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# Yogi balances caste equation in Cabinet

Ahead of polls CM inducts 3 OBCs, 2 Dalits, 1 ST & 1 Brahmin

PREETAM SRIVASTAVA ■ LUCKNOW

 $I^{n}$  a move to balance the caste equation in his Ministry ahead of next year's Assembly election, Uttar Pradesh (UP) Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expanded his Cabinet on Sunday by inducting seven new faces, which included three OBCs, two Dalits, one ST and one Brahmin.

Jitin Prasada (Brahmin), Chhatrapal Singh Gangwar (Kurmi), Paltu Ram (Dalit), Sangita Balwant Bind (OBC) Sanjeev Kumar (ST), Dinesh Khatik (SC) and Dharmvir Prajapati (OBC) were inducted into the Cabinet at a simple

Jitin took oath as Cabinet Minister while the others were sworn-in as Minister of State (MoS). The oath was administered by Governor Anandiben Patel at a function in the Gandhi auditorium in the Raj

There were 53 Ministers in



Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with newly sworn-in State Ministers during expansion of the Cabinet ahead of the UP Assembly elections in Lucknow on Sunday

the UP Cabinet earlier and seven more were inducted on Sunday as per the constitutional limit, out of which there are now 24 Cabinet Ministers

including the Chief Minister. The Cabinet was expand ed for the first time on August 22, 2019 and several new faces were included then, while some were dropped. There were 56 members in the Cabinet at that time.

Three Ministers died due to Covid-19, which included the Minister of State Vijay Kumar Kashyap, who died recently, while Minister Chetan Chauhan and Minister Kamal Rani Varun died in the first

wave of the corona pandemic.

Brahmin leader Prasada had been inducted into the BJP earlier this year amid its internal worries about the thin representation of the community in the party. He was made a Cabinet Minister in the Yogi Government.

## A younger Cabinet takes shape in Punjab

The old order came to make the Punjab Congress with ¬he old order came to an end the induction of young and new faces into the Cabinet in an apparent attempt to infuse enthusiasm and youth in the party, just about three months before elections, while ensuring a social, caste and regional balance. Six davs after he took over the party reins amid a changed political situation, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Sunday introduced his 15-member Council of Ministers, inducting seven new faces while retaining eight from the previous Cabinet. However, the re-entry of Rana Gurjit Singh, who stepped down following his alleged involvement in a mining scam less a year after becoming the Minister in 2018, has attracted a lot of criticism. not only from rivals but from within the party also.

The new Cabinet, formed with the approval of the party high command, especially Rahul Gandhi, has three below-50 Ministers — indicating the party's effort to bring in a generational shift by giving the youth a chance to perform with just about three months in hand. Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, 43, is the youngest Minister in the Channi Cabinet, while 78year-old Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa is the oldest.

While constituting the



Punjab's Governor Banwarilal Purohit administers oath to Rana Gurjit Singh during the oath-taking ceremony of Punjab Cabinet Ministers on Sunday

Cabinet, which took about three days of hectic deliberations with the high command and Channi's back-to-back trips to the national Capital, special attention has been paid to strike a balance between all castes, sections, and regions. Besides, an attempt has been made to placate the legislators close to the former Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, while also paying off for the loyalty to the party.

In all, eight of the 15 Ministers, who took oath of office on Sunday, were retained by Channi, including Brahm Mohindra, Manpreet Singh Badal, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Sukhbindr Singh Sarkaria, Aruna Chaudary, Razia Sultana, Bharat Bhushan Ashu, and Vijay Inder Singla. Six are the first timers — Randeep Singh Nabha, Raj Kumar Verka, Sangat Singh Gilzian, Pargat Singh, Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, and Gurkirat Singh Kotli; while one Rana Gurjit Singh, who stepped down in 2018, made a re-entry. Brahm Mohindra, a prominent Hindu, is the senior-most

leader of the Punjab Congress. Four-time MLA Nabha, popularly known as Kaka, was finally placated by the high command by dropping the name of Punjab Congress' working president Kuljit Singh Nagra at the eleventh hour "without any opposition".

It has been learnt that the Raj Bhawan has to issue an ultimatum to the Punjab Government to share the list of the MLAs to be sworn-in.

Five Ministers — Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi, Balbir Singh Sidhu, Gurpreet Singh Kangar, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, and Sunder Sham Arora — who all supported Captain Amarinder during the political turmoil that led to his

dethroning, have been dropped. The induction of Kotli, grandson of former Chief Minister Beant Singh, was opposed by the Opposition par-

## **Channi tries to** infuse youth, caste balance in State Cong

ties — Shiromani Akali Dal and the Aam Aadmi Party. He had faced trial in the 1994 case of abduction and molestation of a French tourist, but was acquitted in 1999.

Besides, seven senior party leaders from Doaba, including six legislators, have met Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu hours ahead of the swearing-in ceremony, strong ly opposing Rana Gurjit's "proposed inclusion". In a letter written to Sidhu, they said: "We all request you to immediately drop Rana Gurjit Singh from the Cabinet expansion and instead include a clean Dalit face in view of the

upcoming election." Other than Channi, the new Cabinet also has Verka from the Scheduled Caste community —apparently to woo the estimated 31 per cent of vote bank in the State. While taking oath, Verka changed the wordings of his "oath" and referred to the Constitution as the one "drafted by BR Ambedkar".

Among the seven new faces five are Jats, one an OBC, and another a Valmiki. However, Mazhabi Sikh MLAs have been left out of the Cabinet.

Questions were also raised giving six Ministers from Doaba region, while ignoring Western Malwa region which is the epicentre of active politics having the Badals' and the Aam Aadmi Party's presence.

# Bharat bandh grows

### **Protest by farmers** to mark first anniv of three farm laws

PNS NEW DELHI

Support has grown for the 10-hour Bharat bandh call given by farmers on Monday to mark the first anniversary of the three controversial farm laws getting Presidential assent. The Samyukt Kisan

Morcha (SKM), an umbrella union of the farmers who are protesting, has appealed to the people of the country to join their nationwide strike. Public transport is likely to be affected in some States.

The Congress, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Shiv Sena, Nationalist Congress Party, Trinamool Congress, Rashtriya Janata Dal, Samajwadi Party, Rashtriya Lok Dal, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led Andhra Pradesh



Farmers lie in pits during a protest against farm laws in Ghaziabad on

Government, MK Stalin led Tamil Nadu Government and Vijavan Government of Kerala have backed the bandh call

Kerala's ruling LDF has called for a State-wide hartal on September 27 to express solidarity with the farmers. And the Left parties have already extended support to the Bharat Bandh earlier.

## Support for 10-hour **'Don't confuse border mgmt** with fixing boundary issues'

### Indian envoy tells China not to shift goalposts

ndia has told China not to L"shift goalposts" and "confuse" managing the border affairs and restoring peace at the frontiers with the larger issue of the resolution of the boundary question, which is dealt with by different designated mechanisms.

After the standoff erupted in eastern Ladakh in May last year, India has consistently maintained that peace and tranquillity in the border areas are essential for the overall development of relations between the two countries.

Besides being neighbours, India and China are also large and emerging economies and it is not unusual to have differences and problems", Indian envoy to China Vikram Misri said while addressing the 4th High-level Track II Dialogue



on China-India Relations held

on September 23. 'The key question is how to deal with them and ensure that outcomes are informed by reasonableness, maturity and respect for the maintenance of peace and tranquillity along our frontiers," Misri said. Besides Misri, China's

Ambassador to India Sun Weidong also participated in the meeting.

Referring to "multi-faceted dialogue" held by the two countries since last year, including several rounds of talks between the top military officials on both sides and the meetings between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi to resolve the military standoff in Eastern Ladakh, Misri said: "These contacts have resulted in significant progress on the ground."
"Following disengagement in the Galwan Valley in July last

year, the two sides have been able to disengage from the North and South Banks of the Pangong Lake in February 2021, in August 2021," he said.

"The conversation between the two sides continues regarding the remaining locations and we hope that disengagement at the remaining friction areas will enable us to reach a point where we can pick up the threads of bilateral cooperation," he said.

'The experience of this multi-faceted dialogue over the last year and a half leads me to believe that we are wellequipped when comes to resolving pressing issues in the bilateral relation-

ship," he said. 'Our leaders have in the past concurred that we must work out issues peacefully, prevent differences from turning into disputes and, most importantly, preserve peace and tranquillity in our border areas,"

## Govt to intensify anti-Naxal ops, choke flow of funds

### **Amit Shah holds** meeting with CMs of Naxal-hit States

The high-level meeting convened by Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Chief Ministers of Naxal-affected States on Sunday decided to intensify the anti-Naxal operations and chocking the flow of funds to them.

The three-hour-long meeting with Chief Ministers from six States and top officials of four States also discussed actions to be taken against the frontal organisations of the Maoists, filling up the security vacuum, concerted action by the Enforcement Directorate, the National Investigation

Agency and the State police. The Chief Ministers who attended the meeting were Naveen Patnaik (Odisha), K Chandrashekar (Telangana), Nitish Kumar (Bihar), Shivraj Singh Chouhan

CJI for 50% quota for women in judiciary



Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrives to chair a high-level meeting with Chief Ministers of ten Naxal-hit States, at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Sunday PTI

(Madhya Pradesh), Uddhav Thackeray (Maharashtra) and Hemant Soren (Jharkhand), official sources said.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Bhupesh Baghel of Chhattisgarh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy of Andhra Pradesh and Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan did not attend the meeting. Their States were represented by senior officials.

According to sources, focused investigation and prosecution of cases, action against

front organisations, coordination amongst States, capacity building of State intelligence branches and special forces of the States, construction of fortified police stations were other issues discussed at the

meeting.
The Union Home Minister reviewed the security situation and ongoing operations against Maoists and development projects being carried out in the Naxalism-affected areas, the sources said.

## Canada lifts 'pandemic' ban on flights from India

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

anada on Sunday lifted the Cban on direct passenger flights from India after a gap of more than five months. Air India and Air Canada will be operating direct flights between the two countries

At the same time, it has cautioned its own citizens in India to avoid travelling to parts of northeastern States, especially Assam and Manipur due to safety and security situations. Announcing the decision,

Transport Canada on Saturday in a tweet said: "Beginning at 00:01 EDT on September 27, direct flights from India can land in Canada with additional public health measures in place." That time translates to 9.30 am IST.

"Travellers must have proof of a negative Covid-19 molec-



Genestrings Laboratory at the Delhi airport taken within 18 hours of the scheduled departure of their direct flight to Canada," it added.

The passengers will have to present the test report with a QR code issued by this laboratory to the air operator before boarding", it said. Those who have previously tested positive stressed.

positive molecular test report issued by a certified laboratory in India. The date of collection must

be between 14 and 180 days before their scheduled depar ture to Canada", it said. Airlines will refuse boarding to any traveller who's unable to meet these requirements,"

### Shout, demand, it's your right, **Ramana tells** women lawyers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Backing the demand for reservation for women in the judiciary, Chief Justice NV Ramana on Sunday urged women lawyers to strongly raise their voice for setting aside 50 per cent berths for them and assured them of his "total support". He said that out of 1.7 mil-

lion advocates in the country only 15 per cent are women and only two per cent elected representatives in the State bar councils are women.

strongly recommend and sup-"I don't want you to cry but with anger, you have to shout port the demand of a certain



Referring to what he called women, so that they can join the judiciary," he said

"thousands of years of suppression", he said women are entitled to the reservation and added, "It's a matter of right, and not a matter of charity. want to say that I

Speaking at a felicitation function organised by Lady Advocates of Supreme Court for the nine newly- appointed judges, including three women judges, CII Ramana said he has

modified Karl Marx's quote

You have nothing to lose but your chain." "I say: Women of the world unite. have nothing to lose but your

The CJI said, "You all are laughing. Yes, I don't want you to cry but with anger, you have to shout and demand

that we need 50 per cent reser-

"workers of the world unite.

an issue of thousands of years of suppression. It is high time we have 50 per cent representation of women in the judiciary. You are entitled (to it), it's a matter of right. It is not a matter of charity. It is unfortunate that some things are realised very late? He said he will be very happy whenever the goal will

vation. It's not a small issue but

be realised. "All my sisters and all of you have carved out exceptions

for the people and women in society, and for that matter youngsters, whether male or female, are all waiting to see as role models. Your success stories will make them more impulsive and we expect more women will join the profession and we will achieve the goal of 50 per cent shortly. I wholeheartedly support all initiatives taken by you and so long as I am here I will support all of your causes," he said.

## Weaver Service, Design Resource Centre to be set up in Kullu: Goyal



Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Minister and Textiles Piyush Goyal on Sunday announced that a Weaver Services and Design Resource Centre will be set up in Kullu to encourage attractive handicraft products of Himachal besides providing a better platform for export of these products in the international market.

The Union Minister made this announcement during an interaction programme with handicrafts and handloom artisans under Seva and Samarpan campaign on the occasion of golden jubilee of the statehood of Himachal Pradesh at Kullu. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur presided over the func-

Goyal said that Himachal Pradesh has immense potential for handicrafts and skill up-gradation of artisans, modern equipment and training would be imparted to prepare qualitative new designs in the Weavers Service Center.

He said that more attention is needed to modernize the design, quality, packaging and marketing so that the weavers get better prices for their products in the international mar-

The Union Minister suggested organizing district-wise exhibitions of these products in big cities so that their branding could be done at national and international level.

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to get their trademark for which the Central Government had reduced the registration fee by 80 percent.

Goyal also interacted with the entrepreneurs of the district and distributed woodcraft, handloom, embroidery machines and certificates to the local handicraft and handloom artisans.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said that necessary steps had been taken to encourage the

artisans of the state. At present, there are 13572

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whose livelihood are related to the skill of weaving and embroidery. The handkerchief of Chamba along-with Kullu shawl and cap and the shawl of Kinnaur had been given G.I. tags, he said.

In order to facilitate online sales platforms for weavers, MoU had been signed with Flipkart and the department was also doing online sale of products, Thakur said.

The Chief Minister further said that there had been a big change in the design and quality of handicrafts and hand-

Key Takeaways from Bhagavad Gita

change. Joys and sorrows do

learn to endure these. Pleasures

derived from worldly objects are transient (have a beginning

and an end); and eventually

lead to sorrow. The one not

worried about worldly plea-

sures finds joy within (the happiness which is situated in

the self). United with God

through devotion, he experi-

action, and never at all to its

fruits. One should, therefore,

focus on his work, and not be

anxious about the results. One

should not act only for the

fruits of action. At the same

time, one should not abstain

from right action. He should

have a clear goal and a firm

determination. One should do

his duty, abandoning all attach-

ment, equipoised in success

and failure. After playing his part well, one should leave the

rest to the will of God. Accept

the outcome graciously, and

move on. Working for the sake

of duty gives much more ful-

filment and joy, than working

only for the rewards of action.

that all actions are caused by

inter-play of gunas (the modes

of material nature), with one

another. Man as the embodied

soul is not the doer of actions.

Therefore, one should not get

attached. Fixing his con-

sciousness in the self, one

should surrender all his actions

formed, without any attach-

ment and without any expec-

tation in return, just as a mat-

ter of duty. Renunciation of the

obligatory work (any duty

which ought to be performed)

is certainly not right. It is

indeed impossible for any

embodied being to abstain

from work altogether. But the

All actions ought to be per-

to the Supreme Lord.

One should understand

One has a right only to

ences infinite bliss.

of families had made it a means of livelihood. Kullu's handicraft, especially caps and shawls, were recognized internationally. Whenever any head of state comes to India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomes him with a kullavi cap and muffler which is a matter of pride for state, added

Thakur urged the weavers to preserve the traditional clothes as they are associated with the culture as

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one who renounces the fruits of

objects. One is, therefore, prone to having desires. But a slave of desires never attains peace. One can attain the purity of spirit, even while participating fully in the affairs of the world, by moderating his likes and dislikes. Hence, one must neither suppress nor be dictated by his

Know the Supreme Lord to be all-pervading and all-knowing creator of the cosmos. He can be attained by unalloyed devotion. God accepts man in whatever form one approaches Him. The one who meditates upon Him, by engaging his mind in contemplation of Him, through constant practice, and not letting the mind wander anywhere else, he reaches Him. He who worships God sincerely, he remains situated in Him, howsoever active in the material world he may be.

One is one's best friend and also the worst enemy. One can himself, through his mind, elevate or degrade himself in life. For the one who does not have a disciplined mind, there can neither be any stability in intelligence nor any power of concentration. There can be no peace or happiness for such people of uncontrolled mind. The mind, by its very nature, is fickle, obstinate, strong, turbulent, restless and difficult to curb; yet it can be controlled by constant practice and by

detachment. Lust, anger and greed are stated to be the three gates of hell. They are the ways of selfdestruction. These must be shunned from the very beginning, by controlling the sens-

The one who is ignorant, is devoid of faith; perishes. Such a skeptical person cannot have any joy, either in this or in the other world. One must, therefore, remove all doubts by wis-

Krishna has time and again stressed upon equanimity of mind. It has been advised that one should treat pleasure and pain, gain and loss; and victory and defeat alike. The one with an equanimous mind conquers the world in this very life. He who is equal-minded towards different people, he

excels. It has been declared by Sri Krishna that the one who treads the path of good, is never overcome by evil. Such a person does not suffer either in this world or in the life here-

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## Rana Gurjit makes comeback in Punjab Cabinet despite opposition

RESIGNED IN JAN '18 FOR HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN SAND MINING **SCANDAL** 

**MONIKA MALIK** ■ CHANDIGARH

In what turns out to be a never-ending saga for the Congress party in Punjab, the re-induction of Kapurthala MLA and former Minister Rana Gurjit Singh in the new Cabinet more than three years after he stepped down in 2018 over alleged involvement in sand mining scandal, has raised another dust of rebellion within the party. In addition, his comeback in the Cabinet has also provided enough ammunition to the rivals to target the newly-formed Charanjit Singh Channi-led Government.

However, despite severe opposition - both from within and outside the party, Rana Gurjit managed to secure a Cabinet berth for himself. Attribute it to his closeness to the high command, or his capabilities, or to the regional balance, Rana Gurjit is part of the State Cabinet for the second time now.

Hours before Rana Gurjit was to take oath of office as Minister, seven leaders from Doaba region, including a former MP and seven legislators, strongly opposed his elevation. Led by former MP and Punjab Congress' former president Mohinder Singh Kaypee, the leaders including Rana Gurjit's bête noire Sukhpal Singh Khaira, wrote to the state party chief Navjot Singh Sidhu demanding that the Cabinet berth may instead be filled up "by giving representation to a clean dalit leader". A

copy of the letter has also been sent to the Chief Minister. an approximately 38 percent Dalit population in this region,"

The leaders had also met Sidhu in Patiala ahead of the scheduled swearing in ceremony at Chandigarh.

In the letter, the Congress leaders — Kaypee, Sultanpur MLA Navtej Singh Cheema, Phagwara MLA Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal, Jalandhar North MLA Bawa Henry, Chabbewal MLA Raj Kumar, Sham Churasi MLA Pawan Adiya, and Bholath MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira minced no words to say that Rana Gurjit "is a known corrupt and tainted politician of

"We the undersigned MLAs and leaders of Doaba wish to convey huge resentment amongst the public and the Congress cadre on the proposed inclusion of tainted Rana Gurjit Singh...Needless to mention, he was dropped from the Cabinet in January 2018 due to the infamous mining scan-dal...," they alleged in the letter while detailing various allegations which were made against Rana Gurjit at that time.

"We wonder why Rana Gurjit Singh is being included in Cabinet as he was dropped in January 2018 because of these charges..," they wrote.

They also pointed out that despite the Doaba region having approximately 38 percent Dalit population, no representation in the Cabinet expansion has been given to a leader from the community.

Among MLAs from Doaba region inducted in the Cabinet include Pargat Singh and Rana Gurjit Singh.

"It is amusing that all three Ministers, proposed to be included in the Cabinet from Doaba region, are Jat Sikhs and one OBC..., whereas there is they wrote.

Therefore, we all request you to immediately drop Raja Gurjit Singh from the proposed Cabinet expansion and instead include a clean Dalit face in view of the upcoming elections," they said in the letter.

Khaira, who was elected MLA on Aam Aadmi Party's ticket but has now joined the Congress early this year, said: "We are deliberately giving a handle to the opposition to point fingers by including Rana Gurjit. By bringing him in the Cabinet, what impression will

Sources informed The Pioneer that Rana Gurjit's proximity with the party's central leadership helped him seal the

Besides, it is believed the party high command zeroed in on his name considering to maintain a regional balance. Rana Gurjit, the richest legislator who hails from state's Doaba region, was selected for the job considering his seniority, experience, and to give representation to Doaba region by the party.

Notably, both the Chief Minister and state unit president Navjot Singh Sidhu belong to the Malwa region, while the two Deputy Chief Ministers belong to the Majha region. Doaba region was under-represented. Now, it will have three Ministers in the Cabinet.

During his stint as Minister in Capt Amarinder Singh's Cabinet, Rana Gurjit served as the Power and Irrigation Minister in 2017. He, however, got embroiled in an alleged scam over sand mine allocation, forcing him to resign in

## With young and old, Channi's new Cabinet has 3 months to perform

 $E^{\text{xperience and young blood}}_{\text{to go hand in hand, as the }} \\ \text{Chief Minister Charanjit Singh}$ Channi tried to strike a balance in his Council of Ministers which has less than 100 days to perform before the state go to polls in early 2022.
Fifteen Congress MLAs,

including six first-timers, were administered oath of office by Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit as Ministers at an impressive event at Puniab Rai Bhawan on Sunday. With this the total strength of the Cabinet is 18, including the Chief Minister Channi and his two deputies-Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and OP Soni. Till the filing of the report, the portfolios were yet to be announced.

BRAHM MOHINDRA Six-time MLA Brahm Mohindra had served as the Health and Family Welfare and Local Government Minister in the previous Capt Amarinder Singh-led Cabinet. With his political acumen and experience, his presence in the comparatively new Cabinet is

expected to go a long way.

MANPREET SINGH **BADAL** 

Five-time legislator Manpreet Singh Badal was the Finance Minister in the previous Cabinet. Claiming to have brought the state back on the path of fiscal recovery in the past four years, Manpreet has to his credit an achievement to present the State Budget for a record eight times - maximum for any minister in

TRIPT RAJINDER SINGH BAJWA

Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa is a four-time MLA from Punjab. He was the Rural

Development and Panchayats and Housing and Urban Development Minister in the previous Punjab government

led by Amarinder Singh.
SUKHBINDER SINGH SARKARIA

Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria a three-time MLA from Rajasansi constituency. Sarkaria held water resources, mines and geology, housing and urban development portfolios in the previous Cabinet.

RÂNA GURJIT SINGH Rana Gurjit Singh is a former Irrigation Minister and made a surprise comeback after four years despite objections raised by at least six leg-

ARUNA CHAUDHARY Aruna Chaudhary is among the two women Ministers who were retained from the previous Amarinder Singh government. She was previously the minister of transport, social security and women and child develop-

#### RAZIA SULTANA

Razia Sultana is one the two women ministers retained from the previous government led by Amarinder Singh. She held higher education and water supply and sanitation portfolios.

BHARAT BHUSHAN

Two-time MLA from Ludhiana, Bharat Bhushan Ashu was the Minister of Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs in the Amarinder Singh-led govern-VIJAY INDER SINGLA

One of the prominent Hindu faces, Singla is known for his proximity to Capt Amarinder Singh. He was the minister of Public Works, and School Education in the previous Cabinet.

RANDEEP SINGH NABHA Randeep Singh Nabha is a

of two-time MLA Kuljit Ñagra who was dropped at the last RAJ KUMAR VERKA Verka is a Valmiki com-

four-time MLA from Amloh.

He was inducted at the expense

munity leader and represents Amritsar West constituency. Verka was one of the 42 Congress MLAs who submitted their resignation in protest of a decision of the Supreme Court of India ruling Punjab's termination of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) water can'al unconstitutional. SANGAT SINGH GILZ-

Gilzian represents the other backward classes (OBC) and is one of the new faces inducted in the Punjab cabinet. In 2017, he was elected as the member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly from Urmar. He was recently picked as Working Presidents of the

PARGAT SINGH

Singh had started his political journey with Shiromani Akali Dal. A hockey Olympianturned-bureaucrat-turned-

#### politician, he was appointed as the state General Secretary AMARINDER SINGH

**RAJA WARRING** Warring began his political career by working as a student union leader. He made his debut in the assembly by defeating the then People's Party of Punjab (PPP) chief Manpreet Singh Badal, who is now in the Congress, from Gidderbaha in 2012. He was the Indian Youth Congress

### president in 2014. GURKIRAT KOTLI

Kotli also started his political career by working as a student union leader. Kotli's grandfather, the late Beant Singh, was the Chief Minister from 1992 to 1995. His father Tej Parkash Singh served as the state transport minister.

## Ex-Ministers Balbir Sidhu, Gurpreet Kangar seek answers on being dropped from Cabinet

**PNS** ■ CHANDIGARH

Dropped from the Cabinet, two former Ministers — Balbir Singh Sidhu and Gurpreet Singh Kangar — on Sunday questioned the decision to "humiliate" them by the treatment meted out to them by the party.

Both Sidhu and Kangar, who were among the five Ministers dropped from the Capt Amarinder Singh-led Cabinet, have written to the party high command to express their displeasure at being left out. Alleging that they have tice despite giving their best performances as Ministers, they asked the reasons due to which they were ignored by the

"If the high command would have asked for our res-

ignations 10 days before, we would have resigned on our own. What has been done is quite embarrassing and humiliating as well," said Sidhu, who has been on the frontline since the outbreak of the COVID-19

Former Health and Family Welfare Minister Sidhu also broke down while pointing that he has given 30 years to the party and even faced a CBI inquiry. Asking for justice, Sidhu said that the work done during the peak of COVID-19 pandemic under him was even recognized by the Central the model created by

Kangar said that his loyalty towards the former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder has fair as every soldier has to be

loyal to his commander.

"Now, as a Congress soldier, I owe my allegiance to the present Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi. But if the loyalty to the party causes the kind of outcome that has happened in my case in Congress, then it is really sad. The high command should answer why I have been ignored despite so many achievements. I was responsible as the Revenue Minister for computerizing land records," said Kangar.

They said that they are with Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Chief Minister Captain Amarinder as advised by the high command. Now we will work along with the new CM as per the instructions of the cost him dearly which is not party high command," they

## Amusement Park being built in Karnal at a cost of ₹6.5 cr **CM Manohar**

## Lal takes stock of construction work

PNS CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Sunday took stock of the construction work of Amusement Park being set up in Karnal, a constituency represented by him in the Vidhan Sabha.

"The park being built at an estimated cost of Rs 6.5 crore Chief Minister who visited the area with the officials and took detailed information about the works being done under the He directed the officers to

complete the work within the



stipulated time. For the conve- national pulse polio pronience of the people who would visit the Amusement Park, ample arrangements have Department, Karnal by adminpavers, walk-way, seating areas with trees, kids play area, grill on the wall and parking on both sides. The park will be spread over a stretch of 2 kms length. Earlier in the day, Khattar had launched the sub

gramme campaign at the Rest House of the Public Works falling between the age group of 0 to 5 years.

A day before, the Chief Minister had dedicated development works worth about Rs 14.5 crore to the residents of

## Dr BR Ambedkar SIMS to be operational soon

**PNS** ■ CHANDIGARH

Tn a major milestone towards Limparting quality medical education to students across the State, the Punjab Government will soon operationalize Dr BR Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences, Mohali.

"Punjab Government has been consistently making endeavours to develop the State into a hub of medical education. Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) of National Medical Commission (NMC) had, after examining the Commission Assessor's Permission (LoP) for starting regular classes at Dr BR Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences affiliated under Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot," said the Chief Minister Charanjit

Singh Channi on Sunday.
Pointing out further,
Channi said that NMC's deci-

sion to allocate 100 seats to the Institute will go a long way in ensuring quality medical education and research to the students besides providing best healthcare facilities at affordable rates to the people in the region. The Chief Minister

said that the process of recruiting the required staff for the Institute is already underway. 'The state-of-the-art medical institution is already equipped with all infrastructural requirements in terms of buildings, ities as per National Medical Commission norms. Adequate budgetary requirements for the Institute, as and when desired by the Commission, will also be made by the State Government," he said.

## Haryana to conduct mushroom survey in Kalesar sanctuary

PNS CHANDIGARH

To explore the biodiversity. Haryana's first mushroom survey will be conducted on September 30, in Kalesar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in Yamunanagar dis-

"The outcome of the survey will help in formulating an effective management strategy for the conservation of flora, fauna and funga of Kalesar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary. This will also form the basis for observing the impact of habitat disturbance and climate change on the ecology of the region," said an official spokesperson of the Haryana Department

He said that the survey will be conducted under the overall guidance of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Haryana and Dr NSK Harsh- a renowned mycologist.

Highlighting the necessity of such a survey, the spokesperson said that trees, shrubs, climbers and herbs would not be able to live on land without fungi. They are an integral part of food chain of many insects and other organisms. The fungi and mushrooms are an inseparable part of a healthy ecosystem.

He elaborated that a number of fungi species (mushrooms) are edible and moreover mushrooms are the only vegetarian source of vitamin D.

International Union for Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission became first global organization to call for the recognition of fungi as one of three kingdoms of life critical to protecting and restor-ing Earth " fauna, flora and funga" — which are critical to all life on Earth and to be integrated into conservation strategies. Thus, the need to conduct such a survey was identified, the spokesman added.

Divulging more details, the spokesperson said that the focus of the survey will be on mushrooms, however, the survey will also be conducted for butterflies, spiders, amphibians, fish, reptiles, birds and mammalian diversity and various aspects related to their

He further said that 15 scientists (having expertise in various fields like fungi, insects, soil, climate change, botany, plant physiology etc.) from forest research institutes, Dehradun, ten scientists (having expertise in various fields like beetles, butterflies, bees, pollinators, fireflies, bumble bees, mammals, birds and reptiles) from Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, professors and biology students from various colleges of Yamunanagar, nature NGOs, bird lovers and officials of Haryana Forest Department will participate in a day long survey to explore the rich diversity of flora, fauna

and funga of Kalesar National

Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, he

### Channi gives appointment letter of Govt jobs to two families of farmers

 $E_{\text{the victim families of the}}^{\text{xpressing solidarity with}}$ deceased farmers, who lost their lives during agitation against black farm laws, next of kin of the farmers, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Sunday handed over the appointment letters of government jobs to the aggrieved families.

Channi, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, visited the house of farm labourer Sukhpal Singh (30) at Mandi Kalan village in Bathinda and handed over the appointment letter of government job to his elder brother Natha Singh.

Notably, Sukhpal Singh was indisposed during the dharna at Tikri border and underwent treatment at

made by the Punjab Government, they had already got financial assistance worth Rs five lakhs, on the bhog of the Sukhpal Singh, which is being utilised to rebuilt their dilapi-

Minister also handed over an

appointment letter to Gurmail

Singh of Chauke village in

Rampura tehsil of Bathinda as his

PGIMER, where he died on March 31, 2021. Expressing gratitude to the Chief Minister for this benevolent gesture, Natha Singh said that as per the announcement

dated house Similarly, both the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief

only son, 18-year-old Jashanpreet Singh, had died at Tikri Border on January 2 this year.

Striking an emotional chord with the family members of the deceased, the Chief Minister said that the State Government is committed to bail them in this hour of crisis. "These farmers or farm labourers had sacrificed their lives at the altar of the motherland during agitation against draconian

farm laws," he said. Channi said that it was shameful that due to antifarmers' policies of the Modi Government, the hard working and resilient farmers of the State, who had made India a self-reliant country in food production, are on the roads. The Chief Minister

bemoaned that due to the apathy of the Central Government, several precious lives of the food growers have been lost. However, he said that realising the immense contribution of the Punjab farmers, Government had decided to give government jobs to the next of kin of deceased farmers and this promise is now being fulfilled by them.

Channi assured the farm ers that no stone will be left unturned for their wellbeing in these difficult times.

Reiterating the State Government's firm commitment to oppose these antifarmers laws, the Chief Minister said that they will not allow these laws to be implemented in the State.

#### PINK BOLLWORM ATTACK

### Punjab CM takes whirlwind tour of cotton belt

For assessing damage, promises full crop

compensation Announces setting up of labs to test and certify seed quality to avert pest attacks

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Punjab Government will duly compensate every cotton cultivator who has suffered a loss due to an attack of Pink Bollworm attack.

The announcement was made by the Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Sunday after undertaking a whirlwind tour of the cotton belt in the Malwa region of the State, along with Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, to assess the loss.

Wala villages, asked the officers of the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department to set up various labs across the State to test and certify seed quality so as to prevent recurrence of such

The Chief Minister

The Chief Minister, at Nasibpura and Kataar Singh

pest attacks. Channi also asked the officers to pump in all resources, in terms of the best available insecticides and pesticides, to save the precious crop of the farmers from these attacks.

unequivocally said that the State Government is solidly behind the farmers in this hour of crisis. "Every single penny of the loss incurred by the farmers will be credited directly into their accounts by the Punjab Government," said Channi while asking the officer concerned to complete the

survey of the loss at the earliest so that farmers can be duly compensated.

The Chief Minister said that the first target is to check the further spread of this attack by taking the necessary preventive measures.

He asked the officers to pull all the plugs and ensure the oss to farmers is minimized. At the same time, the Chief Minister assured the farmers that the State Government is fully committed to safeguard their interests in this hour of

## Young and veteran come together to release book on Tokyo Olympics' bronze medalist Indian hockey team

**PNS** ■ CHANDIGARH

s the Indian hockey team Acreated a history in Tokyo by winning a medal in the recently-concluded Olympic Games after a gap of four decades, a book 'Tokyo Olympics De Saade Hockey Khidari' — based on a brief biography of bronze medal winning players — was penned by a sports writer and a public relations practitioner Navdeep

The book, fifth by Gill, was released by Punjab Olympic Association president Brahm Mohindra during an event organised by the association to honour the Bronze-medallist Indian Hockey team players. be a source of inspiration for

Association's senior vice future generations," he said president Rajdeep Singh Gill, adding that Punjabis have

secretary general Raja KS Sidhu, Hockey Punjab secretary Pargat Singh, and Punjab's players of Olympic medal winning hockey team, including team captain Manpreet Singh, were also present on the occa-

Congratulating the author, POA president Brahm Mohindra said that Gill has made a great effort to record the achievements of the play-Former Indian Hockey

team captain Padam Shri Pargat Singh said that it was a great achievement to write literature on sports and players. This book, written on the biography of the players, would

making a significant contribution in the sports internationally. In Tokyo, the Indian hockey team won a medal in the Ólympic Games after 41 years.

excelled in every field besides Gill, who is serving as an Information and Public

Hockey at the Olympic Games and the performance of the Indian Hockey Team at the Tokyo Olympics, he added. Relations Officer in Punjab Government, said that the

sports and players for the last book comprises a brief biogra-

Gill has been writing about

phy of all 19 hockey players and

Chief Coach Graham Reid.

The book also provides infor-

mation on the history of Indian

## Wild and the

## Now, 'airgun surrender campaign' across India

Taking a cue from Arunachal Pradesh, where the 'Airgun Surrender Abhiyan' has started delivering results with over 2,000 weapons given up voluntarily since its launch in March, the Centre has decided to roll out similar drive across the country with the help of retired forest workers and representatives of social organisations for wildlife conservation. Urging people not to hunt animals and birds, Union Minister of State for Environment Ashwini Kumar Choubey said that retired forest workers, representatives of social organisations among others will be roped in for the 'air gun surrender campaign' to be launched soon across the

He described Arunachal Government's campaign as an important initiative to save animals and birds from poaching and for their conservation. He said that it is giving very positive results and said that it will be started across the country and States will also be requested for this. The Minister was speaking at an event in Itanagar a few days ago where



some people from Arunachal Pradesh surrendered their air guns in front of the Union Minister. Hunting of wild animals is illegal in India though it is part of the culture of many tribal communities in the

Andhra Pradesh environment and forests minister Mama Natung, who masterminded the initiative, said "We want to raise awareness about conservation. Arunachal covers an area of 83,743 sq km, out of which 80% is covered with forests where we have some 500 species of birds and animals. perhaps many more undiscovered. If we keep killing them, our forests will disappear,"

Choubey agreed and said, air guns do not require any license. "In such a situation, many people in our country hunt birds through air guns in every district and village. Due to this, the number of many birds is rapidly decreasing," he

The programme was launched on March 17 at Lumdung village in East Kameng district where 46 air guns were surrendered. In return, the person got a certificate of appreciation.

The agency is likely to seek

## CBI to include cyber fraud plaint by deceased seer to unearth demise conspiracy

The CBI, which is probing the death of Mahant Narendra Giri, has decided to include a cyber fraud complaint lodged by the seer, as part of its wider investigation to unravel the possible conspiracy behind the demise of president of Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad.

Giri, who headed the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, had on September 6 lodged an FIR with the Daraganj police, alleging that a fake Twitter account had been created in his name. The seer headed the ABAP, the largest body of Sadhus in the country, till he was found hanging by his disciples at Baghambari Mutt in Prayagraj on September 20.

Earlier, the 18-member spe cial investigation team (SÎT) constituted by the Uttar Pradesh government to probe Mahant's death was investigating the cyber fraud allegations before the CBI took over the case.

The agency will match the Mahant's signature and hand-writing in the police complaint with those in the purported suicide note, recovered from his room.

Government Examiner of Questioned Documents,

The purported suicide note had mentioned that the seer was mentally disturbed and upset

with one of his disciples.

The CBI team probing the death case has already retrieved the complaint lodged in connection with cyber fraud FIR registered at the Daraganj police station in Prayagraj district of Uttar Pradesh for further

enquiry, they said. The CBI had on Friday taken over the probe into the death of the Mahant following a notification from the Centre and subsequently dIspatched a team of investigators to

The UP police had registered a case under Indian Penal Code sections relating to abetment to suicide against one of his disciples Anand Giri who was nabbed from Haridwar and brought to Prayagraj for questioning.

Anand Giri was expelled from the Math earlier this year on charges of indiscipline. But he later apologised to the Mahant who forgave him and took him back into the Math.

## Modi, Cabinet Ministers, others wish Manmohan on his birthday

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Prime Minister Narendra PModi, along with his several Cabinet colleagues and other political leaders cutting across party lines, wished former PM Manmohan Singh on his 89th birthday on

Sunday.

Modi, who arrived in Delhi after concluding a 3-day official visit to the United States, tweeted, "Birthday greetings to our former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh Ji. I pray for his long life and wonderful health."

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, too, greeted the former Prime Minister on the occasion. "Warm wishes to former Minister Manmohan Singh ji on his birthday. May he be blessed with good health and long the Defence Minister

Senior Congress leaders greeted the former PM with former party chief Rahul Gandhi saying he has a great understanding of issues facing the country and there is much to learn from him. Singh, a Rajya Sabha member and one of the Congress's top leaders,

turned 89 on Sunday.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and former deputy CM Sachin Pilot, also wished the renowned economist. "Best wishes to former PM Dr Manmohan Singh ji on his birthday. Wishing him a long and healthy and happy life. We thank him for his leadership during the UPA," Gehlot said in his tweet.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also took to Twitter to wish birthday greetings Manmohan Singh. 'I pray for your long and healthy life," tweeted Kejriwal, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) con-

The Congress said Singh's unbridled commitment to India's progress - right from the time of being the finance minister to the prime minister to even today - has benefitted every Indian to a scale

ınimaginable. In a Facebook post, Rahul Gandhi said, "Happy birthday to Dr Manmohan Singh ji. He is fearless and brilliant with a great understanding of the issues our country has been facing. There is much to learn from him." "I wish him good health and happiness," he said.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, senior leaders Sachin Pilot, Mukul Wasnik, Salman Khurshid, among others, wished Singh on his birthday.

## Cooperatives can help tackle climate change, says report

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ooperatives—which have drawn attention worldover for their resilience in adapting to a crisis like Covid-19 pandemic - can play an important role in protecting the environment, as well as mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation, according to a global report.

Titled "cooperation for the transition to a green economy," the report holds importance for India too which recently created a new Ministry of Cooperation with an aim to strengthen cooperatives in the country on the one hand and on the other has taken various green steps to mitigate the impact of climate

"Ăs businesses are driven atives act together to build a better world. Benefits of the model include long-term vision, preserving assets and indivisible reserves, encouraging value creation and delivering education, including on ecological matters", said the report about the cooperative movement made of over 3 million cooperatives with a total membership of approximately 1 billion people worldwide from all sectors and

The paper has been coproduced with the involvement of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) global and regional offices in



Partnership, known as Coops4dev.

cooperative movement means that it is particularly well placed to contribute to global challenges affecting our which include climate change tion," noted the report which includes a series of case studies on how co-ops in the energy, forestry, housing, transport and finance sectors have been contributing in green transition in the econ-

These are Certel, the oldest energy co-operative in Brazil, which provides affordable renewable energy, Hepburn Wind in Australia, and Toutenvélo, a French national network of worker co-ops that provide delivery services while replacing car and van deliveries with environmentally friendly bikes in urban centres, to name a few.

the framework of the ICA-EU The report also looked at co-operative contributions to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), The vast scope of the including SDG 13 on climate action and SDG 7 on clean and renewable energy. However, this is not the first planet, the most urgent of time that Cooperatives have been found to overcome chal-

> However, the report warns that, judging by the research, co-operatives hold great potential but "are not simply a silver bullet and it is important not to romanticise their role in the face of an issue as complex and serious as climate change".

> Talking about the report, former Environment Secretary CK Mishra said no doubt, "India being a unique country should learn from global experiences but should do what is locally required and relevant. The essence of Cooperative movement is that it is interwoven with being environment friendly/ecologically conscious.

The main connection of cooperative movement in India with climate change is that it is an essential tool for poverty alle-

"Poverty impacts climate adversely as it creates adverse pressure on natural resources, which gets reduced if income levels are increased. Thus, cooperatives can contribute by reduction in poverty which will lead to saving of ecology?

India has committed to tackle climate change by 2030 by reducing 30-35% of our GDP's carbon emission, shifting 40% of power generation to renewals and creating 2.5 to 3 billion metric tonnes of new carbon sink.

Sundeep Nayak, MD National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) felt that the IPCC report on global warming should come as a warning sig-nal. If we are to address the climate crisis, we need to adopt all that can mitigate it such as organic farming, recycling, sustainable development to name a few which are best done by the cooperatives.

For instance, he pointed out, the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) has been providing sustainable with bio-fertilisers and is also working to reduce energy consumption, undertaking alternative and renewable energy initiatives in their fertiliser plants.

Bruno Roelants, Director General, ICA said in the Foreword, "As the cooperative movement is based on meeting needs and has among its key principles that 'cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities, it is bound to focus increasingly on the existential environmental challenges the world is facing today. This study will substantially help promote this ongoing evolu-

## Modi gets warm welcome at Palam airport after his arrival from America



Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Sunday given a warm welcome by BJP leaders, including party chief JP Nadda, after his arrival from the US at the Palam airport

Modi, who walked for nearly two kilometres meeting party workers and the people lined up along the road outside welcoming him.

Lavishing praise on the prime minister upon his arrival in the country from the United States, Nadda hailed him as a "global leader" who has made India a "global player".

Citing Modi's meetings with US President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris, besides his participation in the Quad meet and address at the UNGA, the BJP president said the prime minister put across strongly and frankly global issues and also India's views over threats like terrorism and expansionism.

Folk artistes from different states in their traditional cos-

**Folk artistes from** different States in their traditional costumes greeted the Prime Minister playing different kinds of drums and musical instruments

Minister playing different kinds of drums and musical instru ments, Delhi BJP vice-president Virendra Sachdeva said.

Several senior BJP leaders, including party national general secretaries Arun Singh and Tarun Chugh, former Union health minister Harsh Vardhan, Delhi unit president Adesh Gupta, MP Ramesh Bidhuri were among those who welcomed Modi at the air-

The BJP workers gathered at the airport's technical area hours before the prime minister's arrival. A stage was also prepared for Modi to greet the people outside the airport.

## Nitish reiterates demand for caste census, says this is in nat'l interest



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Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday reiterated his demand for a caste census, saying it is in national interest and will facilitate development of the communities lagging in development.

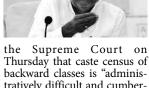
Asked about the Centre's affidavit in the Supreme Court that virtually ruled out census on the caste lines, he told reporters that it was "absolutely not correct" but added that the matter was not directly related to the issue of caste cen-

In the national capital to attend Home Minister Amit Shah's meeting with the chief ministers of naxal-affected states, the JD(U) leader also rejected arguments against caste census and asserted that the demand for it has been coming from not only Bihar but many states. Kumar said he will speak to members of different parties in Bihar over the issue to chart out their next course of action.

He had led an all-party delegation from the state to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi

in support of such a headcount across the country.

However, the Centre told



tratively difficult and cumbersome" and excluding such information from the purview of Census is a "conscious policy decision". In an affidavit filed in the apex court, the government has

said that caste enumeration in Socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011 was fraught with mistakes and inaccuracies. Kumar asserted that caste census can be done by imparting appropriate training to people.

However, the Bihar chief minister, whose party's ties with some time, refused to be drawn into any political implications of the issue.

"Caste census is in the interest of the country. It will help the country's development," he said.

After the Centre's stand, many BJP leaders in Bihar have strongly defended the move and questioned the need for caste census.

The BJP has made it clear that its stand on the politically fraught issue can be different from those, including some of its allies, supporting the step.

As far as the BIP is concerned, it stands for "sab ka saath, sabka vikas", the party had

## Fully-vaccinated people who want to travel abroad to get CoWin vaccination certificate with DOB

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ome next week and upeople who have taken both doses of Covid-19 vaccines and want to travel abroad will have a CoWin vaccination certificate with their full date of birth. At present, CoWin

certificates mention the beneficiary's age based on the year of birth. The date will follow the "yyyy-mm-dd" (Year-Month-Day) format as per the World Health Organization (WHO) standards for international travellers. The new feature is likely to be available from next week.

The revised information on CoWin certificate comes amid the India-UK tussle over the vaccination status of Indians

Dr RS Sharma, the CEO of National Health Authority (NHA) said, "As the world is slowly opening up for business and travel, we are working continuously to ensure that international travellers can



ture and the format of date of birth will be in "yyyy-mm-dd' format as per the WHO standards for international trav-

The United Kingdom has recently issued its new travel guidelines to include the Covishield vaccine in its updated list of approved Covid-19 vaccines. Following India's strong criticism over the UK's refusal to recognise Covishield, London has included the vaccine in its updated international travel advisory. However, Indian travellers vaccinated with two doses of Covishield would still have to undergo 10 days of quarantine in the UK.

## 7.9% children suffered from cancer between 2012-19: Report

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Of the 6.10 lakh cancers reported between 2012-2019 under the National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP), at least 7.9 per cent were found in children below 14 years, according to a report, "Clinicopathological Profile of Cancers in India: A Report of Hospital Based Cancer Registries, 2021" prepared by the Indian Council of Medical Research.

nearly half of all the childhood cancers in both genders in the 0-14 years age group (46.4 per cent in boys and 44.3 per cent in girls). The other common childhood cancer in boys was lymphoma (16.4 per cent), while in girls, it was malignant bone tumour (8.9 per cent), said the report.

Leukaemia accounted for

It consolidates data collected during the period across 96 hospital-based cancer registries under the National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP). The data pertains to all diagnosed and treated cases of confirmed malignancies reported to these centres across The country registered

13,32,207 cases of cancer during 2012-19. Of these, 6,10,084 were included for analysis, based on the completeness and quality of data. Childhood cancers rank ninth as a leading cause of childhood diseases at the global level, accounting for 11.5 million of the Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs).

In India, according to a recent NCRP report, the proportion of childhood cancers (0-19 years), relative to cancers in all age groups, was found to range from 1 per cent to 4.9 per cent. Delhi reported the highest age-adjusted incidence rate (AAR) of 203.1 per million in boys and 125.4 per million. Apart from childhood can-

cer, the ICMR report says that

cancers in sites associated with

tobacco use comprised 48.7

per cent of cancers among

males and 16.5 per cent among

the highest proportion of distant metastasis at presentation was seen in patients with lung cancer (49.2 per cent males and 55.5 per cent females), followed by gall bladder cancer (40.9 per cent males and 45.7 per cent females) and prostate cancer (42.9 per cent). The data has come in September which is observed as childhood cancer awareness month worldwide. Dr Nita Radhakrishnan,

Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatric Hematology Oncology at Post Graduate Institute of Child Health, Noida said that even though there have been several government schemes for cancer treatment, there are many who still are not able to avail any of these. "They either do not have necessary documents or are not aware of these schemes. Many stop treatment for the mere fact that there is no one back at home to support the family, "she

## **CSIR** should re-invent itself for future challenges: V-P

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu on Sunday advised the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) to reinvent itself and turn futuristic while pursuing the science of the highest order.

Participating in the CSIR's 80th Foundation Day celebrations here, he said that he wanted CSIR laboratories and institutes to address challenges that require long-term scientific and technological solutions. Citing climate change, drug

resistance, pollution, epidemic and pandemic outbreaks, among the challenges that need the focus of the scientific community, Naidu said: "I want CSIR to bestow greater attention on agricultural research and come out with new innovations, techniques and solutions to address the problems faced by farmers.

Union Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh asked the CSIR and all the science departments to explore S&T



innovations needed in the next ten years to make India globally competitive, a Science and Technology Ministry release

As the nation is celebrating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahostav, the combined strength of the CSIR, Bio-Department of Technology, Department of Science and Technology, and Ministry of Earth Sciences, along with other science ministries, can indeed transform the entire country in the next 25 years as the entire progress is going to remain heavily technology-dependant, he

said, adding, 25 years later, India should be a global leader ranging from defence to economics with strong scientific and technological inputs." Lauding the 80-year suc-

cessful journey of CSIR, he said that it is heartening to see the evolution of the CSIR from developing India's first indelible ink used in elections to providing Indian Standard Time using atomic clocks today.

From the development of Swaraj Tractor to the recent test flying of HANSA-NG is a testament to the growth of CSIR in the last eight decades,

#### MURDER OF BJP LEADER WASEEM BARI —

## 2 LeT ultras killed in encounter

¬wo Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) Two Lasinary Inch. killing of a local BJP leader Waseem Bari and his family members were eliminated by the joint team of the security forces during fierce gunfight in Watrina village of Bandipora district on Sunday

Bari along with his father and brother were shot dead last year in July inside his home in Bandipora

The anti terrorist operation was launched in the general area of village Watrina late Saturday night on the receipt of pinpointed human intelligence about the presence of LeT terrorists in the area.

According to a police spokesman, "the first contact with the terrorists was established in the wee hours of Sunday after which the hiding terrorists were given repeated opportunities to surrender but they refused and fired indisforces. In the ensuing gunfight two terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of the encounter". According to a police spokesman, the killed terrorists have been identified as Azad Ahmad Shah and Abid Rashid Dar @ Hagani. The killed terrorist Abid Rahid Dar was a Pakistani trained terrorist who had crossed over the Wagah Border in April 2018 and had infiltrated back in the year

As per police records, both the terrorists were involved in planning and executing terror attacks on security establishments and civilian killings. Moreover, terrorist Abid Rashid Dar was instrumental in recruiting the gullible youth into terror ranks of proscribed terror outfit LeT in North

both the killed terrorists along



and Sajad @ Haider were involved in the killing of BJP leader Waseem Bari, his brother and father.

The involved foreign terrorists Usman and Sajad were already eliminated in an encounter at Kreeri on 17/08/2020, while the other two local involved terrorists got killed in today's encounter.

Meanwhile, a special operations group of Jammu and Kashmir police Sunday arrest-Police spokesman said, ed a Kashmir based terrorist affiliated with The Resistance with foreign terrorists Usman Front (TRF), an offshoot of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba near the Jammu Railway station. The TRF terrorist was tasked to carry out an attack in the city. According to a police spokesman, "Sheikh Sunain Yousuf alias Raja alias Sultan, a resident of Gadapora village of south Kashmir's Shopian, was arrested and a pistol and

seven rounds were recovered

According to police the TRF terrorist was arrested in a

from him".

dramatic sequence of events. "During checking near railway station Jammu, a two-

lion rider about 50-60 metres behind the check point and sped away". The police spokesman said, the suspected person, carrying a bag, started moving fast towards a nearby bylane but was chased by police and overpowered at some dis-

The search of the suspect led to the recovery of a pistol loaded with seven cartridges, the spokesman said, adding he was put under sustained questioning on the spot by officials of SOG Jammu which revealed that he is an active terrorist of TRF and had come to Jammu for a specific task.

However, he said the task was not yet conveyed to him by his handlers. He had come to Jammu on directions of handler Ahmed Khalid alias Hamza alias Haqparast, a Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) based active handler of the TRF outfit, the spokesman said.

# Chidambaram lambasted by

Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) on Sunday lambasted Congress Working Committee member and former for his comments on Mar Joseph Kallarangatt, the Bishop of Pala who had alleged that Jihadis were resorting to drug peddling for wooing girls from the Catholic communi-

Chidambaram, had alleged in his weekly column in an upcountry newspaper that while love and narcotics were real, to attach the word jihad to love and narcotics revealed warped thinking. K Sudhakaran, KPCC presi-

in the seventh year," Annadurai told

PTI. He expects the spacecraft to have

a mission life of probably another one

sion life, Annadurai said ISRO had

done corrections after learning lessons

from the Chandrayaan-1 venture, in

terms of reconfiguring the spacecraft

and optimisation of fuel management,

satellites typically have a mission life

of seven to nine years, he said it was

a very satisfying moment that India could establish that around Mars

also, a spacecraft can be in operation

On some criticism in some quarters that scientific output of the MOM

was "low", Annadurai said it was more

of a technology-demonstration mission. *PTI* 

for such a long period.

Noting that Earth remote-sensing

among others.

On the reasons for the long mis-

made by Kerala Leader of the Opposition V D Satheeshan who had condemned the Bishop in the strongest of words.

The new KPCC chief had met all Christian and Muslim leaders in the State calling for restraint. Leaders of various Islamic outfits had expressed their anguish over the statement made by the Bishop while addressing a religious con gregation in Kottayam district.

Chidambaram, who is the main ideological leader of the Congress party said in his article that the Hindu zealots and the Christians were targeting the Muslims. "There is no surprise in the Hindu radical right springing to the support of the Bishop of Pala. Both target the 'other, meaning the Muslims," he

Sudhakaran is trying to make a tight rope walking without offending the Christians and Muslims, the main vote bank of the Congress in Kerala. "We in Kerala are struggling to maintain the cordial ties between two prominent communities. Persons sitting in New Delhi are spreading ideas whoch have no relevance to Kerala," said a close associate of Sudhakaran.

found in Dudhwa

Reserve on Sunday, officials said.

dead in Mailani range of the Dudhwa Tiger

Gola-Pilibhit road near Chhedipur village

here, Field Director of Dudhwa Tiger

Reserve (DTR) Sanjay Kumar Pathak told

PTI. All vital organs, including jaws and nails, were intact, he said, adding that there

were some abrasion marks on the carcass.

tigress died in a road accident or it could

be due to fighting during the mating sea-

could be ascertained after postmortem by

a team of experts from the Indian Veterinary

Research Institute (IVRI), Bareilly.

son," Pathak said.

the field director said.

"The circumstances indicate that the

He said the exact cause of the death

The postmortem would be conducted

It is estimated to be around two years

Tiger Reserve

#### Prime Minister among others. On Sunday too the Chief Minister raised the issue saying she was not going to Rome as a tourist but as person whose presence at the forum could have enhanced India's pres-"They earlier stopped me Khela will herald the downfall

part in the world peace conference in Rome the BJP hit

back in equal measure saying the Bengal Chief Minister was going to attend a conference

being organised by people whose only business was reli-

the "Chief Minister is talking

about denial of permission to

visit Rome but she also owes an

explanation regarding the

acquiescence she gave to a

programme that was being

organized by the people whose

only business is religious con-

version taking advantage of

people's poverty and helpless-

The Chief Minister had earlier attacked the Prime Minister for being "jealous"

towards her in denying her the

permission to visit the global

peace summit which was to be

attended by Pope Francis, German Chancellor and Italian

gious conversion.

Didi was going to communal meeting at Rome, says BJP day after Mamata Banerjee Aday after Maniata Dancijec attacked the Narendra Modi Government for denying her the chance to "enhance" the "prestige" of India by taking

Speaking at an election West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC party candidate from Bhabanipur rally at Bhawanipore, Bengal constituency, Mamata Banerjee (L) with party general secretary and MP Abhishek Opposition Leader Suvendu Banerjee (R) during her election campaign for Assembly'bypolls, in Kolkata on Adhikari on Sunday said that

from visiting Chicago ... they stopped me from going to China --- which however I did not mind on account of the recent diplomatic develop-ments --- then they did not allow me to go to Cambridge ... I want to ask why ... why was I being stopped ... is there a political reason behind this...," Banerjee said asking the voters of Bhawanipore from where she is seeking a by-election to retain her Chief Ministerial

"Last time in the Assembly elections we called for a Khela that ended with the defeat of the mischief mongers who swarmed Bengal like daily passengers to disturb its secular tranquil ... now the Khela will resume from Bhawanipore and end with the defeat of the BJP

of the BJP ... it will end only after the BJP is thrown out of India ... and we will make that happen ... so Bhawanipore which is my home ... where I have grown up has a great responsibility towards the nation," she said.

She reminded her defeat would only hasten the Talibanisation of India (apparently by the BJP). "We will not allow the Talibanisation of India ... we will not let Bengal to become UP, Assam and Tripura where the Opposition has no voice ... where the Opposition parties are harassed and persecuted," she said adding "the BJP would get a great boost if they won from Bhawanipore leading to imposition of draconian CAA and NRC regime ... whereby they will strike your names out of the electoral list."

## REET exam held under tight security in Rajasthan 5 held in Bikaner for cheating

Jaipur/Bikaner: The Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers (REET)-2021 was held amid tight security arrangements in the State on Sunday even as five people were arrested in Bikaner with slippers fitted with Bluetooth devices for allegedly attempting to cheat in the exam. A total of 3,993 exam centres were set

up across all 33 districts in the state. The exam which was conducted by the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education was held in two shifts for which 16.51 lakh candidates were enrolled to take it up. As a precautionary measure to check

possible cheating in the exam, mobile internet services were suspended on Sunday in many districts, including Jaipur. In Bikaner, five people were arrested after being found wearing specially designed

slippers with Bluetooth devices meant to be used for cheating during the exam. Seven others were also arrested from different places in connection with fraud in the REET exam.

Bikaner Superintendent of Police Priti Chandra said the five arrested people were wearing slippers in which the devices were fitted.  $\bar{\text{Two}}$  of them, identified as Madan Lal and Trilokchand, are allegedly gang members who provided the slippers to candidates or their relatives while three were REET can-

Bengaluru: India's Mars Orbiter

spacecraft has completed seven years

in its orbit, well beyond its designed

Radhakrishnan who as the then

Chairman of Indian Space Research

Oranisation (ISRO) led the Mars

Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan) team

MOM is the maiden interplane-

tary mission of ISRO. Launched on

November 5, 2013, the probe was suc-

cessfully inserted into Martian orbit

on September 24, 2014 in its first

demonstration venture and all the

mission objectives were successfully

met, according to officials of

Bengaluru-headquartered India's

The main lessons learnt were in

national space agency

MOM is primarily a technology

"Indeed, a satisfying feeling," K

mission life of six months.

told PTI on the milestone.





Three accused nabbed for using a device in a slipper to cheat in the REET examination, in Bikaner on Sunday PTI

"They were caught at a bus stand under Gangashahar police station area before the exam. During checking, the slippers and other devices were recovered. The main accused who is the gang leader is absconding while two members of the gang were arrested," she said.

She said the slippers were provided to candidates for ₹ 6 lakh. The SP informed that based on the information of the gang members, police in other districts, including Sikar, Pratapgarh and Ajmer were alerted. Elaborate security arrangements were made in view of the exam which was held on a large scale across the state. Arrangements were also made to check cheating and use of unfair means dur-

Mars probe completes 7 years in orbit

the field of design and realisation of

systems and subsystems, launch for

interplanetary mission, insertion into

other planet's orbit, operation of the

spacecraft and scientific instruments

confidence of ISRO scientists for tak-

ing up future interplanetary mis-

sions. ISRO has been continuously

monitoring the spacecraft and its

five scientific instruments, and offi-

cials said scientific analysis of the data

being received from MOM spacecraft

Annadurai, who was the Programme Director of MOM, said the spacecraft's

"moving elements are facing some

issues and some of the redundancies

"The spacecraft's health is rea-

sonably good considering that we are sion.

we have to switch over.'

On the health of the spacecraft, M

The lessons learnt have raised the

around Mars orbit, they said.

Made for mission life of 6 months, India's UP: Carcass of tiger

## **KPCC** chief for comments against Pala Bishop **KUMAR CHELLAPPAN** ■ KOCHI

Finance Minister P Chidambaram

dent, while addressing the media on Sunday termed Chidambaram's comments as unwanted and out of place. "We have a well organized Pradesh Congress Committee to look after the repercussions if any of the comments made by the Bishop. Outsiders need not aggravate the situation by making unwanted comments," said Sudhakaran, who is on a mission to smoothen the ruffled feathers arising out of the reported comments

## Owaisi factor creates ripples among political parties in UP banking on Muslim votes

AIMIM, which is going to contest next year's Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls on the promise of creating leadership among Muslims, has created unease in the political parties that so far considered the members of the minority community as their core "vote

Different castes, including Jatavs, Yadavs, Rajbhars and Nishads, which constitute a relatively small part of the population of Uttar Pradesh, more or less have their own leadership, but Muslims, who account for more than 19 per cent of the people in the State, do not see So the All India Majlis-e-

Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), led by Owaisi, wants to end the "slavery" of Muslims in the hands of the Samajwadi Party Lakhimpur Khiri (UP): A tiger was found (SP), the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Congress, which had been using them as their "vote bank", according to the old and the carcass was found alongside the leaders of the party.

There are 82 Assembly segments in the state where Muslim voters are in a position to make or mar the political fortunes of the candidates.

Buoyed by winning five seats in last year's Bihar polls from the Muslim-dominated Seemanchal region, which gave jitters to the RJD and the Congress, Owaisi has already announced that his party will field candidates in 100 of the 403 seats in the Uttar Pradesh election expected to be held

according to the National Tiger carly next year.

Conservation Authority (NTCA) guidelines, the field director said.

PTI carly next year.

The Hyderabad MP launched his poll campaign

month and since then, has been addressing public meet-

ings at different places.

AIMIM spokesperson Syed Asim Wagar told PTI on Sunday that the main goal of the party is to create a political narrative and leadership among Muslims for the progress of the community and a better future.

"Even the so-called secular parties, which were getting the votes of the Muslims, never allowed a Muslim leadership to emerge. The report of the Sachar Committee has made out the condition in which the parties have pushed them to," differ on whether Muslims, after the rise of Hindutva politics, have become aware enough to create their own

acceptable leadership. The SP and the BSP have accused Owaisi of serving the interest of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) by trying to divide Muslim votes and dismissed any possibility of the AIMIM having any impact in the country's political heart-land. Senior SP leader Abu Azmi discarded Owaisi as a "vote-katwa" (splitter of votes) who is acting on behalf of the BJP to damage the poll prospects of the Samajwadi Party.

State media coordinator of the Congress Lallan Kumar said Owaisi remembers Muslims only at the time of elections and claimed that the minority community has traditionally supported the grand

### PM clocks 20 meetings in his 65-hr stay in US



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-day trip to the United States was packed with meetings as he attended 20 of them during the around 65 hours he spent in the country, Government sources said on Sunday.

He also had four long meetings in flights with officials on the way to and back from the US, they added.

Sharing details, sources flight on Wednesday on the way to the US and three in the hotel upon his arrival.

On September 23, he had five meetings with as many CEOs followed by talks with US Vice President Kamala Harris and bilateral interactions with his Japanese and Australian counterparts Yoshihide Suga and Scott Morrison respectively. He also

chaired three internal meetings. He had a bilateral meeting with US President Joe Biden the next day and then attended the Quad meet. Sources said Modi also held four internal meetings on September 24.

As Modi left the US for India on September 25, he held two meetings in the flight back, sources said.

The Prime Minister is known to keep a busy schedule on his overseas trips, packing his stay with important meet-

## Yogi announces ₹25 per quintal hike in sugarcane purchase price

is in progress.

Lucknow: In a major decision barely months ahead of the upcoming 2022 Assembly elections, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday announced a ₹25 per quintal hike in the purchase prices of sugarcane in the State.

The decision of the Yogi Adityanath government also assumes significance, as it came barely a day before the "Bharat Bandh" called by the Samyukt Kisan

Addressing a meeting of farmers here organised by the BJP's Kisan Morcha, Adityanath said, "The Government has decided that the variety of sugarcane for which ₹325 per quintal was paid to farmers, that price has been increased to ₹350, which will be paid to farmers.

"The Government has also decided to increase the price of ordinary sugarcane variety, to ₹340 (per quintal) up from ₹315 (per quintal). The Government has also decided to the hike the value of the "anupyukt" (less yielding) variety of sugarcane by ₹25 per quintal.'

Elaborating about the benefits,

Adityanath said that this will enable the sug arcane farmers to increase their income by 8 per cent, and will be a transformation in the lives of 45 lakh farmers.

He also said that 119 sugar mills will be operated, and they will be linked with ethanol. The new sugar season starts from next month. When contacted, UP"s Sugarcane Development and Sugar Mills Minister Suresh Rana told PTI, "In Uttar Pradesh, there are three varieties of sugarcane --- early, ordinary and rejected. The early variety constitutes 97 per cent of the sugarcane cultivated (in the state), followed by 2.7 per cent of the ordinary variety and the rejected variety, which constitutes barely 0.3 per cent."

"The MSP (minimum support price) of

the early variety has been increased from ₹325 per quintal to ₹ 350 per quintal. Similarly, the MSP of the ordinary variety has been increased to ₹340 per quintal from ₹315 per quintal. As far as the rejected vari-ety is concerned, its MSP has been increased



Artists perform during the second day of the monsoon festival at Patnitop on the outskirts of Jammu on Sunday

## Covid-climate crisis leads to sharp rise in child marriages in Sundarbans

New Delhi: Shackled by poverty in a home that came under water when Cyclone Amphan barrelled into her village and left penniless by the pandemic, the hapless mother married off her 15-year-old daughter - their story emblematic of the Covidclimate crisis in the Sundarbans that has seen a sharp rise in the number of child marriages.

It was May last year, recalled Rashmi Devi. With only a tent as cover for her seven-member family following the super cyclone and no money for food, the marriage proposal for her young daughter seemed like a godsend.

"We could barely manage one meal every day and the decision to get her married seemed

right at the time. In my mind I thought there will be one less mouth to feed and she will get more than just salt and rice to eat," the mother told PTI over the phone from Canning in the Sundarbans that falls in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas dis-Sixteen months later, the decision doesn't seem so right.

The family is still in dire straits and her son-in-law is behind bars on charges of dowry harassment. Rashmi's family is not the Communities in the eco-

logically fragile Sundarbans delta region are still reeling under the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change, say survivors and activists.

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## The influencer

Modi has had a good trip to the US, with markers among UNGA, Quad and magnates

rime Minister Narendra Modi is back in India, having wound up his three-day visit to the US, after attending the first in-person Quad Summit, meeting other world leaders and addressing the UN General Assembly as its first speaker. It is in stark contrast to his earlier visits that were marked by hype, festivities and fanfare. This time round, the political dispensation in the US has changed from the much-friendly Trump Administration. Modi met US Vice-President Kamala Harris, Australian counterpart Scott Morrison, Japanese PM Yoshihide Suga and the CEOs of five multinational companies. The Australian and Japanese PMs are in the US for the Quad Summit (A virtual Summit was held in March this year). This diplomatic and military arrangement is widely viewed as a response to increased Chinese economic and military power. Addressing the Summit, Modi said Quad would act as a "force for global good" and "will establish peace and



prosperity in the world", he added. The culmination of the visit was, of course, the Prime Minister's speech at the UN General Assembly that was high on rhetoric but piercingly aimed at China and Pakistan. Modi also addressed the Afghanistan situation and, without naming Pakistan, cautioned it against using Afghanistan for fomenting trouble. Modi said "regressive mindsets were giving terrorism a political meaning"; a statement that may be interpreted as "don't use terrorism as a tool of diplomacy and changing the geopolitics of the region". For good effect, he underlined the need to be alert against any country using

Afghanistan's vulnerability for "selfish interests".

The context was that Pakistan PM Imran Khan had made direct and scathing attacks on India, insisting that the two nuclear powers have to "behave, else the consequences would be grave". Modi, without naming either China or Pakistan, hinted that terrorism as a State policy was not a good idea and the countries should refrain from doing so. He also mentioned the accomplishment of the Indian presidency at the UN Security Council last month. Modi also referred to the issue of the "origins of the COVID virus" and the cancellation of the World Bank's "Ease of Doing Business Index", both of which have been laid at China's door for a lack of transparency by the global institutions. He also emphasised the need for cooperation, saying he represented India as the "mother of all democracies". Earlier, at a meeting with Kamala Harris, both sides emphasised safeguarding democratic values and upholding human rights in respective countries. Modi also offered condolences to the pandemic victims. Overall, it was a well-crafted speech and well delivered though his "chaiwala" reference is better avoided as it has become rather clichéd. Though Modi also had a meeting with President Joe Biden, it was more to do with protocol than anything else. The personal chemistry between them was clearly missing.



Goddess Durga's idols being readied ahead of the Durga Puja, in Hyderabad

## **Evergreen**

Dev is the quintessential romantic ever since he graced the screen, to this day and forever

he Peter Pan of Indian cinema may have faded away 10 years ago, but not before leaving an indelible imprint on the hearts, minds and romantic doctrines of millions. He kept in thrall at least three swooning generations, who swore by his charisma, never-say-die spirit and debonair style. The soigne star — part of the unassailable troika comprising thespian Dilip Kumar and simpleton Raj Kapoor, who ruled



the silver screen for over three decades — is best remembered for essaying Raju's character in Guide. The 1965 movie, which was Dev's first outing in colour and simultaneously shot in Hindi and English, was arguably a better show than even the muchhyped Sholay: The thinking masses adored it; it was much ahead of the times for addressing an issue like extramarital affair; and the one point that everyone claims worked for Sholay — that the characterisation was so good the audience still remembers each character — holds good for Guide too. After all, who doesn't remember the voluble and exploitative Raju,

the beautiful Rosie, the jealous-repentant-revengeful Marco, Raju's friend Gafoor and

even the bit players?

His magnetism was such that youngsters took to puffing on cigarettes after watching him lip-sync Main zindagi ka saath nibhata chala gaya (Hum Dono). The number was voted the "best inspirational film song" in a survey by one of the top two national dailies a few years back. Since the time Gregory Peck influenced his mannerisms to developing an inimitable style of his own, Dev had had many an infatuation. His first famous affair was with Suraiyya, who was elder to him, but her grandmother forbade the alliance. Suraiyya never got married. With his swaying walk and impeccable dressing sense, it was no surprise that girls swooned over him. The Mayor of Bombay had to issue an appeal against the star appearing in public wearing a black suit after a girl fainted and fell from a multi-storey in the melee to catch a glimpse of the star. Dev looked so dashing that even Madhubala had to be content with the No. 2 slot in terms of grabbing eyeballs in Kala Paani (1958). Dev didn't just spend his life, he lived. And loved. As the penultimate scene of Guide shows, after all the excesses, it all boils down to: "Na deen hai, na duniya, sirf main hoon .. Main hoon .. Sirf main ... ". Long live, Dev saab!

# S Lanka looks at empty plates as hunger gnaws \_

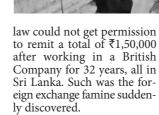


From a carefree, merry-making and well-fed nation, our neighbour has run out of foreign exchange, having overborrowed from China

ince 1964, I have been in touch with Sri Lanka intermittently. At the time, I was told that the butter and ice-cream they ate came from New Zealand. Many vegetables were also imported, including from India. A few days ago, I read that Colombo has declared a national "food emergency". What their people eat as a habitual diet will now be from ship to mouth. The country has run out of foreign exchange; its Government overspent on development by borrowing from China, a greedy lender. The takeover of Hambantota port by the lender was a signal that what Sri Lanka could not pay back China in cash, it is having to fork out in kind, namely real estate at the cost of its sovereignty.

Two characteristics of the Singhala people I have noted are (One) they love life and enjoy themselves when the going is good. Two, they are a little suspicious of Indians, because of the Tamils. They fear that someday a situation may arise whereby India may take over Sri Lanka. Given identical lending terms by India and China, they would prefer the latter. The presumption is that the yellow giant is far away whereas India is next door along with its Tamils. The food emergency is the result of the focus on today, tomorrow and the day after will take care of themselves".

Truly, Sri Lanka has good guns but no bread. Right after its independence, Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) has not insisted on growing its staple food on a sufficient scale. In the early days and for years, the country concentrated on tending its tea gardens, rubber and copra trees. The foreign exchange earnings were so plentiful that there used to be a picnic of imported goods. The first painful pinch was felt in 1964 when NM Pereira was the Finance Minister and he went to Parliament to pass very stringent laws. After working a whole career, on retirement, foreigners were henceforth allowed to remit only ₹75,000 for Indians and 50,000 for others. The discrimination was severe. Had the Indian High Commissioner not been very helpful, my father-in-



Although I must confess, the management at New Delhi was no better. In 1990, the Indian treasury had run out of foreign exchange. In order not to fail commitments overseas, the Government sent many crates of gold to banks in London. Fortunately, in 1991, India was gifted with a decisive Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao who liberalised and globalised Indian economy. He thus brought about an economic revolution.

A small country is vulnerable both economically as well as politically. Its Government must play very cautiously. Sri Lanka liberalised before India and recovered from the cave-in of 1964 that is described above. But any significant decline in foreign exchange earnings should be taken seriously. Otherwise, trouble can surround the economy before giving the Government a chance to draw in the reins. The picture of tea industry has been rather sad



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everywhere, be it Sri Lanka or South India. But to Sri Lanka, it makes a big difference. The price of a plain to medium tea was ₹2/kg (though earlier the weight was in pounds) in 1939. By now it should have been in step with the inflation, ₹600 to 800. But it is only the equivalent of ₹200 (Indian).

Garments are another Sri

Lankan activity. When there is prosperity, it can earn good foreign exchange. On the other hand, when there is a crisis like the current one caused by COVID, there can be a slump in demand. People, short of money, can do without buying clothes for, say, a year or more. These are the kind of things that look like having brought trouble for Sri Lanka. More so, because the country has borrowings to return. Tourism is another cause of the crisis. It was the largest single foreign exchange earner for Sri Lanka. Due to COVID, it is substan-

Ín the interim, Sri Lanka virtually ignored India, probably embarrassed by its passionate affair with China. After the yellow giant claimed Hambantota, perhaps things changed somewhat. The current Indo-Sri Lanka ties have improved. India may offer food grains, wheat, rice and all else available. And India may consider swap loans whose return would be in Sri Lanka rupees. India can buy only Sri Lanka goods with the returned money against the swap loan. Sri Lanka has described traditionally as the Emerald Isle. It is indeed a beautiful country with sea on its periphery.

People, especially from the Western world, find it irresistibly attractive. The beaches are out of this world and monuments of Buddhism are also engaging, whether Anirudh-apuram, Pollanaruha or Sigiria. The Emerald Isle also has a charisma which few other equally beautiful places have. Its infrastructure for the keen tourists is praiseworthy with its many five-star hotels, its transportation et al.

(This is the first part of a series on India making multidimensional advancement across nations and spheres).

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### LETITERS TO THE EDITOR

#### A STRONG MESSAGE FROM THE UNGA

Sir — Calling India the mother of all democracies, PM Narendra Modi hails a clear message to the world that all those who want to tarnish India's image by calling it an anti-secular State must watch their mouth. Also, the timely use of 'Right to Reply' by Indian diplomat Sneha Dubey to slam Pakistan for its attempt to propagate abhorrence against India on a global platform is equally commendable. India categorically highlighted strategic issues of geopolitics, inter-government, terrorism, UNSC Reforms, climate change and neighbours' expansionism. India clearly messaged that it has no space for friendship with terror supporters.

Pakistan, who has blamed India many times at the UN General Assembly, must introspect where it stands against India. We do not need to remind Pakistan that it still remains in the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). Thus, for peaceful inter-regional relations with India, it should cooperate rather than blaming. Also, Prime Minister Modi must bring forward the view-point of India, and showcase a glimpse of what India's geopolitics and diplomacy will be in the years to come. India is and will be firm against all those forces who spread scorn in society.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

### **SNOOPING FOR NATIONAL SECURITY?**

Sir — Pegasus is back in the news, thanks to the Supreme Court of India. It is claimed that this zero-click digital snooping spyware of the Israeli tech firm NSO Group, upon installation, follows the attacker's command and controls servers to receive instructions and sends back the target's private data, including passwords, contact lists, calendar events, text messages, and live voice calls. The attacker can control the phone's camera and microphone as well. The spyware is designed to evade forensic analysis, avoid detection by antivirus software and can be deactivated and removed by the attacker. In short, the spyware is designed to invade people's privacy.

### No more false claims



n a significant ruling, the Supreme Court has stated that caretakers/ servants of a specific property can no longer claim ownership in that property irrespective of their long possession. This shows that the ownership of the property does not pass on to them merely because they enjoyed staying there for a long time. Therefore, the property should be vacated upon being asked by the owner. In Karnataka, during the Devaraj

It is comforting the Supreme Court viewed the statement of the Solicitor General, Tushar Mehta, in the court that 'Filing (an affidavit) and making it a public discourse (whether the Indian Government uses Pegasus) is not possible as it will affect national security" as an attempt to stonewall the queries about the illegal invasion into citizens' privacy using the bogey of national security. That certainly was not a eulogy to the precepts of democracy either. The Court's decision to appoint a committee to probe the spyware scandal has come as a sigh of relief. Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

**INEXPENSIVE OR CHEAP?** Sir — There is a flood of SMSes on mobile phones offering a complete package of so many blood-tests at just ₹599 or less, that too, with home sample collection facility. But these SMSes do not give details and addresses of laboratories where those blood-tests are conducted. Such messages are available on Facebook as well. Either such offers do not come from recognised

#### Urs regime as the Chief Minister, tiller of the land was made its owner through a legislative action. Because of this obnoxious law.

The order of a trial court and the High

many owners lost their properties.



Court, which had refused to allow a plea of an owner for not proceeding on a suit filed by a caretaker seeking that he should not be vacated from the premises, has been set aside by the Supreme Court. The Bench, headed by Justice Ajay Rastogi, has come to the rescue of the owners who acquired the property with their hard-earned money. Had this judgment not come, and if the trial court order and High Court had come to stay, the plight of owners would have come to a sorry pass. The Supreme Court has observed that the trial court has committed a manifest error. This ruling in unambiguous terms has definitely come as a whiff of fresh air to the owners of the properties.

KV Seetharamaiah | Bengaluru

and Government-approved labs, or just some random pathological laboratories are looting the public. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare should probe into the matter. Those offering such cheap packages should be directed to give details of their labs in the SMSes along with their website details

Any consumer who gives samples for tests should be given a unique ID and a changeable password whereby a complete record of his/her tests may be accessed from the website of the concerned laboratory. A reputed pathological laboratory of Delhi which also covers other cities has dual pricing for medical-tests. Charges for ordinary patients are much higher than those under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS). At least such dual pricing must not be allowed in health-services including for pathological and biochemical tests.

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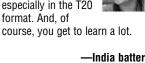
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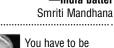


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## **FIRST COLUMN TIGRAY: SPARTA IN AFRICA**

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Tigray's army has already covered about a third of the distance to Ethiopia's Capital



**GWYNNE DYER** 

e have to deal with anyone who's still shooting," said Getachew Reda, spokesman for the Tigrayan forces, last month. "If it takes marching to Addis to silence the guns, we will." In fact, Tigray's army has already covered about a third of the distance to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, since it took back its own provincial capital, Mekelle, in late June.

The fighting has been bloody, for the Ethiopian army is much larger, but the Tigrayan army is more professional and determined. Not only has it liberated all of Tigray except the far west, but it has also seized around one-third of neighbouring Amhara.

Seven million Tigrayans defeating the army of a country of 110 million people may seem odd, but Ethiopia is a patchwork quilt of dif-



ferent ethnic groups, languages and religions that was held together in the past by a centralised monarchy or dictatorship backed by ruthless military force. Until quite recently, it was Tigray that pro-

The Tigrayans earned that job by being the most effective guerrilla force in the long struggle to overthrow the former Communist regime, the Derg. They parlayed that role into an ethnic dictatorship that lasted from 1991 until just a few years ago. But the other ethnic groups then united to instal a new prime minister, Abiy Ahmed, who started to dismantle that corrupt autocracy.

He did it, but the Tigrayan military elite withdrew to their own homeland and sulked. It was a well-armed sulk, for almost half the Ethiopian army was based in Tigray, and it consisted largely of ethnic Tigrayans. When it became clear that Abiy's project to destroy the old ethnic pecking order was not negotiable, they rebelled.

This was all pretty inevitable, but then the Ethiopian prime minister decided to invade Tigray and end the problem for good. The Tigrayan army pulled out of the province's cities for a while, and by last November Abiy Ahmed declared the war over. But the Tigrayan leaders were just mobilising their forces, and in June they counter-attacked. The Ethiopian forces broke and ran, and most of Tigray was liberated without a fight.

If it had stopped there, some sort of Ethiopian state would have survived, albeit with a semi-detached Tigray, but Abiy then made the serious mistake of resorting to a blockade to starve the Tigrayans out. By now many people in landlocked Tigray are close to famine, but their leaders have countered with an invasion of Amhara province.

They are now within striking distance of the roads that carry 95 per cent of the Ethiopia's import and export traffic between Addis Ababa and the port of Djibouti. Their success has also emboldened the Oromo Liberation Army, a rebel army seeking autonomy or even independence for Ethiopia's largest ethnic group, to make an alliance with the Tigrayans.

If Abiy makes a quick deal with the Tigrayans that ends the blockade and recognises their independence and borders, he may have enough troops and credibility left to suppress the Oromos and other ethnic insurgents who will soon come out into the open. If not, Ethiopia probably splinters, and it's Yugoslavia all over again.

And what would the Tigrayans do next? Some of them are confident enough to dream of invading Eritrea and taking down President Isaias Afwerki, who sent troops to help Abiy invade Tigray.

Some of the Tigrayan elite may even be speculating about uniting the two countries. After all, half the Eritrean population speaks the same Tigrinya language, and joining the two together would give Tigray access to the sea, which sometimes comes in handy.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'The Shortest History of War'. The views expressed are personal.)

# Does AUKUS cast a shadow over Quad?



With a vision of deterring China and ensuring free international waters, there should not be any doubt that AUKUS will cast a shadow over Quad

he decision to form AUKUS came two weeks of the US withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan. It displays the geopolitical resolve that the US has to counter the Chinese threat in the Indo-Pacific region, which is increasing with each passing day. Many experts now think that AUKUS might strategically and tactically sideline Quad. That is not the case. The objectives, either stated explicitly or otherwise, are the same. Chinese expansionism has driven this new military alliance, but both Quad and AUKUS complement each other if seen strategically.

With India and Japan, there are essential constraints that make them more susceptible to the Chinese threat. Apart from the common factor of geographical proximity to China, both aspire to become permanent members of the UNSC. An upfront, direct military alignment against China might adversely affect those aspirations. Individually, India has also to deal with an unholy alliance of China, Pakistan, and the Taliban. Apart from this, it is concerned about Russia's shifting foreign policy priorities towards a Sino-Pak alliance. On the other hand, Japan faces issues such as the dependence on raw materials and food supplies and ageing workforce apart from its Article 9 clause that prohibits the re-armament of Tokyo.

The emerging arrangement seems to present before the world a ring of defence, paving the way for future multilateral alliances against Chinese expansionism. A very look at the map of the oceans will give us a common understanding that the South China Sea, Pacific Ocean, and the Indian Ocean taken together are very difficult for either of the powers to defend by themselves. There have to be multiple security arrangements for a strong defence. In the present circumstances, if India and Japan decide to institutionalise a military alliance with the help of the US, Beijing might resort to increasing its aggressive-ness either in the SCS or on the Indo-China border, a purpose which then might be self-defeating.

Thus, strategicmanoeuvrability is probably a part of the solution. India and Japan together can possiblyhold back China on account of their non-participation in any military bloc while simultaneously keeping up the ante against its hegemonic diplomacy. For this reason, India's oint pattie commands need to be operationalised soon. The absence of any institutionalisation will also give time for both India and Japan to modernise their maritime assets. India, in particular, needs to speed up on the interoperability within its forces. France then plays an essential role for India and Japan, apart from other European countries, followed by Israel.

Concerning Japan, it has to gradualmove beyond its circumstantial clause that led Tokyo to adopt a 'peace constitu-tion'. From "self-defence", it has to evolve a "maritime defence" force to handle



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resolve their differences and work

for a common goal.

British and American submersibles, anti-ship missiles and other striking capabilities would deter China from threatening the countries. In case of severe provocations and open hostilities, the second layer, the AUKUS, can be a deterrent and a defender at the same time by providing a tactical cover-up for essential sea routes in the Southern and Eastern Indian Ocean apart from the Pacific Ocean and the South China Sea. It then might try to divertattention to the Malacca Straits against India or Japan, but the Indian Navy would present a formidable force there, thus making its 'Malacca Dilemma' a reality. Additionally, the 'five eyes' intelligence sharing mechanism aiso increases the concerns for

China. Nevertheless, without any institutionalised alignment, it might be difficult for China to go in for the first move against a'non-militarily aligned' country such as India and Japan and create more complexities. In case of severe threats and imminent attacks, the two might not hesitate to join AUKUS formally. Joint sea denial strategies then have an essential role to play in the upcoming multilateral security

arrangements. Thus, it would not be wrong to envision a consortium of powers guarding the entire Indo-Pacific region, with each player understanding its role and responsibilities well. It is for this reason that both India and Japan have together welcomed the new alliance AUKUS.

One can easily recall that in 2010, Yang Jiechi, China's then foreign minister, on his trip to the ASEAN summit in Hanoi, commented, "China is a big country, and you are small countries, and that is a fact". Today, the time is ripe to reverse the 'big fish-small fish' syndrome. China has reiterated that the Quad will find no support within the Asia Pacific countries. Beijing perhaps fears the expansion of Quad to include other democratic, "like-minded countries" such as Vietnam, the Philippines, South Korea, and Taiwan. All of them have coastlines and have been harassed by China for long. Other pertinent issues such as Chinese illegal fishing, climate change and natural disasters also underline the need for security overlaps with the other countries. Hence, Quad +4 can be envisioned. The small countries with other. Having a joint shared vision the support of various extra-regional powers have to make formations via unwritten multilateral security arrangements.

The scope of an expanded Quad can include joint technical cooperation and military exercises to increase the interoperability of the forces between themselves andwithin their forcesto counter the military challenges before them. As states have security and economic convergences, an understanding can be built to 'strategically encircle' China and keep it guessing on multiple fronts. In essence, the Quad then remains the strategic linchpinof navigational freedoms marked by a "free, open, transparent and inclusive Indo-Pacific region" apart from focussing on other new and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligenceapart from climate change.India and Japan thus will have a more significant role from here onwards.

Developments in Afghanistan, China-Pakistan's unconditional support to Taliban and the shifting sands of alliances in the Asian region strongly indicate that the time for multilateral re-alignments and acknowledgement of the reality has arrived. AUKUS fulfills this purpose and consequently occupies the space of an"institutionalised security alliance" having a formalised treaty, ready for action either as a deterrent or more if the situation demands. The 'friendly' nuclear submarines will detect and intercept the Chinese nuclear submarinescollecting essential data of the Indo-Pacific Ocean. In this direction, Quad and AUKUS are entirely complementary to each of freedom of the high seas and a common challenge of deterring China, there should not be any doubt that AUKUS will cast a shadow over Quad. Apprehensions concerning this new approach should not be viewed from the prism of China. Instead, it should be taken as a part of comprehensive diplomacy not only for deterrence against China's compulsive 'cabbage policy' but also for the peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

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THE KHELA (GAME) WILL START FROM **BHOWANIPUR AND WILL FINISH AFTER** WE WIN IN THE ENTIRE NATION. —BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER **MAMATA BANERJEE** 





MANY WOMEN WERE RAPED AND MANY OF **OUR ACTIVISTS WERE KILLED IN BENGAL. THIS** IS WHAT THE TMC MEANS BY KHELA HOBE? -UNION MINISTER **SMRITI IRANI** 

## Two sides of the cooperation argument

## Considering the high stakes involved, the tussle to control the cooperative sector has become the core of politics in Gujarat and Maharashtra

The recent decision of the BJP Government to constitute a new Ministry of Cooperation under the charge of Union Home Minister Amit Shah had mixed reactions. It was hailed by Government supporters as "the new entity which would help cooperatives across states progress as a true peoplebased movement reaching the grassroots". On the other hand, the opposition camp termed it as a "sinister move to highjack the cooperative movement for political gains".

After formation of the Ministry, the first ambitious move was to come out with a national framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country but the Supreme Court on July 20 said that cooperatives is a



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State subject and States have exclusive power to legislate on topics reserved for them. The SC upheld an eight-year-old Gujarat High Court verdict limiting the Centre's say in cooperative sector. This had put spanner in the path of the Government because if it wanted to create a "national framework", permission had to be sought from 28 States which include opposition-ruled ones. Now, the onus of finding

a way out is on Amit Shah who is not new to the field of cooperatives who started his political journey as the Chairman of Áhmedabad Cooperative Bank and later helped in turning around the Madhepura Mercantile Cooperative Bank. By 2016, he helped in edging out the Congress from all 33 cooperative banks in Gujarat.



The success of BJP in the politics of Gujarat passes through the route of dairy cooperatives. The dairies including Amul are a huge part of Gujarat's econ-

omy.

The opposition is apprehensive about the government's intention of exporting the "Gujarat model" of cooperatives to other states. This is apparent from the reaction of the former agriculture minister Sharad Pawar who conveyed his concern about the "formation of the cooperament to the Banking Regulation Act" and calling it an encroachment in federalism It is pertinent at this stage

and powers of the state. to understand the significance and structure of cooperatives in the Indian context. The dairy cooperatives were initiated by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as grassroots organizations to harness the power of collective bargaining for a common goal. Later, with the pooled resources of farmers and other workers, the cooperatives found their way into agriculture, sugar, textiles and other sectors.

The financial clout of cooperative sector can be gauged from the fact that at present, the biggest beneficiaries of state funds and subsidies

tion ministry and the amend- are the cooperatives in the provisions of the 97th constifinance, sugar and dairy seg-

Considering the high stakes involved, the tussle to control the cooperative sector has become the core of politics in Gujarat and Maharashtra. With its strong network of around 225,000 cooperative bodies controlling sugar, dairy and finance, Maharashtra is the prime example. The Congress and NCP have controlled it for decades, and the BJP has been trying to break the monopoly. Incidentally, what the present Government is trying to do through the newly formed Ministry of Cooperation was opposed in 2013 by present Prime Minister and then Chief minister of Gujarat, Narendra Modi. He challenged certain

tutional amendment that empowered the Centre to design a framework for the cooperative sector. However, the way out of the impasse was crafted by the NDA-I government of Atal Bihar Vajpayee by passing a law in 2002 allowing multi-state cooperative societies (MSCS) to help cooperatives diversify and operate outside their home state.

Some experts in cooperative affairs find justification in the formation of a separate Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India monitoring on the grounds that in the absence of regulations, there have been allegations of scams in several cooperatives. Money was siphoned off to fund businesses of politicians, bureaucrats and cooperative leaders. The

September last year, the government amended the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and gave the RBI powers to regulate operations of urban and multi-state cooperative banks. The RBI put a check on politicalisation of the cooperatives by debarring the elected politicians from holding full-time positions as CEOs and Directors. The initiative of forming a national cooperative framework finds favour with the experts who feel that it has the potential of creating more entreprenurial opportunities, get better value of their produce to the farmers and also reduce the exploitation of farmers by middlemen.

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Bank scam in 2019 is a case in

point. Acting swiftly, in

HURRICANE SAM BECOMES **CATEGORY 4 STORM** Miami: Far from land, Hurricane Sam strengthened into a Category 4 hurricane in the

Atlantic Ocean on Saturday. No were in effect for Sam, which was about 990 miles (1,595 kilometers) east-southeast of the northern Leeward Islands in the Caribbean Sea on Saturday

BILLIONAIRE WALTER SCOTT DIES AT 90 Omaha (US): Billionaire Walter Scott, the past top executive of Peter Kiewit Sons Inc.

construction firm who helped oversee Warren Buffett's conglomerate and donated to various causes, particularly construction projects around Omaha, has died. He was 90.

AIRPORT REOPENS ROILED BY VOLCANO ERUPTION La Palma (Spain): The airport on the Spanish island of La Palma reopened Sunday and authorities allowed some evacuated residents to collect an erupting volcano continued to roar but lava flows remained slow. The island's government said there had been "no significant incidents" with the volcano since Saturday, when part of the crater collapsed and another river of lava emerged.

**ENVOYS VISIT POKHARA TO BOOST NEPAL TOURISM** Kathmandu: Envoys from 10

countries on Sunday visited Nepal's popular tourist hub Pokhara in Gandaki province on the invitation of the provincial government as part of its efforts to boost tourism in the Himalayan nation, following a drop in the coronavirus cases over the past few weeks.

### **America has** enough vax for boosters, kids' shots

AP ■ MADISON (US)

With more than 40 million doses of coronavirus vaccines available, US health authorities said they're confident there will be enough for both qualified older Americans seeking booster shots and the young children for whom initial vaccines are expected to be approved in the not-too-distant future.

The spike in demand expected following last week's federal recommendation on first significant jump in months. More than 70 million Americans remain unvaccinated despite the enticement of lottery prizes, free food or gifts and pleas from exhausted health care workers as the average number of deaths per day climbed to more than 1,900 in recent weeks.

Federal and state health authorities said current supply and steady production of more doses can easily accommodate those seeking boosters or initial vaccination, avoiding a repeat of the frustratingly slow rollout of Covid-19 vaccines across the country early this year.

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## Russia says it is in sync with US, China, Pak on Taliban

 $R^{\mathrm{ussia},\,\mathrm{China},\,\mathrm{Pakistan}\,\mathrm{and}}_{\mathrm{the}\,\mathrm{United}\,\mathrm{States}\,\mathrm{are}\,\mathrm{work-}}$ ing together to ensure that Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers keep their promises, especially to form a genuinely representative Government and prevent extremism from spreading, Russia's Foreign Minister said on Saturday.

Sergey Lavrov said the four countries are in ongoing contact. He said representatives from Russia, China and Pakistan recently traveled to Qatar and then to Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, to engage with both the Taliban and representatives of "secular authori-- former President Hamid Karzai and Abdullah Abdullah, who headed the ousted government's negotiating council with the Taliban.

Lavrov said the interim government announced by the Taliban does not reflect '"the whole gamut of Afghan society ethno-religious and political forces — so we are engaging in contacts. They

ongoing."
The Taliban have promised an inclusive Government, a more moderate form of Islamic rule than when they last ruled the country from 1996 to 2001 including respecting women's rights, providing stability after 20 years of war, fighting ter-

Taliban fighters enjoy a boat ride in the Qargha dam, outskirt of Kabul

rorism and extremism and stopping militants from using their territory to launch attacks. But recent moves suggest they may be returning to more repressive policies, particularly toward women and girls.

"What's most important .. Is to ensure that the promises that they have proclaimed publicly to be kept," Lavrov said. "And for us, that is the top priority.

At a wide-ranging news conference and in his speech afterward at the UN General Assembly, Layroy criticized the Biden administration including for its hasty withdrawal from Afghanistan.

He said the US and NATO announced the creation of an

"even though what kind of structure could be more multilateral than the United Nations?

Alliance For Multilateralism

The United States is also sidestepping the UN, he said, pointing to the recent US announcement of a "Summit for Democracy" despite, Lavrov said, US President Joe Biden's pledge this week "that the US is not seeking a world divided into opposing blocs."

"It goes without saying that Washington is going to choose the participants by itself, thus hijacking the right to decide to what degree a country meets the standards of democracy," Lavrov said.

"Essentially, this initiative quite in the spirit of a Cold War, as it declares a new ideological crusade against all dissenters.

Lavrov was asked for Russia's reaction to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' warning last week that the world could be plunged into a new Cold War potentially more dangerous than the lengthy one between the US and the former Soviet Union unless the United States and China repair their "totally dysfunctional" relationship.

He replied, "Of course, we see the tension tightening in relations between China and the United States.'

## At UNGA, turmoil in Haiti, Ethiopia draws global concern

In this photo taken from video, Ariel

addresses the 76th session of the

pre-recorded message

Henry, Prime Minister of Haiti, remotely

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**AP** ■ UNITED NATIONS

The speeches may be scripted, but the UN General Assembly can sometimes be the only direct window into the regional challenges that command global concern.

On Saturday, world leaders were speaking on behalf of some of the most unstable and unsettling current conflicts.

That includes India's fight over the Kashmir region with bitter rival Pakistan, Haiti's domestic crises spilling into a migrant crisis at the US-Mexico border and questions about the Ethiopian government's role in reported starvation deaths in the Tigray region.

Haiti Prime Minister Ariel Henry didn't shy away from addressing his country's turmoil following a major earthquake and the assassination of its president, Jovenel Moise, in recent months — alluding to but not directly addressing reports that may implicate

Henry himself in the murder. 'Í want to reaffirm here, at this platform, my determination to do everything to find the collaborators, accomplices and sponsors of this odious crime. Nothing, absolutely nothing, no political maneuver, no media campaign, no distraction, could deter me from this objective: rendering justice for President Moise," Henry said in a prerecorded speech.

"It is a debt to his memory, his family and the Haitian

resigned in protest of "inhumane" large-scale US expulsions of Haitian migrants. Foote was appointed to the position only in July, following the assassination. Henry pointedly said that inequalities and conflict drive migration. But he stopped short of directly criticizing Washington, whose treatment

> prompted an outcry. Human beings, fathers and mothers who have children, are always going to flee poverty and conflict," Henry said.

of Haitian asylum-seekers has

"Migration will continue as long as the planet has both wealthy areas, whilst most of the world's population lives in poverty, even extreme poverty, without any prospects of a better life." It was a flat-out denial for Ethiopia Deputy Prime Minister Demeke Mekonnen, who rejected humanitarian concerns over Tigray as part of a "twisted propaganda campaign" in the embattled corner of northern Ethiopia.

"The criminal enterprise and its enablers created and advertised horrific imagery of faked incidents. As if the real misery of our people is not enough, storylines are created to match not the facts but preconceived stereotypical attitudes," Mekonnen said.

Ethiopia has faced the pressure of global concern since the beyond its borders, with thousands of migrants fleeing to the UN warned of famine in the United States. This week, the conflict, calling it the world's Biden administration's special envoy to Haiti, Daniel Foote, worst hunger crisis in a decade.

## Taliban appoint Ghairat as Turkey could buy more Russian new VC of Kabul varsity Afghanistan Republic Salvation

#### **Around 70 teaching** staff resign after **Taliban sacks VC** of Kabul University

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Taliban regime has appointed an expert in making sticky/magnetic bombs Ashraf Ghairat as Vice Chancellor of Kabul University. After Ghairat's appointment, 70 faculty members have resigned from the University.

Ghairat, 45, is only a graduate and has close links with Pakistani covert agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), and terror groups like Haqqani of Mohammad among others. Earlier, VCs in different universities in Afghanistan, including in Kabul, used to have doc-

The move is aimed at converting the campus into a hub for radicalization of young minds as the Taliban has asserted that Ghairat has all the qualifications that are required for the top post at Kabul

The interim government in

Kabul already has listed terrorists from the Haqqani Network and Taliban. Such terrorists have been designated by both the United Nations and the United States. Under the Doha pact with

the Taliban, the US has com-

mitted itself to lifting the sanctions on all such leaders holding key positions in the current regime in Kabul. The Haqqani Network as also the Taliban are projects of the Pakistani Army-ISI syndi-

cate. The Haqqani Network has planted Ghairat as the VC as part of a conspiracy to convert the campus into a breeding ground for future global ter-Ghairat has in the past

trained hundreds of trainers for bombs and IEDs. He has also masterminded executions of sticky bomb blasts to kill scores of people opposed to the Haqqani Network or the The Kabul University

attracts students from a number of countries in the region and radicalization of such youth will help expand the terror footprint in the entire

Founder President of

Front and senior counter-terrorism expert of Afghan origin, Ajmal Soĥail said, "The move is clearly aimed at revival of the global terrorist groups with renewed recruitment of young minds from university like campuses Kabul University.'

pullout "was carried out out

without any consideration of

the consequences ... That there

are many weapons left in

that such weapons aren't used

speech, Lavrov accused the

United States and its Western

allies of "persistent attempts to

diminish the UN's role in

resolving the key problems of

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make it a malleable tool for

promoting someone's selfish

Germany and France recently

As examples, Lavrov said

for "destructive purposes."

It remains critical, he said

Later, in his assembly

Afghanistan."

interests.

By ramping up the terrorist cadres, the Taliban and its cohorts like the Haqqani Network and Al Qaeda aim at creation of a global caliphate, Sohail added.

Other counter-terrorism expert Dr Rituraj Mate said, 'The Taliban is aiming at converting the Kabul University into a nursery of terrorism and radicalization for fueling global jehad. Appointing such a background is an ominous sign and agencies need to keep a watch on such developments to formulate suitable and timely counter measures." Young minds are vulnera-

ble to radicalization and inclined to take risks. Once radicalized and trained in making IEDs, the youths can be used for executing terrorist actions like blasts in their home country under the garb of jehad, Dr Mate added.

Panel OKs Dems' \$3.5T Bill,

crunch time for Biden agenda

# missiles despite US warnings

**AP** ■ ISTANBUL

Turkey's president has said he would consider buying a second Russian missile system in defiance of strong objections by the United States. In an interview with

American broadcaster CBS News, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkey would have to decide its defence systems on its own. Speaking to correspondent

Margaret Brennan in New York this past week, Erdogan explained that Turkey wasn't given the option to buy American-made Patriot missiles and the US hadn't delivered F-35 stealth jets despite a payment of USD 1.4 billion. Erdogan's comments came in the full interview being broad-

NATO member Turkey was kicked out of the F-35 programme and defence officials were sanctioned after it bought the Russian-made S-400 missile defence system. The US strongly objects to the use of Russian systems within NATO and says it poses a threat to the F-35s. Turkey maintains the S-400s could be used independently without being integrated into



sanctioned Turkey in 2020 for its purchase under a 2017 law aimed at pushing back Russian influence. The move was the first time that the law, known as CAATSA, was used to penalise a US ally. But Erdogan "Of course, of course, yes,"

Erdogan said after stating Turkey would make its own defense choices, in response to Brennan's question on whether

Turkey would buy more S-400s. Before departing New York, Erdogan told journalists that relations with President Joe Biden hadn't started well despite what he called his good work with previous US leaders during his 19-years at Turkey's

there is a healthy process in Turkish-American relations," state-run Anadolu news agency quoted Erdogan as saying Thursday. Erdogan also told Turkish

media that Turkey would buy new missile defense systems if developing its own. The issue is one of several

sticking points in Turkish-American relations that also include US support for Syrian Kurdish fighters who Turkey considers terrorists, and the continued US residency of a Muslim cleric accused of plotting the failed coup attempt against Erdogan's government in 2016. Erdogan is scheduled to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sept 29.

### Iceland elects Europe's first female-majority Parliament

**AP** ■ REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

celand has elected a femalemajority parliament, a landmark for gender equality in the North Atlantic island nation, in that saw vote centrist parties make the biggest gains.

After all votes were counted Sunday, female candidates held 33 seats in Iceland's 63-seat parliament, the Althing. The three parties in the outgoing coalition government led by Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdottir won a total of 37 seats in Saturday's vote, two more than in the last election, and appeared likely to continue in power.

the only country in Europe, and one of a handful in the world, with a majority of female lawmakers. According to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Rwanda leads the world with women making up 61% of its Chamber of Deputies, with Cuba, Nicaragua and Mexico narrowly over the 50% mark. Worldwide, the organization says just over a quarter of legislators are

## **BLA blast Pakistan** founder Jinnah's statue

New Delhi: The Baloch Liberation Army has destroyed the statue of Pakistan founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah at the Marine Drive in Gwadar Port.

The Baloch Liberation Army has taken responsibility for the blast that destroyed the statue in standing position.

The blast was carried out after planting explosives on the statue and casualties, if any, could not be ascertained immediately. The move comes close on the heels of the Baloch insurgents attacking a Pakistani Rangers post in restive

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gents had on Thursday abducted 15 personnel of the Pak Rangers after the attack on the outpost. The Baloch Liberation Army is spearheading the Baloch insurgency in Balochistan and often targets Pakistani Army, Pak Rangers and police personnel deployed

The Balochs are also opposed to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, a Chinaled infrastructure project under the Belt and Road Initiative.

Democrats pushed a \$3.5 trillion, 10-year Bill strengthening social safety net and climate programs through the House Budget Committee on Saturday, but one Democrat voted "no" illustrating the challenges party leaders face in winning the near unanimity they will need to push the sprawling package through

**AP** ■ WASHINGTON

The Democratic-dominated panel, meeting virtually, approved the measure on a **PNS** | near party-line vote, 20-17. Passage marked a necessary but minor checking of a procedural box for Democrats by edging it a step closer to debate by the full House. Under budget rules, the

committee was not allowed to significantly amend the 2,465measure, product of 13 other House committees.

More important work has been happening in an opaque procession of mostly unannounced phone calls, meetings and other bargaining sessions among party leaders and rankand-file lawmakers.

#### South Korea urges North to restore hotlines for any talks Seoul: South Korea on Sunday

urged North Korea to restore dormant communication hotlines, a day after the North repeated an offer to open conditional talks. The North might be seek-

ing to extract concessions about two weeks after it raised tensions by carrying out its first missile tests in six months. North Korea has twice reached out to South Korea saying it's open to talks if conditions are

## gunmen in arrest clashes Jerusalem: Five Palestinian

3 dead in Amtrak train derailment in Montana

gunmen were killed in shootouts with Israeli security forces during a sweeping West Bank arrest operation cracking down on the Islamic militant group Hamas on Sunday. It was the deadliest vio-

lence between Israeli troops and Palestinian militants in the occupied West Bank in recent weeks and came amid heightened tensions following this year's 11-day war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The Palestinian Health Ministry said two Palestinians were shot dead near the northern West Bank city of Jenin and others killed in Biddu, north of

Jerusalem.

**Israeli troops kill 5 Palestinian** 

The Israeli military said an officer and soldier suffered serious injuries during the arrest in Burqin, near Jenin, and were airlifted to a hospital

for medical treatment. Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said in a statement that Israeli security forces in the West Bank moved against Hamas operatives "that were about to execute terror attacks in the very immediate

## 4 Pakistani security personnel killed, attack claimed by BLA

**PTI** ■ ISLAMABAD

in the area.

At least four security personnel were killed and two others injured in a blast targeting Pakistan's paramilitary forces in the country's restive Balochistan province, an offi-

cial said on Sunday. The outlawed Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) claimed responsibility for the attack. A vehicle of the Frontier Corps (FC) was attacked in the Khosat area of Harnai district

on Saturday, according to the

Dawn newspaper.
The FC soldiers were

patrolling when their vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device, resulting in the death of four soldiers and injuries to two officers. Security forces rushed the

injured to nearby hospitals. Balochistan has been witnessing a spate of low-level violence for years. On Friday, two security personnel were killed and five others injured in an attack in Awaran district of the

#### Joplin: At least three people were killed Saturday afternoon when an Amtrak train that runs between Seattle and Chicago derailed in north-

central Montana, toppling several cars onto their sides, authorities said. The westbound Empire Builder train derailed about 4

p.m. near Joplin, a town of about 200, Amtrak spokesman Jason Abrams said in a statement. The accident scene is about 150 miles (241 kilometers) northeast of Helena and about 30 miles (48 km) from the border with Canada. AP

In this photo provided by Kimberly Fossen people work at the scene of an Amtrak train derailment on Saturday

## India needs 4-5 'SBI size' banks: FM

India needs 4-5 "SBI size" banks to meet the growing needs of the economy and industry, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on

Addressing the 74th Annual General Meeting of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA), she said the industry needs to imagine how Indian banking has to be in the immediate and long-term future.

As far as the long-term future is concerned, she said it is going to be largely driven by digitised processes and there is a need for seamless and interconnected digital systems for a sustainable future for the Indian banking industry.

"Although I did say that in the amalgamation process, your systems have spoken to each other, there wasn't a problem of those amalgamating banks. And, I remember the banking secretary at that time, Rajiv Kumar, telling me that we have ensured that the amalgamating banks do have their systems in such a way that they can align with each other," she said.

Mega consolidation was announced in 2019 when Kumar was the financial services secretary but was implemented by his successor Debasish Panda effective April 2020. As part of the mega con-

solidation exercise, Oriental

Bank of India were merged into Punjab National Bank; Syndicate Bank into Canara Bank; Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank into Union Bank of India; and Allahabad Bank into Indian Bank.

Following the consolidation, there are now seven large public sector banks and five smaller ones. There were as many as 27 public sector banks (PSBs) in 2017.

Kumar, now an Election Commissioner of India, was instrumental in laying a digital pipeline that was leveraged during the pandemic to transfer money into accounts of crores of the vulnerable and needy with a click of button.

The finance minister said banks, whether public or private sector, cannot work in digital silos and systems should be speaking to each other.

"So, I would think that's one of the areas in which you would give some more time and make sure that bridge crossed," she said.

Appreciating the efforts of bankers to carry out smooth consolidation exercise during the challenging time of the pandemic, the Finance Minister said it did not cause inconvenience to the customer and there was no aberration.

"Amalgamation, after all, is an important exercise even as important to the Indian Banks'

insights into the impact of the

Covid-19 pandemic and the

of this era to prepare for the next disruption," it said.

priorities cited by business lead-

ers going forward are, include

accelerate transformations in

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PwC India, said that operations

and supply chain, finance and

liquidity, and workforce are the

three areas in which Indian

businesses experienced "sig-

nificant" or "critical" impact

owing to the pandemic.

Puneet Garkhel, Partner

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As per the survey, the top 5

Association because of the way in which the economy is shifting to a different plane altogether, the way in which economy together with the industry is also looking at various dif-ferent ways of adapting to a post-pandemic era...", she said. Asserting that the driving

force for the amalgamation was to build scale, Sitharaman said India needs a lot more banks and a lot of global size banks.

"India needs at least four different SBI size banks. So, one of the driving forces was for the amalgamation that we need to scale up banking.

"We need to scale up banking to meet the new changing and growing requirements but that was thought of even before the pandemic. Now, all the more reason why we would need four or five more SBIs in this country," she said.

Paying homage to bankers who lost their lives in the line of duty during the pandemic, the finance minister urged IBA to help and support the families of the deceased.

"I do pay my humble homage to those who have served, but also suffered because of the pandemic but unfortunately couldn't survive it. I am sure the IBA will do everything that it takes to support their families, and keep them spirited and morally sound because the loss is irreparable," she said.

## Many districts lack bank branches despite high economic activity: FM

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday said despite the huge thrust on financial inclusion and high economic activity, there are districts in the country not having any banking resence at all.

She asked the lenders to get their act together and open either a full-fledged brick-andmortar branch or an outpost rendering banking services, wondering how banking presence eludes even pockets which have high economic activity.

It can be noted that policymakers have been focusing on financial inclusion for over a decade and also had set a target of ensuring banking presence in every village with a population of over 2,000 people. A few years ago, the RBI had liberalised branch opening norms for banks.

"Even today, there are very many districts in which even big panchayats don't have a physical bank...There are very many districts in which not even one banking institution is

physically present," Sitharaman said, speaking at the 74th annual general meeting (AGM) of the industry lobby group Indian Banks' Association

(IBA). She exhorted the IBA members to digitally map all the districts to see the areas having low coverage for themselves and accordingly make provisions for either a physical branch or an outpost.

"You should be able to see the centres of economic activity. Be it a completely rural pocket but if the economic activity is strong there, wouldn't you think there should be some kind of presence?," she asked.

Making it clear that she is not against digitisation, which has paid tremendous cost benefits to lenders in terms of outreach, Sitharaman wondered how there can be parts of country which do not have even a single brick-and-mortar branch.

The minister cited the case of a highly persuasive lawmaker who has been making appeals for a bank branch in an area witnessing high agricultural-related trading.

## Leading indicators suggest eco on recovery path: Bhanumurthy

**PTI** ■ NEW DELHI

 $E_{\rm Bhanumurthy~on~Sunday}^{\rm minent~economist~N~R}$ said leading indicators are suggesting that the Indian economy is on recovery path and clearly moving out of the "dark clouds" brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bhanumurthy, currently Vice Chancellor of B R Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE), further said in terms of the extent of economic recovery, it could take may be one more year to even come back to pre-pandemic levels.

'Going by the recent trends in some of the leading indicators, there are clear positive signs and the Indian economy may be clearly moving out of the dark clouds covered by the pandemic," he told PTI in an

Bhanumurthy pointed out that one leading indicator that could be considered is the robust Government revenue collections, higher than the budget estimates; it is something that suggests optimism in growth recovery in India.

According to the eminent economist, the Indian economic recovery is broad-based. although some components of services sector are still recovering largely due to severe sup-

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with currently no sign of abat-

ing. With demand on the rise and supply likely to remain constrained, we expect this

shortage to last through 2022 and into 2023," said Nandi.

turers are also ramping up

production fees, which could

give an upward push to prices

that the semiconductor indus-

try is putting more capacity in

three years before we start to

see the positive impacts of

these steps," said Nandi, who is

also business head and execu-

tive vice-president, Godrej

already witnessing pressure on

account of multiple macro-

economic factors like increase

in commodity prices, freight

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material

place, but it will take time.

However, he also added

in the future, he added.

Moreover, chips manufac-

"It is a multifaceted issue

the industry.

ply-side disruptions. "But this could also be due to severe second pandemic wave that disrupted movement of econom-

ic agents. The Indian economy grew by a record 20.1 per cent in the April-June quarter, helped by a very weak base of last year and a sharp rebound in the manufacturing and services sectors in spite of a devastating second wave of COVID-19.

India is now on track to achieving the world's fastest growth this year.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lowered the country's growth projection for the current financial year to 9.5 per cent from 10.5 per cent estimated earlier, while the World Bank has projected India's economy to grow at 8.3 per cent in 2021.

On the stock market boom at a time when economic growth has slowed down, Bhanumurthy said it is common to say that stock markets do not reflect the real economy.

"However, this time around, sustained surge in the stock indices do not suggest such disconnect," he said.

Bhanumurthy, however, added that one may see some corrections when large central banks in the world start tightening when the inflationary pressures build up and the same

could happen in India as well.

On recent calls for using the huge forex reserves for infrastructure development or recapitalisation of public sector banks, the economist said the reserves are largely hot money that are required to maintain stability in the forex market.

"In such conditions, using reserves for any specific purposes such as financing or recapitalisation of public sector banks could only end up in weakening external accounts, he observed.

Asked if high retail and wholesale inflation is a matter of concern, he said going by the recent trends in both Consumer Price Index and WPI inflation, there are diverg-He said indeed continu-

ously high WPI inflation is a worrying factor because it could have pass-through impact of CPI even with a long lag. Stating that the Monetary

Policy Committee indeed tak-

ing note of this issue, Bhanumurthy said, "Hopefully the committee would take necessary action to mitigate the inflationary pressure.'

On the government's National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) scheme, he said NMP is a very good policy measure to unshackle the unproductive public sector entities.

SpiceJet now introduces interim

fixed pay system; some pilots

### Over 90% Indian business leaders feel pandemic pressed need to improve crisis mgmt capability: Study company data and personal

Over 90 per cent of the Indian business leaders opined that the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the need to improve crisis management capabilities, says a survey by consultancy firm PwC India.

About 59 per cent of the Indian business admitted having adversely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, said the PwC's Global Crisis Survey 2021- India Insights.

The survey also revealed that over 80 per cent of India's business leaders have already invested in technology in the aftermath of the pandemic.

In India, it added, business leaders were substantially more confident than global leaders about their ability to evaluate the lessons of the pandemic and put them into action. "92 per cent of India organisations said they were 'confident' er cent of global leaders," the survey said. The responses of India's

business leaders were largely in line with the overall results of PwC's Global Crisis Survey 2021, showing only minor areas of significant divergence in views and insights.

About the survey, PwC said more than 2,800 business leaders around the world shared

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## 1.71 cr workers from unorganised sector

future of enterprise resilience. "With 99 respondents reptor have been registered on the resenting Indian organisations, our report offers an analysis of e-Shram portal in the last one how of how our business commonth since its launch on munity is responding and how August 26, 2021. leaders are applying the lessons

'Completion of one month of launch of e-Shram portal marks with the registration of more than 1.71 crores workers from the unorganised sector and in unorganised employment," a Labour Ministry statement said. As of September 25, the

statement said, as many as 1,71,59,743 workers have registered on the portal.

the first-ever national database of unorganised workers including migrant workers, platform workers.

efits of social sector schemes to the workers in the unorganised sector. The data shows that the drive has strengthened with the mobilisation of workers achieving a greater mile each week. In this first week, 13.55 lakh informal workers registered on the portal. Compared to the 2nd week with over 19.52 lakh registration, in the third and the fourth week, the enrolments gained exponentially.

workers registered on the e-Shram portal while it was 68.97 lakh in third week.

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## Global trends to steer markets; stocks may valuations: Analysts

direction this week and may face volatility amid monthly derivatives expiry and rich valuations, analysts said.

ever. It took just eight months for the BSE benchmark to cover the journey from 50,000 in January this year to scale the unprecedented 60,000 mark

continued in the Indian market with climbing all walls of worries where Sensex has crossed the new milestone of 60,000. We are in a classical bull market like the 2003-2007 phase continue for the next 2-3 years," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart.

However, he put a word of caution after a parabolic move in last few days because shortterm correction cannot be ruled out in coming days.

corporate earnings.

## Chip shortage delaying launches, makers taking measures to mitigate risks: CEAMA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

L consumer electronics industry, facing shortages in components such as semiconductors and chips, expects the situation not only to last through 2022 but also to stretch into 2023, said the Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association (CEAMA).

Several manufacturers, using chips as inputs, are now facing bottlenecks in their capacities and expect a delay in launches of new products, said the CEAMA.

rous products, has also offset the softening of prices happening in the sector after some of the commodities like resins and chemicals have shown . President Kamal Nandi.

we have taken appropriate measures to mitigate the nearterm risks," CEAMA President Kamal Nandi told PTI.

Companies are exploring a combination of technical levers (like design optimisation and value innovation), commercial levers (like hedging, dual sources and localisation), and process levers (like advance and joint planning with suppliers)

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### flag continuing salary cuts PTI ■ MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

 $B^{\text{udget carrier SpiceJet,}}_{\text{which had resorted to}}$ hourly-basis pay for pilots amid the pandemic, on Sunday, said it has introduced a new "interim fixed salary system" for captains and first officers. The airline said not only

will pilot salaries "increase significantly" under the new pay structure but those who fly more than the stipulated minimum hours will be paid over-However, some pilots con-

tested the assurance given by SpiceJet and claimed "stress' due to the continued reduction in their salaries implemented in April last year. The pilots claimed that

they were being paid a third or a half of their pre-Covid-19 salaries despite the company over 85 per cent on passenger flights and being among the largest air cargo carriers during the pandemic.

The Gurgaon-headquartered airline said it had adopted a "block hour payment system" after the COVID-19 outbreak effective April 1, 2020, wherein pilots were paid based on the hourly flying rate without having to send anyone on 'leave without pay'.

lines and organisations severed employee contracts during the pandemic, there was no retrenchment in SpiceJet," a Spicejet spokesperson told PTI.

The migration to the block hour payment model was expected to be short-lived. However, the second wave of COVID-19 has delayed the implementation of our 'normal' salary structure," spokesperson said.

An interim "fixed salary system" effective September 1, 2021, has now been implemented to provide better payout, said SpiceJet two days after it sent out an e-mail to all pilots announcing the

The objectives of the new system, it said, are having a pay structure that reflects fixed salary components and other

It will also enable payment of a fixed minimum salary to all available pilots and those who fly more than the stipulated minimum hours will be paid overtime, it added.

"The company will be pay ing higher amount under the interim fixed salary system and this has been done keeping in mind the welfare of the greater pilot community," SpiceJet said.

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#### that the government may end up holding a "sizable" chunk.

## PTI ■ NEW DELHI

petrol rate

Diesel price on Sunday was hiked by 25 paise per litre the second increase in rates after the state-owned oil firms ended a three-week hiatus in rates following international oil prices surging to their highest

Price of diesel was hiked to ₹ 89.07 per litre in Delhi and to ₹96.68 in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

Petrol price was not changed. It costs ₹101.19 a litre in Delhi and ₹107.26 in

State-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) had on September 24 resumed daily price revision, ending the pause in rates hit since September 5.

On September 24, diesel rates were hiked by 20 paise a litre. On that day too petrol price had remained unchanged.

Global benchmark Brent crude has risen to USD 77.50 a barrel as crude inventories shrunk from Europe to the US. Oil rates are up 2 per cent for the week and this is the fifth weekly gain.

### **VIL CEO: Govt has** no interest in acquiring any telecom company

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has given ■ an option to telcos to pay back interest on dues through equity and also conveyed that it has no interest in acquiring any telecom company, a top official of debt-ridden Vodafone Idea has said.

Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) Managing Director and CEO Ravinder Takkar in an interview to PTI said it is clear that the Government wants the company to compete in the market and there should be at least three private service providers in the telecom sector.

"I have had many many interactions across various parts of the Government leading up to this announcement (telecom reforms). In all my conversations, it is absolutely clear that the Government has no interest in owning or acquiring or running any other telecompany," Takkar

The Government is already managing loss-making tele-com firms BSNL and MTNL which are yet to post profit after a relief package of around Rs 69,000 crore granted to them in October 2019.

Some experts contended Date: September 27, 2021 Place: Delhi/NCR

## registered on e-Shram portal in a month PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Over 1.71 crore workers from the unorganised sec-

The e-Shram portal was inaugurated on August 26, 2021 by the Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav. The portal is

It facilitates extending ben-

In week 4, over 69.53 lakh

# face volatility amid rich

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The BSE Sensex made history on Friday by reaching the 60,000-mark for the first time

for the first time on Friday. The Sensex has traversed from 1.000 points to the historic 60,000 level in a little over 31 years.

Sharing similar sentiments Motilal Oswal, the MD & CEO of Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited said, "Given rich valuations, one cannot ignore intermittent volatility however we expect the positive momentum to continue on the back of improving economic activity and recovery in

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THE FALLEN

We no longer are seeking validation from the West because we know where we stand, says ANANYA SÉNGUPTA in a candid conversation with KHUSHBU KIRTI

riedrich Nietzsche had once said, "He who fights his own demons, must take care he doesn't become one." Enigma — The Fallen Angel, an award winning short-film, explores exactly this the dark, hidden recesses of the mind. It revolves around the intermingled lives of Richa and Myra. Besides winning innumerable awards at festivals, the short film qualified for the Oscars and will be screened in November in LA.

Actress Ananya Sengupta recently won two consecutive international film awards for the category of 'Best Actress' and 'Best Supporting Actress' for her short-films Enigma — The Fallen Angel and Silver Gandhi at Port Blair International Film festival and Golden Sparrow International Film festival, respectively.

Read on for excerpts of the inter-

#### □Your latest short film *Enigma- The* Fallen Angel has won widespread acclaim. Give us an overview of the

Firstly, I'm so glad for the interview. I do not think I've achieved much to deserve this (laughs heartily). Previously, I was a model and I didn't feel proud of myself for the same, because you're doing what other people are telling you to do and it is not like you are exhibiting your talent in it. It didn't seem consistent and I was not invested in it. Modelling is about posing, looking good and thin. You do not have much work. So, at the moment, I'm doing



a couple of short films, and Telugu films to showcase my acting skills. They were doing festival rounds and, luckily, one of my short-films

has been spotted.

Enigma- The Fallen Angel has been made by a production called Dreamcatchers who are based in Pune. They are super passionate filmmakers. The trailer of the film itself looks so international because of the way that they have made it. So, this film is about a girl who has schizophrenia, hallucinates, and lives in her own world. She, then, returns to reality and realises that the world is still sad. It has a supernatural air to it and since the duration of the film is hardly 30 minutes, I'll leave it to the audience to watch it. I am proud of the film and the journey and I see these things that I am doing right now as stepping stones to what I actually wish to

#### □And what is it that you wish to achieve?

My plan is to do mainstream cinema and movies. Being a newcomer, when you don't have a back-up, and people always want to know what you've done. They want to cast you on the basis of your profile. I do not come from a film background, and so I cannot say I'm so-and-so's daughter or sister. I have to speak through my work. I'm trying to garner content to show to the makers. So I want to become 'already some-

**□**The film qualified for the Oscars screening at LA in November, which is probably the highest accomplishment for a film. According to you, why aren't more people talking

Yes, I understand that not many people have recognised it but people are noticing it in the Marathi film industry. We have plans to take it

ahead with press releases and bytes soon. But, honestly, I have seen people get confused between nomination and qualification when it comes to Oscars. We have been qualified for the screening, which is a big deal in itself, and I'm hoping gradually more spectators will notice.

#### □Films making a mark internationally, are we still looking for validation from the west?

I think we are always trying to do that. I remember Aamir Khan trying hard for Lagaan to get that credit in the West but couldn't exactly receive it. I remember Aishwarya Rai doing Pink Panther, but she couldn't last long either. She is the absolute queen and we all love her but it still did not work. Others have attempted to send their films for Oscars, too. This may have certainly happened in the past, but I do not think we're doing that anymore because I would like to believe we are now aware where we

#### ☐You won the best actress award, at Port Blair Film Festival, for this particular role. We're excited to know about your character in the film. How did you relate

I am playing the role of the 'mystery girl' in *Enigma*. The film belongs to the supernatural genre so I'm not sure if the audience will relate to my character, unless you watch it twice. I'm not trying to be greedy here but I feel it's just one of those films that you gotta watch twice to understand well.

#### □What, according to you, is the USP of the short film? Why should more people watch it?

I think everyone has a different perception and there would be numerous USPs when it comes to different opinions. Personally, I feel if a film clicks with you, it just does. That's what I look for and appreciate when I watch cinema. For this one, particularly, the content is very different. It is dreamy and fantastical. It is, altogether, a different world.

**□**You have a line-up of diverse films — a Marathi web-series called *Highdose* and a Telugu film called Madrasi Gang. Tell us about the

I'm doing two Telugu films, one is Madrasi Gang and the second one is untitled. The former is a trilingual film (Telugu, Tamil and Hindi) and it is about groupism. Everyone wishes to become the ruler of the gang. It is based in Mumbai and also revolves around this Maharashtran girl from Dadar who has grown up in slums. There are cops and gangs involved. It is quite an interesting story. It is produced under the banner of SN Reddy and directed by Ajay Andrews, and features Ashmit Patel, Adhyayan Suman and Ranga Jinu.

In the untitled film, my role is opposite Naveen Chandra. The film is directed by Srinivasa Raju. They're commercial mainstream films and I'm very excited for both.

### ☐You seem to play diverse roles in various languages. Is it difficult to shift from one to another, more so because of the language change?

(Chuckles before proceeding) It is too difficult, it really is. I can learn Russian and Spanish but I cannot learn Tamil and Telugu, for the love of God! They are complicated but obviously, like we know, practise makes you perfect. With practise, I got better at it or, at least, I can say I could pull it off. People, surprisingly, loved my performance. I was super anxious since I did not know these languages but I'm glad it all worked out.

#### □Can you tell us about your character in Highdose?

Yes. Highdose is a web-series directed by Marathi director Dilip Vasudev and produced by Shonali films, and is supposed to be released this year. It is being shot at a very large scale.

I am playing the character of Revati, a free-spirited young girl. She is a kind-of drug-addict and is troubled due to her past troubles caused by her parents' separation at a very young age.

Love yourself before you love others



#### EK THI BEGUM S2

Inspired by true events, the show reflects the story of Ashraf a.k.a Sapna. The loving wife of Zaheer, previously a confidant of Maqsood, the underworld don, but now arch-rival, Sapna vows revenge on Maqsood's empire after he kills her husband. It releases on September 30 on MX Player.



#### BINGO HELL

In the barrio of Oak Springs live a strong and stubborn group of elderly friends who refuse to be gentrified. However, their beloved bingo hall is about to be sold to a much more powerful force than money itself. It releases on October 1 on Amazon Prime Video.



The passion that overcomes all senses or logic to do things that you wouldn't usually imagine. To believe in something with all your heart and to possess the drive to achieve it — that's *Shiddat*. It releases on October 1 on Disney+ Hotstar.

## Skincare essentials

#### Soft and happy skin is not out of your reach. You just need to be a little mindful, consistently

chieving soft, beautiful and happy skin A cineving sort, betatiful and a first a dream for most of us. While there are lot of suggestions, a long list of do's and don'ts to follow, there are some basics that don't change. We have to understand that obtaining happy skin is a holistic process that requires one to work on building healthy habits combined with good skincare.

Here's a straightforward list by ITC Fiama of tried and tested skincare habits for the healthy skin we all desire, with the reminder that skincare doesn't need to be complicated, it just needs to be consistent.

#### **CLEANSE AND MOISTURISE**

Healthy skin is an outcome of a balanced diet. The food we eat provides the building blocks for healthy functioning of our bodies. Our diet has everything to do with the health of our skin. The nutrients, minerals, and proteins found in food support collagen production and healthy cell membranes. Additionally, don't forget to protect your skin from harmful stressors, such as UV exposure.

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When we smile the blood flow gets better, and the skin receives more oxygen and nutrients. This can help you develop a healthier complexion. It also leaves you stress free making you look happy and radiant.

cent water, drinking sufficient amounts of water helps your skin look healthy and hydrated. Drinking adequate water flushes out toxins from our bodies, preventing acne and boosting the skin's elasticity. After all, water is called the elixir of life.

#### **MOVE YOUR BODY**

to completely change your mood and keep you and your skin beaming.

While it is normal to seek inspira-

With our bodies comprising of 70 per

Along with cleansing and proper nutrition, another aspect which is important for happy skin is movement. When we move or burn calories, the body produces chemicals called endorphins. These endorphins interact with the receptors in the brain to trigger positive feelings and happy thoughts. This feeling of pure happiness and joy reflects on the skin, thus having the power

### ALINA MUSTAFINA believes that you have to achieve self-goals before being with someone and getting tagged as 'couple goals'

Everyone knows that we all strive for the 'perfect relationship'. And, for this, we seek inspiration from others, mostly celebrities and our near and dear ones. We will be lying if we haven't heard ourselves or someone else say that they are 'looking for the Chandler to my Monica', or 'Jake to my Amy', or 'Ted to

tion from external sources, it is equally important to understand the reality of our situation. Achieving the 'couple goals' status requires some effort, romance, and mutual respect from both you and your partner. Irrespective of whether you are single or in a relationship, one needs to set their own ground rules and expectations of why they are in a relationship or on a dating app. Laying these rules can define your dating life and help you understand the kind of relationship you seek, what qualities you desire in your potential partner and what could be a red flag for

To help those who might be feeling a little stuck on these questions, here are some key pointers that you should bear in mind before taking the leap of faith that dating is, online or offline:

#### Don't let one bad experience define

There is a popular Hindi metaphor that goes, 'doodh ka jala hua chaach bhi phuk phuk kar peeta hai'. While it means that one unpleasant experience will make you extremely cautious, in the context of the matter at hand, let us interpret it as-- a recent unpleasant experience in a romantic relationship makes you extra cautious in future rela-

It is okay to be cautious of opening yourself to someone because of some past experiences. However, we should also understand that just because something happened in the past, it is not necessary that future pursuits will follow the same script. Rachel met Ross after Paolo (F.R.I.E.N.D.S reference). One should let this thought sink and commence their journey of love and dating with a positive affirmation.

#### What am I doing here?

This is the pertinent question to ask before you make your bio on dating apps or start dating someone. Self-introspection should be the ideal way to explore your romantic life.

The first step is to take some time to reflect and honestly ask yourself what it is that you're looking for. It doesn't matter if you're looking for a serious relationship or just want a Netflix and Chill partner. If you're aware of, and understand, what you want, you won't feel lost or confused about your love life.

Effort never goes out of style



We may make numerous excuses for forgetting anniversaries, missing out on dates, or just not replying to texts. But every successful relationship is built on the small efforts you and your loved one puts in. It is easy to enjoy the label of being someone's girlfriend/ boyfriend, but not many will do justice to it. Planning breakfast dates, watching movies together or bonding over your favourite activities is the best way to spend time with your significant other!

### Wired for life

When clouded with the fear of being judged or as issues pop up, we tend to shy away from standing for our core values. Undermining what you stand for, just for the sake of impressing someone isn't right. A partner that believes and supports your moral values, even though they might disagree with them, is the one to always go for! If your mental wiring is the same, you are more likely to be wired for life, togeth-

#### Honesty is the best policy Not all relationships will work out.

Things might fizzle, you may lose interest or be unloved. All these things happen quite usually. But what is necessary is to address this and have the 'we need to talk'-talk. It's not fair to drag something that is hurting both you and your partner. Either speak your mind and see if things can be made better or maturely part ways. And even if you fall apart, there is always the chance to find a new love that will bring much more joy to your life.

Don't forget that for a successful relationship, you need first to have a beautiful relationship with yourself!

(The author is the country manager of happn, an online dating app.)

## TREND B



### NOMINATED FOR **EMMY: SIDDIQUI**

Actor NAWAZUDDIN SIDDIQUI, who has been nominated for the 'Best Actor' category at the International Emmy Awards for his performance in Serious Men, says his character in the film is flawed.

He shares, "The film intricately depicts the raw frailties of Indian society while reflecting the diversity of our culture. I would say that while my character is flawed, it is one that stays with the audience. Hats off to the director, Sudhir Mishra, who did a splendid job."



'One fine day when we were shooting for Andaz, director Ramesh Sippy ji came over and told us that the song, *Zindagi Ek Safar Hai Suhana*, will be picturised on a motorbike. I wondered how will we pull it off and the first time I sat behind Rajesh Khanna ji on the bike, I asked whether he knew how to ride or not. As soon as the song played, he started jumping up and down while riding

## dailytalk **PALASH SEN**



'You can safely say that our new album, Sale, has been a work in progress for the past 17 years. One of the tracks featured in the album, *Kesariya*, was composed 17 years ago during a road trip with my brother Ayushmann Khurrana from Delhi to Shimla. The last entrant on the album was the title song, which was made just a little over two months ago."

### BOND FOR THE LAST TIME: DANIEL CRAIG

Actor **DANIEL CRAIG**, who is stepping down from his role as Agent 007 after the release of *No Time To Die*, says his role as James Bond is 'everything' to him.

"Bond films don't get made very often. Portraying the iconic role obviously was the biggest thing in my professional career and life, so it is a very emotional moment. While I am glad I am ending it on my terms, thanks to the producers, I will miss it," he expresses.

# RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN SPOTLIGHT

Villagers in remote areas of the country stared at a healthcare disaster during the pandemic, says RAJESH NIRMAL

A round 65.5 per cent of India's total population resides in rural areas. Tucked away in some of the remotest corners of the country, these areas are often characterised by poor development infrastructure. Unavailability of and inaccessibility to health-care services is the most crucial gap. In terms of accessing health-care benefits, there are certain barriers faced by the rural population, especially women. In current Covid times, these barriers have multiplied, making the lives of the rural populations even more challenging.

During the different phases of lockdown, people who can access smartphones, the internet, and correct information, could reach out to doctors for online consultation. On the other hand, more than half of the rural population continued to rely upon the medicines they identify only by their colour, mostly available at the local medical stores. "Almost everyone in our village depends on these locally available medicines. We have a habit of curing sickness without visiting any doctor. As the nearest government hospital is eight to 10 km away from our village, no one has time and other resources to be spent on hospital visits," shared 34-year-old Laalti Devi from Rampur Babuan village, Sultanpur district in Uttar Pradesh.

Laalti, whose husband migrates to the city in search of work, informed that in his absence, she looks after the family. "In such a scenario, if anyone from my house gets sick, we get medicine from the medical store and follow the instructions given by the pharmacist," she said. Visiting private hospitals is not an option for the rural poor who find it difficult to make ends meet.

During both the first and second wave, the majority of district hospitals were converted to Covid facilities, further limiting the access of villagers in

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self stress-free will undoubtedly be different for different individuals.

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use them and notice the changes

★Step back, take a helicopter

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and what are the important milestones and aspects of your

life. This will help you eliminate

the unwanted stresses you feel

are important or consuming

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Breathe, and just step back

Below are some quick meth-

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case of emergencies. According to Laalti, during the horrific waves of the pandemic, people feared even thinking about visiting the hospitals. They are still afraid that they will get infected with Covid if they will visit hospitals. They are also frightened that they may be forced to get vaccinated if they will visit the government health-care facil-

Sharing her experience regarding obtaining medical treatment during the

pandemic, Laalti informed, "Last year, I had developed certain health complications. With my husband not around, I had no one to seek advice from. The fear of Covid was such that I decided to wait. After the lockdown was lifted and my husband managed to return, we went to the hospital for treatment. The infection, however, had spread because of the delay in treatment.

47-year-old Prabha Devi, another local resident of the village, had to

hospitals were full of Covid patients, she could not utilise the services of government hospitals. "I wanted my aunt to undergo surgery in the district hospital, but I was not capable of that kind of hustle. Due to Covid, people with other health complications were not being treated properly. Doctors were overwhelmed with the Covid cases," shared Sandeep, a relative of Prabha

undergo uterus removal surgery. As the

"Taking all the factors into consideration, my family had decided that even if they had to take a loan or sell our fields, my treatment will be done at a private hospital because they could not put my life at stake," rued Prabha Devi.

Not every woman is lucky to have access to financial resources to get their illness treated. They keep suffering in silence. One of the reasons that prevent rural women from receiving institutionalised health-care is the unavailability of hospitals in their villages. This year, the Finance Minister has, however, allocations and the standard of the sta ed ₹ 64,185 crores towards strengthening health services in rural India. Besides, ₹ 35,000 crores have been set aside to tackle the pandemic, which is planned to be spent on primary, secondary, and tertiary health-care. Overall, there has been a 137 per cent increase in the national budget as compared to last year. It is, however, not only the infrastructure that needs to be strengthened.

The issue of health-literacy among the rural populations, especially women, also needs to be addressed as it impacts their ability to apprehend health information provided by frontline workers like ASHA. Due to poor health literacy, women feel reluctant to seek healthcare as they fear communicating with healthcare providers. Additionally, low health literacy impacts the implementation of government initiatives.

Drawing upon the experiences of the villagers, especially women, it is quite clear that a strong health-care network must be established in rural areas. Using the budget allocated by the union government, the local administration should devise a special program where the doctors and medicines should be accessible to villagers, and a strong healthcare work-force should help address the health illiteracy gap in these

that area. The process will it! If you cannot, you can still

## Moral paradigm

The development of morality can shape and save future generations, says Rajyogi Brahmakumar Nikunj ji

ately, the United Nations Development Programme L(UNDP), the Economic and Social Council of the UN (ECOSOC), and also other similar institutions, which are working for development have also veered round to the point that the notion of development would be faulty unless our focus is on the people because it is the people for whom all developmental

However, looking from all the aspects, the plans, programmes, and parameters of development that are charted by various UN agencies and other similar institutions; it seems that they aim only or mainly at the economic development and physical and mental wellbeing of the peo-

ple and, therefore, their major thrust now is the provision of basic necessities, such as water and food, employment, literacy, health-care, pollution-free environment, and so forth, to the developing or backward areas. Thus, even in this new paradigm, the development of proper attitudes and outlooks of the human individual is missing or has not been given the

ning societies.



attention it deserves. Therefore, there seems to be some lack of realisation that, although all the aforementioned kinds of development are necessary, these are not enough to bring real and durable security and peace. If people have parochial, communal, selfish tendencies that give them a narrow sense of self-identity, and a sectional loyalty, based on ethnic, racial, communal, casteist, and national background, they will let loose the divisive forces and will commit violence and destructive acts thereby bringing to nought all hard efforts made for development. Also, we all see many signs of insecurity and restlessness even in highly developed countries, some of which are known as gun-run-

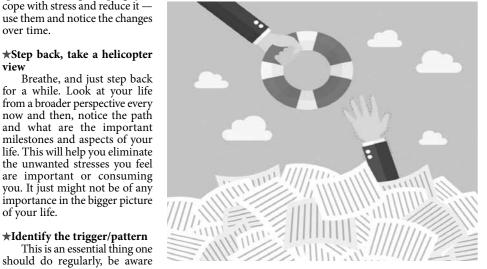
Now, if there is reasonable security and safety there, why do the citizens of that country, in such large numbers, require guns and pistols? Again, why does a high percentage of people have to go in for treatment at the hands of psychiatrists in these nations? Why do they drink so heavily or take sleeping pills? Why is there a lot of mental tension amidst affluence? Why is there a large number of cases of divorce, rape, child abuse, domestic violence, and drug addiction? Why is there a high incidence of corruption even in high places in these highly developed countries? Aren't the developed countries, with a high percentage of literacy and, at least, with some degree of economic security, wordo so many people commit suicide or murders? Does all this not show that there may still be deep restlessness in society even when there is a high degree of development and economic security? Does this not lead us to conclude that the basic requirement or the essential accompaniment to all development and progress is the development of the proper attitudes, outlook, and mindset and the moral sense of the human individual?

Therefore, it is significant to include ethical consciousness in the development paradigm. Again, when we talk of sustainable development, we generally mean that our developmental processes should not degrade the physical environment and that we should ing together and developing a spirit of cooperation, a sense of responsibility, and sharing of mutual concerns. Remember, if we fail to act now, it will impoverish our current and future generations.

## Breaking the tension

MODMONK ANSHUL suggests 10 ultimate stressmanagement techniques everyone can apply in life





and mindful of your mental and emotional patterns. Notice what triggers you and how you react - emotionally and mentally. How do your thoughts change? Knowing your stressors can help you manage your stress. Identifying the things that cause stress in your life can help you avoid potentially stressful situations and how you react to them when you face them in the

**★**Correct your sleep clock

If you have not slept well or enough, you will be irritable, and ing you and make you snap. Over time, you would have collected many such small experiences that will lead to a more significant issue, resulting in stress. Try going to bed by 10:30 pm and wake up by 6 am. It might sound very school-like, but it is the best for your mental, emotional and spiritual growth. Get the right room temperature, bed, pillow and blanket. It is essential to be comfortable; your mind is processing information and helping your body heal when you sleep.

**★**Body scanning

Practise the technique of 'body scanning'. This helps you release stress instantaneously. All you need to do is close your eyes and start noticing your body from the tip of your toes to the top of your head slowly. While you do this, you will notice any energy or part of your body that feels strained or uneasy. Breathe in and out through that part as you consciously release tension from

hardly take three to five min-

★Sea salt and apple cider vinegar bath This is miraculous. When

you stress, even though it is your mind, your muscles get tightened and sore. The cells hold on to tension more than you mind. Sea salt in a tub (or a bucket) will help you pull the negativity out and release your muscle-stress. You can add essential oils and aromas, but make sure the water is a little

**★**Eat clean food

Look what you are eating on an everyday basis — you are what you eat, and it is true. The energy in your food is running through your veins and makes eat good, freshly cooked satvic wholesome meals, you can also announce gratitude towards it before you eat it to make it even more satvic and good for your body and eventually for your mind, reducing stress over

#### Practise mindfulness

We have been harping over the buzzword 'meditation' for a while now. Still, it is true that being in the state of meditation calms your nerves down not just spontaneously, but also for a long time. It will help you organise thoughts, feelings, and emotions and give you the capacity to deal with them constructively. Being mindful will help you be in the present moment, without comparison. helping you live the current moment to the fullest.

**★**Take a break

If you can currently take a small vacation to some scenic place where you can connect back with nature, perfect. Take

take a break for a day or two just being mentally in a happy state, not worrying and taking some time off for yourself and enjoying the moment. Take a break to reconnect with yourself.

### **★**Stretch it out

Exercise and workout at least thrice a week. It is not only necessary to maintain good health but also an extremely healthy way to manage stress. Pump up the adrenaline. You will feel happier and confident as a person, too.

#### **★What's your hobby?**

It is noted that when you do what you love, you get so immersed in it that it does the same work that meditation does for your mind and body. you feel the same frequency the When you have a hobby and ture it in daily life, it helps you express your feelings, channel your emotions and aids you in getting clarity of thought, all resulting in mental peace and calm. It can be as simple as solving jigsaw puzzles, painting, reading, lying down, and listening to music. If you do not have any hobbies, try getting one.

> Use these tips to see the change in your being, not just mentally but spiritually, too. Remember the art of dealing and coping with the stresses of life is a lifestyle change and the healing iourney is not a pill that you can gulp. Remind yourself that all the anxieties you have collected might not vanish away in a snap. But, be rest assured they will fade in time and have to, as long as you take small steps towards a happy and peaceful you.

Even a little progress is progress, after all.

(The author is a psychologist, spiritual coach and the founder of SoulSchool business.)

#### be considerate and careful in using the non-renewable resources so that we leave enough for the coming generations. But, does the present high rate of population growth, alongside the Law of Entropy, leave enough scope for such a sustainable development? Again, have we ever re-examined our various methods to stabilise or reduce the population growth? Our debates are generally centred around abortion, contraceptives, and so on, but in these cases, we hardly think of reforming the beliefs, attitudes, and evil impulses of individuals and people through value education. This is really the crux of the whole problem of development. So, if we want to achieve our dream, we need to act now by com-

Your sacred space is where you can find yourself over and over again. **—Joseph Campbell** 

**URBAN MILLENIALS SKIPPING BREAKFAST** 

special study, conducted in the age group of 18-50 years, Across four cities, has shown that 44 per cent of the urban millennials skipped breakfast during Covid times.

driven towards a healthy immune system. The study pointed out that increased consumption of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, including oats.

Further, 64 per cent of urban

millennial respondents were

emerged as the key trend during the pandemic

Also, 71 per cent of urban millennials leaned towards fad diets, including keto, intermittent fasting, and weekly detox plan, to maintain their weights.

Vidhi Sharma, a consultant at Euromonitor International, said, "While millennials acknowledge the importance of breakfast and believe that it should have wholesome nutrition, they often tend to skip breakfast due to their work schedules or tend to just grab a quick snack in the morning. Popular fad diets are supporting this behaviour of skipping breakfast.

#### **NEW STUDY ON WOOLLY-NECKED STORKS**

Astudy carried out by Ornithologists indicates the woolly-necked storks prefer irrigation canals over wetlands

They found a large breeding population in the Jhajjar and Rohtak districts of Haryana. These districts have witnessed agriculture

for over a century, with the Western Yamuna canal network established before the era of the Mughals. Storks are large birds that have attracted enormous mythological and scientific attention over centuries

"Our work on nesting woolly-necked storks published in a paper was conducted between 2016 and 2020 where we located 298 nests of this species, the largest data set in the world for this species," lead researcher K S Gopi Sundar, cochair of the IUCN Stork, Ibis, and Spoonbill Specialist group,

He added that they entirely nested on either single trees in crop fields, or on the row of agroforestry trees planted

#### **IIT-G FIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS**

o address the environmental crisis caused by the marine oil spills, the researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G), have developed a highly porous and water repellent superhydrophobic cotton composite material that can selectively absorb oil from the oil-water mixture.

The material containing metal-organic framework (MOF) has great capability for selective separation of oil from oil-water mixtures, with the separation efficiency lying between 95 per

cent and 98 per cent, irrespective

Explaining the motive of the research, Shyam P. Biswas, an associate professor at the department of Chemistry, IIT-G, who led the team of researchers. said, "We have grown our new MOF material on the surface of

medical cotton, which is environment-friendly and costeffective. Such low-cost material will reduce the production cost of the material for large-scale industrial synthesis for real applications, compared to the currently available materials in

#### **AIR POLLUTION LEADS TO SELF-HARM**

Children, exposed to high levels of air pollution, are up to 50 per cent more likely to self-harm later in life, suggested a study that adds to evidence of a link between air pollution and mental health problems

Researchers from the University of Manchester in **England and Aarhus** 

University examined that 1.4 million kids are under the age of 10 in Denmark, and those exposed to a high level of nitrogen dioxide were more likely to selfharm in adulthood than

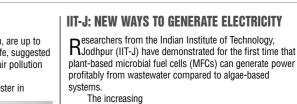
"Our findings indicate that higher levels of air pollution exposure are linked with poor mental health outcomes," a lead author and a research fellow at Manchester University,

"Although air pollution is widespread, it is a modifiable risk factor, and we, therefore, hope our study findings will inform policymakers who are devising strategies to combat this problem," he added...

generation of large amounts of domestic wastewater has necessitated the development of newe treatment methods that are energy efficient and scalable.

The researchers at the Environmental

Biotechnology lab at IIT-J led by associate professor, department of Bioscience & Bioengineering, Dr Meenu Chhabra said, "A microbial fuel cell (MFC) is a device that uses microbes to convert organic matter in wastewater directly into electrical energy." In MFCs, live microbes act on the waste organic matter to release the electrons that are extracted with an external load, thereby generating power



## RCB post 165 against MI



**Dubai:** Glenn Maxwell finally came good with an attacking 56 after skipper Virat Kohli's second consecutive half-century, taking Royal Challengers Bangalore to a par-score of 165/6 against Mumbai Indians in the IPL here on Sunday.

Kohli, who completed 10,000 runs in T20 cricket,

scored 51 off 42 balls with three fours and three sixes but it was Maxwell who justified his expensive price tag with a 37-ball blitzkrieg before Jasprit Bumrah brought MI back in the game.

Maxwell's innings had six fours and three sixes as he showed true destructive potential with switch hits, lap shots





and flicks during the final overs when he launched into MI pacers Adam Milne (1/48 in 4 overs) and Bumrah (3/26 in overs) with utter disdain.

Such was the ferocity of Maxwell's hits that even the normally calm MI skipper Rohit Sharma looked helpless before Bumrah removed both Maxwell and AB de villiers (11) off successive deliveries which at least helped them save 20 to 25 runs in the final two overs.

At the onset, Kohli hit the very second ball of the match from Trent Boult (1/17 in 4 overs) for a six. It was an inswinger which the RCB skipper flicked and Rahul Chahar at deep mid-wicket got his palms but couldn't latch on to it. The normally dependable Devdutt Padikkal (0) had an off-day as Bumrah bowled a beauty which pitched on length and moved away taking the outside edge into Quinton de

Kock's gloves. Kohli found a confident partner in Bharat (32 off 24 balls) as they quickly added 68 runs for the second wicket. Bharath for good measure swept Rahul Chahar against the turn for two sixes while Kohli also imperiously pulled Bumrah for a six over

deep mid-wicket.

## After another defeat, SRH mulling bringing in Jason Roy

against Rajasthan Royals on Monday after the team suffered its eighth defeat in IPL 2021 this time against Punjab Kings by five runs on Saturday — to lose any hope of qualifying for the play-offs.

Warner was again dismissed cheaply even as the dependable New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson too saw his woodwork being displaced by bowler pace

Mohammed Shami for 1.

injured Mitchell Marsh should get a look-in ahead of Warner to turn the fortunes of SRH, and Baylis said that it is something "that will be dis-

"Yes. Obviously, he (Jason ter. I'm sure the management will get together and discuss to pick a team. So, I'm not going to select a team right now. We'll sleep on that and think about it and have a selection meeting on Sunday,"

Dubai: India captain Virat Kohli goes past 10,000 runs in T20 cricket Kohli on Sunday reached a coveted milestone of 10,000run mark in all forms of T20 cricket (international, domestic and franchise) during his side Royal Challengers

Playing in his 314 T20 match, Kohli pulled his India team-mate Jasprit Bumrah for the end of this season, had a six to get the milestone in the come into the match with 13 Bangalore's IPL match against fourth over after RCB were short of 10,000 runs.

Kohli, who is set to step down from RCB captaincy at 298 innings before Sunday's match and has scored runs at an average of 41.61 with the help of five hundreds and 73

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Sunrisers Hyderabad

**Rajasthan Royals** Dubai International Stadium, Duba

Total IPL matches played: 133

Won: 67 Lost 66

Highest total: 231/2

Total IPL matches played: 170

Head-to-Head in IPL

Matches played: 14

Sunrisers Hyderabad

Rajasthan Royals

Highest total: 226/6

7:30 pm

## Jadeja cameo helps CSK beat KKR by 2-wickets

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

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m R}^{
m avindra}$  Jadeja won a close match for Chennai Super Kings for the umpteenth time as his back-end pyrotechnics ensured a twowicket win over Kolkata Knight Riders in an Indian Premier

League thriller here on Sunday. Jadeja (22 off 8 balls) launched into pacer Prasidh Krishna, who bowled the 19th over, where the pacer lost his length completely under the Saurashtra all-rounder's onslaught with CSK reaching the tar-

get of 172 in exactly 20 overs. Instead of bowling yorkers, Krishna repeatedly bowled length balls as Jadeja hit two sixes and two boundaries to make it a cakewalk in the final over. Krishna conceded 22 runs in the penultimate over to leave CSK with four runs to get in the final over.

But there was more drama in store as Sam Curran and Jadeja were snuffed out by Sunil Narine before Deepak Chahar ended the match with a

However, KKR skipper Eoin Morgan's captaincy left a lot to be desired as the decision to bring in Krishna in the 19th over would be debated. Morgan in his defence could sight Anre Russell's injury being the reason but Narine in the 19th over could have posed more challenge for a rampaging Jadeja. The win also meant that CSK remained

unbeaten after the IPL resumed and once again were back at the top in the pecking order, with 16 points. In pursuit of a challenging 172, ČSK were down and out at 142/6 before Jadeja took the onus on KKR had posted 171/6, as they

rode on late flourish by former skipper Dinesh Karthik and Nitish Rana after the foundation was laid by Rahul Tripathi (45). CSK wasn't able to capitalise

on the aggressive 74-run opening start given by Ruturaj Gaikwad (40 off 28 balls; 2 fours and 3 sixes) and South African Faf Du Plessis (43; seven fours).

KKR pegged CSK by sending both the openers back in quick succession. CSK then suffered a middleorder collapse. Spinner Varun Chakravarthy had got KKR back into the game by dismissing Mahendra Singh

Earlier, former skipper Dinesh Karthik's late cameo and Nitish Rana's steady long handle took Kolkata Knight Riders to a par-score of 171 against Chennai Super Kings in an Indian Premier League encounter on Sunday.

Seamer Shardul Thakur (2/20 in 4 overs) and Ravindra Jadeja (1/21 in 4 overs) performed impressively to keep KKR under leash till the 13th over when they were 93 for 4. However, the last seven overs yielded 78 runs

and KKR were able to put on a more than fighting score largely due to Sam Curran (0/56 in 4overs) leaking runs at the back end. Even Josh Hazlewood (2/40 in 4 overs) got a bit of stick helping KKR's cause.

The platform was laid by Rahul Tripathi (45 off 33), who hit four boundaries and one six but it was the CSK bowlers, who kept making inroads and did not allow the KKR batsmen to either free their arms or settle down.

Opting to bat, Kolkata lost opener Shubman Gill (9) in the first over after a horrible mixup with Venkatesh Iyer. One-down Tripathi and in-form

Venkatesh Iyer (18) tried to resurrect the innings but the southpaw was unable to convert his start after he nicked one to Mahendra Singh Dhoni off Thakur. Tripathi, who fetched his first bound-

ary, an imperious pull shot over mid-wicket, also got a 'life' after the ball on which he had nicked, was adjudged as a 'no-ball'. Off the very next one, he smashed his first maximum over deep extra Skipper Eoin Morgan (8)

also fell cheaply as he holed to Du Plessis off Josh Hazlewood as KKR was in spot of bother at 70/3. Tripathi also fell in the 13th over, as he was cleaned up by left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja as KKR slipped to 89/4. Then Andre Russell (20) took

on Sam Curran in the 15th over, smacking two fours and a monstrous six, as KKR fetched 14 runs. But Shardul Thakur forced Russell to drag one back onto his stumps. Then it was the Rana and Karthik show that took them past 170.

SRH Highest total

### Mandhana, Deepti signed up by WBBL champions **Sydney Thunder**

IANS MACKAY

Defending Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) champions Sydney Thunder on Sunday signed up India batter Smriti Mandhana and leading all-rounder Deepti Sharma as they look to start their title defence next month. The pair will replace the

English duo of Heather Knight and Tammy Beaumont who have declared their inability to participate in the tournament. Sydney Thunder coach,

Trevor Griffin, said his team's title defence "had received an extra edge with Indian superstars Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma signing on for

the club's WBBL-7 campaign".

"The pair, who are in Queensland with India's national team for the ODI series and Test match against Australia, were identified by Thunder as quality players with the ability to make an explosive impact on the T20 competition," a Sydney Thunder statement said on

Mandhana starred for India in Friday night's (September 24) nail-biting, final-ball loss to Australia in Mackay. Her innings of 86 by 11 boundaries, and it helped set up India's competitive total of 274 runs.

Sharma made her presence felt in the ODI match described as one of the most thrilling played in Australia, with a knock of 23 runs and by capturing Tahlia McGrath's

#### IANS SHARJAH unrisers Hyderabad (SRH) Thead coach Trevor Bayliss has said that England batsman Jason Roy could be in the playing XI in the next match

Australian opener David

For long, there has been a discussion on whether Jason Roy — who replaced the cussed in the team meeting". Roy) is our spare overseas bat-

Bayliss said.

Bayliss also said his batters were low on confidence. "Yeah, look I do not think that our batters are playing with confidence obviously. We have lost five games under 10 runs and most of them batting second. So, yeah, we made a lot

> At 160/1 after 29 overs and needing just 105, India looked in prime position, before a double blow swung the pendulum back once again. Verma fell to the leftarm orthodox spin of Sophie keeper Richa Ghosh was dismissed an over later, with Sutherland taking her first wicket. Bhatia continued her press with captain Mithali Raj, with only a piece of inspired fielder ending her stay at the crease. Top-edging a short ball, Bhatia

only after a diving catch from substitute fielder Molly Strano. Sutherland doubled her tally by rattling Vastrakar's (3)

stumps, leaving Mithali and No.7 Deepti Sharma needing a Sutherland struck once again, in her next over, snaring the India skipper, who was bowled for 16. Rana got a lifeline when

she was dropped by Nicola Carey on 11 on the last ball of the 44th over. The equation came down to India requiring 33 runs from the last five overs, with four wickets in hand.

## Sania wins first title of 2021 season in Ostrava

IANS MACKAY

ended Australia's

unbeaten ODI

streak of 26

Sunday. However,

scoreline reading 4-2.

matches

India finished the ODI leg of

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high with a brilliant two-wick-

et win — fashioned by a col-

Australia won the ODI series 2-

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Mackay went down to the wire

The third and final ODI in

Star Indian tennis player Sania Mirza won her first title of the season as she and her Chinese partner Shuai Zhang beat the pair of Kaitlyn Christian and Erin Routliffe in the women's doubles final of the Ostrava Open here on Sunday.

The second seeded Indo-Chinese duo defeated the third seeded pair of American

Christian and New Zealander Routliffe 6-3 6-2 in the summit

clash in one hour and four

The 34-year-old Sania and Zhang had defeated the Japanese pair 6-2 7-5 in the semifinals of the WTA 500

It was Sania's second final of the season, following a runner-up finish at the WTA 250 Cleveland event in the USA last month with Chirstina Mchale.

### India finish ODI series on a high but this time India held their nerves as they sealed a thrilling

Anand hopes one of talented Indian youngsters

balls to spare. Tall pacer SNATCH 2-WICKET WIN VS AUSTRALIA Jhulan Goswami

hit the winning runs, lofting it

Chasing a target of 265, India showed poise and power in their response, with the opening pair of Shafali Verma and



will become world champ in future

Smriti Mandhana putting on 59 for the first wicket. Negotiating Perry and McGrath, Mandĥana fell to the off-spin of Gardner for 22 (25), with Annabel Sutherland taking a catch running back from mid-off.

tinued her fine start to international cricket, ticking things along with Verma, bringing up a 100-run stand in just 19 overs.

determination. Hopefully one of them cracks the

could go on to become a world champion in

champion was partici-

pating in an online inter-

action 'Chat with Vishy -

Viswanathan Anand'

with the participants of

the training programme

The five-time world

code," Anand said. He was responding to a question on who among the young Indians

future.

Young Yastika Bhatia conbecame Stella Campbell's first victim in international cricket,

## Sports Minister announces month-long

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Sunday announced a month-long nationwide Clean India Drive from October 1 to get rid of single use plastic and other waste.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness! As we celebrate AmritMahotsav of 75 years of Indepependence, I urge everybody to join Clean India Drive from 1st-31st October to realize dream of plastic free India."

Thakur said it will be the largest cleanliness drive in the world in which more that 75 lakh tonnes of waste, primarily plastic waste, from different parts of the country will be collected and further processed in a 'Waste

## nationwide Clean India Drive from Oct 1

Ānnouncing this in a tweet, Thakur said:

## Gold eludes India yet again at world c'ships



Tndian archer Jyothi Surekha I Vennam lost a nerve-wracking final to Colombian heavyweight Sara Lopez to clinch a silver in the compound women's individual section at the World Championships here on Saturday.

The 25-year-old Indian was at her best and shot a perfect final end but the five-time World Cup champion Sara was superior to clinch the issue by two points (146-144).

For Jyothi, this was her second silver medal at the World Championships as she became the only Indian archer to have four podium finishes at the showpiece biennial competition.

Jyothi had bagged a silver (Mexico 2017) and a bronze (Den Bosch 2019) in the team events at previous World Championships.

was a member of the Indian

women's and mixed pair com-

pound archery teams which

Earlier on Friday, Jyothi

the Colombian top seed opened up a two-point lead at the halfway mark, drilling in seven perfect 10s with two X (closest to the centre) from nine arrows. The sixth seeded Indian shot three 10s from three

signed off with silver medals

after lop-sided losses to

their first ever gold medal at the

have a gold yet, India have

climbed the most podiums at

the event -11 -, appearing

in nine finals and leaving with

tent display shooting 28, 29 and

29 in her first three ends, but

Jyothi dished out a consis-

India were in pursuit of

For a country that doesn't

Colombia here.

world event.

silver each time.

arrows in the final end but that was not enough as Sara wrapped up the gold medal match by two points. Jyothi, however, upgraded

the bronze medal she had won two years ago, as the Andhra archer concluded her campaign with three silver medals.

### Post knee surgery, Federer hoping to return at 'next year been wonderful. I'm really happy and the rest of the world — said on the sidelines of the event that

They have been travelling

around playing tourna-

ments, they have the

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on in future.

Chess legend Viswanathan Anand

on Sunday said the coun-

try has many immensely

talented players at the junior level and one of

them can "hopefully"

become a world champi

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promise at junior level. R

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very good and motivated.

There are many

Swiss tennis ace Roger Federer, who is recovering from a rightknee surgery he underwent last month, said on Sunday that it was a difficult process to decide whether to undergo a third rightknee surgery after having two last year. But following Wimbledon, where he was "really unhappy" with his performance in reaching the quarterfinals, Federer opted to go through with it.

Cup in Boston -- a tournament

held between teams from Europe

Federer, who made a late decision to attend this year's Laver

the recovery and rehabilitation are "going to take me a few more months and then we'll see how things are at some point next 'The reception I've received,

everybody is so upbeat that I'm here. They wish me all the best and they don't even see the crutches. They just want me to be good again and enjoy the weekend," Federer said in an interview for the event with former world No. 1 Jim Courier.

"I've seen some incredible tennis, some great matches and it's

I made the trip," the winner of 20 majors was quoted as saying by atptour.com. On why he opted for a third surgery, the tennis ace said, "I was

just nowhere near

where I wanted

to be to play

at the top, top level. But 🥛 I tried my best and at the end... too much is too much. Now

I've just got to take it step by step," Federer said.