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NDA names W Bengal **Guv as V-P candidate**

PM, Nadda hail 'kisan putra' Dhankhar as right man for the job

PNS NEW DELHI

The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) on Saturday announced West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar as its candidate for the Vice-President's job.

This was yet another decision by the ruling regime that surprised all. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president JP Nadda both evoked Dhankhar's farmer credentials to term him "kisan putra" (farmer's son).

The decision regarding the 71-year-old Dhankhar, who hogged the limelight for his frequent face-offs with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, was taken during a BJP Parliamentary Board meet-ing chaired by Modi and attended by Nadda, Union Ministers Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari, Rajnath Singh, BJP national general secretary BL Santosh and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh



In this file photo, President Ram Nath Kovind poses with West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar during a meeting, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi

A man constantly on the rise

PNS NEW DELHI

agdeep Dhankhar assumed Jcharge of the office of the Governor of West Bengal on July 30, 2019. Born on May 18, 1951 in Kithana village, Jhunjhunu District, Rajasthan, to the late Gokal Chand and the late Kesari Devi, Dhankhar was elected as the president of the Rajasthan High Court Bar Association, Jaipur, when he was just 27-years-old.

n. Having studied in Government primary and mid-

begun "by dragging my father's

name in conspiracy theories", the Congress said "the Prime

Minister's political vendetta

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dle schools, he passed out from Sainik School, Chittorgarh.

Dhankhar, an LLB, was the senior-most designated Senior Advocate of Rajasthan till taking the oath of the office

of the Governor. Since 1990 Dhankhar had been practicing primarily in the Supreme Court and his focus areas of litigation have been steel, coal, mine and International Commercial Arbitration, among others. He has appeared in various High Courts in the country.

Didi-Dhankhar chemistry was worse than bad

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Despite the BJP vice-presidential nominee oft addressing Mamata Banerjee as his "sister" Dhankhar and the Bengal Chief Minister had always shared a stormy chemistry was since he icined as the istry ever since he joined as the Governor of the State in mid-

While, the Governor had repeatedly raised the steadily deteriorating law and order situation and an increasing stranglehold of what he called "syndicate-mafia raj" marked by a culture of "cut-money and extortion" in the State, he was responded to in equally strong words even as the Chief Minister compared him to a horse and her Trinamool Congress called him an agent of the BJP. It all started when the Governor — much to the chagrin of the Chief Minister personally went to Jadavpur University in 2019 to rescue the then Union Minister Babul Supriyo who had been gheraoed by the Leftist students

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'Rewris' for votes is a very dangerous culture: Modi

Double-engine Govt doing wonders in UP: PM at e-way dedication

VIRENDRA NATH BHATT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Saturday, cautioned people against what he called the "rewri culture" under which votes were sought by political parties by promising freebies and said this could be "very dangerous" for the development of the country.

Addressing a gathering after dedicating the 296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway to the people, Prime Minister Modi hit out at the previous dispensations in Uttar Pradesh for the lack of connectivity and said the double-engine Government was now ensuring major transformation of the State with fast-improving connectivity.

He said the distance from Chitrakoot to Delhi by the Bundelkhand Expressway had been reduced by three-four hours, but its benefit was much more than that.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, UP Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, and UP BJP president SD Singh during the opening of Bundelkhand Expressway, in Jalaun on Saturday PTI

Free power, world-class schools not 'rewris': Delhi CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

elhi Chief Minister Arvind Delhi Chier Minister Ar Minister Kejriwal on Saturday hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying his Government's schemes for free education, healthcare and electricity were not "freebies" but efforts to lay the foundation for making India the number one

country in the world. "I have been accused of dis-

tributing rewris (sweets), free-

bies. I am being abused. I want to ask the people of India, where am I wrong," Kejriwal

asked at a press conference.

The PM did not take any names, though. Kejriwal said, "I am providing free quality education to the poor children of Delhi. Am I distributing rewris? Before we came to power, the plight of Delhi Government schools was miserable. The future of 18 lakh children was in the dark due to poor infrastructure.

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Sonia behind 'conspiracy' to frame Modi in Gujarat riots: BJP after SIT report

Charges against Patel a move to absolve Modi of responsibility: Cong

PNS NEW DELHI

In the most direct accusation yet, the BJP on Saturday held Congress president Sonia Gandhi as the "driving force" behind the "conspiracy" to be included the conspiracy. implicate the then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi in the 2002 riots, and defame and destabilise his elected Government in

The BJP alleged Sonia's political advisor late Ahmed Patel and social activist Teesta Setalvad were mere pawns in her hands

While Patel's daughter Mumtaz Patel said the BJP's campaign for Gujarat poll has

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'IVANA TRUMP'S DEATH RULED AN ACCIDENT'

Donald Trump and the mother

accidentally from blunt impact

injuries to her torso, the New

York City medical examiner's

ICSE CLASS 10TH RESULTS TODAY, CLASS 12TH SOON

New Delhi: The Council for the

announced to declare the ICSE

Indian School Certificate

Examination on Saturday

class 10 results 2022 on

to his eldest children, died

New York: Ivana Trump, the first

office said Friday.

wife of former President

Lankan Parl takes steps to elect new President

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PTI COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Parliament held a Special session on Saturday to start the process of electing a new his political adversaries". Earlier in the day, demanding answers to the affidavit submitted by Gujarat's Special Investigation Team (SIT) before the court allegedly "detailing nexus of Patel and Setalvad" President on July 20 following the Rajapaksa, with four contenders, including acting President Ranil and transfer of "initial" ₹30 lakh to the social activist to to head the next Government "operationilise the conspiracy against Modi", the BJP asked that has the arduous task to revive the country's bankrupt Sonia to hold a press confereconomy.

issue.
"Not your social media head Jairam Ramesh but you should answer questions," BJP's national spokesperson Sambit Patra said, adding "Patel only delivered the money. Sonia Gandhi gave it to be handed over to Setalvad".

ence to clarify her stand on the

Served my nation ability, Gotabaya

resignation of Gotabaya Wickremesinghe joining the race

During a 13-minute special sion, Dhammika session, Dassanayake, Secretary General of Parliament, announced the vacancy for the post of President after the resignation Rajapaksa, who fled the country after a pop-

ular uprising against him.

Dassanayake read out the Setalvad".

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to the Speaker in which Rajapaksa defended his actions to address the economic crisis and the political turmoil. He blamed the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown for Ŝri Lanka's economic woes

Rajapaksa said, "I served my ability and I will continue to do so in the future.

Dassanayake informed the House that nominations for the Presidency should be submitted to him on July 19 and if more than one candidate submits nominations, a vote would be taken in Parliament on July 20 to elect the new President.

The 225-member House is dominated by Rajapaksa's ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) party. Wickremesinghe and main Opposition leader Sajith Premadasa, Marxist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna leader AK Dissanayake and Dullas Alahapperuma, a breakaway SLPP candidate, are the other two leaders to have announced their candidacy to contest the

PTI ■ RAIPUR

Singh Deo, locked in a turf war with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, on Saturday resigned from the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, hinting that he was sidelined in the Government though he will continue to hold the other four portfolios. The development comes over a year ahead of the Assembly elections in the Congress-ruled State. Singh Deo will, however, remain the Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education, Twenty Point

Sunday at 5 P.M. While the Board's ISC Class 12 results date will be announced soon **6 DEAD IN DIARRHOEA OUTBREAK IN ODISHA** Bhubaneswar: At least six people have died and 71 others are hospitalised due to

diarrhoea after drinking contaminated water from onen sources in several villages in Odisha's Rayagada district. officials said on Saturday

Baghel's Minister Deo quits

hhattisgarh Minister TS

seen as the fallout of an old political rivalry between Baghel and Singh Deo, who had tried to project him as the Chief

panchayat dept, keeps others

Ghoshna Patra (poll manifesto), given the "current scenario". He also claimed the draft of

Implementation and Commercial Tax departments. The sudden development is

Minister in the past.
"I have resigned from the Panchayat and Rural Development Department," he said. In a four-page resignation Minister concerned, he added.

letter to the Chief Minister, Singh Deo cited various reasons stating that he was unable to fulfil the targets of the department as per the vision of the Jan

He said despite his repeated requests, funds were not sanctioned under the PM Awas Yojna, as a result of which houses could not be constructed for eight lakh people in the

rules under the Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act prepared by his department and sent to a committee was changed without taking him into confidence. Under the Mukhyamantri

Samagra Gramin Vikas Yojna, a committee of secretaries headed by the Chief Secretary was constituted against the standard protocol for granting final approval to works. The discretion to approve works of any department lies with the

Minor shoots at man to avenge father's beating

vote in Parliament.



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Four juveniles have been apprehended for shooting a man, identified as Javed (36), in Jahangirpuri on Friday. Javed was hospitalised after being shot in the face at point-blank range. Javed had beaten up the father of one of the minors seven months ago and they shot him to extract revenge.

The CCTV footage of the

incident went viral on social media. All three fled the spot after shooting Javed. According to Usha Rangnani

the DCP, Northwest district, on Friday, at around 5.15 P.M, police received information about a gunshot injury to one Javed at H-4 Block, Jahangirpuri.

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DU DECLARES RESULTS FOR 26 UG, 18 PG COURSES

New Delhi: Delhi University has declared the results of 26 undergraduate and 18 postgraduate courses, informed the varsity officials on Saturday. The results are available at the Samarth portal. Dean of Examination DS Rawat said that the results of 37,000 students have been declared. An email regarding the grievance redressal process has also been sent to over 65,000

MLA PRESIDES OVER ANNUAL DAY OF ADITI MAHAVIDYALAYA New Delhi: Senior AAP leader and Kalkaji MLA Atishi presided over the 27th Annual Day celebrations of Aditi Mahavidyalaya on Saturday. Organised at the

India International Centre in Delhi, the annual day function was based on the theme of 'Glorious India'.

LG DIRECTS MCD TO SET UP RECOVERY FACILITIES



New Delhi: The Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, while reiterating his commitment to a clean and hygienic Delhi, instructed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to set up 24 Material Recovery Facilities from Municipal Wastes, 'Swachhta Kendras' across the Capital within the next six months. He was on a visit to one such facility of this kind, set up by the MCD in partnership with UNDP, in Dwarka. The LG was accompanied by the Chief Secretary, Special Officer, MCD and Commissioner MCD apart from senior

28-YR-OLD HELD WITH ILLEGAL FIREARMS

New Delhi: The police has arrested a 28-year-old man from Mullana in Haryana and seized illegal firearms from him, officials said on Saturday. The accused has been identified as Gaurav, a resident of Najafgarh , they said, adding that he is a sharpshooter of the Ashok Pradhan-Neetu Dabodia gang and also supplied firearms to them.

GAHLOT PARTICIPATES IN EVENT AT SANSKAR ASHRAM

New Delhi: Delhi's Women and Child Development Minister, Kailash Gahlot on Saturday took part in an event organised at Sanskar Ashram Complex on the occasion of 'World Day for International Justice'. He appreciated the academic performance of the children at Sanskar Ashram and said that children separated from families or rendered orphans must not be deprived of their rights to development and healthy upbringing

GAMBHIR SLAMS AAP OVER 'FREE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

New Delhi: BJP MP from East Delhi Gautam Gambhir slammed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in the national capital on Saturday, alleging that its claim of free electricity supply is "propaganda". In a statement, the cricketer-turned-politician said after forming the government in Delhi, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his associates had claimed that with clean governance and administration, the electricity prices will reduce drastically.

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Shinde Govt renames Aurangabad, Osmanabad

Having reviewed the previous Shiv Sena-led MVA Government's city renaming decisions, the Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra Government on Saturday decided to re-christen Aurangabad as Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Osmanabad as Dharashiv,

In another decision, the Shinde government slightly tweaked the previous Uddhav Thackeray dispensation's decision and renamed the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) as "Lokneta D B Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport". Late Patil had

farmers and residents for remunerative compensation for the land acquired for the Navi Mumbai Airport.

Subsequently, the Shinde government said that it would send the renaming decisions taken at the State Cabinet meeting to the Centre for approval. After receiving approvals regarding the renaming of Aurangabad as Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Osmanabad as Dharashiv, it would rename talukas, municipal Corporations and Councils in the two districts accordingly.

All the three renaming decisions - two of which

being acts of one-upmanship indulged by the Shinde government to take away the credit for the decisions from the previous Uddhav Thackeray government.

It may be recalled that the Sena-led MVA government had at its last State Cabinet meeting that chief minister Uddhav Thackeray presided over before he resigned from the post on June 28, 2022, in the wake of the Supreme Court's refusal to stay the confidence vote that he had been ordered to take on the floor of Assembly on Thursday by Governor Bhagat Singh

Free power, world-class...

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Is it a crime to provide good education to these children free of cost?" Kejriwal

Without naming anyone, Kejriwal said, "I will tell you who is distributing 'rewris' and giving freebies. This waiving of friends' loans worth thousands of crores and getting contracts worth thousands of crores from foreign tours for friends are giving freebies."

Those who are abusing me have purchased a private jet for themselves by spending thousands of crore rupees. Keiriwal doesn't buy jets for himself, but saves the money and makes travel free of cost for women in Delhi." "I am educated, having studied engineering, accounting and

law. My educational degree is not fake. Despite free schemes. the Delhi government budget is not at loss. The CAG has said since the Kejriwal government coming into power, the capital's budget is under profit," the chief minister said.

"A corporate firm took loan from the banks and left them bankrupt. It donated some crores of rupees to a political party. But the government didn't take any action against the government. This is a revari," Kejriwal said.

"Through the Farishtey scheme we saved 13,000 lives with timely free treatment to injured people in accidents. Ask their families, if Kejriwal is distributing "rewris" or doing a virtuous thing," the chief minister said..

Minor shoots at man to avenge father's...

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'He was shifted to Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial (BJRM) hospital and later referred to another centre for the treatment. Javed had sustained a bullet injury in his right eye," said the DCP.

'Javed had told police that around 4.45 PM, he was near H-3 Block park when three minor boys known to him came there and one of them fired a gun aimed at his face," said the DCP.

After firing the gun, all three ran away, she said, adding that the victim's condition is stable. A case under Section 307 (attempt to murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered at Jahangirpuri police station.

Tomar hopes monsoon rains will progress in coming days

PNS NEW DELHI

Tnion Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Saturday expressed hope that monsoon rains, which are crucial for Kharif sowing, will progress in the coming days and said it is too early to comment on the paddy acreage. The Minister also said that incomes of lakhs of farmers have doubled in the last eight years with all-round efforts made by the governments at the Centre and states, scientists and the farming community.

Data from the Ministry of Agriculture showed that as of July 15, the paddy sowing was down by 17.4 per cent to 128.50 lakh hectares (LH) this Kharif season as against 155.53 LH in the corresponding period of the previous year. However, the sowing areas of pulses, coarse cereals and oilseeds are higher by 7-9 per cent. The weather office has forecast a normal monsoon this year.

Asked about the progress of Kharif sowing operation and lesser area under paddy so far, Tomar said: "It is too early to say anything. I hope that monsoon rains will come". On whether a 17 per cent fall in paddy acreage will get covered, he said: "I feel that it's too early to comment. We should wait.

The minister was speaking on the sidelines of the 94th foundation day of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Tomar also released an e-book prepared by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), documenting the success stories of 75,000 such farmers whose incomes have doubled or more than doubled in the last eight years.

Traders protests against 5% GST on pre-packed and labelled food items

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW

Wholesale and retail grain markets in the national capital, as the markets remained closed on Saturday due to a protest by traders against the GST Council's decision to levy a five per cent GST on pre-packed and labelled food items. Wholesale grain markets at Narela. Bawana and other parts of the city wore a deserted look due to the market bandh called by traders. Many retail grain markets in the city were also

Delhi Grain Merchant Association President Naresh Kumar Gupta said that this is for the first time when nonbranded food items are being brought under the GST and claimed that the decision was not in favour of the general public and traders.

Sonia behind 'conspiracy' to frame Modi in Gujarat...

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Patra alleged Setalvad, who was also a member of National Advisory Council headed by Sonia Gandhi and awarded Padma Shri in 2007, "received crores of rupees" for the Gujarat 2002 riot relief fund from Sonia".

Setalvad, in turn, used them for her personal comfort, "wine, shoes and holiday resorts" while the "riot victims did not receive a single penny", he said, adding he was quoting from the Gujarat High Court ruling.
He said Setalvad, currently

under arrest, wanted to be a Rajya Sabha member and could have made it to a Ministerial post had BJP not come to power at the Centre. Patra alleged Sonia operated behind the scenes while Patel and Setalvad were merely her pawns.

The ruling party's attack on her came a day after the Gujarat police's SIT opposed arrested activist Setalvad's bail application and claimed in an affidavit before a court that she was part of a "larger conspiracy" hatched

by Patel to get the State Government dismissed after the 2002 riots. Congress general secretary

in-charge of the party's communication, media and publicity department, countered BJP's charges by issuing a statement. "The charges against Ahmed Patel are part of Prime Minister's systematic strategy to absolve himself of any responsibility for the communal carnage unleashed when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2002," the statement read.

"It was his unwillingness and incapacity as the then Chief Minister to control the carnage that had led the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to remind the Chief Minister of his 'rajdharma," it said.

Mumtaz said, his father's name still holds weight to be used for political conspiracies to malign the Opposition. "Why during the UPA years Teesta Setalvad was not rewarded and made Rajya Sabha member and why the Centre until 2020 did

not prosecute my father for hatching such a big conspiracy," she asked in another tweet, which was retweeted by her brother Faisal Patel from his verified Twitter handle.

Patra termed the Congress' rebuttal alleging "personal vendetta" and SIT working under "pressure" as mischievous and asked if the Supreme Court had also acted under "pressure" when it had slammed Setalvad and other accused for their "ulterior designs" and called for them to be put in the dock, leading to registration of a case and their arrest by the Gujarat police.The BJP spokesperson said the Congress appears to be keeping various kinds of denials ready and releasing them by changing dates. "We want Sonia Gandhi to hold a press conference and address the nation as to why she was conspiring against Modi," he said, claiming that his press conference is not an attack on late Patel as he was just a medium through which Sonia acted.

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	Shiv Kumar Jatia, Archana Jatia, Shashi R Jatia, B-50, Gulmohar Park, Delhi -110049 LBDEL00002442446	Plot No- B-50 Gulmohar Park Zone F-3 Masjid Moth Delhi- 110049	25/06/2022 Rs. 1,45,10,878.32/-	06-04 2022
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18.	Harmeet Singh Sethi, F 21 First Floor, Vikaspuri, Delhi-110018 LBDEL00004863995	Plot No. F-165, Block- F, Entire Ground Floor Without Roof Rights, Ground Floor, Vikas Puri, Delhi- 110018	21/06/2022 Rs. 2,76,034.5/-	07-03 2022

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Date: July 16, 2022 Place: Delhi NCR Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Didi-Dhankhar chemistry was worse...

As late as on Thursday, Dhankhar attacked the Mamata Banerjee Government not only for the deteriorating law and order situation but also

her policy of appeasement of minorities. Appealing to the civil society of the State he said "break silence and highlight worrisome governance scenario of extreme appearement, communalised patronage, Mafia Syndicate Extortion in the State

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sh. P. M. Bhojwani S/o Late Sh. Bhoiwani who was the allottee of Plot No.516 Sector- 37, Pace City-II, Sector-37, Gurugram Harvana allottee from Harvana State Industria and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (H.S.I.I.D.C.). Sh. P. M. Bhojwani expired on 19.06.2020, after his death my clients Mrs. Hari Bhojwani, Sh. Ritin Bhojwani and Sh. Rohan Bhojwani legal heirs of Late Sh. P. M. Bhojwan have applied to transfer the above said plot in their favour in three equal share before the office of Harvana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (H.S.I.I.D.C.) If, any person having any right, title, claim o interest in the said property of any kind, shall intimate the objection in writing to the undersigned or Harvana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (H.S.I.I.D.C.) with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claim by any person shall not be considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and clients shall proceed to conclude the transfer of the above said plot in their name

as this would help to enhance of democratic values and human

rights protection."

All these years as the duo engaged each other sometimes through war of words and sometimes through war of letters the Left and the Congress wondered whether it was a "shadow fight" in order to marginalise the other Opposition parties, particularly the Left.

Both the Congress and the Left call the BJP and the TMC horses from

the same stable." Meanwhile, soon after the BJP leadership declared Dhankhar's name as a possible NDA nominee for the V-P's post both the Congress and the Left on raised questions over the longest ever "2-and-ahalf-hour" discussion between the Governor and the Chief Minister at Darjeeling Raj Bhavan --- some 600 km from Kolkata --- in the presence of Assam Chief Minister Hemant

Biswa Sarma. "It is quite interesting that

the two characters that fought

continuously for two years in public were meeting for such a ong time... that too in Darjeeling ... and not discussing anything political. It's very difficult to digest," said a senior CPI(M) central committee member adding "that Dhankhar was not sounded out about his nomination two days ago is impossible and that Mamata Banerjee was not passed on the information is also not

Rewris for votes is a very dangerous...

From Page 1

The prime minister laid the foundation stone of the Bundelkhand Expressway on February 29, 2020 and it was constructed in about 28

"This expressway will not only give speed to vehicles but will also accelerate the industrial progress of the entire Bundelkhand," Modi said even as he outlined that improving the law and order and connectivity of the State holds the key to its development. BIP improved both, he emphasized.

The prime minister cautioned people, especially the youth, against the "rewri culture" and said it could be "very dangerous" for the country's development. Rewri is a popular sweet of north

Under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's leadership, Uttar Pradesh was seeing major transformation with better law and order and fast-improving connectivity, Modi said, and asked people to recall the state of law and order and road connectivity in Uttar Pradesh

earlier. He hailed the work being done by the double engine government in Uttar BJP leaders use the term

'double engine' to refer to the party being in power at the Centre as well as in the state. Modi said the path of development on which the

country was moving had two aspects at its core - 'iraada aur maryada' (intent and dignity).

We are not only creating new facilities for the present but are also building the future of the country," he said.

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS KATHUA

LOOK OUT NOTICE

On 01.07.2022, one Rameshwar Dutt S/O Chhaju Ram R/O Rajpura District Samba lodged a written report at P/S Hiranagar stating therein that on 30.06.2022 his son namely Deepak Kumar went to Medical agency at Kootah Morh where he was working but did not returned back. The complainant enquired his whereabouts from all relatives and nereby persons but no any clue could be struck out. On this, missing report vide GD No. 13 dated 01.07.2022 has been entered at P/S Hiranagar.

During the course of investigation, best efforts were made to locate missing individual, whereas he is still un-traced.

As such Description Roll/Photograph of said missing individuals is being shared with the appeal that anybody having clue/information about his whereabouts may inform us accordingly. The informer will be rewarded suitably:-

Description Roll:- Name: Deepak Kumar **PHOTOGRAPH** · Father: Rameshwar Dutt PermanentAddress: Rajpura PresentAddress: Tehsil: Rajpura · Police Station: Ghagwal 27 years Age Height: 05 Feet 07 Inch

· Built: Average Face: Round · Eyes: Black Dogri/Hindi. Any information related to the whereabouts of the subject may b

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communicated on following Contacts:-. DPO Kathua- 01922-234010 (Phone/Fax) .dpokathua@jkpolice.gov.in (Mail ID)

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No: DIP/J-5159/22 Sd/- Sr. Superintendent of Police Dated: 16.07.2022 Kathua

NDA names W Bengal...

From Page 1 "Glad that Jagdeep Dhankhar (West Bengal Governor) will be our (NDA's) Vice-Presidential candidate... has excellent knowledge of our Constitution. He is also wellversed with legislative affairs. I am sure that he will be an outstanding Chair in the Rajya Sabha & guide the proceedings of the House with the aim of furthering national progress," the Prime Minister tweeted.

"Kisan Putra Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji is known for his humility. He brings with him an illustrious legal, legislative and gubernatorial career. He has always worked for the wellbeing of farmers, youth, women and the marginalised," he added.

The Prime Minister met Dhankhar here earlier on Saturday, and thereafter with the Governors of Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Manipur.

Prior to becoming the Governor, Dhankhar's political innings included his election to the Lok Sabha in 1989 on a

Janata Dal ticket from Jhunhjunu in Rajasthan. He served as the Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs between 1990 and 1991 in the short-lived Government led by Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar. He is also a former MLA from the Kishangarh Assembly seat in Rajasthan. The nomination ended speculations on other candidates in the race like former Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Kerala Governor Arif Moĥammed Khan. Dhankhar's election is likely

to be smooth as out of Parliament's current strength of 780, the BJP alone has 394 MPs, more than the majority mark of 390. The Opposition is meeting on Sunday to finalise its candidate for the Vice-President's post.The last date for filing of nomination papers for the poll is July 19 and the election is scheduled for August 6. The term of the present incumbent M Venkaiah Naidu, ends on August

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Prez poll: Sanjay Singh

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Saturday decided to support Opposition can-didate Yashwant Sinha for the Presidential elections scheduled on July 18. AAP leader and MP Sanjay Singh announced this on Saturday after the AAP's political affairs committee (PAC) met in Delhi.

The decision was taken in the PAC meeting chaired by AAP national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.The meeting was attended by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other members of the PAC, including Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, Punjab MP Raghav Chadha, and MLA Atishi, among others. "We have respect for Draupadi Murmu



but will support Yashwant Sinhaji," Singh said. The AAP is the only non-BJP, non-Congress outfit having governments in two states —Delhi

Sinha is the candidate of a joint opposition front spearheaded by Bengal chief minister and Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee that excluded the AAP. "The PAC unanimously decided that the

MPs will vote for Sinha on July 18," Singh said. The AAP acknowledges and respects NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu's candidature in the presidential elections but the PAC has deemed it fit to support the opposition candidate,

AAP has 10 Rajya Sabha MPs from two states including three from Delhi. Also, the party has a total 156 MLAs including 92 in Punjab, 62 in Delhi and two in Goa. In 10.86 lakh-strong electoral college, AAP has votes with a total value of 21,308. The party has 10 MPs with a vote value of 7,000, 92 MLAs in Punjab with a vote value of 10,672, 62 MLAs in Delhi with a vote value of 3,596 and two MLAs in Goa with a vote value of 40.

AAP to back Yashwant in MCD issues order on revamped property tax rates

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

 $T^{he\ Municipal\ Corporation}_{\ of\ Delhi\ (MCD),\ has\ issued}$ an order on the new rates of the property tax, which will be applicable from July 16, 2022, aiming to bring uniformity.
"Property tax will be payable at the rate of 20 per cent uniformly on residential and nonresidential farmhouses.

In addition to the above rates of property tax, an Education Cess of 1 per cent on annual property tax will also be payable," the order read. "The MCD has fixed var-

ious 'use factors' for different types of properties. It has assigned four for entertainment and club, six for banquet hall and Baaraat ghar, one for school, college, medical college, engineering college run or aided by government or local body, three for unaided or educational institutions run by a trust and private institutions, four for commercial use



and three for industrial use. Property tax will be calculated using the 'use factor' at the rate of use factor two for all nonresidential properties," the order stated.

As per the order, the MCD will collect 12 per cent rate for residential colonies of A and B category; 11 per cent for residential colonies of C, D, E categories; Property tax will be levied at the rate of 7 per cent for residential colonies of F, G, H categories. "For non-residential properties up to 1500 sq ft, Property tax rate has been fixed at 20 per cent for categories A, B, C, D, E and 15 per cent for F, G, H. Non-residential properties above 1500 sq. ft. have been prescribed a property tax at a uniform rate of 20 per cent. Property tax has been fixed at a uniform rate of 15 per cent on industrial properties,"

"For computing the service charge at the rate of 75 per cent on Central and Railway properties and for government undertakings, PSUs. Property

tax will be charged at the rate of 15 per cent for residential buildings and 20 per cent for non-residential buildings from constitutional bodies, tribunals, government departments etc.

Property tax will be payable at the rate of 20 per cent for covered land for airports and attached properties and 15 per cent on open spaces such as runways, taxiways, aprons, airport parking lots and 10 per ent on other land," it informed.

"In order to promote disposal of waste at source level, the civic agency has implemented a uniform rate to bring uniformity in the exemption given on property tax. 10 per cent rebate will be available on lump sum payment of property tax till the first quarter of every financial year that is 30th June," it further said.

"Senior citizens, women, differently-abled and retired soldiers will get 30 per cent rebate in property tax on a self-

meters located in the city. Apart from this, to promote digital payments, incentive at the rate of 2 per cent on property tax not exceeding Rs 10000 and and limited to Rs 200 will be given," the order read.

"MCD will give 10 per cent rebate in property tax to those group housing society whose 90 per cent residents will pay their property tax besides this an additional rebate of 5 per cent in property tax will be given to group housing societies which will do 100 per cent waste segregation at source, 100 per cent composting of wet waste, 100 per cent processing of recyclable dry waste and handing over 100 per cent of remaining dry waste tocorpo-

This additional rebate of 5 per cent in form of incentive will be extended in the way of taking up work at the recommendation of group housing society concerned," it said.

Adesh Gupta slams Kejriwal for his remarks after PM's jibe on freebies

STAFF REPORTER

Delhi BJP President Adesh Gupta and Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly lashed out at the Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal on his freebies comments saying instead of talking about making a new India, he should rather make efforts to make Delhi better. Bidhuri said that Prime

Minister Modi did not name anyone. "Kejriwal is taking credit for providing free education and health facilities in Delhi, but he is forgetting that free education is provided in government schools and government hospitals across the country," Bidhuri said.

"Not only this, the central government also provides education loans and subsidies in higher education. As far as health is concerned, the people of Delhi have not forgotten how Delhi's poor health services succumbed to corona during Corona and even tests for corona in Mohalla clinics were not



possible," Bidhuri added. BJP leaders reactions came after Kejriwal's reaction at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's jibe on freebies, whom the latter dubbed as 'revari politics'.

Taking a jibe at Kejriwal, Delhi BJP president Gupta said that sometimes talks of making Delhi Paris or Singapore but ends up only making false statements and selling dreams to Delhiites.

"Now Delhiites are getting contaminated water to drink, roads are in bad condition. water logging issue hasn't been addressed at all for past over eight years. Also, mohalla

clinics are in a condition that doctors there have prescribed wrong medicines to children

leading to death," said Gupta. Gupta further said that PM Narendra Modi is working towards empowering country's youths, women and other sections whether it is through employment or welfare policies. "But Kejriwal government has put Delhi's youths in doubt and is crushing their dreams. Instead of helping them Kejriwal is using people for his political ends," said Gupta.

"A few months since AAP came to power in Punjab there has been an alarming rise in crime cases there. Not only these thousands of teachers there are sitting on dharna as AAP and Kejriwal have conveniently forgotten about regularizing them as was promised earlier," said Gupta.,

Whether it is ayushman Bharat which has Rs five lakh free insurance cover, awaas yojna under which poor get roof under their heads, he didn't implement them in Capital

MCD orders probe into Alipur wall collapse; contractor held

 $T^{
m he\ Municipal\ Corporation}_{
m of\ Delhi\ has\ ordered\ a}$ probe into the wall collapse incident in the Alipur area and suspended a junior engineer and an assistant engineer. Meanwhile, Delhi police has arrested the contractor and the supervisor of the construction site in the Alipur wall collapse incident.

According to police, the contractor is identified as Sikander and the supervisor as Satish. The accused Shakti Singh is still at large. AAP legislator Durgesh Pathak accused the BJP ruled MCD did not take any action despite repeated complaints due to their apparent connivance.

"A probe has been ordered into the incident and action has been taken.

A junior engineer and an assistant engineer have been placed under suspension, pending inquiry," a senior MCD official said. The inquiry was ordered on Friday on the orders of the municipal com-

action has been initiated after taking "serious cognisance of the unfortunate incident" in Bakoli village. Police on Friday said a case has been registered and two people have been

Meanwhile, the AAP on Saturday demanded that a proper investigation be conducted and the culprits should be punished under sections 302 and 307 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

'We are yet to come out of the shock and sorrow of the fire accident that took place in Mundka but as a result of rampant corruption in the BJP ruled MCD, another accident has happened in Delhi," said Durgesh Pathak, the AAP's MCD incharge.

"The AAP MLA from Narela, Sharad Chauhan had already raised the complaints against this godown multiple times. Localities also raised their voice against the illegal construction and most importantly, the SDM also complained that the godown is illegal and requested action

If proper action is not taken, any untoward incident can take place. But the BJP-ruled MCD remained in deep sleep and took no action," said "Chauhan had submitted a

letter to the Lieutenant Governor in-person when they met 15-20 days ago regarding unauthorized construction in Narela.

He communicated the content of the letter verbally as well and I might be in the minutes of the meeting as well," said Pathak.

"The Narela legislator also informed the area DC as well through a phone call and a letter. But what can be more pitiable than a Commissioner blocking the contact number of an MLA.

He was doing his work diligently as the people were reaching out to him with the issue. He made all possible efforts to stop such construction. Most importantly, area's SDM complained against this particular godown to the MCD," Pathak added.

2nd day of CUET Exam passes off with less chaos



STAFF REPORTER ■ **NEW DELHI**

The second day of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) on Saturday was less chaotic with aspirants saying they "learnt lessons" from the glitches of the inaugural day.

Moreover, many of those who appeared on the first day, helped them in understanding the pattern. Many students were glad that the examination was not difficult. The debut edition of the CUET-UG kicked off on Friday. It is being conducted till August 10.

On the first day, many students missed the exams due to the last-minute change in the exam centre venue which hobbled the smooth conduct of the CUET for admission to undergraduate courses.

"Yesterday was chaotic. last minute. So this gave us a heads-up and I kept on checking the website to see if there was any change of centre.

To be on the safer side, I reached the centre two hours before the entry time. But I feel bad for those who missed their exams yesterday," said Sachin (17), whose examination centre was in Delhi University North Campus.

He said that he talked with his friends who gave the exams Friday to understand the pattern. "I have a few friends who sat for the examination on the first day and they told me what kind of questions are set.

So it helped me a lot," he said. Meanwhile, Kritika (18) is

still upset with the arrangements made as she feels admit cards should come early. "The exam was easy and but the arrangement is the major problem. It should have been more organised to prevent incidents," Kritika said, adding that many of her friends got panicked after seeing what happened yesterday. "Nobody wants to skip the test. Every hour, I was checking my emails for update on centre change. We all came

early to the centre," she added. The CUET exam is being conducted in two phases - phase 1 in July and phase 2 in August. Candidates who have opted for Physics, Chemistry or Biology have been assigned the phase 2 of the CUET exam, given that NEET (UG) - 2022 will be held on July 17.

The UGC chief had in March announced that CUET scores, and not Class 12 marks, admission to 45 central universities which can fix their minimum eligibility criteria.

The first set of CUET-UG papers, the gateway for undergraduate admissions in all central universities, began at 9 am Friday at centres across more than 510 cities in India and

With 14.9 lakh registrations, the CUET is now the second largest entrance exam in the country, surpassing JEE-Main's average registration of nine lakh. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the CUET is a step in right direction and any remaining challenge in the exam will be resolved at the earliest.

15-year-old girl allegedly raped in Delhi's Nangloi

STAFF REPORTER

A¹⁵-year-old girl was allegedly raped in the national capital by a 31-yearold man with the help of his wife and three days later the accused poured some substance into the victim's mouth after she was hospitalised.

The accused, identified as Jai Prakash, working in a shoe factory, committed the heinous crime on July 2 in Delhi's Nangloi area.
"On July 5, the accused Jai

Prakash stopped the victim while she was on her way to home and forcibly poured some liquid into her mouth," Deputy Commissioner of Police (outer) Sameer Sharma said. The girl fell unconscious



after reaching her home and was subsequently hospitalised. The accused Jai Prakash has been apprehended by the

The police got the information about the incident when the brother of the victim girl made a PCR call on July 15. The PCR call was marked to one female Sub Inspector for necessary action," DCP Sharma said. During enquiry, it was revealed that the victim was under treatment at AIIMS

tor declared her fit for statement. "The statement of the victim was recorded today in the presence of an NGO member," the official said.

Accordingly, based on her complaint, the police registered an FIR under section 307 (attempt to murder), 376 (rape) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code and section 6 of the POCSO Act at eh Nangloi police station.

Meanwhile, the said incident was first brought to the light by Delhi Commission for Women chairperson Swati Maliwal who took cognizance of the matter and issued notice to the Delhi Police. Maliwal said that the Delhi Commission

old girl. The father of the girl informed the Commission that he is a daily wage labourer and lives in Delhi along with his family. He informed that his daughter used to work in a shoe

The complainant alleged that one day a contractor of the shoe factory took his daughter to his house on pretext of his wife's illness and raped the girl. "He also alleged that on July 5, the accused forcibly made his daughter drink acid.

The girl is presently admitted in the hospital in a very critical condition," Maliwal said.The Commission has sought the details of FIR registered and accused arrested in

Hospital and was unfit for for Women received a com- the matter. Notably, according (90.98%) and insult to modesty statement, however, on plaint regarding rape and to the data compiled by the of women (85.75%), the crime 2021, as many as 1969 women were raped in the national capital, 21.69 per cent more than the previous year. In 2020, the figure stood at 1618.

Not just rape, every figure of crime against women has an upward variation. The molestation of women rose by 17.51 per cent and eve-teasing by 17.51 per cent. However, the Delhi Police termed the rise in figures of crime as "due to conscious policy of Fair and Truthful Registration".

But even as stringent laws are in place coupled with proactive approach of Delhi Police and a high solving rate of rape cases (95.48%), molestation of women cases

waterlogging. Areas that wit-

ing. One of the surprising reasons is that most of the time, the person committing a heinous crime is known to the victim woman, as was in the aforementioned case. Shockingly, during the year

2021, in about 98.78 per cent of rape cases, the accused were known to the victim while strangers were involved in only about 1.22 per cent cases.

According to the Delhi Police, of all the rape cases reported last year, 13 per cent times the accused was a relative of the victim, 11 per cent times a neighbour, 46 per cent times a family or a friend and 1 per cent time an employee or a co-

Heavy rains bring relief from heat and humidity in Delhi heavy. Anything above 204.4 mm is considered extremely heavy rainfall. "A generally cloudy sky with thunderstorms and light rains is expected in

> Rohtak Road in the carriageway from Anand Parbat towards Zakhira due to water-

NEW DELHI: Delhi BJP on Saturday alleged that monsoon rainfall has exposed the tall claims of the Arvind Kejriwal Government. Delhi BJP President Adesh

to it. "After rains, areas like Mayur Vihar phase-3, Akshardhaam, GTB Nagar, ITO, Laxmi Nagar, Burari, Sardar Patel Marg etc witnessed heavy traffic jams for

hours," he said.

the national capital in the next few days," the IMD said. The IMD bulletin said the maximum and minimum temperatures on Sunday will hover around 37 and 27 degrees Celsius, respectively. The relative humidity recorded at 5.30 pm 96 per cent, the IMD bul-

Many areas flooded, MCD, Delhi Govt's claim exposed: Cong

NEW DELHI: Delhi on most streets.

LG orders probe into **bribery** charges

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena has given his nod to an Anti Corruption Branchprobe into alleged charges of bribery against an officer earlier posted as deputy secretary in the Chief Minister's office. The officer was accused of seeking "monetary benefits" and also "harassing" a civil defence volunteer.

"The Lt Governor has granted approval to the ACB to conduct investigation against Mukul Manrai, the then Deputy Secretary in Chief Minister's Office (CMO), looking after Jan Samvad, the Public Grievance Management System (PGMS) has been charged with illegally demanding monetary gratification from a civil defence volunteer in lieu of certifying his attendance register," sources in Raj Niwas said. The officer, currently posted at the Revenue department.



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 H^{eavy} rainfall in Delhi and the national capital region on Saturday afternoon brought relief from the oppressive humidity and heat but this has caused waterlogging and traffic jams at several places including at ITO, Ashram,

Gate, Subahsh Marg road and other parts of the Capital city. Many people took to Twitter and posted pictures of rain in the national capital. However, the minimum temperature was recorded at 28.3 degrees Celsius, one notch above the normal, while the maximum

New Rohtak Road, Kashmeri

temperature is settled at 36.5 degrees Celsius. The city had been reeling under muggy weather conditions for the last several days and Saturday rains provided the much-needed relief to people who were seen enjoying the showers. People also took to social media and posted pictures of rains and

nessed waterlogging and traffic congestion include Khanpur, Hauzrani, Malviya Nagar, Uttam Nagar, Dhaula Kuan, near AIIMS flyover, Mehrauli-Badarpur Road, Vikas Marg, ITO, Sikandara Road, Kirti Nagar, Anand Parbat-Zakhira road,Kashmeri Gate, Wazirabad Road from Khajuri Chowk to Yamuna Vihar, Ring Road near Majnu Ka Tila among others. As per the reports released by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), following the rainfall in the city, two complaints of waterlogging in the Capital were reported in Uttam Nagar and Malviya Nagar. However, eight complaints of parts of trees fallen or trees

fallen were reported in the Jangpura extension, Defence colony, Neb Sarai, Saket, Greater Kailash-2, Malviya Nagar, Kirti Nagar, Paharganj area.

The Traffic Police also took to Twitter to inform commuters about waterlogging and road congestion. "Traffic is affected on MB Road outside Hauzrani Forest Park in the carriageway from Khanpur T-

point towards Saket Metro Station due to waterlogging. Kindly avoid the stretch," the Delhi Traffic Police tweeted. In another tweet, it said the traffic was affected on New

logging at opposite Gali No.10 Anand Parbat. According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), the city received moderate rainfall between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm. Safdarjung observatory, which is the city's official marker, received 19.6 mm

rainfall. Delhi's Ridge area received 25.3 mm rainfall while Delhi University received 24.5 mm rains. Similarly, observatories at Pitampura, SPS Mayur Vihar, Lodhi Road and Ayanagar received 21.5 mm, 20.5 mm, 18.4 mm, 15.4 mm rainfall, respectively on Saturday between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm.

Rainfall recorded below 15 mm is considered light, between 15 and 64.5 mm is moderate, between 64.5 mm and 115.5 mm is heavy, between 115.6 and 204.4 is very

Monsoon proved tall claims of Kejriwal false, says BJP

Gupta said that in fact, a steady rainfall on Saturday leading to water logging with people stuck in long traffic jams and vehicles moving at snarl pace showed just the usual scenario for past over eight years and people of Delhi have got used

Congress president Ch. Anil Kumar said that all the claims made by the Delhi Government and the MCD that they were fully "prepared" to meet the monsoon challenge were exposed when heavy rains lashed Delhi on Saturday, with several areas in the Capital getting flooded, including the perennial waterlogging hot spot like ITO, causing heavy traffic gridlock

Parl to see stormy Monsoon Session as Opp skips Birla's all-party meet

The Opposition parties on ■ Saturday set the stage for a stormy Monsoon Session that commences on July 18 as a majority of them skipped the customary all-party meeting called by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla

None from the TMC, NCP, Samajwadi Party, BSP, BJD, CPM, JMM, TRS, TDP, Akali Dal and other parties

attended the meeting. The Trinamool Congress has said it would also boycott the customary all party meeting convened by the Vice President on Sunday. However, a separate meeting convened by the Opposition parties to discuss the strategy Presidential candidate is likely to be in full attendance on

The Government has also called an all-party meeting on Sunday when Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to attend. If the Opposition will boycott this meeting or not is not known

The invite has also been extended to Telangana Chief Minister and the head of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) K Chandrashekhar Rao who during the last one day have reached out to all non-BJP and non-Congress party leaders to galvanise his own



The Opposition meeting is likely to be litmus test of their unity after parties like JMM,

Shiv Sena broke ranks to support the NDA nomination Draupadi Murmu in the

The meeting with the Speaker came against the backdrop of the recent rousing controversies over the list of 'unparliamentary words' and alleged 'banning of protests' in Parliament precincts.

The Opposition demanded a discussion on the short four-year 'Agnipath' military recruitment scheme, unemployment and farmers' issues and sufficient time be given to it to raise these issues, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said after the meeting. The first day of the mon-

soon session will see voting for the presidential election. Besides Chowdhury, DMK

TR Balu,

Pralhad Joshi, BJP MP Arjun Ram Meghwal, YSRCP MP PV Mithunreddy, RLJP MP Pashupati Kumar Paras and other parliamentarians from other parties attended the meeting called by the Speaker.

Some of the bills that are in the pending list include The Indian Antarctica Bill, 2022. The bill is pending in the Lok Sabha. The Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill, 2022 was passed by Lok Sabha and is yet to be passed by Rajya Sabha. The Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021 is pending in Lok Sabha, The Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill, Doping Bill, 2021 are also pending in Lok Sabha.

Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022 (in respect of State of UP amendment regarding change of district name to be approved by Cabinet) was introduced in Lok Sabha in March 2022.

The new bills to be newly introduced in the Parliament during the Monsoon session include The Central Universities Amendment Bill, 2022.

After the meeting, Birla said he appealed to all party leaders to hold discussions on key issues currently facing us in the interest of the country. "There will be 18 sittings

members. 62 hours have been allotted for government business during the session," Birla said and informed that the timing of submission of notice for raising matters during Zero Hour has been changed.

Now Members can give notices from 0900 hours of a given day to 0800 hours of the Session day on which the members desire to raise their matters in the House during Zero Hour. Notices for Monday or the first working day of the week may be given between 0900 a.m. on Friday or the last working day of the previous week and 0800 a.m. on Monday or the first working day of that week.

Mutual respect between Govt and Opposition diminishing, says CJI

DELHI/JAIPUR

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He said there used to be mutual respect between the Government and the Opposition, which is diminishing. "Political opposition should not translate into hostility, which we have been sadly witnessing these days. These are not signs of a healthy democracy," Ramana said.

He was speaking at the inaugural session of the 18th All India Legal Services Authority in Jaipur. The event was organised at the Rajasthan

Assembly Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

"There used to be mutual

respect between government and opposition. Unfortunately, space for opposition is diminishing," he said. The CJI also raised concerns over the quality of leg-

islative performance. "Sadly, the country is witnessing a decline in the quality of legislative performance," he said, adding laws are being passed

This apart, the CJI stressed the need to increase the efficiency of the criminal justice system and pointed out that of the 6.10 lakh prisoners in the country, nearly 80 per cent are undertrials.

From indiscriminate arrest to difficulty in obtaining bail, the process leading to prolonged incarceration of undertrial prisoners needs urgent attention, he said adding we need a holistic plan of action to increase the efficiency of the administration of the criminal justice system, he said.

Earlier, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju had appealed to the State Legal Services Authorities to take efforts so that maximum undertrial prisoners can be released by August 15, 2022, when India celebrates its 75th Independence Day.

At the same time, he expressed concern over the exorbitant legal fees charged by prominent advocates, thereby putting justice out of reach for the poor and marginalised in the country.

"Resourceful people can afford big lawyers. There are lawyers in the Supreme Court whose fees a common man cannot afford. If they charge Rs 10-15 lakh per hearing, how can a common man pay up," Rijiu asked while addressing

Rijiju said that 71 obsolete Acts will be repealed in the Monsoon session Parliament, slated to begin

Gehlot deplores attacks on SC judges over their Nupur Sharma observation

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot Saturday deprecated attacks on Supreme Court justices over their observations against suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma for her remarks on Prophet Mohammad, saying an "issue" was created when the two judges expressed their views.

He was referring to the observations made by a Supreme Court bench of Justice J B Pardiwala and Justice Surya Kant which had on July1 rebuked Sharma for her "disturbing" remarks against the Prophet Mohammad. The bench had said Sharma's remarks led to unfortunate incidents and ignited emotions across the country.

the Supreme Court judges had expressed their views about the condition in the country but an issue" was created. "Recently Justice Pardiwala and Justice Surva Kant had said something. It is our duty to respect the judiciary. 116 people were made to stand (against the judges), including former high court and Supreme Court judges, bureaucracy, and officers. Don't know who they were? How it was managed and who managed it and an issue was created in the country," Gehlot said.

He was addressing the inaugural session of the 18th All India Legal Services Authority in Jaipur, attended by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, other judges of the Supreme Court and those from

Gehlot's mention of "116 people" was probably a reference to a group of former judges and bureaucrats who earlier this month had demanded that the SC recall its observations against Nupur Sharma, alleging the court crossed the "Laxman Rekha" while making comments.

The group, comprising 15 high court judges, 77 ex-all India services officers and 25 veterans (a total of 117), had alleged that the "unfortunate" comments are not in sync with the judicial ethos and have sent "shockwaves" in the country and outside.Gehlot also said post-retirement concerns were affecting" the functioning of judges. Judges and bureaucrats, he said, should work to

the country rather than be

concerned about their postretirement ambitions. In the context, he mentioned the nomination of former Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi as a Rajya Sabha MP, saying he was one of the four SC judges who had said, at an unprecedented press conference in Delhi in 2018, that democracy is in danger in the country.

He then became the chief justice and later a parliamentarian, Gehlot said. He then went to mention the crisis his government faced last year due to a rebellion led by his then deputy Sachin Pilot. "I don't know how my government survived. I would not have been standing before you today. You would have met some other chief minister today. It was a matter of touch-and-go,"

ITBP jawan fires at three colleagues, shoots self dead

PNS NEW DELHI/JAMMU

Aconstable of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) fired upon and injured three of his colleagues before shooting himself dead at a camp in Udhampur district on Saturday. All the injured personnel

have been shifted to the Army's Hospital, ITBP has ordered a court of inquiry to ascertain the reasons behind the incident.

"A constable of 8th Battalion, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) was reported to have opened fire injuring his three colleagues in Údhampur, J & K. He later shot himself and

died, the ITBP said in a state-

The deceased constable was part of an ad hoc battalion deployed in Jammu and Kashmir looking after the security duties. "The incident took place at around 3.30 PM today at the Devika Ghat Community Udhampur. Constable/GD (General Duty) Bhupendra Singh was part of Adhoc Battalion of the ITBP." The paramilitary further said in

The incident comes a day after two Territorial Army personnel were killed and as many others were injured in a fratricidal incident in Surankote area of Poonch.

IAF annual flypast parade to take place in Chandigarh this year

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

In an effort to showcase air prowess to people in different parts of the country, the IAF annual fly past and parade this year will take place in Chandigarh instead of Hindon airbase, Ghaziabad. The fly past and parade will take place on Air Force Day on October

profile event used to take place at the Hindon airbase for the past few years after shifting from the Palam airbase in 2006. The Palam airbase hosted the annual event for many

After gauging the response of this year's parade and fly



past, the IAF may hold the annual event in other cities of the country in the coming years, sources said here on

The main objective of shifting the fly past from the national capital region is to expose the general masses to

the IAF especially the thrilling aerobatics performed by front line fighter jets, they said. These demonstrations may also inspire youngsters to opt for a career in the IAF, sources said.
They also said IAF chief V

R Chaudhari has also asked his force to involve as many people as possible in the celebrations related to Air Force Day. Initial plans suggest the fly

past this year may take place in ent cities. lake in Chandigarh where a large number of people from nearby towns can also come and see the gala event.

The IAF will showcase most of its frontline fighter jets including the newly inducted Rafales, SU-30, Mirage, Mig 29s and Jaguars. The Surya Kiran and Sarang teams will also perform hair raising aerobatic stunts. The decision to have the

IAF fly past in Chandigarh comes at a time when the present NDA government has hosted several high profile events outside the national capital. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has hosted several foreign VIPs in differ-

defence exhibition Def Expo is also held in different cities for the past few years after shifting from New Delhi, they said. Besides involving local people, the aim of holding these events in other cities is to promote tourism and the economy of that region, they said.

DEC Infra lowest bidder for building executive enclave housing PMO, Cab secretariat

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Hyderabad-based con-struction firm DEC Infrastructure has emerged as the lowest bidder for building the Executive Enclave that will house the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the Cabinet Secretariat, the India House and the National Security Council Secretariat.

DEC Infrastructure and Projects (India) Private of around Rs 1,189 crore, 10.44 per cent less than the Rs 1,328crore cost estimated by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), which has been executing the Narendra Modi government's ambitious Central Vista Redevelopment project.

The estimated cost also includes maintenance and housekeeping for five years. Tata Projects Limited, which is constructing a new Parliament building, quoted Rs 1,407 crore, which is 5.97 per cent more than the estimated project cost. Larsen and Toubro Limited had quoted a bid amount of around Rs 1,424 crore, according to the document. Apart from the PMO, the Executive Enclave will house the Cabinet Secretariat, the Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)

The India House will be used as a conference facility like the Hyderabad House where high-level talks, especially with top visiting leaders of various countries, are currently held.

CBI arrests farm Ministry officer, 3 more from India reports over 20,000 Covid cases for Visakhapatnam, recovers ₹1.86 crore

PNS NEW DELHI

The CBI on Saturday said it has arrested a Plant Protection Officer, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam, and three private persons in a bribery case and recovered Rs 1.86 crore during searches.

A case was registered against the Plant Protection Officer Padam Singh and Athi Bulli Reddiyya alias Murali, Regional Manager, Exim Logistics Pvt. Visakhapatnam. The two other accused persons are S Siva



Rama Gupta, resident of Visakhapatnam and proprietor of Quality Fumigation & Pest Control Services, Myla Srikrishna Varma, officials said.

It was alleged that Singh was demanding and collecting huge amounts of bribes from the CHAs, Fumigators and Shipping Agents for issuing Phytosanitary Certificates for exporting the goods and Consignment Release Orders

for imported consignments. It was further alleged that the public servant demanded illegal gratification from the Regional Manager of the private company based at Visakhapatnam for clearing pending application and issuing favourable certificate to Customs for release of import/export consignments of agricultural commodities.

The CBI apprehended the Plant Protection Officer, Visakhapatnam and the said Regional Manager of private company and recovered the bribe amount of Rs 6,000," the CBI said in a statement.

Searches were conducted at

the premises of the accused and others, including his associates at Visakhapatnam, Kakinada Roorkee (Uttarakhand).

"Cash to the tune of Rs 1,29,63,450 was recovered from the premises of the public servant and Rs 56,86,000 allegedly belonging to the public servant was recovered from the premises of others. Certain incriminating documents were also recovered," the agency

The arrested accused persons are being produced before the Court of Principal Special Judge for CBI Cases, Visakhapatnam for further action, added the agency.

third day in row, active cases over 1.40 lakh

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

India reported over 20,000 new Covid-19 cases for the third day in a row. On Saturday, 20,044 new coronavirus infections were logged in taking the active caseload to over 1.40 lakh. The country also reported 56 more deaths and over 18,000 recoveries.

According to Health Ministry data updated on Saturday, the death toll has climbed to 5,25,660 with 56 more fatalities. Active cases increased by 1,687 in a day and now comprise 0.32 per cent of the total infections while the

been recorded at 4.80 per cent while the weekly positivity rate is 4.40 per cent.

The total number of people who have recuperated from the Covid infection surged to 4,30,63,651, while the case fatality rate was 1.20 per cent. According to the ministry, 199.71 crore Covid vaccine doses have been administered in the country.

Of the 56 deaths, 27 are from Kerala, 10 from Maharashtra, five from West Bengal, two each from Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttar

national recovery rate is 98.48 Pradesh, and one each from Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, The daily positivity rate has Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, and Uttarakhand. An increase of 1,687 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours. The active cases comprise 0.32

> The total death toll in the country is now at 5,25,660. In India, the first death due to the Covid pandemic was reported in March 2020.

> per cent of the total infections,

the ministry said.

The daily positivity rate on July 16 was recorded 4.80 per cent. India's vaccine coverage has reached the 199-crore mark. Over 3.79 crore first doses and over 2.60 crore second doses have been administered for the age group of 12 to 14. Over 6.80 crore first doses and more than 5 crore second doses have been given to the 15 to 18 age group, as per the government data. Meanwhile, over 4.52 crore precaution doses (booster shots) have been given to people above 60 years of age, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

Currently, India is also conducting a free Precaution Dose drive for all adults for 75 days which commenced yesterday to help all eligible citizens get their precaution

Covaxin induces robust immune memory to SARS-Cov-2: Report

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Scientists have found that Covaxin, which is an inactivated whole-virion vaccine manufactured by Bharat Biotech, an Indian pharma, induces robust immune memory to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) and variants of concern that persist for at least six months after vaccination and induces memory T cells that can respond robustly against the variants. This may help in controlling the virus load and thus, able to sustain against the reduce the disease severity, according to a study.

The study was published in the Nature Microbiology

Although the clinical trial data were available for the vaccine efficacy, important questions remained unanswered for evidence-based policymaking particularly. These included whether the vaccine induces immune memory, how long the vaccine-induced memory persists, and whether these memory responses are

SARS-CoV-2 variants. In a multi-institutional

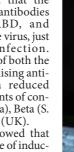
collaboration with the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, ESIC Medical College, Faridabad, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital (LNJP) Hospital, New Delhi, LJI, LA Jolla, Dr. Nimesh Gupta and group at the National Institute of Immunology (NII), New Delhi, investigated 97 SARS-

CoV-2 unexposed individuals who had received vaccine, up to six months after 2-dose vaccination. The vaccine-induced responses were compared with the immune memory in 99 individuals who recovered from mild COVID-19, the Union Ministry of Science & Technology said in a state-

The study supported under IRHPA-COVID-19 special call by the Science and Engineering Research Board, a statutory body of the Department of Science and

Technology, found that the vaccine produces antibodies against Spike, RBD, and Nucleoprotein of the virus, just like in virus infection. However, analyses of both the binding and neutralising antibodies revealed a reduced recognition of variants of concern like Delta (India), Beta (S. Africa), and Alpha (UK).

"This study showed that the vaccine is capable of inducing memory B cells. The researchers found this satisfying because antibodies may decline with time, but these



memory B cells can replenish antibodies against the virus, whenever required. Their

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study provided the first-ever ed in humans in response to of immune memory generat-

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RUSSIA STEPS UP STRIKES ON UKRAINE

Russia stepped up its on Saturday, with civilian casualties reported in several areas of the country. At least three civilians were killed and three more were injured in a Russian rocket strike on the northern Ukrainian city of Chuhuiv in the early hours, a regional police chief said.

Serhiy Bolvinov, the deputy head of Kharkiv's regional police force, said that the rockets were likely fired from Russian territory. Chuhuiv lies some 120 kilometers from the

"Four Russian rockets, presumably fired from around (the Russian city of) Belgorod at night, at about 3:30, hit a residential building, a school and administrative buildings, Bolvinov wrote on Facebook, adding that a two-story apartment block was partly

"The bodies of three people were found under the rubble. Three more were injured. The victims are civilians," Bolvinov added. In the neigh-



ian was killed and at least seven more were injured after Russians opened mortar and artillery fire on three towns and villages not far from the Russian border, regional governor Dmytro Zhyvytsky said

morning. Seven civilians were killed and 14 more received injuries over in the most recent 24 hours in cities in Ukraine's embattled eastern Donetsk region, its governor said Saturday morning. Nearby,

repelled a Russian overnight assault on a strategic eastern highway, said Serhiy Haidai, the governor of the Luhansk region. Haidai said that Russia had been attempting to capture the main road link between the

Bakhmut "for more than two months." "They still cannot control several kilometers of this road," Haidai wrote in a Telegram post. Russia's defense chief told troops to step up operations across Ukrainian

territory, according to social media updates from the defense ministry on Saturday. A Facebook post said Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu gave 'instructions to further intensify the actions of units in all operational areas, in order to exclude the possibility of the Kyiv regime to launch massive rocket and artillery strikes on civilian infrastructure and residents of settlements in Donbas and other regions." According to the post, Shoigu on Saturday inspected

some of the Russian units that have served in Ukraine, handing out awards for bravery. Russia's military campaign has been focusing on the Donbas, covering Donetsk and Luhansk, but Russian forces also have been pounding other parts of the country in a relentless push to wrest territory from Ukraine and soften the morale of its leaders, civilians and troops as the war nears the five-month

In Ukraine's south, two people were wounded by Russian shelling in the town of Bashtanka, northeast of the Black Sea city of Mykolaiv,

according to a Telegram post by regional governor Vitaliy Kim.

Kim said that Mykolaiv itself also came under renewed Russian fire in the early hours. On Friday morning, he had posted videos of what he said was a Russian missile attack on the city's two largest universities, and denounced Russia as "a terrorist state." Two people were killed and a woman was hospitalized after a Russian rocket strike on the eastern riverside city of Nikopol, emergency services said. Dnipropetrovsk governor Valentyn Reznichenko said on Telegram that a five-story apartment block, a school and a vocational school building were damaged.

On Friday, cruise missiles fired by Russian strategic bombers struck the southeastern Ukrainian city of Dnipro, killing at least three people and wounding 16, Ukrainian officials said. In a regular press briefing Saturday, Russian defense officials said that the strike had destroyed "workshops producing components for, and repairing, Tochka-U ballistic missiles, as well as

Spokesman Igor Konashenkov did not respond to Ukrainian allegations that the strike had killed civilians.

On Thursday, a Russian missile strike killed at least 23 people—including three children — and wounded more than 200 in Vinnytsia, a city

far from the front line. Russia said the Kalibr cruise missiles hit a "military facility" that was hosting a meeting between Ukrainian air force command and foreign weapons suppliers. Ukrainian authorities have insisted the site had nothing to do with the mil-

southwest of Kyiv, the capital,

Ukraine's Interior Ministry said Friday that Russian forces have conducted more than 17,000 strikes on civilian targets during the war, killing thousands of fighters and civilians and driving millions from their

The invasion has also ripoled through world economy by hiking prices and crimping exports of key Ukrainian and Russian products such as grain,

Russian billionaires and their multimillion-dollar yachts. Egypt remains open to Russian



G20 finance meetings in Bali overshadowed by war in Ukraine

AP BANGKOK

 $F_{ ext{Group of 20 richest and}}^{ ext{inancial leaders of the}}$ biggest economies have wrapped up meetings on the Indonesian resort island of Bali without a final joint communique after talks were overshadowed by divisions over the war in Ukraine.

As G-20 host this year, Indonesia has sought to bridge divisions between G-20 members over Russia's invasion, but enmity over the conflict was evident even as central bank chiefs appeared to concur on the urgency of global economic challenges, including decades-high inflation and food insecurity, which has been worsened by

Asked why there was no joint statement or communique from the meeting, Indonesian Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati said that all involved agreed the meeting took place "under a very challenging and difficult situation because of the geopolitical tensions."

She said delegates had "expressed sympathy that Indonesia has to manage this situation." But Indrawati and Indonesian central bank Gov. Perry Warjiyo said Indonesia would later release a G-20 chair's statement that would include two paragraphs describing areas where the participants failed to agree.

Indrawati said there were still issues that could not be reconciled, "because they want to express their views related to the war." In the statement "related to the war there are still views that are

different within the G-20," she said. Indrawati outlined a range of areas where the members did agree, including the need to improve food security, to support the creation of a funding mechanism for pandemic preparedness, prevention and responses, on working toward a global tax agreement and on facilitating financing of transitions

with climate change.

"The progress is more than expected," Warjiyo said. With inflation running at Consumer prices were up 9.1% in June — Warjiyo said participants were "strongly committed to achieving price

toward cleaner energy to cope

"There is a commitment among the G-20 to well calibrated macro economic policy to address inflation and slowing growth," he said. The meetings in Bali follow a gathering of foreign ministers earlier this month that also failed to find common ground over Russia's war in Ukraine and its global impacts.

During the talks that began Friday, U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen condemned Moscow for "innocent lives lost and the ongoing human and economic toll that the war is causing around the world." "Russia is solely responsible for negative spillovers to the global economy, particularly higher com-

modity prices," she said. Canadian Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland likened the attendance of Russian officials at the meetings to having "an arsonist joining firefighters.

Maryam Nawaz offers 'hand of friendship' to Imran Khan's party



PTI LAHORE

 $\begin{array}{c} R \text{uling PML-N leader and} \\ \text{deposed premier Nawaz} \\ \text{Sharif's daughter Maryam} \end{array}$ Nawaz has for the first time offered a "hand of friendship" to Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, saying fighting between the two mainstream political parties is not in the best interest of the country.

"I don't want to fight with the PTI. I want Pakistan to progress and for this I offer a hand of friendship, peace and love to the PTI youth and its supporters. I first take this initiative only for Pakistan. I also ask Imran Khan to

let the country progress," Maryam said while addressing a rally of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party in Multan city of Punjab province on Friday ahead of crucial bypolls in Punjab province. She, however, warned the former prime minister Khan, who was removed through a no-confidence motion in April, and his party that her "offer of peace" should not be taken as her or her Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz party's weakness as she knows how to give a "tit-for-tat"

Bypolls in 20 Punjab provincial assembly seats are taking place on Sunday.

Biden meets with Arab, Gulf countries to counter Iran threat



AP ■ JEDDAH (SAUDI ARABIA)

President Joe Biden was using a summit of Arab nations on Saturday to lay out his strategy for the Middle East as he closes the final leg of a four-day trip meant to bolster U.S. Relationships in a region bracing for confrontation with Iran. The president spent the

morning meeting individually with the leaders of Iraq, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates, some of whom he had never sat down with. Biden invited Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who became president of the UAE two months ago, to visit the White House this year, saying he looked forward "to another period of strong

and growing cooperation" between their countries under the sheik's leadership.

The Gulf Cooperation Council summit, which is being held in the Red Sea port city of Jeddah, is an opportunity for Biden to demonstrate his commitment to the region his commitment to the region after spending most of his presidency focused on Russia's invasion of Ukraine and China's growing influence in

Hours before the conference began, the White House released satellite imagery that indicates Russian officials have twice recently visited Iran to see weapons-capable drones it is looking to acquire for use in its war in Ukraine.

None of the countries represented at the summit have moved in lockstep with the U.S. To sanction Russia, a key foreign policy priority for the Biden administration. If anything, the UAE has emerged as a sort of financial haven for

tourists. Release satellite imagery that shows Russian officials visited Kashan Airfield on June 8 and July 15 to look at the drones could help the administration better tie the war's relevance to many Arab nations' own concerns about Iran's nuclear ambitions, missile program and support for militants in the region. A senior Biden administration official, who briefed

reporters before the summit, said Moscow's efforts to acquire drones from Tehran show that Russia is "effectively making a bet on Iran." Biden's attendance at the Gulf Cooperation Council

summit followed his Friday meeting with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the oil-rich kingdom's de facto ruler and heir to the throne currently held by his

Rishi Sunak plugs for honesty in first UK PM race debate

PTI ■ LONDON

The crux of the UK prime I ministerial frontrunner Rishi Sunak's message was around honesty as he clashed in the first televised debate of the race to replace Boris Johnson as the Conservative

standing firm on his economic plan of prudency over immediate tax cuts, went head-tohead with Foreign Secretary Liz Truss over her promise to slash taxes from day one if she is Borrowing your way out of Tugendhat the only candidate at 10 Downing Street.

Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt, among the top three Party leader. Former candidates, also wants to cut Chancellor Sunak, who is some taxes, with Kemi

Badenoch and Tom Tugendhat slightly more measured in laying out their plans over the dominant issue of the race.

fairytale," Sunak told Truss, as the Channel 4 debate on Friday night got heated and he rubbished her proposals and warned against an "unfunded

spree" of tax cuts. All five candidates admitted Johnson had been less than honest over the Downing Street parties when "You have to be honest. asked about partygate, with when asked if he trusted the outgoing Prime Minister.

A snap survey from Opinium on who performed best at the end of the 90-

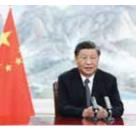
minute lively exchange put Tugendhat as the winner with 36 per cent of the vote, followed by Sunak on 24 per cent. Both Mordaunt and Badenoch received 12 per cent of the vote, cent. The latest betting odds analysis shows Mordaunt in the lead as the bookie favourite, followed by Sunak, Truss, Badenoch and Tugendhat.

President Xi meets PLA troops connected with Ladakh standoff

PTI ■ BEIJING

hinese President Xi Jinping, who made a rare visit this week to the restive Xinjiang region which borders Ladakh, met the troops and officers stationed there and praised their "outstanding contributions" to the border defence and stabilisation of the volatile province.

Xi, who heads the Central Military Commission (CMC), the overall high command of the Chinese military, met the representatives of the officers and soldiers stationed in Xinjiang in the provincial capital Urumqi on Friday. Xi, who visited the border province from July 12 to 15 where his



government is widely accused of oppressing predominantly Muslim ethnic minorities, extended greetings to all the commanders and fighters of the troops stationed in the province and fully affirmed the outstanding contributions" made by the troops stationed in the region, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Photos in the official media showed that besides the top brassof the Western Theatre Command of the PLA, which oversees the 3,488-km-long LAC between India and China, Qi Fabao, the regimental commander of the PLA who was injured during the June 2020 clash at Galwan in eastern Ladakh was also present at the meeting.

He was subsequently honoured with "hero regiment commander for defending the border." While full details of his address were not released, official media reports said that President Xi emphasised that it is necessary to implement the ruling Communist Party's idea of strengthening the Army in

Sudan says 31 killed in tribal clashes in Blue Nile province

AP CAIRO

At least 31 people were killed in tribal clashes in a Sudanese southern province, authorities said, the latest bloodshed in a country in turmoil since an October military

The fighting between the Hausa and Birta ethnic groups in the Blue Nile province grew out of the killing of a farmer earlier this week, according to a statement from the local government late Friday.

The clashes also left at least 39 people injured and damaged some 16 shops shops in the town of Roseires, it said. The local government deployed the military and

paramilitary Rapid Support Forces — or RSF — to bring stability to the region. Authorities also imposed a nightly curfew and banned gatherings in the area where the clashes took place.

The violence came amid chaos in Sudan since the military's took over in October removing a transitional government that ruled the country since a popular uprising forced the overthrow of longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir in April 2019.

The coup upended the country's transition to democracy and raised questions about military leaders' ability to bring security to Sudan's far-

Pakistan assures IMF over CPEC energy deals: Report

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan has assured the IMF that it would try to receive concessions from the Chinese investors participating in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) power plants in the shape of either reduction in the profit rates on investment or rescheduling the loan repayments, according to a media report on Saturday. The assurance to seek con-

cessions from Chinese investors was given by Pakistani authorities to remove one of bottlenecks in the finalisation of a staff-level agreement with International Monetary Fund, government sources told The Express Tribune newspaper.

Over 6 mn people in crisis-hit Sri Lanka food insecure: World Food Prog

United Nations: Over six million people or over 28 per cent of Sri Lanka's population are "food insecure" and this situation is likely to deteriorate as the crisis unfolds in the island nation which is grappling with its worst economic crisis, the World Food Programme has

said. Sri Lanka is currently reeling under a severe foreign exchange crisis with falling reserves and the government is unable to foot the bill for essential imports. The economic crisis has led to an acute shortage of essential items like food, medicine, cooking gas, fuel and toilet paper, with Sri Lankans being forced to wait in lines for hours

outside stores to buy fuel and cooking gas. The WFP on Friday said in a situation report that 6.3 million people (28.3 per cent) in the country are food insecure and this is likely to deteriorate as the crisis unfolds. Of these, at least 65,600

people are severely food insecure. WFP warned that these figures could increase drastically without immediate intervention, the report added.

WFP said skyrocketing food costs are making it harder for the population to meet their food needs. About 6.7 million people are not consuming adequate diets and 5.3 million people are reducing the number of meals eaten. The

agency is immediately scaling up operations to reach 3.4 million people in 2022. The WFP said it urgently requires 63 million dollars to carry out its life-saving assistance.

The situation update said that household food security and nutrition situation is set to deteriorate as the crisis ensues according to the WFP and FAO's recent Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM).

Further, incomes in the last three months have plummeted and about two in five households reported that their income has been cut in half. To cope with the lack of food, 5 million people are using crisis or emergency livelihood cop-

ing strategies that are likely to impact their medium- to longterm capacity for income-generating activities and food security. Food inflation reached a staggering 80 per cent in June 2022. Coupled with livelihood disruptions, this further limits households' purchasing power.

The update said that the upcoming Maha season is at risk of seeing a 50 per cent reduction in paddy planting areas and an unlikely recovery of the fisheries and livestock sectors if farmers do not gain access to seeds, fertilizer, and financial assistance.



Indian-American Naureen Hassan named Prez of UBS Americas and CEO of UBS Americas Holding

New York: A prominent Indian-American finance executive, Naureen Hassan, has been appointed President of UBS Americas and CEO of UBS Americas Holding, according to Switzerland-based financial giant.

Currently, Hassan is the first vice president and chief operating officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY). She will also be serving Bull of UBS Group's Executive Board, according to a press release by UBS Americas. Hassan will join in the leadership role in October this year and will succeed Tom Naratil, the Zurich and Baselheadquartered company said in a press release. UBS Group AG is a multinational investment bank and financial services company founded and based in Switzerland.

Co-headquartered in the cities of Zurich and Basel, it maintains a presence in all major financial centres as the largest Swiss banking institution and the largest private bank in the world. She will become a member of UBS's Group Executive Board in October 2022. Hassan this week stepped down from her role as the First Vice- President and Chief Operating Officer at The Federal Reserve Bank of

New York, where she was the New York Fed's second-ranking officer. UBS said in a statement that in her new role, Hassan will be responsible for driving client relationships, promoting cross-business collaboration, navigating the evolving public policy landscape, and ensuring sound reg-ulatory and reputational risk governance. In addition, she will lead

the firm's strategic growth and digital initiatives in Americas region, including transformation of firm's Wealth Management Americas Platform, expansion of customised banking services.

Funding in startups dropped by 17% in **April-June: Nasscom**



New Delhi: Funding in startups dropped by 17 per cent on quarter-on-quarter basis to USD 6 billion (about ₹47,800 crore) in the April-June period, industry body Nasscom has said. According to the Nasscom quarterly investment factbook on tech startups compiled in association with PGA Labs, deals also dropped by about 17 per cent due to dampened market sentiments but despite reduction in deal value, funding in growth stage continued

The report said, "16 large ticket size deals helped generate a total funding of USD 6 bil-lion in the second quarter (Q2) of calendar year (CY) 2022. Startup ecosystem witnessed the birth of 4 new unicorns in Q2 CY22, taking the tally to 20

to increase.

unicorns in the first half." Around 26 per cent of the total funding went to fintech

"Large ticket deals like CRED and Dailyhunt resulted in overall increase in total investments in fintech and media and entertainment sectors, contributing around 45 per cent of total funding in Q2, 22," the report said.

Fifty-two per cent funding was in the ticket size of USD 100 million or above with Dailyhunt and ShareChat raising big rounds.

Growth stage deals contributed 58 per cent of the total funding during the reported quarter as the investors backed startups have already reached a certain scale, the report

ATF cost cut by 2.2% on fall in global oil prices

have been on the rise through-

increased 11 times since the

start of the year. This has led to

rates almost doubling in six

Saturday, prices had gone up by

91 per cent (₹67,210.46 per kl)

almost 40 per cent of the operating cost of an airline, the

increase in prices had resulted

in a rise in the cost of flying.

Now there has been a margin-

since January 1.

In all, rates have been

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With jet fuel making up

Meanwhile, petrol and

New Delhi: Jet fuel (ATF) reduced by 2.2 per cent, reflecting a fall in international oil

Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices were cut by ₹3,084.94 per kilolitre, or 2.2 per cent, to ₹138,147.93 per kl, a price notification of state-run fuel retailers showed.

This is only the second reduction in rates this year. Prices had peaked to ₹141,232.87 per kl (₹141.23 per litre) last month.

ATF prices are revised on the 1st and 16th of every month based on rates of benchmark international oil rates in the previous fortnight.

There was no change in rates on July 1.

Prior to that, prices were hiked by the steepest ever 16 per cent to catapult rates to an

International oil prices have softened since on fears of recession in major economies. Oil prices are at pre-Ukraine war levels.

On June 16, the price of ATF -- the fuel that helps aeroplanes fly -- was increased by Rs 19,757.13 per kl. That followed a marginal 1.3 per cent (₹1,563.97 per kl) cut in rate on

But for the one-off decrease on June 1, ATF prices diesel prices remained

unchanged at ₹96.72 per litre and ₹89.62 a litre, respective-

An excise duty cut by the government had helped reduce the price of petrol by ₹8.69 a litre and diesel by ₹7.05 per litre on May 22. But for that, the base price has remained unchanged since April 6.

Before that, prices had risen by a record ₹10 per litre

The retail prices of petrol, diesel and domestic cooking gas are way below the cost. Petrol and diesel rates are revised daily, based on equivalent rates in the international

Supertech puts on sale hotels, malls to raise ₹1K cr for completing projects

New Delhi: Realty firm Supertech Ltd on Saturday said the company plans to sell its four commercial assets at Meerut and Haridwar for an estimated ₹1,000 crore, as part of its efforts to expedite construction in existing projects and repay debt.

The company had put these commercial assets on sale a few years ago but could not succeed as the hospitality and retail sectors were badly impacted during the COVID pandemic.

In a statement, Noidabased Supertech Ltd said that the company has put its assets -- shopping malls and hotels -- in Meerut and Haridwar on sale with the "target of raising funds to the tune of ₹1,000

In Meerut, Supertech has one shopping mall and one hotel and in Haridwar, the realty firm has one shopping mall and one hotel.

On June 10, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) ordered starting of insolvency pro-ceedings in only one of the housing projects of realty firm Supertech Ltd and not the entire company, and directed constitution of the Committee of Creditors for the said project

A two-member NCLAT bench limited the Corporate



Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) to only "Eco Village II Project" located at Greater Noida (West).

Post NCLAT Order, Supertech said the company has resumed operations in large scale at all projects, which earlier remained suspended due to uncertainty after the NCLT order.

On March 25, the Delhi bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) had ordered to initiate the insolvency process against Supertech Ltd over a petition filed by the Union Bank of India for non-payment of dues of around ₹432 crore.

However, this was chal-

lenged by Supertech promoter R K Arora before the NCLAT. Arora said in the statement

that the NCLAT has also allowed the company to settle with creditors most of whom are banks and private equity funds whose repayment was affected due to the recession after Covid-19.

To achieve this, he said the company has put few commercial assets on sale. "Further, several investors

have shown keen interest in investing as interim funding in the projects of the company and it has been able to sign term sheets for investment worth ₹50 crore and more are in the pipeline," Arora said.

VIL shareholders

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to Vodafone

ICAR must focus on improving productivity of oilseeds, pulses, cotton, says Agri Min

New Delhi: Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Saturday asked the premium farm research organisation ICAR to focus on improving productivity of various crops like oilseeds and pulses as yields are much below the global average. While addressing the 94th

foundation day of Indian Council of Ágricultural Research (ICAR), the minister said the ICAR has played an important role in making India self-sufficient in foodgrain production and the country is either number one or two in terms of output of most crops.

"ICAR's foundation day should be celebrated as a pledge day. ICAR should take some pledge on this day and make efforts that the same gets achieved over the next one vear," Tomar said.

Although a lot of success years of ICAR's journey, the minister said there is a "great challenge" in terms of productivity in front of us, especially in oilseeds, pulses and cotton.

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then we will feel that there is a lot of work to be done," Tomar said. The minister said the crop productivity issue should be part of the ICAR's pledge.

India imports around 60 per cent of its annual domestic demand of edible oil. The country had imported a record ₹1.17 lakh crore of edible oils in the October. Pulses too are being imported but not in as much quantity. Tomar asked the ICAR to continue its research work to mitigate the challenge of climate change on agriculture.

He spoke about the need

to promote organic as well as natural farming, as excess use of chemicals and fertilisers impacts human health.

Tomar highlighted that the Modi-government has taken various initiatives and launched several programmes for the growth of the agriculture sector and doubled farmers' income.

He noted that incomes of lakhs of farmers have not only doubled but more than doubled in the last 7-8 years. The minister stressed that

there is a need to attract young and educated people in the field of agriculture. On the occasion, Union

Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala asked ICAR to document its achievements.

The minister emphasised on improving soil health, which he said can be achieved protocol for use of cow dung should be prepared, he said.

Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State for Agriculture, said there is a need to promote natural farm-

Govt planning to make Big Tech pay for using content from news publishers

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Government is planning to make Big Tech pay publishers for using their content on their respective platforms, as other countries aim to create a revenue-sharing bridge between internet com-panies like Google and Facebook and digital news publishers.

According to Minister of State for IT and Electronics, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, the government is mulling revision in IT laws to effect this change.

"The market power on digital advertising that is currently being exercised by the Big Tech majors, which places Indian media companies at a position of disadvantage, is an issue that is seriously being examined in the context of new legalisations and rules," the minister told The

If implemented, the new law will force Big Tech companies to pay digital news publishers a share of the revenue earned via using their original content. Google has already signed deals to pay more than 300 publish-

ers in Germany, France and other EU countries for using their content on its platform. The Canadian government

also moved a law early this year to bring about fairness in revenue sharing between digital news publishers and intermediary platforms. In March this year, the the

Competition Commission of India (CCI) ordered an investigation into complaints against Google for abusing its dominant position related to news referral services and Google Adtech Services in the Indian online news media market.

According to the Indian Newspapers Society (INS) media houses are being kept in the dark on the total advertising revenue collected by Google and what percentage of the advertising revenue is being transferred to media organisaprima facie, these allegations of abuse of dominant position are under the purview of the Competition Act, 2002 and requires a detailed investigation by the Additional Director

Bank unions to start Twitter campaign against privatisation

AIBEA to hold protest before Parl on July 21

IANS CHENNAI

day ahead of the start of Athe Parliament's Monsoon session, the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) has given a call for a campaign on Twitter against privatisation of government banks, a top union official said.

All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) General Secretary C.H.Venkatachalam also said a protest will be held before the Parliament on July 21 and a strike call will be given based on the developments

The monsoon session of the Parliament begins on July 18 and one of the Bills that may be brought is to enable privatisation of the government

"The Twitter campaign by

the bankers will begin on Sunday, the morning of July 17. During these days, campaigning through social media is also important apart from our traditional campaigning mode,' Venkatachalam told IANS.

members to tweet in English and also in the regional languages to reach a large number of people. For a long time, it has been said time has come to merge the government banks to have about five big banks.

Recently, in a paper,
Poonam Gupta of National
Council of Applied Economic
Research (NCAER) and
Arvind Panagariya of Columbia University had advocated privatisation of all government banks barring the

They had said, to start with two banks with better asset quality and higher returns be privatised and set them as an example for disinvestment by the government in its other

He had told the union com operator Vodafone Idea's

shareholders have approved equity allocation worth ₹436.21 crore to its promoter entity, the

crore to its promoter entity, the Vodafone Group.

As per voting results submitted to the stock exchanges on Friday evening, 99.94 per cent of Vodafone Idea (VIL) shareholders approved allocation of the equity to Vodafone Group firm Euro Pacific Securities Securities. Vodafone Group at present

holds 58.46 per cent stake in Group 16.53 per cent.

The company had raised ₹3,375 crore from Vodafone Group and ₹1,125 crore from Aditya Birla Group in March.

VIL has been trying to raise funds in the range of ₹20,000-25,000 crore from external sources since the last two years but has failed to attract any investor.

The government announced a reform package in September last year which has largely benefited Vodafone

The government has allowed VIL to convert around ₹16,100 crore interest dues into about 33 per cent stake in the company to provide liquidity for investment in the

Still, analysts have said high leverage and weak balance sheet have impaired the company's ability to invest in the

As on March 31, 2022, the total debt (including interest accrued but not due) of the group was ₹1,97,878.2 crore. The company has around ₹8,160 crore of payments due

over the next 12 month, as per analysts.

HDFC Bank's Q1 profit up to ₹9,196 crore for FY- 2023



 $P^{\text{rivate banking major}}_{\text{HDFC Bank Ltd closed the}}$ first quarter of FY23 with a net profit of ₹9,196 crore.

According to HDFC Bank, its net profit for the period under review grew to ₹9,196 crore from about ₹7,729 crore earned during the first quarter ended June 30, 2021.

For the quarter ended June 30, 2022, the bank had earned a total income of ₹41,560 crore, up from about ₹36,771 crore earned during the corresponding period the previous

year.
The bank's gross and net

on June 30, 2022 stood at about ₹18,033 crore and ₹4,887 crore, respectively, as against ₹17,098 crore and ₹5,485 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Provisions and contingencies for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 were about ₹3,187 crore (which were comprised of specific loan loss provisions) as against total provisions of about ₹4,830 crore for the quarter ended June 30, 2021.

Total balance sheet size as of June 30, 2022 was ₹2,109,772 crore as against ₹1,753,941 crore as of June 30, 2021, a growth of 20.3 per cent.

Cooperative banks must extend more long-term loans to farmers: Shah

PNS NEW DELHI

ooperation Minister Amit CShah on Saturday urged Agricultural and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs) to extend more long-term loans to the agriculture sector, including for irrigation and other infrastructure.

The Government is building a database on cooperatives for expansion of this sector, which is important for boosting farm growth and doubling farmers' income, he added. Farmers' income cannot

be raised without improving the farm sector, especially irrigation, he pointed out, and asked cooperative banks to focus on providing loans for increasing irrigated land in the country.

The minister further said India, which has 49.4 crore acres of arable land, highest after the US, has potential to feed the whole world if the entire arable land is irrigated.

Currently, about 50 per cent of the arable land in the country is monsoon depen-

Addressing a national conference here, Shah said Agricultural and Rural Development Banks have been functioning in the country under different names in the last nine decades. Most of them operated as land mortgage banks and were first to



farmers way back in 1924.

With the conversion of these banks into ARDBs, farmers' dependence on monsoon got reduced. Slowly, long-term financing evolved, he said.

"If we look back and see the last 90 years' journey of long-term financing through cooperatives and how it has percolated down, if you see the data, it has not grown," Shah observed.

"Especially in agriculture financing, be it long or short term, it is paralysed in many parts of the country.

In many places, activities are done well but in some states it is not. We need to revive them," he said. Shah, however, stated that

there are many hurdles in providing long-term financing to the agriculture sector. Time has come to overcome those hurdles with cooperative spirit and achieve agriculture growth he asserted. The minister further said ARDBs have financed more than 3 lakh tractors so far, but the target should be 8 crore tractors.

(With inputs from PTI)

RBI, Bank Indonesia agree to expand cooperation in payment systems

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India and Bank Indonesia on Saturday entered into an agreement to expand cooperation in payment systems, digital financial innovation, and antimoney laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML-CFT).

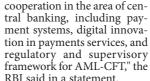
The two central banks signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Bali on the sidelines of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting to improve mutual cooperation.

"With this MoU, RBI and BI committed to deepen relations between both central banks and strengthen the exchange of information and



RBI said in a statement. The MoU will be imple-

logue, technical cooperation, exchange of information and



mented through policy dia-

It was signed by RBI Deputy Governor Michael in the presence of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and BI Governor Perry Warjiyo. "This MoU serves as a significant milestone in the relation between Bank Indonesia

Debabrata Patra and BI Deputy

Governor Dody Budi Waluyo

has been a long period of time since we began cooperating productively, and this MoU will only ensure a more solid collaboration in the future. "Going forward, I am convinced that such excellent partnership will result in fruitful outcomes that benefit both

central banks and the people of

both nations," Governor

and Reserve Bank of India. It

network.

Centre pulls up edtech firms for mis-selling courses

fter the Centre took serious Anote of mis-selling of courses to parents by edtech firms including BYJU's and its group companies, self-regulatory organisation India Edtech Consortium (IEC) on Saturday said it is committed to protecting consumer interest and has resolved 100 per cent com-

plaints received till June. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs pulled up edtech firms during a meeting with them and IEC, according to sources, and aggressive misselling of courses to parents was the key concern.

The IEC, which comes under the aegis of the Internet

and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and has created a two-tier grievance redressal mechanism, said that it has resolved all complaints received until June 2022 complaints received in July were going through active screening for faster resolutions. "The edtech sector is

extremely dynamic in nature and therefore, to address the rising challenges, what IEC is proactively doing will certainpropel a stronger ecosystem in the coming times," said retd SC judge and chairperson of Independent Grievance Redressal Board (IGRB), Dr

B.S. Chauhan. The IEC also said that each

ed a dedicated grievance officer internally to address and assess the problem and offer remedial action accordingly.

The IEC-member companies are also registering at the

member company has appoint-

National Consumer Helpline (NCH) for streamlining the resolution process, it added. "Edtech as a strong community has been far more responsible and prompt than

our traditional counterpart in managing consumer complaints and grievances," said Mayank Kumar, UpGrad Co-founder and MD and Chair at IEC. The recent reports have

said that as per the Advertising Standards Council of India

complaints are filed against the education sector. However, the official state-

ment by ASCI also states that 6 per cent of the total complaints received are against the edtech companies while the remaining 94 per cent are filed against the traditional education system, according to the IEC. Earlier this month, the Centre warned edtech companies against unfair trade practices. In a meeting with the IEC, Consumer Affairs Secretary, Rohit Kumar Singh, said that if self-regulation does not curb unfair trade practices, then stringent guidelines would be formulated for ensuring transparency.

SINDHU SAILS INTO SINGAPORE FINAL

ndian shuttler PV Sindhu stormed into the Singapore Open title clash with a commanding win over lower-ranked Japanese Saena Kawakami in the women's singles semi-final, here on Saturday.

Sindhu, a double Olympic medallist, who had claimed two Super 300 titles at Syed Modi International and Swiss Open this year, prevailed 21-15 21-7 over world number 38 Kawakami in a 32-minute last-four clash.

The 27-year-old from Hyderabad, who has also claimed a bronze at the Asian Championships this year, is now one win away from her maiden Super 500 title of the 2022 season.

In the finals, the third seeded Indian will face China's 22-year-old Wang Zhi Yi, the reigning Asian Championships gold medallist, who was also part of the Über Cup team, which won the silver at Bangkok this year. Wang beat Japan's Ohori Aya 21-14 21-14.

Sindhu had defeated world number 11 Wang in their only meeting at the All England Championships this year. A twotime World Junior Champion and a Youth Olympics silver medallist, Wang had also reached the finals of Indonesia Open Super 1000 in June.

Sindhu came into the match with a 2-0 head-to-head record, having played her last at the 2018 China Open. Kawakami had received a walk-over from top-seed Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei in the second round.

A former world number 15, Kawakami, winner of the 2019 Orleans Masters and a finalist at Swiss Open the same year, was a part of the Japanese women's team that won the bronze medal in May this year. The Japanese had



played just three events last year and it was er fifth tournament in 2022

Sindhu, a former world champion, looked in complete command against Kawakami, who just couldn't control the shuttle and was buried in a heap of errors during the lop-sided match.

Early on, Sindhu started with her whipping smashes but the drift inside the hall, made decision making difficult and also at times, the precision was lacking.

But the power in her stroke-play helped the Indian moved to a healthy three-point lead at the break.

The 24-year-old Japanese, however, started putting the shuttle in from difficult positions to draw parity. The match

came alive with both fighting for each

Sindhu also won two video referrals, punished a weak high lift and also made good calls at the baseline to move to 18-14. A power-packed smash and then two unforced errors by Kawakami helped Sindhu seal the opening game comfort-

Kawakami's struggles continued in the second game as she failed to control the shuttle and conceded a 0-5 early lead to her fancied rival.

Sindhu just had to keep engaging her rival in the rallies and patiently wait for her mistakes. A frustrated Kawakami just could wryly smile as Sindhu first grabbed a 11-4 lead at the mid-game interval and then zoomed to 17-5 in a jiffy.

The Japanese had no answer to Sindhu's attacking forehand returns and deft backhand flicks which opened up a decisive 19-6 lead for her.

Sindhu sent one long but next unleashed a whipping smash from the baseline which her opponent could only sent to the net. When Kawakami's return finally went out again, Sindhu pumped her fist to announce her entry into the

The two-time Commonwealth Games medallist, will lead the Indian charge at the quadrennial event in Birmingham starting July 28



IOA announces 322-strong Indian contingent for Commonwealth Games

PTI NEW DELHI

The Indian Olympic Association on Saturday announced a 322-strong contingent including 215 athletes and 107 officials and support staff for the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth

The Games are scheduled to be held in British city from July 28 to August 8, and the India contingent will look to improve upon its Gold Coast 2018 CWG performance, where it finished third behind traditional powerhouses Australia and England.

Sharing his thoughts, IOA secretary general Rajeev Mehta said, "We are sending one of our strongest squads ever to the CWG and even with a strength sport for us like shooting not being there, we are confident of bettering our

performance from the last at the Olympic Games stand testimony to that.

"Make no mistake, the competition will be world class and fierce but our athletes have prepared well and are fit and raring to go. We wish them all the very best."

The Games-bound Indian athletes and officials will be staying at five different "Villages" with the women's cricket team being put up in a separate facility in the Birmingham city centre.

In a press release issued by the IOA, the apex sports body's top office-bearer thanked the government for its support to the athletes and federations.

Mehta said, "It needs to be said that the Government of India led by the Hon. Prime Minister have provided unprecedented support to Olympic sports in recent years and our best ever performance

'We remain ever grateful for the same and are sure our athletes will ensure that rich rewards are reaped for the untiring efforts put in by them, most of all the Union Sports Ministry and the Sports Authoritý of India."

Some prominent names in the squad include Olympic medallists Neeraj Chopra, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu, Lovlina Borgohain, Bajrang Punia and Ravi Kumar Dahiya.

Defending CWG champions Manika Batra, Vinesh Phogat as well as 2018 Asian Games gold medallists Tajinderpal Singh Toor, Hima Das and Amit Panghal are also part of the contingent.
Rajesh Bhandari, vice pres-

ident of Boxing Federation of India (BFI), is the Chef de Mission of the squad.

World Athletics C'ships: Sreeshankar 1st Indian male long jumper to qualify for finals



PTI EUGENE (USA)

Murali Sreeshankar became the first Indian male long jumper to qualify for World Athletics Championships finals while 3000m steeplechaser Avinash Sable also expectedly made the grade on the first day of the competitions here.

Sreeshankar, who had entered the championships as ond spot in the season's top list, had a best jump of exactly 8m, which he did in his second attempt, to finish second in qualification round Group B and seventh overall.

Anju Bobby George was the first Indian to make it to the World Championships long jump finals and first to win a medal -- bronze in 2003 edition

Two other Indians in the fray, Jeswin Aldrin, who was cleared for the championships despite failing to impress the national selectors in two rounds of trials, and Muhammed Anees Yahiya could not make it to the finals after finishing ninth and 11th in Group A qualification round with best jumps of 7.79m and

or the 12 best performers from across the two groups qualify for the finals to be held on Sunday (6:50am IST).

7.73m respectively.

23-year-old Sreeshankar has been a consistent performer with his 8.36m jump at the Federation Cup in April, followed by 8.31m and 8.23m at an event in Greece and National Inter-State Championships respectively.

Sri Lanka top order collapses after batting 1st vs Pakistan

Dakistan took early advantage in the first cricket test against Sri Lanka by reducing the hosts to 80 for four at lunch on the first day Saturday.

Sri Lanka had elected to bat first at the Galle International Stadium after winning the toss in good batting conditions, but the team's batsmen failed to live up to expectations with several soft

Captain Dimuth Karunaratne dragged a Shaeen Afridi delivery on to his stumps for 1 and then a 49-run stand followed for the second wicket between Oshada Fernando and Kusal Mendis. Then Sri Lanka lost three wickets for the

addition of just eight runs, slumping to 68 for four after being 60 for one.

Fernando and Mendis departed in the space of three deliveries with Yasir Shah breaking the partnership. Mendis (21) bottom-edged one to wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan as the leg-spinner claimed his first wicket since making a comeback. Yasir had not represented Pakistan since August last year due to injuries.



bringing Hasan Ali in from the City End and it worked as Oshada Fernando (35) nicked an outswinger and Rizwan took a good catch diving

Mathews spent 30 minutes at the crease but never looked comfortable. Yasir ended his misery when the former captain hit it straight to Naseem Shah at mid-on and was dismissed with-

Dinesh Chandimal, who had made an unbeaten double hundred in Sri Lanka's last test match in an innings victory over Australia earlier this week, was unbeaten on 12 at lunch with Dhananjaya de Silva.

Don't pull Kohli down, those 70 tons weren't scored in aunt's backyard: Shoaib



Pakistan's fast-bowling great Shoaib Akhtar has hit out at Virat Kohli's critics and reminded them that the former India captain's 70 international hundreds weren't scored in "aunt's backyard" or while playing "candy crush video game".

patch of nearly three years has led to calls for his ouster from the T20 World Cup team, with even the legendary Kapil Dev voicing support for his exclusion. While Akhtar said he respects Dev's opinion that continuing with the woefully out-of-form Kohli is unfair to a performing junior, the Pakistani reminded everyone that it takes a lot of effort to score 43 ODI and 27 Test hundreds."Kapil Dev is my senior and he has an opinion and it is fine to have an opinion. If Kapil Dev says, you still understand as he is a great cricketer. He has the right to air his opinion," Akhtar said on his YouTube channel.

"But, as a Pakistani, why am I supporting Kohli? Well, he has 70 hundreds. Woh 70 sau khaala ke ghar mein ya candy crush khelte huye nahi banein hain. (Those 70 tons were not scored in his aunt's backyard or while playing Candy Crush)."

Women's Euro C'ship

Austria ousts Norway, sets up Euros quarterfinal vs Germany



Austria set up a Women's European Championship meeting with Germany by eliminating star-studded Norway 1-0.

Nicole Billa's header in Brighton clinched the win that sealed second place in Group A, leaving Norway in third place despite the two-time European champion being able to deploy 2018 Ballon d'Or winner Ada Hegerberg.

The group was won by host nation England, which put on another dazzling display by routing Northern Ireland 5-0 in Southampton. It is 14 goals without reply in three games at the tournament for the team led by Sarina Wiegman, who missed Friday's game after testing positive for COVID-19.

Northern Ireland had already been eliminated and England was sure of advancing before kick-off in Southampton but it took Wiegman's side 40 minutes to break the deadlock comer when Fran Kirby struck a curled shot from the edge of the box over the defense and into the top corner. England doubled its lead

before the break with Beth Mead taking her tournament tally to five. The Arsenal forward took a touch in the box before calmly slotting the ball into the back of the net.

She turned provider three minutes into the second half, with a cross headed in by substitute Alessia Russo.

Russo had to wait only until the 53rd minute for another goal, taking a touch to lose the defender before slotting past goalkeeper Jacqueline Burns after being played in by

Ella Toone. England's fifth came in unfortunate fashion for Northern Ireland, as Kelsie Burrows inadvertently lifted the ball in over her own goal-

keeper as she attempted to deal with a cross.

Emotional exit for Woods, big chance for Smith at St Andrews



Tiger Woods made an early and emotional departure from the British Open, possibly for the last time at St. Andrews.

Cameron Smith can only wonder if the 150th Open will be his arrival as an undisputed elite player.

Smith already won The Players Championship this year and has risen to as high as No. 3 in the world. His 8-under 64 gave him his first lead in a

Tour rookie Cameron Young. Rory McIlroy was lurking another shot behind.

over the past couple of years, and things just haven't quite gone my way yet."
Woods strode over the Swilcan Bridge without stop-

of what was otherwise a long day of 75 to miss the cut. Woods didn't retire from major championship golf or the British Open. He's just not sure a right leg held together by

returns to St. Andrews again.
"It's very emotional for
me," he said. "To me it felt like this might have been my last British Open here at St. Andrews. And the fans, the ovation and the warmth, it was

saluting thousands of fans crammed into so many spaces was making birdie after birdie to take the lead. Right when it looked like it couldn't get any better, he holed a 65-foot eagle putt on the 14th hole.

major, by two shots over PGA

"It's obviously a really good spot to be in," Smith said. "I feel like I've been in this spot a lot

ping to pose for pictures and said it "felt like the whole tournament was right there" when he walked the final 356 yards

hardware or a lower spine that has been fused will allow him to compete when the Open

an unbelievable feeling."
About the time Woods was

around St. Andrews, Smith

Pakistan then made a bowling change, Kohli might have been dropped or

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The legendary Kapil Dev wondered if Virat Kohli was indeed rested or ignored for the upcoming five T20Is against the West Indies, hinting that the word "dropped" may have been avoided as he "is not an ordinary" cricketer. Kohli's lean run is now into

its third year, the modern-day great last scoring an international century in 2019, something that recently prompted Dev to say that the team management can't go by reputation

The former India skipper will not feature in the the fivematch T20I series against the West Indies, to be played in the Caribbean and the United

The final draft constitution

1 of the All India Football

Federation, which has been

framed by the Committee of

Administrators (CoA), has

been submitted to the Supreme

Court for its approval.

It was submitted to the

apex court on Friday, the AIFF

said in a statement on Saturday.

AIFF acting general secretary Sunando Dhar said: "After

a lengthy set of discussions with

various stakeholders, the draft

Constitution of the AIFF has

finally been submitted to the

late everyone involved in the

process, on this swift move for-

ward, and hope that with the

new constitution in place, we

can move ahead with develop-

"I would like to congratu-

honourable court.

ing Indian football.'

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Indian football: CoA submits

AIFF draft constitution to SC



States from July 29.

rested for WI T20Is: Kapil Dev

"It's not like India haven't played without Virat in the last five to six years, but I want such a player to be back in form. He might have been dropped or rested but there's still a lot of cricket left in him," Dev told ABP News.

India's first World Cup winning-captain added, "Play Ranji Trophy or score runs anywhere. His confidence needs to

The CoA, which has been

appointed by the apex court on

May 18 this year, comprises Justice (retired) Anil R Dave,

former Chief Election

Commissioner of India Dr SY

India captain Bhaskar Ganguly.

CoA to assist in facilitating the

adoption of the constitution

and prepare electoral rolls for

the purpose of conducting

elections of the AIFF at the ear-

formulating the draft constitu-

tion, the CoA has "put in more

than 150 hours of work and has

spoken to all the AIFF's stake-

holders, including state associ-

ations, FIFA, AFC, ISL and I-

League clubs and considered

suggestions forwarded by

Since then, in the course of

The apex court directed the

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be back. This is the difference between a great and a good

"A great player like him shouldn't take so much time to get back in form. He has to fight with himself and get things in order."

Last week, Dev said that a if a bowler with the pedigree of Ravichandran Ashwin could be dropped from the Test team then so can Kohli.

CHESS OLYMPIAD TORCH

Arrives in Chhattisgarh's Raipur; CM lists efforts to popularise game

Informing

The first ever torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad to be held in Tamil Ñadu between July 28 and August 10 arrived in Chhattisgarh capital Raipur on Saturday. Arjuna Award recipient

and Grandmaster Pravin Thipsay handed over the torch to Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya Auditorium here and the latter handed it over to Woman FIDE Master Kiran Agrawal.

"It is a matter of great pride that for the first time, the World Chess Federation has allowed a torch relay on the lines of the Olympics. The torch relay in the state today will act as an inspiration for budding chess talents," the CM



part of the organising commitparticipated in Chess Olympiad in 1986 and 1990, and said "Moreover, six players selected from different schools

future generations from the of the state will also participate state must be inspired by her. about in the Chess Olympiad and Chhattisgarh's presence at the upcoming Chess Olympiad, he said Alankar Bhivgade of learn by watching big players. On the initiative of All India Chess Federation, work has Bhilai will be a judge there, been started to promote chess while Agarwal, Vinod Rathi in 22 schools in the state," the and M.K. Chandrashekhar are

'ICC's rough FTP draft has dedicated 2.5 month IPL Window' PTI DUBAI

The IPL is all set to have its I dedicated two and half month exclusive window from the next Futures Tours & Programme (FTP) calender of the ICC starting 2024, with no international cricket scheduled in that phase. That the T20 extravaganza would be a "twoand-a-half-month" affair from the next FTP was confirmed by PTI in an exclusive interview with BCCI secretary Jay Shah on the sidelines of the blockbuster IPL media rights deal last month. "Let me inform you that from the next ICC FTP calen-

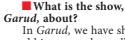
dar, IPL will have an official two-and-a-half month window so that all the top international cricketers can participate. We have had discussions with various boards as well as the ICC," Shah had told PTI.

talktime

FAISAL KHAN

The dancer, who is also an actor, made his TV debut with DID Little Masters Season 2. He speaks with SUPRIYA RAMESH about the show Garud. how connected he feels to his character, how tough was it for him to prepare for it and more

'I AM SUPER LUCKY



In Garud, we have showcased his story, where all he was present, his life and existence. Moreover, the story shows that Garud is sincere, who doesn't spread hate, and has a special bond with lord Vishnu. That's because Garud is the transport of lord Vishnu. Basically, things that weren't spoken about anywhere else.

■ What is your role? I'm playing Garud and I'm super lucky to play this character. That's because this role has given me a lovely experience. This character has so many variations; he talks to his mother emotionally but he talks to his brothers differently. I had so much fun playing this character, though I wasn't able to do much physically because I carry wings and these were heavy. But the character is such that when I act it becomes complete.

■ How did you make it to this project? What do you personally think about such mytho-

People say that valuable lessons of life are passed

down from elders to youngsters. These mythological events represent your place on the planet and we can learn a lot from them, like ups and downs and life lessons. I think these shows play an important role in teaching you a lot about life. If you see some foreign projects, I don't think you will learn much but India has so many things that teach you so many things, so you can learn a lot from these.

■ Why and how is the show relevant to today's viewers? How have the reviews been?

I think people are loving it and our TRP confirms that. People took out precious time from their busy lives; these things matter a lot to us.

They like my performance in the show and I love it. As always, I say that I don't have any reference. So the character that you see, I'm constructing it day by day. The response has been lovely, especially from my family with their love and support. It has been a blessing and we are glad.

■ Do you feel connected to the character in terms of qualities or character?

I think I'm very connected

to it because, as I said, this character inspires me and I'm a mommy's boy. And Garud always heeds the words of his mother. My personal life is not as great as Garud's, but it's very beautiful and the connection is meaningful.

■ How tough was it to prepare for this role?

I had difficulties as there wasn't any reference. If you make Bahubali, you will get references regarding Bahubali and the works. Garud has been created by us and we are working on that character, day in and day out. I had to work physically with the wings and had to shoot in them. Different ways to walk in, out, sit, sleep. You might have seen in the show that Garud doesn't lie on the ground. So many things have been tough shoot-

■ But your TV debut happened with a dance show. How did that happen?

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My TV debut was DID Little Masters Season 2. Actually I didn't think much; I used to learn dancing and give

auditions. I didn't even know the real reason for the audition. I just knew that I would be shown on TV. I just needed those super wings that the judges used to give out for outstanding performances, which in fact I got only after giving so many auditions. Dancing gave me an identity and then an acting debut as well. Dance has done so much for me and gave me a TV debut as well. It feels great that people view me for my talent.

How did acting happen to you?

I never felt like acting but my father wanted me to be an actor. Once he asked me, 'Will you be able to answer everything right'? He was about to take me to an audition. In the evening, I said Yes' but, in my mind, I believed that he was talking about studies so I was ready. Things like these have happened. But I was not even worthy of an audition back then. When I gave a dance audition for DID, I got an opportunity from Yash Raj films and it was a huge thing for me. Although it didn't work out in the end, I was inspired decided to start acting.

Plan Your Day

BLOODYWOOD TOUR 2022

The band is embarking on their "Nine Inch Naans Tour' today and will be touring India (Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad), before heading out to play major festivals



Rock, Brutal Assault, Bloodstock Open air and many more along with

club shows across Europe, the UK, the US and Japan.
In February 2022, the band made history with the release of their debut album Rakshak by becoming the first Indian band on the Billboard and UK Charts, selling thousands of copies worldwide and receiving widespread critical acclaim.

The band exploded onto the scene in 2017 with their unique blend of metal, traditional Indian music, powerful lyrics and a combination of harsh and rap vocals

What: Music

Where: Auro Kitchen and Bar, Delhi

When: July 17 Time: 8:30 pm



Music is the best medicine. Here are the top 10 songs of the week that will lift up your weekend mood

Bollywood vibes Pehla Nasha (Udit Narayan) Kuch Na Kaho (Kumar Sanu) Kehna Hi Kya (K S Chithra) Jadu Teri Nazar (Udit Narayan)

Band Hothon Se (Sasha Ghoshal)

English Vinglish Stairway to Heaven (Led Zeppelin) Imagine (Yoko Ono) Revolution (The Beatles) Wind of Change (Boppin' B) Back in Black (AC/DC)





Adopting a pet comes with great responsibility. While you think tasty treats and alluring toys could keep your pet happy and healthy, there are way more important things to consider before and after owning a pet

dopting a pet could be one of the most rewarding decisions in a person's life. Being a pet owner can be an extremely wholesome and enriching experience, but it also comes with significant responsibilities. Owning a pet implies a number of inherent duties and moral obligations in order to care for them properly and safeguard their health and welfare. At Royal Canin, we're passionate about cats and dogs, and believe that they make everyone's lives better. Since 1968, we've been working to help improve the lives of pets around the world through our nutriour products and services, we have always considered that responsible pet ownership plays a key role in the overall health and wellbeing of cats and dogs. This is why we are committed to championing responsible (pet) adoption. Too many cats and dogs are abandoned each year and to face this situation, we need to take action at the source and help future pet owners to consider just what it takes to welcome a cat or dog into their lives from a shelter, a breeder a friend or even family. With the right level of dedication, future pet owners can make sure that they gain a fulfilled, healthy, well behaved and affectionate family member who will be a pleasure to spend

Here are a few things one must remember before adopting a pet:

Family's consent

Never gift a pet unless the receiver really wants it. The consent of the family is essential before getting a pet home. Owning a pet involves some regular spending. You'll need to budget for feeding your pet, visiting a vet, vaccinating, deworming and more. Also, your family's financial condition is a significant consideration while planning to adopt a pet. The pet comes in with many expenses, just like a new born baby. Right from periodic medical check-ups to training, food, vaccination, grooming and more, there is a large hole that these costs could dig in your wallet. So, you be ready to bear them when the time

Long term commitment Welcoming a new pet to your home is an exciting moment in any household. It's a moment of change that can considerably impact the lives of each member of your family. It is also a long-term commitment that entails a number of responsibilities. So, before you make your decision, it's important to ask yourself some fundamental questions like time as pet requires regular grooming, visits to veterinarians as well as some affection

and stimulation. Breeds of cats

The breed of an animal contributes significantly to their personality. Some breeds are more active or more independent, while others

require more attention. Cats make no

exception and they also differ greatly by breed. Bengals, for example, are energetic and always on the go, while ragdolls tend to be more relaxed and easy-going. It's worth noting that some breeds may have genetic defects and hereditary diseases. You can ask your veterinarian for more information on this. You can also choose to acquire a non-pure breed cat from a shelter or a neighbour/friend/ veterinary adoption clinic, etc. Where to get your pet

Responsible pet ownership begins with responsible acquisition. Make sure you know where the pet has come

from and the environment, which

he/she has been raised in. Reputable

breeders sometimes advertise in news-

papers or on the internet, but you should be cautious as these are also common outlets for illegal animal trafficking. Make sure the ad offers precise details about the breeder and the cat and ask plenty of questions when you make contact. You'll benefit from professional advice in a pet store, but always find out where they source their kittens/puppies. A reputable establishment selling kittens will be able to provide full details of the conditions in which they were bred and information about their parents. Responsible breeders are particularly attentive to disease prevention, genetic testing and socialisation, healthy

Home environment

Meeting the environmental needs of pets helps to ensure their optimal wellbeing and behaviour, good health and overall quality of life. These needs encompass not only their physical surroundings, but also their social interactions with people and other animals in the home. A familiar and predictable home in which the pet can exercise some control over his physical environment and social interactions, helps to reduce his stress levels and enables him to cope with any challenges. Never ever keep cats in a crowded state more than the capacity of the household. It can lead to disease conditions, stressful situations and fights.

Health and care of a cat

Preventive healthcare for pets is an essential part of pet health and can help to reduce a cat's risk of developing a wide range of problems. A comprehensive approach focusing on nutrition counselling, vaccinations, parasite control, dental care and behaviour counselling can help to mitigate issues such as periodontal disease, fleas and ticks, heartworm disease, obesity or diabetes mellitus. Never give pain killers mend for humans to cats. One crocin tablet can kill a cat. Sterilisation surgeries are essential for house cats as they prevent several unexpected complications.

Dedicate time you decid owner, you should be comfortable spending some of your time with your cat and your dog. Not only will this help you to forge a bond with them, but they will also benefit in terms of development and wellbeing. Active dog breeds will require exercise and play sessions a few times a day, but all pets will be most content on the receiving end of your attention. Cats are considered more independent than their canine counterparts, but they still prefer having their humans around as much as possible for cuddles, as well as stimulation with interactive toys and play sessions when they feel like it. No cat or dog will appreciate being left to their own devices without human company for long stretches of time. Dr Vinay Gorhe, BVSc & AH.

Pet Cover Clinic, Pune

-he stigma around tattoos is continuously fading and is no I longer considered a taboo. People relate tattoos as a medium of expressing themselves because the chosen design is an extension of one's thoughts or feelings which stays with them forever. Tattoos are not just ink but represent your unique story

and memory that can be cherished forever. So, on this National Tattoo Day, let's celebrate the love for tattoos and promote this unique artform by getting that design you have always wanted.

Every year, July 17 is observed as National Tattoo Day and it

encourages people to get a tattoo that they have been strongly

Lokesh Verma, Founder of Devil'z Tattooz says: "National Tattoo Day is an historic event for all the tattoo artists across the globe because it represents art, culture and history. It is a day when our art is appreciated and our work is recognised. Tattoos are now being more widely accepted and appreciated than ever before. Getting inked is the latest lifestyle fashion trend among

Celebrate this day by taking a plunge and get beautiful art on your skin canvas, be it a quote, your favorite picture, or a unique

Strengthening roots

The National Students Union of India (NSUI), which is the student wing of the Indian National Congress, has strengthened its roots in Tamil Nadu's southern area while recruiting 12,000 new volunteers during its most recent membership drive in July.

As the State's membership drive comes to a successful conclusion, NSUI State chairman Srimaan Ramchandra Raia met Congress vice-

president Pon Krishnamurthy to discuss forthcoming plans and The 12 southern districts including Virudhunagar, Madurai,

Tanjavur, Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, Salem, Nagerkovil, Tenkasi, Teni, Ramanathapuram, and Dindigul have all been the focus of Srimaan's vigorous membership campaign, according to sources.

Vrat time

Willing auspiology Sawan Somvar Vrat, there is an exciting story track coming up in &TV's Baal Shiv for all the ardent devotees of Lord Shiva. In the plot, another conflict will be brewing between Mahasati Anusuya (Mouli Ganguly) and Devi Parvati (Shivya Pathania) over Mahadev (Siddharth Arora), Devi Parvati will observe this fast as a form of Bhakti to her husband, Mahadev, to win him back Whereas. Mahasati Anusuva will fast to attain Mahadev in his baal roop as her child forever.

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'Legal education is the fundamental right of every citizen,' says Rishabh Raj

For the betterment and welfare of society, legal education is an important tool; and it is quite easy for Indian lawyers these days to pursue it.

Legal education helps citizens by enhancing their knowledge, which also has social, opportunity, research and administrative objectives. "It is the fundamental right of every citizen," says Rishabh Raj.

Social objectives are concerned with spreading awareness of the environment that is both local and global and also learning about the challenges of one's culture.

There should be an apt education system that will boost the presence of the oppressed people of the society. Also, everyone must be aware of the common rights.

To make it more engrossing the subject should be more multidisciplinary, creative and flexible.



Rishabh Raj, Advocate, Supreme Court of India

Right education on law teaches one the code of conduct. Last but not the least. education system must encompass legal subject in academia.

How technology will shape physical events in 2022

Widespread utilisation of event technology resources to produce stellar corporate events delivering smash-hit lead generation campaigns, eventually leading to a scaled-up event ROI, no longer remains alien to the events industry stakeholders, including marketing

organisations, audiences, exhibitors, and sponsors. While tech components such as Event Lead Capture Technology facilitate seamless execution of contactless lead capturing programs at on-ground events, RFID (Radio-frequency Identification) speeds up

various event processes while improving security and data tracking. In light of the physical events eventually returning to the mainstream post-COVID, the following points tell us how the ubiquity of technology will allow and reshape the events scenario to create personalised events for attendees, along with collecting real-time data

for exhibitors in 2022: Physical events scale-up to hybrid events, secured registration software makes event sign-up fast and convenient, facial recognition software improves safety and security with enhanced attendee experience, helpful chatbots and offer personalised recommendations

Event technology has come of age, from event registration software garnering prospects' contact information to RFID wristbands, recording deep insights into attendee behavioural patterns and Al-powered personalised recommendations to attendees. As businesses across sectors get into the groove of returning to in-person gatherings, the events industry stakeholders strongly

anticipate a transformed persona of live events. Physical events, equipped with cutting-edge tech integration, are all set to deliver enhanced value creation with the most engrossing attendee experience, extensive networking opportunities and ROI driven lead generation opportunities.

The author is Paras Lohani, Founder & CEO,B2B Sales Arrow

the pioneer

No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to





The exit of Jayalalithaa left a political vacuum in Tamil Nadu and this is yet to be filled. There was no second-in-command in the party as all were soldiers of Amma, writes KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

t is almost six years since the AIADMK fountainhead and former Tamil Nadu chief minister J Jayalalithaa breathed her last. But the struggle to inherit her political legacy and control of the AIADMK goes on. The internecine squabble between various caste groups in the 50-year-old party has turned ugly. The future of the major Opposition hangs in the balance.

The AIADMK general council, the highest decision-making body, recently ousted O Panneerselvam and his four associates from the primary membership of the party and elected Edappadi Palaniswamy as interim general secretary. This after the fight for the control of the party reached the doors of the Supreme Court. The violent street protest by the OPS supporters speaks volumes about the state of affairs in the AIADMK.

Both M.G.Ramachandran, the party's founder, and Jayalalithaa, his successor, died intestate without any offspring. After Jayalalithaa's demise, many women came forward claiming to be her daughters. "Many women in their mid-30s claim to be Javalalithaa's offspring. Jayalalithaa herself would have been shocked by these claimants had she been around," said G C Sekhar, a longtime journalist who followed Amma's news with interest.

Another veteran journalist in Chennai who claimed to be Jayalalithaa's biographer was not aware of the existence of Deepa and Deepak, her niece and nephew, till Amma's demise. The world came to know about them when they came out in the open demanding the possession of Veda Nilayam, Jayalalithaa's imposing bungalow in the high-end Poes Garden locality in Chennai.

The exit of Jayalalithaa left a political vacuum in Tamil Nadu and this is yet to be filled. There was no secondin-command in the party as all were soldiers of Amma. O Panneerselvam was elevated to the post of chief minister on September 21, 2001, when the Supreme Court declared as null and void the action of the then Governor of the State swearing her in as chief minister despite her conviction and sentencing by a Special Court in a corrup-

It was not because of any leadership qualities of Panneerselvam that he was handpicked by Jayalalithaa for the top job. She knew well that he would resign even without her asking once the Court clears her name in the case. Panneerselvam had no hesitation in accepting the fact that he was a puppet. "Sir, I am here because Amma could not function as chief minister because of the court verdict. Once the court clears her name, she would be back," was his standard reply to queries. He even declined to sit on the chair used by Amma and functioned from his cabin in the secretariat. The second time he assumed the chief minister's post was when the Special Court sentenced Jayalalithaa to four years imprisonment in the disproportionate case. Once the Karnataka High Court acquitted her of all charges, Panneerselavam quit facilitating the return of his Amma to Fort Saint George. It was the sudden demise of Jayalalithaa that led to his coronation as chief minister for the third time (early hours of 6, December 2016).

Jayalalithaa's passing away led to a series of events in the AIADMK about which the Dravidian-dominated Tamil media refuse to write. The first question that remains unasked is the raison d'etre of V K Sasikala (personal aide of Jayalalithaa) and members of her Mannargudi clan in Veda Nilayam. Sasikala and her family members were ousted by Jayalalithaa from Veda Nilayam in October 2011. Amma issued a directive to the party cadres not to have any kind of ties with Sasikala and her relations, claiming they brought disrepute to the party. The action was welcomed by the party cadres by bursting crackers marking an early Diwali in the State. But Sasikala managed to reenter Veda Nilayam by tendering a public apology in which she declared that her life was dedicated to serving Akka (elder sister), and she would stay away from all other activities including politics. But on the morning of December 6, 2016, when Jayalalithaa's mortal remains were lying in state at the Government Estate in Chennai, the entire Mannargudi gang was seen sit-



PANNEERSELVAM, WHO HAD NO LEADERSHIP **QUALITIES OTHER** THAN HIS DEVOTION TO JAYALALITHAA, THOUGHT THAT THE CHIEF MINISTERSHIP AS WELL AS THE POST OF GENERAL SECRETARY BELONGED TO HIM AND STARTED MANEUVERING TO **EMERGE AS THE** UNCHALLENGED LEADER OF THE PARTY. BUT HE WAS NO MATCH FOR PALANISWAMY, A COOL PLAYER WHO SUCCEEDED IN WINNING FRIENDS AND INFLUENCING PEOPLE



ting around the coffin! TTV Dhinakaran, who had been ousted much earlier from the party as well as Vedha Nilayam was seen supervising the show. Nobody, including Panneerselvam or Palaniswamy, could explain how he managed to infiltrate Veda Nilavam.

The moment the Tamil Nadu Police sounded the Last Post for Jayalalithaa, Sasikala started her machinations to usurp the party and government. Panneerselvam was summoned to Veda Nilayam and was forced to sign his resignation letter. The next day Sasikala was elected as the legislature party leader, and it was decided to hold her swearing-in ceremony on February 13 at the Madras University Centenary Hall. But the Supreme Court pronounced its verdict upholding the Special Court order sentencing Sasikala and two others to four years of rigorous imprisonment in the disproportionate asset case. So, on the day she was expected to swear in as chief minister, Sasikala surrendered before the superintendent of Parappana Agrahara

Central Jail to serve her imprisonment. It was Edappadi Palaniswamy who was sworn in as chief minister instead of Sasikala. But Dhinakaran, who was appointed as deputy general secretary by Sasikala, started calling the shots. Palaniswamy was a sitting duck as Dhinakaran sent out the message that the former should report to him on all issues. Dhinakaran declared himself as the party candidate for the by-poll to be held at R K Nagar hitherto represented by Jayalalithaa. His mission was to become the chief minister once he got elected to the assembly. But that did not work out because Palaniswamy and Panneerselvam buried the hatchet and unitedly took on Dhinakaran. Dhinakaran won the bout at R K Nagar, but he and Sasikala were eased out of their positions and ousted from the AIADMK in the general council meeting held in September 2017. Though some legislators declared their support for Dhinakaran and ended up losing their membership, Palaniswamy functioned effectively as chief minister for the next four years. Meanwhile, Dhinakaran launched an outfit by the name AMMK with

Sasikala's blessings. Panneerselvam, who had no leadership qualities other than his devotion to Jayalalithaa, thought that the chief ministership as well as the post of general secretary belonged to him and started maneuvering to emerge as the unchallenged leader of the party. But he was no match for Palaniswamy, a cool player who succeeded in winning friends and influencing people.

Though Dravidian parties claim that there is no communalism and casteism in Tamil Nadu, it continues to be the most caste-ridden society in South India. The upper caste Hindus do not allow the Harijans to stay anywhere near their locality. This writer has experienced the two-tumbler system prevailing in many districts. Tes shops serve tea to Harijans in separate tumblers even as cops deployed to oversee the eradication of untouchability watch silently. That much for the social justice propagated by the Dravidian politics which has been governing the State since 1967.

The AIADMK has been dominated by the Thevar community to which Sasikala and her clan belong. Panneerselvam too is a Thevar. Palaniswamy belongs to the Gaunder community. While there was a feeling that the Thevars may rally around Sasikala and Dhinakaran, it has not happened. Palaniswamy has succeeded in mobilizing the Thevar community around him and only a miracle could help Sasikala and her acolytes to bounce back. "She has a lot of money and can buy over people. But Palaniswamy has proved to be a tough nut to crack," said R Rajagopalan, veteran political com-

He said the weakening of AIADMK is a setback for the nationalist forces in the State. "Whether the BJP could make political capital out of this situation is not known. The Hindutva party has a strong and young leader in K Annamalai. But that alone would not help the party to fill the space vacated by the AIADMK," said Rajagopalan.

The career of Panneerselvam has suffered a setback as he does not have even a single associate with any mass

base. Moreover, it is known all over the State that he is devoid of any leadership qualities. His moves to bring back Sasikala to the party and anoint her to a top position has not gone down well with the people.

Sasikala herself is a picture of contradiction. Though she tried to hijack the AIADMK, she had to drop the plan as the cadres are not enthusiastic about her intentions. Despite her declaration that she was quitting active politics (and that too for the second time), the lady moves around claiming herself as the general secretary of the AIADMK!

The AIADMK may be down now,

but it is the principal opposition party in the State. Though it lost the May 2021 assembly election, the party managed to poll 39.72 percent votes against the DMK's 45.38 percent. There was no Jayalalithaa to campaign and the party had to face hostile media which was highly supportive of the DMK. The 2024 Lok Sabha polls would tell us more about the future of the AIADMK. It is not known whether Sasikala, Dhinakaran, and company would be able to make any difference to the fortunes of the party. Sasikala may be a good reader but she is not a leader. The lady cannot make a public speech and she reads out from papers handed down to her by hangers-on.

"Even Rabri Devi, wife of Laloo Prasad Yadav was better informed than Sasikala," says a scribe who has been following Sasikala's antecedents. Jayalalithaa's 'Woman Friday' has miles to go before she graduates into the big league of politics because it is not her cup of tea. She may be good in palace intrigues but that alone does not qualify her as a leader. If Palaniswamy manages to cobble up an alliance with like-minded parties, it is the end of the road for Sasikala and Panneerselvam. Interestingly, Panneerselvam is the only leader in the post-Jayalalithaa genre who is struggling to promote his son to sustain the dynasty. The whole of Tamil Nadu is agog with reports that Panneerselvam, Sasikala, and Chief Minister M K Stalin are handed in gloves to demolish the AIADMK.

 $(The \ writer \ is \ a \ senior \ journalist$

with The Pioneer)

KEEP MONSOON WOES AT BAY

The much-awaited monsoon--symbol of happiness and bond—is finally here. But, apart from relief from oppressive heat, monsoon also brings with it a myriad of fevers, skin problems and infections that can pose a serious health threat. Doctors say, staying healthy and fever-free during monsoon can be as simple as possible by taking the few basic and essential precautionary measures. The PIONEER HEALTH reports.

IRAL FEVER

usceptibility of individual to acquire viral and bacterial infections increases specially during rains owing to high moisture content and prolonged survival of these microorganisms. Most of monsoon related fevers are attributed to four major routes - contaminated water, food, air and mosquito borne.

Amongst mosquito borne-most common and important fevers are dengue fever, chikangunya and malaria which has symptoms range from fever, chills bodyache to complex multisystem involvement. Timely screening and prompt judicious treatment is quintessential for combating further complica-

Use mosquito nets in your house; Don't allow water to stagnate or collect anywhere in and around the house Food and water borne -

these are spectrum of illness the disease away and fever caused by consumption of contaminated food and water. Children are the easiest victims because of a developing immune system that is prone to contracting

Typhoid, caused by bacteria, is a water-borne disease that spreads because of poor sanitation. Eating uncovered or spoilt food and drinking contaminated water are the two major causes of typhoid. Symptoms include fever,



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Elderly and kids both are

more susceptible to pletho-

dictum that any illness involving fever, cold, sore throat and cough to be considered either COVID

or non COVID. It also

mandates appropriate quarantine while waiting reports and then isolation

Influenza and flu viruses

also have similar clinical

course and outcomes.

Elderly people require spe-

cial attention in terms of

monitoring of fever and

oxygen while having flu

Precautions especially in

airborne infections are

must! Mask, hand hygiene

and cough etiquettes are

and should be considered

as mantras and part for our

new normal life.

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headache, joint pain, and sore

Cholera, also caused due to poor sanitation and consumption of contaminated food, is accompanied by diarrhoea or loose motions.

Hepatitis A - viral infection causing prolonged fever and fatigue also caused by consumption of contaminated

Simple handy tip to keep

- Cover food items / Personal and hand hygiene / Boil water before consumption
- Vigilance and suspicion in Fevers of more than two or three days with stomach upset and abdominal pain will support in early management and fast outcome.
- Airborne diseases monsoon are season of virus in the air owing to appropriate environmental condi-

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COMMON SKIN PROBLEMS

Owing to excessive rainfall, increased humidity, sweating and water stagnation, we are at a risk of various skin infections and other diseases

Below are some of the common skin problems in monsoons:

- Excessive oil secretion from the skin can lead to pimples. Hence, use natural oil free soaps/face
- Drink lots of water and avoid drinking too much tea, coffee and alcohol to prevent breakouts on the skin. Use dermatologists approved soaps, skin creams, powders and keep the health of your skin in check.

This causes a rash, itching, and redness on the skin. In many cases, it also causes irritation. *People with sensitive skin have a higher chance of having this infection.

Maintain proper hygiene by taking a bath regularly and keeping your skin well moisturized.

TINEA FUNGAL INFEC-

These include itchy and highly communicable skin issues like ringworms (skin infection in body folds like armpits,



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thighs, etc.); tinea capitis (itchy and flaky scalp) and onychomycosis (fungal infection in the nails causing them to become brittle and fragile). Closed shoes and rain water can be a breeding ground for infection leading to athlete's foot.

Pay attention to personal hygiene at all times by bathing daily and washing your feet and hands once you reach home. Also wear light and cotton fabric which is prop-

erly washed. **FOLLICULITIS**

A fungal or bacterial infection of the hair follicle. The contact between sweat and fungus or bacteria results in skin problems which can cause folliculitis. It generally occurs in the upper back, arms, thighs and scalp area and can be really painful and

infected with pus. It can be controlled by preventing excessive

sweating, taking regular baths and keeping the skin hydrated at times. **SCABIES** A monsoon skin infection caused by tiny microscopic mites. These mites hover on the skin for months and are highly contagious. They burrow in the skin to lay

eggs which causes

immense uncontrollable

itching which causes

- redness. Scabies needs proper treatment because if left untreated, it can cause redness and can potentially spread to others. NAIL INFECTIONS
- This infection causes nail discoloration, brittleness, and swollen nail beds.
- Dry and wipe your body properly after a bath and avoid being barefoot in public places.

GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES



Speciality Hospital, Ludhiana



Poor sanitation and water logging during this season lead to diseases which are tro-intestinal infections like tropical. So you have mosquito- borne diseases--India bears a considerable burden of mosquito-borne diseases. contributing 11% to global malaria and 34% to global dengue cases. People with a weak

immune system, such as senior citizens, immunocompromised persons and children, are more prone to severe illness. Water-borne diseases like Cholera, Typhoid, Hepatitis A and E, food poisoning and other gastrointestinal infections, if ignored can be fatal. Because of poor sanitation and overflowing of sewage, water logging and blocked drains, hygiene gets compromised. People are more prone to gas-

acute gastro- intestinal infections, vomiting, diarrhoea, and gastroenteritis, caused due to the consumption of stale, uncovered, or contaminated food and water. It is advised to boil water before drinking and keep all foods covered before consumption to avoid stomach infections. Other diseases are infective glytoisis, liver abscess and food poisonings plaguing the monsoon weather.

Hot and humid weather promotes more bacteria to grow. Leptospirosis is another bacterial disease that spreads due to contact with contaminated water or muck during the monsoons. If an individual has suffered an injury, they must ensure to keep it covered before stepping out of the home.

YOGA CURE

Afew Yoga poses can help you strengthen your immunity system which is tested during monsoon. Respiratory illnesses and aggravation of pulmonary medical conditions can also be controlled by including Yoga in your daily routine. Highly effective Yoga poses can help you stay

Five basic principles of Yoga during Monsoon Shodhana: neti and

kapalabhati Seasonal diet, avoid

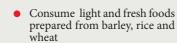
capha generating foods. Boiled water

- Clothing and comfort. Cotton clothes helps to breathe 4. Yoga practices
- Suryanamaskar
- Selected sukshma vyayamas to improve lungs capacity Tadasana/ Trikonasana/ Parshwakonasana/
- Ushtrasana/ Uttana andookasana/ Gomukhasana/ Shalabhasana/ Vakrasana/ Makarasan/ Pawanamuktasana / Vipareetakarani/ Matsyasana/ Shavasana/ Nadishuddhi pranayama/ Suryabedhana pranayama/ Bhastrika pranayama /Dhyana the Meditation
- Be with nature, follow principles of mansoon rutucharya, dinacharya and raatricharya, It's a period of growth. Make best use of it

AYURVEDA REMEDIES

Ayurveda describes aggravation (vitiation) of Vata and accumulation of Pita in Varsha ritu (Rainy/monsoon season). This is the major cause of various diseases occurring during the rainy season. The food and lifestyle should thus be such which helps in balancing Vata and Pitta

DIETZ: Water available in the reservoirs during monsoon is comparatively heavy to digest and the metabolism is sluggish during this period. An individual is likely to experience loss of appetite. Hence lifestyle is advisable during mon-



- Include cow's ghee, lentils, green gram, rice and wheat in your Consume small pieces of ginger
- with rock salt before every meal. Use sour and salted soups of vegetables. Onion and other
- vegetables. • During cooler days due to heavy rains, sour, salty and oily
- diets are preferred. Drinking of boiled and cooled water mixed with little honey is
- recommended. Addtion of ginger and green gram in daily diet is beneficial.
- Eating of warm food and avoid-
- ing uncooked foods and salads
- is better.
- Drinking of excess fluids to prevent further slowing down of metabolism is advisable.
- Avoid consuming stale food. Consumption of leafy vegetables need to be avoided during monsoon.
- Avoidance of curds, red meat and any foodstuff, which takes a longer time to digest is good during the monsoon. One may have buttermilk instead of

Plastic Surgery Beyond Cosmetic

It was a film festival with a difference. The occasion was National Plastic Surgery Day on July 15. The venue was AIIMS, Delhi. The event

showcased heart-touching real-life stories of patients who battled crippling deformities, life-threatening trauma and burns, congenital

diseases and many more. And how plastic surgeons have been able to re-attach cut limbs, transplant hands from brain dead donors,

reconstruct the body after removal of gigantic cancers etc. Thus, helping their patients regain confidence and carry out their daily work

Consumption of 'Haritaki /Harad (Terminalia chebula)

LIFESTYLE: Consumption of healthy diet only may not provide desired results unless it is supported by lifestyle beneficial for monsoon. Following are the tips for the important changes in lifestyle of

with rock salt in the monsoon

season is beneficial to health.

the rainy /monsoon season. • Avoiding sleep in the daytime is good as it hampers digestion and slows down the metabolism.

- Over exertion and over exposure to sun, especially in the afternoon, is required to be
- Keep the surrounding dry and clean and not allow water to get
- Keep body warm, to protect against any attack from viruses as and when body temperature goes down.
- Avoid entering an air-conditioned room with wet hair and damp clothes.
- Avoid walking in dirty/dampened water.
- Feets are required to be kept

NOTE: As per Ayurveda abrupt changes of diet and lifestyle suitable for a particular season need to be avoided. The changes must be gradual over a period of 15 days by giving up the earlier lifestyle and adopting a new one for the acclimatization. If abrupt changes are brought, the body may not be able to cope with them and this could lead to problems.

Source: National Health Portal

EYE DISEASES



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CONJUNCTIVITIS

his is a type of infection that causes swelling This is a type of inflection that cause of the eyes. Due to this, the eyes become red, swollen, and sticky. Eye infection can happen during the rainy season and the eyes tend to become red. One will also have a watery discharge. Coming in contact with a person suffering from this eye condition can also cause infection in another person. In case of any kind of infection, the doctor should be consulted immediately

PRECAUTION: Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, don't share your personal belongings, do not rub your eyes with dirty hands, and use hand sanitizer.

TREATMENT: Pink eve therapy is determined by the underlying cause. In some circumstances, symptoms will go away on their own in some days. Under such circumstances, an underlying infection may require therapy with oral medications. Wearing contact lenses should also be avoided unless your ophthalmologist tells you to do so. Don't put your contact lenses on until the conjunctivitis is gone.

ontrary to the popular Ubelief, aesthetic or cosmetic surgery is just a part of the plastic surgery being conducted in the country. In fact, it is more than that, asserts Dr Maneesh Singhal, Head of Department of Plastic, Reconstructive and Burns Surgery, AIIMS, Delhi.

Besides performing aesthetic surgery, plastic surgeons also and conduct reconstructive surgeries involving right from head to toe-such as burns, trauma/cancer/pressure sore reconstruction, cleft lip/palate/craniomaxillofacial surgeries, hand surgeries, microsurgeries like replants/limb transplants, he said.

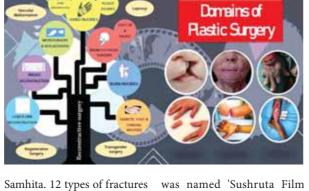
Every day, AIIMS Delhi conducts around 18 plastic surgeries while across the country, as per rough estimates, the figure is 7,500. The majority of these ie atleast 50% involve burns and trauma reconstruction followed by congenital and cleft surgery 10%; hand surgery 10%, cancer reconstruction 1% and cosmetic surgery 20%.

Dr Singhal revealed that plastic surgery has been India's



the world's first plastic surgery was done in Kashi about 3 thousand years ago. When a person came to Maharishi Sushruta with a severed nose. First Sushruta made that person drink intoxicants so that he does not feel pain. Took part of the skin from his forehead, understood the shape of his nose through the leaf and made the nose with stitches and joined it.

"It is also recorded in Sushruta Samhita that Sushruta used 125 different surgical instruments in Sushrut



and 7 dislocations have been explained. The world needs to know the truth about plastic surgery, that's why this festival

Festival'," Dr Singhal said, adding that a study on 'Sushruta as a plastic surgeon' is in the pipeline.

AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria said, "It was unfortunate that the public perception about what plastic surgery is and what it covers is still largely lacking." He cited a study published in the International Surgery Journal in 2019 in which as many as 84 per cent of participants said plastic surgery involves only cosmetic surgery and 70 per cent said plastic is used in plastic surgery." Innovative ideas like this film festival will greatly help in

altering perceptions about this field and how patients with debilitating diseases, cancers, trauma, burns, and congenital anomalies will benefit from it, Dr Guleria said.

Dr Singhal informed that around 90 plastic surgeons and trainees from across India submitted nearly 120 short films on how lives were changed through plastic and reconstructive surgery of which 25 were screened at the film festival, organised in collaboration with the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI).

The best movie was adjudged to "Conquering Disability by Plastic Surgery" by Dr. Parag Sahasrabudhe from Pune. It was a story of a teenager, Mahesh Patil who had bone cancer in his leg, and was advised amputation. But thanks to the plastic surgery, his leg was saved. Thus, showing how plastic surgery can help a person to rebuild his life, dream big, do the unbelievable and achieve the extraordinary. The second-best movie tag

went to "From Despair to Hope"

by dr. Subramania lyer from Kochi, Kerala. It highlighted the case of one Manu, who had lost both his hands in a train accident and was given a new hope, when his plastic surgeons offered him hand transplantation. Now, he has recovered well, and not only does his work by himself, but he also works as a transplant counsellor in the same hospital. The Third Movie was Kathrivel, by Dr. S. Raja Sabhapathy, from Coimbatore. It showed how plastic surgery

Three more Special Awards were also given. These were "Hands that Help" (By Dr. Sunil

can restore debilitating post

burn contractures.

Gaba from Chandigarh) about the reattachment of an amputated hand. It educates how important part preservation is and how a plastic surgeon can reattach parts, they are brought to them in time and in a properly preserved way. Two other movies were "Imperfectly Perfect" (Dr. Shivangi Saha, Delhi) about a patient, an acid attack victim and Empowering Children through Microtia Surgery" (Dr. Parag Telang, Mumbai). It is a movie showing how difficult life is for kids born without ears and how a plastic surgeon can help restore their appearance back with their tireless efforts. The best 25 movies were

also given a consolation prize. Two more movies "A rain-bow of Life" (Dr. Richie Gupta, Delhi) and "Happy Veena" (Dr. Sunil Kalda, Raipur) earned praises as they addressed the issues of transgender health and role plastic surgeons can play by Gender Affirmation

Shinzo Abe's legacy lives on

Tuly 8, 2022, has become one of the darkest days in the annals of the post-war history of Japan, with the assassination of former Prime Minister and Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) leader Shinzo Abe during his election speech in the western province of Nara. The assassin, Tetsuya Yamagami, a 41-year-old unemployed, fired almost point blank at Abe's chest from behind.

Abe's murder is raising critical questions; like who was the shooter and what was the motive behind the assassination. Earlier, Yamagami worked for a manufacturer in the Kansai region from around the fall of 2020. But he left that job in May this year as per media reports. He also worked as a member of the Maritime Self-Defence Force for about three years. Yamagami, after the assassination, revealed that he initially planned to attack the leader of a religious group called "Unification Church" better known as "Moon Sect" who, he believed, forced his mother to pay hefty donations to the group thus bankrupting his family. Yamagami also confessed to the police that he wanted to kill Abe believing he had ties with the controversial religious sect. After the tragic incident, the Unification Church confirmed that Yamagami's mother attended the congregation, but it refused to give details about the donation part.

Yamagami told police that he had been planning for the attack for months. He followed Abe at his campaign locations, including the city of Okayama, more than 120 miles from Nara, a day before the assassination. At times he considered a bomb attack before opting for a gun. After the incident, when the security agencies searched his home, they found items believed to be explosives and homemade guns, including the ones similar to the weapon used in the current attack. This clearly indicates that Yamagami has been planning the killing for quite some time; he was just waiting for the right time to execute his plan. And finally, he got everything right

on July 8 The "Moon sect" was established in Korea in 1954 by a man called Sun Myung Moon, who preached new interpretations of the Bible and conservative, family-oriented value systems. During that time, the sect claimed that it had nearly three million followers. And all of them accepted Moon as the "True Father". He was born into a farming family currently located in North Korea. As the story goes, at the age of 15, he



A woman prays after offering a bouquet of flowers at the memorial area set up for former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, shown in pictures, at the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's headquarters in Tokyo

claimed to have had the sight of Jesus Christ asking him to continue his mission. The purpose of Moon establishing the sect was to lead humanity to a sinless purity. He founded his own church in Seoul, but soon became involved in local politics. Moon took an anti-Communist stand in the beginning and finally received sympathy from the military regime of the country. He gradually came closer to political bigwigs of the time like then US President Richard Nixon. In fact, he offered public support to Nixon when the latter was embroiled in the infamous Watergate Scandal. Again in the 1980s, Moon developed close connections with the French right-wing movement pect's motives, so we will fully known as National Front Movement. But in due course of time, the austere church turned out to be an economic enterprise expanding its influence into various industrial sectors like construction, food, automobile, tourism, media, etc. Soon Moon became a billionaire godman. Later he settled in the US in the 1970s, but he was jailed for a year on the charges of tax evasion in America. Currently, the about what was on his mind.

Reunification church is under the control of Hak Ja Han.

Yamagami believed that the Moon sect had influence on Abe, and he started linking Abe with all the economic problems of his family. He was convinced that Abe would send a message of support to Moon sect's religious congregations.

But Tomihiro Tanaka, president of the Japanese branch of the Moon Church, claimed, "Abe showed his support for our global peace movement. However he never registered as a member of our church. We are a bit puzzled because there is a long way to go between holding a grudge against us and killing Mr Abe. We can't understand the sus cooperate with the police to unravel the mystery.

Japan's longest serving Prime Minister Abe redefined politics for a generation. He served two terms as the Prime Minister from the right-leaning LDP: first from 2006-07 and then 2012 to 2020. His second stint was the longest consecutive term for a Japanese Prime Minister. People and associates close to him always mused Indeed, he changed the worldview of Japanese politics.

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He realised the fast-grow ing aggressive behaviour of the three close non-democratic neighbours: China, Russia and North Korea, all nuclear powers. Therefore, he had to reinvent ties with other growing power houses in the Asia-Pacific like India and Australia. His idea of free and open Indo-Pacific and Quad framework has heralded a new era of safety and security to this part of the globe. While strengthening the US-Japan alliance, he did enough to counter the

Chinese neo-imperial initiative called Belt and Road Initiative with the help of the G7. He revived the Sino-Japan rela-

At home, Abenomics 2.0 launched in 2016 was more to bring the younger generation to the centre stage. Abe also lowered the voting age from 20 to 18 so as to encourage more young people to participate in politics. Truly, his noble intent was heard and responded to by the youth of Japan. Another distinct achievement for him was securing the venue for the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020.

The attack on high-profile political dignitaries like the PM is rare in Japanese politics, but not without a precedent. Precisely, there have been a number of such murderous attempts made on top politicians in the country either when they were in power or after they left the office. More than 101 years back in the year 1921, Takashi Hara, a commoner who became the PM of Japan and the man who founded the full-fledged party Cabinet System, was stabbed to death by a young railway worker at Tokyo Station. Then nine years later, a gunman attacked

then Prime Minister Osachi Hamaguchi at the same Tokyo station, and he succumbed the next year. In 1932, Prime Minister Tsuyoshi Inukai was assassinated by a group of armed naval officers who stormed into his office. The assassination is known as the "May 15 incident" in Japanese

political history. It must be noted here that Abe's grandfather Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi was stabbed in 1960 at a reception in his office. In the years 1975, 1992 and 1994, Prime Minister Takeo Miki, Deputy PM Shin Kanemaru and PM Morihiro Hokosawa were attacked, but

they all survived. Without an iota of doubt Abe was a towering world statesman. His untimely and tragic death will change the political landscape of Japan and Asia. Most political observers will remember Abe for elevating Japan's place in the global governance system. His assassination is undoubtedly one of the most shocking tragedies of this century for Japan. But what is more important is that his ghastly killing will have reverberations in Japanese politics and society for

decades to come. When he rose to power in 2006, he had to exit his office in an ignoble fashion mainly owing to illness accompanied by a litany of corruption scandals and political missteps. But in 2012, he made a powerful comeback and surpassed the records of all the previous Prime Ministers of Japan both in length of service and record of success. However, he had to step down in 2020 because of his illness again. Above all, his grim determination ensured a better future for his motherland. While bidding goodbye to a real globetrotter in true sense of the term, it can well be said that his ideas, vision and worldview will certainly have an indelible mark both in Japanese and world politics. Sayonara, Shinzo Abe!

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PERSPECTIVE |

Unification Church's role in Japan's polity

The assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has unearthed long-suspected, little-talkedof links between him and a religious group that started in South Korea but has spread its

influence around the world. Police and Japanese media have suggested that the alleged attacker, Tetsuya Yamagami, who was arrested on the spot, was furious about Abe's reported ties to the Unification Church, which has pursued relationships with politically conservative groups and leaders in the United States, Japan and Europe.

Many Japanese have been surprised as revelations emerged this week of the ties between the church and Japan's top leaders, which have their roots in shared anti-communism efforts during the Cold War. Analysts say it could lead people to examine more closely how powerfully the ruling party's conservative worldviews have steered the policies of modern Japan.

A look at the church and its deep ties to Japan's governing party and Abe's own family:

Church's link to world leaders

Throughout his life, Moon worked to transform his church into a worldwide religious movement and expand its business and charitable activities. Moon was convicted of tax evasion in 1982 and served a prison term in New York. He died in 2012.

The church has developed relations with conservative world leaders, including US Presidents Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and George HW Bush and more recently Donald Trump.

Moon also had ties with North Korea's founder Kim Il Sung, the late grandfather of current ruler Kim Jong Un. Moon said in his autobiography that he asked Kim to give

up his nuclear ambitions, and that Kim responded that his atomic programme was for peaceful purposes and he had no intention to use it to "kill (Korean) compatriots."

Abe's link

Abe was known for his arch-conservative views on security and history issues and also was backed by powerful lobbies such as the Nippon Kaigi. He appeared in events organised by church affiliates, including one in September

In a video shown on a big screen at the meeting of church-related Universal Peace Federation, or UPF, Abe praised its work toward peace on the Korean Peninsula and the group's focus on family values. An emphasis on traditional, paternalistic family systems was one of Abe's key

positions. "I appreciate UPF's focus on family values," he said in the

video. "Let's be aware of socalled social revolutionary movements with narrowminded values."

Reports of his appearance in the 2021 event drew criticisms from the Japanese Communist Party and cult watchers, including a group of lawyers who have watched the Unification Church activities and supported its alleged vic-

In a news conference on Monday after the church's connection to Abe's assassination was revealed, the church's leader in Japan, Tomohiro Tanaka, said Abe supported UPF's peace movement but that he was not a member.

Police still have not publicly identified the group cited by the suspect, presumably to avoid inciting violence.

Japan's polity The ties between the

church and Japan's governing party go back to Abe's grandfather, Nobusuke Kishi, who served as Prime Minister and shared worries with Washington over the spread of communism in Japan in the 1960s as labor union activists gained strength.

Kishi, who was arrested as war criminal but never charged, was known for his right-wing political views, and the Unification Church's anticommunist stance matched his views of Japan's national inter-

ests, experts say. Kishi's close relationship with the church was publicly known. The church headquarters at one point was housed in a building next to Kishi's Tokyo residence, and he was seen with Moon in photos taken at the church and published in group publications. Media reports say the suspect believed that Kishi brought the church to

"Japanese leaders at the time saw the church as a tool to promote anti-communist

views in Japan," said Masaki Kito, a lawyer and expert on religious businesses. For the group, showcasing close ties with prominent politicians was a way to get endorsement for its

activity. Ties between church-affiliated organisations and Liberal Democratic Party lawmakers developed over decades since the church expanded, providing solid political support and votes for the governing party, experts say, though the group

denied it. A survey of 128 lawmakers obtained from police and published in the Weekly Gendai magazine in 1999 showed most attended events organised by the Unification Church's anticommunism affiliate, the International Federation for Victory Over Communism, also funded by Moon, and more than 20 LDP lawmakers had at least one church member in their offices as a volun-

Church and its critics The church denied any favorable treatment by Kishi when it opened a Japan branch. Tanaka said Abe supported current leader Hak Ja Han Moon's peace movement, but denied any movement of money between the group and

the LDP. The church said it had no records showing that Yamagami was a member. The church said it had had no direct relationship with Abe, although it interacted with other lawmakers through an

affiliated organisation. Members of the National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales, who watch the church, say they have repeatedly asked Abe and other LDP lawmakers to stop appearing at or sending messages to the events organised by the Unification Church or affiliates while ignoring the long-standing church-related

Effect on ruling party

"The assassination is shedding a light on the Unification Church," said Koichi Nakano, an international politics professor at Sophia University in Tokyo. "The church's relationship with the LDP's right-wing factions and its ultra-rightwing policies could come under close scrutiny," and lead to a re-evaluation of Abe's

It could lead to revelations of how the party's views have distorted postwar Japanese society, while stalling progress of gender equality and sexual diversity issues, Nakano said.

Takuya Tasso, the governor of Iwate in northern Japan, said on Friday that as a former bureaucrat and national lawmaker he knew about the LDP's links to the church and he said its alleged influence on voting and government policies should be thoroughly investi-

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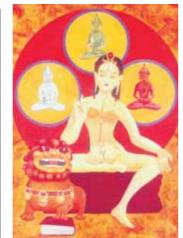






ARIES March 21-April 19

This week you will experience an upswing in terms of your health. With positive health comes happiness in other aspects of life as well. You will realize that you have come a full circle, whether it is in your career or in relationships. Your health will be exceptionally supportive, therefore, be grateful for what you have. To continue this feeling, contribute to the world with what you have now. Things are not that perfect at your workplace. Practice active listening to make ensure that you and your co-workers know each other perfectly. Some of you may feel disconnected as you are unsure of your destination. You need to let go of your mental blocks or negativity. Be calm and let your inner voice guide you. You are at that point time in your relationship when you need to decide whether or not to stay with your beloved or move on. The decision will surely affect your future. Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Green



LEO July 23-Aug 22

You will have quite a strong vitality this week. Advancing the level of your fitness regime will fetch you great results. You will be able to tackle any health issue that arises at this time and mental energies are in control and well-directed. Your determination will help you lead a healthy life. Enjoy this phase. Career-wise, you will be able to achieve quite a lot in a short time. Even in times of difficulties, you will be active and sustain your creative vision. It is indicated, that you will be focused on your goals while being friendly to those around you. Ensure that you don't burn yourself with your over-ambitious attitude. Relationship-wise, it is time for you to keep your balance in every way you can. Pay attention to your ideas and your partner's as well. This approach will put you in harmony with your partner. Singles, may find someone really special.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Sunday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week your health will be overshadowed by worry, anxiety and stress. Your psychological state will be bothering you, therefore, you need to stop worrying about the future and think about what needs to be done now. Draw upon your inner strength to maintain your flexibility. On the career front, things will be going good for you. This is the time when issues related to your interaction with others will come to an end. A certain compromise will create a harmonious environment. Those who are experiencing stress, need to take some time off and spend quality time with close ones. With regard to your love life, this week you will be inspired and motivated about your relationship with your partner. For those who are single, the start of a new love relationship is indicated. Make vourself available for love, whichever way possible. Lucky number 10

Lucky colour White Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

Lucky day Friday

This week you need to pay close attention to your emotions Better not to avoid any decision related to your health like getting a test done or surgery or may be following a fitness plan. If required seek opinions or feedback to get key information that you need in moving ahead with decision making. Make sure you have positive thinking and balanced behaviour. Work-wise, things will go well. Chances of promotion are indicated. Don't be hesitated to negotiate for what you are worth, you might be surprised at the positive response. Use your abilities to harness your thoughts and conquer your fears for everyone's greatest good. Those looking for a new job may find one. With regard to your love life, you are aware of the existing issues. And the best part is you are not letting it disturb your relationship, but in case it does, then make changes to sort out the differences. It is a good time to start a new relationship.

Lucky number 21 Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Thursday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You will receive good news related to your health and will feel extremely well at this time. If you were suffering from an illness, then you are likely to recover soon. You should be thankful for good health and stay positive, this is very important. You will be feeling optimistic about your future. On the career front, things are not that great. At this time you need to stay calm and reassess your situation and what you are expecting from your job. Chances are there that you might achieve your goal. Still, you should consult a trusted friend or a career counsellor, as it will help you to view a new perspective on your current situation. Love life seems to be confusing, as you are questioning whether or not to stay in a relationship. The decision will affect your present and your future. Singles, this may not be a good time to get in a relationship.

Lucky number 28 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Being in control of your emotions will be beneficial for you. It is very crucial that you treat your body with care and compassion. In case, you face any health issues, then consult a doctor and trust them completely. An older male who could be your doctor, father or relative will help you deal with health matters or motivate you to follow a fitness plan. You should, at this time, have the determination to achieve your goals. Others may try to limit your capabilities, but you have to be confident to overcome any opposition. Those looking for jobs may face competition. Those in a relationship, do not hesitate to speak your mind to your partner this will help you in strengthening your relationship. Those who are having issues must stand firm on their ground as there can be no compromise at this time.

Lucky number 25 Lucky colour Indigo **Lucky day** Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

You will be disciplined when it comes to health. You are likely to have self-control in managing your health. Those who are suffering from an ailment then, plan a health regime which suits your body well. You are going to have full control over your emotional energies, so enjoy this time. On the career front, you will trust yourself and your abilities. Those who are unhappy with your current position can expect a bright future as new opportunities are likely to come your way. Make sure you are ready to face them and play your cards well. Those seeking jobs may find one. In romance, you are likely to face some challenges. You should convey your feelings to your partner and if possible spend some time apart. When difficult times are over, you can make the important decision of whether to continue or not your relationship. This decision will affect your future as well. Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Saturday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

You will have an inflexible approach toward health matters. View your method of dealing with health issues because chances are you are resistant to changing your ways for the better. You have your own way of living basis the tried and tested ways. You should try a new health regime as it is beneficial for your health on a long-term basis. On the work front, opportunities will be coming your way. Throughout the week you will be full of inspiration, but you need to work as well to get the result. Forget the failures in the past, look ahead for a promising and bright future. On the relationship front, those who are committed will find a deeper spiritual meaning with your partner. Those who are single should first consider where you are going before starting a new relationship. You should be careful as you have the tendency to become carefree, this will put you in an adverse situation Lucky number 8

Lucky colour Black Lucky day Saturday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

You will enjoy good health this week. In case, you are facing any health issues, then be caring and loving towards your body. Women with strong feminine energy could be your wife, mother or friend, and will help you heal in this situation. Maintain a positive attitude and trust in the universe's healing energy. Even if you are healthy, continue to take care of yourself. This is a crucial period on the career front. You will be excited about taking up a new project or a venture. This is a promising opportunity and will maximize your potential for the long term. Those looking for a new position, be assured it will be yours. Your romantic life is likely to go well this week. It is time to embrace change and take a long-term view of your future. It is recommended that you have a conversation with your partner. Single should take some time out for their personal life, or else you will miss a promising opportunity.

Lucky number 6 Lucky colour Off-white Lucky day Wednesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week you are likely to neglect your physical as well as emotional health. It is highly recommended to change this pattern and think about healthy lifestyle options. It is important to take rest and regain your physical, mental and spiritual energies. You tend to become negative, which you need to get over it and have a positive attitude to deal with any health challenges that come your way. This week, your work-related goals or a certain project will be accomplished. With this, you will be weighed down by the responsibilities that come with it. To ease down you can delegate the work and apply some time management ideas and take time out for some relaxation. This week is an excellent time for love. You are about to enter a loving phase in your life, filled with calm energy and deeper understanding. Singles, this is the time to go out and mingle.

Lucky number 7 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Thursday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Healthwise, your biggest payoff lies in the routine. You need to follow the basic health regime to get your health right at this time. Make slow and steady progress. You have to take up responsibility and take charge of a situation. You have it in you to be thorough and deal with issues successfully You may face a dilemma at your workplace that demands action or decision. Before you go ahead with your decision, analyse all the available information as it is of great importance. Your own value system may be challenged, if that is the case, then stay true to yourself. You may need to choose right looking upon long-term benefits. With regard to your love life, this is a very good time. Those who are committed will move to the next level. You are likely to have a peaceful and happy love life. Overall, you will be content and so will others around you.

Lucky number 23 Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Tuesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

You will have all the positive energy to take good care of yourself and elevate your health. You should be open to new ideas for growth and development. Try to get a fresh perspective on life and be open to any kind of healing. Continue to feel inspired. At work, a situation may arise when you are about to complete a project/task, but in the end moment, you face a setback. Trust yourself, as you have the inner resources to overcome any difficulties. If you are thinking about whether you will be removed from a project or your job, then you need to expect the worst. It is an apt time to renew your love life. Express yourself to your partner and see how it strengthens your relationship. You are likely to explore other aspects of your relationship which you haven't done earlier. Singles, before you enter a new relationship, first be sure of what you want in a relationship and then proceed.

Lucky number 24 Lucky colour Parrot Green Lucky day Saturday

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Purnima when the disciples, paid ⊿obeisance to their revered Guru. n Indic system, many specific dates are assigned in annular calendar to get periodically reminded about fundamental truths of life, as human memory is usually short. Guru Purnima is one such solemn occasion on Ashadha Purnima when the Sun transits Gemini sign owned by intelligence signifying Mercury and Moon moves through Sagittarius sign owned by wisdom indicating Jupiter, also marked with the Guru. So, this particular date is purposely assigned as such. It will be interesting to note here that the word "Guru" comprises of two syllables: 'Gu', which means ignorance and 'Ru' implies light. So, the one who enlightens his/her disciples and make them aware of the living truths of life, qualifies to be a Guru.

Ancient India's learned masters had realised that human beings are inherently born ignorant, bound by 6 constitutional limitations, which further gets compounded by self-acquired fault lines, coming as they may as Karmic carryover from the past birth. They also understood very well that though

ast Wednesday, we celebrated Guru human beings are equipped with the faculty of discrimination, which empowers them to self-reflect, identify, acknowledge and make necessary corrections through fresh educative inputs. The irony, however, is that ahamkara, which is a necessary constituent of mind, ordinarily identifies itself with inborn individualistic human tendencies as well as tempting influences of the seeming world, and tale take them as its end game. Ordinarily, ahamkara doesn't let you objectively discriminate upon, identify and acknowledge one's infirmities, as if that would be the person's guiding spirit. Hence the necessity of an enlightened Guru. He first let you temper down the ahamkara element. He then helps you get over limitations of mind and emotions, through awareness route, so as to come out with one's best.

To name the constitutional limitations: 1. Limited creativity 2. Limited knowledge 3: Born with a sense of want, thus, breeding in sense of desire, craving, possessiveness, and other related shortcomings. 4. Limitation of time, whereby we measure things in terms of past present and future. In our day-today conduct, we are often guided by

Guru shows way to lead a meaningful life



impressions carried over from the past or fancy the future cravings. In the process, we fail to objectively figure out the callings of the present in the right perspective due. Consequently, we are

not able to put in our best in the present, which, in fact sets the terms of future, and with obvious consequences. 5. Limitation of space, which plays a part in restricting the sense of vision,

for want of limited exposure. 6. The law of causation that binds us to a causeeffect chain, which sets the premise of the theory of Karma that runs in succession. It carries the potential to even get carried over to the next life. It implies: 'as you sow, so you reap'. The content and intent of your actions defines what we become due for in future.

As a further consequence of the law of causation, going through the good and bad experiences one would have had, and the lessons learnt in the past, we are born carrying seed-potential of certain inherent limitations and virtues, which, given a congenial exposure, come into play. As different people go through varied sets of experiences, every one is born unique, having a preconditioned mind marked with individual specific desire and mind trends, more often in conflict with others. The world, thus, becomes a natural breeding ground for conflict of thoughts, perceptions and interests. Hence, the need of a Guru, who may help overcome all individualistic as well as collective limitations and ensure smooth run of life cycle in peace and harmony. The lesson doesn't end here.

Having thus individually prepared the disciple, Guru makes you aware of the existential realities of life, such as the Vedantic concept of the 'Creator' being a 'Singular' versatile reality that has manifested into an enormous world with all its disparities and varieties, all weaved together as a unified organism by the eternal element of consciousness rooted to the source. In this scheme of things, no individual existence has a reality independent of the whole, all set into an interdependent mechanism, complementing and supplementing each other's efforts, to together carry forward the cycle of life. We all share common resources provided by nature such as space, air, sun light, and water, which know no geographical divide. With such a sense of unity consciousness dwelling in mind, one would remain conscious about one's collective obligations even while pursuing aspirational urges. Life may then turn into a beautiful experience.

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