshwari atop the Chamundi Hills and later in Dharwad, inaugurated the new campus of Indian Institute of Information Technology

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Dasara festivities and made floral offerings to the deity of Chamundeshwari atop Chamundi Hills in Mysuru on Monday. She was clad in the iconic Mysore silk sari that was exclusively woven for her in one of the country's oldest silk factories founded during the regime of Wadiyars. She was also presented with the traditional Mysore *peta*.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Murmu said Dasara festivities in Mysuru are



Auspicious beginning: President Droupadi Murmu showering flower petals on the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari atop the Chamundi Hills in Mysuru on Monday. M.A. SRIRAM

a celebration of Indian culture and tradition. She acknowledged the presence of the country's key spiritual centres in Karnataka, cit-

ing ancient sites of Jainism and Buddhism, the Sringeri math established by Adi Sankara, Sufi cultural practices in Kalaburagi, and

Anubhava Mantapa of 12th century social reformer Basavanna. She pointed out that Karnataka is also, at the same time, leading the

country in the field of Information Technology by bagging 53% of the total Foreign Direct Investment received by India in hardware and software during the financial year 2021-22 and added that the State also tops the country in the innovation index of Niti Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals India Index 2020-21.

Later, the President was offered *Poura Sammana* (civic honour) at Hubballi by the Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation and inaugurated the new campus of Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIT) in Dharwad.

10% EWS reservation is a fraud on Constitution, says Justice Chandru

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The 103rd Constitutional Amendment for the introduction of 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections was a fraud committed on the Constitution of India and could not be supported, said K. Chandru, former judge of the Madras High Court.

Delivering the Dakshayani Velayudhan memorial lecture at the National University of Advanced Le-



Sharing a lighter moment: Former judge of the Madras High Court K. Chandru with Minister P. Rajeev at NUALS in Kochi. R.K. NITHIN

gal Studies (NUALS), Kochi, on Monday, Mr. Chandru said the Indian

judiciary had become a roadblock to social justice. The 10% reservation

created a quota for the upper castes who have been dominating the social life for more than 20 centuries. It was vote bank politics, and a special reservation for higher castes was never contemplated in the original Constitution, he said. The income criterion introduced for getting benefits of reservation showed that not merely the underprivileged but even the reasonably affluent middle class categories would benefit, he said.

S.M. Krishna responding to treatment, says Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Karnataka Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, who has been admitted to Manipal Hospital here following acute respiratory tract infection, is responding well to treatment, according to Karnataka Health Minister K. Sudhakar.

The Minister said Mr. Krishna, who is undergoing treatment in the ICU, would be shifted to the ward in a day or two.

Rhyme and rhythm



Cultural fiesta: The Ernakulam District Tourism Promotion Council and Kochi Metro jointly organised an event at Marine Drive in Kochi on Monday to highlight Kerala's traditional art forms, in connection with the observance of World Tourism Day on Tuesday. H. VIBHU

Kerala turning into hotspot of terrorism, says Nadda

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Calling Kerala a hotspot of terrorism and fringe elements, BJP president J.P. Nadda on Monday accused the LDF government of extending tacit support to the people who indulge in violence.

He was speaking after inaugurating a convention of booth presidents in the capital as part of efforts to keep the party machinery ready for the upcoming elections.

"People of Kerala will be in danger because of the LDF government and its policies. The government is involved in corruption with the CMO coming within the ambit of the gold smuggling case," he said.

No let-up in protests against West Bengal recruitment scam amid Puja festivities

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

There has been no let up in the protests by jobseekers demanding placement in State-run schools even as Durga Puja festivities are on full swing in the State.

Protests were held at various places in the city and protesters going towards Raj Bhawan were detained.

Protests were held at various other places, including near Gandhi statue where job-seekers have been organising sit-in demonstrations for 561 days. At Matangini Hazra statue in Esplanade, the protests have reached Day 40. A section of protesters also

Jobseekers vow to keep up protests till the State government hands them appointment letters

held demonstrations outside the office of the Public Service Commission.

"There is no festival for us," a protester said, emphasising that they will stop their protests only after the State government hands them an appointment letter.

Ever since the West Bengal School Service recruitment scam came to fore with the arrest of former Minister Partha Chatterjee

in July this year, the protesters have gathered pace. Despite attempts by the State government and even Trinamool Congress, when party general secretary Abhishek Banerjee met the protesters, there has been no breakthrough. A section of protesters on Monday also met officials of the Education Department.

Education Minister Brajya Basu urged the jobseekers to drop the protest. "Don't bring out any rallies, keep faith in Mamata Banerjee," Mr. Basu said. However, he also clarified that he cannot give a deadline as to when the recruitment process will be completed.

N.T. Rama Rao's wife justifies renaming of varsity in A.P.

The Hindu Bureau
GUNTUR

N. Lakshmi Parvathi, Telugu Academy Chairperson and wife of former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao, has clarified that the decision to change the name of the NTR University of Health Sciences (NTRUHS) to Dr. YSR University of Health Sciences was not born out of jealousy or revenge toward NTR.

"If I am given a choice to decide whether to name a historic district like Krishna after NTR or a university, I will choose the former. Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has shown his magnanimity in nam-



Lakshmi Parvathi

ing Krishna district as NTR District. I see no wrong in renaming the NTRUHS as Dr. YSR University of Health Sciences. In fact, NTR Junior [the actor], gave a wonderful statement on this issue, showing his maturity," she said.

Ms. Lakshmi Parvathi also launched a broadside against TDP national president N. Chandrababu Naidu, *Eenadu* daily newspaper chairman Ch. Ramoji Rao and Andhra Jyothi chairman Vemuri Radha Krishna, holding them responsible for NTR's death.

"The media projected the illegal episode of Mr. Naidu forcibly taking over the party as a 'transition of power', and portrayed Nandendla Bhaskar Rao as a villain. Mr. Naidu and his friendly media houses were responsible for the death of NTR. A day will come when they will be punished for their cruelty," she added.

SC directs Bombay HC to hear bail petition of former Minister Anil Deshmukh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday expressed displeasure over the delay in hearing the bail petition of Maharashtra's former Home Minister Anil Deshmukh, who was arrested in connection with a money laundering case, and directed the Bombay High Court to hear and decide his case expeditiously.

"We issue a direction and permit the petitioner to apply before the learned judge, to whom the case has been assigned, tomor-



Anil Deshmukh

row. The application shall be taken for hearing during the course of this week and decided expeditiously," a Bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Hima Kohli ordered.

The Bench noted that the bail plea of the former

Minister has been pending since March 21. It said every accused has a legitimate expectation that his plea for bail would be disposed of at an early date.

At the outset, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for 73-year-old Deshmukh, submitted that the hearing on the bail plea is being deferred and sought interim bail.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Enforcement Directorate, opposed the interim bail petition and said the top court should not pass any such order.

Election Commission to review Gujarat poll preparedness

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

A team of officials of Election Commission of India, led by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, arrived on a two-day visit to review poll preparedness in Gujarat that goes to Assembly election in two months.

On Monday, the commission held a meeting with all District Election Officers and law enforcement officials. Representatives of the Congress and the BJP also met the team.

"The Commission is reviewing poll preparedness

with district officials, enforcement agencies and would be meeting Chief Secretary and DGP tomorrow. The Commission announces poll schedule after taking a holistic review of logistics and preparations," the ECI posted on its Twitter handle after the meeting.

According to sources, the CEC Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey held meeting with DEOs/SPs/Range IGS/DIGs to review preparedness for smooth conduct of the forthcoming Assembly elections in the State.



Home and abroad

If India is to unite polarised nations, it must bring divisive forces under control

Delivering India's statement at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) this year, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke of several challenges in India's past, present and future, with a special emphasis on the immediate "shocks" arising from the war in Ukraine, the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and terrorism. In stark contrast to the Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who made pejorative remarks about India, Mr. Jaishankar made no direct comment on Pakistan. Nor did he directly mention India's challenges at the Line of Actual Control, although he criticised China's habit of politicising and blocking UN Security Council terrorist designations. His comments on Ukraine were watched, as they came days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi was lauded by western countries for telling Russian President Vladimir Putin that the "era of war is over". Mr. Jaishankar expanded on Mr. Modi's theme without seeming to either criticise Russia or condone its actions: instead, he said, India stands on the side of peace, of respect for the UN charter, dialogue and diplomacy, and with all those now grappling with the "escalating costs of food, of fuel and fertilizers". His words were even-handed, and require global stakeholders to consider both the risks from the conflict in Ukraine, and from U.S.-EU led sanctions that could exacerbate global economic fragmentation and inflationary trends. The prognosis seems even bleaker, given that just prior to the UNGA, Mr. Putin delivered a speech committing to Russia's ability to use "all weapons", indicating nuclear options, while the Ukrainian President said no dialogue could bring an end to the war, calling instead for more weaponry and a global effort to "punish" Russia.

Above all, Mr. Jaishankar hailed what he called the "New India" under Mr. Modi, spelling out five pledges made at the 75th Independence day anniversary, which includes making India a developed nation by 2047. He added that India is ready to take on enhanced responsibility at the global body, and called for a reformed UN with an expanded Security Council, as a means at righting the "injustice" done to the global south. The year ahead, where India will host the G-20 summit, will, no doubt, test the will and the ability of the Modi government to play the role of global uniter, and what Mr. Jaishankar called a "bridge" between nations polarised by bitter divides. It is a goal which will only be achievable if New Delhi is able to play a similarly uniting role in its own neighbourhood, and bring polarising and divisive forces within India under control.

A world bereft of an inclusive global community of trust is upon us. Racial genocides through history, blatant fascist leanings of the so-called "democracies", and escalating hunger and disease in Africa and other parts of the under-developed world give enough evidence that democracy faces serious issues of populism, growing economic discrimination, overpopulation and environmental degradation. Misgivings about moral progress, about mutual understanding, exacerbate the dismal situation that faces humanity.

Emerging voices

And though there is a lot of rage to go around, we also share hope for a better world and a commitment to bringing it into existence through those who dream and work and think deeply to subvert any kind of state repression underpinned by violence and the manufacturing of fear. Aware that the odds are pulling us fast towards a cataclysm, these "dreamers" are ready to act against the increasing injustices of democracies gone astray. Their voices have already begun to resound and reinforce each other in unison of emancipatory struggle for the reinvention of democracy and its beleaguered institutions. As Slavoj Zizek, the European philosopher, argues, their watchword is: "We are the ones we are waiting for", which apparently does not have connotations of "agents predestined by fate to perform the task" but that there is "no big Other to rely upon". What alone can prevent the inexorable march of history towards the "apocalypse", writes Zizek, is "pure voluntarism".

The motivation is to oppose the tyranny of the state through the understanding of the workings of unilateral majoritarian power and control. In this context, people must believe in the fact that though demonstrations and strikes have always been put down, they nevertheless advance the cause of progressive movements. The Congress



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With a crisis of representation, tottering democracies can be brought to life with the crucial role of referendum or direct democracy

party in India, for instance, has nothing much to write home about, but the Bharat Jodo Yatra initiated by Rahul Gandhi is a way of reaching out to the people to make them see the grim reality facing the nation.

The pressure on the Government already exists, but it needs to grow. At a public gathering in honour of Gauri Lankesh, Arundhati Roy spoke on the death of democracy and argued: "The question we have to ask ourselves is, what is it that brought us to a situation where people who are oppressed, people who have no employment, people who are suffering deeply, are voting for further hellishness upon themselves. What has made people believe in propaganda more than the reality of their experience..." in and outside their homes? Understandably, democracy is more in crisis than ever before, with the onset of centralisation of power, with a foreign policy defying public opinion, with the media centralised, and with corporate control of the economy tighter than ever. It is our responsibility to publicise the anti-democratic actions of the state as much as we can because the political leaders will not do it.

There may be a new, threatening world order emerging, which seeks to abrogate all individual rights and divide us along the extremist polarities that we thought had been neutralised. We move into this new stage of conflict carrying the risk of a nuclear tragedy, further exacerbated by the collective buttressing of a global crisis of the novel coronavirus pandemic, uncontrollable ecological disasters, and food and water deficiency. With the crisis of representation before us, tottering democracies across the globe can be brought to life with the crucial role of referendum or direct democracy, thereby defusing social, economic and political tensions and putting power back in the hands of the people. Alternatively, the peoples of the world have to be led by wise and informed leaders. Or else the human race shall go extinct.

Paradoxically, the brighter side of totalitarian politics, according to Zizek, is the apparent provocation of great intellectual outrage by thinkers who examine history from the perspective of the overwhelming anti-human or repressive movements. Undeniably, it is a daring effort close to the ferocious thought of Hannah Arendt in its reconciliation with the true nature of 'evil' and its genealogical underpinnings that draw us towards inherent positive motivations. One such motivation has been the "2022 Resilient Democracies Statement" – signed recently by the G7 and four invited guests – conscious of the decline in the institution of democracy. The idea behind the document is to tell the errant

democracies of the world to "guard the freedom of expression and opinion, an affirmation of commitment to the very idea of democracy and a move towards opposing oppression and violence". Our ability to build a global self-governing ideal or what Tennyson dreamt of, "the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World" can rekindle a new energy at every step that we fail. It is here that democratic institutions will facilitate the defence of our fundamental rights and the promotion of a civil society.

On rights for all

Clearly, we have hit a bottleneck in the efforts to achieve rights for all. Theoretically, it may seem to be the right step to prioritise universal legal and moral norms through public dishonouring of the guilty, but in fact, rights prevail only when they become relevant to the needs of the local communities especially through addressing important concerns such as impunity for atrocities, predicaments of free speech in the age of social media, ingrained exploitations of women's rights, and violence against the marginalised. As B.R. Ambedkar in 1949 explained, "...political democracy cannot last unless it lies at the base of its social democracy... in politics we will have equality and in social and economic life we will have inequality... We must remove this contradiction at the earliest possible moment..."

Global transformist thought in the areas of social justice, universal human rights, rule of law, global anti-war movements and transnational amity remains an aspiration and a motivating dynamism behind all liberatory movements. The ruling elite must come to grips with the notion that "true ideas are imperishable and come back to life particularly at moments of their demise", something that is so apparent, for example, in the birth of 'radicality' at the juncture of the demise of Marxism.

And if our dreams fail, others must take their place. We as humans at the mercy of human and natural disasters can only individually respond to bringing meaning to senselessness, or reason to madness. As Howard Zinn says, "To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness." It is the power of the people to act directly, stand up collectively before the state apparatus in the hope that they would overcome the challenges facing humanity. History indeed is unpredictable and sometimes manifestly volatile to take our destiny in an entirely another direction from the veniality and brutality of governments.



GETTY IMAGES

Turning inward

In Europe, far-right is tapping into public disgruntlement with the establishment

Sunday's parliamentary elections in Italy were seen as the first major test of Europe's resolve to keep the anti-establishment far-right away from power amid a devastating cost-of-living crisis and rocketing energy prices aggravated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the West's retaliatory sanctions on Moscow. However, the results, which saw Giorgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy emerging as the biggest vote getter, underscored the trend in the continent where far-right parties are on the rise, channeling growing public disgruntlement with the establishment. In the French presidential election in April, Marine Le Pen secured some 41.5% vote, the far-right's best post-War performance in the country. In the Swedish general election earlier this month, the government of Social Democratic Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson was voted out and the far-right Sweden Democrats emerged as the second largest party. And in Italy, a party with neo-fascist origins is going to form the next government, which would be the country's farthest right administration since the fall of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini in 1945. When most of the votes were counted, the Brothers of Italy won some 26% vote in both Houses of Parliament. Ms. Meloni's coalition, which includes Matteo Salvini's League and Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia, has secured some 44% of votes.

The Brothers of Italy has been known for its anti-immigrant, hard nationalist, protectionist, Eurosceptic views. Ms. Meloni, who took over the reins in 2014, toned down its neo-fascist roots and embraced a more acceptable version of populism – a cocktail of social conservatism and economic welfarism. Her decision not to join Mario Draghi's outgoing technocratic government also seemed to have helped her turn around the party's prospects. While most key parties, from the Left to the Right, supported Mr. Draghi's pro-business, pro-Brussels government in the name of stability, the Brothers of Italy remained the only opposition party. And when the cost-of-living crisis and internal divisions hit the Draghi administration and the country slid into another election, she stood to gain the most. The road ahead is not going to be easy given Italy's economic problems, divisions within her coalition and foreign policy challenges, including Ukraine. But the rise of the Brothers should set alarm bells ringing across European capitals. More European countries could fall into recession. The energy crisis is expected to be worse during winter and there is no end in sight to the Ukraine war. If Europe's establishment parties and governments fail to check the looming economic troubles and address growing discontent, the far-right will continue to exploit the political momentum.

Earlier this month, the Dhuladhar ranges in the Himalayas were the setting for a gathering of State Tourism Ministers – a first-of-its-kind meeting to discuss, debate and deliberate on modes and mechanisms to develop tourism in India.

The Ministers brainstormed for three days, co-developing 'The Dharamshala Declaration' by drawing inspiration from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Whole of Government' approach, which enables the breaking down of silos and encouraging synergies across various government corridors.

On the occasion of World Tourism Day (it is held on September 27), I am happy to share this collective vision. 'The Dharamshala Declaration' aims to recognise India's role in contributing towards global tourism as well as focusing on recovery by also promoting domestic tourism – which has been overlooked for long. In his Independence Day speech in 2019, Mr. Modi urged every Indian who could afford to travel, to visit at least 15 locations in India by 2022 and discover the country. However, COVID-19 made this vision a challenge.

In the declaration, the Tourism Ministry has come up with a strategy and action plan to encourage more Indians to travel domestically and explore India's natural, cultural, and spiritual beauty while simultaneously reaching the goal of an 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' (interaction and mutual understanding). In parallel, the Ministry has also been working with the Ministry of External Affairs to identify 20 Indian missions abroad with the highest tourist footfalls to India and build country-specific strategies to attract foreign tourists.

Rethinking and reimagining tourism

Tourism has been one of the sectors severely affected by COVID-19. The Government of India's Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme was recently enhanced by ₹50,000 crore, from ₹4.5



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The Dharamshala Declaration aims to recognise India's potential in supporting global tourism and also promote domestic tourism

lakh crore to ₹5 lakh crore to benefit enterprises in hospitality and related sectors such as hotels and restaurants, marriage halls, travel agents, tour operators, adventure and heritage facilities. The pandemic has also given us the time to reset and rethink the way forward for tourism in India. The Ministry of Tourism, after wide-ranging consultations, has prepared a draft National Tourism Policy 2022, which aims at improving the framework conditions for tourism development in the country, supporting tourism industries, strengthening tourism support functions and developing tourism sub-sectors.

The guiding principles include promoting sustainable, responsible and inclusive tourism in line with our civilisational ethos. From Gautama to Gandhi, India has always spoken about the inherent need to live harmoniously with nature and within our means. The National Green Tourism Mission aims at institutionalising this approach.

The National Tourism policy also aims to give impetus to digitalisation, innovation and technology through the National Digital Tourism Mission and skilling through the Tourism and Hospitality Sector Skill Mission. The policy also gives a special impetus to private sector participation through public-private-partnerships (PPP). After 2002, this has been the first such attempt to bring forth a transformative tourism policy. Once the new policy is ratified, the Ministry would have a new set of tools and frameworks that are required to execute on the vision and goals we have set for ourselves.

Potential during the G20 presidency

The country has an opportunity to position itself as a major tourism destination during India's presidency of the G20 (December 2022–November 2023). India's age-old dictum of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' will come to the fore as it welcomes delegates from the 20 countries/European Union. Delegates include personnel from the central

banks and finance ministries of the G20 countries, close to 15 working groups ranging from anti-corruption and agriculture to health, culture and tourism and foreign ministers, and other ministerial meetings. All these tracks would mean that India will be hosting close to 200 meetings.

Even as the final list of cities is being finalised based on a set of transparent criteria such as conference infrastructure, accommodation availability, rankings in Swachh Bharat and other parameters, close to 35 cities with this potential have already been identified. During this time, the plan is to ensure due rigour, dedication and showcase the country's cultural richness while welcoming the world to India. The Ministry of Tourism also plans to work with other Ministries to bring in necessary interventions such as visa reforms, ease of travel, traveller-friendly and improved immigration facilities at airports.

The goals

Over the past few months, all the major tourism indices such as domestic air passenger traffic, hotel occupancy and tourist footfalls have shown signs of recovery and are going back to pre-pandemic levels. By mid-2024, we would be at pre-pandemic levels, with India achieving \$150 billion as GDP contribution from tourism and \$30 billion in foreign exchange earnings with 15 million foreign tourist arrivals.

By 2030, India is estimated to grow at 7%-9% compounded annual growth rate and we expect the enabling policy framework to bring in \$250 billion in GDP contribution from tourism, 140 million jobs in the tourism sector and \$56 billion in foreign exchange earnings with more than 25 million foreign arrivals.

The Ministry is committed to delivering on these goals to ensure the positioning of India as one of the world's best tourism destinations by 2047. World Tourism Day, therefore, is an appropriate day to renew this pledge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Congress' woes

The political tussle in the Congress in Rajasthan has cast its dark shadow on the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra so to speak (Page 1, September 26).

It probably signals the end of the Gandhi triads' vice-like grip over the party. Like it or lump it, the Congress must learn to respect the fact that only regional satraps rule the roost politically in India. It also appears that the high command has clearly bungled

affairs in Rajasthan, as it did earlier in Punjab.
S. Sanjeevi Rao,
Puducherry

The party high command's strategy to kill two birds with one stone is a move that has without doubt gone terribly wrong.

The timing of the crisis, in which Mr. Gehlot is in the centre of the storm, does not bode well for the party.

N. Sadhasiva Reddy,
Bengaluru

Violent front

The ideology of the Popular Front of India appears to be terror. Also, democracy gives people the right to dissent/protest, not destroy. Growing radicalism is a threat to the pluralism of religions and communal harmony.

Thomas Philip,
Chennai

New look

In the new design of *The Hindu*, content on the Editorial and Opinion pages

has been reduced. Increased font size is one reason. There are also empty white spaces, earmarked for a description of the writer, which could have been avoided. Articles published in the Editorial and Opinion

pages have been very useful for readers. It would have been better had the old design been retained – or is restored – for these pages as they had more content.

K. Midhun Kumar,
Avinashi, Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu

Corrections & Clarifications

Late correction: A sentence in the report headlined "Insurgency down in north-east, Army shifts to LAC" (September 19, 2022) erroneously read: "NSCN (Ky) is active in Longding, Tirap and Changling districts of Nagaland." It should have been Arunachal Pradesh.

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Samarkand: a miniature of an emerging world

That the world is in a state of flux – with all its complexities, hopes, aspirations and fears, but unable to embrace new realities – was in evidence in the historic city of Samarkand during the summit (September 15-16) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) when key world leaders groped in the dark for an ideal world order.

The realities they faced were mind-boggling even without their traditional rivals breathing down their necks. Russia was clearly in the dock for its invasion of Ukraine, but the former Soviet Republics were not in a position to call a spade a spade. China was vulnerable because of the deal it had struck with Russia on Taiwan in return for a pledge to support Russia in its war with Ukraine. China appears to have made up its mind that its future lies with Russia as it does not see itself becoming a partner of the U.S. The U.S. seems to have chosen to be with democratic countries in its eventual return to centre stage. The emergence of a Red Quad may well be a possibility to counter democratic forces in the Indo-Pacific. The U.S.'s decision to modernise the Pakistani air force may be to preempt Pakistan from becoming a closer ally of China.

India's message to Russia India had both its biggest adversaries on the table but was not on talking terms with them on account of a conspiracy of circumstances. Ironically, India, with its special historic bonds with Russia, was the only country to demand a cessation of hostilities and want diplomacy and democracy. India bluntly told Russia that this was not the time for war and that the war must stop because of the immense challenges it had posed to the world. India spoke about the oil crisis and the looming food scarcity, the disruption of supply chains and transit trade access. The war had to stop to avert a disaster.



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With key world leaders groping in the dark for an ideal world order, the SCO summit was a demonstration of where India should stand right now

Russian President Vladimir Putin got away by saying that he understood India's concerns over the war in Ukraine, promising to try and end the conflict, but blaming the Ukrainian government for prolonging the crisis. He indicated that he was in no hurry to end the war. India has the best of relations with Russia, but the exchange pointed to the future when Russia would be an adversary of India together with China. India appeared to be the spokesperson of the conscience of mankind, which wanted the war to end.

India's real business should have been with China, which had violated every bilateral agreement and occupied territories across the Line of Actual Control. Chinese President Xi Jinping was there dictating to the world what kind of new world order must be shaped, and India was silent. The latest disengagement in Ladakh was supposed to have facilitated a thaw in the situation, making it possible for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the SCO, but each side was perhaps waiting for the other to blink.

India had much to say about Pakistan too when a new Pakistani leader was there, and with no sign of regret over the perpetration of terrorism. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif claimed that he had discussed Kashmir with the Chinese President and received an assurance of support, though China made no such statement on Kashmir. The only point that Mr. Modi made was that Pakistan should give India transit trade

access by land to Afghanistan and Central Asia. China and Russia had good words to say about India when they welcomed India's Chairmanship of the SCO and extended their support, which was nothing but a formality. It is impossible to predict the state of the SCO if the war persists and the world reaches an economic crisis.

India's position at the summit turned out to be one of questioning Russia on the continuation of the war, which may have positioned India on the right side of history in a world order divided between democracies and autocracies. Clearly, India cannot be with China or Russia in the new dispensation. India made this clear at the SCO summit.

A dress rehearsal

The Samarkand summit presented, in miniature, the world that may emerge in the future and demonstrated to us where we should stand right now. The Quad may well be the forum that will enable India to protect its interests in the Indo-Pacific, and the SCO may have been a dress rehearsal for what may eventually emerge. As Chairman of SCO, India cannot transform it from within, because a China-Russia-Iran-Pakistan axis will dominate it. India should concentrate on cultivating bilateral relations with democratic nations to build a pole for itself in the new world order.

The ripples of the events in Samarkand became evident in the United Nations General Assembly at its present session when both the U.S. and Russia declared for the first time that they would favour an expansion of the UNSC to make it more effective. U.S. President Joe Biden indicated his readiness to accept an expansion while Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov specifically supported India being a permanent member. An effort is on to move with the times and meet the aspirations of developing countries and thus help shape a new world order.



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The sorry state of the Telangana archives

Narasimha Rao's observations are relevant for the present government

STATE OF PLAY

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The history of the former princely State of Hyderabad's liberation/annexation/integration into the Indian union was fervently discussed and debated as September 17, Hyderabad Liberation Day, drew close. It was no surprise that these debates were deeply political. Around the same time, the Telangana State Archives and Research Institute (TSARI) signed an MoU with the Noor International Microfilm Center (NIMC). The Delhi-based, Iranian government-backed NIMC will repair, conserve, digitise and catalogue Urdu and Persian historical manuscripts and documents. This could provide greater access to primary sources of history and encourage a more nuanced understanding and writing of the events that unfolded in the erstwhile State of Hyderabad and its merger into independent India.

But the TSARI is home to much more than just records from the Asaf Jahi period. It also contains documents from the Vijayanagara empire, the Bahmani Sultanate, the Deccan Sultanates, and the Mughal period. Former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao said these are of "permanent value."

TSARI has its origins in the Daftar-e-Diwani of the Asaf Jahi dynasty, notes former head of the State Archives M.V.S. Prasad Rao. The Daftar-e-Diwani is said to have been under the administration of the Rai Rayan family. The allied Daftar-e-Istifa, for a fee, copied original documents such as the sanads (documents recording cash and land grants) of the subas (provinces) of the Deccan and

stored them in its repository. In the 1860s, Prime Minister Salar Jung I greatly reduced the role of the Daftar-e-Diwani, limiting it to handing out sanads to the people or subjects. The 1890s saw the appointment of a superintendent who was entrusted with preserving and cataloguing records, thus formalising the archives and turning it into a directorate.

Cut to 1965, the State Archives in undivided Andhra Pradesh moved to Osmania University, its current location, and was inaugurated by then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. Today, the TSARI has 43 million documents, some of which are from 1,406 CE. It has 20 lakh certificates of marriage dating back to 1,739 CE, gazette notifications from 1,869 CE onwards, and firmans (royal edicts). There are a staggering 1.55 lakh documents from the Mughal period. Catalogues show that there are scores of documents from Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's time.

Acute neglect

While the sheer number of folios and their antiquity are impressive, the TSARI suffers from acute neglect. Since 2015, little resources and effort have been put into cataloguing documents. To complicate matters of preservation further, a majority of these documents are still stored using an old system of documentation called the basta system. This leaves them more vulnerable to the vagaries of weather, time, and termites. While efforts to make

this change are under way, a full shift to the more efficient and protective compactor system is awaited.

The TSARI has not seen meaningful budgetary allocations, except for salaries and similar expenses. No allocation was made from FY2016-2017 to FY 2020-21 for projects. Only ₹4.6 lakh was given in the next fiscal year. After reports were published in this newspaper, ₹1 crore was sanctioned earlier this year for digitisation, descriptive cataloguing, a document management system, a digital library and a website. Although slow, work is in progress.

It is here that Narasimha Rao's comments on the archives are relevant. Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao in 2020 described former Prime Minister Rao as a reformist who changed Telangana's landscape and created a "global India". The government could also heed former Prime Minister Rao's opinion of the archives. In 1980, Rao, who was then Minister of External Affairs, wrote: "I have been personally aware of the important and valuable work being done by the Andhra Pradesh State Archives Department ever since I was Education Minister of Andhra Pradesh (1967-71), and later Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh (1971-73). I have always felt that the specialised work of the Archives Department needs to be properly recognised and also reflected in the budgetary provisions that we make for this important function of archives-keeping."

The archives cannot be arbiters of truth; it is scholars and academics who interpret records and the public which reads these interpretations. The government must heed Rao's observation and leave no stone unturned in preserving precious historical documents.

Virat Kohli's prolonged 'century drought' is no exception

Cricket's greatest players have suffered agonisingly long dry spells, some longer than Kohli's

DATA POINT

Vignesh Radhakrishnan

On September 8, Virat Kohli scored a century against Afghanistan, 1,021 days after his previous hundred. The long dry spell was often used as an example by his critics of a slump in his batting form, though his captain Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid pooh-poohed these claims.

"With Virat, people get a little bit obsessed with his statistics and his numbers. For us, it's not really about that," Dravid had said just days before Kohli's recent century. In February, Sharma had defended Kohli saying his form was not a matter of concern for the team management. "It's a different matter that he did get a hundred, but in the series against South Africa, he scored two half-centuries. I don't think there is anything wrong," he said.

No one knows better about prolonged spells of 'century droughts' than Sharma himself. After scoring two consecutive hundreds in 2010 – the first two centuries in his career – Sharma did not score another century for 1,235 days, which is over 200 days more than Kohli's latest dry spell. Sharma also had another slump. His 14th century came over 500 days after his 13th century. However, he now holds 41 hundreds across formats.

Data show that even the game's greats have struggled with such gaps between two centuries. **Table 1** lists the widest gaps in terms of days between two consecutive centuries across all formats of the game among select batsmen. The table only lists the widest gap between two centuries in a batsman's career. For instance, Sri Lanka's ace batsman, Arjuna Ranatunga, scored his third century 2,340 days after his second. For the World Cup-winning former Australian captain Steve Waugh, the gap between his third and fourth century was 1,113 days. The table lists

at least 23 other batsmen who have had a wider gap between two centuries than Kohli. The number of such players may actually be much higher as this is a conservative list, with players cherry-picked based on their career statistics.

Table 2 lists the highest number of days that have passed between two centuries across all formats of the game among select Indian batsmen. For instance, Yuvraj Singh's final hundred came 2,132 days after his penultimate century. Sunil Gavaskar took 1,150 days to score his fifth century. At least eleven Indian players – including former skipper M.S. Dhoni and Mohammad Azharuddin – had wider gaps between two hundreds in their careers than Kohli.

There are some interesting exceptions. The fabulous four – Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly and V.V.S. Laxman – did not have gaps that exceeded Kohli's at any point of time in their careers. But even among them, there were times when the gap between two centuries exceeded 500 days.

However, it is more important to note at what point of time in their careers these stalwarts had such 'century droughts'. In the vertical axis, **Graph 3** shows the number of days between two centuries among select batsmen. The higher a bar, the wider the gap between two hundreds. In the horizontal axis, the graph shows the number of centuries scored. For instance, Tendulkar scored a 100 centuries and so there are 100 bars, while Kohli has 71 bars corresponding with his 71 hundreds.

The graph indicates that some players such as Matthew Hayden and Shivnarine Chanderpaul had the widest gaps in their early career. Vivian Richards, Clive Lloyd and Geoffrey Boycott had their widest gaps at the end of their careers. Kohli can breathe easy, for he is in stellar company.

Don't mind the gap

The tables and graph show the gap (in days) between two centuries among select batsmen. The list only includes players who have scored at least one ODI or one T20 century. However when calculating the gap, centuries across all the three formats were considered. Both the tables only include select players. The data was sourced from Cricinfo

Table 1: The table lists the highest number of days taken between two centuries across all formats of the game among select batsmen. The table only lists the widest gap between two such marks in a batsman's career

Player	Gap
MW Gatting (ENG)	2,730
A Ranatunga (SL)	2,340
Shoaib Malik (PAK)	2,068
Ijaz Ahmed (PAK)	1,713
Shahid Afridi (PAK)	1,606
CH Lloyd (WI)	1,582
ML Hayden (AUS)	1,494
TM Dilshan (SL)	1,475
MV Boucher (SA)	1,468
AR Border (AUS)	1,446
DS Lehmann (AUS)	1,348
SP Fleming (NZ)	1,283
WJ Cronje (SA)	1,237
GA Gooch (ENG)	1,235
G Boycott (ENG)	1,216
S Chanderpaul (WI)	1,173
MA Atherton (ENG)	1,168
MJ Guptill (NZ)	1,143
SR Waugh (AUS)	1,113
BB McCullum (NZ)	1,059
CL Hooper (WI)	1,049
DL Haynes (WI)	1,043
IVA Richards (WI)	1,031
V Kohli (INDIA)	1,021

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Player	Gap
M Prabhakar	2,775
Yuvraj Singh	2,132
SK Raina	1,493
M Amarnath	1,407
RG Sharma	1,235
AT Rayudu	1,207
MS Dhoni	1,188
N Kapil Dev	1,188
SM Gavaskar	1,150
M Kaif	1,084
M Azharuddin	1,023
V Kohli	1,021
A Jadeja	1,012
VG Kambli	945
DB Vengsarkar	919
RR Pant	791
NS Sidhu	779
RJ Shastri	776
AM Rahane	749
SV Manjrekar	713
SS Iyer	659
SC Ganguly	649
KL Rahul	564
G Gambhir	552
KM Jadhav	551
VVS Laxman	538
SR Tendulkar	511

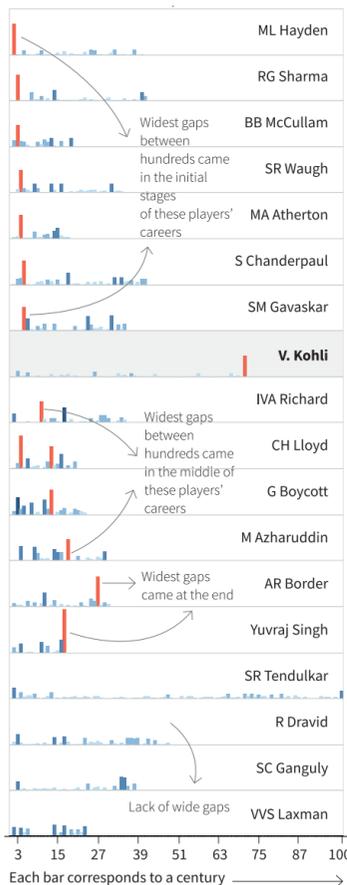


Graph 3: In the graph, the higher a bar, the more the days taken to score a hundred. Bars on the far left indicate the initial part of a player's career. Each bar corresponds to a century

Gap between centuries

- 6 months or less
- 6 months to 1 year
- 1 to 2 years
- 2 years to 1,000 days
- >=1,000 days

Vivian Richards, Clive Lloyd and Geoffrey Boycott had their widest gaps between centuries mid-career



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 27, 1972

India resents ICRC taking sides on political issues

New Delhi, Sept. 26: India has warned the International Committee of the Red Cross that taking sides on political issues would affect its capacity for discharge of its humanitarian duties. The warning followed a statement by the ICRC spokesman, Mr. Alain Modoux that India was continuing to turn a deaf ear to pleas by the International Committee of the Red Cross for the release of the 500 to 1,000 sick or wounded Pakistani soldiers captured during the fighting in Bangladesh. An official spokesman said to-day "it is a pity that the ICRC which is a humanitarian organisation and which is expected to discharge its humanitarian functions objectively and impartially has seen fit to take side on political issues." The spokesman described the ICRC statement as "vague, somewhat incomprehensible and biased" and said it was "unfortunate" that the spokesman had come out with such a statement on the question of prisoners of war and civilian internees in India. Pointing out that India had already repatriated 299 sick and wounded prisoners of war and had decided to release another 123, the spokesman said that in these circumstances the ICRC statement "is factually incorrect". In fact the Government of India had suggested that these prisoners of war be repatriated to Pakistan on September 28. No response has so far been received from the ICRC.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 27, 1922

Season telegram

For the Week ending 23rd September 1922: Rainfall heavy, South Kanara and Cochin moderate Agency, Ganjam, Vizagapatnam and Malabar; fair, Ramnad, Travancore and the Nilgiris; light or nil elsewhere. Practically rainless week. Rainfall to-date generally below average except West Coast. Transplanting of paddy mainly in Chingleput, South Arcot and Tanjore and sowing of dry crops mainly in the Central districts proceeding. Sowings to-date much restricted in the Deccan. Standing crops fair, but dry crops in parts of 8 districts fading. Harvested paddy on the West Coast; out turn bumper cholam, cumbu, ragi and gingelly in parts, fair. Irrigation water is deficient in parts except West Coast.

Text & Context

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Freedom of speech affected, says Twitter in petition against govt

60 The percentage of innocuous tweets the Central government asked Twitter to block, according to the petition filed by the microblogging platform against the Central government's orders. Twitter challenged the orders on grounds of violation of freedom of speech and the authorities not issuing notice to the alleged violators. PTI

Afghan minorities flown to India as part of repatriation

55 The number of Afghan Sikhs and Hindus to reach Delhi, after the Ministry of External Affairs of India granted e-visas to Afghan minorities, AAP MP Vikramjit Singh Sahney said. Two newborns were among the latest batch of repatriation facilitated by the Indian and Afghanistan governments. As of now, 43 minorities remain in Afghanistan, with nine e-visa applications pending. PTI

World Bank provides aid to reconstruct flood-hit Pakistan

2 In \$ billion, the amount pledged by the World Bank in aid to Pakistan for reconstruction and rehabilitation of the victims of the recent floods. The UN had also launched a \$160 million appeal for immediate relief of the victims though it became apparent that it was insufficient after the National Disaster Management Authority said that the floods have caused \$40 billion worth of losses. PTI

Heavy rainfall in parts of Punjab, affecting Kharif crops

1.35 In lakh hectares, the farm area in Punjab to be affected by the incessant rains, with one to two per cent of the affected area likely to suffer damage to Kharif crops, especially paddy and cotton, according to the State agriculture department. Untimely rains not only delay the harvesting of crops but will also affect the yield and crop quality. PTI

Counting the ant population harboured by Earth

20 In quadrillion, the number of ants that live on Earth, according to a study published by researchers at both the University of Hong Kong and the University of Würzburg in Germany. The study further shows that the world's ants' mass collectively constitutes about 12 million tonnes of dry carbon, equal to about one-fifth of the total weight of humans. PTI

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A push for the semiconductor industry

What is India's modified incentive scheme for the chip-making sector? How is it different from the earlier policy? What are the difficulties faced by the industry?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

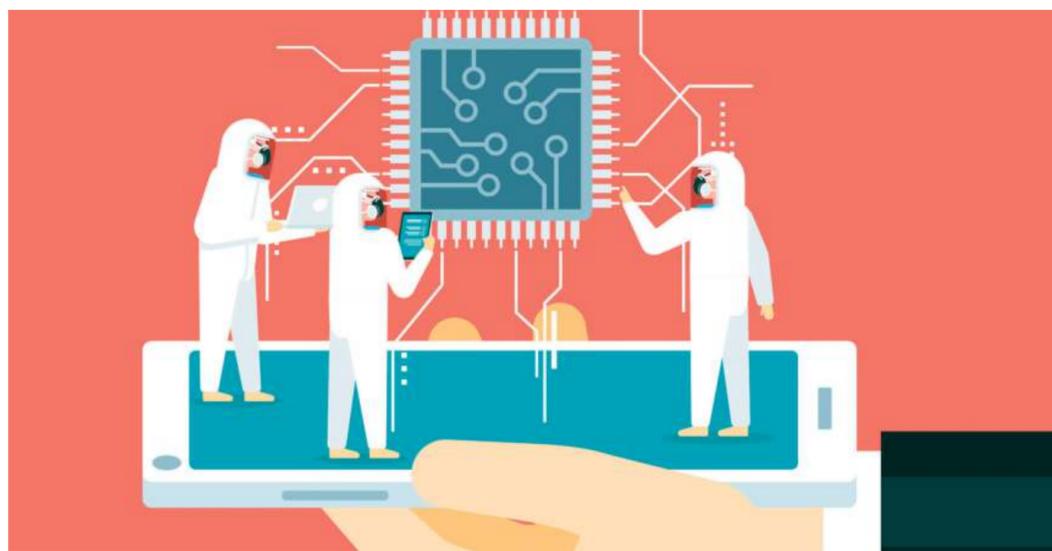
The story so far:

In a bid to make India's \$10 billion chip-making initiative more attractive to investors, the Centre on September 21, approved changes to the scheme for the development of a semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem.

How big is the industry?

Semiconductors are the thumbnail-sized building blocks of almost every modern electronic device from smartphones to connected devices in the Internet of Things (IoT). They help give computational power to devices. The global semiconductor industry is currently valued at \$500-\$600 billion.

The basic component of a semiconductor chip is a sliver of silicon, which is etched with billions of microscopic transistors, forming patterns to control the flow of current while following different computational instructions. The chip-making process is complex and highly exact, having multiple other steps in the supply chain such as designing software for chips and patenting them through core Intellectual Property (IP) rights. It also involves making chip-fabrication machines; setting up fabs or factories; and ATMP (assembly, testing, marking and packaging). The chip-making industry is a highly-concentrated one, with the big players being Taiwan, South Korea and the U.S. among others. In fact, according to a *New York Times* estimate, 90% of 5nm (nanometre) chips are mass-produced in Taiwan, by the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC). Therefore, the global chip shortage, U.S.-China tensions over Taiwan, and the supply chain blockages owing to the Russia-Ukraine conflict have led major economies to enter the chip-making sector with a renewed push. For example, the U.S. announcement of \$52.7 billion in government funding for the CHIPS and Science Act and the EU's Chips Act that will mobilise €43 billion for public



and private investments.

What are the changes to India's chip-making scheme?

In December 2021, India announced its roughly \$10 billion dollar production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to encourage semiconductor and display manufacturing in the country. It also announced fiscal support for a design-linked initiative (DLI) scheme to drive global and domestic investment related to design software, IP rights etc. According to the Electronics and IT Ministry, semiconductor demand in India would increase to \$70-\$80 billion by 2026 with the growing demand for digital devices and electronic products.

The new changes announced last Wednesday seek to harmonise government incentives for all technology nodes of semiconductors, according to the Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar. In the previous version of the scheme, the Centre was offering to fund 30% of the project cost for 45nm to 65nm

chip production, 40% for 28nm to 45nm, and 50% or half of the funding for chips 28nm or below. The modified scheme provides uniform 50% fiscal support for all nodes. Besides, it will provide 50% of capital expenditure for other steps of the process as well (chip design and ATMP).

So far, Vedanta and Taiwanese chipmaker Foxconn have signed an MoU to set up a ₹1,54,000 crore semiconductor plant in Gujarat. Two other projects have also been announced – a \$3 billion plant in Karnataka by the International consortium ISMC and a \$3.5 billion plant in Tamil Nadu by Singapore's IGSS Ventures. The modified scheme also emphasised the production of the 45nm chip, which is fairly less time-consuming and economical in terms of production.

What are the challenges?

While the scheme is an encouraging move, chip production is a resource-intensive and expensive process. While the new scheme provides equal funding for all steps of the

process, the outlay of the scheme remains \$10 billion. Notably, just the setting up of one semiconductor fab requires an investment of anywhere between \$3 and \$7 billion. Analysts, while positive, are concerned that not much of the current scheme outlay would be left to support other elements including display fabs, packaging and testing facilities, and chip design centres. They also argue that the initial funding should focus on areas like design and R&D, for which India already has an established talent pool.

Chip-making also requires gallons of ultrapure water in a single day, which experts say, could be a task for the government to provide to factories, compounded also by the drought conditions which often prevail in large parts of the country. Another task for the government is to drive up consumer demand in the semiconductor and linked electronics industry to not end up in a situation where these ventures remain successful only till taxpayers are forced to fund required subsidies.

THE GIST

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Why has the state funeral for Shinzo Abe divided Japan?

What has led to the clashes and protests? Why is the ruling Liberal Democratic Party being blamed? What stand has Prime Minister Fumio Kishida adopted?

Sumeda

The story so far:

The state funeral for former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has triggered a public backlash against the government, dealing a major blow to the popularity of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). Hundreds of people have hit the streets in Japan to protest the government's decision to host the funeral with taxpayers' money. The situation worsened after details emerged about ties between Mr. Abe, the ruling LDP and a controversial religious group, the Unification Church.

What is the funeral budget?

Days after Mr. Abe was gunned down in Nara on July 8, Mr. Kishida announced his decision to host a state funeral. The last

fully state-funded funeral took place in 1967 for Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida. The Cabinet allocated a \$1.8 million budget, which was revised to approximately \$12 million. The high cost fuelled a public backlash as people opposed the taxpayer-funded funeral at a time when many in the country are facing a financial crisis. Others criticised the ruling party for attempting to glorify a political figure considered divisive due to his revisionist views of history and military expansion. An Opposition leader said the decision had no legal bias and was not based on public consensus. Therefore, attempts were made to challenge the decision on legal grounds.

What is the link to the Unification Church?

The Unification Church, also known as the Family Federation for World Peace and

Unification, was founded in 1954 by Sun Myung Moon, an anti-communist and self-declared messiah. Since its founding, the church has been embroiled in controversies. Its beliefs are based on the idea that love in marriage and family is what God wants for world peace and harmony. Known for mass weddings, the group, which critics say is a cult, has hundreds of thousands of followers in Japan. It urges its followers in Japan to make large donations to make amends for their ancestral sins, including the country's past colonisation of the Korean Peninsula, as per experts. The ties between the church and Japan's LDP go back to Mr. Abe's grandfather, Nobusuke Kishi who helped found the church's political unit in Tokyo in 1968.

As the religious body expanded over the years, it provided political support and votes for the governing party. Lawyer Hiro

Yamaguchi told *Reuters* that the church built ties with politicians to attract followers and gain legitimacy while politicians gained access to church members for help with campaigns. While the church said Mr. Abe was neither a member nor an adviser, the former PM had appeared in events organised by church affiliates, including one in 2021.

Why is public anger growing?

An internal investigation by the LDP found that 179 of 379 lawmakers had ties to the church. The revelation which established links between the LDP with the Unification Church further shifted opinions against the LDP and Mr. Kishida. As per a poll, 62% were against a state funeral. Support for Mr. Kishida also tumbled to its lowest level since he took office, with the approval ratings dropping to 29%. Amid growing public outrage, the PM apologised and pledged to win back trust, saying the LDP will cut ties with the church.

What lies ahead?

Protests are anticipated on Tuesday as Japan gears up for Mr. Abe's state funeral. Maximum-scale security has been put in place for around 700 foreign guests who are flying in for the event, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris and Vietnamese President Nguyen Xuan Phuc.

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Loss and death: A doll lying unattended at the site of the Pettimudi landslide after a year of the tragedy. FILE PHOTO

Landslides in Pettimudi: social inequalities in disasters

How socio-economic positions of a Kerala community determined the extent of disaster vulnerability and the process of risk management undertaken by the state especially during natural calamities

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Irshad, Mohammed S. and Solaman, Christin S.S., 'Identity, Space and Disaster: A Case Study of Pettimudi Landslide in Kerala', *Sage Journals*, Vol 71, Issue no. 3, May 9, 2022

Among theories about the relevance of space as a social product and its relation with an individual's or communities' understanding of social realities, S. Mohammed Irshad and S.S. Christin Solaman's article 'Identity, Space and Disaster: A Case Study of Pettimudi Landslide in Kerala', draws attention to the role of space during natural calamities such as landslides, in terms of the disaster vulnerability of a community and State interventions. The authors through the study of a landslide that hit Pettimudi, a tea plantation estate in the Idukki district of Kerala, discuss the 'geographical and sociological space' in which the incident occurred and how the State's approach towards the incident was influenced by the social position and historical vulnerability of the community living in the landslide-prone region.

The tragedy

On August 6, 2020, a landslide caused by relentless rainfall in Pettimudi, a tea plantation estate in the Idukki district, killed over 65 workers. They lived in a 'layam', a line of 10 residential spaces in a building provided by the company as accommodation. Presently owned by the Kanan Devan Hills Plantations (KDHP), the tea estate was first owned by a British official, John Daniel Manro, in 1877.

While in 1843, slavery was abolished in the State, estate owners found a work-around by bringing workers from other regions as bonded labour. Moreover, theorists argue that the Plantation Labour Act, of 1951 failed to

provide the workers with social security and socio-economic mobility. Currently, most workers are part of the second and third generations of Tamil migrant workers who were provided with accommodation by the estate owners. Without decent accommodation or land of their own, the workers have continued to live in the accommodation (layam) provided by the estate owners in an ecologically vulnerable landscape. Layams, about 80-90 years old, were built when the plantation was set up and are not maintained well. In the landslide, 22 such layams were washed out, killing 66 people (four people are still missing and are considered dead), all of whom were buried together due to scarcity of land.

The Pettimudi landslide was analysed through a qualitative research approach with the help of secondary data. The authors interviewed labourers, trade union workers, and environmental scientists to understand the complexities behind the incident. The article also considered newspaper and media reports as well as comments of Ministers, officials and community leaders to understand the different narratives surrounding the incident.

The response and rehabilitation facilities provided by the government and the various descriptions of the incident show how the disaster was singled out and provided with only conventional relief measures. The spatial inequality that impacted the disaster vulnerability of the community due to their social position was also ignored.

Manipulating the narrative

Narratives have an immense impact on how one perceives reality. The authors explain how the media and government's portrayal of the Pettimudi landslide conveniently labelled it as a single incident without interrogating the socio-economic complexity behind the

situation. This was also reflected in the relief and rehabilitation provided by the State. Through a series of interviews, the article brings out a different narrative. Labour union leaders explain how the placement of the layam in a landslide-prone region with poor maintenance, coupled with the lack of socio-political and economic power of the workers factor into the situation. The company's attempt to control how the news spread by only informing the government about the incident the morning after, once the situation was under control and the delay in the arrival of the government's rescue team is proof of the negligence in the incident. The authors believe that the apathy of the State was evident in its response to the landslide when compared to an air crash that took place in the State the very next day and in the solatium offered to the victims.

The article explains how the 'space' of Pettimudi and the air crash determined the different treatments it received. Finally, through an analysis of the economic loss in the landslide, the authors discuss how the States' accountability towards the victims of Pettimudi was minimal, with the government sharing the responsibility of rehabilitation with the private company which has been using the land to control the lives of its workers.

Space and vulnerability

Social theorists like Edward Soja and Andrzej Zieleniec have theorised about individuals' interactions with space and how space becomes a social product and a place for practising discrimination. Spatial vulnerability results from the intersection of social relations of production, class relations, institutional relations and entitlement relations. Considering the private plantation land as a social space, the authors explain how

the land is symbolic of the economic vulnerability of the labourers which has its roots in the history of slave labour, and how this vulnerability forces them to continue living and working in such deplorable conditions. The company, with its ownership of the space, claims power over the workers. The social exclusion of the community pervades public discourses and government policies as they are considered mere beneficiaries of State schemes. These victims rarely have any say in their rehabilitation process and are forced to accept government funds.

The apathy of the state

In such situations, the state often has a very visible textbook response. Instead of looking at the root causes of such calamities, the government does the bare minimum. In disaster-prone areas, the following are the standard procedures followed by a government – alert the residents of the area in case there is a weather forecast and provide a temporary space for shelter, and if a disaster occurs, plan to rehabilitate the community with rarely any consideration of the socio-economic impact of such a shift of space.

In the recently released Malayalam movie, *Malayankunju* the portrayal of the socio-economic status of the residents in the disaster-prone region and the government's response is important to analyse the relationship between space and vulnerability. While separated by caste, the economic positions of the protagonist and his neighbours are similar, grouping them in terms of disaster vulnerability. When the weather becomes threatening, the government's response is to give a public service announcement and provide shelter in a nearby building, a standard state response in case of a predicted disaster. Even at the end, there is no mention of rehabilitation, with the protagonist accepting his disaster-vulnerable position and returning to his daily life.

Vulnerability to a disaster is isolated from the people's socio-economic status at the administrative level for their convenience in the intervention process. In doing so, the root causes of the issue are ignored. The authors claim that such dissociations have led to more disaster vulnerabilities among poor communities as disaster-prone areas in India are a result of unequal development or overexploitation of resources.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"What's the difference between 'modesty' and 'humility', sir?"

"A modest person doesn't boast of his achievements. He is neither vain nor conceited. A modest man does not talk about what he is or what he does. He doesn't project himself. Despite international fame, he continues to be modest. A humble man thinks highly of others and lowly of himself. In a religious sense, he is one who tries to reduce himself to a zero. He attributes everything to God and doesn't claim any credit to himself. In modesty, there is no pride; in humility, there is no ego.

We pray with a humble heart.
In this sentence, 'modest' would be inappropriate. 'Humility' carries the connotation of 'self-effacement'."

"What's the meaning of 'put down' sir?"

"When I say to you 'put down the book on the table', you are asked to place it on the table. This is the literal meaning.

Put down the cup.

He put down the bundle on the floor.

It has several figurative meanings. I'll mention a few. 'To put down somebody' is to silence or suppress her/him.

The Government has put down the Opposition successfully.

It is not easy to put down drinking and gambling.

He can't be put down easily.

Stern measures were taken to put down the disturbances.

'To put down' also means 'to record, write down'.

Let me put down your telephone number. I may forget it later.

Let's put down what we have discussed.

When someone comes to you to collect some money for some cause and if you are willing to give, say Rs. 20, you may say 'Please put me down for Rs. 20'. It means 'Write my name and against it write Rs. 20'.

You may put me down for two tickets.

You may put me down for two plots.

Shall I put you down for the class on Tuesday?

'To put your foot down' is to assert your authority. When the clerk raised his voice in protest the boss put his foot down. When you put your foot down, you take a firm stand. 'Put down to' means to state that something is caused by something else.

I put down his frustration to his failure in the examination.

I put down the loss to mismanagement.

I put down his unhappiness to domestic disharmony.

I put down his failure to lack of application.

You look bored. I put it down to my awful teaching. I must stop here in your interest. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

The UN World Tourism Organization has celebrated September 27 as World Tourism Day since 1980. A quiz on the Day and tourism in India.

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

QUESTION 1
Why was September 27 chosen as World Tourism Day?

QUESTION 2
Which Asian nation is this year's host country and what is the theme for 2022?

QUESTION 3
If Amitabh Bachchan promotes Gujarat Tourism, composer A.R. Rahman and actor Sanjay Dutt have been brand ambassadors of which northeast States?

QUESTION 4
In which tourist train are

you travelling if the coaches were called Kadamba, Ganga, Adil Shahi and Yadukula among other dynasty names?

QUESTION 5
Which Union Territories have/had the taglines 'Give Time a Break' and 'The Land of Natural Beauty'?

QUESTION 6
Which National Park should one visit to catch sight of the recently re-introduced cheetahs in the wild?

QUESTION 7
In which cities are the famous Sidi Saiyyed ni Jali and Bibi Ka Maqbara?



Visual question: Name the place and the State where one can see these wonderful rock carvings. FILE PHOTO

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The Beatles album that was made up of only Lennon-McCartney compositions. **Ans: 'A Hard Day's Night'**
2. This album won a Grammy for Best Album Cover. **Ans: 'Revolver'**
3. This Beatle is walking barefoot in the Abbey Road album cover. **Ans: Paul McCartney**
4. This album sleeve was designed by Klaus Voormann. **Ans: 'Revolver'**
5. The U.S. sleeve of this album had a fictional biography of 'Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band'. **Ans: 'Yellow Submarine'**
6. This album cover had the Fab Four doing semaphore signals. **Ans: 'Help!'**
Visual question: If John had his way, this Indian would have featured on this cover. **Ans: Mahatma Gandhi**
Early Birds: M. Thaha Ibrahim Buhari| K. N. Viswanathan
Compiled by: V.V. Ramanan

Word of the day

Superlative: the highest level or degree attainable; an exaggerated expression

Synonyms: peak, elevation, pinnacle, summit

Usage: *The class decided to recognise their peers' superlative talents and efforts; The critics lavished superlatives on it*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/superlativeword

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Govt. to 'restrict' awards given for scientific research

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Centre has decided to reduce the number of awards given to scientists and medical researchers on the grounds that they are restricted to only "really deserving candidates", says the record of a meeting chaired by Ajay Bhalla, Home Secretary.

The meeting, held on September 16, was attended by Secretaries and senior officials of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Department of Atomic Energy and representatives from the Department

of Health Research - Indian Council for Medical Research and the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. *The Hindu* has viewed the minutes of the meeting made available on September 23.

Several Ministries made presentations on the awards given by their respective departments. The

DST gave 207 awards, of which four were National Awards, 97 were private endowment awards, 54 were lecture, scholarship or fellowship based awards and 56 were 'internal awards'. The participants then agreed to retain only the national awards and do away with the rest. The department could start a new scheme for scholarship/fel-

lowship with "suitable honorarium and full justification and detailed guidelines", the minutes said.

The Atomic Energy Department currently gave 25 "performance-based awards" given by public sector units affiliated to the department and 13 non-core domain awards. The quorum decided to do away with all awards and

instead institute a new one "of very high stature".

The Indian Space Research Organisation said it did not confer awards, save three internal ones. These too ought to be done away with and replaced with a National level award of "very high stature", the meeting concluded. The CSIR gave seven awards, including the Shanti Swarup

Bhatnagar Awards, that is given annually to accomplished scientists under 45 departments and announced every year on September 26. By norm, the awards this year were to be announced on Monday but was not done this year, several scientists told *The Hindu*. It couldn't be confirmed if this was linked to the meeting.

Now, police clearance certificate at post office

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As part of the Indian government's passport-related services, the facility to apply for Police Clearance Certificates (PCC) will be included at all online Post Office Passport Seva Kendras across the country beginning from September 28, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Monday.

"This step would significantly add to the availability of PCC appointments slots, and at an earlier date," a notification said. The notification stated that the move would address the "unanticipated surge in demand" for PCC.

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Team Gehlot in the wrong, says Congress

"Second, they insisted that Mr. Gehlot's successor should be picked from the 102 MLAs and not from the other group. To which we said we will speak to each MLA on one-to-one basis. But they insisted that the MLAs would meet us in groups," Mr. Maken said. "It is unfortunate that after all this, the CLP meeting could not take place. When the CLP official meeting is kept, no parallel meeting should take place and it primarily amounts to indiscipline," he added.

Mr. Dhariwal, the Cabinet Minister in whose house all the legislators were holed up, hit back at Mr. Maken and accused him of canvassing for Mr. Pilot. "It was 100% a conspiracy to remove the CM [Ashok Gehlot] and general secretary in-charge was a part of it. I am not talking about anyone else, no charge on Mr. Kharge as he is non-partisan but only the General Secretary in-charge [Mr. Maken]," said Mr. Dhariwal.

In the midst of allegations and counter-allegations, Ms. Gandhi's meeting with Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath triggered speculation that he could be a contender for the party's top job. He denied it but it's not clear if he would choose to mediate between the 'high command' and Mr. Gehlot, with whom he shares a close equation. As the Rajasthan crisis intensified and cast its shadow on the presidential polls, names of more loyalists like Digvijaya Singh, Kumari Selja and Mukul Wasnik have come up as contenders.

Azad floats new political party in J&K

However, none of the leaders from the G-23, a rebel group within the Congress, was present at the party launch in Jammu. Earlier, Mr. Azad had suggested launching a national level party rather than a regional party. In an oblique reference to the allegations by regional parties of Mr. Azad working at the behest of the BJP, Mr. Azad said, "Many people accused me of having a prior alliance. We only have the alliance with heart and minds and people of Jammu and Kashmir and nobody else. We have not consulted anyone before launching the party, neither regional nor national party."

Mr. Azad said his new party would borrow from the ideas and principles of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi. "Our party policy will not be influenced by politics of religion, caste or creed. It will follow the roadmap of Gandhi, who got India independence. My party's name is Hindustani. Jawaharlal Nehru would say that a mix of Urdu and Hindu, spoken in our homes, is Hindustani. We respect all leaders and parties," Mr. Azad said. "Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and Christians are just four chambers of a human heart," he added. The newly-floated party has a flag with three colours, mustard, white and dark blue. He said that the party will keep holding grassroot level elections for its structure.

Centre's push for NavIC jolts smartphone giants

They have this year pushed smartphone giants to make hardware changes to support NavIC, in addition to GPS, in new phones they will sell from January 2023. In private meetings in August and September, representatives of Apple Inc, Xiaomi Corp, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and others pushed back, citing worries that making phones NavIC-compliant would mean higher research and production costs. The changes would also require more testing clearances, which with a January 1 deadline would disrupt businesses and planned launches, according to two smartphone industry sources and documents.

Samsung declined to comment on the meetings, while Apple and Xiaomi did not respond to requests for comment. The Information Technology Ministry and ISRO also did not respond. Samsung in particular voiced concerns during a September 2 closed-door meeting between top smartphone players and chipmakers with the IT ministry and ISRO officials, according to the meeting's minutes reviewed by *Reuters*. Samsung's India executive Binu George warned of cost worries, telling officials that NavIC support requires not just new smartphone chipsets but also many other components. "This would add to cost as it requires hardware design changes and additional investments to support devices specific to India," the minutes quoted him as saying. Mr. George did not respond to a request for comment.

Videos on 10 YouTube channels blocked for hate speech: Centre

The content included fake news and morphed videos with the intent to spread hatred among religious communities; some videos were used to spread disinformation on issues related on Agnipath scheme and Kashmir, says I&B Ministry

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry has blocked 45 videos from 10 YouTube channels for allegedly containing hateful speech against religious communities with the potential to cause communal disharmony.

Based on inputs from intelligence agencies, the Ministry issued directions for blocking the videos under the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

The blocked videos had a cumulative viewership of more than 1.3 crore.

"The content included fake news and morphed vi-



Wide reach: The 45 blocked videos had a cumulative viewership of more than 1.3 crore REUTERS

deos with the intent to spread hatred among religious communities. Examples include false claims such as the government has taken away the religious rights of certain com-

munities; violent threats against religious communities; declaration of civil war in India, etc. Such videos were found to have the potential to cause communal disharmony and

disrupt public order in the country," the Ministry said in a statement.

Spread disinformation

Some of the videos in question were being used to allegedly spread disinformation on issues related to the Agnipath scheme, the armed forces, India's national security apparatus, Kashmir, among other matters. "The content was observed to be false and sensitive from the perspective of national security and India's friendly relations with foreign states," it said.

Some videos depicted erroneous external boundaries of India with respect to Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. "Such cartographic misrepresentation was found to be detrimental to

the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India," the Ministry said, adding that the videos came under the ambit of Section 69A of the Information Technology (IT) Act.

In August, the Ministry blocked seven Indian and one Pakistan-based YouTube news channels on charge of spreading disinformation pertaining to India's national security, foreign relations and public order. The channels had 114 crore views and 85.73 lakh subscribers. A Facebook account and two posts on the social media platform were also blocked. Since December 2021, the Centre has taken similar action against more than 100 YouTube news channels and several other social media accounts.

JeM terrorist killed in J&K encounter, say police

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

A Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist was killed in an anti-militancy operation in south Kashmir's Kulgam on Monday night. The terrorist has been identified as Abu Hurarah from Pakistan.

"Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition, including AK rifle, (were) recovered," Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) Vijay Kumar said. An Army soldier and two civilians were injured in the process, police said.

Modi leaves for Japan for Shinzo Abe's funeral

Subhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi left for Tokyo on Monday evening to attend the state funeral of Japan's former PM Shinzo Abe, who reshaped Japan's foreign policy including setting out a bold vision for a quantum leap in its ties with India.

Abe was assassinated in July this year and is being given a state funeral at Tokyo's massive Nippon Budokan indoor arena on Tuesday. India had announced a one-day national mourning on July 9 as a mark of respect for Abe.

Mr. Modi will also call on Abe's widow Akie Abe before returning to India. He



Narendra Modi with former Japan PM Shinzo Abe.

will attend a formal ceremony for dignitaries at the Akasaka Palace (State Guest House) and hold a "brief" bilateral meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. Mr. Modi is one of about 20 heads of state and government who will attend the funeral

for the former PM, including the Prime Ministers of Australia, Canada, and Singapore.

Representatives from about 100 countries are also expected to arrive in Japan, including U.S. Vice-President Kamala Harris, special representative of

Russian President on international cultural cooperation Mikhail Shvydkoy, and Chinese vice-chairperson of the National Committee of the Political Consultative Conference Wan Gang.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said no other bilateral meetings had been scheduled thus far with leaders other than Mr. Kishida, and that the Prime Minister's visit would only last about 12-16 hours.

Mr. Kwatra declined to discuss specific details of the agenda of PM's discussion with Mr. Kishida when asked, whether progress in the much-delayed Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project, which Abe had announced during a visit to India in 2017, would be dis-

ussed. "The discussions will take account and a quick overview and assessment of the overall relationship, its current status, its trajectory, and the steps that they both need to take to progress it further... it will not be proper to mention any one issue in this context," Mr. Kwatra said.

Mr. Kishida may meet Ms. Harris for dinner on Monday, and hold bilateral meetings with 10 leaders. (With inputs from PTI)



To watch a video, go to the life and career of Shinzo Abe <https://trib.al/DRzyANE>

Impact of drug mafia on youth poses grave situation, says SC in suo motu hearing

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday acknowledged that the inroads made by drug mafia in society, especially among youngsters, pose a "grave situation".

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) U.U. Lalit roped in the Centre to be part of a suo motu hearing to address the evil.

It appointed advocate Shoeb Alam as amicus curiae in the suo motu case titled 'In re menace of drug mafia network operating in the country'.

Registry directed The Bench also directed the Registry to hand over the case records to Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati to assist the court from the side of



Students take out a campaign against drug abuse.

the government. Issuing notice, the Bench ordered the suo motu case to be listed on October 14.

The suo motu case was taken up on the basis of letter from a citizen to the Supreme Court highlighting the alarming increase in drug abuse, especially among school children and youths.

Several High Court across the country have in the past taken cognisance of the shadow cast by the drug mafia on society.

HC's observation

In 2020, the Madras High Court had observed that drug abuse was one of the major triggers behind commission of heinous offences.

The High Court highlighted the pervasive influence wielded by drug peddlers in schools, colleges and other public places.

The Kerala High Court had directed the State government to establish campus police units in educational institutions.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has been for a time hearing a case on the rampant drug problem in Punjab.

OBCs not on Central list can apply under EWS for Union government posts: DoPT

Abhinav Lakshman
NEW DELHI

People belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities in the State list but not in the Central list will be eligible to apply for posts and services of the Government of India under the EWS quota criteria, provided they fulfill all other requirements, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has said in a list of FAQs it has put out on how to recruit under the 10% reservation provided for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

The DoPT issued the list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the answers to them after it received several references from Ministries, departments and individuals with regards to the criteria to qualify for

The DoPT said the SC/ST members will not be eligible to apply for Central government posts

the EWS quota.

This comes at a time a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court is hearing a batch of petitions challenging the constitutionality of the EWS quota and has repeatedly voiced concerns of it eating into the 50% for the unreserved category — meant to be open for all irrespective of their caste, creed, or religion.

In addition to this, the DoPT, in the list of FAQs issued to States and Union Territories last week, added that members of the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes will not be

eligible to apply for Central government positions irrespective of where they reside (even if the State of residence does not recognise their community as an SC or ST).

Unfilled vacancies

Further, the DoPT has clarified that unfilled EWS vacancies for a particular recruitment year cannot be carried over to the next and that successive attempts to fill these vacancies with EWS candidates should be made. "Thereafter, the unfilled vacancies may be filled up, treating them as unreserved provided it does not result in excess representation in the general category beyond the number added on account of non-availability of EWS candidate," the DoPT said.

Tharoor claims he has support of a wide majority

The Hindu Bureau
PALAKKAD

Congress leader and MP Shashi Tharoor on Monday exuded confidence in the Congress presidential poll to be held on October 17.

Revealing his plan to submit the nomination papers on Friday, Mr. Tharoor said he had the support of Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi.

Mr. Tharoor met Rahul Gandhi when the latter reached Pattambi in Palakkad district during his Bharat Jodo Yatra on Monday. After discussions with the Congress leader, Mr. Tharoor said he had the support of a wide majority for the top party post.

"I am going to submit the nomination on Friday. Many people from different parts of the country have asked me to contest the Congress presidential election," said Mr. Tharoor.

He said he was hopeful of receiving the support of many in Kerala. However, he refused to comment on the intra-party political developments in Rajasthan.

Asked about taking on Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Mr. Tharoor said whoever is on the other side, he would fight the election with enthusiasm and confidence.



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The challenges of the Congress presidential election
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BJP adopts 'wait and watch' policy on Rajasthan issue

No 'active' action being contemplated by the party towards any kind of government formation efforts; senior leader says rebellion and instability adds to the anti-incumbency mood in the State

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

The BJP has adopted a "wait and watch" policy with regard to the rebellion within the Congress in Rajasthan over the question of appointing Sachin Pilot Chief Minister, and no "active" action is being contemplated by the party towards government formation in the State.

According to a senior party leader involved with affairs in Rajasthan, the rebellion by Congress MLAs and the instability it has wrought "only adds to four years of anti-incumbency generated by the Ashok Gehlot government".

"The BJP is just observing what is happening in Rajasthan. This is something that is unfolding within



Congress MLAs leaving for the residence of Rajasthan Assembly Speaker C.P. Joshi to attend a meeting on Sunday. PTI

the Congress. The State government has much to answer for in the four years that it has been in power and this adds to all that," said the source. He added that the BJP was ready for polls, even if held early. What is interesting is

that the BJP is also "observing" what it said was the erosion of support among Congress MLAs for Mr. Pilot, who had revolted in July 2020 against the Chief Minister and had lodged in a resort in Gurugram along with over 20 Congress

MLAs. "This time, the number of MLAs who turned up at the house of Shanti Kumar Dhariwal [Minister in the Gehlot government] and later at Assembly Speaker C.P. Joshi's residence, ready to quit in rebellion, included many who were with Sachin Pilot in July 2020," said the source.

A long-term implication of the Congress fracas could also have an impact on the BJP.

"While it is true that currently, former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje is the biggest mass leader the party has in the State, the divisions in the Congress ranks could make the next Assembly election a one-sided affair for the BJP... But all that is in the future," said a source.

Independent MLAs in Rajasthan played crucial role in Sunday's events

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Rajasthan's Independent MLAs, who have been a pressure group supporting Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, played a crucial role in bolstering the numbers for the anti-Sachin Pilot camp forcing cancellation of the scheduled Congress Legislature Party meeting on Sunday.

Out of the 12 Independent MLAs who are supporting the Congress government in Rajasthan, 10 are those who were denied Congress ticket in the 2018 Assembly election, when Mr. Pilot was the Pradesh Congress Committee president. According to sources, eight or nine of the Independent MLAs were present at Cabinet Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal's

The Congress Legislature Party meeting was cancelled after many threatened to quit

house. The other MLAs, who could not be physically present, extended their support to the protest.

Support for Gehlot
In 2018 too, this bloc was the first to express support for Mr. Gehlot. They had given support to the Congress on the condition that Mr. Gehlot and, not Mr. Pilot, was made the Chief Minister of the State.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Independent MLA Babulal Nagar said, "I have been with the Congress since 1995 and fought four elections on the Congress sym-

bol. Because of one person's personal likes and dislikes, I was denied ticket in 2018 and yet I won. We Independent MLAs are the ones who have stayed on with the Congress and fought against all the BJP conspiracies to destabilise the government."

Mr. Nagar had been a Minister in the Gehlot Cabinet between 2009 and 2013.

He said the Congress high command, instead of dictating its choice, should listen to stakeholders. On Sunday, one of the first indicative comments came from Sanyam Lodha, Independent MLA representing Sirohi. He warned that if the Congress were to take a decision against the majority MLAs' sentiment, the government would be in danger.

Sachin Pilot maintains silence, awaits Sonia's final decision

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

After Sunday's events in Jaipur, all eyes are on former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot who has maintained a studied silence, and sources say he is now awaiting the final judgment by Congress president Sonia Gandhi before deciding the future course of action.

Mr. Pilot was largely expected to take over the

reins of Rajasthan from Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. While the pro-Gehlot camp marched 92 MLAs that included many Independents, Mr. Pilot's support has depleted with at least four of the 18 MLAs who stood by him in July 2020 rebellion submitting resignations.

Since Sunday night, at least two of the four MLAs have spoken out insisting that they would stick by

the decision taken by the party "high command".

K.L. Bairwa, an MLA supporting Mr. Pilot said that many MLAs landed up at Cabinet Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal's residence because of confusion. "They received a call from Chief Whip Mahesh Joshi and many of them landed there without realizing what they are in for. Speaking to presspersons, Bagru MLA Ganga



Sachin Pilot

Devi said she did not resign. "I am clear that I will stand by whatever decision

taken by the party's central leadership. I could not meet the central observers because of the events of last night," Ms. Devi said.

Indira Meena, MLA for Bamanwas, said that though she signed some papers, she was not aware that it was a resignation letter. "I was in my constituency and reached Jaipur late in the evening. I was told to come to Speaker C.P. Joshi's residence in-

stead. There a paper was circulated which everyone signed, including me. But I didn't read it," Ms. Meena said. Asked pointedly if she was opposed to Mr. Pilot, Ms. Meena said she had no problem with him, repeating the same line as Ms. Devi, that she would stand by whatever decision the party leadership takes.

"Congress State in-charge Ajay Maken has including a parallel meeting

when a formal meeting of the Congress Legislature Party was scheduled amounts to indiscipline. It remains to be seen if the Congress leadership will punish Ashok Gehlot who clearly orchestrated the entire rebellion," an MLA close to Mr. Pilot said.

This is the second time in two years that Mr. Pilot has been outsmarted by Mr. Gehlot and his supporters.

Delhi HC refuses to stay dismissal order

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday refused to put on hold the Centre's decision to dismiss Satish Chandra Verma, a senior IPS officer, a month before his retirement. Mr. Verma had assisted the CBI in its probe into the Ishrat Jahan 'encounter' case. A departmental inquiry had found him guilty of charges, including "interacting with public media" without authorisation or permission from the competent authority.

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No.3898-13 Date 15/9/2022
Bids for 5 Nos. packages of Road / Building works (NIT 06/2022-23) in Jhunjhunu Distt. are invited from interested bidders from dated 17.09.2022 to 10.10.2022 upto 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state; and pwd.rajasthan.gov.in department website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 1204.18 lacs.
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PURABI DAIRY West Assam Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Ltd. (WAMUL)
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2	Sexed Semen	10-10-2022	10-11-2022
3	Walk-in Cooler	11-10-2022	11-11-2022
4	Refrigerated Van	12-10-2022	12-11-2022

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The details of the E-tender will be published and available at www.assamtenders.gov.in as mentioned above. If any corrigendum will be issued, it will be published in www.assamtenders.gov.in on or before last date and timing for submission of bid. No separate notification for publication of corrigendum or extension of last date of submission of bid will be made through Newspaper advertisement. Sd/- Managing Director

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NOTICE INVITING BID
Bids For X-Ray Baggage Machine, Chapati Making Machine, Solar Light, Ceiling Fan, Exhaust Fan, Public Address System, High Density Search Light, Generator, PhotoStat Machine, Printer, Desktop Computer, Water Cooler, Laptop, Projector (NIB-JLD2223A0042) are invited from interested bidders upto 05:00 pm on 17.09.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state; and <http://www.home.rajasthan.gov.in> departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is respectively Rs. (in Lac) 280.00, 120.00, 60.00, 26.50, 42.00, 11.10, 25.50, 20.00, 10.80, 24.00, 30.00, 7.50, 7.00 and 2.00.
UBN: JLD2223GLOB00060 To JLD2223GLOB00070
JLD2223GS0B00071 To JLD2223GS0B00073
Addl. Director General of Prisons
Rajasthan Jaipur
DIPRC/12324

Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PWD, Zone, Ajmer
No.-ACE/AJ/TEHF/2(30A-Ajmer)/D-3307 Date:- 20.09.2022
NIB No.-PWD2223A2033
Notice Inviting Bid No. 12/2022-23
Bids for 05 No. Packages are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM on Monday 17 October 2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the State; and DIPR departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 2594.00 Lacs.
UBN No.- PWD2223WLOB07650, PWD2223WLOB07652, PWD2223WLOB07654 & PWD2223WLOB07657
(Vikas Dixit),
Additional Chief Engineer,
PWD, Zone, Ajmer
DIPRC/12321

Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PHED, Region-Kota
Notice Inviting Bid
Bids for works under JJM are invited from interested bidders upto 06.10.2022 18:00 Hours. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the <http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>, and <http://rajwater.gov.in> departmental website detail are following:-

NIT. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Date & time for online submission of tender
24/22-23	Designing, Providing, Installation and Commissioning of Solar Energy Based Bore Well Water Pumping System including Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance for a Period of Five Years in Various Villages of Rajasthan under CM Budget Announcement to Solarise 200 water pumps on pilot basis on mini drinking water schemes. UBN No. PHE2223WLCR06869	Rs. 1406.57 Lacs	15-09-2022 at 16:00 Hrs upto 06-10-2022 (upto 18:00 Hrs)

(Mahesh Jangid)
Additional Chief Engineer
PHED, Region, Kota
DIPRC/12353

LOOK OUT NOTICE
The person shown in the above photograph is Ajayakumar Age 52 S/o Somanadhan, Sasi Nivas, Panoor PO, Kannoor. A case has been registered against him in Ettumanoor Police station as Cr 861/2022 U/S 294(b), 506(1), 324, 308 IPC and enquiry is being conducted.
If anyone get information regarding the above said person, please inform through the phone number provided below.
DySP KOTTAYAM - 9497990050
IPSHO ETTUMANOOR - 9497987075
SI ETTUMANOOR - 9497980318
ETTUMANOOR PS - 0481 2535517
RO/02347/F2/2022/1&PRD

Government of Kerala
Published Tenders from 19-09-2022 to 25-09-2022
Election Department
Tender ID: 2022 Elec 508175 1 * Chief Electoral Officer * PRINT SERVICE PROVIDERS for Printing and personalizing PVC E * Closing Date: 03-Oct-2022 * PAC: Rs4500000
Stationery Department
Tender ID: 2022 STY 509106 1 * Controller of Stationery * Supply of Mapliitho paper 75 gsm, RA1(61 x 86 cm)(19.7 Kg per * Closing Date: 10-Oct-2022 * PAC: Rs2880000
Tender ID: 2022 STY 509115 1 * Controller of Stationery * Supply of Mapliitho Paper 75 gsm, 86 cm Reel * Closing Date: 10-Oct-2022 * PAC: Rs19500000
Visit <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> for more details.
Ro.No:19-25/Sep/2022/PRD(N)10

OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, PHED, REGION BHARATPUR
Telephone No.05644-222731, 221500. Email: acebha@nic.in
Notice Inviting Bid No. 68 to 85/2022-23
Online bids for NIT No. 68 to 85/2022-23 (18 works), Costing Rs. 6990.23 Lacs in Rajasthan on behalf of the Government of Rajasthan from eligible enlisted in appropriate class contractors of PHED, Rajasthan and meeting eligibility criteria, Contractors enlisted with other departments of Government of Rajasthan and Enlisted with CPWD / Postal / Telecom / Railways / MES / other State Government / Central Government undertakings / organization in class equivalent to "A/A" class of Rajasthan (as applicable) and meeting prescribed eligibility criteria may also apply. Details of this Bid including and pre-qualification criteria can also be seen NIB exhibited on web site www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> and <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>. Bids are to be submitted online electronic format on web site <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> from 19-09-2022 to 11-10-2022 (6 PM) & Bids are to be opened at 11.00 AM on 12-10-2022.
NIB Code: PHE2223A3486
UBN No.:
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4. PHE2223WSOB06994 5. PHE2223WSOB06995 6. PHE2223WSOB06996
7. PHE2223WSOB06998 8. PHE2223WSOB07000 9. PHE2223WSOB07002
10. PHE2223WSOB07004 11. PHE2223WSOB07007 12. PHE2223WSOB07009
13. PHE2223WSOB07011 14. PHE2223WSOB07012 15. PHE2223WSOB07014
16. PHE2223WSOB07016 17. PHE2223WSOB07018 18. PHE2223WSOB07019
(Ram Nivas Meena)
Addl. Chief Engineer
PHED, Region Bharatpur
DIPRC/12316

Government of Kerala
Kerala Water Resources Department
State Project Management Unit
Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) - Phase II
Office of the Chief Engineer, Irrigation Design and Research Board (IDRB), 3rd Floor, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram PIN: 695 033
NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION
Quotation No.KWRD/DRIP/ES/CE-Q1/2022-23 Dated 26/09/2022
SPMU - DRIP II, KWRD invites quotation for the following consulting services from qualified and experienced persons/consultants to monitor and prepare periodical reports based on the ToR and scope of services.

Brief Description of the consultancy service	No of posts
DRIP Phase II - Engaging Environment expert	1 no
DRIP Phase II - Engaging Social Expert	1 no

For more details please visit: www.idrb-irrigation.org and www.irrigation-kerala.org
Last date for submission of Quotation is 15.10.2022, 4.00 PM
Date:- 26.09.2022 Sd/- Project Director
SPMU, DRIP
RO/02363/d3/2022/1&PRD

Government of Karnataka
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division Bagalkot
Hubli Bypass Road Unit-2 Opposite Food Park Sector No.85 5th Cross Navanagar Bagalkote
E-mail:-eerwssdbagalkot@gmail.com Tel: 08354-220446 Fax: 08354 - 226335
No: EE/RDW&S/DN/BGK/PB-1/TENDER/2022-23/1320 Date: 23-09-2022
Shortterm e-procurement Tender Notification
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka I Executive Engineer RDW&SD Bagalkot called the tender through e-procurement from qualified contractors and the details as below

Sl No	Name of Work	APT(In Lakhs)	EMD(In Lakhs)	Tender Processing Fee	Period of Completion
01	Water Supply Scheme to Rural Habitations in Jamakhandi and Rabakavi - Banahatti Taluks of Bagalkote District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission [Scheme-1 - Source: Hipparagi Barrage] Work Indent:44979	27544.04	275.00	As per e-procurement portal	18 months
02	Multi Village Drinking Water Supply Scheme (MVS) covering all Rural Habitations of Bagalkot, Bilagi, Badami, Guledagudda and Mudhol Taluks of Bagalkote District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission [Scheme-2 - Source: Alamatti Dam Work Indent:47266	71042.96	711.00	As per e-procurement portal	21 months
03	Multi Village Drinking Water Supply Scheme (MVS) to Rural Habitations of Ilkal and Hunagund Taluks of Bagalkote District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission [Scheme-3 - Source: Narayanapura Reservoir] Work Indent:47265	16145.27	162.00	As per e-procurement portal	15 months

TIME SCHEDULE
(1) Downloading of document through e portal - 20-09-2022 to 20-10-2022 up to 16:00 PM (2) Pre-bid Meeting at C.E, R. D.W & S. D, Bangalore - 29-09-2022 Time: 12:15 PM (3) Last Date & Time for tender queries/ Clarifications - 28-09-2022 Time: 17:30 PM (4) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids - 20-10-2022 Time:16:00 PM (5) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening - 21-10-2022 Time:17:30 PM (6) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening - 25-10-2022 Time: 11:00 AM. For further any details please contact www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDWS & S Dn Bagalkot
DIPR/BGK/469/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICTY

IN BRIEF



23 IITs join hands for mega R&D fair to be held on Oct. 14

As many as 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country will come together for a mega fair on Research and Development (R&D) on October 14 and 15 with an aim to inculcate "innovation-driven" outlook and encourage development of affordable technologies in line with the "Make in India" and "Digital India" initiatives. The R&D fair called "InvenTiv" is being organised as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Apart from creating awareness of research and innovation work by the IITs, the fair will provide an opportunity for universities to explore avenues for collaboration.

France to hold education fairs next month in four big cities

France will host a series of education fairs in India called "Choose France Tour 2022" from October 11 to October 16 to attract students for higher education. The fairs will be held in Kochi, Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi and representatives of 37 leading universities, Grandes Ecoles, and colleges will be participating. Students can get free counselling sessions and receive information regarding scholarships, visa opportunities and student life in France. French President Emmanuel Macron has set a target of welcoming 20,000 Indian students by 2025, a four-fold increase from the current levels.

TRS MP Keshav Rao resigns from Press Council of India

TRS floor leader of the Rajya Sabha, Keshav Rao, resigned from the Press Council of India, a post to which he was nominated by the Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankar. Mr. Rao forwarded his resignation to Mr. Dhankar on September 19, stating "personal reasons" for relinquishing the post. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Rao said that a position in the Press Council is futile until the council is provided with teeth. "In media, we see slanted reporting, where only one part of the story, mostly pro-Union government stories play out. In such a scenario, I felt it would be futile for me continue in the position," he said.

Centre launches competition for toys made out of waste

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry on Monday launched a nationwide competition for individuals and groups to come up with ideas for making toys out of waste. The Ministry said in a statement that it was launching the 'Swachh Toycathon' in response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "clarion call for making the toy industry environment-friendly". Speaking at the launch of the online platform for the competition, Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Manoj Joshi asked people to come up with innovative solutions to meet the demand for toys. Applications would be shortlisted by November 30 and evaluated in December, the Ministry said.

Authorities looking into resort demolition in Uttarakhand murder case

Victim's father alleged that the 'bulldozer action' on the resort had destroyed evidence; District Magistrate conducting inquiry; DGP claims police have preserved all the evidence from the resort

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

A day after the father of 19-year-old Ankita Bhandari, who was allegedly murdered by the son of a BJP leader in Uttarakhand, questioned the demolition undertaken at the resort where the victim worked, Vijay Kumar Jogdande, District Magistrate, Pauri Garhwal, told *The Hindu* that the demolition order had not been sent from his office.

"There are several agencies who can take this action. We are examining who did it," Mr. Jogdande said.

"The orders may have come from the police, Revenue Department, Sub-Divisional Magistrate or from the civic and development authority. After this matter came into my knowledge from the media, I am inquiring about it," he added.

Shekhar Suyal, Superin-



Demanding justice: People protesting against the recent killing of Ankita Bhandari in Uttarakhand. PTI

tendent of Police, Kotdwara, said that the police had not ordered the demolition.

Virendra Bhandari, the victim's father, had on Sunday refused to cremate his daughter, and alleged while speaking to presspersons that the "bulldozer action" had destroyed evidence. Former Uttarak-

hand Chief Minister Harish Rawat also raised the issue.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami lauded the demolition at the resort. Locals shared a video of the demolition by a bulldozer, after which unidentified persons set the resort premises on fire.

"How can you bulldoze

a crime scene? It's supposed to be preserved. How can we not say that it was a conspiracy to save the VIPs who used to get 'special services' in the resort that Ankita was being forced to give," Garima Dasauni, Congress spokesperson for Uttarakhand, alleged.

Ms. Dasauni said the Chief Minister should make it clear whether the bulldozer was deployed to "help the victim or the accused".

The BJP has expelled the father and elder brother of the main accused from the party. Mr. Dhami removed the older brother of the accused from the post of nominated Vice-Chairman of the State's Other Backward Classes Commission.

"We have preserved all evidence and investigation is being done by the SIT (Special Investigation Team)," Ashok Kumar, Director-General of Police, said.

SC notice to T.N. on Nalini's premature release plea

Legal Correspondent
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday sought Tamil Nadu's response to the petitions for premature release filed by S. Nalini and R.P. Ravichandran, who are serving a life sentence in connection with the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

A Bench led by Justice B.R. Gavai and B.V. Nagarathna issued notice to the State and listed the case for hearing on October 10. The court asked the petitioners to serve a copy to Additional Solicitor General of India K.M. Nataraj.

The Madras High Court had, in June, dismissed the petitions filed by Nalini and Ravichandran, who sought a direction to the State government to release them forthwith without waiting any more for the Governor's nod to a 2018 Cabinet recommendation.

Live-streaming, online RTI portal: SC takes big steps on transparency

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit on Monday assured a litigant that a dedicated platform is being planned to livestream Supreme Court proceedings.

The Chief Justice's remarks came a few days after Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, in a similar fashion, spoke in open court about the opening up of a Right to Information (RTI) portal.

These remarks by the two senior-most judges of the top court provided glimpses of a court edging closer and closer towards complete transparency.

The move towards transparency can be traced over the past seven years. It, however, started with a big negative in 2015. The court struck down the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act and the 99th Constitutional Amendment in 2015.

But the aftermath of the



These are the initial stages. We will certainly have our own dedicated platforms for live-streaming

U.U. LALIT
Chief Justice of India

judgment also saw the court invite public opinion on ways to improve the opaque Collegium system of judicial appointments. It received over 11,500 views from the public. The ensuing months saw the Collegium publish its resolutions on the Supreme Court website, a practice that continues still.

Then came the unprecedented press conference held by four senior-most judges on January 12, 2018 to complain about the "selective" allocation of sensitive cases by successive Chief Justices of India. This led to the publication of the first-ever "subject-wise roster" for allocation of cases a month later.

The same year saw the Supreme Court deliver its judgment agreeing to livestream its proceedings. But successive Chief Justices remained hesitant to implement its own verdict.

Recently, a letter from senior advocate Indira Jaising to Chief Justice Lalit, reminding him about the live-streaming judgment, saw a Full Court promptly gather on September 20 and agree to beam the Constitution Bench proceedings live.

On Monday, Chief Justice Lalit brushed aside apprehensions raised by former BJP leader K.N. Govindacharya, through a writ petition, about the Supreme Court using You-

Orissa High Court judge pronounces 32 judgments in one day

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

An Orissa High Court Bench on Monday delivered judgment in 32 matters, pertaining to mostly civil disputes, in a single day.

The Bench of Justice Debabrata Dash went on a marathon pronouncement of judgments, helping clear the backlog to a certain extent.

A majority of the 32 cases listed for judgment were second appeals.

Oldest case

The oldest of the cases disposed of on Monday was between Jayadaya Agarwalla and Jogeswar Meher, two private persons.

The ordinary civil matter of damage recovery had been in the court since it was filed on July 18, 1988. Earlier, the case was fought in a lower court for six years since 1982. Justice Dash dismissed the appeal.

Similarly, the District Collector of Kalahandi had moved the court against encroachment on government land by Prahallad Aghria and others in 1999.

Justice Dash admitted the appeal of the Collector,

According to court records, as many as 1,72,301 cases are pending as of September 23

which means private persons' encroachments now stand invalid.

The judge admitted the second appeal of government agencies in four cases. The judgments were pronounced in open court, the copies of which are likely to be uploaded on the court's website in two or three days.

The court currently has 23 judges, including Chief Justice S. Muralidhar. According to court records, as many as 1,72,301 cases are pending as of September 23.

The highest among them are writ petitions under Article 226 and 227, with as many as 67,266 cases pending. Similarly, cases challenging judgment and sentences stand at 10,580.

Odisha Law Minister Jagannath Saraka recently informed the Assembly that more than one lakh cases have been pending for 15 years or more.

BJP MP denies signing letter in favour of Tharoor

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP MP Anil Agarwal on Monday wrote to Rajya Sabha floor leader Piyush Goyal, denying that he had signed a letter in support of senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, expressing dismay over the decision to remove Mr. Tharoor as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology.

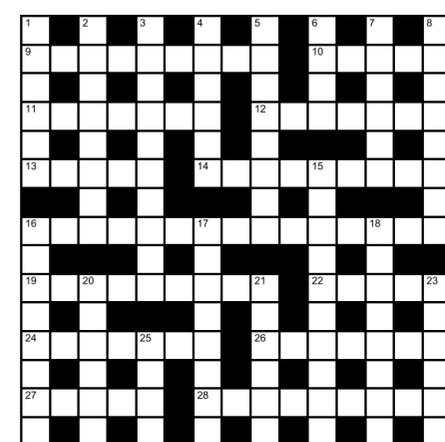
The letter, which was signed by four members of the committee, including Mr. Agarwal, was circulated on social media, with Mr. Tharoor also thanking all the signatories on Twitter for their solidarity.

In the expected reshuffle, the government has conveyed to the Congress that it will no longer hold the chairmanship of the parliamentary panel on I; instead, the party has been offered the committee on chemical and fertilizers.

THE CROSSWORD+ 13671
(set by Gussalufz)

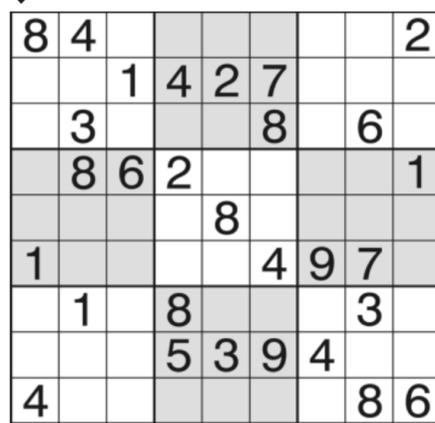
To solve this puzzle online, get access to our crossword site. @ <https://argo.page.link/jjpTn>

SCAN TO PLAY



- Across**
- View broadcast at one, live (9)
 - Enquire about missing Indian Railways card (5)
 - Diamond ring Frenchman dropped in wild shrub (7)
 - Study aspects of sex? Am in! Exciting!! (7)
 - Kind to muffle — at the onset! — naughty nasal sound (5)
 - Circumstantially single man consumes bites of nutrients and proteins for energy (4,5)
 - Doctor cures poor father as expected (3,3,3,6)
 - Was sorry about gluttony, having eaten two times (9)
 - Headgear frequently sported backwards by American pilot (5)
 - The woman's oddly better with a drink (4,3)
 - Strong feeling — two essentially divides (1+50×2)×2! (3,4)
 - Rise in geeks' demands? (5)
 - Space program's final stages caught in new energy crisis (9)
- Down**
- Garfunkel is wearing this man's suit (6)
 - When it was time for action from Zorro, he texted you desperately! (4,4)
 - Spiritual master gets ordinary student inspired by the endlessly fascinating journey (6,4)
 - Puzzle gossip involving Gussalufz getting extremely gross (6)
 - Old Indian coin is over 10 euros, they feel (8)
 - A bit of ale serving as water (4)
 - Raised five children, now regularly hides to take stock (6)
 - Prepare one for final journey, then hear sermon, taking veil off (8)
 - Hospital department to ask questions covering a month with zero record of performance (10)
 - Lightly roasting fresh carp with aromatic spice (8)
 - One with some trust on god during complicated test finds concentration (8)
 - Gangster breaks rules, switches allegiance (8)
 - Plot revealed by Imagine Dragons played in reverse (6)
 - Push liberal nonsense (6)
 - A lover not on top sets down cushions (6)
 - I am disappointed about a mission (4)

SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13670

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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8	5	7	4	1	6	2	9	3
9	2	1	7	3	8	4	6	5

FAITH

Viradha freed from curse

Rama had occasion to meet the pious rishis of Dandakaranya during His vana vasa even as He had the compulsion to deal with the many rakshasas who constantly disrupted their peaceful life. When Rama went further into the deep forest after accepting the warm reception of the rishis, the first encounter with a terrible man-eating rakshasa named Viradha is described by Valmiki, pointed out Sri B. Damodhara Dikshitar in a discourse.

With a huge and distorted form he rushed towards them and lifted his weapon and carried away Sita from their midst. While Rama was a bit unsettled initially, Lakshmana spoke words of encouragement and the brothers were ready to confront him. They revealed their identity as the sons of Dasaratha. Viradha left Sita aside and now carried both of them. Sita began to panic and Rama and Lakshmana decided to kill him. They cut his arms and he fell down. They tried to crush him on the ground. But owing to the boons given by Brahma he could not be killed though he continued to feel the pain and torment when beaten up.

Rama placed His foot on his neck and at that instant Viradha was cleared of delusion. He realised Rama as the Lord incarnate and with folded palms told them that he was a Gandharva named Tumburu under a curse by Kubera. He also remembered that he would be freed from this curse of living in a rakshasa form when he would have occasion to meet Rama. He was assured then that he would regain his celestial form and get back to heaven. But since he could not be killed by any weapon, Viradha told Rama that he be buried in a pit. So the brothers did accordingly.

BUSAN
U.S., South Korea begin naval drills after North's ballistic missile test



U.S. aircraft carrier *USS Ronald Reagan* leaving from a port in Busan, South Korea, on Monday. The carrier and its battle group launched drills with South Korean warships off the Korean Peninsula in their first such training in five years, a day after North Korea test-fired a short-range ballistic missile. AP

ORLANDO
Hurricane Ian grows stronger on path to strike Florida



Residents of Orange County filling sand bags at Baldwin Park to protect their homes in preparation of Hurricane Ian on Monday. Ian was growing stronger as it approached the western tip of Cuba on a track to hit the west coast of Florida as a major hurricane as early as Wednesday, said authorities. AP

CAIRO
Egyptian cleric revered by Muslim Brotherhood dies at 96



Yusuf al-Qaradawi, a prominent Sunni scholar and spiritual leader of Egypt's outlawed Muslim Brotherhood movement, died aged 96, his Twitter account announced on Monday. He died in Qatar, where he had been living in exile following the military's overthrow of a Muslim Brotherhood-led government in Egypt in 2013. AFP

BODA
Bangladesh boat tragedy death toll hits 41 as 17 more bodies recovered



People gathering along the banks of the Karatoya river after a boat capsized near the town of Boda on Sunday. Rescuers recovered 17 more bodies on Monday, raising the confirmed toll to 41. The small boat packed mostly with women and children flipped over on its way to a popular temple in northern Bangladesh. AFP

11 children among 15 dead in Russia school shooting

24 injured in attack at institution in Izhevsk; 34-year-old gunman, wearing a T-shirt with Nazi symbol, kills himself; Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov described the shooting as 'a terrorist act'

Associated Press
MOSCOW

A gunman opened fire in a school in central Russia on Monday, killing 15 people and wounding 24 before shooting himself dead, authorities said.

The shooting took place in School No. 88 in Izhevsk, a city 960 kilometres east of Moscow in the Udmurtia region.

Russia's Investigative Committee identified the gunman as 34-year-old Artyom Kazantsev, a graduate of the same school, and said he was wearing a black T-shirt bearing "Nazi symbols". No details about his motives have been released.

The committee said 15 people, including 11 children, were killed in the shooting, and 24 people, including 22 children, were wounded in the attack.

The Governor of Udmurtia, Alexander Brechalo, said the gunman, who



Providing comfort: A woman hugging a boy surrounded by other people near the scene of the shooting at School No. 88 in Izhevsk on Monday. AFP

he said was registered as a patient at a psychiatric facility, killed himself after the attack.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov described the shooting as "a terrorist act" and said Russian President Vladimir Putin had given all the necessary orders to the relevant authorities. "President Putin deeply mourns deaths

of people and children in the school, where a terrorist act took place," Mr. Peskov told reporters.

The school educates children between grades one and 11. It has been evacuated and the area around it has been cordoned off, the Governor said.

Russia's National Guard said Kazantsev used two

non-lethal handguns adapted to fire real bullets. The guns were not registered with the authorities.

A criminal probe into the incident has been launched on charges of multiple murder and illegal possession of firearms. Izhevsk, a city of 640,000, is located west of the Ural mountains in central Russia.

A party with neo-fascist roots, Brothers of Italy, set to form next government

Associated Press
ROME

Giorgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy, which won most number of votes in Sunday's national election, traces its origins to the postwar, neo-fascist Italian Social Movement.

The party, which won around 26% votes, tried to sound a unifying tone in a victory speech early on Monday, noting that Italians had finally been able to determine their leaders.

"If we are called to govern this nation, we will do it for everyone. We will do it for all Italians and we will do it with the aim of uniting the people," Ms. Meloni said. "Italy chose us. We will not betray it."

Turnout was a historic low of 64%. Pollsters suggested voters stayed home in protest, disenchanted by the backroom deals that had created the last three governments and the mash-up of parties in Premier Mario Draghi's outgoing national unity government.

While the right-wing



Call for change: Supporters of Brothers of Italy attending a rally in Rome on September 22. AP

coalition, which includes Matteo Salvini's League and Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia, was the clear winner, the formation of a government is still weeks away and will involve consultations among party leaders and with President Sergio Mattarella. In the meantime, Mr. Draghi will remain in a caretaker role.

Crucial time

The election, which took place six months early after Mr. Draghi's government collapsed, came at a crucial time for Europe as it faces Russia's war in Ukraine and the related soaring energy costs that have

hit ordinary Italians as well as industry. A Ms. Meloni-led government is largely expected to follow Italy's current foreign policy, including her pro-NATO stance and strong support for supplying Ukraine with weapons to defend itself against Russia's invasion, even as her coalition allies take a different tone.

Both Mr. Berlusconi and Mr. Salvini have ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin. While both have distanced themselves from his invasion of Ukraine, Mr. Salvini has warned that EU sanctions against Moscow are hurting Italian industry.

Putin grants Snowden Russian citizenship

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

President Vladimir Putin on Monday granted Russian citizenship to U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden, who exposed massive surveillance by the National Security Agency and was granted refuge by Moscow.

A presidential decree published on Monday included Mr. Snowden on a list of newly minted Russian citizens, at a time when relations between Washington and Moscow are at historic lows over the conflict in Ukraine.

Mr. Snowden said in November 2020 he had applied for Russian citizenship but that he would aim to keep his U.S. nationality.

The former intelligence contractor, who revealed in 2013 that the U.S. government was spying on its citizens, has been living in exile in Russia since the revelations.

Moscow several years ago relaxed its citizenship laws to allow individuals to hold Russian passports without rejecting their original nationalities.



Making a decision: An election official counting ballots at a polling station in Havana on Sunday. AFP

Cuba grants nod to same-sex marriage in unusual referendum

Associated Press
HAVANA

Cubans have approved a sweeping "family law" code that would allow same-sex couples to marry and adopt as well as redefining rights for children and grandparents, officials said on Monday, though opposition in the national referendum was unusually strong on the Communist Party-governed island.

The measure - which contains more than 400 articles - was approved by 66.9% to 33.1%, the president of the National Electoral Council, Alina Balseiro Gutiérrez, told official news media, though returns from a few places remained to be counted.

The reforms had met unusually strong open resistance from the growing evangelical movement in Cuba - and many other Cubans - despite an exten-

sive government campaign in favour of the measure, including thousands of informative meetings across the country and extensive media coverage backing it.

Cuban elections - in which no party other than the Communist is allowed - routinely produce victory margins of more than 90% - as did a referendum on a major constitutional reform in 2019.

The code will allow surrogate pregnancies, broader rights for grandparents in regard to grandchildren, protection of the elderly and measures against gender violence.

President Miguel Díaz-Canel, who has promoted the law acknowledged questions about the measure as he voted on Sunday.

"Most of our people will vote in favour of the code, but it still has issues that our society as a whole does not understand," he said.

As Sri Lanka backs freedom of expression at UN, police arrest dozens of protesters at home

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Just as Sri Lanka recently told the UN General Assembly that it treated freedom of expression as "sacrosanct", the police arrested dozens of protesters in Colombo this weekend for resisting a Presidential order.

Addressing the ongoing UN General Assembly session in New York on Saturday, Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Ali Sabry said: "We unconditionally recognise the fact that one has a fundamental right to the freedom of expression, which we all treat as being sacrosanct." He added: "However, it must also be appreciated that, this freedom must be within the constitutional order, and must be exercised having regard to one's fundamental duty to express oneself within the confines of the law."

The same day, the police arrested some 84 persons who took part in a protest organised by the Socialist Youth Union against state "suppression" of citizens' rights. The arrests were made after police unleashed tear gas and water cannons at the protesters, a day after President Ranil Wickremesinghe declared prominent locations around key government buildings as "High Security Zones", effectively outlawing protests in their vicinity.

Rights organisations and government critics slammed the arrests, pointing to Sri Lankan



Anti-government protesters scuffle with the police. AFP

authorities' actions evidently contradicting the Foreign Minister's pledge at the UN forum, that too weeks before Sri Lanka defends its rights record at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. "By arresting at least 84 peaceful protesters, Sri Lankan authorities have reaffirmed its intolerance towards dissent. Ironically, these peaceful protesters were demonstrating against the state's suppression of dissent," Amnesty International said on Saturday.

'Deep concern'

The development has yet again set off concern amid Sri Lanka's rights defenders who have, since President Wickremesinghe's appointment, been flagging a "witch-hunt" by the government, targeting several individuals who were at the forefront of mass anti-government protests this year. The detention of three student leaders last month, under a controversial anti-terrorism law, drew global

condemnation, including from the UN Human Rights Chief who termed their arrest "alarming".

Meanwhile, the Presidential order declaring a new set of High Security Zones in the capital under the Official Secrets Act - Tamils living in the north and east have contended with large, heavily militarised high security zones for many years - has also drawn criticism.

Expressing "deep concern", the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) said the purported order of the President, under Sri Lanka's Official Secrets Act, included "draconian" provisions, "violating the freedom of expression, the freedom of peaceful assembly and the freedom of movement all of which are important aspects of the right of the people to dissent in Sri Lanka".

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka on Monday said the notion that the High-Security Zones be declared under the country's Official Secret Act "is a fallacy without any justification or basis", besides the declaration "grossly violating" fundamental rights.

"The Official Secrets Act cannot be adopted to declare High-Security Zones," the Commission said, advising the government to withdraw the gazette and ensure national laws follow "accepted international and national human rights norms and standards" and "to preclude" declarations that violate those norms and standards.

Iran arrests more than 1,200 as protests rage

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Iran has arrested more than 1,200 protesters, officials said on Monday, in its lethal crackdown on 10 nights of unrest driven by outrage over the death of Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini in morality police custody. At least 41 people have

been killed as Iran has heavily deployed security forces against nationwide demonstrations.

Eighteen journalists have been imprisoned since the protests erupted earlier this month, according to the Washington-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ). Numerous activists and lawyers have also been held.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE WORKS DEPARTMENT
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- No. of work : 2 Nos.
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- Type of Bid : Two Bid System
- Estimated Cost : Rs. 365.58 lakh
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- Last date / time of seeking clarification : 17.00 Hrs. of 30.09.2022
- Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal : 17.00 Hrs. of 12.10.2022
- Date & Time of opening of Technical bids : At 11.30 Hrs. of 13.10.2022
- Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid : Additional Chief Engineer, P.H. Circle, Sambalpur, District's Hill, Near Stadium, AI/PO- Motijharan, Bkts- Sambalpur-768 001.

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Additional Chief Engineer, P.H. Circle, Sambalpur.
C-1292 : OIPR-1301811/10006/2223

IN BRIEF



OECD flags global recession risk on energy, inflation crises

Global economic growth is slowing more than was forecast a few months ago in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as energy and inflation crises risk snowballing into recessions in major economies, the OECD said. While global growth this year was still expected at 3%, it is now projected to slow to 2.2% in 2023, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said. **REUTERS**

Pound slumps to record low after U.K. tax announcements

Sterling slumped to a record low on Monday, and a renewed sell-off in U.K. gilts pushed euro-zone yields higher as the fallout from last week's fiscal statement in Britain roiled markets for a second session. The pound plunged almost 5% at one point in Asia trade to hit \$1.0327. U.K. Finance Minister Kwasi Kwarteng on Friday said he was scrapping the top rate of income tax and cancelled a planned increase in corporate taxes on top of a plan to subsidise energy bills. **REUTERS**

HCL Technologies unveils new brand and logo

HCL Technologies on Monday announced its new brand identity and logo, which the company said would be at the "heart of its go-to-market strategy and represent its differentiated portfolio of services and products that supercharge digital transformation for enterprises at scale." HCL Tech also announced its new brand positioning of "Supercharging Progress" and employee value proposition - "Find Your Spark". "Today, we are proud to share our purpose statement - to bring together the best of technology and our people to supercharge progress," said CEO and managing director C. Vijayakumar.

'AI has cleared ₹150 crore in refunds since privatisation'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India (AI) on Monday said it had cleared more than 2.5 lakh cases of refund worth more than ₹150 crore since the privatisation of the airline in January to address 'legacy issues' and meet customer expectations.

The airline said in a statement that it would ensure that requests for eligible refunds are processed within 'two to three days' and that it had made efforts to improve processes and systems, and employ technology to achieve this goal.

Processing by banks or credit card firms could, however, take another two weeks, the airline said.

'Willing to move SC for board seat in Ambadi'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Valli Arunachalam, who is fighting a legal battle for a seat on the board of Murugappa holding company Ambadi Investments Ltd. (AIL), said she would approach the Supreme Court in the matter, if required.

The eldest daughter of the former executive chairman of Murugappa Group, M.V. Murugappan, along with her family, holds 8.23% stake. With NCLAT dismissing AIL's appeals against her, she said she had full faith in judiciary.

Apple to manufacture iPhone 14 in India at Foxconn's T.N. facility

Special Correspondent
NEW DELHI

Apple's said it will make its latest flagship device - the iPhone 14 smartphone - at its contract manufacturer Foxconn's facility at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu. "The new iPhone 14 lineup introduces groundbreaking, new technologies and important safety capabilities," Apple said in a statement. "We're excited to be manufacturing iPhone 14 in India."

The iPhone 14 was introduced globally on September 7 and made available to customers in India simultaneously with those in the U.S., among other markets, on September 16.

Apple would also be exporting the smartphones

Sensex slides 1.6% on slowdown fears, rupee slips to 81.67

Rupee could weaken beyond the 82-level this week, say analysts; they predict volatility in tech stocks as a global recession may impact exports

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Indian stocks tumbled on Monday for the fourth straight session since the U.S. Federal Reserve adopted a hawkish stance last week to control rising inflation. Following a sell-off in the local equity markets by foreign funds, the rupee hit yet another record low.

The S&P BSE Sensex fell 953.70 points, or 1.64%, to 57,145.22. Intraday the index had slumped 1,060 points.

Sensex stocks that lost the most include Maruti (5.49%), Tata Steel (4.22%), ITC (3.96%), Axis Bank (3.40%), NTPC (3.35%) and Bajaj Finance (3.34%).

The NSE Nifty-50 index too declined 311.05 points, or 1.8%, to 17,016.30.

'FIIs are selling'

"The Nifty attempted a pullback from lower levels but the bears had a firm grip as the index witnessed selling pressure... and it ended a tad above 17,000," said Ruchit Jain, lead Research, 5paisa.com.

"FIIs have formed more short positions in the index futures segment and they have been selling in the cash segment too [leading to the fall]," he added.

"Recession fears in U.S. and Europe, the Russia-Ukraine war and the political uncertainty in China have



Gloomy outlook: Global recession anxiety, the Russia-Ukraine war and political uncertainty in China have hit sentiment. **PAUL NORONHA**

further cast a cloud of uncertainty on the global economy. This has led to the U.S. 10-year bond yields rising to 3.82%, the highest since 2010," said Sandeep Bhardwaj, CEO, IIFL Securities.

"A slowdown/recession would have an impact on our country's exports as demand for goods and services would begin to dry up. Hence, for the medium term, we should expect higher volatility in IT stocks," he added.

'Pound hits sentiment'

The rupee fell for the fourth consecutive session to close 58 paise lower at 81.67 compared with Friday's close of 81.09 against the U.S. dollar. Analysts said the rupee could likely depreciate beyond the 82 level this week.

"Hawkish Fed outlook, political instability in Chi-

na and sell-off in pound after the tax cut announcement is also disturbing the overall market sentiment," said Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

'RBI policy watched'

"This week, RBI will release its policy statement and this is likely to influence the rupee that is currently falling sharply against the U.S. dollar," Mr. Somaiya added.

Monday's fall in the rupee could have been higher had the Reserve Bank of India not intervened by selling dollars in the inter-bank forex market via public sector banks, analysts said. The Reserve Bank has on many occasions made it clear that it would deploy its forex reserves to prevent excess volatility in the forex market.

While it expects inflation to average 6.8% through the year, the rating agency predicted further 'material' increases in policy rates owing to elevated core inflation levels. It has projected the exchange rate for the rupee to average at 79 to the U.S. dollar this year, before slipping to 80.5, 82 and 83 in

Centre defers new foreign trade policy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government on Monday extended the tenure of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 by another six months till March 2023, instead of replacing it with a new policy by September 30 as it had envisaged, citing requests from industry associations.

On September 3, Commerce Secretary B.V.R. Subrahmanyam had said the government was readying a new Foreign Trade Policy which would be unveiled on September 30 as part of a package to propel merchandise exports that had dipped sequentially for the third successive month in August.

"In recent days, export-



ers and industry bodies have strongly urged the government that in view of the prevailing, volatile global economic and geo-political situation, it would be advisable to extend the current policy for some time, and undertake more consultations before coming out with the new policy," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement.

S&P sticks to 7.3% FY23 growth forecast

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

S&P Global Ratings has retained its 2022-23 growth forecast for India's economy at 7.3%, citing a smaller impact from the global slowdown on its domestically-driven economy.

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the subsequent three years till 2025-26.

India's retail inflation is expected to stay above the 6% mark till the end of 2022 on rising wheat and rice prices, 'sticky' core inflation and the likelihood of food inflation increasing again, S&P Global's chief economist Louis Kuijs said.

Though S&P has stuck to its previous growth forecast, it expects growth to stay below 7% for the next three years from 2023.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	57,145	-1.64
US Dollar	81.67	-0.71
Gold	49,786	-1.07
Brent oil	85.25	-

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	863.40	-50.40
Apollo Hosp.	4282.70	-135.75
Asian Paints	3438.05	42.80
Axis Bank	742.60	-26.00
Bajaj Auto	3574.50	-124.40
Bajaj Finserv	1676.80	-45.10
Bajaj Finance	7259.50	-247.65
Bharti Airtel	755.05	-16.30
BPL	304.90	-7.05
Britannia Ind.	3787.50	-9.20
Cipla	1065.65	-2.45
Coal India	215.50	-7.35
Divis Lab	3670.00	27.40
Dr. Reddy's Lab.	4127.85	-11.35
Eicher Motors	3515.55	-172.90
Grasim Ind.	1665.45	-31.95
HCL Tech	906.70	10.85
HDFC	2309.65	-43.60
HDFC Bank	1426.65	-19.50
HDFC Life	522.75	-16.70
Hero MotoCorp	2721.35	-40.70
Hindalco	373.40	-22.95
Hind Unilever	2660.55	-21.50
ICICI Bank	861.05	-21.20
IndusInd Bank	1149.60	-33.75
Infosys	1380.25	14.80
ITC	332.60	-13.80
JSW Steel	646.15	-22.85
Kotak Bank	1829.00	-33.70
L&T	1851.45	-5.40
M&M	1236.40	-35.90
Maruti Suzuki	8834.95	-508.50
NestleIndia	18453.30	-42.60
NTPC	158.60	-5.35
ONGC	123.45	-5.15
PowerGrid Corp.	200.85	-1.70
Reliance Ind.	2377.35	-62.15
SBI Life	1259.80	-13.20
State Bank	543.30	-7.30
Shree Cement	20748.50	-452.95
Sun Pharma	900.70	-20.40
TataConsumer		
Product	780.85	-0.70
Tata Motors	397.50	-25.60
Tata Steel	99.85	-4.45
TCS	2994.40	12.35
Tech Mahindra	1032.90	-2.20
Titan	2655.50	-16.95
UltraTech Cement	6177.10	37.15
UPL	679.90	-22.95
Wipro	394.80	0.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 26

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.42	81.74
Euro	78.54	78.85
British Pound	87.25	87.60
Japanese Yen (100)	56.48	56.71
Chinese Yuan	11.37	11.41
Swiss Franc	82.21	82.53
Singapore Dollar	56.72	56.95
Canadian Dollar	59.68	59.92
Malaysian Ringgit	17.68	17.77
Australian Dollar	52.90	53.16

Source: Indian Bank

Mahindra Logistics buys Rivigo unit for ₹225 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Mahindra Logistics Ltd. (MLL) will acquire the B2B express business of Rivigo Services, a logistics firm, for ₹225 crore.

The transfer would be effective from October 1, Mahindra Logistics said.

As per an agreement, MLL would acquire Rivigo's business through a business transfer agreement (BTA), including the start-up's customers, team and assets, B2B express business, technology platform and the Rivigo brand.

The acquisition would augment MLL's existing B2B express business. Rivigo's B2B express business accounted for a revenue of ₹295 crore in FY21.



from India, apart from catering to local demand.

The move comes at a time when several global manufacturers, including Apple, are understood to be looking for shifting production from China amid supply-chain disruptions.

Apple, which reported a 2% rise in revenue to \$83 billion for the April-June quarter, saw a 'near doubling' of revenue from the India market.

'Commercial vehicles on double-digit growth course'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The commercial vehicle (CV) segment is on a double-digit volume growth course this fiscal in India on the back of increasing consumption and government investment in infrastructure, Tata Motors executive director Girish Wagh said here on Monday.

"Growth depends on headwinds and tailwinds... while one of the headwinds, fuel prices, seem to have stabilised, we will keep a watch on [rising] interest rates," Mr. Wagh said, unveiling a new range



Girish Wagh

of pickups here. "There are local tailwinds in terms of growth in consumption and infrastructure, booming e-commerce... as an average all these will lead to increase in industry volumes this year," he said. The increase will be on

lower base of last fiscal, when volumes went downhill due to the impact of the pandemic. While the FY21 volume of 5,50,000 units was the lowest, the peak for the CV segment came in FY19, when it touched about 1 million vehicles. "It appears we should be reaching at least 80-82% of that peak this year," Mr. Wagh said.

Without sharing specifics of investments in the new range, he said at the CV business unit level, "we have been investing about ₹2,000 crore per annum, and will continue to invest at the same rate."

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name: **Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown about 60 years** of age was found dead in the area of PS G.T.B. Enclave, Delhi dated 25.09.2022 at 2:49 PM. In this regard a DD No. **50-A**, dated **25.09.2022** has been registered at **PS G.T.B. Enclave, Delhi**.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 60 years, **Height:** 5' 6" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Sky blue shirt & black pent.

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

SHO
PS GTB Enclave, Delhi
Ph: 011-22580947, 22137444
Mobile: 7065036031

DP/1287/SHD/2022

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Aakash Sharma, S/o Suresh Sharma, R/o Village Baiyanpur, Opposite Shiv Mandir Wali Gali, District Sonapat, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 27211/2018 U/S 411 IPC PS Kapashera, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Aakash Sharma** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Aakash Sharma** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Aakash Sharma of FIR No. 27211/2018 U/S 411 IPC PS Kapashera, New Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.10.2022**.

By Order
Apoorva Rana
Metropolitan Magistrate-10
Room No. 316, 3rd Floor
Dwarka Courts, New Delhi

DP/1152/SW/2022

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Rukhsar, D/o Mahfooz Khan, R/o H. No. F-351, Gali No.6, Wazirabad Village, Delhi, Age: 21 years, Height: 5', Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Build: Medium, Wearing: Yellow colour Sult & Salwar, Green Colour Chunnii, Yellow colour Slipper in her feet** has been missing from her home since **15.09.2022** at 12:30 pm. In this regard a **DD No. 76A** dated **16.09.2022** has been registered at **P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far, if any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.

E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.nic.in**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
SHO
PS Wazirabad, Delhi
Ph: 011-23810069, 23810073,
9971632664
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SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY



General public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Shamreen, W/o Shahrugh, R/o 8/9, Gali No. 01, Kardampuri, Delhi. Age 22 years, Height 5', Complexion Fair, Round Face, Medium Built, Wearing Black colour suit & sakwar and hawai chappal in feet** has been missing since 18.08.2022 from her house. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this lady but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a DD No. 57A dated 19.08.2022 has been lodged at PS Joyti Nagar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing lady may kindly inform to the following.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334
PS: Joyti Nagar, Delhi
Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218
PS: Joyti Nagar, Delhi
Ph: 7982969014, 9911752031

DP/1620/NE/2022

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Parvesh @ Vinod Kumar S/o Joginder, R/o T-4147, Gali No. 21B, Baljeet Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide **FIR No. 468/2021, U/s 307/394/397/411/34 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act** registered at P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Parvesh @ Vinod Kumar** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Parvesh @ Vinod Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Parvesh @ Vinod Kumar of FIR No. 468/2021, U/s 307/394/397/411/34 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act** registered at P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.10.2022**.

By Order
Sh. Vishal Singh,
Addl. Sessions Judge-03 (West District)
Room No. 314, Third Floor,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/1231/CD/2022

(Court Notice)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Krishna S/o Late Tejpal R/o Vegabond, Hanuman Mandir, Jamna Bazar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence **FIR No. 419/2019 Dated 11.12.2019 u/s 27/61/85 NDPS Act, P.S. Kotwali, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Krishna** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Krishna** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Krishna** accused of **FIR No. 419/2019 u/s 27/61/85 NDPS Act, P.S. Kotwali, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **09.11.2022**.

By Order:
Meena Chauhan
Metropolitan Magistrate-08
Central Room No. 272, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/786/N/22

Kohli crosses 16,000 runs in ODIs & T20Is

Virat Kohli has become the second player to score 16,000 runs in white-ball international cricket. He now has 16,004 runs (including 44 centuries), across 262 ODI and 107 T20I matches behind Sachin Tendulkar, who leads with 18,436 runs (49 tons) accumulated over 463 ODIs and one T20I.



Shahbaz and Shreyas in T20I squad vs SA

Yet to recover from COVID-19, Mohammed Shami has been ruled out of India's three-match T20I series against South Africa, while Bengal all-rounder Shahbaz Ahmed (in pic) has come in place of a rested Hardik Pandya. The series is starting on Sept. 28 in Thiruvananthapuram. With all-rounder Deepak Hooda out



of the series due to back spasms, Shreyas Iyer has been recalled for the series.

Kosgei pulls out of London Marathon

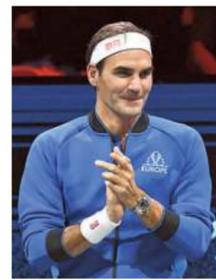
World record-holder and two-time winner (2020 & 2021) Brigid Kosgei of Kenya has pulled out of Sunday's London Marathon with a hamstring injury. The women's race will be headlined by fellow Kenyan and defending champion Joyciline Jepkosgei. Ethiopian reigning champion Sisay Lemma is among the



favourites for the men's race. Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge is not running.

Murray sees Federer leading in future

Andy Murray has backed the now-retired Roger Federer as a future Laver Cup captain after Bjorn Borg indicated the sixth edition in Vancouver next year could be his last. Team Europe suffered a 13-8 loss to Team World and a vacancy for the captaincy will open up when Swedish great Borg steps away. "I'm sure Roger is going



to stay involved in the event in some capacity and maybe one day captain the team," he said.

England skipper Knight accuses India of lying over run out



Talking point: Deepti running out Dean for backing up has generated much debate. GETTY IMAGES

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

England women's captain Heather Knight has accused India of "lying" about giving tailender Charlie Dean warnings before her controversial run out by bowler Deepti Sharma in the third One-Day International. Deepti said on Monday that India had repeatedly warned Dean for stealing ground by backing up and was adamant they had done nothing wrong. "That was our plan because she was repeatedly doing it and we had warned them too," the off-spinner said on the team's arrival in Kolkata.

Umpires informed "We had also informed the umpires. But still she was right there so there wasn't much we could do. We did everything according to the rules and guidelines." Tweeting in response to Deepti's comments, Knight acknowledged that Dean



We had also informed the umpires. But still she was right there so there wasn't much we could do. DEEPTI

was dismissed legitimately but she said: "No warnings were given." "They don't need to be given, so it hasn't made the dismissal any less legitimate," she said. "But if they're comfortable with the decision to affect the run out, India shouldn't feel the need to justify it by lying about warnings." The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the guardians of the laws of cricket, has said the third ODI was "properly officiated." "MCC's message to non-strikers continues to be to remain in their ground until they have seen the ball leave the bowler's hand," it said in a statement. "Then dismissals, such as the one seen yesterday [Saturday], cannot happen."

Australia series helped identify areas that still need focus: Rohit

India captain all praise for Suryakumar's brilliance and Kohli's fantastic effort that took the game away from the Aussies, and the way they kept backing themselves

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA
V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

"We have ticked a lot of boxes, learnt a lot and found areas that still require focus," India captain Rohit Sharma told the media after the team's 2-1 win over Australia in the three-match Mastercard T20 International series here on Sunday night. "It has been a good series overall," he said. Everyone was aware of Suryakumar Yadav's skills, according to Rohit, who said the batter was always consistent, playing impactful innings. "In every match, he looks to play a notch higher. He seems to be getting better and better. That is a good sign." "Today [Sunday] it was an exceptional innings [from Suryakumar] to take the game away in the company of a fantastic Virat Kohli. It was a crucial century stand between them. It was great for us the way these two batted. There is pressure in chasing 180-plus totals. But they kept backing themselves." **Bhuv's form** Reflecting on pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Rohit was of the view that it was important he be given space.



In firm control: Kohli never let the pressure of chasing a big target get to him. NAGARA GOPAL

India-Australia T20I series in numbers

Batting	M	Runs	HS	SR	50s
Green	3	118	61	214.54	2
Suryakumar	3	115	69	185.48	1
Hardik	3	105	71*	190.90	1
Wade	3	89	45*	202.27	0

Bowling	M	Wkts.	BBI	Avg.	Econ.
Axar	3	8	3/17	7.87	6.30
Ellis	1	3	3/30	10.00	7.50
Zampa	3	3	3/16	32.00	9.60
Hazlewood	3	3	2/39	33.00	11.00

"He brings quality to the team. We believe in his ability. Of late there have been more bad days than good. We have been work-

ing on some plans. He will be as good as before. Importantly, he is not short on confidence. "It is for us to show faith

in him, keep backing him, trying to work on other things. Can't be predictable." Rohit added that there was a need to keep tightening all departments. The batting, which has been "brilliant since the Asia Cup", needed to be more clinical and aggressive. There are areas in fielding that need improvement, the skipper stated. Commenting on the choice between Rishabh Pant and Dinesh Karthik, Rohit felt that both needed game-time. "The idea is to stick to a consistent lineup. We will manage these guys carefully," the captain concluded.

Don't have the fear of failure, says Kuldeep

NZ-A IN INDIA
S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

From being an automatic pick in all formats of the game three years ago, Kuldeep Yadav quickly fell down the pecking order after being dropped from the national team and even his former IPL club Kolkata Knight Riders. The 27-year-old, however, rediscovered his form this year for his new team Delhi Capitals in the IPL, with 21 wickets. He made a comeback into the national team in the shorter formats and, on Sunday, took a hat-trick for India-A against New Zealand-A.

Extra effort "To be honest, from last year after I was injured, understanding my rhythm was very important. Earlier, I was slow in my run-up and I found it difficult when batters started picking what I was bowling," said Kuldeep on his comeback journey. "After surgery [in 2021], I changed that rhythm. I am bowling with more effort and control by giving extra pace as well. That helped me [evolve] from what I used to be before to what I am now," he said. The left-arm wrist-spinner also stated that he didn't have the fear of failure anymore. "When you fail, you learn. When I came back to the Indian side in January, I was not afraid of failure, I wanted to enjoy the game." When asked about how tough it was going from playing all formats to being dropped, Kuldeep said, "You learn as a wrist-spinner when you keep play-



Kuldeep Yadav. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

ing. You want to play more games but that could not happen. I didn't know how to cope with it. The injury was lucky for me. I could understand my body and what areas I needed to work on."

Thank you, Watson "Coming back from there, I was thinking about my rhythm and pace, which has helped me. It is challenging but you have to see the other part as well; there are plenty of cricketers coming up. It is always tough playing for India," Kuldeep added. He also gave credit to Shane Watson at Delhi Capitals. "He helped me with mind control. He was the one who calmed me down and asked me to focus on a few things." Even though he was overlooked for the World T20 this year, Kuldeep will look to sign off this 'A' series on a high on Tuesday in the third and final one-dayer, as he strives come back into national reckoning.

Jaiswal incident: skipper Rahane has set high standards

S. Dinakar
COIMBATORE

West Zone skipper Ajinkya Rahane's brave and laudable act of ordering his own teammate Yashasvi Jaiswal out of the field for excessive sledging at South's Ravi Teja on the final day of the Duleep Trophy final will send shockwaves through the Indian domestic circuit. After Rahane's courageous move to uphold the dignity of the game and the need to respect the opposition and the match officials at the Ramakrishna College ground here, every captain will be under pressure to act against a similarly erring teammate.

Cynosure Rahane was the cynosure, also the manner he led West Zone, making his moves like a chess grandmaster. Whether bringing on the right bowler against the right batter from the right end, and for plotting a dismissal after consulta-



In command: Rahane had the courage to put his erring teammate in his place. M. PERIASAMY

tions with the bowler and the wicketkeeper, Rahane's captaincy came to the fore. The tactically brilliant Rahane would look at a batter's grip, his footwork, and his areas of scoring before setting his field, with a trap in place. The planning would be followed by precise execution. Rahane was spot-on with his decision to bat on a green wicket in the final. He knew if his batters could somehow take the

score close to 300, he would be in the box seat as the pitch would become increasingly difficult to score. West had the bowlers to pull off Rahane's tricks. None more than Jaydev Unadkat, a left-arter who has evolved into a crafty seamer with experience. The 30-year-old Unadkat's contribution was way more than his 13 wickets in the competition, including six in the final. For a left-arm seamer to bowl around the wicket

with such control demands exemplary skill. He played around with the angles at a lively pace, probing the batters all the time. The hard-to-please Rahane praised Unadkat's work ethic and commitment. The left-arter gives India a definite option as far as red-ball cricket is concerned. Watch out for Atit Sheth too. He runs in with momentum and bowls with pace and movement. And in opener Jaiswal and middle-order batter Sarfaraz Khan, West has two cricketers for the future. The left-handed Jaiswal's two double hundreds, one of them in the final, reflected his technique and appetite for runs. Sarfaraz is a clever accumulator of runs, runs hard between wickets, pushes and nudges early on, and then opens out with strokes that are both classical and cheeky. South was outgunned in the final. All said, West was a worthy winner.

Carlsen blanks Arjun to win Generation Cup

CHESS
Sports Bureau

World champion Magnus Carlsen reserved his best for the last as he raced away to an unsurpassable 2-0 lead in the second set of four-rapid games to claim the \$150,000 Julius Baer Generation Cup online rapid chess tournament on Sunday. Having won the first set 2.5-0.5, Carlsen had to ensure only two points in the second set to prevail without needing the tie-break blitz games. On his part, World No. 24 Arjun Erigaisi tried his best but could not trouble the World No. 1. Carlsen, who crossed the 2900-mark in rating, received \$25,000 and another \$8,500 in bonuses. **Massive score** Having beaten Arjun in the first game of the league, Carlsen had a massive 5.5-0.5 score against the In-



Marching ahead: Carlsen crossed the 2900-mark in rating in the process. FILE PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

dian teenager in this competition. "The score was great," said Carlsen and continued, "I sort of played very much throughout this match 'anti-young-player chess' in the sense that I tried to play a little bit older, less theoretical lines that have some serious strategic complexity, and it worked out pretty well. "I would say that I'm happy with the opening

choices that I made, the strategy I had from a psychological point of view... now I'm playing younger and younger players and it makes sense to employ some different tricks as they catch up!" Meanwhile, in the FIDE women's Grand Prix in Astana, Kazakhstan, R. Vaishali (4 points) drew with Zhansaya Abdumalik (Kazakhstan) in the eighth round.

India U-17 women's team loses to Sweden

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The India U-17 women's team suffered a 1-3 defeat against Sweden at Girona in its first match of the exposure tour in the run-up to the FIFA U-17 World Cup. The match was played at Girona in Spain. It was the first match of the exposure tour for the Indian girls ahead of the age-group showpiece, which India is hosting in October-November.

Lone goal scorer Sudha Tirkey (62') scored the only goal for India after Sweden U-17 girls took a comfortable 3-0 lead through Ida Gramfors (44') Sara Frigren (52') and Selma Astrom (54').

LIVE TELECAST
UAE vs Bangladesh: 2nd T20I, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.
Nations League: Sony Ten 1, 2, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

IN BRIEF



United States captures ninth consecutive Presidents Cup

The United States won the Presidents Cup for a ninth consecutive time on Sunday with Tokyo Olympic champion Xander Schauffele delivering the clinching point in a 17.5-12.5 triumph over Internationals.

Schauffele never trailed in defeating Canada's Corey Conners 1-up, sinking a three-foot putt on the 18th hole to lift the US squad to 15.5 points and seal the overall triumph at Quail Hollow.

The Americans, who led 11-7 entering the 12 final singles matches, improved to 12-1-1 in the all-time rivalry and have never lost on home soil.

With 10 of the world's 16 top-ranked players, Team USA was a heavy favourite over a global side that lost British Open champion Cam Smith and several other top players who jumped from the PGA Tour to LIV Golf, making them ineligible.

The results (Sunday's match-ups): United States 17.5 bt Internationals 12.5 [Justin Thomas lost to Kim Si-woo 1-up; Jordan Spieth bt Cam Davis 4&3; Sam Burns tied Hideki Matsuyama; Patrick Cantlay bt Adam Scott 3&2; Scottie Scheffler lost to Sebastian Munoz 2&1; Tony Finau bt Taylor Pendrith 3&1; Xander Schauffele bt Corey Conners 1-up; Cameron Young lost to Im Sung-jae 1-up; Billy Horschel lost to Lee Kyoung-hoon 3&1; Max Homa bt Kim Joo-hyung 1-up; Collin Morikawa bt Mito Pereira 3&2; Kevin Kisner lost to Christiaan Bezuidenhout 2&1].

Maini equals career-best fourth at the Spielberg DTM

Indian racer Arjun Maini overcame tricky conditions to equal his best finish of fourth place in the penultimate round of the DTM Championship in Spielberg, Austria. Arjun, who had qualified seventh but had to start 10th due to a penalty from the previous race, is placed 18th with 24 points in the standings. The last weekend of the DTM championship will be at Hockenheimring between October 7-9.

Tasnim and Rajawat claim singles crowns

Former junior World No. 1 Tasnim Mir and Thomas Cup winner Priyanshu Rajawat clinched the women's and men's singles titles respectively at the India Chhattisgarh International Challenge here on Sunday.

The results (finals): Men: Priyanshu Rajawat bt Subhankar Dey 21-13, 21-11; **Doubles:** Ishan Bhatnagar & K. Sai Prateek bt Krishna Prasad & Vishnuvardhan Goud 17-21, 21-15, 23-21. **Women:** Tasnim bt Samiya Farooqui 14-21, 21-17, 21-11; **Doubles:** Chisato Hoshi & Miyu Takahashi (Jpn) bt Aarti Sara Sunil & Pooja Dandu 12-21, 21-12, 21-7. **Mixed doubles:** N. Sikki Reddy & Rohan Kapoor bt Ratchapol Makkasasithorn & Chasinee Korepap (Tha) 22-20, 23-21.



Army Boys Sports Company takes the honours

Chhitu Bara scored the match-winner in the 58th minute to help Army Boys Sports Company, MEG Centre, Bangalore, to a 1-0 victory over Guru Gobind Singh Sports College, Lucknow, in the final of the Steelbird 39th Nehru sub-junior hockey tournament at the Shivaji Stadium on Monday.

The champion team was presented ₹1,60,000 and the runner-up ₹96,000.

Nitesh Sharma of Army Boys team was adjudged the "best player" of the tournament and presented ₹25,000.

The coach of the champion team K.B. Thammaiah was awarded ₹15,000 and the coach of the runner-up team Dharmendra Sonkar was given ₹10,000.

The fair play trophy in memory of KG Kakar was presented to the Bhopal team.

Shoriful ends UAE chase as Bangladesh win T20 opener

Shoriful Islam ended the United Arab Emirates victory chase with wickets off consecutive balls in the last over to give Bangladesh a seven-run victory in the series opener in Dubai on Sunday.

The scores: Bangladesh 158/5 in 20 overs (Afif Hossain 77 n.o., Nurul Hasan 35 n.o.) bt UAE 151 in 19.4 overs (Chirag Suri 39, Aayan Afzal Khan 25; Shoriful Islam 3/21, Mehidy Hasan 3/17). **Toss:** UAE; Bangladesh won by seven runs to lead series 1-0.

'Always a challenge playing against India'

The Indians have just won a series against Australia and I expect this is going to be a hotly contested series and whichever team plays better will be the winners, says Shamsi



Up for the challenge: Shamsi is hopeful of a good show against India. AFP

S. AFRICA IN INDIA

M.R. Praveen Chandran
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

After a good series against England the South African leg-spinner Tabraiz Shamsi is looking forward to the challenge presented by Indian batters in the T20 series which will begin at the Sports Hub on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old said it was an important series for South Africa ahead of the T20 World Cup and the aim was to win it. The leg-spinner also expects stiff challenge from the hosts who are on a high after the series win against Australia.

"It is always nice and a challenge playing against India. They have just won a series against Australia and I expect this is going to be a hotly contested series and whichever team plays better will be the winners. We had a good series last time and drew 2-2 and we take a lot of positives from it. We as a team are here to overcome challenges and we will definitely try to win

this series. Personally I love coming to India and performing here. I try to do my best and I am obviously happy with my form this year" he said.

Shamsi said the like the host India, South Africa will have one eye on the World Cup and will be experimenting a few things in this series. "Leading up to the T20 World Cup, there are a few things which the coach and the captain might think of experimenting and play around with. It is about trying little things that they see fit and be ready for the World Cup. But having said that this India series is very important for us," he said.

Shamsi said the new T20 South African league will change the landscape of cricket in South Africa as IPL has done with Indian cricket in the past. "It is an exciting thing happening in South African cricket. It will create more opportunity for players playing overseas and they would be able to showcase their skill at a different level. It good for South African cricket and for players as well," he said.

Not averse to fresh elections, TTFI and CoA tell the court

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

As widely anticipated, fresh elections to the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) are in the offing in November.

During Monday's hearing in the Delhi High Court, both parties - TTFI and the Committee of Administrators (CoA) through their counsels - had no objections to fresh elections.

Threat of suspension Representing the TTFI, senior counsel Anupam Das, along with Parth Goswami, pointed out that it was learnt, the International Table Tennis Federation of India (ITTF) had written to the CoA and there was an apprehension of the TTFI getting suspended by September 30.

To this query, the counsel for CoA Senior Advocate Raj Shekhar Rao confirmed that there was indeed a communication from the ITTF. After seeking instructions from the CoA, he told the court that

Next hearing is fixed for October 10 when CoA will be required to present the letter received from ITTF

until November there was no threat of suspension. With the ITTF dictat in place, and both parties not averse to having fresh elections, Justice Rekha Palli reiterated that the CoA was a temporary arrangement and the TTFI would be run by an elected body.

TTFI's submission The TTFI counsels made a submission that if fresh elections were conducted, the tenure of 11 months (since February 2021) served by the TTFI's elected Principal office-bearers, whose term was cut short due to the appointment of the CoA (in February 2022), may not be considered as a full term since there was a tenure restriction under the Sports Code.

The counsels for Government of India sought

to take instructions on the issue.

To the suggestion of Mr. Shekhar Rao that the provisions of the Sports Code be applicable to all State Associations, counsel for the State Associations, advocate Hrishikesh Barua vehemently objected and reminded the court that sports was a State subject and any amendments to the existing regulations could be made only by the State.

Mr Barua was quick to point out that the Sports Code was applicable only to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and not to State Associations. The next hearing is fixed for October 10, when, as per the direction of the Court, the CoA will be required to present the letter received from the ITTF.

The government will be required to inform the court whether the term of 11 months, served by the suspended TTFI office-bearers, can be waived off in the event of elections.

Ajit and Pradeep star in Aviraj Warriors' triumph

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

Ajit Sail and Pradeep Pant handled the climax with composure, despite spells of nervous play, in helping Aviraj Warriors to a thrilling 128-125 victory over Bangalore Challengers in the final of the Legends Tennis League on Monday.

Bangalore Challengers led by 11 points after 13 matches in the tie and needed to win only five points in the last rubber, which had double points.

The experienced pair of Saurabh Singh and Arjun Verma, however, lost 11-4, as Ajit and Pradeep came up with brilliant strokes.

The Warriors got off to a spectacular start through former national champion Siddharth Vishwakarma, and Pradeep himself had played well to strengthen the foundation. Saurabh Singh and Kamesh Shukla could not get into the groove in the first three matches for Bangalore.

Thereafter, Ramzan, Arjun Verma and Aditya

I am mentally very strong now: Abhay

SQUASH

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
CHENNAI

Abhay Singh is on a high. "I think in my last six [PSA challenger] events, I've beaten four top-seeds. So, it's like I don't care who's seeded what. I'm just here to win!" he says after winning the men's title of the Chennai leg of the HCL-SRFI PSA Indian Tour at the ISA courts here on Friday.

He's won four PSA challenger events this year, and what's been truly remarkable is his toughness - both mental and physical. When stretched, he's not snapped, and still better, has gone on to clinch the win!

He beat the Swiss Robin Gadola in a 95-minute final to win the Lorient Open title. And Malaysia's Ivan Yuen in a 80-minute final to bag the Tuanku Muhriz Trophy title.

Simply put, he's been a tough nut to crack!

"I believe that I was physically and mentally strong enough to come through this week [Chennai PSA]."

On his biggest takeaway from the Chennai event, he says, "That I'm just mental-



Abhay Singh. R. RAVINDRAN

ly very strong. I think maybe earlier I would doubt myself a little bit. But there's no doubt now."

He's super-confident about the National Games, and the event he's most looking forward to, the Asian team championships.

"It's Saurav [Ghosal], Ramit [Tandon], Vela [van], and I. I think that's one of the strongest teams India has put out in a very long time! We are going for gold!" he says about the Asian team championships to be held from Oct. 31 to Nov. 4 in Korea.

"Last time, the boys went without me and unfortunately only settled for a silver. This time, if you win gold, then you know who the lucky charm is!"



Champion: Aviraj Warriors beat Bangalore Challengers in a thriller in the Legends Tennis League. KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Khanna turned the tide in favour of the Bangalore team. Akhil Mathur and Shailender restored the supremacy for Warriors. It was here that Anshul Bagai, Sanjeev Manchanda and Aditya Khanna combined to turn the flow strongly in favour of the Bangalore team, together with commendable support from the woman player, Radhika Kohli.

Seasoned campaigners Chandra Bhusan and Ajeet Bhardwaj were unable to pull their weight for Warriors.

In such a scenario, it

was much against the flow of the long-winding contest that the Warriors were able to spring a surprise in the climax.

The three players who had won medals in the Masters World Championship Radhika Tulpule, V.M. Ranjeet and Jagdish Tanwar were felicitated with cash awards at the presentation function.

The results: Final: Aviraj Warriors bt Bangalore Challengers 128-125. **Semifinals:** Bangalore Challengers bt Punjab Aces 135-120; Aviraj Warriors bt Tennis Titans 130-125.

Croatia and the Netherlands enter the semifinals; France survives relegation

NATIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Croatia and the Netherlands booked their places in the last four of the Nations League as holder France needed a favour to avoid relegation from the top tier on Sunday.

Les Bleus lost 2-0 in Denmark to finish with just one win from their six group games, but Croatia's 3-1 win at Austria saved the world champion from the drop.

Didier Deschamps will be hoping to have a number of key men back from injury by the time France's



Stretching to score: Dolberg stuns France with this opening strike for Denmark. REUTERS

defence of the World Cup begins against Australia on November 22.

France will also come up against the Danes in the group stage in Qatar and the Euro 2020 semifinalists showed they are more than

capable of causing more trouble in two months' time.

Both goals came before half-time as Kasper Dolberg stretched to turn home Mikkel Damsgaard's cross before Andreas Skov

Olsen volleyed in from the edge of the area.

France was without Hugo Lloris, Jules Kounde, N'Golo Kante, Paul Pogba, Ousmane Dembele and Karim Benzema through injury.

But the star trio of Antoine Griezmann, Olivier Giroud and Kylian Mbappe failed to find a way back into the game for France.

Denmark's win meant Croatia needed to get all three points in Austria to top the group.

Luka Modric got the 2018 World Cup finalist off to a flying start, but it was quickly pegged back by Christoph Baumgartner's header.

Two goals in three se-

cond-half minutes proved decisive as Marko Livaja and Dejan Lovren headed in at the far post.

Defeat relegated Austria to League B.

The Netherlands made sure of top spot in Group A4 with a 1-0 win over Belgium thanks to Virgil van Dijk's header 17 minutes from time. The Dutch just needed to avoid defeat by a three-goal margin after winning 4-1 in Brussels earlier in the group.

The results: League A: Group 1: Denmark 2 (Dolberg 34, Skov Olsen 39) bt France 0; Austria 1 (Baumgartner 9) lost to Croatia 3 (Modric 6, Livaja 69, Lovren 72). **Group 4:** Wales 0 lost to Poland 1 (Swiderski 58); the Netherlands 1 (Van Dijk 73) bt Belgium 0.

Taniya claims she was robbed in London hotel

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India wicketkeeper-batter Taniya Bhatia on Monday claimed she was robbed of her important belongings, including cash, cards and jewellery, during the women's team stay at Marriot Hotel in London.

"Shocked and disappointed at Marriot Hotel London Maida Vale management; someone walked into my personal room and stole my bag with cash, cards, watches and jewellery during my recent stay as a part of Indian Women's Cricket team.

"So unsafe," Bhatia tweeted.